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INVITATION FOR APPLICATION: PSERS IFA 2018-01

The Public School Employees' Retirement System (PSERS) invites you to participate in the Invitation For Application (IFA) process for 2019. We appreciate the time you spent with us last summer discussing your thoughts on the process and how to make it more efficient. As you review the 2019 IFA materials, please note that to address the competitiveness of the plans, Offerors have the option to introduce a New Active plan for 2019.

PSERS wants our members to have a choice of Medicare Advantage and Pre-65 Managed Care plans. If you believe the introduction of a new plan for 2019 will help us meet this objective, PSERS will consider your offer under the following conditions:

- Members enrolled in the current active plan will be grandfathered, and the 2018 active plan, will become a legacy plan (resulting in one 2019 active ("New Active") plan and up to two legacy plans) **OR** the current active plan is closed and members are auto enrolled in the 2019 active ("New Active") plan (resulting in one 2019 active plan and up to one legacy plan).
- The New Active Plan design and premiums are competitive within the commercial market, with a minimum premium of \$100 to accommodate Premium Assistance.
- Coverage area for the New Active is the same as the 2018 plans.
- There's a companion Pre-65 Managed Care plan.

PSERS will be sending out an invitation for a conference call to provide interested Offerors an opportunity to ask questions and clarify requirements for a New Active plan. Please indicate who from your organization should be included on this call when you submit your letter of intent.

In the meantime, this IFA contains instructions governing the requested applications and submissions, including the information and material to be included; a description of the services to be provided; the requirements an Offeror must meet to be approved as an administrator;

required contract terms; and other requirements specific to the contract. As you review the materials, please note:

- The New Active plan option is described in the following IFA sections:
 - Part I-9
 - Part II-1.8, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, and 11.1
 - Part IV Article 3.7
- Application Attachments 21 – 25 are required for a New Active plan, and are described in IFA Part III-5

The above description of the New Active option and list of references is a summary of the information included in the IFA documents. The requirements are described completely in the IFA documents, which will be the primary guidance for qualification.

To participate, Offerors must apply, be approved, enter into the established contract documents and comply with all contract requirements. PSERS will consider timely applications submitted by organizations that meet the qualification requirements and agree to execute the contract set forth in Part IV of this IFA in its entirety. PSERS reserves the right, in its sole and complete discretion, to reject any application received.

Please direct questions about this New Active plan option to me (mschafer@pa.gov), with a copy to Melanie Clark (mcclark@segalco.com) and Kyra Leasure (kleasure@segalco.com) at Segal.

Thank you for your partnership with PSERS in offering a voluntary group health benefits program to our retirees, their spouses and dependents. We look forward to receiving your 2019 application.

Sincerely yours,

Mark F. Schafer