

GASB RFP Questions

1. Why is the RFP going out for proposal?

The existing contract for actuarial services is expiring effective June 30, 2023.

2. Is the current audit firm allowed to propose on the RFP?

Yes. The incumbent is eligible to submit a proposal.

3. Can we review a copy of the 2021 or 2022 compliance allocation report?

Given the short turnaround time to respond to questions from potential vendors, this process is limited to answering questions about the RFP itself or the RFP process. For additional information related to the compliance allocation reports please go to the following webpage: <http://www.osc.ct.gov/rbsd/reports/index.html>.

4. What were the fees charged for the 2021 and 2022 audit?

Auditors cost was \$37,800 for each year for FYE 2020 and FYE 2021. The auditor's report for FYE 2022 will be completed during the forthcoming contract.

5. What are the assumptions underlying the allocation determination? The RFP states "the accounting firm may need to opine on the assumptions underlying the allocation determination" was this a separate issued report or was it included in the schedule of allocations?

As each participating employer contributes the same contribution rate per the coverage plan, the allocations are based on the entity's valuation payroll as a percentage of the total valuation payroll of the coverage group.

6. In the RFP it mentions that visits will be required to sponsoring employers to audit the census data. Is it acceptable to perform the testing remotely?

All testing is done remotely.

7. How many sponsors (employers) were selected in 2021 and 2022 for census data testing?

10 employers in 2021 and 12 employers in 2022.

8. Were there any issues identified during the past two years regarding the census data testing?

No.

9. Is the allocation schedule as of June 30, 2023?

No. The next report will audit the allocation schedule as of June 30, 2022.

10. When has the census data testing of the sponsors members performed in the past? Is it before or after June 30th?

Typically, the census data testing occurs between June and July of the following year. For example, the testing of the allocation schedule as of June 30, 2022 would need to be performed immediately upon the commencement of this contract.

11. When is the GASB 68 allocation compliance report required to be issued?

On or before August 16, 2023

12. Since there are not separate audited financial statements for CMERS, will the accounting firm have access to the necessary data and documentation to test contributions?

Yes

13. If there are concerns with language in the standard contract terms and conditions that may impair independence how should we address those concerns?

While proposers are expected to accept the state's standard contract provisions and must comply with all related state and federal laws, all contract provision modification proposals by the selected proposer will be reviewed by the OSC and must be approved by the Office of the Attorney General.

14. On page 8 of the RFP, Costs of Services refers to the number of sponsoring employers in Section II Item #4. When reviewing #4 the number of sponsors is not provided. Will that number be provided?

There are 205 separate entities in the Plan. In past years, the auditor has selected 10-12 for contribution and payroll confirmations.