



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street
Chicago, IL

Legislation Text

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PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Risk Management

Vendor: First Commonwealth, Inc., wholly owned subsidiary of The Guardian Life Insurance Company of America, Chicago, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Chief Procurement Officer to enter into and execute

Good(s) or Service(s): Employer Sponsored Dental Benefits

Contract Value: \$29,470,000.00

Contract period: 12/1/2016 - 11/30/2019, with two (2) one (1) year renewal options

Potential Fiscal Year Budget Impact: FY 2017 \$9,160,000.00, FY 2018 \$9,820,000.00, FY 2019 \$10,490,000.00

Accounts: 542-177

Contract Number(s): 1518-14993

Concurrences:

The vendor has met the Minority- and Women-owned Business Enterprise Ordinance via direct participation

The Chief Procurement Officer concurs.

Summary: The Department of Risk Management is requesting authorization for the Chief Procurement Officer to award a contract to First Commonwealth, Inc. a wholly owned subsidiary of Guardian (“Guardian”) to provide employer sponsored dental insurance benefits for Cook County Employees. Cook County currently offers both DHMO and DPPO dental plan options for all eligible employees. The plan design, including applicable co-pays and out-of-pocket maximums, is negotiated through the collective bargaining process. Employees do not contribute to the cost of the plans. The expense is covered through annual appropriations.

The Director of Risk Management is authorized to review and approve the Subscription Certification and Evidence of Coverage to support the selected DHMO and DPPO plans.

This contract is awarded through Request for Proposal (RFP) procedures in accordance with the Cook County Procurement Code. Guardian was selected based on established evaluation criteria.