"This is only the scope of work for the project. For more information, interested parties should contact Procurement at <u>purchasing@stpgov.org</u> to ensure receipt of a full project package, to be listed as a plan holder and to ensure any addenda to the project package are received."

Scope of Work/Services

The Parish seeks a Broker to perform the following services:

- 1. Partner with HR to design multi-year strategic goals that align with internal and external environments regarding our benefits package. This includes ongoing assessment and monitoring to ensure alignment.
- 2. Evaluate current benefit offerings as a whole package with recommendations addressing duplicative and/or absent coverages, compliance with industry standards, and competitiveness of offerings, plan design and premium rates.
- 3. Create bid documents for health insurance and other products currently offered by the Parish including plan design, premium structure, and other terms and features.
- 4. Implement a negotiation strategy with HR to achieve best quality bids in terms of coverage, plan design, premiums, and strategic plan for multiple years.
- 5. Provide regular statistics and analysis of claims experience and trends to ensure optimal utilization and cost efficiency.
- 6. Solicit bids timely such that HR staff can initiate online open enrollment procedures.
- 7. Present an analysis of bids with recommendations for HR and the Parish Administration.
- 8. Review for accuracy all contracts and agreements requiring the signature of a Parish official prior to submission for signature.
- Support the open enrollment process, including interface with vendors, on-site meetings, and production of materials and the Parih Employee Benefit Enrollment Guide.
- 10. Assist HR staff with new vendor implementations, including the electronic transmission of data to vendors.
- 11. Provide assistance communicating the terms and conditions of policies, coordination of benefits, and wellness initiatives to HR staff and employees.
- 12. Interface with vendors as needed to resolve issues timely and effectively regarding plan administration.
- 13. Provide the Parish-specific guidance to ensure compliance with laws and regulations related to employee benefits including notices, disclosures, and ACA-related reporting.
- 14. Provide advocacy representatives to assist employees with claims, denials, coordination of benefits, and other benefit related concerns.
- 15. Designate staff with specific knowledge of the Parish insurance plans to offer HR staff immediate research, troubleshooting and resolutions when issues with carriers and/or employees arise.
- 16. Provide assistance with setup and implementation of vendor invoicing processes.
- 17. Provide an annual itemization of compensation.