

September 15, 2006

Dear Director (SSA):

On behalf of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, we invite you to submit a proposal to participate in the State Outcome Measurement and Management System (SOMMS) subcontracts. Participation in the State SOMMS subcontracts requires the submission of National Outcome Measures (NOMS) data elements with your State's TEDS admission and discharge submissions, according to a set of data reporting standards. The NOMS data elements and the data quality and timeliness specifications required for participation are detailed in the enclosed Request for Proposal (RFP). (These materials are also available on the DASIS web site at <http://www.dasis.samhsa.gov/dasis2/SOMMS.htm>).

States selected for participation in the State SOMMS subcontracts will receive a one-year contract for \$150,000, with options for one additional year contingent on successful participation. Currently, there are 37 States with SOMMS subcontracts. It is SAMHSA's goal to have all remaining States participating in SOMMS by the end of 2007. Please see the RFP for details of funding arrangements as well as details of the requirements for participation and for payment.

Your proposal narrative need not exceed 5 pages, exclusive of attachments, and should be submitted electronically to dasis@smdi.com. If electronic submittal is not feasible, please mail to the address below. Mailed responses should include three (3) copies. Proposals must be received by December 1, 2006.

Synectics for Management Decisions
Attn: NOMS Reporting
1901 North Moore Street, Suite 900
Arlington, VA 22209

Questions and comments should be directed to Jim DeLozier (jimd@smdi.com, 703-807-2331) or Peter Hurley (peterh@smdi.com, 703-807-2347). Thank you.

Sincerely,

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