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## ADDENDUM NO. 3 PROJECT: STUDENT INSURANCE BID NO.: RFP No. AVC2016/2017-7

## NOTICE TO BIDDERS ON THE ABOVE PROJECT:

This addendum forms a part of the contract documents and modified the original bidding documents as noted below. Please acknowledge the receipt of this addendum in your proposal submission. Failure to do so may subject the bidder to disqualification.

This addendum consists of: <u>REVISIONS MADE IN RED TO ANSWERS IN ADDENDUM 2</u>

Q-4. Will the insurance be mandatory for both domestic and international students?

A-4. Please note that this RFP is for student liability insurance. We do not mandate health insurance. A Community College District (CCD) may not mandate that a domestic student have health insurance. Additionally, they may not mandate that a domestic student athlete have health insurance in order to participate in intercollegiate athletics. A CCD may ask for proof of insurance to be listed on an athlete's information card at the beginning of the sport season for verification. A CCD may mandate one (1) insurance policy through a broker/carrier for all international students to purchase at time of enrollment at the College. If ACA compliant, these policies will have an intercollegiate benefit included as this is no longer an eligible exclusion under ACA. Because these policies are paid for by the international student, they would be primary for any oncampus injuries or athletic injuries filed by an FTES student before the College/Districts Student/Athlete accident policy (paid for by tax payer dollars) would consider payments. If a selection for a non-ACA international student plan is made, then there may be an exclusion allowed for intercollegiate athletes, or if the international students are allowed to bring their own travel policies from the home country. These plans usually exclude most sporting events.

Q-16. Regarding Health Insurance-International: 9) Your website indicates the College has health insurance plans available, but it does not appear to mandate insurance. What is your international students enrollment for the last 3 years?

## A-16. See A-4. 2013/14=26, 2014/15=25, 2015/16=33.

Q-23. Will the *selection Committee* consider only plans that comply with ACA [Affordable Care Act/Obama Care]?

A-23. Accident policies are exempt from ACA. Health insurance policies are not exempt under ACA. The IRS ruling may not be eligible as there is legislation filed to do away with this ruling under the Expatriate Provision, however, we do not know the status on the Expatriate Ruling and its passing or not. If this has passed, the IRS exemption will no longer be valid even for international students. If one of these policies are purchased that is not an admitted plan, where the State Department of Insurance has jurisdiction, this limits an insured's option to file a claim against that carrier with the local States Department of Insurance for help to seek payment of their medical bills.

Q-24. Will you/the selection Committee consider plans which are IRS exempt?

## A-24. See A-23. This question may not be applicable.

Q-27. Do you plan on charging the international students insurance premium at the time the student registers? If not, how do you plan to confirm the student has purchased insurance and will keep the insurance for the period of his/her studies at AVC?

A-27. <u>RFP is for the student and athlete accident insurance policy</u>. Keep this policy and international student health insurance policy separate. They are two (2) different policies. The District pays for the Student and Athlete Accident Policy and the International Students pay for their health insurance policy themselves (whether they pay the College for the premiums or they pay the broker/carrier directly). Please do not confuse these two different policies.

Q-28. Regarding Health Insurance-International: 10) Will you/the selection Committee entertain recommendations from the bidder?

A-28. See A-27.

Q-43. Will this plan be hard waiver for International students – how many International students do you have from your student population of 11,500?

A-43. <u>Please note that this RFP is for student liability insurance</u>. See A-16.

All other terms and conditions remain the same.

Mina Hernandez

Mina Hernandez, Purchasing Manager

<u>12/22/16</u> Date