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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

Date: October 23, 2017

From: Enterprise Program Management Office (EPMO), VistA Adaptive Maintenance Contract Office

SUBJECT: Technical Within-Scope Determination, contract number VA118-16-D-1009 task order VA11817F10090012, VistA Adaptive Maintenance (VAM)

PURPOSE: The Office of Information and Technology, EPMO requires a modification to the VAM task order as follows:

1. The purpose of this modification is to revise the Performance Work Statement to the subject line task order to:
2. Remove the requirement for PWS Section 5.3 performance in the Base period and change it to be performed solely in the Option Period,
3. Replace the scope of work and funded value for PWS Section 5.3 performance in the Base Period with Section 5.7 for Web Client Development as a 1:1 swap with respect to anticipated funding, AND
4. Continue performance of PWS Section 5.7 in the Option Period ONLY.
5. The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)/Department of Defense Interagency Program Office require a technical within-scope modification to Transformation Twenty-One Total Technology Next Generation (T4NG) Task Order VA118-16-D-1009 VA11817f10090012 titled, “VistA Adaptive Maintenance (VAM)” to include the requirements of Web Client Development, PDE Web Client Development and Pharmacy CPOE Web Client Development. The Web Client Development will serve to develop the client side of the Veteran Integrated Care Services (VICS) to demonstrate that the server side MUMPS emulation is working correctly. This development will provide access between the Server Side and Client side of the systems. This will demonstrate a “full stack” solution from client through server.
6. As a result of this within scope modification, the task order will increase by approximately $405,803.05, which is the Government estimate for this change. This will increase the total task order value from: $8,701,895.55 to $9,107,698.60. The Government anticipates this within scope requirement to be continued under The Base Period and Option Period with a period of performance ending September 17, 2019.
7. The original intent of the tasks performed under 5.3 for Sustainment Support for the Patient Data Entry And Pharmacy Computerized Physician Order Entry (CPOE) Functions remains unchanged in the Option Period. This modification removes the requirement for performance of this task in the Base Period only, as there is not yet developed code which requires sustainment. This oversight is largely due to the templatized PWS which contains VIP verbiage for which Sustainment is a stated requirement for the majority of application development contracts being performed. However, there is no legacy MUMPS emulation code to sustain, as this is a new approach and the first time this approach is being undertaken by VA. This modification does not change the original intent of the work being performed under this task, but rather aligns it to the timeframe in which it is only applicable. This issue was brought up by the Contractor at contract kick-off, at which time they notified the VA PM, Dr. Rafael Richards, of this oversight. As a result of this awareness, VA wishes to not only descope PWS 5.3 in the base period, but also to use the funding that will be descoped from PWS 5.3 in the base period to add a new task, PWS 5.7 for Web Client Development.

The rationale for this addition was brainstormed at the kickoff as a means to utilize this proposed descoped value base period funding in a way that would demonstrate the value of the project to technology experts that are involved in the upcoming VistA to Commercial off the Shelf (COTS) Electronic Health Record Modernization (EHRM) transition. Specifically, in the past, VA has undertaken a variety of projects to “wrap” legacy MUMPS code rather than emulating it in Javascript/Node.js as is to be performed by this project. The prior approaches have locked its solution into the legacy MUMPS technology stack. As the VistA Adaptive Maintenance project’s approach to MUMPS emulation (versus wrapping) has never before been undertaken at VA, Dr. Richards proposed using the available funds from the base period to add a new task that would provide client-side visibility to the back-end MUMPS emulation. During the base period, this would be performed for the initial Patient Data Entry (PDE) domains of Allergy, Vitals, Problems, following development of the server side. It will continue in the Option Period to address Pharmacy CPOE, which adds additional complexity to the presentation of data on the client side. The addition of this task will help to ensure that application functionality is clearly understood by VA technologists to demonstrate “forward compatibility.” It will also assist in publicizing to the EHRM program leadership that an interface to a commercial EHR can be correctly specified as a centralized service without dependency on the legacy MUMPS code. The addition of this PWS 5.7 task reflects a change in total value of the Option Period and to the total task order value of $405,803.05.

The referenced changes are within scope of the PWS, with the additional task being within scope of previously identified T4NG within scope services for 4.2.9 System/Software Integration.

1. Impact if Not Approved: If the task order is not modified, the VA will be paying for services not required by continuation of PWS 5.3 in the base period. In addition, without the funding realignment of PWS 5.3 to PWS 5.7 in the base period and continuity of 5.7 in the option period, this project will not have an opportunity to demonstrate forward compatibility of the project’s MUMPS emulation approach to VA EHRM technologists whose technical decisions on VistA to COTS EHR integration are reliant. Without visibility – via a web client – to the results of this project, as proven by the addition of PWS 5.7, VA may make decisions based on legacy technologies that are not backwards compatible with legacy VistA components and which will require additional VistA development to address these incompatibilities.

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