

VETERAN INITIATIVE AND HUDSON INITIATIVE

BB.1 If applicable, provide documentation (including parent organization, affiliates, and subsidiaries) that the proposer and/or its subcontractor has been certified by the Louisiana Department of Economic Development as a:

- *Veteran-Owned,*
- *Service- Connected Disabled Veteran-Owned small entrepreneurship (LaVet), or*
- *Louisiana Initiative for Small Entrepreneurships (Hudson Initiative).*

If a proposer is not a certified small entrepreneurship as described herein, but plans to use certified small entrepreneurship(s), proposer shall include in their proposal the names of their certified Veteran Initiative or Hudson Initiative small entrepreneurship subcontractor(s), a description of the work each will perform, and the dollar value of each subcontract.

The State of Louisiana has done a tremendous job improving its business climate over the past five years through governmental reforms and economic development efforts and fosters a prosperous business environment for small business entrepreneurships. Louisiana Healthcare Connections (LHCC) and our parent organization, Centene Corporation, are committed to not only the success of the Bayou Health program but to the continued economic vitality of Louisiana. This commitment is deeply rooted in one of LHCC's parent organization's key philosophies in that quality healthcare is best delivered locally. In order to provide quality health care coordination services to the State of Louisiana, LHCC has historically relied on numerous small businesses to support its efforts in the Bayou Health program. LHCC's affiliated health plans in Illinois, Indiana and Texas as well as other markets utilize entrepreneurial small businesses as subcontractors contributing to economic growth in their respective communities.

Commensurate with LHCC's commitment to Louisiana, we plan to help increase economic development through participation in the Veteran and Hudson Initiatives for small entrepreneurships. As mentioned previously, LHCC has relied on numerous small businesses to provide services before DHH utilized the Hudson and Veteran Initiatives. In fact, LHCC has been utilizing small businesses such as the Barnett Company, Covalent Logic, Baton Rouge Printing, Kracke Consulting and H&H Embroidery to name a few. Additionally, LHCC views these initiatives to be imperative to continue the success of Louisiana's small business environment that we are encouraging other non-certified small businesses to become certified such as tommysTV, Jacobs Installation and AltaRecruit, LLC.

Table BB.1 Certified Veteran or Hudson Initiative Small Entrepreneurships on the following pages outline the entities and the corresponding services which LHCC anticipates entering in good-faith effort contracts. Prospective vendors have been identified and are being pursued in good-faith as appropriate as to the scope of the work to be performed.

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