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Jonathan Blum  
Deputy Administrator and Director  
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Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services  
200 Independence Ave SW  
Washington DC 20201

**Re: Data request for Medicare auction data from Round 1 Rebid**

Dear Mr. Blum:

After reviewing the Contract Supplier lists released by CMS on November 2, I respectfully request that the following additional information be provided to the general public for each Competitive Bidding area, for each product category, and for each supplier that participated in the Round 1 Rebid auction:

- the bidder's dollar volume of Medicare claims in 2008 and 2009;
- the bidder's stated capacity in the qualification process;
- the capacity that CMS used in its determination of winning bidders and the median price;
- the bidder's bid price;
- the bidder's history with respect to fraud and complaints from Medicare beneficiaries; and
- the bidder's financial standing.

This information is important not only as a means to evaluate the competitive bidding process that CMS has developed, but a necessary part of the decision process for millions of Medicare beneficiaries that must rely on these suppliers for needed medical equipment.

Note that this information can be provided on an anonymous basis if necessary, although in a government auction it is now best-practice to release all bids following the auction in the interest of transparency. See for example, the telecommunications auctions and the electricity auctions, both of which are regulated by the Federal government.

To minimize transaction costs, please provide these data on the Internet in standard text format, such as ".csv" (comma-separated values).

I look forward to the release of the requested information soon. Please let me know by November 24 (7 days from today) what data to expect and the timetable for release.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely yours,

*Peter Lantton*