Request for Proposal Section 125 Cafeteria Plan, Health Savings Account, Employee Reimbursement Account, and Fringe Benefit Account Programs Item 6C – Group Insurance Board

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# **Request for Proposals**

- ETF recommends the Board approve the development and release of a Request for Proposals (RFP) to select an administrator(s) for:
  - Section 125 Cafeteria Plan
  - Health Savings Account (HSA) program
  - Employee Reimbursement Account (ERA) programs
  - Fringe Benefit Account programs
- Effective for the 2020 plan year



## **RFP Goals**

- Implement contracts that reflect industry best practices
- Deliver high quality, high value services
- Ensure advanced compliance and tax code guidance
- Champion member communication, engagement, and education

## Background

- April 2014 ETF released an RFP for two contracts:
  - Employee Reimbursement Account and Commuter Benefit Programs
  - Health Savings Account and Limited Purpose Flexible Spending Account Programs
- Issued letter of intent to award both contracts to eflexgroup Inc. in June 2014
- eflexgroup Inc. merged with Total Administrative Services Corporation (TASC)
- TASC is the current third party administrator for both contracts



## **TASC Contract Terms**

Contract Terms	ERA and Commuter Benefits	HSA and LPFSA
Original Contract Term	October 1, 2014 - December 31, 2016	September 1, 2014 - December 31, 2016
<b>First Extension</b> (Approved March 24, 2016)	January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017	January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017
<b>Second Extension</b> (Approved March 23, 2017)	January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018	January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018
Potential Third Extension	January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019	January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019



## **Board Oversight**

- On Sept. 21, 2017, ETF Board approved oversight of HSA and ERA programs to the GIB
- Delegation was necessitated due to Wis. Stats. § 40.515 (2), which provides contractual authority for the HSA program to the GIB
- HSA and LPFSA programs are currently paired contractually
  - Not industry best practice
  - Different IRS regulations
  - Contract structure will change in future



## **RFP Components**



Section 125 Cafeteria Plan



Health Savings Account

Employee Reimbursement Accounts

- Health Care FSA
- LPFSA
- Dependent Day Care FSA

Fringe Benefit

- Parking Account
- Transit Account



## Section 125 Cafeteria Plan

- ETF has not previously sought a third-party administrator for the Section 125 Cafeteria Plan
- An employee benefits program designed to take advantage of Section 125 of the Internal Revenue Code
- Allows employees to pay certain qualified expenses on a pre-tax basis
  - Reduces total taxable income and increases spending/take-home income
  - Employers experience tax savings from reduced FICA

## Section 125 Cafeteria Plan

- A qualified Cafeteria Plan third party administrator will:
  - Provide expert guidance regarding ETF's Section 125 Cafeteria Plan Document and Summary Plan Description (SPD)
  - Establish accurate and current plan documentation to avoid compliance issues and any possible adverse tax consequences
  - Conduct non-discrimination testing on a consistent annual basis
  - Provide guidance as IRS regulations changes



## **RFP Structure**

- One RFP with four distinct components
- Vendors will be able to bid on one program, a combination of any programs, or all of the RFP components



## Vendors

- One, any, or all there's no way to predict a likely number of vendors until the bids come in
- There could be a single vendor or as many as four

Cafeteria Plan	Cafeteria Plan	Cafeteria Plan	Cafeteria Plan
HSA	HSA	HSA	HSA
ERA	ERA	ERA	ERA
Fringe Benefits	Fringe Benefits	Fringe Benefits	Fringe Benefits



## **RFP Considerations**

Standard Business Practices

### Project Management

### Compliance

#### Staff Support



## **RFP Considerations- Continued**

#### Debit Card Functionality

#### Educational Materials

#### Marketing Materials

Performance Standards and Guarantees



## **Target Timeline**







- ETF recommends the Board approve the development and release of an RFP to select an administrator(s) for these programs
- Procurement activity update at the May GIB meeting
- Anticipated RFP release in June 2018
- New contract effective January 1, 2020



# Questions?

# Thank you







