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## **WSI PERFORMANCE EVALUATION**

**Update – July 1, 2014**

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In September, 2013, the Office of the State Auditor issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Performance Evaluation of Workforce Safety and Insurance (WSI). The RFP contained eight elements the selected vendor would be required to accomplish – four selected by the Office of the State Auditor and four selected by the Workers' Compensation Review Committee. We received responses from four vendors. Based on our evaluation of the proposals, we selected Sedgwick Claims Management Services, Inc. to perform the evaluation. The contract amount is \$285,885. The start date was January 6, 2014.

Based on updates provided by the selected vendor, it is anticipated a final report will be provided on or before August 27, 2014. This report will be presented to the Workers' Compensation Review Committee.

One of the elements selected by the Workers' Compensation Review Committee related to Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). The RFP required the selected vendor to review national data if it were available in this area. If national data was not available, the vendor was required to provide a cost to survey states or perform procedures to identify national trends and data. In the work performed by the vendor, no national data was identified. In review of information, the vendor has informed us a review can be done under the current contract regarding a sudden, extraordinary event leading to PTSD and certain occupations which may have PTSD associated with the job responsibilities (first responders). The vendor has also advised their analysis will include consideration of PTSD claims for victims of violent crimes where no physical injury is involved. At this time, the vendor is going to conduct a review on sudden, extraordinary events; certain occupations; and victims of violent crimes. If additional work was to be conducted related to other mental injury claims where no physical injury is involved (cumulative injuries), an amendment to the contract would be required and there would be an additional cost involved.