2. **ASSESSMENT, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING TO CREATE INTEROPERABILITY OF DATA SYSTEMS FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT -- HEALTH DEPARTMENT**
   <u>FUNDING -- HEALTH DEPARTMENT</u>
   (Request sent to 33 vendors)

RFP #24-0016   Contract

	Dynamic Health IT, Inc.	HLN Consulting, LLC	KMS Healthcare
Assessment, Technical Assistance and Training to Create Interoperability of Data Systems for Sedgwick County Health Department	$224,275.00	**$223,975.74**	$203,925.00
	My3Tech, Inc.	Patient Centric Solutions, Inc	Ready Computing Government Solutions LLC
Assessment, Technical Assistance and Training to Create Interoperability of Data Systems for Sedgwick County Health Department	$223,430.00	$223,684.00	$184,942.00
		VNB Consulting Services Inc	
Assessment, Technical Assistance and Training to Create Interoperability of Data Systems for Sedgwick County Health Department		$224,125.00	
No Submission	Firely USA	Helios Software	OSP Labs
		Vention	

On the recommendation of Joe Thomas, on behalf of the Health Department, Anna Meyerhoff-Cole moved to **accept the proposal from HLN Consulting, LLC in the amount of $223,975.74 for a contract period through December 31, 2025.** Tim Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A review committee comprised of Chris Steward, Lucretia Burch, Kaylee Hervey, and Blake Strahl - Health Department; Greg Gann - DIT; and Joe Thomas - Purchasing evaluated the proposal responses based on the criteria as set forth in the RFP. The committee unanimously agreed to accept the proposal from HLN Consulting, LLC.

This project, a collaboration between Sedgwick County Health Department (SCHD) and the Division of Information Technology, is funded through three (3) different grants listed below and is an approved line item in each grant's budget.

This project is the first step towards the SCHD's goal of efficient availability of data for decision-making and for monitoring the progress towards better health for all Sedgwick County residents. The awarded vendor will provide consultation, assessment and training to create effective data sharing and usage within SCHD and between partners using Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources® (FHIR®), a new standard for electronic health data exchange.

The awarded vendor will do the following: 1) Assess current SCHD data systems and processes; 2) Complete an environmental scan of local and state overdose-related data and data collection systems that SCHD uses or could utilize in the future; 3) Create a 5-year Interoperability Plan for SCHD to build infrastructure and processes to effectively connect data from different systems; 4) Develop trained SCHD and County IT staff to sustainably continue projects after the funding ends; and 5) Implement one interoperability pilot project with an external health partner organization or agency.

The contract period is May 2024 through December 2025 with milestones and deliverable due dates identified throughout the time period.

Notes:
Information about the grants funding this project is listed below:

Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) – Grantor: Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE); Sedgwick County Agenda Item: OnBase contract is #38-21-000102 and signed by the Chairman on March 10, 2021.

Workforce Development/Infrastructure - Grantor: KDHE; Sedgwick County Agenda Item: 23-1538 and signed by the Chairman on 12/26/2023.

OD2A:LOCAL (Overdose Data to Action) – Grantor: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Sedgwick County Agenda Item: 23-1092 and signed by the Chairman on 05/03/2023.

The RFP inadvertently references two (2) different dates for the contract termination date, December 31, 2025 and August 31, 2028. The correct termination date is December 31, 2025 and the awarded proposer has been notified.

This is a proposal and not a bid. Proposals are based on criteria set forth in the RFP. There are seven (7) components to this RFP.

Component	Points
a. Responses to (XIII. Operational Form)	20
b. Ability to meet or exceed Scope of Work (XII. Scope of Work Check List)	20
c. Qualifications and Expertise (XIV. Qualifications and Expertise Form)	30
d. Previous interoperability plan development or interoperability project using FHIR® with one or more state or local health departments	5
e. References	10
f. Pricing and (XV. Budget Narrative)	10
g. Completed proposal (all documents required were received)	5
Total Points	100

Questions and Answers

Anna Meyerhoff-Cole: For partners that are going to be connecting to this so one is a pilot project but for other organizations, how will their connection be funded? Is that going to continue to be funded out of these grants? Will they have to opt in?

Kaylee Hervey: This funding is specifically related to the Health Department for IT on the county. If there is funding required for partners that would likely have to come from that partner's source or an alternate source.

Anna Meyerhoff-Cole: How vital to the project is it that these partners connect and do we know what their approximate cost would be? Have we had those conversations?

Kaylee Hervey: The goal of the pilot project is to connect with one of those partners. The interoperability goal, as a whole, is to have those connections so that we are reducing the amount of manual data entry and data collection and all of that we are doing now. We have not formalized the partnership with the pilot partner at this time to fully have those discussions but we have had discussions with potential pilot partners about this and how these connections would work. As far as the cost to the partners, that I don't know.

Anna Meyerhoff-Cole: I think what I understood is you have one (1) primary and they are the pilot to connect in and if others do that it would be beneficial but the pilot partner is the most important for this being overall successful for your needs.

Kaylee Hervey: Yes.

Russell Leeds: The purpose of hiring this consultant is to evaluate the feasibility of 1) to identify the different sources of information that you may want to connect to and 2) the feasibility of accomplishing that and 3) then work would have to be done beyond that, I assume. Is that correct?

Kaylee Hervey: Yes. The first part of this is to identify kind of that feasibility and then that interoperability five (5) year plan that they're creating would outline as we move forward beyond the scope of this RFP how we would continue to do this work.