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### **Solutions By Design II, LLC Awarded Over \$10M Contract Extension with CMS**

#### **SBD to continue system redesign, agile software development and maintenance services for CMS's Health Insurance Oversight System**

**Vienna, Va. – August 28, 2018** – Solutions by Design II, LLC (SBD), a leader in technology architecture and engineering services, has been awarded \$10 million for a third option year on its contract with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Health Insurance Oversight System (HIOS).

HIOS is an online application that supports CMS's Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight (CCIIO) and collects insurance data from over 6,000 health insurance issuers. This ensures the availability of accurate information, helps government make data-driven decisions that improve health systems, and improves the quality, equity and cost-effectiveness of health care at all levels.

“By extending our long-term partnership with CMS, SBD will continue to streamline and enhance HIOS,” said Doug Brown, vice president of health systems at SBD. “SBD's team seeks perspectives from end users to create a functional system and encourage accurate, effective information exchange. An agile approach allows for ongoing enhancements that continuously improve the user experience and value of the system.”

The contract extension includes a redesign to modernize HIOS and optimize the user experience through an easier submission process and functionality that encourages third party administrators and insurance companies to build relationships. The third option year will also include a migration to the Amazon Web Services (AWS) cloud, equipping CMS with a more secure, cost-effective, scalable, flexible and portable infrastructure for housing HIOS. SBD currently supports over 22,000 active users through CMS systems it manages.

“HIOS is instrumental in facilitating seamless exchange of provider data, improving the quality of care that all Americans receive,” said Brian James, division director for CCIIO. “SBD's user-centered approach, solid performance and knowledge of the HIOS system makes them a well-suited partner for CMS on this project.”

**ABOUT SBD:** SBD is a technology architecture and engineering services company that serves clients domestically and abroad. For over 30 years, we have delivered technically innovative, reliable, and cost-effective solutions, services, and products to our federal customers. Using Agile processes and principles, SBD has helped transform government agencies to implement faster, more reliable quality systems and solutions to enable them to deliver their mission more effectively and efficiently.

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