

## Consumer Directed Employer (CDE) Project Talking Points #8 – Changes in CDE Procurement

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### What is happening with the CDE procurement?

DSHS leadership has decided to cancel the current procurement for a Consumer Directed Employer. DSHS remains committed to the CDE implementation and achieving the legislative objectives required by the passage of ESSB 6199 in the 2018 legislative session.

### Why is this happening?

DSHS received bids from two vendors in response to the Consumer Directed Employer Request for Proposals (RFP). Both vendors have deep experience and solid footprints in the home care industry. The RFP was very complex. After reviewing the responses, it was clear that the bidders may not have fully understood all of the RFP requirements and DSHS business needs.

### Will DSHS move forward to contract with a CDE vendor?

Yes. DSHS is not stopping work on the CDE project. In large projects, it is common to make adjustments based on new information or developments. Over the next few weeks, the Department will gather information and determine next steps to successfully implement a Consumer Directed Employer in Washington State. The next steps will be broadly communicated once known, including by email, webinar, and on the website.

### Will this affect the implementation date for the CDE?

DSHS has been working toward a July 1, 2020 CDE implementation date. While the cancellation of the current RFP will result in changes to the schedule, DSHS expects the CDE to be implemented before the July 1, 2021 date required by the legislation.

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