

Bickmore Secures Two-Year Contract with Judicial Branch Workers' Compensation Program

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (February 21, 2014)– Bickmore, the leading independent risk management, program administration, and actuarial consulting firm in the United States, has secured a two-year contract with the Judicial Branch Workers' Compensation Program (JBWCP). The contract brings a new client for Bickmore's Program Administration Department, which now manages 14 major self-insured group clients.

JBWCP Committee members selected Bickmore after an extensive Request for Proposal (RFP) process. The JBWCP provides coverage for all justices, judges, and the majority of employees of the judicial branch excluding only those employees of the Superior Court of California, Los Angeles County, whose employees are covered under a separate program administered by that court. The coverage includes 57 of the 58 Superior Courts, the Supreme Court and the Courts of Appeal, the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), the Commission on Judicial Performance and the Habeas Corpus Resource Center.

"Bickmore is one of the few firms who can meet all JBWCP'S requirements. This contract really demonstrates our full-service capabilities for large and complex self-insured programs," says Gregory L. Trout, CEO of Bickmore. "The JBWCP sought services in program administration, workers' compensation oversight, claims consulting, risk control, insurance consulting and actuarial services. We have the expertise to address all these areas and look forward to working with JBWCP for many years."

Bickmore will provide risk management consulting services, including subject matter experts and qualified personnel with demonstrated experience in California Workers' Compensation (WC) claims administration oversight, managed care and loss control. Project team members will analyze JBWCP trends and develop metrics to reduce the cost of WC losses for all JBWCP members. Metrics will highlight trends, strengths, areas for improvement, or risks that may impact all members.

Bickmore, in collaboration with the APC and the JBWCP advisory committee, will work closely with CorVel, the JBWCP's Workers' Compensation Third Party Administrator (TPA) to identify and prioritize risk reduction measures and help JBWCP mitigate premium cost increases.

About Bickmore

Bickmore is the nation's largest independent, employee-owned risk management and actuarial consulting firm. The firm manages joint powers authorities and consults with public and private entities in 40 states. Bickmore's 113 employees include self-insurance program managers,

CPAs, litigation management attorneys, credentialed actuaries, certified workers' compensation specialists, risk control specialists, claims consultants, and risk management information experts. Bickmore's main office is in Sacramento, California, with satellite offices in Oakland, Orange, Dana Point, and El Dorado Hills, California; in Ashland and Portland, Oregon; and in Providence, Rhode Island. Visit www.bickmore.net for more information.

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