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ADDENDUM #1

RFP #: 7597631

Title: Youth Development Services for the RI DCYF

Submission Deadline: December 11, 2018 at 10:00 AM ET

Notice to Vendors

Attached are vendor questions with state responses. No further questions will be answered.

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Vendor Questions for RFP #7597631 Youth Development Services for the RI DCYF

Question 1: The technical proposal states that it should be no more than 6 pages while there is a lot to be addressed. Yet the cost proposal narrative can be no more than 5 pages. I can't help but wonder if there is an error in the number of pages listed for the technical proposal. Please advise.

Answer to question 1: Yes, we are increasing the number of pages allowed from 5 to 10.

Question 2: How is RFP# 7597631 related to the soon-to-be released RFP for foster care? Is there potential for a provider agency for this RFP to also be a provider agency for the upcoming RFP?

Answer to question 2: This is one RFP. Any additional RFPs would be separate, and any vendor is able to apply to any RFP put out to Bid by the Division of Purchases on behalf of DCYF.

Question 3: On page 7, what is meant by DCYF foster care? Is this generic and kinship foster care currently being provided by DCYF? Does it include youth in provider agency foster care? Will any categories of youth to be served change or be impacted by RDS foster care model and the RFP soon-to-be released by DCYF?

**Answer to question 3: (a)The definition of foster care is the federal definition meaning any out of home care excluding the Thomas C. Slater Training School for Youth and psychiatric hospitals.
(b) Yes this takes into account generic and kinship foster care.
(c) Any terms of any additional RFPs put out by the Department should be considered and understood based upon the terms of the RFP at that time.**

Question 4: The proposed annual number of youth to be served in the program would indicate that youth in provider foster care would be referred for Youth Development Support Services (YDSS). What is the role of provider foster care agencies in providing some of these services, especially as it relates to achieving permanency outcomes?

Answer to question 4: As has always been the case, foster parents and residential care providers are expected to support the youth in their programs by providing them with opportunities for effective transition to adulthood. This includes age and developmentally appropriate assistance in areas generally identified as independent living and/or life skills. The services through this RFP are intended to supplement the services provided by the DCYF placement provider on a daily basis and to focus on the specific components identified in the RFP.

Question 5: Regarding federal claiming, on page 14: how are record keeping and documentation expectations distinct and defined between YDSS and a foster care provider or DCYF? What specific Medicaid claims will be made?

Answer to question 5: **DCYF is not anticipating to draw down Medicaid dollars for the contract awarded, however, DCYF may need to pursue any Medicaid opportunities in the future. There is not a plan at this time for Provider employee time studies but given any budgetary concerns of the future and any Medicaid claiming opportunities that requirement may be something that is requested of the Providers.**

Question 6: The draft contract (addendum) does not appear to be reflective of this proposal's scope of work. Is this just an example of what a contract looks like?

Answer to question 6: **Yes, it is sample contract.**

Question 7: On Page 10, under 3.2 'Program Evaluation', the first bullet under 'Short Term Outcomes' - Please clarify if the baseline percentage of participants who have a connection to at least one adult support (mentor) is truly 90% or if that was just an example of inserting a baseline number. That percentage seems high.

Answer to question 7: **That is a self-reported percentage based on NYTD survey results.**

Question 8: What is the expectation for this program to find housing for youth? Will they be aging out and need independent living? Given the statewide housing shortage, the ability to find affordable housing for young adults who are still developing strong vocational skills or employment may be challenging

Answer to question 8: **Seeking and providing housing is not a component of the services identified for this RFP. However, as part of a financial literacy program, a vendor may include helping youth understand how to search for affordable housing within an identified budget.**

Question 9: Related to above question, is there another funding stream that pays for housing (with perhaps another agency addressing) and this RFP is intended to address the wrap around services needed?

Answer to question 9: See response to Q8. Housing is not a part of this RFP. We do not understand the wrap around services question as it relates to this RFP

Question 10: Please define ‘mentoring service’. What would you expect this component to look like and who would qualify? Eg: foster parents, case managers, etc. Voluntary mentors like Big Brothers/Sisters have had shortages for years.

Answer to question 10: We have defined what is required within this RFP and seek for respondents to identify what they anticipate they can provide that meets the expectations of the RFP.

Question 11: I have downloaded RFP# 7597631 Youth Development Support Services for DCYF and it was 74 pages, but the website says that it is 103 pages. The addenda that was a zipped file was the Excel worksheets which don’t appear to be the other 29 pages. Am I missing something?

Also, we were expecting that the RFP would include Enhanced Case Management. Can you confirm if that will be purchased separately? I don’t currently see an active solicitation for Enhanced Case management from DCYF.

Answer to question 11: This RFP is for Youth Development Support Services as described in the RFP. We cannot speak to any other potential RFPs at this time.