

ADDENDUM TWO QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

Date: June 5, 2018
 To: All Bidders
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 RE: Addendum for Request for Information Number ESA
 to be opened June 15, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. Central Time

Questions and Answers

Following are the questions submitted and answers provided for the above mentioned Request for Information. The questions and answers are to be considered as part of the Request for Information. It is the Bidder's responsibility to check the State Purchasing Bureau website for all addenda or amendments.

#	RFI Section Reference	RFI Page Number	Question	State Response
1.	I. Scope of the Request for Information	p1	Are bidders required to submit a response to the RFI in order to be considered for the RFP?	No
2.	I.A. Schedule of Events	p1	What date will the State release the list of RFI respondents?	The State will post the list of respondents to the RFI webpage on June 15, 2018 after 2:00 p.m.
3.	II.F. Submission of Response	p3	What is the correct submission method for RFI responses? In paragraph 2 it states that RFI responses should be submitted via email, whereas paragraph 3 states that an address label should appear on the face of each container and a phone number is provided for delivery purposes, which indicates that it is expected that RFI responses should be mailed/hand-delivered. Please indicate which delivery format is actually required for RFI responses.	<p>Section II. F. Submission of Response is hereby amended to read as follows:</p> <p>The following describes the requirements related to the RFI submission, handling and review by the State.</p> <p>To facilitate the response review process, one (1) original of the entire RFI response should be submitted. RFI responses should be submitted by the RFI due date and time to dhhs.procurement@nebraska.gov.</p> <p>A separate sheet must be provided that clearly states which sections have been submitted as proprietary or have copyrighted materials. RFI responses should reference the request for information number. If a recipient phone number is required for delivery purposes, 402-471-6082 should be used. The Request for Information number must be included in all correspondence.</p>
4.	III. Project Description and Scope of	p4	Are there page limits or other formatting requirements for the project description and scope of work? If so, what are	There are no page limits or formatting requirements.

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5.	III. Project Description and Scope of Work	p4	What is the anticipated schedule of events/timeline for an RFQ, Letter of Intent, and/or RFP for case management, service delivery and service coordination for families in the DCFS Eastern Service Area of the State of Nebraska?	DHHS will review all of the RFI responses and determine the appropriate next steps.
6.	III.A. Current and Future Environment	p4	What are DCFS's definitions of the following phrases: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "enhancing child well-being and safety" • "increasing timeliness to permanency" • "unique and individual needs of families" • "braided funding" • "gaps in service to families" 	<p><i>Enhancing child well-being and safety</i> means that the contractor improves the child's welfare through work with family to meet the child's needs and prevent recurrence of maltreatment</p> <p><i>Increasing timeliness to permanency</i> means that the contractor will meet or exceed the federal expectations for permanency of a child in custody of DHHS.</p> <p><i>Unique and individual needs of families</i> means the needs that are distinct and different than the needs of other families involved with case management.</p> <p><i>Braided funding</i> means a combination of state, federal and private</p> <p><i>Gaps in service to families</i> means that needed services for families are not available due to capacity issues or there are no contractors in the area that provide needed services.</p>
7.	III.A. Current and Future Environment	p4	What performance measures will be utilized to determine the effectiveness of this contract?	The RFI does not result in a contract. This will be determined during the RFP process.
8.	III. Scope of Work	4	Are there any planned changes to the scope of case management in ESA that DHHS is planning that will influence how a bidder will need to respond to this RFI?	The RFI is a process to inform DCFS on current best practices and things to consider for including in the RFP.
9.	III. Scope of Work	4	"Braided Funding" has different definitions and applications. Can DHHS provide a succinct definition of what it means by "braided funding," how they envision it applied, and which funding sources it is interested in utilizing?	The Contractor should utilize a combination of State, Federal and Private funding to provide the best service to families while being good stewards of tax dollars.
10.	III. Scope of Work	4	Should RFI responses address funding structure and reimbursement rates for all proposed services?	The RFI is a process to inform DCFS on current best practices and things to consider for including in the RFP.
11.	III. Scope of Work	4	What are the top 3-5 priorities and/or enhancements DCFS wants a contractor to address when providing case management, service delivery and service coordination for families in the DCFS Eastern Service Area of the State of Nebraska?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Preserve families to ensure their health and safety - Increase the percentage of families who safely maintained their children in home - Reduce placement disruptions - Increase IV-E penetration rate

				through licensing relative homes
12.	III. Project Description and Scope of Work	4	Are there current or future initiatives planned by DCFS regarding improving and/or enhancing case management, service delivery and service coordination for families in the DCFS Eastern Service Area of the State of Nebraska? If so, please provide information about each one and links to all related documents.	DCFS will be seeking models based on the Family First Prevention Services Act of 2017 passed by Congress. This includes requirement of the use of Well-supported Practice, Supported Practice, and/or Promising Practice model(s). Examples of these models can be found through the Children's Bureau or California Evidence-based Clearing House. https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/253 http://www.cebc4cw.org/ https://www.acf.hhs.gov/cb
13.	III. Scope of Work	4	What are the "gaps in service to families" that the State has identified as wanting to minimize?	Intensive In-home services, substance abuse services, and mental health services.
14.	III. Scope of Work	4	Which specific aspect(s) of subcontractor performance is this contract focused on improving?	DCFS will focus on all aspects while promoting an environment of process improvement, continuous quality improvement, and enhanced financial reporting.
15.	III. Scope of Work	4	Will federal funding be available for special populations (e.g., DD youth, MH/BH, etc.)?	Yes.
16.	III. Scope of Work	4	What strategies and/or plans will the State use to secure and distribute federal dollars? Which funding sources are identified in the State's strategies and/or plans?	Aside from current federal funding through Title IVE, DCFS is open to new ideas as to secure additional federal funding through the proposals submitted.
17.	III. Project Description and Scope of Work	4	What funding methodology does the State intend to use for this contract?	The RFI is a process to inform DCFS on current best practices and things to consider for including in the RFP.
18.	III. Project Description and Scope of Work	4	Will prevention and alternative response efforts be required in the contract?	The RFI is a process to inform DCFS on current best practices and things to consider for including in the RFP.
19.	III. Project Description and Scope of Work	4	Does the State anticipate any impact on this contract due to Title IV-E Waiver ending June 30, 2019?	No. DCFS will be moving to access Title IVE funding through service models that are compliant with the Family First Prevention Services Act of 2017.
20.	III. Project Description and Scope of Work	4	To ensure system stability and long-term planning, does DCFS anticipate making a contract for a six-year term or longer with a long-term renewal possibility? If not, how many state fiscal years will the RFI include?	The RFI does not result in a contract. The contract term will be determined at a later date and will be reflected in the RFP.
21.	III. Scope of Work	4	Can responses to the RFI be submitted right up to the opening time of June 15, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.?	Yes

22.	III. Scope of Work	4	Is there a set format and any size limit for RFI responses?	See the response to Question #4.
23.	III. Scope of Work	4	When and how will the RFI responses be made public after the opening on June 15 at 2:00 p.m. CST?	See the response to Question #3.
24.	III. Scope of Work	4	Is the total amount of funding for this ESA case management service the same, less (if less, how much less?), or more (if more, how much more?) than is allocated and expended per year over each of the past 10 years on the current services related to this RFI?	This will be based on the cost analysis of responses to the RFP.
25.	III. A.	4	The current contract for providers of case management services states that 51% of Board of Directors members must reside in Nebraska. Will this be a requirement for the new RFP provider that is selected?	The RFI is a process to inform DCFS on current best practices and things to consider for including in the RFP.
26.	III. A.	4	What performance measures will be utilized to determine the effectiveness of this service?	Performance measures will be determined by the proposals submitted.
27.	III. A.	4	What is the current population served under the current contractor?	The current population served by the current contractor is comprised of families and children who live in the most populous area of Nebraska. The number of children served by the current contractor is 2549 as of May 30, 2018.
28.	III. A.	4	What are the percentages of successful reintegrated families and finalized adoptions?	The RFI is a process to inform DCFS on current best practices and things to consider for including in the RFP.

This addendum will become part of the proposal and should be acknowledged with the Request for Information.