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TO: ALL POTENTIAL BIDDERS

FROM: H. Ryan Bolles
DSCYF – Contract Administrator

SUBJECT: ADDENDUM TO REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) – CYF15-08 Staff Secure Residential Programming for Adjudicated Delinquent Males and Females

RFP CYF15-08 Questions/Answers
ADDENDUM #1

1. Questions: When do you expect the award to be made? (It appears to be a relatively short timeframe between May 12 and the beginning of the FY of July 1.)

Response:

- The goal is to hopefully award, negotiate and execute contracts by July 1, 2015. Individual circumstances for each successful bidder will impact that goal.

2. Questions: This RFP is for Staff Secure Residential Programming for males and females and specifically states that it does not cover a.) residential drug and alcohol programming, b.) residential inappropriate sexual behavior services, c.) residential treatment services for children with mental health, substance use, and co-occurring disorders that were recently placed out for bid in March 2014....

Our current contract is for a. substance abuse females, b. pregnant teens, c. secure care females, d. substance abuse males, e. secure care males. The language in this RFP indicates that contracts for those services highlighted in yellow were bid in 03/2014. We were not aware of that solicitation. Does this mean that we will not receive a renewal contract for those services?

Response:

- As residential drug and alcohol programming is not included in this RFP, proposals for programs whose target population is exclusively “residential drug and alcohol programming” will not be entertained under this RFP. However, it would be expected that proposals will include substance abuse educational services as a piece of their overall service package (see RFP page #7).
- Should a current provider have a service included in their contract whose target population is exclusively “residential drug and alcohol programming” that was awarded through another RFP, that contract will remain unaffected by this RFP.
- In limited circumstances, Divisions are permitted to contract with agencies for services outside the RFP process in compliance with current State of Delaware bid law practices and Departmental policy. The decision to renew these non-RFP awarded services based on a Non-Competitive award process is made on a case-by-case basis by each contracting Division on an ongoing basis and/or at the time the contract is due for renewal.

3. Questions: Section V of RFP displays an average LOS at discharge of 15 days. Is that figure correct?

Response:

- No, that number is a typo, and the correct figure is 156, not 15.

4. Questions: The language of the RFP (see #2 above) states that it is specifically NOT for substance abuse services, yet there are several references throughout the RFP to substance abuse services. Are these references intended to indicate general substance abuse education rather than substance abuse therapies and treatment?

Response:

- See response under #2 and also refer to page #7 in the RFP which reflects the need for programs to incorporate “drug/alcohol education and counseling”. We defer to providers to determine the most appropriate service offering to meet this need. Page #3 of the RFP states “DYRS desires to contract for programs with evidence-based/informed and/or innovative approaches to residential treatment services which are supported by empirical literature.”

All other terms and conditions remain the same.

If you have any questions, please contact H. Ryan Bolles at herbert.bolles@state.de.us or 302-633-2701