DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES STATEMENT OF NEED / REQUEST FOR PROPOSALD FOR DETP & HIGH RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE SERVICES SSA/SONGH/18-001-S

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES #1

- Question 1: Is this two separate proposals, one for DETP and one for HIGH, or is this one proposal regarding working specifically with trafficked kids.
- Response: Per SON/RFP Section 5.2.5, third bullet point, "Offerors proposing to serve multiple RCC program categories in a single geographical region shall submit a separate Proposal for each RCC program category the Offeror intends to serve".
- Question 2: If we currently operate a TGH with a contract from DHS, do we need to submit this RFP to keep/renew our contract with DHS?
- Response: This is a separate solicitation than what is currently in place. A new RFP will be issued to procure services related to the RFP issued in 2013.
- Question 3: Are you looking for separate programs for boys and girls, or are you looking to mix genders?
- Response: DHS licensed facilities based on gender. There is no comingling of genders in a facility. A facility is licensed for males or females.
- Question 4: If separate programs how many boy beds and how many girl beds are you looking for?
- Response: At this time DHS does not have a total number of beds needed for boys or girls. However, there is a need for more girl beds at this time than boy beds.
- Question 5: Has the Administration given any thought to the complexities of having a salary component requirement for a stand-alone contract like this and its implication for organizations that have numerous contracts with the Administration?

- Response: The Department is seeking Providers that can offer new programs to serve children with specialized needs that are not currently available in the State. Therefore, the Providers must obtain approved budgets from the Interstate Rate Committee (IRC) for the new program services being offered.
- Question 6: At the beginning of our conference, the date in the beginning of the RFP for licensure, it's still written as January 1, but verbally it was March 1.

Response: Please see Amendment #2 for the deadline for licensure.

- Question 7: When you submit your Proposal, would it help if you would see what our ITC would look like for your particular agency, like what the trauma therapist is actually going to do to be able to provide, I guess, a treatment plan that the child will be able to really meet the needs that they have? Would that help if you insert that inside of your proposal so you guys can see what it would look like?
- Response: Offerors are requested to describe in detail its methodologies, procedures and policies regarding the provision of services under the contract and are encouraged to provide any information that will assist the procurement officer in determining the best overall proposal.