



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)
RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE
SSA/RCC/13-001-S

IMPORTANT NOTICE
November 1, 2012

This notice serves to bring further clarification to Question 72 and Amendment #6.

- 1. Question #72: The requirements of Section 3.4 do not align with the requirements of Section 4.2. It is confusing and causing the efforts to be duplicated in trying to complete this tasking. In order to address the requirements, it has become necessary to constantly compare the requirements of Section 3.4 to that of Section 4.2 to ensure that all of the requirements are being met. What is the purpose of this?

Response: See Amendment #6.

Additional clarification on Amendment #6:

The Department issued Amendment #6 to more closely align Section 3.4 ("General Requirements for all RCC Contractors") with Section 4.2 D ("Proposed Service"). Amendment #6 does not add a new section to the RFP. As shown below, Amendment #6 simply modifies Section 4.2D to make the structure more similar to Section 3.4. Prior to Amendment #6, Section 4.2.D.3 combined requirements in Section 3.4 C and D into a single requirement.

The Department would also like to clarify that Amendment #6 does not require that the Offeror renumber its Proposal as long as the Offeror's Proposal addresses all of the requirements in Section 3, Section 4.1 and 4.2.

Table with 2 columns and 2 rows. Row 1: 3.4.C - Operate its RCC Program(s) consistent with the regulations and requirements of the Department's RCC Program placement and licensing policies as detailed in COMAR 14.31.05 through 07. vs 4.2.D.3 - Program Operations consistent with COMAR 14.31.05 through 07. Row 2: 3.4.D - Comply with all applicable State and federal laws, regulations, DHR policies, standards and guidelines affecting the care and supervision of children in the Contractor's care. vs 4.2.D.4 - Program Compliance with State and Federal Laws, Regulations, DHR Policies, Standards and Guidelines.

2. In addition to clarify Amendment #6 page 5 is revised to state:

For Offerors providing HIGH Intensity Programs (includes Therapeutic Group Homes)

1. Contractors who are licensed by DHMH as a TGH shall demonstrate compliance with COMAR 10.21.07
2. Use of the minimum LOI standard
3. Availability and access to counseling services and therapeutic modalities

NEW: for Offerors providing HIGH Programs for Teen Girls with Anti-social Behaviors (TGASB) (includes Therapeutic Group Homes)

1. Contractors who are licensed by DHMH as a TGH shall demonstrate compliance with COMAR 10.21.07
2. Use of the minimum LOI standard
3. Availability and access to counseling services and therapeutic modalities

REMINDER: Offerors must acknowledge receipt of Amendment #6 as requested, either in the Transmittal Form (Attachment Q) or by separate letter.

If an Offeror has questions or concerns about the RFP, the Offeror must direct all such questions and concerns to the Procurement Officer.

Should you require clarification of the information provided in this Amendment, please contact me via email at khall@dhr.state.md.us or by telephone at (410) 767-3390.

By:
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