



Purchasing Division

ADDENDUM NO. 1

DATE: May 2, 2016
FROM: City of Grand Junction Purchasing Division
TO: All Offerors
RE: Foster Care Retention & Recruitment for Mesa County Department of Human Services RFP-4217-16-DH

Offerors responding to the above referenced solicitation are hereby instructed that the requirements have been clarified, modified, superseded and supplemented as to this date as hereinafter described.

Please make note of the following clarifications:

1. Q. What about background checks? Fingerprinting? What agency will be responsible?
 - A. MCDHS, as the certifying agency, will be responsible for the background checks and fingerprinting of foster/kinship applicants.
2. Q. Will homes still be under Mesa County? What about recruitment?
 - A. Yes. All homes recruited under the purview of this contract will be Mesa County homes. Mesa County's efforts to recruit homes are not replaced by this contract but rather are expanded by this contract.
3. Q. Do you have goals or numbers of foster homes and needs, etc.? What is your vision of success?
 - A. The MCDHS vision of success for this contract is for the homes recruited to become fully certified with MCDHS. This includes a minimum of three (3) therapeutic foster homes, a minimum of three (3) homes that will take teenagers, and a minimum of eight (8) general foster homes.
4. Q. What do you mean by, "Facilitate continual support groups for foster care and kinship families"? (pg. 14, first bullet point)
 - A. The intention for this statement is that the contractor will facilitate support groups that are ongoing and attendance would not be limited to the homes that are recruited by the contractor.
5. Q. Do you have a Foster Care support group?
 - A. Yes, this group currently meets twice per month. However, attempts to create a group for the Kinship homes
6. Q. Please clarify the sentence, "Please estimate the amount of time you would spend per month providing these services." (pg. 14, last sentence, first paragraph)

- A. The services in the contract are an innovative concept which MCDHS has not purchased before. MCDHS is hoping to gather not only what costs will be incurred but what kind of time commitment the independent contractor estimates are involved.
7. Q. What about conflict of interest with fairs, open houses, etc., and with MCDHS involved?
- A. If the contractor works for a Child Placement Agency (CPA), they will not do any joint recruitment and retention activities for both the CPA and the MCDHS contract. The contractor will identify themselves as working strictly as a contractor for MCDHS when doing recruitment and retention activities as outlined in the contract. At no time during a MCDHS recruitment event will the CPA agency refer potential MCDHS applicants to the CPA organization.

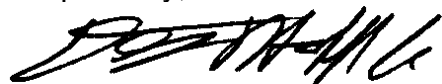
If the contractor works for an agency that provides services directly or indirectly with MCDHS children and families, the contractor will identify themselves as working strictly as a contractor for MCDHS when doing recruitment and retention activities as outlined in the contract.

8. Q. What about home studies? Will you Accept proposals that did not include services requested?
- A. MCDHS is removing the requirement for this contractor to do SAFE home studies. All SAFE home studies for these services will be managed by MCDHS.
9. Q. Which families would you want us to home study? What's the criteria? Who will be signing off with the home studies?
- A. MCDHS is removing the requirement for this contractor to do SAFE home studies. All SAFE home studies for these services will be managed by MCDHS.
10. Q. Can you elaborate where the liability would fall with establishing these services?
- A. MCDHS, as the certifying agency, will be liable for the homes.
11. Q. Can you please clarify the pilot program language found in the MC Contract example, Attachment A?
- A. The Basic Pilot Program that is referenced in the contract language surrounding immigration compliance requirements refers to the Contractor's responsibility to verify the legal working status of their employees through the federal E-Verify program and/or by retaining documentation in accordance with Colorado's Employment Verification Law.

The original solicitation for the project noted above is amended as noted.

All other conditions of subject remain the same.

Respectfully,



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City of Grand Junction, Colorado