



State of Louisiana

Department of Social Services
Office of the Secretary

NOTICE TO PROPOSERS

The Louisiana Department of Social Services, Office of Family Support (DSS/OFS), hereby solicits proposals from qualified applicants to provide a Children's Defense Fund (CDF) Freedom Schools summer program that promotes five essential components: high quality academic enrichment, intergenerational leadership development, civic engagement and social action, parent and family involvement, and nutrition, health and mental health. This service meets the TANF goal to prevent and reduce out of wedlock pregnancies.

Solicitation for proposals may be obtained by downloading the Solicitation for Proposal (SFP) from the DSS Website at <http://www.dss.louisiana.gov>. Select "Service Providers" from the left hand column, then click Request for Proposals link. Or, you may contact **Lee Terry Williams, Assistant Director of Contract Services, Office of Family Support, 627 N. Fourth Street, 5th Floor, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, Telephone (225) 342-2511, Fax (225) 342-2536, E-mail: twilliam@dss.state.la.us**

An original completed proposal and 4 copies must be physically in the possession of the **Office of Family Support, Attention: Lee Terry Williams, 627 N. Fourth Street, 5th Floor, Baton Rouge, LA 70802 by 4:30 p.m.** on November 16, 2009. No proposals received after the specified date and time shall be considered. Any questions concerning the SFP must be made in writing and may be submitted by mail, fax, or email to Lee Terry Williams (address shown above) by 4:30 p.m. on November 4, 2009. All questions will be responded to on the website at <http://www.dss.louisiana.gov> by November 9, 2009.

This announcement does not commit the Department of Social Services/Office of Family Support to award a contract or pay any costs incurred in the preparation of proposals. It is neither a contract nor an offer to contract, but rather a solicitation for proposals, which if accepted by the Department and approved in the manner required by law, may become the basis for a future contract. In the event of a conflict between any term or provision of the SFP and a term or provision in any proposal submitted in response, this SFP shall control. If a proposal alters or modifies any term or provision of this SFP, such changes must be clearly delineated and expressly approved by the Department of Social Services in writing before a contract is issued. A failure to comply with the provisions of this part shall render any such variant term absolutely null.

The Department of Social Services reserves the right to accept or reject, in whole or in part, all proposals submitted and/or to cancel this announcement. A contract shall be awarded, if at all, to the proposal(s) deemed by the Department in its sole discretion to be the most advantageous to its clients based on quality of service, cost effectiveness and other considered factors. Any contract is subject to the availability of funds. No contract is final or enforceable until approved by the Department of Social Services and the Division of Administration, Office of Contractual Review.

Kristy Nichols
Secretary
Department of Social Services

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