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LASES IT Support RFP Vendor Inquiries

1. Attachment VII, the reference questionnaire, states "...deliver directly to the State Project Director..." with a blank email address and phone #. In the RFP, the state project director is not defined.

Please clarify for us the following information, and if possible send out the posted answer earlier than the scheduled January 16, 2013, so the references may submit the completed questionnaire in a timely fashion?

Response:

State Project Director: **Peter Austin**

Email Address: peter.austin@la.gov

Phone Number: 225-219-0134

2. RFP 6.5 Evaluation and Review. The RFP states that if the proposer is not a certified small entrepreneurship:

"Points will be allocated based on the following criteria:

- the number of certified small entrepreneurship to be utilized
- the experience and qualifications of the certified small entrepreneurship(s)
- the anticipated earnings to accrue to the certified small entrepreneurship(s)"

Can DCFS, be more specific for scoring for the Veteran and Hudson Initiative?
How are points allocated for each of the criteria listed above?

Response:

45 CFR 92.36 deals with procurement under Federal Block Grants and applies to the Child Support Enforcement Automatic Data Processing Equipment and Services via 45 CFR 95.613 and 45 CFR 304.24. 45 CFR 92.36 (c)(2) requires DCFS to conduct its procurements in a manner "that **prohibits the use of statutorily or administratively imposed in-state or local geographical preferences in the evaluation of bids or proposals**". The Hudson and Veteran Small Entrepreneurship Initiatives language is designed to provide a preference for certain Louisiana owned small businesses which amounts to an in-state or local geographical preference. As the federal regulation applicable to this CSE procurement prohibits the use of statutorily or administratively imposed in-state or local geographical preference in the evaluation of bids or proposals, the funding for the procurement is jeopardized. In conformity with then Commissioner Rainwater's memorandum of December 22, 2011 which provides for the exclusion of the Veteran and Hudson and Initiative language from RFPs where the "inclusion will jeopardize funding for the procurement", the department

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will modify the RFP to revise those provisions of the RFP referencing the Hudson and Veteran Small Entrepreneurship Initiatives as follows:

The ten (10) points that were assigned to the Hudson Initiative have been removed and are being reassigned as follows: Corporate Experience has been updated from twenty (20) points to twenty five (25) points and Staff Qualifications has been updated from thirty (30) points to thirty five (35) points.

6.5 Evaluation and Review

Proposals that pass the preliminary screening and mandatory requirements review will be evaluated based on information provided in the proposal.

The Evaluation Team will evaluate and score the proposals using the criteria and scoring as follows:

CRITERIA	MAXIMUM SCORE
Corporate Experience:	25
Staff Qualifications:	35
Approach and Methodology:	15
Cost	25
TOTAL SCORE	100

The Evaluation Team will compile the scores and make a recommendation to the head of the agency on the basis of the responsive and responsible proposer with the highest score.

Sections 5.3.1 and 6.5.1 are also not applicable to this RFP.

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3. Who is now performing projects similar to those described in the RFP for LA DCFS?

Response

The duties described in the RFP are currently being performed by RedMane Technology.

4. Is the work referenced above currently being done for LA DCFS by another vendor? If so who?

Response

Yes. See answer above.

5. Is ad hoc reporting done from a data warehouse or in some other manner?

Response

Ad-Hoc Reporting is a web based tool used to generate custom ad-hoc reports. These reports access the existing LASES DB2 database tables and generate the reports for viewing within Microsoft Word or Microsoft Excel.

6. Is this a funded project?

Response

Yes