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Dear Prospective Contractors and Interested Parties:

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING FOSTER CARE PLACEMENT SERVICES - THIS IS NOT A SOLICITATION

The County of Los Angeles Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and Probation Department (Probation) are in the process of preparing a Foster Care Placement Services (FCPS) Request for Statement of Qualifications (RFSQ) solicitation for new FCPS Contracts effective January 1, 2019. DCFS and Probation are releasing a copy of the proposed contract services and requirements for public comment. The FCPS proposed contract services and requirements documents may be downloaded from DCFS' website at: <http://contracts.dcfs.lacounty.gov/> (Open for Public Comment):

- Prospective Contractor's Minimum Requirements for Foster Care Placement Services,
- Foster Family Agency (FFA),
- Foster Family Agency–Emergency Shelter Care (FFA-ESC),
- Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP),
- Intensive Services Foster Care for Children with Serious Emotional and Behavioral Needs (ISFC-SEBN), and
- Intensive Services Foster Care for Children with Special Health Care Needs (ISFC-SHCN).

Prospective Contractors and Interested Parties are invited to attend a Foster Care Placement Services Stakeholder meeting scheduled on June 29, 2017, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at: Hacienda Heights Community Center, 1234 Valencia Avenue, Hacienda Heights, CA, 91745. The day will be divided into two sessions as follows:

- 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. to discuss the STRTP program, and
- 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. to discuss the FFA, FFA-ESC, ISFC-SEBN, and ISFC-SHCN programs.

Prospective Contractors and Interested Parties are requested to provide written comments and questions via email to "FCPS Analyst" at: fcps@dcfs.lacounty.gov or at the Foster Care Placement Services Stakeholder meeting.

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All comments received at the Foster Care Placement Services Stakeholder meeting and by email before 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 6, 2017, will be reviewed by DCFS and Probation. Revisions to the proposed contract services and requirements may be made based on the comments received.

Following the closing of the comment period, DCFS and Probation will compile all comments or questions received and intend to release a "Questions and Answers" document, without reference to the author or provider of each comment, during the week of July 17, 2017 on DCFS' website at: <http://contracts.dcfs.lacounty.gov/>. The County will not respond specifically to any individual comment submitted. This will initiate another comment submission period in addition to a second Foster Care Placement Services Stakeholder meeting tentatively scheduled on August 3, 2017 (location to be determined).

This request for comments should not, in any way, be construed as contract negotiations or steps leading to contract negotiation with the County. All comments become the property of DCFS and may be used at DCFS' discretion. The information available for viewing is subject to DCFS' revision and may not represent the final contract services and requirements.

DCFS and Probation intend to release the FCPS RFSQ solicitation for new FCPS Contracts effective January 1, 2019, on or about September 5, 2017 on DCFS' website at: <http://contracts.dcfs.lacounty.gov/> (Open for Public Comment); and on the County's website at: <http://camisvr.co.la.ca.us/lacobids/BidLookUp/BidOpenStart.asp>. Please click on "List by Department" and select "Children & Family Services / Adoption" from the drop-down menu.

The posting of the proposed contract services and requirements for public comments shall in no way obligate the County or any of its departments to issue a formal solicitation, negotiate a contract, or in any way obtain the services of Foster Care Placement Services providers.

We thank you in advance for your interest and comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eddie Ota". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Eddie Ota, Section Manager
Contracts Administration Division

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