Child Safety in Substitute Care Independent Review

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Procuring the Independent Reviewer

Opportunity Notice # DASPS-2534-15	*Opens 12/2/15*	*Closes 12/18/15*

On Dec. 2, 2015 the Department of Administrative Services procurement office posted a contracting opportunity. DAS is seeking a contractor to perform an independent review and assessment of the Department of Human Services (DHS) child foster care system. The contracting opportunity posted described the reasons an independent review is necessary and instructions on how potential contractors can submit a proposal for review.

Per Oregon Revised Statute 279B.060, the Opportunity Notice was published on the Oregon Procurement Information Network (ORPIN). It was also distributed to the following twelve firms:

1. The Child Welfare Policy and Practice Group
2. Cognosante, LLC
3. CSG Government Solutions, Inc.
4. James Bell Associates
5. JK Elder and Associates
6. KPMG, LLP
7. Liberty Healthcare Corporation
8. Maximus, Inc.
9. Public Knowledge, LLC
10. Public Catalyst
11. Center for the Study of Social Policy
12. National Council on Crime & Delinquency, Children's Research Center

Two firms submitted completed proposals for review. A review committee has started the evaluation of the two proposals. The review committee includes people from DHS, DAS, the Governor's Office and one volunteer reviewer from the external advisory committee for the child safety in substitute care independent review. The selection process is guided by a "best value analysis." In general, the review committee will evaluate proposals based on the following criteria:

a) Demonstrated skill and experience relevant to the project
b) Demonstrated experience in public health and human services
c) Proposed approach to the Project and Services
d) Past performance
e) Availability
f) Price

To make an informed decision, it may be necessary to conduct supplemental evaluations. For this reason, the committee may reach out to entities that have submitted proposals to gather additional information and discuss specifics of a proposal. If this should occur, the DAS procurement office will amend the contracting opportunity posted to include these additional next steps.

Procurement Timing

Contract opportunity published	December 2, 2015
Contract opportunity closes	December 18, 2015
Review committee evaluation	Begins December 29, 2015
Proposal selection and negotiation	Begins the week of January 4, 2016