

Instructions

This Response Template must be used for submission of written questions. All questions should provide the requested information. Those that do not, may not be answered by DHS. The Vendor may add as many lines as needed. DHS would strongly prefer the Vendor to ask multi-part questions as individual questions on seperate lines.

Instructions: Complete all cells of each question asked in the Table below. Clearly identify the referenced section or text.

Question ID	RFP Reference (page number, section number, paragraph)	Specific RFP Language	Question	Answers
Example	Page 7, section 1.15, C	J. Vendors may submit multiple bid	May vendors submit more than one bid?	yes See section 1.15, J
1			We are wanting to bid on Private License Placement Agency when it opens and was wondering it this "Specialized Private License Placement Agency" bid is the same. Not sure what that is for.	The Private License Placement Agency contract is not set to renew for another five (5) years. This contract is designed to serve a specific population as defined in the performance indicators. That population includes large sibling groups of three or more, as well as youth transitioning out of QRTP (Qualified Residential Treatment Program).
2			Do you anticipate extending the bid due date?	No.
3			What additional details are you willing to provide, if any, beyond what is stated in bid documents concerning how you will identify the winning bid	The awarding process has been outlined in the RFP in Section 1.19. Award Process
4			Was this bid posted to the nationwide free bid notification website at www.mygovwatch.com	No.
5			Other than your own website, where was this bid posted?	This bid was posted on the following websites: https://humanservices.arkansas.gov/ab-out-dhs/op/procurement-announcements http://www.arkansas.gov/dfa/procurement/bids/index.php

6			<p>We have been operating as a "Family -Style" foster home with a House Mom who works 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for the last 3 years. We have always been in compliance with DHS, DCFS and our licensing specialist. The major differences I see in becoming a PLPA agency is that they deal more with DCFS and the Family Service Workers instead of DHS. We have been transporting our children to most of their doctor appointments and sometimes visits with their families. Do you know of any major differences we should be concerning about?</p>	<p>Per the contract indicators, any agency who bids for this contract must be an approved Private License Placement Agency through the Child Welfare Licensing Review Board. Private License Placement Agency means recruitment, training, and support of foster families. This contract is not related to Family Style Residential. DCFS is a division of DHS.</p>
7			<p>Is this RFP only for private providers to apply for? We are curious if we would even be eligible to be considered.</p>	<p>Per the contract indicators, any agency who bids for this contract must be an approved Private License Placement Agency through the Child Welfare Licensing Review Board. DCFS expects that the any bidder awarded this contract would be recruiting, training, and supporting foster families who take foster children from DCFS underneath the outlined requirements of the types of foster families that are needed to care for a specific population.</p>
8	Page 2, section 1.1	The vendor shall accept referrals statewide.	<p>Do you intend for us to recruit statewide or just take referrals statewide?</p>	<p>Recruitment statewide would be dependent upon the areas of greatest need for specialized foster home recruitment. It is possible that referrals could be statewide; however, it would be a guided discussion based on needs of the children because we want to keep children and youth in their home county or as close to their home county as possible. For example, we would be looking at areas that have a lower bed-to-child ratio and the larger siblings groups and children who are transitioning from QRTP. There may be areas of the state in which this specialized recruitment doesn't have an immediate need.</p>
9	Page 13, Section 2.3 of Scope of Work	The contractor shall provide statewide services in compliance with the minimum licensing standards for the childwelfare agencies...	<p>Do you intend for us to recruit statewide or just take referrals statewide?</p>	<p>See answer above (#8).</p>

10			Just making sure we are correct, we should be looking online for the PLPA bid not the SPLPA (Special Private Licensing Agency) Correct?	The Private License Placement Agency contract is not set to renew for another five (5) years. This contract is designed to serve a specific population as defined in the performance indicators. That population includes large sibling groups of three or more, as well as youth transitioning out of QRTP (Qualified Residential Treatment Program).
11			If the board payment is going to the foster family once you are an open and approved private license placement agency that is fine but it has to go directly to the foster parents through our system. However, on 6-30-2020 if you are not open and approved PLPA and the home is not open as such in our system we wont be able to maintain placements. Is this correct?	Board payments have nothing to do with this contract.