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MATERNAL INFANT EARLY CHILDHOOD HOME VISITING (MIECHV) GRANT NEEDS ASSESSMENTS

RFP 200000533

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THE DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S SECTION OF WOMEN'S CHILDREN'S AND FAMILY HEALTH (WCFH) IS SEEKING A CONTRACTOR TO EVALUATE AND SUPPORT THE COMPLETION OF NEEDS ASSESSMENTS REQUIRED FOR BOTH THE MATERNAL INFANT EARLY CHILDHOOD HOME VISITING (MIECHV) GRANT, AND THE TITLE V MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH (MCH) BLOCK GRANT

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SECTION 1. INTRODUCTION & INSTRUCTIONS

SEC. 1.01 PURPOSE OF THE RFP

The department of Health and Social Services, Division of Public Health's Section of Women's Children's and Family Health (WCFH), is soliciting proposals for a contractor to conduct a statewide needs assessment to fulfill a Supplemental Information Request (SIR) for their federal Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) funded Maternal Infant Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) program. This will also support the completion of the HRSA -required Title V Maternal Child Health Block Grant needs assessment.

SEC. 1.02 BUDGET

The Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Public Health, Section of Women's Children's and Family Health (WCFH) estimates a budget of \$213,944 dollars for completion of this project. Proposals priced at more than \$213,944 dollars will be considered non-responsive. Of the total budgeted amount, \$170,944 is available for the MIECHV scope of work and deliverables. Cost proposals exceeding \$170,944 for MIECHV will be considered non-responsive. There is \$43,000 of the total budgeted amount available for the Title V deliverables. Cost proposals exceeding \$43,000 for Title V will be considered non-responsive.

Payment for the contract is subject to funds already appropriated and identified.

SEC. 1.03 DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF PROPOSALS

Proposals must be received no later than 4:00pm prevailing Alaska Time on Friday, January 3, 2020. Emailed proposals are acceptable. Faxed or oral proposals are not acceptable.

Late proposals or amendments will be disqualified and not opened or accepted for evaluation.

SEC. 1.04 PRIOR EXPERIENCE

In order for offers to be considered responsive, offerors must meet and provide evidence of these minimum prior experience requirements:

- A minimum of three (3) years of experience as a health program evaluator.
- Two (2) references from previous employers with a minimum of one client that is a federal, state or local health entity.

Note: Please provide the start and end dates, including month and year, in which the minimum requirements were satisfied.

An offeror's failure to meet these minimum prior experience requirements may cause their proposal to be considered non-responsive and their proposal may be rejected.

SEC. 1.05 REQUIRED REVIEW

Offerors should carefully review this solicitation for defects and questionable or objectionable material. Comments concerning defects and objectionable material must be made in writing and received by the procurement officer at least ten days before the deadline for receipt of proposals. This will allow time for the

issuance of any necessary amendments. It will also help prevent the opening of a defective solicitation and exposure of offeror's proposals upon which award could not be made. Protests based on any omission or error, or on the content of the solicitation, will be disallowed if these faults have not been brought to the attention of the procurement officer, in writing, at least ten days before the deadline for receipt of proposals.

SEC. 1.06 QUESTIONS PRIOR TO DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF PROPOSALS

All questions must be in writing and directed to the procurement officer. The interested party must confirm telephone conversations in writing. Deadline for receipt of questions is 4:00PM Friday, December 20, 2019.

Two types of questions generally arise. One may be answered by directing the questioner to a specific section of the RFP. These questions may be answered over the telephone. Other questions may be more complex and may require a written amendment to the RFP. The procurement officer will make that decision.

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SEC. 1.07 RETURN INSTRUCTIONS

Email Submission

The preferred method of response submission to this solicitation is via email addressed to hss.procurement.proposal@alaska.gov.

The technical proposal and cost proposal must be saved as separate pdf documents. Attachments must be clearly labeled such as “vendor a – technical proposal.pdf” and “vendor a – cost proposal.pdf” (vendor a is the name of the offeror). The subject line of the email must contain the RFP number and solicitation Title as follows:

Subject: RFP 200000533 Maternal Infant Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Grant Needs Assessments

In the body of the email, please indicate the Procurement Officer’s name, the Offeror’s name, the number of attachments, and the names of the attachments being submitted.

The maximum size of a single email (including all text and attachments) that can be received by the State is 20mb (megabytes). If the email containing the proposal exceeds this size, the proposal must be sent in multiple emails that are each less than 20 megabytes; each email must comply with the requirements above. Please also include an indication of multiple email submissions (1 of 2, 2 of 2, etc.)

It is the offeror’s responsibility to ensure that the Procurement Officer has received the proposal in full, prior to the deadline. The Procurement Officer will respond to the email to confirm receipt. If you do not receive a confirmation, it is your responsibility to contact the Procurement Officer to confirm. The State is not responsible for lost, unreadable, or corrupt emails, or missing attachments.

An offeror’s failure to submit its proposal prior to the deadline will cause the proposal to be disqualified. Late proposals or amendments will not be opened or accepted for evaluation.

The State of Alaska provides one Request for Proposal (RFP). Additional RFPs may be purchased for the cost of reproduction, \$.25 per page.

SEC. 1.08 PROPOSAL CONTENTS

The following information must be included in all proposals.

(a) AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

All proposals must be signed by an individual authorized to bind the offeror to the provisions of the RFP. Proposals must remain open and valid for at least 90-days from the date set as the deadline for receipt of proposals.

(b) OFFEROR'S CERTIFICATION

By signature on the proposal, offerors certify that they comply with the following:

- A. the laws of the State of Alaska;
- B. the applicable portion of the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964;
- C. the Equal Employment Opportunity Act and the regulations issued thereunder by the federal government;
- D. the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the regulations issued thereunder by the federal government;
- E. all terms and conditions set out in this RFP;
- F. a condition that the proposal submitted was independently arrived at, without collusion, under penalty of perjury;
- G. that the offers will remain open and valid for at least 90 days; and
- H. that programs, services, and activities provided to the general public under the resulting contract conform with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and the regulations issued thereunder by the federal government.

If any offeror fails to comply with [A] through [H] of this paragraph, the state reserves the right to disregard the proposal, terminate the contract, or consider the contractor in default.

(c) VENDOR TAX ID

A valid Vendor Tax ID must be submitted to the issuing office with the proposal or within five days of the state's request.

(d) CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Each proposal shall include a statement indicating whether or not the firm or any individuals working on the contract has a possible conflict of interest (e.g., currently employed by the State of Alaska or formerly employed by the State of Alaska within the past two years) and, if so, the nature of that conflict. The Commissioner of the Department of Health and Social Services reserves the right to **consider a proposal non-responsive and reject it**

or cancel the award if any interest disclosed from any source could either give the appearance of a conflict or cause speculation as to the objectivity of the program to be developed by the offeror. The Commissioner's determination regarding any questions of conflict of interest shall be final.

(e) FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS

The offeror must identify all known federal requirements that apply to the proposal, the evaluation, or the contract.

SEC. 1.09 ASSISTANCE TO OFFERORS WITH A DISABILITY

Offerors with a disability may receive accommodation regarding the means of communicating this RFP or participating in the procurement process. For more information, contact the procurement officer no later than ten days prior to the deadline for receipt of proposals, Tuesday December 17, 2019, 4:00PM Alaska prevailing time.

SEC. 1.10 AMENDMENTS TO PROPOSALS

Amendments to or withdrawals of proposals will only be allowed if acceptable requests are received prior to the deadline that is set for receipt of proposals. No amendments or withdrawals will be accepted after the deadline unless they are in response to the state's request in accordance with 2 AAC 12.290.

SEC. 1.11 AMENDMENTS TO THE RFP

If an amendment is issued, it will be provided to all who were mailed a copy of the RFP and to those who have registered with the procurement officer after receiving the RFP from the State of Alaska Online Public Notice web site.

SEC. 1.12 RFP SCHEDULE

The RFP schedule set out herein represents the State of Alaska's best estimate of the schedule that will be followed. If a component of this schedule, such as the deadline for receipt of proposals, is delayed, the rest of the schedule may be shifted by the same number of days.

- Issue RFP Thursday December 5, 2019
- Receipt of questions deadline is Friday December 20, 2019
- Receipt of Proposals deadline is Friday January 3, 2020
- Proposal Evaluation Committee completed by Friday January 10, 2020,
- State of Alaska issues Notice of Intent to Award Contract Monday January 17, 2020,
- State of Alaska issues contract Monday January 27, 2020,
- Contract start Monday February 3, 2020.

This RFP does not, by itself, obligate the state. The state's obligation will commence when the contract is approved by the Commissioner of the Department of Health and Social Services, or the Commissioner's

designee. Upon written notice to the contractor, the state may set a different starting date for the contract. The state will not be responsible for any work done by the contractor, even work done in good faith, if it occurs prior to the contract start date set by the state.

SEC. 1.13 ALTERNATE PROPOSALS

Offerors may only submit one proposal for evaluation.

In accordance with 2 AAC 12.830 alternate proposals (proposals that offer something different than what is asked for) will be rejected.

SEC. 1.14 NEWS RELEASES

News releases related to this RFP will not be made without prior approval of the project director.

SECTION 2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

SEC. 2.01 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Division of Public Health, Section of Women’s, Children’s and Family Health, is seeking a contractor to conduct a statewide needs assessment to identify at-risk communities, understand the needs of families, and assess services in the early childhood system. This needs assessment may reveal population trends, identify areas of increasing or decreasing risk, and outline resources to support families in need. The results of this assessment will inform strategic internal decision making and will identify opportunities for collaboration to strengthen and expand services for at-risk families in Alaska. This assessment will provide information for the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) program and the Title V Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Services Block Grant program for the State of Alaska.

The MIECHV Program is authorized by the Social Security Act, Title V, § 511(c) (42 U.S.C. § 711(c)) to support voluntary, evidence-based home visiting services for at-risk pregnant women and parents with young children up to kindergarten entry. The purpose of the MIECHV Program is to help prevent child abuse and neglect, support positive parenting, improve maternal and child health, and promote child development and school readiness through the provision of home visiting. The MIECHV Program gives pregnant women and families, particularly those considered at-risk, necessary resources and skills to raise children who are physically, socially, and emotionally healthy and ready to learn.

The [Title V MCH Block Grant program](#) is a key source of support for promoting and improving the health and well-being of Alaska’s mothers, children (including children with special needs), and their families. The Section of Women’s, Children’s, and Family Health is the State of Alaska agency for both MIECHV and Title V.

Awardees of the MIECHV and Title V MCH Block Grant programs are mandated by federal law to conduct needs assessments. Title V MCH Block Grant programs are required to conduct a statewide needs assessment every five years with the last one being completed in 2015. MIECHV programs are required to complete a statewide needs assessment update. The last MIECHV needs assessment was conducted in 2010. Both needs assessments are due in 2020, thus awardees have a unique opportunity to leverage and align key activities of the needs assessments. Combining efforts to gather the information and data required for both needs assessments will help leverage resources across the two programs and align the data collected by each to better meet the needs of women, infants, and children in Alaska. Coordinating the two needs assessments, which is also required by law, will help avoid duplication of effort and strengthen a statewide approach to addressing the needs of young children and their families.

SECTION 3. SCOPE OF WORK & CONTRACT INFORMATION

SEC. 3.01 SCOPE OF WORK

The Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Public Health's Section of Women's Children's and Family Health (WCFH), is soliciting proposals for a consultant to conduct a statewide needs assessment of the early childhood system in Alaska in cooperation with the MIECHV Program Manager, Title V MCH Director, MIECHV Data Analyst, and other program staff within WCFH. The needs assessment will also include a specific qualitative data and resource analysis on maternal depression.

The consultant will collect and analyze data through a variety of methods. Data analyzed will include, but is not limited to: publicly available datasets, datasets provided by HRSA, primary qualitative data collected directly by the consultant, and de-identified MIECHV program data provided by the MIECHV Data Analyst as available. With those data, the consultant will identify communities with concentrations of risk, identify the quality and capacity of existing programs or initiatives for early childhood home visiting in the state, discuss the state's capacity for providing substance abuse treatment and counseling services to individuals and families in need of such treatment or services, and coordinate and take into account requirements in the Title V MCH Block Grant, Head Start Act, and Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act.

SEC. 3.02 CONTRACT TERM AND WORK SCHEDULE

The length of the contract will be from the date of award, approximately Monday February 3, 2020 through September 30, 2020

The approximate contract schedule is as follows:

Title V:

- First draft of deliverables related to Title V will be due to State by 4/30/2020
- Final report of deliverables related to Title V will be due 5/29/2020

MIECHV:

- First draft of deliverables related to MIECHV will be due to State by 7/30/2020
- Final report of deliverables related to MIECHV will be due by 8/31/2020

Unless otherwise provided in this RFP, the State and the successful offeror/contractor agree: (1) that any holding over of the contract excluding any exercised renewal options, will be considered as a month-to-month extension, and all other terms and conditions shall remain in full force and effect and (2) to provide written notice to the other party of the intent to cancel such month-to-month extension at least 30-days before the desired date of cancellation.

SEC. 3.03 DELIVERABLES

The contractor will be required to provide the following deliverables:

A single eight month contract is being solicited to accomplish goals and deliverables of the Title V MCH Block Grant Program and the MIECHV Program. It is expected that the contractor will integrate components of both federally-required Needs Assessments, with instruction from WCFH to align these processes. A final written report summarizing findings related to the Title V 2020 Needs Assessment must be completed and submitted to WCFH by May 29, 2020. The MIECHV Needs Assessment Update written report must be finalized and submitted to WCFH by August 31, 2020.

Methods used for the Needs Assessment may include conducting focus groups and key informant interviews, statistical data analyses, environmental scans, and other tools. Please see <https://www.mchneeds.net/> for helpful resources specific to conducting needs assessments of the MCH population.

Specific deliverables that must be included in the MIECHV needs assessment written report to be submitted to WCFH by August 31, 2020 are:

1. Identify communities (defined as county or county equivalents) with concentrations of risk, including:
 - a. Premature birth, low-birth weight infants, infant mortality, including infant death due to neglect, other indicators of at-risk prenatal, maternal, newborn, or child health
 - b. Poverty
 - c. Crime
 - d. Domestic violence
 - e. High rates of high-school drop-outs
 - f. Substance abuse
 - g. Unemployment
 - h. Child maltreatment

The needs assessment update must include a list of at-risk communities. The contractor will work with the State to determine which of the following two methods to identify these communities is most feasible:

- a. Modified simplified method with additional indicators, domains of risk, and/or sub-county geographic data aligned with statutorily-defined risk factors
 - b. Independent method that includes the use of rigorous methods to collect new data and/or statistical methods to analyze data that are different from the methodology used in the simplified method.
2. Identify the quality and capacity of existing programs or initiatives for early childhood home visiting in the state.
 - a. Include:
 - The number and types of programs and the numbers of individuals and families who are receiving services under such programs or initiatives.
 - The gaps in early childhood home visitation in the State.
 - The extent to which such programs or initiatives are meeting the needs of eligible families.

3. Discuss the State’s capacity for providing substance abuse treatment and counseling services to individuals and families in need of such treatment or services. Inventory currently available services.
4. Inventory current unmet needs and current community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities to prevent child abuse and neglect, and other family resource services operating in the State. Identify the needs of women experiencing maternal depression and other co-occurring disorders and the quality and capacity of existing programs and resources in Alaska to address these needs.
5. Two separate sections must be submitted by the August 31, 2020 deadline to WCFH:
 - a. A needs assessment update narrative that describes the methodological process and the findings from the update, and does not exceed 50 pages excluding appendixes.
 - b. A completed needs assessment data summary (excel file).

The deliverable documents **must** include all required sections as described above and within the Needs Assessment Supplemental Information Request OMB No: 0906-0038.

<https://mchb.hrsa.gov/sites/default/files/mchb/MaternalChildHealthInitiatives/HomeVisiting/miechv-needs-assessment-update-sir.pdf>

Title V Needs Assessment Deliverables include:

Following a statewide online public needs assessment survey to be completed by the State, the contractor will work with WCFH to provide the following deliverables for the Title V MCH Block Grant needs assessment:

1. Review existing MCH priorities, including DHSS, Department, Division and Section (WCFH) strategic plans;
2. Use quantitative and qualitative methods to assess the strengths and needs of the infant, early childhood, adolescent, children with special health care needs, and maternal health populations in Alaska;
3. Organize internal and external needs assessment leadership structure based on Title V MCH Block Grant work, with assistance from Title V Coordinator;
4. Facilitate a Needs Assessment Leadership meeting in March 2020 to finalize state priority needs;
5. Use an adapted Hanlon method prioritization matrix for scoring health priorities for each MCH population;
6. Generate a report of the Title V MCH Block Grant Needs Assessment results (see itemized list of contents for this report below).

The final written report (not to exceed 20 pages) due to WCFH in by May 29, 2020 should include:

Description of the overall process/methodologies used:

1. Goals, framework and methodology that guided the Needs Assessment process;
2. Level and extent of stakeholder involvement, including families, individuals and family-led organizations;
3. Quantitative and qualitative methods that were used,
4. MCH program capacity and supportive partnerships/collaborations;
5. Data sources utilized;

6. Findings related to population health status for maternal, perinatal/infant, children, adolescent, and children with special health care needs populations, based on the quantitative and qualitative analyses conducted;
7. Findings related to quality and capacity of programs and organizations that serve these populations. These should be organized in the following way:
 - a. Other Maternal Child Health Bureau investments
 - b. Other Federal investments (e.g., ACF, CDC and USDA-funded programs, such as immunizations, infant and child death reviews and WIC);
 - c. Other HRSA programs (e.g., community health centers and HIV/AIDS/AIDS programs and Area Health Education Centers);
 - d. State and local MCH programs (e.g., local health departments and urban MCH programs);
 - e. Other programs within the State Department of Health (e.g., chronic disease, prevention and health promotion, immunization, vital records and health statistics, injury prevention, behavioral and mental health and substance abuse);
 - f. Other governmental agencies (e.g., Medicaid, CHIP, Education, Social Services/Child Welfare, Social Security Administration, Corrections and Vocational Rehabilitation Services);
 - g. Tribes, Tribal Organizations and Urban Indian Organizations;
 - h. Public health and health professional educational programs and universities; and
 - i. Other state and local public and private organizations that serve the state's MCH population.

Information about the methodology and findings of the 2015 Title V MCH Block Grant Needs Assessment process can be found here:

https://grants6.tvisdata.hrsa.gov/uploadedfiles/StateSubmittedFiles/2016/AK/AK_TitleV_PrintVersion.pdf

A crosswalk of the MIECHV and Title V MCH Block Grant Needs Assessments is available here:

<https://mchb.hrsa.gov/sites/default/files/mchb/MaternalChildHealthInitiatives/HomeVisiting/crosswalk-miechv-vmch.pdf>.

While the purposes and requirements of the two needs assessments are different, the activities undertaken to meet the requirements of each overlap significantly as both have overlapping requirements related to identification of need for services for pregnant women and young children.

States are responsible for determining the process that serves them best for conducting the Five-Year Needs Assessment for the Title V MCH Block Grant program, however the requirements for the needs assessment report are described in the following document:

<https://grants6.tvisdata.hrsa.gov/uploadedfiles/Documents/blockgrantguidance.pdf>. See section III.

Components of the Application/Annual Report, C. Needs Assessment on page 17.

SEC. 3.04 CONTRACT TYPE

This contract is a firm fixed priced contract.

SEC. 3.05 PROPOSED PAYMENT PROCEDURES

The State will make payments after each successful completion of deliverable identified in the cost proposal. The invoice must delineate time and cost spent on the MIECHV and Title V deliverables. They must be tracked separately. No payment will be made until a progress report and invoice has been approved by the MIECHV Program Manager and Title V Block Grant Coordinator. All billing for the MIECHV Needs Assessment is due by 9/30/20, and all invoicing for the Title V portion will be due on 6/30/20.

SEC. 3.06 CONTRACT PAYMENT

No payment will be made until the contract is approved by the Commissioner of the Department of Health and Social Services or the Commissioner's designee. Under no conditions will the state be liable for the payment of any interest charges associated with the cost of the contract.

The state is not responsible for and will not pay local, state, or federal taxes. All costs associated with the contract must be stated in U.S. currency.

SEC. 3.07 LOCATION OF WORK

The state will not provide workspace for the contractor. The contractor must provide its own workspace. The contractor will be available to attend meetings with WCFH, either in-person or via teleconference.

By signature on their proposal, the offeror certifies that all services provided under this contract by the contractor and all subcontractors shall be performed in the United States.

If the offeror cannot certify that all work will be performed in the United States, the offeror must contact the procurement officer in writing to request a waiver at least 10 days prior to the deadline for receipt of proposals.

The request must include a detailed description of the portion of work that will be performed outside the United States, where, by whom, and the reason the waiver is necessary.

Failure to comply with these requirements may cause the state to reject the proposal as non-responsive, or cancel the contract.

SEC. 3.08 SUBCONTRACTORS

Subcontractors will not be allowed for this work.

SEC. 3.09 RIGHT TO INSPECT PLACE OF BUSINESS

At reasonable times, the state may inspect those areas of the contractor's place of business that are related to the performance of a contract. If the state makes such an inspection, the contractor must provide reasonable assistance.

SEC. 3.10 F.O.B. POINT

All goods purchased through this contract will be F.O.B. final destination. Unless specifically stated otherwise, all prices offered must include the delivery costs to any location within the State of Alaska.

SEC. 3.11 CONTRACT PERSONNEL

Any change of the project team members or subcontractors named in the proposal must be approved, in advance and in writing, by the project director. Personnel changes that are not approved by the state may be grounds for the state to terminate the contract.

SEC. 3.12 INSPECTION & MODIFICATION - REIMBURSEMENT FOR UNACCEPTABLE DELIVERABLES

The contractor is responsible for the completion of all work set out in the contract. All work is subject to inspection, evaluation, and approval by the project director. The state may employ all reasonable means to ensure that the work is progressing and being performed in compliance with the contract. The project director may instruct the contractor to make corrections or modifications if needed in order to accomplish the contract's intent. The contractor will not unreasonably withhold such changes.

Substantial failure of the contractor to perform the contract may cause the state to terminate the contract. In this event, the state may require the contractor to reimburse monies paid (based on the identified portion of unacceptable work received) and may seek associated damages.

SEC. 3.13 CONTRACT CHANGES - UNANTICIPATED AMENDMENTS

During the course of this contract, the contractor may be required to perform additional work. That work will be within the general scope of the initial contract. When additional work is required, the project director will provide the contractor a written description of the additional work and request the contractor to submit a firm time schedule for accomplishing the additional work and a firm price for the additional work. Cost and pricing data must be provided to justify the cost of such amendments per AS 36.30.400.

The contractor will not commence additional work until the project director has secured any required state approvals necessary for the amendment and issued a written contract amendment, approved by the Commissioner of the Department of Health and Social Services or the Commissioner's designee.

SEC. 3.14 NONDISCLOSURE AND CONFIDENTIALITY

Contractor agrees that all confidential information shall be used only for purposes of providing the deliverables and performing the services specified herein and shall not disseminate or allow dissemination of confidential information except as provided for in this section. The contractor shall hold as confidential and will use reasonable care (including both facility physical security and electronic security) to prevent unauthorized access by, storage, disclosure, publication, dissemination to and/or use by third parties of, the confidential information. "Reasonable care" means compliance by the contractor with all applicable federal and state law, including the Social Security Act and HIPAA. The contractor must promptly notify the state in writing if it becomes aware of any storage, disclosure, loss, unauthorized access to or use of the confidential information.

Confidential information, as used herein, means any data, files, software, information or materials (whether prepared by the state or its agents or advisors) in oral, electronic, tangible or intangible form and however stored, compiled or memorialized that is classified confidential as defined by State of Alaska classification and categorization guidelines provided by the state to the contractor or a contractor agent or otherwise made

available to the contractor or a contractor agent in connection with this contract, or acquired, obtained or learned by the contractor or a contractor agent in the performance of this contract. Examples of confidential information include, but are not limited to: technology infrastructure, architecture, financial data, trade secrets, equipment specifications, user lists, passwords, research data, and technology data (infrastructure, architecture, operating systems, security tools, IP addresses, etc.)

Additional information that the contractor shall hold as confidential during the performance of services under this contract include:

- Focus group or key informant interview participants may divulge protected health information during those conversations. This information must be kept confidential by the Contractor

If confidential information is requested to be disclosed by the contractor pursuant to a request received by a third party and such disclosure of the confidential information is required under applicable state or federal law, regulation, governmental or regulatory authority, the contractor may disclose the confidential information after providing the state with written notice of the requested disclosure (to the extent such notice to the state is permitted by applicable law) and giving the state opportunity to review the request. If the contractor receives no objection from the state, it may release the confidential information within 30 days. Notice of the requested disclosure of confidential information by the contractor must be provided to the state within a reasonable time after the contractor's receipt of notice of the requested disclosure and, upon request of the state, shall seek to obtain legal protection from the release of the confidential information.

The following information shall not be considered confidential information: information previously known to be public information when received from the other party; information freely available to the general public; information which now is or hereafter becomes publicly known by other than a breach of confidentiality hereof; or information which is disclosed by a party pursuant to subpoena or other legal process and which as a result becomes lawfully obtainable by the general public.

SEC. 3.15 INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

The successful offeror must provide proof of workers' compensation insurance prior to contract approval.

The successful offeror must secure the insurance coverage required by the state. The coverage must be satisfactory to the Department of Administration Division of Risk Management. An offeror's failure to provide evidence of such insurance coverage is a material breach and grounds for withdrawal of the award or termination of the contract.

Offerors must review form APPENDIX B1, attached, for details on required coverage. No alteration of these requirements will be permitted without prior written approval from the Department of Administration, Division of Risk Management. Objections to any of the requirements in APPENDIX B1 must be set out in the offeror's proposal.

SEC. 3.16 TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT

If the project director determines that the contractor has refused to perform the work or has failed to perform the work with such diligence as to ensure its timely and accurate completion, the state may, by providing

written notice to the contractor, terminate the contractor's right to proceed with part or all of the remaining work.

- 1) This clause does not restrict the state's termination rights under the contract provisions in SECTION 8. ATTACHMENTS / EXHIBITS Exhibit 1 - Standard Agreement Form - Appendix A.

SECTION 4. PROPOSAL FORMAT AND CONTENT

SEC. 4.01 PROPOSAL FORMAT AND CONTENT

The state discourages overly lengthy and costly proposals, however, in order for the state to evaluate proposals fairly and completely, offerors must follow the format set out in this RFP and provide all information requested.

SEC. 4.02 INTRODUCTION

Proposals must include the complete name and address of offeror's firm and the name, mailing address, and telephone number of the person the state should contact regarding the proposal.

Proposals must confirm that the offeror will comply with all provisions in this RFP; and, if applicable, provide notice that the firm qualifies as an Alaskan bidder. Proposals must be signed by a company officer empowered to bind the company. An offeror's failure to include these items in their proposals may cause proposal to be determined as non-responsive and the proposal may be rejected.

SEC. 4.03 UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROJECT

Offerors must provide comprehensive narrative statements that illustrate their understanding of the requirements of the project and the project schedule.

SEC. 4.04 METHODOLOGY USED FOR THE PROJECT

Offerors must provide comprehensive narrative statements that set out the methodology they intend to employ and illustrate how the methodology will serve to accomplish the work and meet the state's project schedule.

SEC. 4.05 MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE PROJECT

Offerors must provide comprehensive narrative statements that set out the management plan they intend to follow and illustrate how the plan will serve to accomplish the work and meet the state's project schedule.

SEC. 4.06 EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS

Offerors must provide an organizational chart specific to the personnel assigned to accomplish the work called for in this RFP; illustrate the lines of authority; designate the individual responsible and accountable for the completion of each component and deliverable of the RFP.

Offerors must provide a narrative description of the organization of the project team and a personnel roster that identifies each person who will actually work on the contract and provide the following information about each person listed:

- title,
- resume,
- location(s) where work will be performed,

Offerors must provide reference names and phone numbers for similar projects the offeror's firm has completed.

SEC. 4.07 BACKGROUND IN ANALYZING OR CONDUCTING MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH OR EARLY CHILDHOOD NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Offerors must provide comprehensive narrative statements that illustrate their background in analyzing or conducting needs assessments related to maternal child health or early childhood.

SEC. 4.08 COST PROPOSAL

Cost proposals must include cost per deliverable required. See Section 8, Attachment 3 – Offeror's Cost Proposal.

SEC. 4.09 EVALUATION CRITERIA

All proposals will be reviewed to determine if they are responsive. Proposals determined to be responsive will be evaluated using the criterion that is set out in Section 5. EVALUATION CRITERIA AND CONTRACTOR SELECTION.

An evaluation may not be based on discrimination due to the race, religion, color, national origin, sex, age, marital status, pregnancy, parenthood, disability, or political affiliation of the offeror.

SECTION 5. EVALUATION CRITERIA AND CONTRACTOR SELECTION

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF POINTS USED TO SCORE THIS PROPOSAL IS 1000

SEC. 5.01 UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROJECT 95 POINTS (9.5%)

Proposals will be evaluated against the questions set out below:

- 1) How well has the offeror demonstrated a thorough understanding of the purpose and scope of the project?
- 2) How well has the offeror identified pertinent issues and potential problems related to the project?
- 3) To what degree has the offeror demonstrated an understanding of the deliverables the state expects it to provide?
- 4) Has the offeror demonstrated an understanding of the state's time schedule and can meet it?

SEC. 5.02 METHODOLOGY USED FOR THE PROJECT 150 POINTS (15%)

Proposals will be evaluated against the questions set out below:

- 1) How comprehensive is the methodology and does it depict a logical approach to fulfilling the requirements of the RFP?
- 2) How well does the methodology match and achieve the objectives set out in the RFP?
- 3) Does the methodology interface with the time schedule in the RFP?

SEC. 5.03 MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE PROJECT 145 POINTS (14.5%)

Proposals will be evaluated against the questions set out below:

- 1) How well does the management plan support all of the project requirements and logically lead to the deliverables required in the RFP?
- 2) How well is accountability completely and clearly defined?
- 3) Is the organization of the project team clear?
- 4) How well does the management plan illustrate the lines of authority and communication?
- 5) To what extent does the offeror already have the hardware, software, equipment, and licenses necessary to perform the contract?
- 6) Does it appear that the offeror can meet the schedule set out in the RFP?
- 7) Has the offeror gone beyond the minimum tasks necessary to meet the objectives of the RFP?
- 8) To what degree is the proposal practical and feasible?
- 9) To what extent has the offeror identified potential problems?

SEC. 5.04 EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS 95 POINTS (9.5%)

Proposals will be evaluated against the questions set out below:

1) Questions regarding the personnel:

- a) Do the individuals assigned to the project have experience on similar projects and of similar statewide scope?
- b) Are resumes complete and do they demonstrate backgrounds that would be desirable for individuals engaged in the work the project requires, for example, do they demonstrate background knowledge and understanding of maternal child health issues and services in Alaska?
- c) How extensive is the applicable education and experience of the personnel designated to work on the project?

2) Questions regarding the firm and subcontractor (if used):

- a) How well has the firm demonstrated experience in completing similar projects on time and within budget?
- b) How successful is the general history of the firm regarding timely and successful completion of projects?
- c) Has the firm provided letters of reference from previous clients?
- d) If a subcontractor will perform work on the contract, how well do they measure up to the evaluation used for the offeror?

SEC. 5.05 BACKGROUND CONDUCTING NEEDS ASSESSMENTS IN MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH OR EARLY CHILDHOOD 15 POINTS (1.5%)

- a) Does the offeror have a background in analyzing or conducting needs assessment related to maternal child health or early childhood?

SEC. 5.06 CONTRACT COST 400 POINTS (40%)

Overall, a minimum of 40% of the total evaluation points will be assigned to cost. The cost amount used for evaluation may be affected by one or more of the preferences referenced under Section 6.12.

Converting Cost to Points

The lowest cost proposal will receive the maximum number of points allocated to cost. The point allocations for cost on the other proposals will be determined through the method set out in Section 6.15.

SEC. 5.07 ALASKA OFFEROR PREFERENCE 100 POINTS (10%)

If an offeror qualifies for the Alaska Bidder Preference, the offeror will receive an Alaska Offeror Preference. The preference will be 10% of the total available points. This amount will be added to the overall evaluation score of each Alaskan offeror.

SECTION 6. GENERAL PROCESS INFORMATION

SEC. 6.01 INFORMAL DEBRIEFING

When the contract is completed, an informal debriefing may be performed at the discretion of the project director. If performed, the scope of the debriefing will be limited to the work performed by the contractor.

SEC. 6.02 ALASKA BUSINESS LICENSE AND OTHER REQUIRED LICENSES

Prior to the award of a contract, an offeror must hold a valid Alaska business license. However, in order to receive the Alaska Bidder Preference and other related preferences, such as the Alaska Veteran and Alaska Offeror Preference, an offeror must hold a valid Alaska business license prior to the deadline for receipt of proposals. Offerors should contact the **Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, Division of Corporations, Business, and Professional Licensing, PO Box 110806, Juneau, Alaska 99811-0806**, for information on these licenses. Acceptable evidence that the offeror possesses a valid Alaska business license may consist of any one of the following:

- copy of an Alaska business license;
- certification on the proposal that the offeror has a valid Alaska business license and has included the license number in the proposal;
- a canceled check for the Alaska business license fee;
- a copy of the Alaska business license application with a receipt stamp from the state's occupational licensing office; or
- a sworn and notarized statement that the offeror has applied and paid for the Alaska business license.

You are not required to hold a valid Alaska business license at the time proposals are opened if you possess one of the following licenses and are offering services or supplies under that specific line of business:

- fisheries business licenses issued by Alaska Department of Revenue or Alaska Department of Fish and Game,
- liquor licenses issued by Alaska Department of Revenue for alcohol sales only,
- insurance licenses issued by Alaska Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, Division of Insurance, or
- Mining licenses issued by Alaska Department of Revenue.

Prior the deadline for receipt of proposals, all offerors must hold any other necessary applicable professional licenses required by Alaska Statute.

SEC. 6.03 SITE INSPECTION

The state may conduct on-site visits to evaluate the offeror's capacity to perform the contract. An offeror must agree, at risk of being found non-responsive and having its proposal rejected, to provide the state reasonable

access to relevant portions of its work sites. Individuals designated by the procurement officer at the state's expense will make site inspection.

SEC. 6.04 CLARIFICATION OF OFFERS

In order to determine if a proposal is reasonably susceptible for award, communications by the procurement officer or the proposal evaluation committee (PEC) are permitted with an offeror to clarify uncertainties or eliminate confusion concerning the contents of a proposal. Clarifications may not result in a material or substantive change to the proposal. The evaluation by the procurement officer or the PEC may be adjusted as a result of a clarification under this section.

SEC. 6.05 DISCUSSIONS WITH OFFERORS

The state may conduct discussions with offerors in accordance with AS 36.30.240 and 2 AAC 12.290. The purpose of these discussions will be to ensure full understanding of the requirements of the RFP and proposal. Discussions will be limited to specific sections of the RFP or proposal identified by the procurement officer. Discussions will only be held with offerors who have submitted a proposal deemed reasonably susceptible for award by the procurement officer. Discussions, if held, will be after initial evaluation of proposals by the procurement officer or the PEC. If modifications are made as a result of these discussions they will be put in writing. Following discussions, the procurement officer may set a time for best and final proposal submissions from those offerors with whom discussions were held. Proposals may be reevaluated after receipt of best and final proposal submissions.

If an offeror does not submit a best and final proposal or a notice of withdrawal, the offeror's immediate previous proposal is considered the offeror's best and final proposal.

Offerors with a disability needing accommodation should contact the procurement officer prior to the date set for discussions so that reasonable accommodation can be made. Any oral modification of a proposal must be reduced to writing by the offeror.

SEC. 6.06 EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS

The procurement officer, or an evaluation committee made up of at least three state employees or public officials, will evaluate proposals. The evaluation will be based solely on the evaluation factors set out in SECTION 5. EVALUATION CRITERIA AND CONTRACTOR SELECTION.

After receipt of proposals, if there is a need for any substantial clarification or material change in the RFP, an amendment will be issued. The amendment will incorporate the clarification or change, and a new date and time established for new or amended proposals. Evaluations may be adjusted as a result of receiving new or amended proposals.

SEC. 6.07 CONTRACT NEGOTIATION

After final evaluation, the procurement officer may negotiate with the offeror of the highest-ranked proposal. Negotiations, if held, shall be within the scope of the request for proposals and limited to those items which would not have an effect on the ranking of proposals. If the highest-ranked offeror fails to provide necessary information for negotiations in a timely manner, or fails to negotiate in good faith, the state may terminate

negotiations and negotiate with the offeror of the next highest-ranked proposal. If contract negotiations are commenced, they may be held in the DHSS/FMS GRANTS AND CONTRACTS conference room on the 7TH floor of the STATE OFFICE Building in JUNEAU, Alaska.

If the contract negotiations take place in JUNEAU, Alaska, the offeror will be responsible for their travel and per diem expenses.

SEC. 6.08 FAILURE TO NEGOTIATE

If the selected offeror

- fails to provide the information required to begin negotiations in a timely manner; or
- fails to negotiate in good faith; or
- indicates they cannot perform the contract within the budgeted funds available for the project; or
- if the offeror and the state, after a good faith effort, simply cannot come to terms,

the state may terminate negotiations with the offeror initially selected and commence negotiations with the next highest ranked offeror.

SEC. 6.09 OFFEROR NOTIFICATION OF SELECTION

After the completion of contract negotiation the procurement officer will issue a written Notice of Intent to Award (NIA) and send copies to all offerors. The NIA will set out the names of all offerors and identify the proposal selected for award.

SEC. 6.10 PROTEST

AS 36.30.560 provides that an interested party may protest the content of the RFP.

An interested party is defined in 2 AAC 12.990(a) (7) as "an actual or prospective bidder or offeror whose economic interest might be affected substantially and directly by the issuance of a contract solicitation, the award of a contract, or the failure to award a contract."

If an interested party wishes to protest the content of a solicitation, the protest must be received, in writing, by the procurement officer at least ten days prior to the deadline for receipt of proposals.

AS 36.30.560 also provides that an interested party may protest the award of a contract or the proposed award of a contract.

If an offeror wishes to protest the award of a contract or the proposed award of a contract, the protest must be received, in writing, by the procurement officer within ten days after the date the Notice of Intent to Award the contract is issued.

A protester must have submitted a proposal in order to have sufficient standing to protest the proposed award of a contract. Protests must include the following information:

- the name, address, and telephone number of the protester;

- the signature of the protester or the protester's representative;
- identification of the contracting agency and the solicitation or contract at issue;
- a detailed statement of the legal and factual grounds of the protest including copies of relevant documents; and the form of relief requested.

Protests filed by telex or telegram are not acceptable because they do not contain a signature. Fax copies containing a signature are acceptable.

The procurement officer will issue a written response to the protest. The response will set out the procurement officer's decision and contain the basis of the decision within the statutory time limit in AS 36.30.580. A copy of the decision will be furnished to the protester by certified mail, fax or another method that provides evidence of receipt.

All offerors will be notified of any protest. The review of protests, decisions of the procurement officer, appeals, and hearings, will be conducted in accordance with the State Procurement Code (AS 36.30), Article 8 "Legal and Contractual Remedies."

SEC. 6.11 APPLICATION OF PREFERENCES

Certain preferences apply to all contracts for professional services, regardless of their dollar value. The Alaska Bidder, Alaska Veteran, and Alaska Offeror preferences are the most common preferences involved in the RFP process. Additional preferences that may apply to this procurement are listed below. Guides that contain excerpts from the relevant statutes and codes, explain when the preferences apply and provide examples of how to calculate the preferences are available at the **Department of Administration, Division of General Service's** web site:

<http://doa.alaska.gov/dgs/pdf/pref1.pdf>

- Alaska Products Preference - AS 36.30.332
- Recycled Products Preference - AS 36.30.337
- Local Agriculture and Fisheries Products Preference - AS 36.15.050
- Employment Program Preference - AS 36.30.321(b)
- Alaskans with Disabilities Preference - AS 36.30.321(d)
- Alaska Veteran's Preference - AS 36.30.321(f)

The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation in the Department of Labor and Workforce Development keeps a list of qualified employment programs and individuals who qualify as persons with a disability. As evidence of a business' or an individual's right to the Employment Program or Alaskans with Disabilities preferences, the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation will issue a certification letter. To take advantage of these preferences, a business or individual must be on the appropriate Division of Vocational Rehabilitation list prior to the time designated for receipt of proposals. Offerors must attach a copy of their certification letter to the proposal. **An**

offeror's failure to provide this certification letter with their proposal will cause the state to disallow the preference.

Sec. 6.12 ALASKA BIDDER PREFERENCE

An Alaska Bidder Preference of 5% will be applied to the price in the proposal. The preference will be given to an offeror who:

- 1) holds a current Alaska business license prior to the deadline for receipt of proposals;
- 2) submits a proposal for goods or services under the name appearing on the offeror's current Alaska business license;
- 3) has maintained a place of business within the state staffed by the offeror, or an employee of the offeror, for a period of six months immediately preceding the date of the proposal;
- 4) is incorporated or qualified to do business under the laws of the state, is a sole proprietorship and the proprietor is a resident of the state, is a limited liability company (LLC) organized under AS 10.50 and all members are residents of the state, or is a partnership under AS 32.06 or AS 32.11 and all partners are residents of the state; and
- 5) if a joint venture, is composed entirely of ventures that qualify under (1)-(4) of this subsection.

Alaska Bidder Preference Statement

In order to receive the Alaska Bidder Preference, the proposal must include a statement certifying that the offeror is eligible to receive the Alaska Bidder Preference.

If the offeror is a LLC or partnership as identified in (4) of this subsection, the statement must also identify each member or partner and include a statement certifying that all members or partners are residents of the state.

If the offeror is a joint venture which includes a LLC or partnership as identified in (4) of this subsection, the statement must also identify each member or partner of each LLC or partnership that is included in the joint venture and include a statement certifying that all of those members or partners are residents of the state.

SEC. 6.13 ALASKA VETERAN PREFERENCE

An Alaska Veteran Preference of 5%, not to exceed \$5,000, will be applied to the price in the proposal. The preference will be given to an offeror who qualifies under AS 36.30.990(2) as an Alaska bidder and is a:

- A. sole proprietorship owned by an Alaska veteran;
- B. partnership under AS 32.06 or AS 32.11 if a majority of the partners are Alaska veterans;
- C. limited liability company organized under AS 10.50 if a majority of the members are Alaska veterans; or
- D. corporation that is wholly owned by individuals, and a majority of the individuals are Alaska veterans.

Alaska Veteran Preference Statement

In order to receive the Alaska Veteran Preference, the proposal must include a statement certifying that the offeror is eligible to receive the Alaska Veteran Preference.

SEC. 6.14 ALASKA OFFEROR PREFERENCE

2 AAC 12.260(e) provides Alaska offerors a 10% overall evaluation point preference. Alaska bidders, as defined in AS 36.30.990(2), are eligible for the preference. An Alaska offeror will receive 10 percent of the total available points added to their overall evaluation score as a preference.

SEC. 6.15 FORMULA USED TO CONVERT COST TO POINTS

The distribution of points based on cost will be determined as set out in 2 AAC 12.260(c). The lowest cost proposal will receive the maximum number of points allocated to cost. The point allocations for cost on the other proposals will be determined using the formula:

$$[(\text{Price of Lowest Cost Proposal}) \times (\text{Maximum Points for Cost})] \div (\text{Cost of Each Higher Priced Proposal})$$

SEC. 6.16 EXAMPLES: CONVERTING COST TO POINTS & APPLYING PREFERENCES**(a) FORMULA USED TO CONVERT COST TO POINTS****STEP 1**

List all proposal prices, adjusted where appropriate by the application of applicable preferences claimed by the offeror.

Offeror #1	\$40,000
Offeror #2	\$42,750
Offeror #3	\$47,500

STEP 2

In this example, the RFP allotted 40% of the available 100 points to cost. This means that the lowest cost will receive the maximum number of points.

Offeror #1 receives 40 points.

The reason they receive that amount is because the lowest cost proposal, in this case \$40,000, receives the maximum number of points allocated to cost, 40 points.

Offeror #2 receives 37.4 points.

$$\$40,000 \text{ lowest cost} \times 40 \text{ maximum points for cost} = 1,600,000 \div \$42,750 \text{ cost of Offeror \#2's proposal} = 37.4$$

Offeror #3 receives 33.7 points.

$$\$40,000 \text{ lowest cost} \times 40 \text{ maximum points for cost} = 1,600,000 \div \$47,500 \text{ cost of Offeror \#3's proposal} = 33.7$$

(b) ALASKA OFFEROR PREFERENCE**STEP 1**

Determine the number of points available to qualifying offerors under this preference.

100 Total Points Available in RFP x 10% Alaska offerors preference = 10 Points for the Preference

STEP 2

Determine which offerors qualify as Alaska bidders and thus, are eligible for the Alaska offerors preference. For the purpose of this example, presume that all of the proposals have been completely evaluated based on the evaluation criteria in the RFP. The scores at this point are:

Offeror #1	83 points	No Preference	0 points
Offeror #2	74 points	Alaska Offerors Preference	10 points
Offeror #3	80 points	Alaska Offerors Preference	10 points

STEP 3

Add the applicable Alaska offerors preference amounts to the offeror's scores:

Offeror #1	83 points	
Offeror #2	84 points	(74 points + 10 points)
Offeror #3	90 points	(80 points + 10 points)

STEP 4

Offeror #3 is the highest scoring offeror and would get the award, provided their proposal is responsible and responsive.

SECTION 7. GENERAL LEGAL INFORMATION

SEC. 7.01 STANDARD CONTRACT PROVISIONS

The contractor will be required to sign and submit the State's Standard Agreement Form for Professional Services Contracts (form 02-093/Appendix A). This form is attached in SECTION 8. EXHIBITS / ATTACHMENTS for your review. The contractor must comply with the contract provisions set out in this attachment. No alteration of these provisions will be permitted without prior written approval from the Department of Law. Objections to any of the provisions in Appendix A must be set out in the offeror's proposal.

SEC. 7.02 PROPOSAL AS A PART OF THE CONTRACT

Part or all of this RFP and the successful proposal may be incorporated into the contract.

SEC. 7.03 ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The state reserves the right to add terms and conditions during contract negotiations. These terms and conditions will be within the scope of the RFP and will not affect the proposal evaluations.

SEC. 7.04 HUMAN TRAFFICKING

By signature on their proposal, the offeror certifies that the offeror is not established and headquartered or incorporated and headquartered in a country recognized as Tier 3 in the most recent United States Department of State's Trafficking in Persons Report.

The most recent United States Department of State's Trafficking in Persons Report can be found at the following website: <http://www.state.gov/j/tip/>

Failure to comply with this requirement will cause the state to reject the proposal as non-responsive, or cancel the contract.

SEC. 7.05 RIGHT OF REJECTION

Offerors must comply with all of the terms of the RFP, the State Procurement Code (AS 36.30), and all applicable local, state, and federal laws, codes, and regulations. The procurement officer may reject any proposal that does not comply with all of the material and substantial terms, conditions, and performance requirements of the RFP.

Offerors may not qualify the proposal nor restrict the rights of the state. If an offeror does so, the procurement officer may determine the proposal to be a non-responsive counter-offer and the proposal may be rejected.

Minor informalities that:

- do not affect responsiveness;
- are merely a matter of form or format;
- do not change the relative standing or otherwise prejudice other offers;
- do not change the meaning or scope of the RFP;

- are trivial, negligible, or immaterial in nature;
- do not reflect a material change in the work; or
- do not constitute a substantial reservation against a requirement or provision; may be waived by the procurement officer.

The state reserves the right to refrain from making an award if it determines that to be in its best interest.

A proposal from a debarred or suspended offeror shall be rejected.

SEC. 7.06 STATE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR PREPARATION COSTS

The state will not pay any cost associated with the preparation, submittal, presentation, or evaluation of any proposal.

SEC. 7.07 DISCLOSURE OF PROPOSAL CONTENTS

All proposals and other material submitted become the property of the State of Alaska and may be returned only at the state's option. AS 40.25.110 requires public records to be open to reasonable inspection. All proposal information, including detailed price and cost information, will be held in confidence during the evaluation process and prior to the time a Notice of Intent to Award is issued. Thereafter, proposals will become public information.

Trade secrets and other proprietary data contained in proposals may be held confidential if the offeror requests, in writing, that the procurement officer does so, and if the procurement officer agrees, in writing, to do so. The offeror's request must be included with the proposal, must clearly identify the information they wish to be held confidential, and include a statement that sets out the reasons for confidentiality. Unless the procurement officer agrees in writing to hold the requested information confidential, that information will also become public after the Notice of Intent to Award is issued.

SEC. 7.08 ASSIGNMENT

Per 2 AAC 12.480, the contractor may not transfer or assign any portion of the contract without prior written approval from the procurement officer.

SEC. 7.09 DISPUTES

A contract resulting from this RFP is governed by the laws of the State of Alaska. If the contractor has a claim arising in connection with the agreement that it cannot resolve with the state by mutual agreement, it shall pursue the claim, if at all, in accordance with the provisions of AS 36.30.620 – AS 36.30.632. To the extent not otherwise governed by the preceding, the claim shall be brought only in the Superior Court of the State of Alaska and not elsewhere.

SEC. 7.10 SEVERABILITY

If any provision of the contract or agreement is declared by a court to be illegal or in conflict with any law, the validity of the remaining terms and provisions will not be affected; and, the rights and obligations of the parties will be construed and enforced as if the contract did not contain the particular provision held to be invalid.

SEC. 7.11 SUPPLEMENTAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Proposals must comply with SEC. 7.05 Right of Rejection. However, if the state fails to identify or detect supplemental terms or conditions that conflict with those contained in this RFP or that diminish the state's rights under any contract resulting from the RFP, the term(s) or condition(s) will be considered null and void. After award of contract:

if conflict arises between a supplemental term or condition included in the proposal and a term or condition of the RFP, the term or condition of the RFP will prevail; and

if the state's rights would be diminished as a result of application of a supplemental term or condition included in the proposal, the supplemental term or condition will be considered null and void.

SEC. 7.12 CONTRACT INVALIDATION

If any provision of this contract is found to be invalid, such invalidation will not be construed to invalidate the entire contract.

SEC. 7.13 SOLICITATION ADVERTISING

Public notice has been provided in accordance with 2 AAC 12.220.

SECTION 8. ATTACHMENTS / EXHIBITS

- 2) Attachment 1 - Proposal Evaluation Form
- 3) Attachment 2 - Offeror's RFP Checklist
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- 5) Exhibit 1 - Standard Agreement Form - Appendix A
- 6) Exhibit 2 - Appendix B1
- 7) Exhibit 3 - Notice of Intent to Award

ATTACHMENT 1 - PROPOSAL EVALUATION FORM

All proposals will be reviewed for responsiveness and then evaluated using the criteria set out herein.

Offeror Name: _____
Evaluator Initials: _____
Date of Review: _____
RFP Number: 200000533

EVALUATION CRITERIA AND SCORING

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF POINTS USED TO SCORE THIS PROPOSAL IS 1000

5.01**Understanding of the Project** 9.5 Percent

Maximum Point Value 95 Points

1000 Points x 9.5 Percent = 95 Points

Proposals will be evaluated against the questions set out below.

- 1) How well has the offeror demonstrated a thorough understanding of the purpose and scope of the project?

NOTES: _____

- 2) How well has the offeror identified pertinent issues and potential problems related to the project?

NOTES: _____

- 3) To what degree has the offeror demonstrated an understanding of the deliverables the state expects it to provide?

NOTES: _____

- 4) Has the offeror demonstrated an understanding of the state's time schedule and can meet it?

NOTES: _____

EVALUATOR'S POINT TOTAL FOR 5.01:

5.02**Methodology Used for Project** 15 Percent

Maximum Point Value 150 Points

1000 Points x 15 Percent = 150 Points

Proposals will be evaluated against the questions set out below.

- 1) How comprehensive is the methodology and does it depict a logical approach to fulfilling the requirements of the RFP?

NOTES: _____

- 2) How well does the methodology match and achieve the objectives set out in the RFP?

NOTES: _____

- 3) How well does the methodology interface with the time schedule in the proposal?

NOTES: _____

EVALUATOR'S POINT TOTAL FOR 5.02:**5.03****Management Plan for Project** 14.5 Percent

Maximum Point Value 145 Points

1000 Points x 14.5 Percent = 145 Points

Proposals will be evaluated against the questions set out below.

- 1) How well does the management plan support all of the project requirements and logically lead to the deliverables required in the RFP/

NOTES: _____

- 2) How well is accountability completely and clearly defined?

NOTES: _____

3) Is the organization of the project team clear?

NOTES:

4) How well does the management plan illustrate the lines of authority and communication?

NOTES:

5) To what extent does the offeror already have the hardware, software, equipment, and licenses necessary to perform the contract work?

NOTES:

6) Does it appear that offeror can meet the schedule set out in the RFP?

NOTES:

7) Has the contractor gone beyond the minimum tasks necessary to meet the objectives of the RFP?

NOTES:

8) To what degree is the proposal practical and feasible?

NOTES:

9) To what extent has the offeror identified potential problems?

NOTES:

EVALUATOR'S POINT TOTAL FOR 5.03:

5.04**Experience and Qualifications** 9.5 Percent

Maximum Point Value 95 Points

1000 Points x 9.5 Percent = 95 Points

Proposals will be evaluated against the questions set out below.**1) Questions regarding the personnel**

- a. Do the individuals assigned to the project have experience on similar projects?

NOTES: _____

- b. Are resumes complete and do they demonstrate backgrounds that would be desirable for individuals engaged in the work the RFP requires?

NOTES: _____

- c. How extensive is the applicable education and experience of the personnel designated to work on the project?

NOTES: _____

_____**2) Questions regarding the firm.**

- a. Has the firm demonstrated experience in completing similar projects on time and within budget?

NOTES: _____

- b. How successful is the general history of the firm regarding timely and successful completion of projects?

NOTES: _____

- c. Has the firm provided letters of reference from previous clients?

NOTES: _____

_____**EVALUATOR'S POINT TOTAL FOR 5.04:**

5.05**Background**

1.5 Percent

Maximum Point Value

15 Points

1000 Points x 1.5 Percent = 15 Points

Proposals will be evaluated against the questions set out below.

- 1) Does the offeror have a background in analyzing or conducting needs assessments related to maternal child health or early childhood?

NOTES: _____

EVALUATOR'S POINT TOTAL FOR 5.05:

EVALUATOR'S COMBINED POINT TOTAL FOR ALL EVALUATED SECTIONS:

5.06 Contract Cost — 40 - 75 PERCENT**Maximum Point Value for this Section — 750 Points****1000 Points x 75 PERCENT = 750 Points**

Overall, a minimum of **40** percent of the total evaluation points will be assigned to cost. The cost amount used for evaluation may be affected by one or more of the preferences referenced under **SECTION 6.11**.

Converting Cost to Points

The lowest cost proposal will receive the maximum number of points allocated to cost. The point allocations for cost on the other proposals will be determined through the method set out in **SECTION 6.15**.

5.07 Alaska Offeror Preference — 10 Percent**Point Value for this Section — 100 Points****1000 Points x 10 Percent = 100 Points**

If an offeror qualifies for the Alaska Bidder Preference, the offeror will receive an Alaska Offeror Preference. The preference will be 10 percent of the total available points. This amount will be added to the overall evaluation score of each Alaskan offeror.

ATTACHMENT 2 - OFFEROR'S CHECKLIST

Important note to offerors: This checklist is provided to assist offerors and the Procurement Officer in addressing and/or locating specific requirements identified in this solicitation.

Offerors must complete and return this form.

Completion of this form does not guarantee a declaration of responsiveness.

Offeror's Name: _____

1. Contact Information

Proposals must include complete contact information (legal name, dba, address, telephone, email, and website) of the firm submitting the proposal.

Proposals must also include the name and full contact information of the person the State should contact regarding the proposal.

Evidence is provided on page #_____**.**

2. Offeror's Certification

All proposals must be signed by an individual authorized to bind the offeror to the provisions of this solicitation. Certification must include a statement of compliance with all of the following:

- a. the laws of the State of Alaska;
- b. the applicable portion of the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964;
- c. the Equal Employment Opportunity Act and the regulations issued thereunder by the federal government;
- d. all terms and conditions set out in this solicitation;
- e. a condition that the proposal submitted was independently arrived at, without collusion, under penalty of perjury;
- f. that the offers will remain open and valid for at least 90 days; and
- g. that programs, services, and activities provided to the general public under the resulting contract conform with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and the regulations issued thereunder by the federal government.

If any offeror fails to comply with a - h of this paragraph, the state reserves the right to disregard the proposal, terminate the contract, or consider the contractor in default.

Evidence is provided on page #_____**.**

3. Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion Lower Tier Covered Transactions

Each proposal must include a signed debarment certification form, included in Section 8: Attachments.

Evidence is provided on page #_____.

4. Minimum Qualifications

The offeror, and any subcontractors, must provide verifiable proof of meeting the minimum prior experience requirements described in Section 1.04. Dates/timelines must be included.

Evidence is provided on page #_____.

5. Vendor Tax ID

A valid Vendor Tax ID must be submitted with the proposal or within five days of the State's request.

Evidence is provided on page #_____.

6. Alaska Business License

The offeror, and any subcontractors, hold a valid Alaska business license, or will obtain one. (Proof of business license is required prior to contract award if any of the services will take place in Alaska).

Evidence is provided on page #_____.

7. Cost Proposal Submitted Separately

The cost proposal must be submitted separately from the narrative proposal, either as a separate PDF if submitted via email, or in a separate, sealed envelope if submitted via mail/in person.

No portion of the cost proposal may be included within the body of the narrative proposal.

The Cost Proposal must be completed and submitted at the same time as the proposal, and both must be received by the State prior to the submission deadline.

Did the offeror submit the cost proposal separately? yes / no

ATTACHMENT 3 – OFFEROR’S COST PROPOSAL

NOTE: The purpose of the cost formula is to provide a mechanism for offerors to propose costs in a manner that DHSS can evaluate and score to utilize in establishing the deliverables billing to correlate with resultant contract.

Please enter proposed costs in the spaces provided below for completion of each deliverable. The cost entered for each deliverable must include all expenses and fees to be an all-inclusive cost for the deliverable identified.

DUE DATE	TITLE V	Proposed Cost
4/30/2020	First draft of deliverables related to Title V (Sec. 3.03 Title V Deliverables - Items 1 through 6)	\$
5/29/2020	Final written report Title V 2020 Needs Assessment (not to exceed 20 pages) (Sec. 3.03 Title V Final Written Report - Items 1 through 7.i)	\$
SUBTOTAL TITLE V (TITLE V NTE \$43,000.00 - per Sec. 1.02 Budget)		\$

DUE DATE	MIECHV	Proposed Cost
7/30/2020	First draft of deliverables related to MIECHV (Sec. 3.03 MIECHV needs assessment - Items 1 through 4.a)	\$
8/31/2020	Final written report MIECHV Needs Assessment update (Sec. 3.03 MIECHV needs assessment - Item 5.a)	\$
8/31/2020	MIECHV Needs Assessment Data Summary (excel file) (Sec. 3.03 MIECHV needs assessment - Item 5.b)	\$
SUBTOTAL MIECHV (MIECHV NTE \$170,944.00 per Sec. 1.02 Budget)		\$
TOTAL PROPOSED COST / TITLE V & MIECHV (Not to exceed \$213,944)		\$

EXHIBIT 1 – STANDARD AGREEMENT FORM FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

STANDARD AGREEMENT FORM FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

1. Agency Contract Number	2. Solicitation Number	3. Financial Coding	4. Agency Assigned Encumbrance Number
5. Vendor Number	6. Project/Case Number		7. Alaska Business License Number
This contract is between the State of Alaska,			
8. Department of Health and Social Services		Division	hereafter the State, and
9. Contractor hereafter the Contractor			
Mailing Address	Street or P.O. Box	City	State ZIP+4
10. ARTICLE 1. Appendices: Appendices referred to in this contract and attached to it are considered part of it. ARTICLE 2. Performance of Service: 2.1 Appendix A (General Provisions), Articles 1 through 16, governs the performance of services under this contract 2.2 Appendix B (Indemnity and Insurance) sets forth the liability and insurance provisions of this contract 2.3 Appendix C (Description of Services) sets forth the services to be performed by the Contractor 2.4 Appendix D (Payment for Services) sets forth the provision for payment 2.5 Appendix E (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA") Business Associate Agreement) governs the use of Protected Health Information under this contract 2.6 Appendix F (Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion Lower Tier Covered) confirms the Contractor is in good legal standing with the federal government ARTICLE 3. Period of Performance: The period of performance for this contract begins _____ and ends on _____ ARTICLE 4. Considerations: 4.1 In full consideration of the Contractor's performance under this contract, the State shall pay the Contractor a sum not to exceed <u>\$0,000.00</u> in accordance with the provisions of Appendix D. 4.2 When billing, the Contractor shall refer to the Agency Contract Number and send the billing to the address listed in Appendix D.			
11. Department of Health and Social Services		Attention: Contracts Support Team	
Mailing Address P.O. Box 110650, Juneau, Alaska 99811-0650		Attention: Contracts Section	
12. CONTRACTOR		14. CERTIFICATION	
Name of Firm		I certify that the facts herein and on supporting documents are correct, that this voucher constitutes a legal charge against funds and appropriations cited, that sufficient funds are encumbered to pay this obligation, or that there is a sufficient balance in the appropriation cited to cover this obligation. I am aware that to knowingly make or allow false entries or alterations on a public record, or knowingly destroy, mutilate, suppress, conceal, remove or otherwise impair the verity, legibility or availability of a public record constitutes tampering with public records punishable under AS 11.56.815- 820. Other disciplinary action may be taken up to and including dismissal.	
Signature of Authorized Representative			
Typed or Printed Name of Authorized Representative			
Title			
13. CONTRACTING AGENCY		Signature of Head of Contracting Agency or Designee	
Department/Division Health & Social Services /		Date	
Signature of Project Director		Typed or Printed Name	
Typed or Printed Name of Project Director		Title Director	
Title Project Director			

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NOTICE: This contract has no effect until signed by the head of contracting agency or designee.

Appendix A

General Provisions

Article 1. Definitions.

- 1.1 In this contract and appendices, "Project Director" or "Agency Head" or "Procurement Officer" means the person who signs this contract on behalf of the Requesting Agency and includes a successor or authorized representative.
- 1.2 "State Contracting Agency" means the department for which this contract is to be performed and for which the Commissioner or Authorized Designee acted in signing this contract.

Article 2. Inspections and Reports.

- 2.1 The department may inspect, in the manner and at reasonable times it considers appropriate, all the contractor's facilities and activities under this contract.
- 2.2 The contractor shall make progress and other reports in the manner and at the times the department reasonably requires.

Article 3. Disputes.

- 3.1 If the contractor has a claim arising in connection with the contract that it cannot resolve with the State by mutual agreement, it shall pursue the claim, if at all, in accordance with the provisions of AS 36.30.620 – 632.

Article 4. Equal Employment Opportunity.

- 4.1 The contractor may not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, national origin, or because of age, disability, sex, marital status, changes in marital status, pregnancy or parenthood when the reasonable demands of the position(s) do not require distinction on the basis of age, disability, sex, marital status, changes in marital status, pregnancy, or parenthood. The contractor shall take affirmative action to insure that the applicants are considered for employment and that employees are treated during employment without unlawful regard to their race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, disability, age, sex, marital status, changes in marital status, pregnancy or parenthood. This action must include, but need not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training including apprenticeship. The contractor shall post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting out the provisions of this paragraph.
- 4.2 The contractor shall state, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees to work on State of Alaska contract jobs, that it is an equal opportunity employer and that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, age, disability, sex, marital status, changes in marital status, pregnancy or parenthood.
- 4.3 The contractor shall send to each labor union or representative of workers with which the contractor has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding a notice advising the labor union or workers' compensation representative of the contractor's commitments under this article and post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to all employees and applicants for employment.
- 4.4 The contractor shall include the provisions of this article in every contract, and shall require the inclusion of these provisions in every contract entered into by any of its subcontractors, so that those provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor. For the purpose of including those provisions in any contract or subcontract, as required by this contract, "contractor" and "subcontractor" may be changed to reflect appropriately the name or designation of the parties of the contract or subcontract.
- 4.5 The contractor shall cooperate fully with State efforts which seek to deal with the problem of unlawful discrimination, and with all other State efforts to guarantee fair employment practices under this contract, and promptly comply with all requests and directions from the State Commission for Human Rights or any of its officers or agents relating to prevention of discriminatory employment practices.
- 4.6 Full cooperation in paragraph 4.5 includes, but is not limited to, being a witness in any proceeding involving questions of unlawful discrimination if that is requested by any official or agency of the State of Alaska; permitting employees of the contractor to be witnesses or complainants in any proceeding involving questions of unlawful discrimination, if that is requested by any official or agency of the State of Alaska; participating in meetings; submitting periodic reports on the equal employment aspects of present and future employment; assisting inspection of the contractor's facilities; and promptly complying with all State directives considered essential by any office or agency of the State of Alaska to insure compliance with all federal and State laws, regulations, and policies pertaining to the prevention of discriminatory employment practices.
- 4.7 Failure to perform under this article constitutes a material breach of contract.

Article 5. Termination.

The Project Director, by written notice, may terminate this contract, in whole or in part, when it is in the best interest of the State. In the absence of a breach of contract by the contractor, the State is liable only for payment in accordance with the payment provisions of this contract for services rendered before the effective date of termination.

Article 6. No Assignment or Delegation.

The contractor may not assign or delegate this contract, or any part of it, or any right to any of the money to be paid under it, except with the written consent of the Project Director and the Agency Head.

Article 7. No Additional Work or Material.

No claim for additional services, not specifically provided in this contract, performed or furnished by the contractor, will be allowed, nor may the contractor do any work or furnish any material not covered by the contract unless the work or material is ordered in writing by the Project Director and approved by the Agency Head.

Article 8. Independent Contractor.

The contractor and any agents and employees of the contractor act in an independent capacity and are not officers or employees or agents of the State in the performance of this contract.

Article 9. Payment of Taxes.

As a condition of performance of this contract, the contractor shall pay all federal, State, and local taxes incurred by the contractor and shall require their payment by any Subcontractor or any other persons in the performance of this contract. Satisfactory performance of this paragraph is a condition precedent to payment by the State under this contract.

Article 10. Ownership of Documents.

All designs, drawings, specifications, notes, artwork, and other work developed in the performance of this agreement are produced for hire and remain the sole property of the State of Alaska and may be used by the State for any other purpose without additional compensation to the contractor. The contractor agrees not to assert any rights and not to establish any claim under the design patent or copyright laws. Nevertheless, if the contractor does mark such documents with a statement suggesting they are trademarked, copyrighted, or otherwise protected against the State's unencumbered use or distribution, the contractor agrees that this paragraph supersedes any such statement and renders it void. The contractor, for a period of three years after final payment under this contract, agrees to furnish and provide access to all retained materials at the request of the Project Director. Unless otherwise directed by the Project Director, the contractor may retain copies of all the materials.

Article 11. Governing Law; Forum Selection.

This contract is governed by the laws of the State of Alaska. To the extent not otherwise governed by Article 3 of this Appendix, any claim concerning this contract shall be brought only in the Superior Court of the State of Alaska and not elsewhere.

Article 12. Conflicting Provisions.

Unless specifically amended and approved by the Department of Law, the terms of this contract supersede any provisions the contractor may seek to add. The contractor may not add additional or different terms to this contract; AS 45.02.207(b)(1). The contractor specifically acknowledges and agrees that, among other things, provisions in any documents it seeks to append hereto that purport to (1) waive the State of Alaska's sovereign immunity, (2) impose indemnification obligations on the State of Alaska, or (3) limit liability of the contractor for acts of contractor negligence, are expressly superseded by this contract and are void.

Article 13. Officials Not to Benefit.

Contractor must comply with all applicable federal or State laws regulating ethical conduct of public officers and employees.

Article 14. Covenant Against Contingent Fees.

The contractor warrants that no person or agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this contract upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee except employees or agencies maintained by the contractor for the purpose of securing business. For the breach or violation of this warranty, the State may terminate this contract without liability or in its discretion deduct from the contract price or consideration the full amount of the commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee.

Article 15. Compliance.

In the performance of this contract, the contractor must comply with all applicable federal, state, and borough regulations, codes, and laws, and be liable for all required insurance, licenses, permits and bonds.

Article 16. Force Majeure.

The parties to this contract are not liable for the consequences of any failure to perform, or default in performing, any of their obligations under this Agreement, if that failure or default is caused by any unforeseeable Force Majeure, beyond the control of, and without the fault or negligence of, the respective party. For the purposes of this Agreement, Force Majeure will mean war (whether declared or not); revolution; invasion; insurrection; riot; civil commotion; sabotage; military or usurped power; lightning; explosion; fire; storm; drought; flood; earthquake; epidemic; quarantine; strikes; acts or restraints of governmental authorities affecting the project or directly or indirectly prohibiting or restricting the furnishing or use of materials or labor required; inability to secure materials, machinery, equipment or labor because of priority, allocation or other regulations of any governmental authorities.

EXHIBIT 2 – APPENDIX B¹ – INDEMNITY AND INSURANCE

Article 1. Indemnification

The Contractor shall indemnify, hold harmless, and defend the contracting agency from and against any claim of, or liability for error, omission or negligent act of the Contractor under this agreement. The Contractor shall not be required to indemnify the contracting agency for a claim of, or liability for, the independent negligence of the contracting agency. If there is a claim of, or liability for, the joint negligent error or omission of the Contractor and the independent negligence of the Contracting agency, the indemnification and hold harmless obligation shall be apportioned on a comparative fault basis. “Contractor” and “Contracting agency”, as used within this and the following article, include the employees, agents and other contractors who are directly responsible, respectively, to each. The term “independent negligence” is negligence other than in the Contracting agency’s selection, administration, monitoring, or controlling of the Contractor and in approving or accepting the Contractor’s work.

Article 2. Insurance

Without limiting contractor's indemnification, it is agreed that contractor shall purchase at its own expense and maintain in force at all times during the performance of services under this agreement the following policies of insurance. Where specific limits are shown, it is understood that they shall be the minimum acceptable limits. If the contractor's policy contains higher limits, the state shall be entitled to coverage to the extent of such higher limits. Certificates of Insurance must be furnished to the contracting officer prior to beginning work and must provide for a notice of cancellation, non-renewal, or material change of conditions in accordance with policy provisions. Failure to furnish satisfactory evidence of insurance or lapse of the policy is a material breach of this contract and shall be grounds for termination of the contractor's services. All insurance policies shall comply with and be issued by insurers licensed to transact the business of insurance under AS 21.

2.1 Workers' Compensation Insurance: The Contractor shall provide and maintain, for all employees engaged in work under this contract, coverage as required by AS 23.30.045, and; where applicable, any other statutory obligations including but not limited to Federal U.S.L. & H. and Jones Act requirements. The policy must waive subrogation against the State.

2.2 Commercial General Liability Insurance: covering all business premises and operations used by the Contractor in the performance of services under this agreement with minimum coverage limits of \$300,000 combined single limit per claim.

2.3 Commercial Automobile Liability Insurance: covering all vehicles used by the Contractor in the performance of services under this agreement with minimum coverage limits of \$300,000 combined single limit per claim.

EXHIBIT 3 – NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD**Notice of Intent to Award a Contract**

State of Alaska
Department of Health & Social Services
Finance & Management Services
PO Box 11065
Juneau, Alaska 99811-0650

- This is Not an Order -

Date Issued:

RFP Number:

RFP Deadline:

RFP Subject:

Procurement Officer:

Signature:

This is notice of the State's intent to award a contract. The table shown here is a tabulation of the offers received. The responsible and responsive offeror whose proposal was determined in writing to be the most advantageous is indicated. An offeror who wishes to protest this notice of intent must file the protest within ten calendar days following the date this notice is issued. If the tenth day falls on a weekend or state observed holiday, the last day of the protest period is the first working day following the tenth day. (AS 36.30.560)

The offeror identified here as submitting the most advantageous proposal is instructed not to proceed until a contract, or other form of notice is given by the contracting officer. A company or person who proceeds prior to receiving a fully executed contract from the procurement officer does so without a contract and at their own risk.

Offeror	Responsive	Total Score	Most Advantageous

Legend: @ -- Most Advantageous
Y -- Responsive Proposal
N -- Non-Responsive Proposal