STATE OF ALASKA RFP NUMBER 2024-0700-0007 AMENDMENT NUMBER 1



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RFP TITLE: 2024-0700-0007 - Child Care Workforce Study

This amendment is being issued to respond to questions received from prospective proposers:

<u>Question 1:</u> Can you please clarify the requested scope of updates to the 2019 Child Care Workforce Study conducted by the Johns Hopkins University? (i.e. Would the updates span the breadth of their report of just be specific to Alaska?)

<u>Response 1:</u> The scope of the updates to the study is specific to Alaska only. (Found in the Attachment area of this RFP titled), "Alaska Wage Compensation Study Presentation").

<u>Question 2:</u> Can you clarify the project end date? Response 2: November 31, 2023.

Question 3: Is there any potential for a project period extension beyond November?

<u>Response 3:</u> The contract term and work schedule states "approximately November 31, 2023" which implies that there could be some flexibility to the dates of the end of the project. This would need to be informed by needs of the Governor's Child Care Task Force. At this time the report would need to be finalized by November 31, 2023.

<u>Question 4:</u> Can incentives be used to encourage participation in data collection?

<u>Response 4:</u> Yes, the contractor can use funds to incentivize participation in data collection, however, there needs to be a method of tracking.

<u>Question 5:</u> Can an applicant partner with other agencies or would that be considered subcontracting? <u>Response: 5:</u> That would be subcontracting, which is not allowed.

<u>Question 6:</u> Can data be collected about the impacts of COVID-19 <u>Response 6:</u> Yes, the impact of Covid-19 on the workforce is an essential part of updating the workforce study to be current to 2023.

<u>Question 7:</u> Can leveraged funds be used to support this contracted work? <u>Response 7:</u> Yes.

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