REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

for

Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation Services

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PART 1: ADMINISTRATIVE AND GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this Request for Proposal (RFP) is to obtain competitive proposals from qualified Proposers who are interested in providing early childhood mental health consultation services. A critical component in achieving school readiness is social-emotional development. Therefore early childhood mental health consultation services will inform teachers and leaders in their efforts to support child growth and development. A major focus of this contract will be to support staff in early learning centers in improving the quality of care and education, particularly teacher-child interactions which promote social-emotional development and readiness for kindergarten.

One contract shall be awarded statewide.

1.2 Background

To help address a fragmented early childhood system that prepares too few children for kindergarten, Louisiana’s legislature passed the Early Childhood Care and Education Act 3 of 2012. This legislation unifies publicly funded early childhood programs into a statewide early childhood network and empowers families by ensuring easy access to high-quality early learning options for their children. Louisiana’s unified early childhood system includes several key elements:

1. A statewide system of 65 Early Childhood Community Networks that includes representation from all publicly funded early childhood classrooms, including pre-K, Head Start, and child care.
2. A unified rating system for all publicly-funded sites based on CLASS™ observations, which provides clear information about what is happening in classrooms and what support is needed for teachers.
3. Coordinated enrollment that seeks to identify every low-income and disadvantaged birth-to-age-five child in need of services and empower family choice by matching families with their preference of early learning options.
4. Increased focus on teacher preparation and support for classroom quality. This includes the establishment of a minimum credential for child care teachers called the Early Childhood Ancillary Certificate.

Through a unified early childhood accountability system, Louisiana has collected information on the quality of teacher-child interactions, as measured by the CLASS™ assessment, for all publicly funded early childhood classrooms, including pre-K, Head Start, and child care. CLASS™ has provided clear information about what is happening in classrooms and what support is needed for teachers.
CLASS™ results from the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 academic years highlight strengths as well as areas for improvement. In the 2016-2017 academic year, nearly 15,000 rigorous observations of early childhood classrooms clearly reveal that children are experiencing very different levels of instruction.

- Most teachers are able to provide a positive environment that is responsive to children’s needs and emotions, which helps children develop the ability to interact with others.
- Teachers are often successful in organizing an effective classroom, which manages children’s attention, time and behavior.
- Additional support is needed for teachers to provide the type of classroom interactions and experiences that help children develop language and learn new concepts. Children need additional activities that encourage analysis and reasoning, with less of a focus on rote recitation (e.g., naming a letter, color, or shape).
- More opportunities for back-and-forth engagement and feedback loops between teachers and children are needed to encourage connections between concepts and ideas.

The CLASS™ data demonstrates that teachers and leaders need more intensive training, practice, and ongoing feedback in preparing and providing successful instructional interactions in all program types. In particular, child care classroom teachers need tools and strategies to encourage higher order thinking skills within their interactions.

The 2017-2018 Performance Profiles showed that statewide, child care centers have the largest amount of variation in CLASS™ scores compared to other site types (Head Start and pre-K):

- 65% of child care sites with two years of data improved their overall score in 2017-2018, while only 35% of sites showed a decline in score.
- In 2017-2018 there were 129 more sites that are Proficient or above.
- The average score for child care centers in each dimension and each domain improved.

Information about every community’s CLASS™ scores and use of curriculum and child assessment can be found on the LDE’s webpage, on the Early Childhood Performance Profiles website, which can be found at www.louisianabelieves.com/early-childhood.

Louisiana’s Approach for Supporting Improvement in Child Care

Through the unified early childhood system, Louisiana has increased focus on supporting high-quality instruction and interactions in child care centers across the state.

- School Readiness Tax Credits (SRTC) and Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) bonuses are tied to the level of quality of a child care center. SRTC for staff incentivize increasing credentials for teachers and administrators.
- The Louisiana Early Childhood Ancillary Certificate, which will be required for all lead teachers working in publicly-funded child care centers beginning July 2019.
- Teachers and administrators are eligible for scholarships for the Ancillary Certificate as well as two and four year degree-program scholarships, and Believe and Prepare programs.
- The Child Care Curriculum Initiative supports child care centers to obtain Tier 1 curriculum after 2015 data showed that only 15% of centers had high-quality curriculum resources. This initiative reimburses centers for up to 80% toward the purchase of two (2) curriculum kits annually.
• Early Childhood Community Networks across the state have secured additional focused supports for early childhood sites within their community. Through collaborations across school systems, local non-profits, and Child Care Resource and Referral agencies, significant additional investments in programs improving teacher-child interactions have been made.
• In the 2018-2019 school year, infant CLASS™ observations are being piloted as an opportunity to strengthen the quality of early childhood programs from birth.

Beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, Louisiana has begun to provide additional interventions for low performing early childhood sites. Through the Early Childhood Site Improvement Planning Process, all sites that receive a score below 3.75 on their 2017-2018 Performance Profile are now participating in a structured improvement planning process. This process includes working with Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) staff to complete a needs assessment and improvement plan, with monthly progress checks from LDOE staff. Child Care Resource and Referral Centers and Early Childhood Lead Agencies are closely involved in this process.

1.3 Goals and Objectives

The State desires to contract with an organization that provides early childhood mental health consultation services with the purpose of providing support to staff in early learning centers in improving teacher-child interactions thus, improving teachers’ overall performance on the Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) over the academic school year.

1.4 Term of Contract

The term of any contract resulting from this RFP shall begin on or about July 1, 2019 and is anticipated to end on June 20, 2020. The State shall have the right to contract for up to thirty-six (36) months with the concurrence of the Contractor and all appropriate approvals.

1.5 Definitions

| Agency | Any department, commission, council, board, office, bureau, committee, institution, agency, government, corporation, or other establishment of the executive branch of this state authorized to participate in any contract resulting from this solicitation. |
| Administration for Children and Families (ACF) | The Administration of Children and Families (ACF) is a division of the Department of Health and Human Services. The Office of Child Care is within the ACF. |
| Classroom Assessment and Scoring System (CLASS™) | The CLASS™ observation tool is used to assess the effectiveness of classroom interactions and instruction in all publicly-funded toddler and pre-k classrooms in Louisiana. |
| Contractor | Any person having a contract with a governmental body; the selected proposer. |
| Discussions | For the purposes of this RFP, a formal, structured means of conducting written or oral communications/presentations with responsible Proposers who submit proposals in response to this RFP. |
| DOA | Division of Administration |
| Early Childhood Ancillary Certificate | A teaching credential that will be required for all lead-teachers working within publicly-funded child care centers within Louisiana beginning on July 1, 2019. |
| Early Learning Center | Any child day care center, early Head Start, Head Start, or stand-alone prekindergarten program that is not attached to a school. |
| Early Childhood Community Network | Network of all publicly-funded early childhood programs (child care, HEAD Start, and pre-K) within each parish of Louisiana. Every early childhood community network has a lead agency that facilitates the coordinated leadership functions for the community. |
| Early Childhood Performance Profiles | Information regarding performance that is reported each school year for every publicly-funded site and its community network; both site and community network ratings comprise of the performance rating (based on CLASS™ observations) and informational metrics |
| LDOE | Louisiana Department of Education |
| Lead Agency | Community-based network that coordinates three functions; classroom observations in publicly funded classrooms, enrollment of children into programs, and funding requests for publicly funded programs (child care and Pre-K). |
| May and Can | The terms “may” and “can” denote an advisory or permissible action. |
| Must | The term “must” denotes mandatory requirements. |
| OSP | Office of State Procurement |
| Proposer | A firm or individual who responds to this RFP. |
| Publicly-Funded Early Childhood Care and Education Program | An early learning center-based or school-based organization that provides early childhood care and education to children who have not yet entered kindergarten through CCAP, Early Head Start, Head Start, NSCED, LA 4, 8(g) Block Grant, Title 1 of ESEA, IDEA Part B and C, or any publicly-funded Pre-K program or School Readiness Tax Credits. |
| RFP | Request for Proposal |
| Shall and Will | The terms “shall” and “will” denote mandatory requirements. |
| Should | The term “should” denotes a desirable action. |
| State | The State of Louisiana. |
| Statewide Early Childhood Community Network | The Statewide Early Childhood Community Network is established as the comprehensive and integrated network through which the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) manages and oversees publicly-funded early childhood care and education programs in Louisiana to promote and improve kindergarten readiness. |
| Teaching Strategies GOLD™ | Online platform for observing and assessing children from birth through kindergarten that is used to inform educators and families of child progress against widely held expectations. |
| Tier I Curriculum | Infant/toddler and pre-K curricula that have been evaluated to be high-quality and fully aligned with the Louisiana Early Learning and Development Standards. |
| Type III Early Learning Centers | An early learning center that directly or indirectly receives state or federal funds from any source other than the federal food and nutrition programs. |
1.6 Schedule of Events

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**NOTE:** The State of Louisiana reserves the right to revise this schedule. Revisions, if any, before the Proposal Submission Deadline will be formalized by the issuance of an addendum to the RFP.

1.7 Proposal Submittal

Firms or individuals who are interested in providing services requested under this RFP must submit a proposal containing the mandatory information specified in the section. The proposal must be received in hard copy (printed) version by the RFP Coordinator on or before the date and time specified in the Schedule of Events. FAX or e-mail submissions shall not be acceptable. Proposers mailing their proposals should allow sufficient mail delivery time to ensure receipt of their proposal by the time specified. The proposal package must be delivered at the Proposer’s expense to:

**Karen Evans, Procurement Manager**

Louisiana Department of Education
Office of Management and Finance
Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation RFP (#)
1201 North Third Street, Suite, 5-242
P.O. Box 94064
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9064
Phone: (225) 342-3828
E-mail: Karen.Evans@la.gov

For courier delivery, the street address is 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, and the telephone number is 225-342-3828. The responsibility solely lies with each proposer to ensure their proposal is delivered at the specified place and prior to the deadline for submission. Proposals received after the deadline will not be considered.

1.8 Qualification for Proposer

1.8.1 Mandatory Qualifications:
Proposers must meet the following qualifications prior to the deadline for receipt of proposals.

- Agencies or organizations that have the expertise in promoting the social and emotional health of young children and the organizational capacity to provide a statewide program to support staff in early learning centers in the promotion of social and emotional health of young children.

1.8.2 Desirable Qualifications:

It is desirable that Proposers should meet the following qualifications prior to the deadline for receipt of proposals.

- Agencies or organizations with expertise and experience in designing interventions for young children exhibiting challenging behaviors and/or providing referrals for treatment
- Agencies or organizations knowledgeable in research basis underlying early childhood mental health consultation
- Those eligible to apply should be public or quasi-public entities, non-profit and for-profit entities. Non-profits should be a 501(c)3 organization and should operate according to bylaws. Copies of the IRS determination of 501(c)3 status and bylaws should be included in the proposal.

Organizations which are barred from receiving state or federal funds shall not participate in this initiative, directly or indirectly, nor shall a proposing organization utilize such ineligible organization in providing services under any contract awarded as a result of this RFP.

1.9 Proposal Response Format

Proposer should submit a proposal which shall include enough information to satisfy evaluators that the Proposer has the appropriate experience, and qualifications to perform the scope of services as described herein. Proposer should respond to all areas requested. Proposal should be limited to 15 pages (not including supporting documents such as staff resumes, etc.) double spaced with one inch wrap around margins in Arial or Calibri 12 point font. Proposals submitted for consideration should follow the format and order of presentation described below:

1.9.1 Cover Letter

A cover letter should be submitted on the Proposer’s official business letterhead explaining the intent of the Proposer.

1.9.2 Table of Contents

The proposal should be organized in the order contained below.

1.9.3 Executive Summary
This section serves to introduce the scope of the proposal. It shall include administrative information including, Proposer contact name and phone number, and the stipulation that the proposal is valid for a time period of at least 90 calendar days from the date of submission. This section should also include a summary of the Proposer’s qualifications and ability to meet the State agency's overall requirements in the timeframes set by the agency.

The executive summary should include a positive statement of compliance with the contract terms, see Sample Contract, Attachment II. If the Proposer cannot comply with any of the contract terms, an explanation of each exception should be supplied. The Proposer should address the specific language in the Sample Contract, Attachment II and submit whatever exceptions or exact contract modifications that its firm may seek. While final wording will be resolved during contract negotiations, the intent of the provisions will not be substantially altered.

### 1.9.4 Company Background and Experience

The Proposers should give a brief description of their company including brief history, corporate or organization structure, number of years in business, and copies of its latest financial statement, preferably audited.

This section should provide a detailed discussion of the Proposer's prior experience in working on projects similar in size, scope, and function to the proposed contract. Proposers should describe their experience in other states or in corporate and governmental entities of comparable size and diversity with references from previous clients including names and telephone numbers.

Proposers should clearly describe their ability to exceed the desired qualifications described in the Mandatory and Desirable Qualifications for Proposer section.

### 1.9.5 Approach and Methodology

Proposals should include enough information to satisfy evaluators that the Proposer has the appropriate experience, knowledge and qualifications to perform the scope of services as described herein. Proposers should respond to all requested areas.

In the Scope of Work, the proposer shall describe their approach to delivering early childhood mental health consultation services, specifically describing how they will:

- Deliver early childhood mental health consultation services through a research-based model;
- Determine what period of time services will be delivered to early learning centers (e.g., 3 months, 6 months);
- Select (include staff credentials), train, retain, and supervise their staff;
- Recruit type III early learning centers to receive mental health consultation services;
- Determine which centers receive services;
- Determine how many centers they have the capacity to serve;
• Partner with other support services for early learning centers including the early childhood Community Networks, Child Care Resource and Referral agencies, Early Steps and local school districts providing special education services; and
• Evaluate the effectiveness of their early childhood mental health consultation services

Additionally, the proposer should address the following:
• Provide Proposer’s understanding of the nature of the project and how its proposal will best meet the needs of the state agency.
• Define its functional approach in providing the services and in identifying the tasks necessary to meet requirements.
• Describe the approach to Project Management and Quality Assurance.
• Provide a proposed Project Work Plan that reflects the approach and methodology, tasks and services to be performed, deliverables, timetables, and staffing.
• Present innovative concepts for consideration.

1.9.6 Proposed Staff Qualifications

The Proposer should provide detailed information about the experience and qualifications of the Proposer’s assigned personnel considered key to the success of the project.

This information should include education, training, technical experience, functional experience, specific dates and names of employers, relevant and related experience, past and present projects with dates and responsibilities and any applicable certifications. This should also specifically include the role and responsibilities of each person on this project, their planned level of effort, their anticipated duration of involvement, and their on-site availability. Customer references (name, title, company name, address, and telephone number) should be provided for the cited projects in the individual resumes.

Proposers should clearly describe their ability to exceed the qualifications described in the Mandatory Qualifications for Proposer section.

1.9.7 Veteran and Hudson Initiative Programs Participation

The State of Louisiana Veteran and Hudson Initiatives are designed to provide additional opportunities for Louisiana-based small entrepreneurship (sometimes referred to as LaVet’s and SE’s respectively) to participate in contracting and procurement with the State. A certified Veteran-Owned and Service-Connected Disabled Veteran-Owned small entrepreneurship (LaVet) and a Louisiana Initiative for Small Entrepreneurships (Hudson Initiative) small entrepreneurship are businesses that have been certified by the Louisiana Department of Economic Development. All eligible vendors are encouraged to become certified. Qualification requirements and online certification are available at: https://smallbiz.louisianaeconomicdevelopment.com.
If a Proposer is not a certified small entrepreneurship as described herein, but plans to use certified small entrepreneurship(s), Proposer shall include in their proposal the names of their certified Veteran Initiative or Hudson Initiative small entrepreneurship subcontractor(s), a description of the work each will perform, and the dollar value of each subcontract.

During the term of the contract and at expiration, the Contractor will also be required to report Veteran-Owned and Service-Connected Disabled Veteran-Owned and Hudson Initiative small entrepreneurship subcontractor or distributor participation and the dollar amount of each.

In RFP’s requiring the compliance of a good faith subcontracting plan, the State may require Proposers to submit information on their business relationships and arrangements with certified LaVet or Hudson Initiative subcontractors at the time of proposal review. Agreements between a Proposer and a certified LaVet or Hudson Initiative subcontractor in which the certified LaVet or Hudson Initiative subcontractor promises not to provide subcontracting quotations to other Proposers shall be prohibited.

If performing its evaluation of proposals, the State reserves the right to require a non-certified Proposer to provide documentation and information supporting a good faith subcontracting plan. Such proof may include contracts between Proposer and certified Veteran Initiative and/or Hudson Initiative subcontractor(s).

If a contract is awarded to a Proposer who proposed a good faith subcontracting plan, the using agency, the Louisiana Department of Economic Development (LED), or the Office of State Procurement (OSP) may audit Contractor to determine whether Contractor has complied in good faith with its subcontracting plan. The Contractor must be able to provide supporting documentation (i.e., phone logs, fax transmittals, letter, e-mails) to demonstrate its good faith subcontracting plan was followed. If it is determined at any time by the using agency, LED, or the OSP Director that the Contractor did not in fact perform in good faith its subcontracting plan, the contract award or the existing contract may be terminated.


A current list of certified Veteran-Owned and Service-Connected Disabled Veteran-Owned and Hudson Initiative small entrepreneuireships may be obtained from the Louisiana Economic Development Certification System at: https://smallbiz.louisianaecomicdevelopment.com
Additionally, a list of Hudson and Veteran Initiative small entrepreneurshipships, which have been certified by the Louisiana Department of Economic Development and who have opted to register in the State of Louisiana LaGov Supplier Portal: https://lagoverpvendor.doa.louisiana.gov/irj/portal/anonymous?guest_user=self_reg.

This may be accessed from the State of Louisiana Procurement and Contract (LaPAC) Network: https://wwwcfprd.doa.louisiana.gov/OSP/LaPAC/vendor/VndPubMain.cfm.

When using this site, determine the search criteria (i.e. alphabetized list of all certified vendors, by commodities, etc.) and select SmallE, VSE, or DVSE.

**1.9.8 Cost Proposal**

The Proposer shall provide the total cost, including but not limited to travel and project expenses, for providing all services described in the RFP. For information purposes only, the Proposer should provide for the project’s proposed staff: the total estimated number of hours by job classification, the billing rate by classification, hourly rate or unit cost and an estimated percentage of the effort that will be completed by a subcontractor (if applicable). The proposer will provide the unit costs requested below. This amount is for evaluation purposes only. Contract will provide payment based on number of units actually provided.

**Note:** One unit of service is defined as the delivery of early childhood mental health consultation services to one center for a one month period. The total duration of services per center is expected to last for more than one month (up to 6 months), but unit cost should be reflected per month, per center. The contractor must provide mental health care consultation services to a minimum of 120 early learning centers.

**Delivery of early childhood mental health consultation services to small centers (7 classes or less)** - The unit cost may include: consultation; research; material development; related administrative costs; coaching and training preparation time; travel expenses; software, hardware, and internet costs; and telephone expenses.

**Delivery of early childhood mental health consultation services to large centers (8 classes or more)** – The unit cost may include: consultation; research; material development; related administrative costs; coaching and training preparation time; travel expenses; software, hardware, and internet costs; and telephone expenses.

The Contractor must complete the following table below, describing unit cost for each service and the number of units anticipated.

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*Please note: The Contractor must provide mental health care consultation services to a minimum of 120 early learning centers.*

### 1.9.9 Certification Statement

The Proposer must sign and submit Attachment I, the Certification Statement.

### 1.9.10 Outsourcing of Key Internal Controls:

Not applicable to this RFP.

### 1.10 Number of Copies of Proposals

The State requests that 6 copies and electronic copy on a flash drive of the proposal be submitted to the RFP Coordinator at the address specified. At least one copy of the proposal shall contain original signatures of those company officials or agents duly authorized to sign proposals or contracts on behalf of the organization. A certified copy of a board resolution granting such authority should be submitted if the Proposer is a corporation. The proposal containing original signatures will be retained for incorporation into any contract resulting from this RFP.

### 1.11 Technical and Cost Proposals

The State requests the following:

- One (1) Original (clearly marked “Original”) and six (6) numbered copies of the technical proposal. All should be clearly marked technical proposal.

- One (1) Original (clearly marked “Original”) and six (6) numbered copies of the cost proposal. All should be clearly marked cost proposal.

### 1.12 Legibility/Clarity

Responses to the requirements of this RFP in the formats requested are desirable with all questions answered in as much detail as practicable. The Proposer’s response should demonstrate an understanding of the requirements. Proposals prepared simply and economically, providing a straightforward, concise
description of the Proposer’s ability to meet the requirements of the RFP are also desired. Each Proposer shall be solely responsible for the accuracy and completeness of its proposal.

1.13 Confidential Information, Trade Secrets, and Proprietary Information

All financial, statistical, personal, technical and other data and information relating to the State's operation which are designated confidential by the State and made available to the contractor in order to carry out this contract, or which become available to the contractor in carrying out this contract, shall be protected by the contractor from unauthorized use and disclosure through the observance of the same or more effective procedural requirements as are applicable to the State. The identification of all such confidential data and information as well as the State's procedural requirements for protection of such data and information from unauthorized use and disclosure shall be provided by the State in writing to the contractor. If the methods and procedures employed by the contractor for the protection of the contractor's data and information are deemed by the State to be adequate for the protection of the State's confidential information, such methods and procedures may be used, with the written consent of the State, to carry out the intent of this paragraph. The contractor shall not be required under the provisions of the paragraph to keep confidential any data or information which is or becomes publicly available, is already rightfully in the contractor's possession, is independently developed by the contractor outside the scope of the contract, or is rightfully obtained from third parties.

Under no circumstance shall the contractor discuss and/or release information to the media concerning this project without prior express written approval of the Louisiana Department of Education.

Only information which is in the nature of legitimate trade secrets or non-published financial data shall be deemed proprietary or confidential. Any material within a proposal identified as such must be clearly marked in the proposal and will be handled in accordance with the Louisiana Public Records Act, R.S. 44: 1-44 and applicable rules and regulations. Any proposal marked as confidential or proprietary in its entirety shall be rejected without further consideration or recourse.

1.14 Proposal Clarifications Prior to Submittal

1.14.1 Pre-proposal Conference

Not required for this RFP.

1.14.2 Proposer Inquiries

Written questions regarding RFP requirements or Scope of Services must be submitted to the RFP Coordinator listed below.

Karen Evans, Procurement Manager
Louisiana Department of Education, Office of Management and Finance
E-mail: RFP_LDE@la.gov
The State will consider written inquiries and requests for clarification of the content of this RFP received from potential Proposers. Written inquiries must be received by the date and time specified in the Schedule of Events. The State shall reserve the right to modify the RFP should a change be identified that is in the best interest of the State.

Official responses to all questions submitted by potential Proposers will be posted by the date specified in the Schedule of Events at https://wwcfprd.doa.louisiana.gov/osp/lapac/pubMain.cfm.

Only LDOE Legal Office has the authority to officially respond to a Proposer’s questions on behalf of the State. Any communications from any other individuals shall not be binding to the State.

Note: LaPAC is the State’s online electronic bid posting and notification system resident on the Office of State Procurement website http://www.doa.la.gov/Pages/osp/Index.aspx. In that LaPAC provides an immediate e-mail notification to subscribing Bidders/Proposers that a solicitation and any subsequent addenda have been let and posted, notice and receipt thereof is considered formally given as of their respective dates of posting. To receive the e-mail notification, Vendors/Proposers must register in the LaGov portal. Registration is intuitive at the following link: https://lagoverpvendor.doa.louisiana.gov/irj/portal/anonymous?guest_user=self_reg.

Help scripts are available on OSP website under vendor center at: http://www.doa.la.gov/Pages/osp/vendorcenter/regnhelp/index.aspx.

1.14.3 Blackout Period

The blackout period is a specified period of time during a competitive sealed procurement process in which any Proposer, bidder, or its agent or representative, is prohibited from communicating with any state employee or contractor of the State involved in any step in the procurement process about the affected procurement. The blackout period applies not only to state employees, but also to any contractor of the State. “Involvement” in the procurement process includes but may not be limited to project management, design, development, implementation, procurement management, development of specifications, and evaluation of proposals for a particular procurement. All solicitations for competitive sealed procurements will identify a designated contact person, as per Proposer Inquiries section of this RFP. All communications to and from potential Proposers, bidders, vendors and/or their representatives during the blackout period must be in accordance with this solicitation’s defined method of communication with the designated contact person. The blackout period will begin upon posting of the solicitation. The blackout period will end when the contract is awarded.

In those instances in which a prospective Proposer is also an incumbent contractor, the State and the incumbent contractor may contact each other with respect to the existing contract only. Under no circumstances may the State and the incumbent contractor and/or its representative(s) discuss the blacked-out procurement.
Any bidder, Proposer, or state contractor who violates the blackout period may be liable to the State in damages and/or subject to any other remedy allowed by law.

Any costs associated with cancellation or termination will be the responsibility of the Proposer or bidder.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the blackout period shall not apply to:

• A protest to a solicitation submitted pursuant to La. R.S. 39:1671;
• Duly noticed site visits and/or conferences for bidders or Proposers;
• Oral presentations during the evaluation process
• Communications regarding a particular solicitation between any person and staff of the procuring agency provided the communication is limited strictly to matters of procedure. Procedural matters include deadlines for decisions or submission of proposals and the proper means of communicating regarding the procurement, but shall not include any substantive matter related to the particular procurement or requirements of the RFP

1.15 Error and Omissions in Proposal

The State reserves the right to seek clarification of any proposal for the purpose of identifying and eliminating minor irregularities or informalities.

1.16 Changes, Addenda, Withdrawals

The State reserves the right to change the schedule of events or revise any part of the RFP by issuing an addendum to the RFP at any time. Addenda, if any, will be posted at https://wwwcfprd.doa.louisiana.gov/osp/lapac/pubMain.cfm.

It shall be the responsibility of the Proposer to check the website for addenda to the RFP.

1.17 Withdrawal of Proposal

A Proposer may withdraw a proposal that has been submitted at any time up to the date and time the proposal is due. To withdraw a proposal, a written request signed by the authorized representative of the Proposer must be submitted to the RFP coordinator identified in the RFP.

1.18 Waiver of Administrative Informalities

The State shall reserve the right, at its sole discretion, to waive minor administrative informalities contained in any proposal.

1.19 Proposal Rejection/RFP Cancellation
Issuance of this RFP in no way shall constitute a commitment by the State to award a contract. The State shall reserve the right to accept or reject, in whole or part, all proposals submitted and/or cancel this RFP if it is determined to be in the State’s best interest.

1.20 Ownership of Proposal

All materials submitted in response to this RFP shall become the property of the State. Selection or rejection of a proposal shall not affect this right.

1.21 Cost of Offer Preparation

The State shall not be liable for any costs incurred by proposers prior to issuance of or entering into a contract. Costs associated with developing the proposal, preparing for oral presentations, and any other expenses incurred by the Proposer in responding to this RFP shall be entirely the responsibility of the Proposer and shall not be reimbursed in any manner by the State.

1.22 Taxes

Contractor shall be responsible for payment of all applicable taxes from the funds to be received under contract awarded from this RFP.

In accordance with R.S. 39:1624(A)(10), the Louisiana Department of Revenue must determine that the prospective contractor is current in the filing of all applicable tax returns and reports and in payment of all taxes, interest, penalties, and fees owed to the state and collected by the Department of Revenue prior to the approval of this contract by the Office of State Procurement. The prospective contractor shall attest to its current and/or prospective compliance by signing the Certification Statement, Attachment I, submitted with its proposal, and also agrees to provide its seven-digit LDR Account Number to the contracting agency so that the prospective contractor’s tax payment compliance status may be verified. The prospective contractor further acknowledges understanding that issuance of a tax clearance certificate by the Louisiana Department of Revenue is a necessary precondition to the approval and effectiveness of this contract by the Office of State Procurement. The contracting agency reserves the right to withdraw its consent to this contract without penalty and proceed with alternate arrangements should the vendor fail to resolve any identified apparent outstanding tax compliance discrepancies with the Louisiana Department of Revenue within seven (7) days of such notification.

1.23 Determination of Responsibility

Determination of the proposer’s responsibility relating to this RFP shall be made according to the standards set forth in LAC 34:2536. The State must find that the selected proposer:

- Has adequate financial resources for performance, or has the ability to obtain such resources as required during performance;
- Has the necessary experience, organization, technical qualifications, skills, and facilities, or has the ability to obtain them;
• Is able to comply with the proposed or required time of delivery or performance schedule;
• Has a satisfactory record of integrity, judgment, and performance; and
• Is otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award under applicable laws and regulations.

Proposers should ensure that their proposals contain sufficient information for the State to make its determination by presenting acceptable evidence of the above to perform the contracted services.

1.24 Use of Subcontractors

The State shall have a single prime contractor as the result of any contract negotiation, and that prime contractor shall be responsible for all deliverables specified in the RFP and proposal. This general requirement notwithstanding, proposers may enter into subcontractor arrangements, however, shall acknowledge in their proposals total responsibility for the entire contract.

If the proposer intends to subcontract for portions of the work, the proposer shall identify any subcontractor relationships and include specific designations of the tasks to be performed by the subcontractor. Information required of the proposer under the terms of this RFP shall also be required for each subcontractor. The prime contractor shall be the single point of contact for all subcontract work.

Unless provided for in the contract with the State, the prime contractor shall not contract with any other party for any of the services herein contracted without the express prior written approval of the State.

1.25 Written or Oral Discussions/Presentations

The State, at its sole discretion, may require all proposers reasonably susceptible of being selected for the award to provide an oral presentation of how they propose to meet the agency’s program objectives. Commitments made by the Proposer at the oral presentation, if any, will be considered binding.

1.26 Acceptance of Proposal Content

All proposals will be reviewed to determine compliance with administrative and mandatory requirements as specified in the RFP. Proposals that are not in compliance will be rejected from further consideration.

1.27 Evaluation and Selection

The evaluation of proposals will be accomplished by an evaluation team, to be designated by the state, which will determine the proposal most advantageous to the state, taking into consideration price and the other evaluation factors set forth in the RFP.

The evaluation team may consult subject matter expert(s) to serve in an advisory capacity regarding any Proposer or proposal. Such input may include, but not limited to, analysis of Proposer financial statements, review of technical requirements, or preparation of cost score data.

1.28 Best and Final Offers (BAFO)
The State reserves the right to conduct a BAFO with one or more Proposers identified by the evaluation committee to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for an award. If conducted, the Proposers selected will receive written notification of their selection, a list of specific items to address in the BAFO, and instructions for submittal. The BAFO negotiation may be used to assist the State in clarifying the scope of work or to obtain the most cost effective pricing available.

**The written invitation to participate in BAFO will not obligate the state to a commitment to enter into a contract.**

### 1.29 Contract Award and Execution

The State reserves the right to enter into a contract based on the initial offers received without further discussion of the proposals submitted. The State reserves the right to contract for all or a partial list of services offered in the proposals.

The RFP, including any addenda added, and the selected proposal shall become part of the contract initiated by the State.

The selected Proposer shall be expected to enter into a contract that is substantially the same as the Sample Contract, Attachment II. A Proposer shall not submit its own standard contract terms and conditions as a response to this RFP. The Proposer should submit in its proposal any exceptions or contract deviations that its firm wishes to negotiate. Negotiations may coincide with the announcement of the selected Proposer.

If the contract negotiation period exceeds fourteen (14) business days, or if the selected Proposer fails to sign the final contract within seven (7) business days of delivery, the State may elect to cancel the award and award the contract to the next-highest-ranked Proposer.

### 1.30 Notice of Intent to Award

The Evaluation Team shall compile the scores and make a recommendation to the head of the agency on the basis of the responsive and responsible proposer with the highest score.

The State will notify the successful Proposer and proceed to negotiate terms for final contract. Unsuccessful proposers will be notified in writing accordingly.

The proposals received (except for that information appropriately designated as confidential in accordance with R.S. 44.1 et seq), selection memorandum, list of criteria used with the weight assigned each criteria, scores of each proposal considered along with a summary of scores, and a narrative justifying selection shall be made available, upon request, to all interested parties after the “Notice of Intent to Award” letter has been issued.
Any person aggrieved by the proposed award has the right to submit a protest in writing to the Chief Procurement Officer within fourteen (14) calendar days after the agency issues a Notice of Intent to award a contract.

The award of a contract shall be subject to the approval of the Division of Administration, Office of State Procurement.

### 1.31 Right to Prohibit Award

In accordance with the provisions of R.S. 39:2192, any public entity shall be authorized to reject a proposal from, or not award a contract to, a business in which any individual with an ownership interest of five percent or more, has been convicted of, or has entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to any state felony or equivalent federal felony crime committed in the solicitation or execution of a contract or RFP awarded under the laws governing public contracts under the provisions of Chapter 10 of Title 38 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, and all contracts under Title 39, Chapter 17 of the Louisiana Procurement Code, including contracts for professional, personal, consulting, and social services.

### 1.32 Insurance Requirements for Contractors

Insurance shall be placed with insurers with an A.M. Best’s rating of no less than A-: VI. This rating requirement shall be waived for Worker’s Compensation coverage only.

#### 1.32.1 Contractor’s Insurance

The Contractor shall purchase and maintain for the duration of the contract insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder by the Contractor, its agents, representatives, employees or subcontractors. The cost of such insurance shall be included in the total contract amount.

#### 1.32.2 Minimum Scope and Limits of Insurance

##### 1.32.2.1 Workers Compensation

Workers Compensation insurance shall be in compliance with the Workers Compensation law of the State of the Contractor’s headquarters. Employers Liability is included with a minimum limit of $1,000,000 per accident/per disease/per employee. If work is to be performed over water and involves maritime exposure, applicable LHWCA, Jones Act, or other maritime law coverage shall be included. A.M. Best’s insurance company rating requirement may be waived for workers compensation coverage only.

##### 1.32.2.2 Commercial General Liability

Commercial General Liability insurance, including Personal and Advertising Injury Liability and Products and Completed Operations, shall have a minimum limit per occurrence of $1,000,000 and a minimum
general annual aggregate of $2,000,000. The Insurance Services Office (ISO) Commercial General Liability occurrence coverage form CG 00 01 (current form approved for use in Louisiana), or equivalent, is to be used in the policy. Claims-made form is unacceptable.

1.32.2.3 Professional Liability (Errors and Omissions)

Professional Liability (Error & Omissions) insurance, which covers the professional errors, acts, or omissions of the Contractor, shall have a minimum limit of $1,000,000. Claims-made coverage is acceptable. The date of the inception of the policy must be no later than the first date of the anticipated work under this contract. It shall provide coverage for the duration of this contract and shall have an expiration date no earlier than 30 days after the anticipated completion of the contract. The policy shall provide an extended reporting period of not less than 36 months from the expiration date of the policy, if the policy is not renewed.

1.32.2.4 Automobile Liability

Automobile Liability Insurance shall have a minimum combined single limit per accident of $1,000,000. ISO form number CA 00 01 (current form approved for use in Louisiana), or equivalent, is to be used in the policy. This insurance shall include third-party bodily injury and property damage liability for owned, hired and non-owned automobiles.

1.32.2.5 Cyber Liability

Cyber liability insurance, including first-party costs, due to an electronic breach that compromises the State’s confidential data shall have a minimum limit per occurrence of $1,000,000. Claims-made coverage is acceptable. The date of the inception of the policy must be no later than the first date of the anticipated work under this contract. It shall provide coverage for the duration of this contract and shall have an expiration date no earlier than 30 days after the anticipated completion of the contract. The policy shall provide an extended reporting period of not less than 36 months from the expiration date of the policy, if the policy is not renewed. The policy shall not be cancelled for any reason, except non-payment of premium.

1.32.3 Deductibles and Self-Insured Retentions

Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to and accepted by the Agency. The Contractor shall be responsible for all deductibles and self-insured retentions.

1.32.4 Other Insurance Provisions

The policies are to contain, or be endorsed to contain, the following provisions:

1.32.4.1 Commercial General Liability, Automobile Liability, and Cyber Liability Coverages
The Agency, its officers, agents, employees and volunteers shall be named as an additional insured as regards negligence by the contractor. ISO Forms CG 20 10 (for ongoing work) AND CG 20 37 (for completed work) (current forms approved for use in Louisiana), or equivalents, are to be used when applicable. The coverage shall contain no special limitations on the scope of protection afforded to the Agency.

The Contractor’s insurance shall be primary as respects the Agency, its officers, agents, employees and volunteers for any and all losses that occur under the contract. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the Agency shall be excess and non-contributory of the Contractor’s insurance.

1.32.4.2 Workers Compensation and Employers Liability Coverage

To the fullest extent allowed by law, the insurer shall agree to waive all rights of subrogation against the Agency, its officers, agents, employees and volunteers for losses arising from work performed by the Contractor for the Agency.

1.32.4.3 All Coverages

All policies must be endorsed to require 30 days written notice of cancellation to the Agency. Ten-day written notice of cancellation is acceptable for non-payment of premium. Notifications shall comply with the standard cancellation provisions in the Contractor’s policy. In addition, Contractor is required to notify Agency of policy cancellations or reductions in limits.

The acceptance of the completed work, payment, failure of the Agency to require proof of compliance, or Agency’s acceptance of a non-compliant certificate of insurance shall release the Contractor from the obligations of the insurance requirements or indemnification agreement.

The insurance companies issuing the policies shall have no recourse against the Agency for payment of premiums or for assessments under any form of the policies.

Any failure of the Contractor to comply with reporting provisions of the policy shall not affect coverage provided to the Agency, its officers, agents, employees and volunteers.

1.32.5 Acceptability of Insurers

All required insurance shall be provided by a company or companies lawfully authorized to do business in the jurisdiction in which the Project is located. Insurance shall be placed with insurers with an A.M. Best’s rating of A-:VI or higher. This rating requirement may be waived for workers compensation coverage only.

If at any time an insurer issuing any such policy does not meet the minimum A.M. Best rating, the Contractor shall obtain a policy with an insurer that meets the A.M. Best rating and shall submit another Certificate of Insurance within 30 days.

1.32.6 Verification of Coverage
Contractor shall furnish the Agency with Certificates of Insurance reflecting proof of required coverage. The Certificates for each insurance policy are to be signed by a person authorized by that insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. The Certificates are to be received and approved by the Agency before work commences and upon any contract renewal or insurance policy renewal thereafter.

The Certificate Holder shall be listed as follows:

State of Louisiana

Louisiana Department of Education, Its Officers, Agents, Employees and Volunteers

1201 N Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Child Care Mental Health Consultation (#)

In addition to the Certificates, Contractor shall submit the declarations page and the cancellation provision for each insurance policy. The Agency reserves the right to request complete certified copies of all required insurance policies at any time.

Upon failure of the Contractor to furnish, deliver and maintain required insurance, this contract, at the election of the Agency, may be suspended, discontinued or terminated. Failure of the Contractor to purchase and/or maintain any required insurance shall not relieve the Contractor from any liability or indemnification under the contract.

1.32.7 Subcontractors

Contractor shall include all subcontractors as insureds under its policies or shall be responsible for verifying and maintaining the Certificates provided by each subcontractor. Subcontractors shall be subject to all of the requirements stated herein. The Agency reserves the right to request copies of subcontractor’s Certificates at any time.

1.32.8 Workers Compensation Indemnity

In the event Contractor is not required to provide or elects not to provide workers compensation coverage, the parties hereby agree that Contractor, its owners, agents and employees will have no cause of action against, and will not assert a claim against, the State of Louisiana, its departments, agencies, agents and employees as an employer, whether pursuant to the Louisiana Workers Compensation Act or otherwise, under any circumstance. The parties also hereby agree that the State of Louisiana, its departments, agencies, agents and employees shall in no circumstance be, or considered as, the employer or statutory employer of Contractor, its owners, agents and employees. The parties further agree that Contractor is a wholly independent contractor and is exclusively responsible for its employees, owners, and agents. Contractor hereby agrees to protect, defend, indemnify and hold the State of Louisiana, its departments, agencies, agents and employees harmless from any such assertion or claim that may arise from the performance of this contract.

1.33 Indemnification and Limitation of Liability
Neither party shall be liable for any delay or failure in performance beyond its control resulting from acts of God or force majeure. The parties shall use reasonable efforts to eliminate or minimize the effect of such events upon performance of their respective duties under Contract.

Contractor shall be fully liable for the actions of its agents, employees, partners or subcontractors and shall fully indemnify and hold harmless the State and its Authorized Users from suits, actions, damages and costs of every name and description relating to personal injury and damage to real or personal tangible property caused by Contractor, its agents, employees, partners or subcontractors, without limitation; provided, however, that the Contractor shall not indemnify for that portion of any claim, loss or damage arising hereunder due to the negligent act or failure to act of the State. If applicable, Contractor will indemnify, defend and hold the State and its Authorized Users harmless, without limitation, from and against any and all damages, expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees), claims, judgments, liabilities and costs which may be finally assessed against the State in any action for infringement of a United States Letter Patent with respect to the Products furnished, or of any copyright, trademark, trade secret or intellectual property right, provided that the State shall give the Contractor: (i) prompt written notice of any action, claim or threat of infringement suit, or other suit, (ii) the opportunity to take over, settle or defend such action, claim or suit at Contractor's sole expense, and (iii) assistance in the defense of any such action at the expense of Contractor. Where a dispute or claim arises relative to a real or anticipated infringement, the State or its Authorized Users may require Contractor, at its sole expense, to submit such information and documentation, including formal patent attorney opinions, as the Commissioner of Administration shall require.

The Contractor shall not be obligated to indemnify that portion of a claim or dispute based upon: i) Authorized User's unauthorized modification or alteration of a Product, Material or Service; ii) Authorized User's use of the Product in combination with other products not furnished by Contractor; iii) Authorized User's use in other than the specified operating conditions and environment.

In addition to the foregoing, if the use of any item(s) or part(s) thereof shall be enjoined for any reason or if Contractor believes that it may be enjoined, Contractor shall have the right, at its own expense and sole discretion as the Authorized User's exclusive remedy to take action in the following order of precedence: (i) to procure for the State the right to continue using such item(s) or part(s) thereof, as applicable; (ii) to modify the component so that it becomes non-infringing equipment of at least equal quality and performance; or (iii) to replace said item(s) or part(s) thereof, as applicable, with non-infringing components of at least equal quality and performance, or (iv) if none of the foregoing is commercially reasonable, then provide monetary compensation to the State up to the dollar amount of the Contract.

For all other claims against the Contractor where liability is not otherwise set forth in the Contract as being "without limitation", and regardless of the basis on which the claim is made, Contractor's liability for direct damages, shall be the greater of $100,000, the dollar amount of the Contract, or two (2) times the charges rendered by the Contractor under the Contract. Unless otherwise specifically enumerated herein or in the work order mutually agreed between the parties, neither party shall be liable to the other for special, indirect or consequential damages, including lost data or records (unless the Contractor is required to back-up the data or records as part of the work plan), even if the party has been advised of the possibility
of such damages. Neither party shall be liable for lost profits, lost revenue or lost institutional operating savings.

The State and Authorized User may, in addition to other remedies available to them at law or equity and upon notice to the Contractor, retain such monies from amounts due Contractor, or may proceed against the performance and payment bond, if any, as may be necessary to satisfy any claim for damages, penalties, costs and the like asserted by or against them.

1.34 Payment

During the execution of tasks contained in the Statement of Work, The Contractor may submit invoices, not more frequently than monthly. The payment shall be as follows:

This contract will be paid using a unit cost methodology. Billing and payment terms shall be negotiated with the successful proposer.

Such payment amounts for work performed must be based on least equivalent services rendered and to the extent practical, will be keyed to clearly identifiable stages of progress as reflected in written reports submitted with the invoices. Contractor will not be paid more than the maximum amount of the contract.

1.34.1 Electronic Vendor Payment Solutions

The State desires to make payment to the awarded Proposer(s) electronically. The method of payment may be via EFT, a method in which payment is sent directly from the State’s bank to the payee’s bank. Please see Attachment III for additional information regarding electronic payment methods and registration.

1.35 Termination

1.35.1 Termination of the Contract for Cause

State may terminate this Contract for cause based upon the failure of the Contractor to comply with the terms and/or conditions of the Contract; provided the State shall give the Contractor written notice specifying the Contractor’s failure. If within thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of such notice, the Contractor shall not have either corrected such failure or, in the case of failure which cannot be corrected in thirty (30) calendar days, begun in good faith to correct said failure and thereafter proceeded diligently to complete such correction, then the State may, at its option, place the Contractor in default and the Contract shall terminate on the date specified in such notice. Failure to perform within the time agreed upon in the contract may constitute default and may cause cancellation of the contract.

Contractor may exercise any rights available to it under Louisiana law to terminate for cause upon the failure of the State to comply with the terms and conditions of this contract provided that the Contractor
shall give the State written notice specifying the State agency’s failure and a reasonable opportunity for the State to cure the defect.

1.35.2 Termination of the Contract for Convenience

The State may terminate the Contract at any time without penalty by giving thirty (30) calendar days’ written notice to the Contractor of such termination or negotiating with the Contractor an effective date. Contractor shall be entitled to payment for deliverables in progress, to the extent work has been performed satisfactorily.

1.35.3 Termination for Non-Appropriation of Funds

The continuation of this contract shall be contingent upon the appropriation of funds by the legislature to fulfill the requirements of the contract by the legislature. If the legislature fails to appropriate sufficient monies to provide for the continuation of the contract, or if such appropriation is reduced by the veto of the Governor or by any means provided in the appropriations act of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 to prevent the total appropriation for the year from exceeding revenues for that year, or for any other lawful purpose, and the effect of such reduction is to provide insufficient monies for the continuation of the contract, the contract shall terminate on the date of the beginning of the first fiscal year for which funds have not been appropriated.

1.36 Assignment

No contractor shall assign any interest in this contract by assignment, transfer, or novation, without prior written consent of the State. This provision shall not be construed to prohibit the contractor from assigning to a bank, trust company, or other financial institution any money due or to become due from approved contracts without such prior written consent. Notice of any such assignment or transfer shall be furnished promptly to the State.

1.37 Right to Audit

The State Legislative Auditor, internal auditors of the Division of Administration, agency auditors, and if applicable, federal auditors shall be entitled to audit the books and records of a contractor or any subcontractor under any negotiated contract or subcontractor to the extent that such books and records relate to the performance of such contract or subcontract. Such books and records shall be maintained by the contractor for a period of five (5) years from the date of final payment under the prime contract and by the subcontractor for a period of five (5) years from the date of final payment under the subcontract.

1.38 Civil Rights Compliance

The contractor agrees to abide by the requirements of the following as applicable: Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended by the Equal Employment

Contractor agrees not to discriminate in its employment practices, and will render services under this contract without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, veteran status, political affiliation, disability, or age in any matter relating to employment. Any act of discrimination committed by Contractor, or failure to comply with these statutory obligations when applicable shall be grounds for termination of this contract.

1.39 Record Ownership

All records, reports, documents, or other material related to any contract resulting from this RFP and/or obtained or prepared by the Contractor in connection with the performance of the services contracted for herein shall become the property of the State and shall, upon request, be returned by the Contractor to the State, at the Contractor’s expense, at termination or expiration of the contract.

1.40 Entire Agreement/Order of Precedence

This contract, together with the RFP and addenda issued thereto by the State, the proposal submitted by the Contractor in response to the State’s RFP, and any exhibits specifically incorporated herein by reference, shall constitute the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter.

In the event of any inconsistent or incompatible provisions, this signed agreement (excluding the RFP and the Contractor’s proposal) shall take precedence, followed by the provisions of the RFP, and then by the terms of the Contractor’s proposal.

1.41 Contract Modifications

No amendment or variation of the terms of this contract shall be valid unless made in writing, signed by the parties and approved as required by law. No oral understanding or agreement not incorporated in the contract shall be binding on any of the parties.

1.42 Substitution of Personnel

The Contractor's personnel assigned to this Contract shall not be replaced without the prior written consent of the State. Such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed provided an equally qualified replacement is offered. In the event that any State or Contractor personnel become unavailable due to resignation, illness, or other factors, excluding assignment to a project outside this contract, outside of the State's or Contractor's reasonable control, as the case may be, the State or the Contractor shall be responsible for providing an equally qualified replacement in time to avoid delays in completing tasks. The contractor will make every reasonable attempt to assign the personnel listed in his proposal.
1.43 Governing Law

(This section shall not be altered or deleted.)
This contract shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana. Venue of any action brought with regard to this contract shall be in the Nineteenth Judicial District Court, Parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana.

1.44 Claims or Controversies

Any claim or controversy arising out of the contract shall be resolved by the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statutes 39:1672.2-1672.4.

1.45 Code of Ethics

Proposers shall be responsible for determining that there will be no conflict or violation of the Louisiana Ethics Code if their company is awarded the contract. The Louisiana Board of Ethics shall be the only entity which can officially rule on ethics issues.

1.46 Corporate Requirements

If the contractor is a corporation not incorporated under the laws of the State of Louisiana, the contractor shall have obtained a certificate of authority pursuant to R. S. 12:301-302 from the Louisiana’s Secretary of State. If the contractor is a for-profit corporation whose stock is not publicly traded, the contractor shall ensure that a disclosure of ownership form has been properly filed with the Louisiana’s Secretary of State.

1.47 Prohibition of Discriminatory Boycotts of Israel

In preparing its response, the Proposer has considered all proposals submitted from qualified, potential subcontractors and suppliers, and has not, in the solicitation, selection, or commercial treatment of any subcontractor or supplier, refused to transact or terminated business activities, or taken other actions intended to limit commercial relations, with a person or entity that is engaging in commercial transactions in Israel or Israeli-controlled territories, with the specific intent to accomplish a boycott or divestment of Israel. Proposer also has not retaliated against any person or other entity for reporting such refusal, termination, or commercially limiting actions. The State reserves the right to reject the response of the Proposer if this certification is subsequently determined to be false, and to terminate any contract awarded based on such a false response.
PART 2: SCOPE OF WORK/SERVICES

2.1 Scope of Work

Overview: In order to support the implementation of the early childhood unified quality rating and improvement system which is linked to improvement in the quality of teacher-child interactions, the State is seeking early childhood mental health consultation services to support staff in early learning centers in promoting healthy classroom environments as well as strong teacher-child interactions. Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation providers will be expected to provide early childhood mental health consultation services for a minimum of 120 Type III early learning centers statewide (refer to Appendix I). One statewide contract is sought as a result of this RFP.

2.2 Task and Services

Early childhood mental health care consultants will be required to support early childhood professionals to improve the social, emotional, and behavioral health of children in early education settings by providing services to Type III early learning centers (refer to Appendix I), typically over a 6 month period. Early childhood mental health care services should strengthen teachers’ abilities to:

- promote children’s social emotional and behavioral health, which includes addressing challenging behaviors effectively;
- form strong, supportive relationships with children and their families; and
- conduct universal developmental screenings.

The contractor shall deliver services to early learning centers using a model that is program-centered: designed to support all staff who work with children at an early learning site; child-centered: designed to assess and make recommendations about particular children; and classroom-centered: designed to support the staff who work with children in one classroom.

- Program-centered services should include mental health consultants providing foundational learning opportunities for a group of child care staff at a center on topics such as behavior management, developmentally-appropriate expectations, and creating supportive environments. These services should also include supporting child care directors in their child care practices or policies as it relates to the social-emotional climate of their early learning center.
- Child-centered services should include mental health care consultants conducting child observations to determine a need for more in-depth evaluation, interviewing teachers/directors and/or parents to gather information about individual children who exhibit challenging behaviors or mental health concerns, administering child behavior checklists or other screening measures; and making referrals to appropriate service providers.
- Classroom-centered services should entail mental health consultants providing coaching for child care teachers which includes job-embedded technical assistance in implementing effective management skills and how to model social-emotional skills for children throughout the day.
These services should also include supporting teachers’ abilities to create and implement behavior support plans for children in their class.

2.3 Deliverables

The Contractor shall meet the following project deliverables:

Monthly Documentation

- A report listing the number and names of early learning centers receiving early childhood mental health consultation services. Report should indicate which early learning centers received mental health consultation services, and should use any templates provided by the state for reporting.
- The number of referrals made, the number of referrals resulting in a positive outcome for children, and the number of referrals made for children under three to Early Steps.
- Documentation for staff trainings provided including agendas, PowerPoints, handouts, and sign-in sheets.
- A report including the number of child-behavior checklists or other screenings administered.

Bi-Annual Documentation

- Teacher survey summary report showing teachers’ ratings regarding the effectiveness of the early childhood mental health consultation services.

Yearly Documentation

End of the year report including a summary of the following:

- Number and names of early learning centers receiving early childhood mental health care services.
- Teacher survey summary report showing teachers’ ratings regarding the effectiveness of the early childhood mental health care services.
- Report of the staff trainings provided including the number trainings conducted for each center and topics.
- Report including the number of child-behavior checklists or other screenings administered.
- Evaluation of the mental health consultation services provided for all centers served.

2.4 Technical Requirements

Not applicable to this RFP.

2.5 Project Requirements

The proposer shall describe how they will:
• Deliver early childhood mental health consultation services and through what type of research-based model(s);
• Determine what period of time services will be delivered to early learning centers (e.g., 3 months, 6 months);
• Recruit early learning centers to receive mental health consultation services;
• Determine which centers receive services;
• Determine how many centers they have the capacity to serve;
• Select (include staff credentials), train, retain, and supervise their staff;

• Partner with other support services for early learning centers, including the early childhood Community Networks, Child Care Resource & Referral agencies, Early Steps, and local school districts providing special education services; and
• Evaluate the effectiveness of their early childhood mental health consultation services.
PART 3: EVALUATION

Proposals that pass the preliminary screening and mandatory requirements review will be evaluated based on information provided in the proposal. The evaluation will be conducted according to the following.

The Evaluation Team will evaluate and score the proposals using the criteria and scoring as follows:

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The proposal will be evaluated in light of the material and the substantiating evidence presented to the State, not on the basis of what may be inferred.

Proposer must receive a minimum score of 31.5 points (50%) of the total available points in the technical categories of Company Background and Experience, Approach and Methodology and Proposed Staff Qualifications to be considered responsive to the RFP. Proposals not meeting the minimum score shall be rejected and not proceed to further Cost or Louisiana Veteran and/or Hudson Initiative evaluation.

The scores for the Financial Proposals, Technical Proposals, and Veteran and Hudson Initiative will be combined to determine overall score. The Proposer with the highest overall score will be recommended for award.

3.1 Cost Evaluation

The Proposer with the lowest total cost shall receive 25 points. Other proposers shall receive cost points based upon the following formula.

\[ CCS = (LPC/TCP \times 25) \]

Where:
- \( CCS \) = Computed Cost Score (points) for Proposer being evaluated
- \( LPC \) = Lowest Proposed Cost of all Proposers
- \( TCP \) = Total Cost of Proposer being evaluated
3.2  Veteran-Owned and Service-Connected Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Entrepreneurships (Veteran Initiative) and Louisiana Initiative for Small Entrepreneurships (Hudson Initiative) Programs Participation

A. Twelve percent (12%) of the total evaluation points in this RFP are reserved for Proposers who are certified small entrepreneurships, or who will engage the participation of one or more certified small entrepreneurships as subcontractors. Reserved points shall be added to the applicable Proposers’ evaluation score as follows:

B. Proposer Status and Allotment of Reserved Points

i. If the Proposer is a certified Veterans Initiative small entrepreneurship, the Proposer shall receive points equal to twelve percent (12%) of the total evaluation points in this RFP.

ii. If the Proposer is a certified Hudson Initiative small entrepreneurship, the Proposer shall receive points equal to ten percent (10%) of the total evaluation points in this RFP.

iii. If the Proposer demonstrates its intent to use certified small entrepreneurship(s) in the performance of contract work resulting from this solicitation, the Proposer shall receive points equal to the net percentage of contract work which is projected to be performed by or through certified small entrepreneurship subcontractors, multiplied by the appropriate number of evaluation points.

iv. The total number of points awarded pursuant to this Section shall not exceed twelve percent (12%) of the total number of evaluation points in this RFP.

If the Proposer is a certified Veterans Initiative or Hudson Initiative small entrepreneurship, the Proposer must note this in its proposal in order to receive the full amount of applicable reserved points.

If the Proposer is not a certified small entrepreneurship, but has engaged one (1) or more Veterans Initiative or Hudson Initiative certified small entrepreneurship(s) to participate as subcontractors, the Proposer shall provide the following information for each certified small entrepreneurship subcontractor in order to obtain any applicable Veterans Initiative or Hudson Initiative points:

i. Subcontractor’s name;

ii. Subcontractor’s Veterans Initiative and/or the Hudson Initiative certification;

iii. A detailed description of the work to be performed; and

iv. The anticipated dollar value of the subcontract for the three-year contract term.

Note – it is not mandatory to have a Veterans Initiative or Hudson Initiative certified small entrepreneurship subcontractor. However, it is mandatory to include this information in order to receive any allotted points when applicable.

If multiple Veterans Initiative or Hudson Initiative subcontractors will be used, the above required information should be listed for each subcontractor. The Proposer should provide a sufficiently detailed description of each subcontractor’s work so the Department is able to determine if there is duplication or overlap, or if the subcontractor’s services constitute a distinct scope of work from each other subcontractor(s).
PART 4: PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

4.1 Performance Requirements

Contractor must meet all requirements, deliverables, and timelines outlined in Part II: Scope of Work.

4.2 Performance Measurement/Evaluation/Monitoring Plan

4.2.1 Performance Measures/Evaluation:

The performance of the contract will be measured by the State Project Manager, authorized on behalf of the LDOE, to evaluate the contractor’s performance against the criteria in Part II: Scope of Work/Services and Deliverables.

In addition, the performance will be measured by meeting the following performance requirements:

- Provide supporting documentation for completion of all deliverables and reports on a monthly basis.
- Accurate data collection and ad hoc reporting of information requested by the State or the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) Office of Child Care within 3 working days of request including timely data entry in the manner requested.
- MOU(s) or equivalent formal written agreements detailing collaborative relationship with Community Network Lead Agencies on enrollment and referrals for each of the Community Networks within the geographic area served.
- Other documentation as requested by the State.

4.2.2 Monitoring Plan:

The LDOE will monitor the effectiveness of the contractor’s services monthly based on the measures of success, the contractor’s ability to meet the required deliverables, feedback from the LDOE-administered surveys, and other performance information available to the State.

4.3 Veteran and Hudson Initiative Programs Reporting Requirements

During the term of the contract and at expiration, the Contractor will be required to report Veteran-Owned and Service-Connected Disabled Veteran-Owned and Hudson Initiative small entrepreneurship subcontractor participation and the dollar amount of each.
If a contract is awarded to a Proposer who proposed a good faith subcontracting plan, the using agency, the Louisiana Department of Economic Development (LED), or the Office of State Procurement (OSP) may audit Contractor to determine whether Contractor has complied in good faith with its subcontracting plan. The Contractor must be able to provide supporting documentation (i.e., phone logs, fax transmittals, letter, e-mails) to demonstrate its good faith subcontracting plan was followed. If it is determined at any time by the using agency, LED, or the OSP Director that the Contractor did not in fact perform in good faith its subcontracting plan, the contract award or the existing contract may be terminated.
ATTACHMENT I: CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

The undersigned hereby acknowledges she/he has read and understands all requirements and specifications of the Request for Proposals (RFP), including attachments.

OFFICIAL CONTACT. The State requests that the Proposer designate one person to receive all documents and the method in which the documents are best delivered. The Proposer should identify the Contact name and fill in the information below: (Print Clearly)

A. Official Contact Name: __________________________________________________________

B. E-mail Address: ________________________________________________________________

C. Facsimile Number with area code: ( ) ____________________________________________

D. US Mail Address: ______________________________________________________________

Proposer shall certify that the above information is true and shall grant permission to the State or Agencies to contact the above named person or otherwise verify the information provided.

By its submission of this proposal and authorized signature below, Proposer shall certify that:

1. The information contained in its response to this RFP is accurate;

2. Proposer shall comply with each of the mandatory requirements listed in the RFP and will meet or exceed the functional and technical requirements specified therein;

3. Proposer shall accept the procedures, evaluation criteria, mandatory contract terms and conditions, and all other administrative requirements set forth in this RFP.

4. Proposer's quote shall be valid for at least 90 calendar days from the date of proposal's signature below;

5. Proposer understands that if selected as the successful Proposer, he/she will have 7 business days business days from the date of delivery of final contract in which to complete contract negotiations, if any, and execute the final contract document.

6. Proposer shall certify, by signing and submitting a proposal for $25,000 or more, that their company, any subcontractors, or principals are not suspended or debarred by the General Services Administration (GSA) in accordance with the requirements in 2 CFR §200 Subpart F. (A list of parties who have been suspended or debarred can be viewed via the internet at https://www.sam.gov.)

7. Proposer understands that, if selected as a contractor, the Louisiana Department of Revenue must determine that it is current in the filing of all applicable tax returns and reports and in payment of all taxes, interest, penalties, and fees owed to the state and collected by the LDR. Proposer shall comply with R.S. 39:1624(A)(10) by providing its seven-digit LDR account number in order for tax payment compliance status to be verified.
8. Proposer further acknowledges its understanding that issuance of a tax clearance certificate by LDR is a necessary precondition to the approval of any contract by the Office of State Procurement. The contracting agency reserves the right to withdraw its consent to any contract without penalty and proceed with alternate arrangements, should a prospective contractor fail to resolve any identified outstanding tax compliance discrepancies with the LDR within seven (7) days of such notification.

9. Proposer certifies and agrees that the following information is correct: In preparing its response, the Proposer has considered all proposals submitted from qualified, potential subcontractors and suppliers, and has not, in the solicitation, selection, or commercial treatment of any subcontractor or supplier, refused to transact or terminated business activities, or taken other actions intended to limit commercial relations, with a person or entity that is engaging in commercial transactions in Israel or Israeli-controlled territories, with the specific intent to accomplish a boycott or divestment of Israel. Proposer also has not retaliated against any person or other entity for reporting such refusal, termination, or commercially limiting actions. The State reserves the right to reject the response of the Proposer if this certification is subsequently determined to be false, and to terminate any contract awarded based on such a false response.

Signature of Proposer or Authorized Representative

Typed or Printed Name: ________________________________

Date: ________________________________

Title: ________________________________

Company Name: ________________________________

Address: ________________________________

City: ________________________________ State: ________________ Zip: ________________
ATTACHMENT II: SAMPLE CONTRACT

CONTRACT BETWEEN STATE OF LOUISIANA

NAME OF DEPARTMENT/AGENCY
Click here to enter the Department/Agency name

AND

CONTRACTOR NAME
Click here to enter the Contractor name

CONTRACT NUMBER (ISIS/LAGOV)
Click here to enter the contract number

TYPE OF SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED

- PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ☐
- CONSULTING SERVICES ☐
- SOCIAL SERVICES ☐
- PERSONAL SERVICES ☐

CONTRACTOR (Legal Name if Corporation)  FEDERAL EMPLOYER TAX ID
Click here to enter the Contractor
Contractor’s FEIN

Click here to enter the Contractor’s FEIN

STATE LDR ACCOUNT #
Click here to enter the State

LDR Account Number

STREET ADDRESS  TELEPHONE NUMBER
Click here to enter the Contractor’s street address
Contractor’s telephone number

CITY  Click here to enter the Contractor’s city  STATE  Click here to enter the Contractor’s state
ZIP  Click here to enter the Contractor’s zip code

TERM OF CONTRACT

This Contract shall begin on July 1, 2019 and shall terminate on June 30, 2019. The effective date of this Contract may be extended only if an amendment to that effect is duly executed by the contracting parties and approved by the necessary authorities prior to said termination date. If either party informs the other that an extension of this Contract is deemed necessary, an amendment may be prepared by State and forwarded to the other party for appropriate action by the other party. Said amendment is to be returned to State with appropriate information and signatures not less than fifteen (15) days prior to termination date. Upon receipt of the amendment, it will be forwarded to the necessary authorities for their approval. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in no event shall the total term of this Contract, including extensions hereto, be for a period of more than three (3) years.
COMPENSATION AND MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF CONTRACT

In consideration of the services required by this Contract, the State hereby agrees to pay to Contractor a maximum fee of $ Click here to enter the maximum contract amount. Payments are predicated upon successful completion of the services described in Description of Services and acceptance of deliverables described in Acceptance of Deliverables; receipt of an invoice; and written approval of Click here to enter the Name of agency’s designee.

The State shall make every reasonable effort to make payments within 25 business days of receiving an invoice. Contractor shall comply with the Division of Administration State General Travel Regulations, as set forth in the Division of Administration Policy and Procedure Memorandum No. 49.

During the execution of tasks contained in the Statement of Work, the Contractor may submit invoices, not more frequently than monthly. The payment terms are as follows:

This contract will be paid using a unit cost methodology.

Such payment amounts for work performed must be based on at least equivalent services rendered, and to the extent practical, will be keyed to clearly identifiable stages of progress as reflected in written reports submitted with the invoices. Contractor will not be paid more than the maximum amount of the contract.

(Contracts with services completed by June 30 must submit invoices no later than July 5. Due to funding constraints, funding may be unavailable for payment of services if invoices are not received by this date.

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Note: One unit of service is defined as the delivery of early childhood mental health consultation services to one center for a one month period. The total duration of services per center is expected to last for more than one month (up to 6 months), but unit cost should be reflected per month, per center. The Contractor must provide mental health care consultation services to a minimum of 120 early learning centers.

PROHIBITION AGAINST ADVANCE PAYMENTS
No compensation or payment of any nature shall be made in advance of services actually performed, unless allowed by law.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

1. Programmatic-and Classroom-Centered Consultation

Through program- and classroom-centered consultation services, the contractor will provide direct and indirect training to teachers and directors about effective and supportive classroom management and model social emotional skills for teachers to model for children. During direct trainings, the contractor will work with several staff members using a combination of didactic materials and group process. Handouts, examples, and other materials are provided while also utilizing various adult learning strategies. Didactic topics (e.g., building positive relationships, managing challenging behavior) are primarily adapted from the Center on the Social and Emotional Foundation for Early Learning (CSEFEL) training modules (www.csefel.vanderbilt.edu). All of the contract consultants will be trained in the use of valid and reliable universal developmental screening instruments (e.g., Ages and Stages Questionnaire). The contractor will work to support directors and teachers in using these measures appropriately and to implement screening within their programs. The contractor will also develop a “Giving Feedback Tip Sheet” to support teachers and directors in understanding how to appropriately give feedback to parents and guardians, which has been used successfully for over seven years. Finally, centers that demonstrate the need, have a high number of children receiving CCAP, and who have actively worked towards goals with the contractor will be eligible to receive a three-month extension that focuses on infant and toddler mental health and needs.

2. Child-Centered Consultation and Family Engagement

The contractor will combine prevention and intervention by working with teachers and directors to create an environment and relationship that is supportive for all children and, with parent consent, is available to provide more direct support for children who are in need of in-depth intervention. For these child-centered consultations, the contractor will work with parent(s) and teacher(s) to gather information through interviews, screening measures (e.g., the Child Behavior Checklist), and observations. The contractor will then provide feedback, which includes designing behavior management plans with analogous methods for home, as well as providing specific referral information for the parents if a more in-depth evaluation or treatment is indicated.

The contractor will continue its focus on assisting centers to increase their engagement with the families they serve. Family involvement is an important component of a quality child care center, and the contractor will assist center personnel in working more effectively with parents, especially when a child demonstrates challenging behaviors. The contract consultants will also be able to provide parent education seminars tailored to those that parents, and/or directors deem important (e.g., positive discipline techniques, healthy sleep habits).
DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES
Contractor agrees to furnish services to State as specified in this Section and in any attachments.

A full description of the scope of services is contained in the following documents, which are made a part of this Contract:
- Statement of Work
- Contractor Personnel and Other Resources
- State Furnished Resources

DELIVERABLES
The Contract will be considered complete when Contractor has delivered and State has accepted all deliverables specified in the Statement of Work.

ACCEPTANCE OF DELIVERABLES
Deliverables shall be submitted, reviewed, and accepted according to the following procedure:

A. **General.** The State shall accept work performed in accordance with the Statement of Work and/or as subsequently modified in State-approved documents.

B. **Submittal and Review.** Contractor shall provide written notification to the State Project Director that a Deliverable is completed, and available for review and acceptance.

Upon Contractor’s written notification, the State Project Director shall review the Deliverable within the number of days the State will review the Deliverable within. 10 business days is recommended. Within this period, the State Project Director shall direct the appropriate review process; coordinate any review outside the Project team; and present results to any appropriate committee(s) for acceptance. The review process shall be comprehensive—identifying all items that must be modified or added.

C. **Acceptance or Rejection.** A Deliverable shall be considered accepted unless, within the number of days the State will review the Deliverable within. 10 business days is recommended. The amount of days listed here must match the number of days listed in B, the State Project Director notifies the Contractor in writing that the Deliverable is rejected and specifies the items that, if modified or added, will cause the Deliverable to be accepted. A failure to submit all or any essential part of a Deliverable shall be cause for rejection of the Deliverable.

D. **Resubmitting Deliverables.** Contractor shall provide written notification to the State Project Director when the Contractor resubmits a Deliverable for acceptance. The State Project Director shall review the resubmitted Deliverable within the number of days the State will review the resubmitted Deliverable within. 5 business days is recommended. A resubmitted Deliverable shall be considered accepted unless, within this period, the State Project Director notifies the Contractor in writing that the resubmitted Deliverable is rejected and specifies the items that, if modified or added, will cause the resubmitted Deliverable to be accepted. The parties shall repeat this process until the resubmitted Deliverable is accepted, or the State determines that the Contractor has breached the Contract and places the Contractor in default.
TERMS OF PAYMENT
The Contractor may submit invoices, not more frequently than monthly. If progress and/or completion of services are provided to the satisfaction of the initiating Office/Facility, payments are to be made as follows:

Click here to enter the terms of payment. Payment terms that can be negotiated with the Contractor are payment by task, payment by schedule, and/or payment by percentage. Any one or a combination of these is acceptable as long as payment is related to the successful completion of services described in Description of Services and/or accepted deliverables described in Acceptance of Deliverables.

Such payment amounts for work performed must be based on at least equivalent services rendered, and to the extent practical, will be keyed to clearly identifiable stages of progress as reflected in written reports submitted with the invoices. Contractor will not be paid more than the maximum amount of the Contract.

PAYMENT WILL BE MADE ONLY UPON APPROVAL OF
Click here to enter the title only of the personnel who will approve payments

VETERAN/HUDSON SMALL ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAM PARTICIPATION
During the term of the Contract and at expiration, the Contractor will be required to report Veteran-Owned and Service-Connected Disabled Veteran-Owned and Hudson Initiative small entrepreneurship subcontractor participation and the dollar amount of each.

SUBSTITUTION OF KEY PERSONNEL
The Contractor's personnel assigned to this Contract shall not be replaced without the written consent of the State. Such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed provided an equally qualified replacement is offered. In the event that any State or Contractor personnel become unavailable due to resignation, illness, or other factors, excluding assignment to project outside this contract, outside of the State's or Contractor's reasonable control, as the case may be, the State or the Contractor, shall be responsible for providing an equally qualified replacement in time to avoid delays in completing tasks. The Contractor will make every reasonable attempt to assign the personnel listed in his proposal.

STATE FURNISHED RESOURCES
State shall appoint a Project Manager for this Contract who will provide oversight of the activities conducted hereunder. Notwithstanding the Contractor’s responsibility for management during the performance of this Contract, the assigned Project Manager shall be the principal point of contact on behalf of the State and will be the principal point of contact for Contractor concerning Contractor’s performance under this Contract

TAXES
Before the Contract may be approved, La. R.S. 39:1624(A)(10) requires the Office of State Procurement to determine that the Contractor is current in the filing of all applicable tax returns and reports and in the payment of all taxes, interest, penalties, and fees owed to the State and collected by the Department of Revenue. The Contractor shall provide its seven-digit LDR Account Number to the State for this determination. The State’s obligations are conditioned on the Contractor resolving any identified outstanding tax compliance discrepancies with the Louisiana Department of Revenue within seven (7) days of such notification. If the Contractor fails to resolve the identified outstanding tax compliance
discrepancies within seven days of notification, then the using agency may proceed with alternate arrangements without notice to the Contractor and without penalty.

**TERMINATION FOR CAUSE**
Should the State determine that the Contractor has failed to comply with the Contract's terms, the State may terminate the Contract for cause by giving the Contractor written notice specifying the Contractor’s failure. If the State determines that the failure is not correctable, then the Contract shall terminate on the date specified in such notice. If the State determines that the failure may be corrected, the State shall give a deadline for the Contractor to make the correction. If the State determines that the failure is not corrected by the deadline, then the State may give additional time for the Contractor to make the corrections or the State may notify the Contractor of the Contract termination date.

If the Contractor seeks to terminate the Contract, the Contractor shall file a complaint with the Chief Procurement Officer under La. R.S. 39:1672.2-1672.4.

**TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE**
State may terminate the Contract at any time without penalty by giving thirty (30) days written notice to the Contractor of such termination or negotiating with the Contractor a termination date. Contractor shall be entitled to payment for deliverables in progress, to the extent the State determines that the work is acceptable.

**REMEDIES FOR DEFAULT**
Any claim or controversy arising out of this Contract shall be resolved by the provisions of LSA - R.S. 39:1672.2 - 1672.4.

**GOVERNING LAW**
This Contract shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana, including but not limited to La. R.S. 1551-1736; rules and regulations; executive orders; standard terms and conditions, special terms and conditions, and specifications listed in the RFP (if applicable); and this Contract. Venue of any action brought, after exhaustion of administrative remedies, with regard to this Contract shall be in the Nineteenth Judicial District Court, Parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana.

**E-VERIFY**
Contractor acknowledges and agrees to comply with the provisions of La. R.S. 38:2212.10 and federal law pertaining to E-Verify in the performance of services under this Contract.

**OWNERSHIP OF WORK PRODUCT**
All software, data files, documentation, records, worksheets, or any other related materials developed under this Contract shall become the property of the State upon creation. All material related to the Contract and/or obtained or prepared by Contractor in connection with the performance of the services contracted for herein shall become the property of State, and shall be returned by Contractor to State, at Contractor's expense, at termination or expiration of the Contract.

**DATA/RECORD RETENTION**
Contractor shall retain all its books, records, and other documents relevant to this Contract and the funds expended hereunder for at least five (5) years after final payment, or as required by applicable Federal law, if Federal funds are used to fund this Contract. Contractor shall comply with all applicable State and Federal laws regarding data retention and provide for a transition period that accommodates all data
retention requirements of the State, including data retained and length of retention, following Contract termination, regardless of the reason for Contract termination. Additionally, all State data must be sanitized in compliance with the most currently approved revision of NIST SP 800-66.

RECORD OWNERSHIP
All records, reports, documents and other material delivered or transmitted to Contractor by State shall remain the property of State, and shall be returned by Contractor to State, at Contractor's expense, at termination or expiration of the Contract. All material related to the Contract and/or obtained or prepared by Contractor in connection with the performance of the services contracted for herein shall become the property of State, and shall be returned by Contractor to State, at Contractor's expense, at termination or expiration of the Contract.

CONTRACTOR’S COOPERATION
The Contractor has the duty to fully cooperate with the State and provide any and all requested information, documentation, etc. to the State when requested. This applies even if this Contract is terminated and/or a lawsuit is filed. Specifically, the Contractor shall not limit or impede the State’s right to audit or shall not withhold State owned documents.

ASSIGNABILITY
Contractor may assign its interest in the proceeds of this Contract to a bank, trust company, or other financial institution. Within ten (10) calendar days of the assignment, the Contractor shall provide notice of the assignment to the State and the Office of State Procurement. The State will continue to pay the Contractor and will not be obligated to direct payments to the assignee until the State has processed the assignment.

Except as stated in the preceding paragraph, Contractor shall only transfer an interest in the Contract by assignment, novation, or otherwise, with prior written consent of the State. The State’s written consent of the transfer shall not diminish the State’s rights or the Contractor’s responsibilities and obligations.

RIGHT TO AUDIT
Any authorized agency of the State (e.g. Office of the Legislative Auditor, Inspector General's Office, etc.) and of the Federal Government has the right to inspect and review all books and records pertaining to services rendered under this contract for a period of five years from the date of final payment under the prime contract and any subcontract. The Contractor and subcontractor shall maintain such books and records for this five-year period and cooperate fully with the authorized auditing agency. Contractor and subcontractor shall comply with federal and state laws authorizing an audit of their operations as a whole, or of specific program activities.

FISCAL FUNDING
The continuation of this Contract is contingent upon the appropriation of funds to fulfill the requirements of the Contract by the legislature. If the legislature fails to appropriate sufficient monies to provide for the continuation of the Contract, or if such appropriation is reduced by the veto of the Governor or by any means provided in the appropriations act to prevent the total appropriation for the year from exceeding revenues for that year, or for any other lawful purpose, and the effect of such reduction is to provide insufficient monies for the continuation of the Contract, the Contract shall terminate on the date of the beginning of the first fiscal year for which funds are not appropriated.
NON-DISCRIMINATION

Contractor agrees not to discriminate in its employment practices, and shall render services under this Contract without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, veteran status, political affiliation, disability, or age in any matter relating to employment. Any act of discrimination committed by Contractor, or failure to comply with these statutory obligations when applicable shall be grounds for termination of this Contract.

CONTINUING OBLIGATION
Contractor has a continuing obligation to disclose any suspensions or debarment by any government entity, including but not limited to General Services Administration (GSA). Failure to disclosed may constitute grounds for suspension and/or termination of the Contract and debarment from future Contracts.

ELIGIBILITY STATUS
Contractor, and each tier of Subcontractors, shall certify that it is not on the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement or Nonprocurement Programs promulgated in accordance with E.O.s 12549 and 12689, "Debarment and Suspension," as set forth at 24 CFR part 24.

CONFIDENTIALITY
Contractor shall protect from unauthorized use and disclosure all information relating to the State's operations and data (e.g. financial, statistical, personal, technical, etc.) that becomes available to the Contractor in carrying out this Contract. Contractor shall use protecting measures that are the same or more effective than those used by the State. Contractor is not required to protect information or data that is publicly available outside the scope of this Contract; already rightfully in the Contractor's possession; independently developed by the Contractor outside the scope of this Contract; or rightfully obtained from third parties.

AMENDMENTS
Any modification to the provisions of this Contract shall be in writing, signed by all parties, and approved by the required authorities.

PROHIBITED USE OF FUNDS
Contractor shall not use funds received for services rendered under this Contract to urge an elector to vote for or against any candidate or proposition on an election ballot, or to lobby for or against any matter the Louisiana Legislature or a local governing authority is considering to become law. This provision shall not prevent the normal dissemination of factual information relative to any proposition on an election ballot or any matter being considered by the Louisiana Legislature or a local governing authority.

SUBCONTRACTORS
The Contractor may, with prior written permission from the State, enter into subcontracts with third parties for the performance of any part of the Contractor’s duties and obligations. In no event shall the
existence of a subcontract operate to release or reduce the liability of the Contractor to the State and/or State Agency for any breach in the performance of the Contractor's duties. The Contractor will be the single point of contact for all subcontractor work.

PROHIBITION OF DISCRIMINATORY BOYCOTTS OF ISRAEL
In accordance with Executive Order Number JBE 2018-15, effective May 22, 2018, for any contract for $100,000 or more and for any Contractor with five or more employees, Contractor, or any Subcontractor, shall certify it is not engaging in a boycott of Israel, and shall, for the duration of this Contract, refrain from a boycott of Israel.

The State reserves the right to terminate this Contract if the Contractor, or any Subcontractor, engages in a boycott of Israel during the term of the Contract.

INDEMNIFICATION AND LIMITATION OF LIABILITY
Neither party shall be liable for any delay or failure in performance beyond its control resulting from acts of God or force majeure. The parties shall use reasonable efforts to eliminate or minimize the effect of such events upon performance of their respective duties under Contract.

Contractor shall be fully liable for the actions of its agents, employees, partners or subcontractors and shall fully indemnify and hold harmless the State and its Authorized Users from suits, actions, damages and costs of every name and description relating to personal injury and damage to real or personal tangible property caused by Contractor, its agents, employees, partners or subcontractors, without limitation; provided, however, that the Contractor shall not indemnify for that portion of any claim, loss or damage arising hereunder due to the negligent act or failure to act of the State. If applicable, Contractor shall indemnify, defend and hold the State and its Authorized Users harmless, without limitation, from and against any and all damages, expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees), claims, judgments, liabilities and costs which may be finally assessed against the State in any action for infringement of a United States Letter Patent with respect to the Products furnished, or of any copyright, trademark, trade secret or intellectual property right, provided that the State shall give the Contractor: (i) prompt written notice of any action, claim or threat of infringement suit, or other suit, (ii) the opportunity to take over, settle or defend such action, claim or suit at Contractor's sole expense, and (iii) assistance in the defense of any such action at the expense of Contractor. Where a dispute or claim arises relative to a real or anticipated infringement, the State or its Authorized Users may require Contractor, at its sole expense, to submit such information and documentation, including formal patent attorney opinions, as the Commissioner of Administration shall require.

The Contractor shall not be obligated to indemnify that portion of a claim or dispute based upon: i) Authorized User's unauthorized modification or alteration of a Product, Material or Service; ii) Authorized User's use of the Product in combination with other products not furnished by Contractor; iii) Authorized User's use in other than the specified operating conditions and environment.

In addition to the foregoing, if the use of any item(s) or part(s) thereof shall be enjoined for any reason or if Contractor believes that it may be enjoined, Contractor shall have the right, at its own expense and sole discretion as the Authorized User's exclusive remedy to take action in the following order of precedence: (i) to procure for the State the right to continue using such item(s) or part(s) thereof, as applicable; (ii) to modify the component so that it becomes non-infringing equipment of at least equal quality and performance; or (iii) to replace said item(s) or part(s) thereof, as applicable, with non-infringing
components of at least equal quality and performance, or (iv) if none of the foregoing is commercially reasonable, then provide monetary compensation to the State up to the dollar amount of the Contract.

For all other claims against the Contractor where liability is not otherwise set forth in the Contract as being "without limitation", and regardless of the basis on which the claim is made, Contractor's liability for direct damages, shall be the greater of $100,000, the dollar amount of the Contract, or two (2) times the charges rendered by the Contractor under the Contract. Unless otherwise specifically enumerated herein or in the work order mutually agreed between the parties, neither party shall be liable to the other for special, indirect or consequential damages, including lost data or records (unless the Contractor is required to back-up the data or records as part of the work plan), even if the party has been advised of the possibility of such damages. Neither party shall be liable for lost profits, lost revenue or lost institutional operating savings.

The State and Authorized User may, in addition to other remedies available to them at law or equity and upon notice to the Contractor, retain such monies from amounts due Contractor, or may proceed against the performance and payment bond, if any, as may be necessary to satisfy any claim for damages, penalties, costs and the like asserted by or against them.

**STAFF INSURANCE**
Contractor shall procure and maintain for the duration of the Contract insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder by the Contractor, his agents, representatives, employees or subcontractors. The cost of such insurance shall be included in the total Contract amount. For insurance requirements, refer to Exhibit A.

**SECURITY**
Contractor's personnel shall always comply with all security regulations in effect at the State's premises, and externally for materials belonging to the State or to the project. Contractor is responsible for reporting any breach of security to the State promptly.

**CODE OF ETHICS**
The Contractor acknowledges that Chapter 15 of Title 42 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes (R.S. 42:1101 et. seq., Code of Governmental Ethics) applies to the Contracting Party in the performance of services called for in this Contract. The Contractor agrees to immediately notify the state if potential violations of the Code of Governmental Ethics arise at any time during the term of this Contract.

**SEVERABILITY**
If any term or condition of this Contract or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other terms, conditions, or applications which can be given effect without the invalid term, condition, or application; to this end the terms and conditions of this Contract are declared severable.

**HEADINGS**
Descriptive headings in this Contract are for convenience only and shall not affect the construction or meaning of contractual language.

**ENTIRE AGREEMENT AND ORDER OF PRECEDENCE**
This Contract, (together with the Request for Proposals and addenda issued thereto by the State, the proposal submitted by the Contractor in response to the State’s Request for Proposals, and any exhibits specifically incorporated herein by reference) constitutes the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter.

This Contract shall, to the extent possible, be construed to give effect to all provisions contained therein: however, where provisions are in conflict, first priority shall be given to the provisions of the Contract, excluding the Request for Proposals and the Proposal; second priority shall be given to the provisions of the Request for Proposals and amendments thereto; and third priority shall be given to the provisions of the Proposal.

**CONTRACT APPROVAL**
This Contract is not effective until executed by all parties and approved in writing by the Office of State Procurement, in accordance with LSA-R.S.39:1595.1.

**INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTRACTORS**
See Exhibit A.

The cost of such insurance shall be included in the total Contract amount.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED AT Baton Rouge, Louisiana on the day, month and year first written above. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement.

**WITNESSES SIGNATURES:**

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**STATE AGENCY SIGNATURE:**

By: ____________________________

Title: __________________________

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**CONTRACTOR SIGNATURE:**

By: ____________________________

Title: __________________________
OPTIONAL FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS

ANTI-KICKBACK CLAUSE
Contractor agrees to adhere to the mandate dictated by the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act which provides that each Contractor or subgrantee shall be prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the completion of work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he is otherwise entitled.

CLEAN AIR ACT
Contractor agrees to adhere to the provisions which require compliance with all applicable standards, orders or requirements issued under Section 306 of the Clean Air Act which prohibits the use under nonexempt Federal contracts, grants or loans of facilities included on the EPA list of Violating Facilities.

ENERGY POLICY AND CONSERVATION ACT
Contractor recognizes the mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency with are contained in the State energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (P.L. 94-163).

CLEAN WATER ACT
Contractor agrees to adhere to all applicable standards, orders, or requirements issued under Section 508 of the Clean Water Act which prohibits the use under nonexempt Federal contracts, grants, or loans of facilities included on the EPA list of Violating Facilities.

STATEMENT OF WORK

SCOPE OF SERVICES
Contractor shall perform services according to the terms of this Contract and according to the Statement of Work (SOW) in Attachment Click here to enter the Attachment identification letter or number.

INTRODUCTION
Click here to enter a brief description of project and a general description of its scope and objectives. Other topics which may be appropriate to include are: background, relationship of project to department plans and programs, purpose of system being implemented, problems system is intended to address, etc.

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES/TASKS
Click here to describe tasks or services to be performed by Contractor in terms of scope and expected outcomes or results. This may involve description of major project phases or subsystems.

SCHEDULE REQUIREMENTS
Click here to describe major schedule milestones, such as: project start, when work plan shall be finalized and approved, project phases, dates for contract deliverables, implementation target date, etc.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND MONITORING PLAN
Click here to describe the performance measures to be taken during the project and monitoring plan.
The performance of the contract will be measured by the State Project Manager, authorized on behalf of the State, to evaluate the Contractor’s performance against the criteria in the Statement of Work and are identified as:

Click here to list performance measures which should be measurable and time bound.

MONITORING PLAN
Click here to enter the Name and Title or Position will monitor the services provided by the Contractor and the expenditure of funds under this Contract. Click here to enter the Name and Title or Position will be primarily responsible for the day-to-day contact with the Contractor and day-to-day monitoring of the Contractor’s performance.

DELIVERABLES
Contractor agrees to provide the following deliverables within the time frames specified herein:
Click here to list the project deliverables with a description of each deliverable. More information can be placed in a separate attachment or included by reference to the specific Request for Proposals and/or the proposal provisions.

CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL AND OTHER RESOURCES

CONTRACTOR RESOURCES
Contractor agrees to provide the following Contract related resources:

A. Project Manager. Contractor shall provide a project manager to provide day-to-day management of project tasks and activities, coordination of Contractor support and administrative activities, and for supervision of Contractor employees. The project manager shall possess the technical and functional skills and knowledge to direct all aspects of the project.

B. Key Personnel. Contractor shall assign staff who possess the knowledge, skills, and abilities to successfully perform assigned tasks. Individuals to be assigned by the Contractor are listed in Attachment III.

C. Personnel Changes. Contractor's Project Manager and other key personnel assigned to this Contract shall not be replaced without the written consent of the State. Such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed provided an equally qualified replacement is offered. In the event that any State or Contractor personnel become unavailable due to resignation, illness or other factors, excluding assignment to project outside this contract, outside of the State’s or Contractor's reasonable control, as the case may be, the State or the Contractor, as the case may be, shall be responsible for providing an equally qualified replacement in time to avoid delays to the work plan.

D. Other Resources. Contractor shall provide other resources as specified in Attachment Click here to enter the Attachment identification letter or number. .

CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL
The following individuals are assigned to the project, on a full time basis (unless otherwise indicated), and in the capacities set forth below:

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Click here to enter all personnel, including subcontractors, who shall be assigned to the project. Personnel who shall be assigned at a future date may be listed by job classification. Contract may also specify qualifications for each unnamed person.

**STATE FURNISHED RESOURCES**

The State shall make available to the Contractor for use in fulfillment of this contract those resources described in Attachment Click here to enter the Attachment identification letter or number.
ATTACHMENT III: ELECTRONIC VENDOR PAYMENT SOLUTION

In an effort to increase efficiencies and effectiveness as well as be strategic in utilizing technology and resources for the State and Contractor, the State intends to make all payments to Contractors electronically. The LaCarte Procurement Card will be used for purchases of $5,000 and under, and where feasible, over $5,000. Contractors will have a choice of receiving electronic payment for all other payments by selecting the Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). If you receive an award and do not currently accept the LaCarte card or have not already enrolled in EFT, you will be asked to comply with this request by choosing either the LaCarte Procurement Card and/or EFT. You may indicate your acceptance below.

The LaCarte Procurement Card uses a Visa card platform. Contractors receive payment from state agencies using the card in the same manner as other Visa card purchases. Contractors cannot process payment transactions through the credit card clearinghouse until the purchased products have been shipped or received or the services performed.

For all statewide and agency term contracts:

- Under the LaCarte program, purchase orders are not necessary. Orders must be placed against the net discounted products of the contract. All contract terms and conditions apply to purchases made with LaCarte.

- If a purchase order is not used, the Contractor must keep on file a record of all LaCarte purchases issued against this contract during the contract period. The file must contain the particular item number, quantity, line total and order total. Records of these purchases must be provided to the Office of State Procurement on request.

EFT payments are sent from the State’s bank directly to the payee’s bank each weekday. The only requirement is that you have an active checking or savings account at a financial institution that can accept Automated Clearing House (ACH) credit files and remittance information electronically. Additional information and an enrollment form is available at: http://www.doa.la.gov/osrap/ISIS%20EFT%20Form.pdf

To facilitate this payment process, you will need to complete and return the EFT enrollment form contained in the link above.

If an award is made to your company, please check which option you will accept or indicate if you are already enrolled.

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Printed Name of Individual Authorized

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Authorized Signature for payment type chosen     Date

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Email address and phone number of authorized individual
Appendix I: Estimated Number of Type III Early Learning Centers

Note: This is for planning purposes only. The actual amount contracted may change. For planning purposes, this total excludes Head Start/Early Head Start centers, which may in some cases be included in services provided.

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