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To: Private Child Placing Agencies
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Residential Care Center for Children and Youth

From: Ron Hermes 
Bureau Director

RE: Request for Proposal to Develop and Implement a Residential Program for Youth Sex
Trafficking Survivors

PURPOSE

This memo is to notify you about a new request for proposal (RFP) issued by DCF – number 437003-G18-0001175- that is now available on VendorNet. The purpose of the RFP is to identify and provide funding to a vendor who will develop and implement a residential program that offers treatment to female youth in Wisconsin who are at risk of or have been sex trafficked.

BACKGROUND

2017 Act 59, the 2017-2019 biennial budget, directs the Department to purchase or provide treatment services for Wisconsin children who have experienced sex trafficking. Funding from Act 59 will be used for a variety of services; for this RFP, funding will be used towards start-up costs and implementation of programming for at least one new specialized RCC program.

INFORMATION SUMMARY

An RFP to develop and operate a residential program for youth who have been sex trafficked has been posted to VendorNet at the following link <http://vendornet.wi.gov>. For-profit and non-profit organizations both within and outside of Wisconsin are eligible to apply. The program must be located within the borders of Wisconsin and outside of Milwaukee County. Applicants must be in good standing with all state and federal laws and must not have had a license denied or revoked in Wisconsin or any other state within the last five (5) years.

The program will serve female youth who have been identified as having been sex trafficked and are under the jurisdiction of the child welfare or youth justice systems in Wisconsin counties other than Milwaukee County. Youth must enter the program prior to age 18.

If you intend to submit a proposal, you are responsible for checking VendorNet periodically to see if any addendum(s) have been issued or changes have been made to the documents. Failure to return any information requested in the addendum(s) or use of the most recent documents may result in

your proposal being disqualified. **No written notice will be sent from DCF when an addendum is posted or changes are made to the documents.**

If your company is registered with VendorNet, you will receive automatic email notifications from VendorNet when an addendum has been posted or changes made to the documents.

No phone calls, emails, or other correspondence to other State staff regarding this procurement are permitted during the procurement process unless otherwise noted in writing as required as part of the solicitation process. Violation of these conditions may be considered sufficient cause for automatic rejection of a proposal. All questions related to this procurement and the RFP should be directed to the contact person listed below only.

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