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ANNOUNCEMENT

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES (DHR) WILL RELEASE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR CHILD CARE QUALITY ENHANCEMENT SERVICES ON THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2016.

The ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES, (hereinafter referred to as “the Department”) seeks qualified vendors to provide *Child Care Quality Enhancement Services*, which offers Alabama families equal access to affordable and quality child care services. This program is responsible for directing and approving the development, implementation and administration of all services authorized under the Child Care Subsidy Program in the State of Alabama, including quality enhancement services. A more complete description of the services being sought for this procurement is provided in *Section 3, Scope of Project*. Proposals submitted in response to this solicitation must comply with the instructions and procedures described in the procurement document.

The RFP will be accessible by the close of business (5:00 p.m. CST) on *Thursday, March 17, 2016* on the Department’s web site at www.dhr.alabama.gov. Click on the RFP link for *Child Care Quality Enhancement Services* under ANNOUNCEMENTS, which will take you directly to the RFP or click on Requests for Proposals under QUICK LINKS, then click on the RFP link for *Child Care Quality Enhancement Services*.

The initial contract term is for a period of **two (2)** years beginning *October 01, 2016* and ending *September 30, 2018*. Renewals of the contract, as agreed upon by both parties, may be made at one-year intervals, or any interval that is advantageous to the Department, not to exceed **three (3)** years, at the option of the Department. *Selected vendors must be fully operational on October 01, 2016 to prevent an interruption in services.*

If you are unable to access the RFP after its release using the aforementioned information, immediately notify Vicki Cooper-Robinson (vicki.robinson@dhr.alabama.gov) via email.

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