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## ANNOUNCEMENT

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**THE STATE OF ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES (DHR) WILL RELEASE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFPs) FOR ALABAMA EDUCATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ON July 17, 2019.**

The ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES, (hereinafter referred to as “the Department”) seeks a qualified vendor to administer the *Fostering Hope Scholarship Program (FHS)* and the *Alabama Education and Training Voucher Program (ETV)* through the *Alabama Education Assistance Programs (AEAP)*.

Under the *Alabama Educational Assistance Programs*, financial assistance is provided from state and federal funding to eligible youth who are enrolled in a post-secondary certificate or undergraduate (associate or bachelor’s) degree program. Alabama ACT No. 2015-121 provides the Department with state funding through *Fostering Hope Scholarship Program (FHS)* to cover tuition and required fees for eligible current or former foster youth in Alabama. Under the Promoting Safe and Stable Families Amendments of 2001, the Department receives annual federal funding through the *Alabama Education and Training Voucher Program (ETV)* to assist eligible foster youth and former foster youth so they can pursue studies at colleges, universities and vocational training institutions. For Alabama, **ETV** allows for the Department to expand and supplement assistance to the eligible youth to begin, continue or complete their educational and vocational goals.

A more complete description of the services sought for this project is provided in Section 3, Scope of Project. Proposals submitted in response to this solicitation must comply with the instructions and procedures contained herein.

The initial contract period for this procurement is **three (3) years** beginning **October 01, 2019** and ending **September 30, 2022**. 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 a total of **two (2) years**, at the option of the Department. ***The selected vendor must be fully operational on October 01, 2019.***

The RFP document will be available by 5:00 p.m. on the date specified above on the Department’s website ([www.dhr.alabama.gov](http://www.dhr.alabama.gov)), Click on the RFP link for the title listed above under ANNOUNCEMENTS, which will take you directly to the RFP or click on Requests for Proposal under QUICK LINKS, then click on the RFP link for title of interest.

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](mailto:vicki.robinson@dhr.alabama.gov)) via email.