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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 THE EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAM ON MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2020.

The ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES, (hereinafter referred to as “the Department”) seeks qualified vendors to provide services through the *Employment and Training Program*, a component of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance (Alabama Resources for Enrichment, Self-Sufficiency, and Employability Training (A-RESET)). It is the intent of the Department to make multiple awards as a result of this procurement.

The Department is the Single State Agency responsible for the administration of SNAP (also known as “Food Assistance”). In addition to the benefits provided to eligible individuals, SNAP also authorizes states to design and implement programs to enable Food Assistance recipients to get a job or get a better job. Examples of services provided through the Employment and Training Program include, but is not limited to : Job search; Job search training such as job skills assessment and job clubs; Workfare programs; Work experience or training for volunteers or paid employees; State, local or Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) employment and job training programs; Education programs such as Basic Adult Education, General Education Development (GED) test preparation, literacy, and English as a Second Language (ESL) classes; Self-employment; and Job retention.

A more complete description of the services and eligibility requirements for participants 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.

An electronic copy of the RFP will be available by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 16, 2020. To access the RFP log onto the Department’s website (www.dhr.alabama.gov), then click on the RFP link for *Employment and Training Program* under ANNOUNCEMENTS, or click on Requests for Proposals under QUICK LINKS, then click on the RFP link for *Employment and Training Program*.

The initial contract term for this procurement will be for a period of **three (3) years** beginning **October 01, 2020** and ending **September 30, 2023**. 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. ***Selected vendors must be fully operational on October 01, 2020.***

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.