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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 THE JEFFERSON COUNTY SHORT TERM ASSESSMENT AND RESPITE (STAR) PROGRAM ON MONDAY, APRIL 19, 2021.**

The ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES, (hereinafter referred to as “the Department”) invites eligible vendors to submit a proposal for the **Jefferson County Short Term Assessment and Respite (STAR) Program**. The selected vendor(s) will be required to provide and support forty-eight (48) short term assessment and respite homes in Jefferson County. The STAR team must be trained and work with county, state, and other professional staff to assess and meet the needs of children upon initial entry into foster care. A more complete description of the services sought for this project is provided in *Section 3, Scope of Project* of the RFP document. 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, **April 19, 2021** on the Department’s web site at [www.dhr.alabama.gov](http://www.dhr.alabama.gov), click on **LINKS**, then select **Requests for Proposals**, then click on the RFP link (s) for **Jefferson County Short Term Assessment and Respite (STAR) Program**.

The initial contract term for this procurement is **three (3) years** beginning **October 01, 2021** and ending **September 30, 2024**. 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, 2021 to prevent interruption in services.**

If you are unable to access the RFP after its release using the aforementioned information, immediately notify Vicki C-Robinson([vicki.robinson@dhr.alabama.gov](mailto:vicki.robinson@dhr.alabama.gov)).