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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 THERAPEUTIC FOSTER CARE (TFC) THERAPEUTIC-FOSTER CARE-ENHANCED (TFC-ENHANCED), FEBRUARY 18, 2022.

The ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES, (hereinafter referred to as "the Department") seeks qualified vendors to provide up to at least **750** statewide slots of ***Therapeutic Foster Care (TFC)*** services and at least **100** slots of ***Therapeutic Foster Care -Enhanced (TFC-Enhanced)***. *Additional slots maybe awarded for this procurement based upon needs of the department*. ***Therapeutic Foster Care*** is a time-limited (usually no longer that eighteen months) intervention for children, who are in the custody of the state, not able to live at home, and who fit the diagnostic and behavioral criteria set forth by the Department. ***Therapeutic Foster Care -Enhanced*** placements are for intellectually disabled children and youth with mentally ill diagnoses, for youth classified as having Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), and for children that have severe emotional disorders need that would otherwise require an out of state placement.

Therapeutic Foster Care and Therapeutic Foster Care-Enhanced are less restrictive, community-based programs for children whose special needs can best be met through services delivered primarily by trained Therapeutic Foster Care foster parents working in full partnership with the child, the child's family, and everyone on the Individualized Service Planning (ISP) Team. Support from all team members allows the child to benefit from a home environment and community-based setting while receiving individualized treatment and clinical services. All children placed in TFC/TFC-Enhanced must be evaluated continually to determine the need for ongoing TFC/TFC-Enhanced services. TFC/TFC-Enhanced are not meant to be a long-term placement options; but should serve to meet a child's specific needs until he/she is ready to be stepped down to a lower level of placement**.** A more complete description of the services sought 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 RFP will be accessible by the close of business (5:00 p.m. CST) on***, February 18, 2022,*** *on* the Department's web site at www.dhr.alabama.gov, click on **LINKS**, then select **Requests for Proposals**, then click on the RFP link (s) for ***Therapeutic Foster Care (TFC) Therapeutic Foster Care -Enhanced (TFC-Enhanced)***.

The initial contract term for this procurement is **three (3)** years beginning ***October 01, 2022, and*** ending ***September 30, 2025***. 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, 2022.***

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).