

## Questions & Answers for Child Care Quality Enhancement Services GB2026-200-03

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1	1.8 1.8.1	Electronic Submission of Proposal Required Electronic Copy and Deadline for Receipt of Proposals.	Our question pertains to the file size limit of the PDF to ensure you receive the proposal. Do you encourage compressing the file to a zip file?	ZIP files are acceptable for submission.
2	3.1.4	Recruitment and Training for Diverse Child Care Populations	Language such as “diverse” and “under-served” was previously restricted due to federal policy changes, and revisions were required at that time. Given that the current section title and description include this language, is its use now considered acceptable?	Section 3.1.4 addresses inclusion of all child care populations and providers.
3	1.8.1	Required Electronic Copy and deadline for receipt of proposals	It states that one (1) electronic proposal be submitted. The PDF will be too large to send in one email; can it be sent in multiple emails or be submitted via email with a link to the PDF for the proposal?	Proposals may be submitted in multiple emails. Each email subject line must identify its sequence (e.g., 1 of 3, 2 of 3, etc.). A link to access PDF documents is also acceptable.
4	1.8	Electronic Submission of Proposal	states that proposals are to be submitted electronically to <a href="mailto:sdhr.procurement@dhr.alabama.gov">sdhr.procurement@dhr.alabama.gov</a> . Appendix G, Section 4, "Proposal Submission" (p. 44), states that all proposals must be submitted on USB only in a sealed envelope.  Please clarify the required method of proposal submission for RFP GB2026-200-03.	An amendment has been posted.
5	-	-	Are we permitted to make revisions or updates to our previous proposal submitted under RFP PS2026-200-02?	Yes

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6	-	-	<p>The instructions indicate that proposals should be submitted electronically to <a href="mailto:sdhr.procurement@dhr.alabama.gov">sdhr.procurement@dhr.alabama.gov</a>. In the previous RFP that was due in April, similar electronic submission instructions were provided; however, the requirements were later revised, which necessitated hand delivering to meet the submission deadline. Do you anticipate any changes to the current submission process? If so, will adequate time, for example 10–14 business days, be provided to accommodate such changes?</p>	<p>At this time, proposals are expected to be submitted electronically as outlined in the RFP. Any changes to the submission process will be communicated through an amendment with reasonable notice to vendors.</p>
7	-	-	<p>Our organization is a smaller entity with limited organizational capacity; however, we are partnering with a larger organization that has extensive experience and resources in delivering similar services. We would like to understand whether our organization may participate as a consortium member and what documentation or agreements are required to demonstrate this partnership. Specifically, could you please clarify:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Whether a smaller organization may participate in a consortium led by a larger organization.</li> <li>2. Any requirements regarding lead agency designation and fiscal responsibility.</li> <li>3. Documentation needed to establish the consortium relationship.</li> <li>4. Any limitations or considerations that may affect eligibility for funding or participation.</li> </ol>	<p>All submitted proposals must meet the RFP requirements.</p> <p><b>1.1 ELIGIBLE ENTITIES</b> Eligible entities may include governmental agencies, faith-based organizations, non-governmental public or private organizations and individuals who: 1) are legally authorized to conduct business within the State of Alabama; 2) possess a high degree of professional skill in the area of service described in this document; 3) possess the skills needed to perform the services described in this RFP; and, 4) meet the terms and conditions of the RFP. In addition, applicants must demonstrate the ability to manage Department funds in accordance with Federal and State regulations and guidelines.</p> <p><b>1.7.3 Primary Vendor/Subcontractors</b> The primary vendor, if a contract is awarded, shall be responsible, in total, for all work of any subcontractors. All subcontractors, if any, must be listed in the proposal. The vendor shall not assign, transfer, or subcontract any portion of the contract without the written consent of the Department. The vendor shall be responsible to the Department for the acts and omissions of all subcontractors or agents and of persons directly or indirectly employed by such subcontractors, and for the acts and omissions of persons employed directly by the vendor. Any awards made as a result of this document will create a contractual relationship between the vendor and the Department, not the subcontractor.</p>