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Addendum I RFP MB0310R Work Participation Monitoring For Ohio Works First (OWF) Cash Recipients

To All Potential Bidders:

RFP Panel: Kevin Holt (WFD-Program Expert), April Barker (WFD – Program Expert), Laura Keith (Contracting – Budget Officer) and Maggie Barnett (Contracting – Facilitator)

Providers Present:

Educational Data Systems, Inc., Talbert House, Easter Seals Work Resource Center and Urban League of Greater Cincinnati

Correction to RFP:

Any language in RFP MB0310R that refers to deadline for Receiving Final RFP Questions is changed from August 27, 2010 to September 3, 2010 by 4:00 p.m. EST. Any language in RFP MB0310R that refers to deadline for Issuing Final RFP Answers is changed from August 31, 2010 to September 7, 2010.

Correction to RFP:

Page 15 of RFP - change Letters I to H, J to I, K to J, L to K, M to L, N delete, O to M

<u>Attachment:</u> HCJFS Budget in excel format



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Questions & Answers:

Question #1:

How many providers currently provide services described in this RFP?

Response #1:

One lead contract provider with multiple subcontractors.

Question #2:

Are you satisfied with the performance of the current provider(s)?

Response #2:

Satisfied with current provider meeting terms of current contract however, satisfaction not reached until the minimum Federal All Family Work Participation Rate is 50%.

Question #3:

How long are service providers required to provide services and track clients minimum?

Response #3:

From period of application for OWF benefits until OWF closed. In other words until consumer no longer receives OWF cash assistance.

Question #4:

What funds will be used to fund this service (e.g. TANF, ARRA, general Funds, etc.)?

Response #4:

Generally we're looking at TANF funding however, HCJFS reserves the right to fund with any other legally appropriate funding source.

Question #5:

How much was last years contract for?

Response #5:

3.7 million is the value of the current contract year.



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Question #6:

Kevin described changing expectation, procedures and possessed over the years. Can you speak to ability to adjust and adapt to environment in response to this question?

Response #6:

We are constrained by the RFP language and by available funds. Within those limits we expect to regularly change budgets, processes, and service delivery to respond to changing circumstances.

Question #7:

Attachment I – Age of youngest child in home chart is missing 1-2 years of age.

Response #7:

Minimum Age of Children	
Min Age	Count
<1	3596
1-5	4683
6-9	1336
10-12	572
13+	966

Data guery and table revised to include children who are one year of age.

Question #8:

Budget: How is the overall organizational costs & revenue to be represented in the budget to be submitted?

Response #8:

Please refer to the attached Budget Sample to assist you in representing your organizational costs & revenue.

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Question #9:

Please clarify Service Components, P. 6, RFP, B, lists, "Employment, work experience, community service, job readiness training/education..." must be provided by the selected Provider. Scope of Service on p. 5 does not mention job readiness training/education. Will the selected Provider be responsible to provide job readiness training, job development, unsubsidized and subsidized employment, as well as, work experience, community service site development and assignments?

Response #9:

The selected provider will be responsible for providing directly and for partnering with others to ensure adequate work assignment opportunities exist for all work required participants. Provider may assign any and all consumers to employers and/or sites within the community to complete their work participation hours. However, the sites managed directly by our current vendor have been and may continue to be critical to our high work participation rate. These involve job search/job readiness, work experience and vocational education (computer based learning in a series of labs) opportunities provided at their main location and a co-location at the local WIA one stop. Internal sites allow for immediate work activity assignment, opportunities to make-up missed participation hours and early participation reporting. Our hope is to make more use of consumer directed community service activities in the near future.

Question #10:

Referring to p. 14, RFP, is a certificate of insurance required with the proposal submission, or prior to the effective date of a contract?

Response #10:

Certificate of insurance in not required at the time of proposal submission, however, the insurance certificate with appropriate coverage must be provided prior to the contract being signed by provider.

