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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 THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2016.

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.

To access the RFP after the close of business on February 25, 2016, go to www.dhr.alabama.gov. Click on the RFP link for the *Jefferson County Short Term Assessment and Respite (STAR) Program* under ANNOUNCEMENTS, which will take you directly to the RFP or click on Requests for Proposals under QUICK LINKS, then click on the RFP link for the *Jefferson County Short Term Assessment and Respite (STAR) Program*.

The initial contract term for this procurement is **two (2)** years beginning **October 01, 2016** and ending **September 30, 2018**. 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 **three (3)** years, at the option of the Department. ***The selected vendor must be fully operational on October 01, 2016 to prevent interruption in services.***

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

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