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ANNOUNCEMENT

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES (DHR) WILL RELEASE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFPs) FOR ALABAMA EDUCATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ON MONDAY, JULY 09, 2018.

The ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES, (hereinafter referred to as "the Department") seeks qualified vendor to administer the **Alabama Educational Training Voucher Program (ETVP) and Fostering Hope Scholarship Program (FHS) through the Alabama Education Assistance Program.**

Under the *Alabama Educational Assistance Programs, the* **Alabama Educational Training Voucher Program** *(ETVP)* provides monetary assistance and educational vouchers to eligible youth who are enrolled in postsecondary accredited educational institutions. This program provides educational and training vouchers to eligible youth who are in or have aged out of foster care or who were adopted from foster care after turning 16 years old. *ETVP* allows the department to expand and supplement the current assistance provided to former and eligible foster care youth and specifically helps them begin, continue and/or complete their educational and vocational goals. **Fostering Hope Scholarship Program (FHS)** provides federal and state financial assistance to eligible youth who are enrolled in an accredited postsecondary institution of higher education.

A more complete description of the services sought for these projects is provided in *Section 3, Scope of Project* of the RFP documents. Proposals submitted in response to this solicitation must comply with the instructions and procedures described in the procurement document.

The initial contract term for the project is for a period of **three (3) years** beginning ***October 01, 2018*** and ending ***September 30, 2021***. 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. ***Selected vendor must be fully operational on Monday, October 01, 2018.***

The RFP document will be available by 5:00 p.m. on the date specified above on the Department's website (www.dhr.alabama.gov), Click on the RFP link for the title listed above under ANNOUNCEMENTS, which will take you directly to the RFP or click on Requests for Proposal under QUICK LINKS, then click on the RFP link for title of interest.

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