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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 FOSTER AND ADOPTIVE HOMES RECRUITMENT SERVICES ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 16, 2018.**

The ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES, (hereinafter referred to as “the Department”) seeks qualified vendors to recruit *Foster and Adoptive Homes Recruitment Services* with specific recruitment activities for children with no identified adoptive resources (ANIR). Vendors are expected to provide Trauma Informed Partnering for Safety (TIPS) or Deciding Together training within a specified time frame. Vendors will also complete all home studies on recruited families. Foster and/or adoptive home family recruitment will be targeted at 450 homes. All proposed foster and/or adoptive homes must meet all requirements in the RFP document and must obtain final approval from the Office of Foster Care, State Department of Human Resources. In conjunction with recruitment services, the vendors will be expected to operate a program hotline that is responsive to any calls received on their recruitment efforts. The selected vendors will receive up to \$5000 per approved foster and/or adoptive home. In addition to the services listed above, the vendors will be responsible for completing a home study investigation of proposed ICPC related placements as well as those associated with independent adoptions. *Foster and Adoptive Recruitment Services* **must be offered statewide and accommodate potential foster and/or adoptive families residing in rural areas that may otherwise experience difficulty accessing services.** High priority counties for foster home recruitment efforts are as follows:

<b>Autauga</b>	<b>Baldwin</b>	<b>Bibb</b>	<b>Blount</b>	<b>Butler</b>	<b>Calhoun</b>	<b>Choctaw</b>	<b>Cleburne</b>
<b>Coffee</b>	<b>Conecuh</b>	<b>Cullman</b>	<b>Dale</b>	<b>Dallas</b>	<b>Escambia</b>	<b>Etowah</b>	<b>Hale</b>
<b>Houston</b>	<b>Jackson</b>	<b>Jefferson</b>	<b>Lauderdale</b>	<b>Lawrence</b>	<b>Lowndes</b>	<b>Mobile</b>	<b>Montgomery</b>
<b>Pike</b>	<b>Russell</b>	<b>Sumter</b>	<b>Talladega</b>	<b>Tallapoosa</b>	<b>Tuscaloosa</b>	<b>Washington</b>	<b>Winston</b>

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

An electronic copy of the RFP will be available by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 16, 2018. To access the RFP, log onto the Department’s website ([www.dhr.alabama.gov](http://www.dhr.alabama.gov)), then click on the RFP link for *Foster and Adoptive Homes Recruitment Services* under ANNOUNCEMENTS, or click on Requests for Proposals under QUICK LINKS, then click on the RFP link for *Foster and Adoptive Homes Recruitment*.

The initial contract term for this procurement is for a period of **thirty-four (34) months** beginning **December 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 vendors must be fully operational on Saturday, December 01, 2018.***

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](mailto:vicki.robinson@dhr.alabama.gov)) via email.