

Refugee Support Services

Questions and Responses

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RFP15768

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Q1: Would the State consider creating two tracks in this RFP: one for program management and one for fiscal and programmatic monitoring as required by the Uniform Guidance? By requiring that vendors bid on only one of those two tracks, the State would be following the internal control principle of segregation of duties. Furthermore, grants monitoring according to the Uniform Guidance is a specialized field that is typically not in the purview of program managers. Likewise, grant assessors and monitors typically are not charged with running program operations.

A1: *The Offeror is required to submit a proposal as outlined in 3.0 Scope of Work.*

Q2: Are there any special licenses required to do business with the State of South Dakota? If so, which ones

A2: *Please refer to 2.0 Standard Contract Terms and Conditions subsection 2.14.*

Q3: Our firm learned of the RFP after the deadline for the letter of intent. Would you consider a firm with a late submission of a letter of intent?

A3: *Letters of Intent are not mandatory for this RFP.*

Q4: What division of the state conducts risk assessments and monitors these services?

A4: *Refer to Attachment A., A.5 The agreement is between the subrecipient and the State of South Dakota Department of Social Services.*

Q5: Tasks such as data collection and meeting with stakeholders have historically been a part of the State Refugee Coordinator which is funded differently from Support Services. How will the State Refugee Coordinator be funded? Is the intent for the role of State Refugee Coordinator to be structured under this RFP or will it be maintained separately?

A5: *Data collection and meeting with stakeholders will be required as it relates to RSS Services.*

RFP 15768 scope of work does not include the role of/or funding for a State Refugee Coordinator.

Q6: When considering the language that connects refugees with benefits, would award follow federal guidelines for assistance?

A6: **Yes.**