



**State of Louisiana**  
Department of Social Services  
Office of the Secretary

NOTICE TO PROPOSERS

The Louisiana Department of Social Services, Office of Family Support, hereby solicits proposals from qualified entities for an Alternatives to Abortion Initiative to provide intervention services to low income women who are pregnant or think they may be pregnant, their male partners and/or pregnant minors whose family is at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level. Services include crisis intervention, counseling, mentoring, support services, and pre-natal care information, in addition to information and referrals regarding healthy childbirth, adoption, and parenting to help ensure healthy and full-term pregnancies as an alternative to abortion. The Department's preference is a statewide delivery approach; however, proposals will be considered that provide service delivery in a minimum of six of the nine regions listed on page seven of the Request For Proposals (RFP).

Request for proposals may be obtained by contacting **Gwendolyn D. Brooks, Office of Family Support, 627 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, Telephone (225) 342- 2511, Fax (225) 342-2536, E-mail: [gbrooks@dss.state.la.us](mailto:gbrooks@dss.state.la.us) or by-downloading the Request for Proposal packet from the DSS Website at <http://www.DSS.louisiana.gov/> (Select Service Providers, Request For Proposals).**

Completed proposals, including one original and 5 copies, must be physically in the possession of the **Office of Family Support, Attention: Gwendolyn D. Brooks, Office of Family Support, 627 North 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802 by 4:30 p.m.** on June 5, 2009. No proposals received after the specified date and time shall be considered. Any questions concerning the RFP must be made in writing and may be submitted by mail, fax, or email to Gwendolyn D. Brooks (address shown above) by 4:30 p.m. on May 28, 2009. All questions will be responded to on the website at <http://www.DSS.louisiana.gov/> by June 2, 2009. A **non-mandatory** Proposer's Conference will be held on May 26, 2009 from 9:30am until 11:00am at the following location: 627 North 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 129.

This announcement does not commit the Department of Social Services/Office of Family Support to award a contract or pay any costs incurred in the preparation of proposals. It is neither a contract nor an offer to contract, but rather a solicitation of proposals which, if accepted by the Department and approved in the manner required by law, may become the basis for a future contract. In the event of a conflict between any term or provision of the RFP and a term or provision in any proposal submitted in response, this RFP shall control. If a proposal alters or modifies any term or provision of this RFP, such changes must be clearly delineated and expressly approved by the Department of Social Services in writing before a contract is issued. A failure to comply with the provisions of this part shall render any such variant term absolutely null.

The Department of Social Services reserves the right to accept or reject, in whole or in part, all proposals submitted and/or to cancel this announcement. A contract shall be awarded, if at all, to the proposal(s) deemed by the Department in its sole discretion to be the most advantageous to the Department and its clients based on quality of service, cost effectiveness and other considered factors. Any contract is subject to the availability of funds. No contract is final or enforceable until approved by the Department of Social Services and the Division of Administration, Office of Contractual Review. Should any protest or appeals be filed at any point in the procurement process, all activities must cease until all issues are resolved.

Kristy H Nichols, Secretary  
Department of Social Services

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