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**FY 2022 State Coordinating Entity (SCE) Services for the Maryland Child Care
Resource Centers Network (MCCRCN) Notice of Funding Award (NOFA)
Virtual Technical Assistance Meeting
Friday, January 8, 2021**

Questions and Answers

1. **Question:** Hello - with this grant solicitation looking for non-profits to perform this project, describing the relationship as "work-for-hire" would actually preclude non-profits from being able apply to this project without jeopardizing our tax exempt status. Can this be removed?

Answer: Work performed under the provisions of the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) would not be considered as work-for-hire. This information should be disregarded. Therefore Not For Profit organizations can compete for the NOFA.

2. **Question:** I would suggest that framing this solicitation as a cooperative agreement would enable you to achieve the aims you are seeking without preventing non-profit participation.

Answer: This Solicitation does not prevent Not For Profit organizations from participating.

3. **Question:** Is the translation requirement mandated for native or synthesized translation?

Answer: Website translation.

4. **Question:** Can you please speak to allowable use of data by the awarded organization?

Answer: The Contractor shall not use any information collected in connection with the services furnished under the Contract for any purpose other than fulfilling such services.

5. **Question:** Page 22 of the NOFA indicates the CCRC monthly invoices go to the Grant Administrator, please clarify who this is referencing - is that at the SCE or at MSDE?

Answer: Interim Invoice Report- An invoice pertaining to grant activity by each of the 13 CCRCs shall be submitted to the Grant Administrator at the SCE. The SCE shall submit monthly invoices to the Grant Administrator at MSDE.

6. **Question:** There is no dollar amount indicated in terms of a budget, is there any guidance on potential limitations? Or should an agency outline needed programmatic components and necessary resources and if selected will work with the State regarding the final budget?

Answer: The Contractor shall propose a budget based on the requirements of the solicitation.

7. **Question:** When utilizing data in the proposal and in determining funding for the CCRCs, should we utilize pre-COVID data, current, or a combination of both?

Answer: The contractor shall utilize a combination of both.

8. **Question:** Page 19 (of NOFA) references a centralized component of the parent referral program, is this language intended to establish a logistical center for the function of data management?

Answer: MSDE needs further clarification regarding this question.

9. **Question:** Component 4.6 of the proposal refers to Integration with Education Reform. In prior fiscal years this section was deemed not applicable to this particular work. Please explain how the work proposed in this NOFA is influenced by the Education Reform as well as where additional information can be obtained pertinent to this section.

Answer: MSDE seeks further clarification and will provide a response by January 15, 2021.

10. **Question:** Slide 24 (going into slide 25) you are indicating for online workshops there needs to be the passcode, ID, etc. Can you give more information on this? it could be read that you are asking the webinar link information to be posted (for anyone to utilize whether registered or not). Please clarify.

Answer: The Contractor shall address in the proposal how the web link, meeting ID, and passcodes are assigned for webinars.