

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL – LB 821 CONSULTANT FOR STRATEGIC PLAN

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Nebraska's Children Commission

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

LB 821 created the Nebraska's Children Commission to provide a broad restructuring of the goals of the child welfare system, and to provide a structure to the commission that maintains the framework of the three branches of government and their respective powers and duties. LB 821 requires Nebraska's Children Commission to hire a consultant with experience facilitating strategic planning to provide neutral and independent assistance in developing a statewide strategic plan.

RFP Statute – LB 821

Section 4 of LB 821 requires the following:

The commission shall meet within sixty days after the effective date of this act and shall select from among its members a chairperson and vice-chairperson and conduct any other business necessary to the organization of the commission. The commission shall meet not less often than once every three months, and meetings of the commission may be held at any time on the call of the chairperson. The commission shall be within the office of the chief executive officer of the Department of Health and Human Services. The commission may hire staff to carry out the responsibilities of the commission. The commission shall hire a consultant with experience in facilitating strategic planning to provide neutral, independent assistance in developing the statewide strategic plan. The commission shall terminate on June 30, 2014, unless continued by the Legislature.

PROPOSAL:

Nebraska's Children Commission is issuing this Request for Proposal (RFP) to select a contractor to provide independent assistance in developing a statewide strategic plan related to child welfare services in Nebraska:

- a) Review and provide recommendations regarding the Division of Children and Family Services Operations Plan.
- b) Meet and facilitate discussion with Nebraska's Children Commission on strategic planning efforts.
- c) Provide neutral and independent assistance with the development of the statewide strategic plan.

CONTRACTOR REQUIREMENTS:

- 1) An independent entity with experience in facilitating strategic planning efforts.
- 2) Contractor must have an understanding of child welfare policies and procedures.
- 3) Contractor must have knowledge of services and interventions provided by the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services.
- 4) Contractor must understand the difference between state general fund appropriations and federal grants, sub-grants, and waivers.