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# 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.

# REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL – LB 821 CROSS SYSTEM EVALUATION PREVENTION/EARLY INTERVENTION

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES

### **INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:**

The Department of Health and Human Services currently provides prevention/early intervention services for at-risk children and juveniles by utilizing a variety of programs which are funded through multiple divisions within the Department. A cross system analysis is needed to examine the funding streams being utilized, and to determine whether similar services are being provided and funded through multiple divisions. State general funds are limited, and access to federal funds through grants, sub-grants, and waivers can be accessed; however, the Department needs to understand the populations being served by multiple divisions and which funding streams are being used for these services.

### **RFP Statute – LB 821**

Section 5 of LB 820 requires the following:

The Department of Health and Human Services, with direction from the Nebraska Children's Commission, shall contract with an independent entity specializing in Medicaid analysis to conduct a cross-system analysis of current prevention and intervention programs and services provided by the department for the safety, health, and well-being of children and funding sources to (1) identify state General Funds being used, in order to better utilize federal funds, (2) identify resources that could be better allocated to more effective services to at-risk children and juveniles transitioning to home-based and school-based interventions, and (3) provide information which will allow the replacement of state General Funds for services to at-risk children and juveniles with federal funds, with the goal of expanding the funding base for such services while reducing overall state General Fund expenditures on such services.

### **PROPOSAL:**

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Children and Families (CFS), is issuing this Request for Proposal (RFP) to select a contractor to conduct a cross system analysis of current prevention and intervention programs and services provided by the Department. The contractor shall:

- a) Identify prevention and intervention services provided by the Department for the safety, health, and well-being of children. This will include all Divisions within the Department (Children and Family Services, Medicaid, Behavioral Health, Developmental Disabilities).
- b) Identify state general funds being used for these services in an effort to better utilize federal funds.
- c) Identify resources that could be better allocated to more effective services to at-risk children and juveniles transitioning to home-based and school-based interventions.
- d) Provide information which will allow the replacement of state general funds for services to at-risk children and juveniles with federal funds, with the goal of expanding the funding base for such services while reducing overall state general fund expenditures for such services.

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## **CONTRACTOR REQUIREMENTS:**

- 1) An independent entity specializing in Medicaid analysis.
- 2) Contractor must have an understanding of state general fund appropriations.
- 3) Contractor must have knowledge of prevention/early intervention services.
- 4) Contractor must understand the difference between state general fund appropriations and federal grants, sub-grants, and waivers.

## **ACCESS TO DATA:**

The Department of Health and Human Services has extensive data systems across divisions. Each division's data source is different, although information can be extrapolated from each division's data base system for comparison purposes. Any data needed by the evaluator to conduct the cross-system analysis will be made available within the confidentiality parameters established by Neb. Rev. Statute and the Nebraska Administrative Code.