



DATE: February 25, 2025

TO: All Interested Bidders

RE: Notice of Intent to Award Request for Proposal (RFP) Number: ADS-25-001
Request for Proposal Title: Disability Access Points

The Iowa Department of Human Services (Agency), Hoover State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319, announces its intent to award to the apparent successful bidder(s):

District	Award
District 1	Pottawattamie County
District 2	Central Iowa Community Services
District 3	Central Iowa Community Services
District 4	Pottawattamie County
District 5	Polk County Behavioral Health
District 6	Central Iowa Community Services
District 7	MHDS of East Central Iowa

In publishing this Notice, the Agency acknowledges the intent to award differs from the recommendation of the Disability Access Points (DAPs) RFP evaluation committee. The evaluation committee recommended “No Award” due to issues across all proposals. After careful consideration, the Agency decided to proceed with this Notice to ensure stability and continuity of care to Iowans with disabilities. The Agency has determined this approach best serves Iowans and ensures continuity of service provision in the new Disability Services System. During contract negotiations that follow this Notice, the Agency will set clear and defined expectations of the Bidders and will directly communicate the shortcomings of the received proposals to Bidders. It is the intention of the Agency to use the contract negotiation process to ensure the readiness of Bidders and secure Bidder commitment to development of a new system to that ensures access and support for individuals and families impacted by disability-related needs.

As provided for in the RFP, this Notice of Intent to Award is subject to execution of a written contract. As a result, this Notice does NOT constitute the formation of a contract between the Agency and the apparent successful bidder. The bidder shall not acquire any legal or equitable rights relative to the contract services until a contract is executed. If the apparent successful bidder fails to negotiate and execute a contract with the Agency, in its sole discretion, the Agency may revoke the Notice and enter into contract negotiations with another bidder or withdraw the RFP. The Agency further reserves the right to cancel the Notice at any time prior to the execution of a written contract.

Thank you for participating in the competitive selection process. For information about this Notice, please contact the issuing officer at the telephone number or email address listed below.

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Enclosure: Review of Notice of Intent to Award Decision

Review of Notice of Intent to Award Decision

Bidders may request reconsideration of this intent to award decision by submitting a written request to the Agency:

Bureau Chief
c/o Bureau of Service Contract Support
Department of Health and Human Services
Lucas State Office Building
321 E 12th Street
Des Moines, Iowa 50319-1002
email: reconsiderationrequest@hhs.iowa.gov

The Agency must receive the written request for reconsideration within five calendar days of the date of a notice of intent to award, exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays, and legal state holidays. The written request may be emailed or delivered by postal service or other shipping service. Do not deliver any requests for reconsideration to the office in person. It is the Bidder's responsibility to ensure that the request for reconsideration is received prior to the deadline. Postmarking or submission to a shipping service by the due date shall not substitute for actual receipt of a request for reconsideration by the Agency.

The request for reconsideration shall clearly and fully identify all issues being contested by reference to the page and section number of the RFP. If a Bidder submitted multiple Proposals and requests that the Agency reconsider a notice of intent to award decision for more than one Proposal, a separate written request shall be submitted for each. At the Agency's discretion, requests for reconsideration from the same Bidder may be reviewed separately or combined into one response. The Agency will expeditiously address the request for reconsideration and issue a decision. The Bidder may choose to file an appeal with the Agency within five calendar days of the date of the decision on reconsideration, exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays, and legal state holidays, and in accordance with 441 Iowa Admin. Code Ch. 7.