



Amendment Two
Questions and Answers
RFQ No. 2019CRS001

The Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services (MDCPS) has responded to questions in accordance with Section 1.8, Additional Information. This action requires an amendment:

1. Regarding the reference that are required (Attachment I), is it acceptable to use CPS Frontline Workers as Professional References? If not, can you give examples of acceptable Professional References that can be used by applicants who do not contract services with professionals outside of their agency? [Yes](#)
2. When responding to this section -“detailed approach to the management of the program and ability to keep the program on target and to ensure that the requested services are provided”, Would it be acceptable for the applicant to reference their performance in previous licensure surveys and performance based contracting chart reviews? [Yes](#)
Also, would stating programs and systems in use by the applicant (that may not be used by other applicants) be considered in some way as “identifiable?” (For example, we have received PBIS Model Site Status at one of our group homes and to our knowledge we are the only group home in the state to do so at this time.) Would that be considered “identifiable” information? [No](#)
3. It appears that the treatment plan and individual Service Plan are the same document. Is that the case? [Yes](#)
4. Do foster families continue to have the right of refusal for a child placed in their home per the contract? [Yes](#)
5. Are the request for qualifications available every year for new group home seeking awards or is it only available every couple years? [Request for Qualifications are contingent on funding availability.](#)
6. The format is required to be indexed and numbered as stated on page 29 and 33. Please clarify what is meant by this and give an example of what it is to look like. [Indexed and numbered is defined as listing items \(e.g., topics or names\) and their corresponding numbers that provides for where each item may be found.](#)
7. Please define “innovative technology and techniques” as described on page 29 and 31 and give an example. [Innovative technology and techniques would be defined as any method utilizing new and modern, technology and techniques to provide the services outlined in this RFQ.](#)
8. Please give an example of what constitutes an “exception” as described on page 29 bullet #6 and on attachment D page 41. [Any “exception” that an applicant has to one or more requirements outlined in the RFQ.](#)
9. We plan to submit our information in 6 tabbed binders. Can the information which identifies the applicant be placed behind a tab at the back of the binder, or does it need to be placed in a totally separate binder or envelope? [Identifiable information should be placed as an exhibit separate from other sections of the application. Identifiable and non-identifiable documents can be submitted in the same box or container.](#)



10. Can you please identify which requirements as listed under section 4.3 on page 29 that automatically should be included in the section with identifying information? [Any requirement that includes the following: applicant's legal name \(as well as former name or acronym\), physical address, employee names, logo, social security number, TIN/EIN, business ID, etc.](#)
11. Will there be any new providers selected for a service they are not currently providing? For example, if an agency applies for an emergency shelter but currently doesn't operate one, can the agency be awarded a new program under this RFQ? In the last RFP, our agency qualified by score for a shelter, but did not win the award because no new programs were authorized. If that is the case again, there is no need completing all the work for a new program. [The decision to award contracts to new providers is contingent on funding availability.](#)
12. When completing the RFQ for therapeutic group homes, do all the request for financial information only want information for 1 home with 10 beds for a calendar year of 365 days? [Include financial information for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.](#) Do we need to include financial information for the total number of beds and homes we have in operation? [Include financial information for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.](#) Do we include information for the number we are wanting to operate? [Yes](#)
This is pertinent to the financial information as listed on page 29 section 4.3 as follows:
bullet # 3 signed statement of qualifications
bullet # 15 budget narrative
13. In previous RFPs for these services, we have specially detailed that we are proposing to operate x number of homes with x number of beds in specific locations. Where is that information to be included in this RFQ? [This information should be included in the plan that provides the detail on how services will be performed and on the Statement of Qualification/Application Form.](#)
14. Some of the attachments are mislabeled compared to where they are referenced in the RFQ as follows:
 - a. Attachment E on page 33 should be Attachment C. [See Amendment Number Three](#)
 - b. Attachments G and H on pages 45 and 46 are labeled backwards as to how they are referenced on page 29. [See Amendment Number Three](#)

Please acknowledge receipt of Amendment Two by completing and returning Acknowledgement of Amendment Form (Attachment C) along with your application no later than April 24, 2019, 12:00 p.m., CT.