

# Notice



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## Identification

Reference Number:	22033186
Request ID:	14-85277
Date First Offered	04/25/2014
Title:	CFS Council on Accreditation
Agency Reference Number:	2015-002
Agency:	CFS - Children and Family Services
Purchasing Agency:	CFS - Children and Family Services
Purchasing Agency SPO:	Sharon Clanton
Status:	Closed

## Overview

### Description and Specifications:

A hearing is scheduled for April 23rd at 2PM at 511 Stratton Building in Springfield and room 9-035 in the JRTC in Chicago.

A sole source contract will be awarded on that date and the hearing will be cancelled, unless an interested party submits a written request for public hearing by April 17th, 2014. If a public hearing is requested, the purchasing agency shall present testimony justifying the procurement method. Any interested party may present testimony for or against the sole source determination as described in this notice. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive information from the public as to whether award by sole source is appropriate and in accordance with the Illinois Procurement Code. Formal rules of evidence will not apply. Hearings may be recorded in order to aid in the production of minutes. Parties may submit written comments in lieu of attending the hearing. Written comments will be afforded the same weight as oral comments received at hearing.

Interested parties wishing to submit comments or request a hearing must do so in writing and submit their request to the Notice Contact. Request for a public hearing by an interested party or written comments shall be made by noon on April 17th 2014 to the Notice Contact: Diana Boshell, 712 Stratton Office Building, 401 S. Spring, Springfield, IL 62706 E-mail: Diana.Boshell@illinois.gov; phone 217-524-7020.

A sole source contract where a hearing was requested by an interested party may be awarded after the hearing is conducted with the written approval of the chief procurement officer.

### Description of Services:

The Council on Accreditation is the only entity in the country that accredits child welfare agencies in three program areas: Child Protection Services, Foster and Kinship Care, and Adoption.

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throughout the state which results in savings for the Dept.

DCFS is considered a leader at a national level in the area of accreditation, having been only the 2nd state to become accredited through COA and the first state to be successfully reaccredited. The benefits of having gone through the accreditation process cannot be overstated as it first involved a comprehensive top-to-bottom analysis of agency policy and practices. Several policies have been updated and new ones developed in an effort to meet the high standards exemplified in the Council's standards. Agency practices have had to keep up with the improved policies. The Department's commitment to having each office undergo individual on-site reviews by COA have also insured that casework practice is impacted not only at a broad systematic level but at the individual caseworker level as well. This has resulted in an improved standing with Dept. stakeholders including staff, foster and adoptive parents, community providers as well as the general public.

A decision not to continue to support statewide accreditation for DCFS would potentially deliver a message to its clients, foster/adoptive parents, staff, community providers, and to the public that it does not value adherence to nationally recognized standards of best practice in child welfare. Gains made over the past several years, which have yielded improved outcomes for children and families served by the Dept., would be lost.

### Key Information

Notice Type:	Sole Source
Notice Stage:	Hearing Notice of Decision Upheld
Published:	04/03/2014
Notice Expiration Date:	05/09/2014
Sole Source Only Justification:	<p>Accreditation has improved agency policies and practices as the accreditation process insures that policy and practice are consistent with only the highest best practice standards. Accreditation for DCFS has improved the agency's standing with its stakeholders and with the general public. Improved casework practices within the Department have contributed to improved outcomes for the children and families served by the Department. This results in children spending less time in care and in financial savings to the Department. Being accredited insures that Department's policy and case practices are consistent with nationally recognized best practice standards. It insures consistency in practice and services to children and families from office to office across the state and with improved case practice comes improved outcomes for the children and families served.</p> <p>The Council on Accreditation is the sole entity nationwide that accredits child welfare agencies in three program areas: Child Protection Services, Foster and Kinship Care, and Adoption. Being accredited by COA has contributed to an atmosphere within the Department that supports the principals of best practice standards of child welfare. Being able to successfully meet these high standards required staff to perform their job related duties in a manner that insures children and families receive timely and comprehensive needs assessments that families are actively engaged in their own case planning and that appropriate and timely services are provided to facilitate positive outcomes for</p>

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Professional & Artistic: No  
 Small Business Set-Aside: No

Does this solicitation contain a BEP or DBE requirement?: No

Does this solicitation contain a Veteran requirement?: No

Relevant Category: General Services

Total Amount of Award: \$85,533.00 (Total Dollar Value Only/Includes Any Renewal Options)  
 Estimated/Actual Value Actual  
 Description:  
 Length of Initial Term: 12  
 Contract Begin Date: 07/01/2014  
 Contract End Date: 06/30/2015  
 Renewal Terms: 0

### Bidder(s)

Number of Responding Bidders: 1  
 Number of Unsuccessful Responsive Bidders: 0  
 Total Number Awarded: 1

Listing of All Bidders/Offerors Considered But Not Selected:

None

Source Selection: <Select Source Method>

### Vendor(s) Selected for Award

Vendor Name	Amount of Award	BEP Goal %	DBE Goal %
<a href="#">Council on Accreditation</a>	\$85,533.00	0%	0%

### Notice Contact

Name: Diana Boshell  
 Street Address: 401 S. Spring  
 712 Stratton Office Building  
 City: Springfield  
 State: IL  
 Zip Code: 62706  
 Phone: 217-524-7020  
 Fax Number: 217-558-2164  
 EMail Address: diana.boshell@illinois.gov

### Class Code

Class Codes: S400 Miscellaneous Services

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## Vendor Award Information



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Created Date:	04/03/2014
Created By:	Martin D Sutherland

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Reference Number:	22033186
Title:	CFS Council on Accreditation

### Vendor Selected for Award

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Vendor Name:	Council on Accreditation
Vendor Contact Name:	Joseph Seoane
Vendor Street Address:	45 Broadway 25th floor
Vendor City:	New York
Vendor State:	NY
Vendor Zip Code:	10006
Vendor Phone Number:	212-785-3705
Vendor Fax Number:	000-000-0000

### Key Information

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Amount of Award:	\$85,533.00 (Total Dollar Value Only)
Cost of Initial Term:	\$85,533.00 (Total Dollar Amount of Initial Term)
Cost of Renewals:	\$0.00 (Total Dollar Amount of Renewals)
BEP Goal Amount (Percentage):	0.00%
DBE Goal Amount (Percentage):	0.00%
Will Sub-Contractors Be Utilized?	Unknown

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Date First Offered	04/25/2014
Status:	Closed

## Overview

### Description and Specifications:

Having received no comments or requests to offer testimony regarding this sole source procurement, the hearing is being canceled. This procurement will be forwarded to the Chief Procurement Officer for a final determination.

## Key Information

Notice Type:	Sole Source
Notice Stage:	Hearing Cancellation Notice
Does this addendum add/or change vendor(s) information? (i.e. vendor name/address, contact information, and/or award amount, etc.)?	No

Published: 04/22/2014

Notice Expiration Date: 04/30/2014

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Source Selection: N/A

### Vendor(s) Selected for Award

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