

Synopsis for Federal Business Opportunity

The Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) contemplates awarding a one year cost reimbursement contract with four option years. This is a total small business set-aside procurement, the NAICS code is 541611, and is a request for proposals. CSAT is interested in highly experienced organizations able to handle a National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare which will implement a comprehensive program of information dissemination, knowledge application and technical assistance strategies to promote organizational and systems change at the national, state and local levels. The prime target audiences for this Center are Regional, State, and local child welfare and substance abuse agencies, including independent Tribal agencies and organizations. As such the Center:

- 1) Functions as the locus for the collection, dissemination and practical application, of the best available information on services and strategies for responding to the needs of families who come in contact with the child welfare system as a result of substance abuse;
- 2) Helps communities identify gaps in services and develop integrated approaches to respond more effectively to families who come in contact with the child welfare system as a result of substance abuse;
- 3) Convenes coalitions of policy makers, practitioners, researchers, consumers and family members from substance abuse and child welfare to define new directions and strategies; and
- 4) Provides targeted technical assistance through the use of national and local experts, who assist communities that wish to implement interventions such as problem/risk identification, cross-training strategies, staff co-location, and unique judicial/court strategies (such as family drug courts.)

This project is a re-compete to continue many of the activities that occurred under contract 270-02-7108 with the Center on Children and Family Futures entitled the National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare (NCSACW), 2002-2007. The Statement of Work has been expanded to include additional tasks such as, the development of a training video and new tasks to support the requirement of the Child and Family Services Improvement Act of 2006 (P.L. 109-288) to fund and provide technical assistance to Regional Partnerships intended to increase the well-being of, and improve the permanency outcomes for, children affected by methamphetamine or other substance abuse. Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF) is currently working on plans to implement this requirement of P.L. 109-288.

The estimated date for issuance of this RFP is March 22, 2007 with proposal responses due April 20, 2007. This solicitation may be obtained in any of four ways; by mail; picked up in person at 1 Choke Cherry Road, Room 7-1051, Rockville, MD 20852; FedBizOps, or, electronically at the SAMHSA web site: <http://samhsa.gov> (Under the right side - Doing Business With SAMHSA, under Contracting Opportunities). Files will not be made available on the Web Site until after the estimated issuance date. If you have a continuing interest in the RFP, notify the individual identified below that you wish copies of amendments to the RFP (if any) sent to you, or check the Web Site regularly for amendments which will also be posted there. Note: If you rely on the Web Site for

obtaining amendments, SAMHSA has no way to assure, and therefore assumes no responsibility for assuring you have downloaded these amendments. Requests for copies of the RFP must be made in writing. Requests will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis until the supply is exhausted; however, there is no assurance that copies requested after the twentieth day will reach the requestor before the due date for receipt of responses. Requests shall be forwarded to the attention of Tracy Davidson O'Neill, Contract Specialist, Division of Contracts Management, OPS, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, DHHS, 1 Choke Cherry Road, Room 7-1063, Rockville, Maryland 20857. Requests may be sent via fax to (240) 276-1510. Electronic mail and telephone requests will not be honored. This is a small business set aside requirement.