

IX. Policy, Procurement, Performance & Oversight Updates

Procurement - Management of Child Care Services

The Management of Child Care Services Request for Proposal (RFP) was released on April 4, 2024, with responses due back on May 2, 2024. One proposal was received in response to the RFP from our existing contractor, ChildCareGroup (CCG). The proposal was evaluated and scored 85.6 out of 100 points. We have complied with procurement guidance through the Texas Workforce Commission, and Board policy and will maintain documentation on record that will validate Board compliance for monitoring.

CCG requested a budget of \$6.6M for the management and operation of child care services. This is a slight increase of 1.5% over the current contracted budget. The final sum will be negotiated. Reviewers have a variety of questions that will also be resolved in negotiations. CCG has been an exemplary contractor in most areas of performance. They are champions of the Child Care industry and offer remarkable support for our system partners, parents, and providers.

<p>RECOMMENDATION: Authorization to negotiate with ChildCareGroup and execute a fiscal year contract to begin October 1, 2024. A final contract will be brought to the board for final approval.</p>

Procurement - Strategic Planning Services

An RFP for Strategic Planning Services was issued on April 2, 2024, with a deadline of May 2, 2024. Six proposals were read and evaluated. The evaluation team recommends the following top three scoring proposers to be interviewed by the evaluation team and the Strategic Planning Committee:

- TIP Strategies
- EDSI
- B McNamee Consulting LLC

Staff will coordinate the location, date, and times for the upcoming interviews with the above proposers. A final recommendation will be brought to the board in June 2024.

Procurement - Qualified Organizations for Partners for Re-entry Opportunities in Workforce Development (PROWD) Project

An RFP for Qualified Organizations for the PROWD Project was issued on April 23, 2024, with deadlines of May 9, 2024 and June 6, 2024. Staff received one proposal for consideration by the 1st deadline of May 9th. Formal recommendations will be brought to the June board meeting, following the June 6th deadline.

Website Update