



1. Solicitation #: 8300029999 RFI

2. Solicitation Issue Date: 6/20/2016

3. Brief Description of Requirement:

Request for Information: The repurposing of the Laura Dester Center

The intent of this RFI is to gather information from any interested entity before an official plan of action is created. The responses to this request will determine the next steps in any plan of action to follow.

DHS will hold an open house July 12, 2016; a guided tour will begin promptly at 10:00 am.

4. Response Due Date¹: 8/05/2016

Time: 3:00 PM CST/CDT

5. Issued By and **RETURN SEALED INFORMATION PACKET TO:**

Personal or Common Carrier Delivery or U.S. Postal Delivery:

Department of Human Services

Contracts & Purchasing Unit

Sequoyah Building

2400 N. Lincoln Blvd

Oklahoma City, OK 73105

6. Solicitation Type (check one below):

- Invitation to Bid
 REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
 Request for Quote

7. Requesting Agency: Oklahoma Dept. of Human Services

8. Contracting Officer:

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A. SOLICITATION SPECIFICATIONS

A.1. Introduction

- A.1.1. The Oklahoma Department of Human Services (DHS) Child Welfare Services (CWS) is interested in receiving information on potential proposals, plans, or ideas for the repurposing of the Laura Dester Children's Center at 7318 E Pine St, Tulsa, OK 74115.
- A.1.2. The intent of this RFI is to allow all interested parties to have an equal and fair opportunity to participate in how the facility will be utilized for the betterment of Oklahoma children and the surrounding community.

A.2. Background

- A.2.1. Representing one of the final pieces of the plan to reduce and eventually discontinue the use of emergency shelters, the Laura Dester Children's Center will no longer serve the community as an emergency shelter.
- A.2.2. DHS and community leaders have explored and discussed at length potential uses for the facility. This RFI represents the official means of determining the number of interested parties, potential uses, and what the necessary next steps will be.

A.3. SERVICES

- A.3.1. Services will vary and are at the discretion of the submitting entity; however they **MUST** be community-based services to abused, neglected, or endangered children and their families or caregivers.

A.4. Examples of possible uses:

- A.4.1. Group Homes, Residential Treatment Centers, etc.

A.5. Funding

- A.5.1. No DHS funding is available for this repurpose plan. No matter the final determination, a direct contractual relationship between DHS and any entity for these services will not exist.
- A.5.2. DHS will most likely hold and manage the lease of the facility.

B. EVALUATION

None

C. INSTRUCTIONS TO SUPPLIER

None

D. CHECKLIST

None

E. OTHER

E.1. Questions

- E.1.1. Questions regarding this RFI (Request for Information) are due by Thursday, July 14, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. Questions received after this time will not be answered. Questions are to be emailed to Contracts.Purchasing@okdhs.org.

E.2. Submissions/Copies

- E.2.1. Responder is to submit two (2) complete copies of their response on CD which includes the completed RFI. CD must be an unprotected document. Original hard copies are not required.