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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
CHILDREN'S ADMINISTRATION
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Dear Child Welfare Partner:

Children's Administration (CA) has rescinded Solicitation #1313-441 for Family Support and Related Services to allow for additional input and collaboration to explore opportunities for enhancing the solicitation. As some of you may know, five of the eight potential bidders have notified CA that they will not be submitting a proposal and we want to hear more about their reasons for withdrawing. In addition, CA will use this time to meet with representatives of families, social workers, potential bidders, providers, Tribes, and other interested stakeholders in determining how best to successfully implement the current legislation and meet legislative intent.

It is my commitment that we will have an open process to address the issues pertaining to the implementation of this legislation. In the next several weeks, CA will announce one or more public meetings to discuss issues and gather input for the reissuance of this procurement. Please check the CA website for updates about these meetings <http://www.dshs.wa.gov/ca/about/srv-intro.asp>.

Based on current proposed legislation, CA anticipates re-issuing the procurement no later than December 31, 2013. Any delay in this procurement will not impact the implementation of Family Assessment Response (FAR).

Sincerely,

Jennifer A. Strus, Acting Assistant Secretary
Children's Administration