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TO: RFX # 2313-837 - Bidders
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SUBJECT: Amendment No. 01 – Bidder's Q & A

DSHS amends the RFX # 2313-837 procurement document to include:

- Amendment 1 Bidder QandA (Bidders' Questions and Answers received at the pre-bid conference held on October 11, 2023, and Bidders' questions received prior to the deadline of October 27, 2023.)

NOTE: Questions that were previously answered are not answered again in this Amendment. Please review the FAQs document that was posted in the RFP materials if you submitted a question but the answer does not appear here.

Question #1:

What qualifications are required in order to submit an application?

Answer #1:

The only restrictions in place for the submission of an application is that the Bidder must have an existing home in a Washington county other than Pierce County, and the home will be available (i.e. unoccupied) when the contract period is set to commence (the contract start date). If the applicant does not own the home, then a letter of permission for the applicant's use of the home as an LRA Residence from the landlord/homeowner must be submitted.

Serious consideration will be given to proposals that demonstrate the following:

- Current insurance coverage of the home (proof of additional insurance meeting the contractual requirements stated in the RFP's sample contracts will be required prior to execution of an awarded contract);

- A valid business license (additional business licenses may be required by the jurisdiction in which the home is located, and if such licenses are required, the contract award is contingent upon the Apparently Successful Bidder's acquisition and provision of proof of those licenses); and
 - Experience dealing with conditionally released offenders.
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Question #2:

How many restrooms are required per resident?

Answer #2:

There must be at least one, private, flushing toilet for every five residents. *Note: Residents must have their own private, individual bedrooms.*

Question #3:

Do you expect a high number of bidders?

Answer #3:

We have no way of estimating the number of proposals that will be submitted in response to this RFP.

Question #4:

Do we need a special license, or will a regular business license be sufficient?

Answer #4:

At this time, regular business license(s) is/are all that is required. (Note: Business license(s) may be required by the jurisdiction in which the LRA residence is located, even if the business is licensed in another jurisdiction.)

Question #5:

Can I use subcontractors?

Answer #5:

Yes, provided the subcontractors meet the same requirements applicable to your business and its employees.

Question #6:

What protections are there if someone opens a new business that would disqualify a home from the LRA Residence program?

Answer #6:

If a new business opens during the contract negotiation phase and the proximity of that new business to the proposed LRA Residence, it would likely be a local issue and it may preclude the execution of the contract if it cannot be resolved. Fortunately, this has not happened to date, but it is one of the reasons we ask Successful Bidders to work with the local jurisdiction as early as possible in the process of getting approvals. If a new business opens after the inspections are completed and a contract is signed, it is an issue that the state Attorney General may need to assist with resolving.