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DHHS Division/Office issuing this notice: Division of Child Development and Early Education (DCDEE)

Date of this notice: December 4, 2020

RFA Title: Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five (PDG B-5) Renewal Grant Needs Assessment Update

Purpose:

The purpose of this RFA is to contract with an entity to update NC's statewide B-5 Needs Assessment to provide comprehensive information to guide North Carolina's strategic planning efforts to strengthen its early childhood system and services.

Description:

The successful applicant will review information/data summarized in the initial PDG B-5 Needs Assessment from other needs assessments or reports and identify any new data available for updating or adding to the PDG B-5 Needs Assessment. They will prepare a written PDG B-5 Needs Assessment Update report that summarizes relevant updated or new information and data; identifies gaps; and offers recommendations about next steps in addressing the needs.

Funding Availability:

A contract will be awarded from this RFA over an initial 9-month period of funding, with the opportunity to extend for up to 6 additional months depending on the availability funds. Up to \$380,500 will be available for the initial funding period of April 1, 2021 through December 30, 2021, and up to \$100,000 may be available for a second funding period of January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022.

Should a carry forward or no cost extension option be granted to DCDEE by the federal funder, the same option will be available to the contractor.

Eligibility:

This RFA is open to state agencies and universities, public and private nonprofit organizations with a current 501(c)(3) standing with knowledge of North's Carolina's early childhood education mixed delivery system and expertise in conducting research and presenting data, providing consultation to state and local government agencies/personnel and providing analysis of emerging conditions and child well-being.

How to Apply:

Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five (PDG B-5) Renewal Grant Needs Assessment Update RFA and required attachments will be posted to the DCDEE website: https://ncchildcare.ncdhhs.gov/Whats-New on December 14, 2020.

Intent to Apply:

Eligible agencies and/or organizations interested in applying for this RFA are encouraged to notify DCDEE of their intent to apply via the following link, (<u>https://northchealth.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bKMjENqqCKOCNDf</u>) no later than 5:00 p.m. on January 4, 2021. Agencies are not required to notify of their intent to respond to this RFA but are encouraged to do so to assist DCDEE in planning.

Deadline for Submission:

Applications will be accepted until 5:00 p.m., January 22, 2021.

How to Obtain Further Information:

For more information or to obtain a copy of the complete Request for Application please contact: Tilneil Gary (<u>DCDEE.PDGContracts.Unit.RFA@dhhs.nc.gov</u>) and Sharon Johnson (<u>DCDEE.PDGContracts.Unit.RFA@dhhs.nc.gov</u>))