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Award Recommendation Letter

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Subject: Recommendation of Selection for RFP 24-78769; Regional Evidence Based School and Community Prevention Program for Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA), Division of Mental Health and Addiction (DMHA)

Based on the evaluation of responses to RFP 24-78769, it is the evaluation team's recommendation that **The Lutheran Foundation** for the Northern Region and **Youth First, Inc.** for the Southern Region be selected to begin contract negotiations to provide the Regional Evidence Based School and Community Prevention Program to FSSA.

The terms of this recommendation are included in this letter.

One (1) year initial contract term with an estimated value of
The Lutheran Foundation - \$1,730,000.00
Youth First - \$1,730,000.00

The evaluation team received two (2) RFP responses:

- The Lutheran Foundation
- Youth First, Inc.

The proposals were evaluated by FSSA, DMHA and the Indiana Department of Administration (IDOA) according to the following in the RFP:

Criteria	Points
1. Adherence to Mandatory Requirements	Pass/Fail
2. Management Assessment/Quality (Business and Technical Proposal)	45 points
3. Cost (Cost Proposal)	35 points
4. Buy Indiana	5 points
5. Minority Business Enterprise Subcontractor Commitment	5 (1 bonus point available)

6. Women Business Enterprise Subcontractor Commitment	5 (1 bonus point available)
7. Indiana Veterans Small Owned Business Commitment	5 (1 bonus point available)
Total:	100 (103 if bonus awarded)

The proposals were evaluated according to the process outlined in Section 3.2 (“Evaluation Criteria”) of the RFP for the Southern, Central and Northern Regions. No responses were received for the Central Region. Scoring was completed as follows:

A. Adherence to Requirements

Proposals were reviewed for responsiveness and adherence to mandatory requirements. All Respondents adhered to the mandatory requirements and were moved to the next step in the evaluation process.

B. Management Assessment/Quality (45 points)

The Respondents proposals were evaluated based on their respective Business Proposal and Technical Proposal.

Business Proposal (5 points)

For the Business Proposal evaluation, the evaluation team considered the Respondents organizational structure and financial stability as defined in Section 2.3 of the RFP. The evaluation team scores were based on a review of the Respondents Business Proposal, Attachment E.

Technical Proposal (40 points)

For the Technical Proposal evaluation, the evaluation team considered the Respondents ability to effectively perform the scope of work in Section 2.4 of the RFP. The evaluation team scores were based on a review of the Respondents Technical Proposal, Attachment F.

- General Information
- Financial Information
- Program Plan Information
- Other Information

The evaluation team scoring was based on a review of the Respondents proposed approach to each section of the Business Proposal and Technical Proposal. The initial results of the Management Assessment/Quality Evaluation are shown below:

Table 1 – MAQ

Respondent Name	MAQ Score (45)
The Lutheran Foundation	32.29
Youth First, Inc.	37.57

C. Cost Proposal (30)

Cost score would then be normalized to one another, based on the lowest cost proposal evaluated. The lowest cost proposal received a total of 35 points. The normalization formula is as follows:

- Respondents Cost Score = (Lowest Cost Proposal / Total Cost of Proposal) X 30

The cost scoring as a result of the Respondent cost proposal is as follows:

Table 2 – Cost

Respondent Name	Cost Score (35)
The Lutheran Foundation	35.00
Youth First, Inc.	35.00

D. Initial Total Scores

The initial Management Assessment and Quality (MAQ) Score in Table 1 were combined with the initial Cost Score in Table 2 to generate the combined initial scores in Table 3. The combined initial MAQ and Cost Scores from the initial evaluations are listed below:

Table 3 – Total Scores

Respondent	Total Score 80 pts.
The Lutheran Foundation	67.29
Youth First, Inc.	72.57

E. IDOA Final Scoring

IDOA scored the Respondent in the following areas: BAFO, WBE Subcontractor Commitment (5 points + 1 available bonus point), MBE Subcontractor Commitment (5 points + 1 available bonus point), WBE Subcontractor Commitment (5 points + 1 available bonus point), and IVOSB Indiana Veterans Owned Small Business Commitment (5 points + 1 available bonus point) and Buy Indiana (5 points) using the criteria outlined in the RFP. The total scores out of 103 possible points were tabulated and are as follows:

Table 5: Final Overall Evaluation Scores

Respondent	MAQ Score	Cost Score	Buy Indiana	MBE	WBE	IVOSB	Total Score
Points Possible	45 points	35 points	5 points	5 (+1 bonus pt.)	5 (+1 bonus pt.)	5 (+1 bonus pt.)	100(+3 bonus pts.)
The Lutheran Foundation	32.29	35.00	5.00	-1.00	-1.00	-1.00	69.29
Youth First, Inc.	37.57	35.00	.00	6.00	4.50	5.00	88.07

Award Summary

During the course of evaluation, the State scrutinized the proposal to determine the viability of the proposed solution to meet the goals of the program and the needs of the State. The team evaluated the proposal based on the stipulated criteria outlined in the RFP document.

The term of the contract shall be for a period of one (1) year from the date of contract execution.
There may be three (3) one-year renewals for a total of four (4) years at the State's option.