



Washington State Department of  
**CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES**

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The Department of Children, Youth & Families contemplates awarding a sole source contract to Northwest Resource Associates (NWRA) to locate permanency homes for legally free children/youth living in temporary foster care through the use of Reverse Matching. Reverse Matching is a recruitment technique that utilizes a youth-directed approach to locate permanent homes for legally free youth.

The contractor, NWRA, utilize the information on the Washington Adoption Resource Exchange (WARE) and Northwest Adoption Exchange (NWAE) to identify children, youth and families that can be involved in each Reverse Matching event. NWRA currently holds the contract for these exchanges and therefore is the only provider able to utilize this information. The children and youth involved in Reverse Matching events must be registered with WARE and thus NWRA has the ability to identify and facilitate discussion on these children and youth. NWRA operates several successful foster and adoption programs across three Northwest States including: The Oregon Post Adoption Resource Center, the Alaska Center for Resource Families, the Washington Foster Parent Information Center and also participates in the federal collaboration project AdoptUSKids.org. This agency is named in the grant as the provider for this service.

The contract will be issued on or about June 26, 2020. The dollar value is estimated at \$458,775.48 for work required during the period ending September 30, 2024. At the sole discretion of DCYF, this contract may be extended for an additional two years or through (2026), if funding is available.

Offerors contemplating the above requirements are required to submit capability statements detailing their ability to meet the state's requirements by June 20, 2020.

In the absence of other qualified sources, it is the state's intent to make a sole source award of the Contract.

To submit capability statements or for questions, contact:

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