The Department of Children, Youth & Families (DCYF) contemplates awarding a sole source contract to Seattle Children’s Hospital to provide expert pediatric consultation and training on serious and medically complex maltreatment cases regarding DCYF client children, to community professionals and to provide maintenance of a statewide network on aspects of child abuse and neglect.

The Contractor, Seattle Children’s Hospital, provides consultation and training on medically complex maltreatment cases regarding DCYF client children to community professionals and DCYF staff. The Contractor also developed and maintains a statewide network on aspects of child abuse and neglect.

This service is an essential need in seeking medical consultation for our highest risk children in matters of suspected serious maltreatment cases to gain an accurate assessment of the injury. These evaluations help determine how a child may have been injured or if there is an underlying medical problem/alternate explanation for the injury. The evaluation also assists DCYF in determining a safe plan of care for the child and aids in understanding of any underlying issues that need to be addressed with the child’s caregiver(s).

Seattle Children’s Safe Child and Adolescent Network (SCAN) provides a centralized process under this contract in organizing contracted qualified providers throughout the state who work with the regional areas where the CPS requests originate. They oversee this group of providers and assure they receive ongoing training and support, continuous quality improvement with ongoing staffing and internal reviews.

The contract will be issued on or about July 1, 2020. The dollar value is estimated at $474,254.79 for work required during the period ending June 30, 2021. At the sole discretion of DCYF, this contract may be extended for an additional two years or through June 30, 2023, if funding is available.

Requirements for this contract are as follows:

- Provide virtual consultation to DCYF social service specialists on cases of suspected child abuse or neglect.
- Provide a statewide consultation network system for use by DCYF staff and other community professionals.
- Medical providers contracted to provide services under this contract must be either Child Abuse Board Certified (or eligible) Physicians or have a combination of depth of experience in child abuse and neglect work and a current occupation as a “child abuse expert” at or above the level of a Nurse Practitioner.
- Experience providing training on child abuse and neglect to DCYF staff and community professionals.
Offerors contemplating the above requirements are required to submit capability statements detailing their ability to meet the state’s requirements by June 30, 2020.

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

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