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Notice of Intent

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

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Research and Evaluation Services for Provincial EIBI Programs

CONSULTING SERVICES

NOTICE OF INTENT TO CONTRACT

Notice is hereby given by the Ministry for Children and Families of the intent to contract with the University of British Columbia to provide the external research and evaluation component of the Provincial Early Intensive Behavioural Intervention (EIBI) Program. The contract for this research and evaluation component will have a value of approximately 300 to 400 thousand per year for the first three years. The Ministry for Children and Families had chosen not to call for vendor proposals for the following reasons:

-EIBI is a program not presently offered on a publicly funded basis in BC. There is a unique research and evaluation, diagnosis and assessment expertise available at UBC that isn't available elsewhere in the Province.

-Due to the urgency of implementation of EIBI programs, including the evaluation (including base-line measures of all admitted children) component, the Ministry requires immediately available, expert resources.

-UBC has the above noted expertise and resources and has the capacity to meet this need in a timely fashion.

Contracting with UBC is consistent with models (University Affiliated Programs or UAP) operating in more experienced jurisdictions in the States, which provide the research and evaluation components of Autism treatment programs such as EIBI.

Vendors wishing to object to this decision should provide, in writing, their specific objections to Robin Syme, A/Executive Director, Child Youth and Community Services no later than March 22nd, 2001. The Ministry for Children and Families will review objections and, if justified, a vendor's meeting with Ministry and/or Purchasing Commission representatives present will be called to receive representation regarding this contract.

Vendor ability to offer services resulting in the same or better solutions at a lower cost in the same timeframe will be the key criterion with regard to the consideration of vendor objections.

Closes: 22/March/2001 at 4:00 AM Local Time

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