



REQUEST FOR QUOTE
No. 2023-16
STRATEGIC PLAN AND PROGRAM EVALUATION CONSULTING

Objective:

ChildCareGroup (CCG) is seeking strategic planning and program evaluation consulting services to support and further the agency's Mission, Vision, Core Values and the execution of its strategic plan. ChildCareGroup would like to engage one or more consulting organizations to provide ongoing advice and counsel to the leadership team and Board of Trustees.

Scope of Work:

The primary objectives include, but may not be limited to, the following:

Strategic Plan and Program Evaluation Consulting

- Meet regularly with the ChildCareGroup leadership team and on occasion with the Board of Trustees, on the development and execution of the agency's strategic plan
- Provide advice and counsel on external factors that may impact CCG's strategic operations and/or that may present opportunities for growth, expansion or possible plan revision
- As requested, offer training sessions for Board and/or staff members to engage them in supporting the successful implementation of the strategic plan and in helping identify and assess opportunities and challenges in the changing childcare industry
- Advise in the development and tracking of logic models, KPIs and other methods of program evaluation
- Assist in the preparation of impact reports, presentations and other communications/messaging documents for reporting to internal and external stakeholders
- As requested, assist with an opportunity analysis to explore the feasibility of future business opportunities, including a mixed delivery child care model and/or employer-based child care
- Advise ChildCareGroup on developing an in-house data analytics/program evaluation resource or team

ChildCareGroup recognizes that the objectives described above may require different skill sets or areas of expertise. Therefore, ChildCareGroup may select one or more consultants to perform different portions of the stated scope of work. The successful consultant(s) will specify which services they propose to provide, i.e. strategic plan consulting, program evaluation/impact consulting, etc., along with a description of proposed deliverables. They should also provide professional credentials and demonstrate expertise in providing the proposed services, as well as an hourly rate for services.

Responses will be evaluated based on the following:

- Ability to provide the requested services as indicated by organizational capacity and by prior experience and demonstrated expertise in providing same or similar services (40%)
- Demonstrated understanding of the early childhood ecosystem and external policy and economic factors that drive decision-making (30%)
- Price (30%)



Cost of Services:

Respondents are to provide their proposed costs for the completion of this project in its entirety. Cost estimates will be considered as “not to exceed” quotations, except to the extent that the assumed scope is changed by mutual agreement in writing. A rate schedule for computing any extra work not specified within the scope of work should also be included.

Terms:

This fixed-cost agreement shall be for a period of one (1) year with the option to renew for up to three (3) additional one (1) year periods, subject to funding availability.

ChildCareGroup reserves the right to cancel, delay, amend, and/or reissue any part of this Request for Quote (RFQ) at any time without prior notice. This RFQ does not commit CCG to accept any quotes submitted, nor shall CCG be responsible for any costs incurred in the preparation of responses to this RFQ. CCG reserves the right to reject any or all quotes, to accept or reject any or all items in the quotation, to award a contract in whole or in part of the RFQ specifications and requirements, and/or to award to one or multiple bidders herein as deemed to be in the best interest of CCG.

Deadline for questions:

Questions regarding this solicitation will be received until **6:00 pm (Central Time) on December 8, 2023**. All questions shall be forwarded to the attention of the Procurement Department at procurement@ccgroup.org. Questions received after this deadline will not be answered.

Due Date and Time:

Responses to this solicitation are due by **6:00 pm (Central Time) on December 15, 2023 (central time)**. Responses will be received in electronic form **only** and shall be sent to Anna Esparza, at procurement@ccgroup.org. Late responses will not be accepted.



General Terms and Conditions:

1. **APPLICABILITY:** These standard terms and conditions apply to all goods or services procured by the CCG, unless otherwise stated in the specifications. The instructions contained herein shall be incorporated into the contract as well as any subsequent purchase order(s) issued for goods or services and shall be included as part of the specifications issued herewith.
2. **ADDENDA:** Any revisions to the information contained herein will be issued in the form of addenda. The sole issuing authority shall be vested in the CCG Procurement Division. If addenda contain material changes to the specifications or pricing form, the Proposer shall acknowledge receipt of addenda in the designated section on the Proposal Certification Form. It is the responsibility of the Proposer to obtain and acknowledge any and all addenda. Failure to acknowledge receipt of addenda may be cause to deem such submission non-responsive.
3. **MINOR DEFECT:** CCG reserves the right to waive any minor defect, irregularity, or informality in any proposal. Minor defects, irregularities or informalities will not affect the end product/performance intended by the specifications. CCG also reserves the right to reject any or all proposals with or without cause prior to award.
4. **TAXES:** CCG is exempt from paying federal excise and transportation taxes and Texas State or local sales and use taxes. Tax shall not be included in the prices offered. A Tax-Exempt Form will be provided by CCG upon request.
5. **CHANGE ORDER:** CCG reserves the right to modify or change plans and specifications as deemed necessary after the performance of the contract has commenced, to decrease or increase the quantity of work to be performed, materials, equipment or supplies to be furnished, or address other provisions of the contract as approved by the CEO and/or CFO, the CCG Board of Trustees, and as appropriate under state law. No oral statement of any person shall modify or otherwise change, or affect the terms, conditions or specifications stated in the contract. All change orders or modifications to the contract will be documented in written form by CCG and acknowledged by the contracted proposer. All change orders and modifications to the contract shall be processed through the Procurement Department only.
6. **INVOICES:** Invoices shall be submitted by email to ap@ccgroup.org, attention Accounts Payable. The Proposer will submit invoices on a monthly basis, including all supporting documentation (if applicable) to CCG, detailing services rendered, the number of hours worked, hourly rate, and total costs incurred.
7. **PAYMENT TERMS:** Payment terms are **Net 30 days**, unless otherwise specified by CCG.
8. **PRICE ESCALATION:** Unless otherwise stated in the Special Provisions or specifications herein, prices must remain firm for the initial term of the contract. The proposer may request an adjustment at the time of contract renewal by submitting a request in written form to the Senior Director of Procurement. CCG reserves the right to approve or reject any and all requests for price escalations.
9. **PRICE REDUCTION:** If during the life of the contract, the proposer's net prices to other customers for the same goods or services are lower than CCG's contracted prices, an equitable adjustment shall be made in the contract price in favor of CCG.



- 10. INDEMNITY:** The proposer agrees to release, defend, indemnify and hold harmless CCG, its officers, agents and employees from and against any and all costs, expenses, suits, demands, claims, liabilities, liens, encumbrances or damages, including attorneys' fees and costs of suit, of any character, name and description, incurred or resulting from any injuries or damages received or sustained by any person, persons or property on account of any intentional wrongful conduct whether intentional or unintentional or any negligent act, omission, or fault of the proposer, or of any agent, employee, authorized representative, subcontractor, or supplier in the execution of, or performance under this contract or any contract.
- 11. TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT:** CCG reserves the right to terminate the contract immediately in the event the proposer fails to meet delivery schedules, or otherwise performs in accordance with the specifications contained herein or in the contract documents. Breach of contract or default authorizes CCG to award the contract to another proposer, or purchase from an alternate source.
- 12. TERMINATION FOR CCG CONVENIENCE:** Whenever CCG, in its discretion, deems it to be in CCG's best interests, it may terminate this contract for CCG's convenience. Such termination shall be effective thirty (30) days after CCG delivers written notice of such termination for convenience to the proposer. Upon receipt of such notice from CCG, proposer shall not thereafter incur, and CCG shall have no liability for, any costs under this contract that are not necessary for actual performance of the contract between the date of the notice of termination for convenience and the effective date of that termination for convenience. In the event of a termination for convenience hereunder, CCG shall have no liability to proposer for lost or anticipated profit resulting therefrom.