

REQUEST FOR QUOTE 2021-20 COMPENSATION STUDY AND ANALYSIS

Objective:

ChildCareGroup (CCG) is seeking a company to conduct a compensation study and analysis to evaluate current market pay rates in each of the markets in which it operates, as well as provide recommendations on current positions and structure. The Agency currently has approximately 400 employees in the Dallas Ft. Worth, Corsicana, Waco and Beaumont, Texas areas.

Over the past 2 years, CCG has implemented a hybrid work schedule, allowing employees to work in the office as well as remote. To remain competitive in today's dynamic environment, we must have a review of our current practices, to adjust and modify as necessary to meet the needs of our diverse workforce.

Scope of Work:

The primary objective of this study is to analyze current rates of pay – specific to each market in which ChildCareGroup operates - for comparable positions and make recommendations as appropriate to ensure CCG's compensation is current, equitable, and market-based. The secondary objective is to analyze current positions and make recommendations as appropriate to consolidate job codes and/or position IDs.

CCG currently has 111 active unique positions and some positions are repetitive. CCG will provide the selected vendor with an organizational chart, the current agency compensation plan and policy, and a list of current salary grades and how current positions fall into those grades.

The key components of this RFQ are as follows:

- Determining appropriate compensation for 'outlier' positions
- Current compensation practices based on review of current procedures
- Job code/position ID consolidation to condense repetitive positions

******The selected vendor will use a variety of data resources to ensure a complete and accurate market analysis and will include in its response a detailed plan for this analysis as well as a timeline of completion of this project.

Responses will be evaluated based on the following:

- Ability of organization to provide requested services (25%)
- Deliverables (25%)
- Timeline for execution (20%)
- Price (30%)

Price:

Respondents are to submit their hourly rates to perform the services under this agreement. If applicable respondents shall take into consideration mileage when providing their hourly rates as mileage <u>will not</u> be reimbursed separately.

Terms:



This fixed-cost agreement shall be for a period of six months, 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, and/or to award a contract in whole or in part of the RFQ specifications and requirements herein as is deemed to be in the best interest of CCG.

Deadline for questions:

Questions regarding this solicitation will be received until **12:00pm (central time) on January 12, 2022.** All questions shall be forwarded to the attention of the Procurement Department at <u>procurement@ccgroup.org</u>. Questions received after this deadline will not be answered.

Due Date and Time:

Responses to this solicitation are due on **January 20, 2022 by 12:00pm (central time).** Responses will be received in electronic form <u>only</u> and shall be sent to Ijeoma Nkele, Procurement Director, at <u>procurement@ccgroup.org</u>. Late responses will not be accepted.

General Terms and Conditions:

- 1. <u>APPLICABILITY</u>: 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. <u>ADDENDA</u>: 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.** <u>MINOR DEFECT</u>: 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. PRICING**: Prices offered shall be submitted as part of a monthly retainer, with any additional expenses pre-approved by CCG.
- 5. <u>TAXES</u>: 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 prices offered. A Tax-Exempt Form will be provided by CCG upon request. A request for a Tax-Exempt Form can be submitted in writing to khuff@ccgroup.org or by contacting the Finance Department at 214-905-2408. In no event is it the CCG's responsibility to provide a tax-exempt form without a request for the same.
- **6.** <u>**CHANGE ORDER**</u>: 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/COO, 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.

- 7. <u>INVOICES</u>: Invoices shall be submitted to the attention of Accounts Payable Department, 1420 W. Mockingbird Lane, Dallas, Texas 75247.
- 8. <u>PAYMENT TERMS</u>: Payment terms are net 30 days, unless otherwise specified by CCG in the proposal document.
- **9. PRICE ESCALATION**: Unless otherwise stated in the Special Provisions or specifications herein, prices must remain firm for the initial term of the contract. The contracted proposer may request an adjustment at the time of contract renewal by submitting a request in written form to the Procurement Manager. The basis for price escalation should be based on the Consumer Price Index for the most recent twelve-month period reported for the Dallas-Fort Worth area. The contracted proposer shall provide CCG with copies of the appropriate indices for verification purposes. CCG reserves the right to approve or reject any and all requests for price escalations.
- **10.** <u>PRICE REDUCTION</u>: If during the life of the contract, the contracted 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.
- 11. <u>INDEMNITY</u>: 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 successful proposer, or of any agent, employee, authorized representative, subcontractor, or supplier in the execution of, or performance under this contract or any contract which may result from the proposal and the proposer so agrees upon the submission of the proposal. The proposer must deliver, if so requested by CCG, a written release of all liens or other proper evidence of same, to the satisfaction of CCG prior to the issuance of final payment by CCG.
- 12. <u>TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT</u>: ChildCareGroup reserves the right to enforce the performance of this contract in any manner prescribed by law or deemed to be in the best interest of CCG in the event of breach or default of this contract. CCG reserves the right to terminate the contract immediately in the event the contracted proposer fails to meet delivery schedules, or otherwise perform 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, and charge the full increase in cost to the defaulting contracted proposer.



13. <u>**TERMINATION FOR CCG CONVENIENCE**</u>: 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 contracted 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.