

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES**

Procedure No: I.C.2.PR.010

Subject: Requests for Proposals for Fiscal Intermediaries
Designated Area of Responsibility: Individual Supports

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Note: Technical revisions were made to this policy on October 31, 2024, to ensure the policy reflects respectful and person first language. No substantial changes were made.

A. Purpose

To establish the Department of Developmental Services' process for developing, designing, implementing and evaluating Requests for Proposals (RFP's) with regard to the selection of Fiscal Intermediary provider(s).

B. Applicability

This procedure shall apply to DDS Central Office Operations Center, DDS regional staff, Fiscal Intermediary organizations, families and representatives of individuals with intellectual disability.

C. Definitions

(See Individual Supports section definitions)

D. Implementation

1. The DDS Operations Center in conjunction with appropriate regional personnel will direct the preparation of RFP's for fiscal intermediaries which will include:
 - Specifications and requirements, fee schedule, performance and qualification criteria, and all other responsibilities
 - Evaluation criteria, evaluation team composition, responsibilities, and timelines.
2. RFP's for FI's will be issued as required by the State of CT contracting regulations.
3. The Operations Center will establish and implement a procedure for bidder inquiries through email and the DDS Web page.
4. The DDS Operations Center will issue all RFP's for Fiscal Intermediaries. Notice of the RFP will be mailed to existing FI's, private day and residential providers, and other interested parties. The RFP will be advertised in area papers and on the DAS and DDS Web pages.
5. The DDS Operations will respond to all bidder inquiries regarding proposal submissions through the process described in the RFP.
6. The Evaluation Team will include a representative from each of the following: consumer, family member who does not use an FI, Central Office Operations Center, Broker, and/or Regional Contract personnel. The team should include one representative from each region.
7. The Evaluation Team will evaluate all proposals using established criteria and prepare individual evaluations on each proposal.

8. The Operations Center designee will gather additional information/seek clarification and as required in the evaluation of proposals. The designee will check candidates' references.
9. The Evaluation Team will interview potential candidates at the discretion of the RFP committee. Interviews will be arranged by the Operations Center and conducted by the Evaluation Team.
10. The Evaluation Team will notify the Director of Operations of the top three vendors with the evaluations teams' recommendation for contract awards. The Operations Center will review the committee's recommendations with the Deputy Commissioner who will make the contract award. The Operations Center will notify provider(s) in writing, both those selected and non-selected. All FOI requests will be responded to in accordance the CT FOI Act.
11. The DDS Operations Center designee will notify DDS regions which provider(s) have been selected to serve as FI's.
12. Transition of services from an existing FI to a new FI requires careful planning to ensure a smooth process. For people who choose their FI, open enrollment session will be held through outthought state over a three-month period.

E. References

- 2005 FI RFP
- RFP Review Proposal Checklist
- Interested Parties Mailing List maintained by Operations Center
- State rules for advertising, bidding, and contracting