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Dear Vendor:

This letter is to announce the release of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services' (ODJFS) Request for Proposals (RFP)#: R-89-06-0002, Citizen Review Board Project, for the purpose of obtaining three (3) qualified juvenile courts (hereinafter referred to as "vendors") in Ohio that are currently operating or have the ability to implement a statutorily based Citizen Review Board (CRB) by the time the contract is executed (approximately August 8, 2007) in order to maintain Ohio's compliance with the Keeping Children and Families Safe Act of 2003, which amended the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA).

The purpose of the CRB is to monitor implementation of case plan objectives and timeframes for permanency for children who have been adjudicated as abused, neglected and/or dependent; monitor the number of contacts the Public Children Services Agency (PCSA) caseworker has with a child and his/her parents; monitor the involvement of the parent in the development of the case plan; monitor parental participation in semi-annual reviews; collect demographics regarding each child and which parent is engaged; collaborate with the local PCSA and Court Appointed Special Advocate/Guardian Ad Litem (CASA/GAL) program; identify barriers to the case review process and trends; identify procedures to work with community stakeholders to address local trends or recommendations; provide recommendation of the various approaches to the local, state, and federal levels for the enhancement of the child protective systems; and, to gather data and provide reports.

This RFP is released by and the subsequent contract(s) will be with ODJFS.

If you are interested in submitting a bid for this important project, please obtain the RFP through the ODJFS web site at <http://www.jfs.ohio.gov/rfp/>. If you do not have Internet access to this document or experience problems opening the above referenced ODJFS URL, please contact the RFP/RLB Unit at the following telephone number:

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Responses must be prepared and submitted in strict accordance with the requirements and time frames given in the RFP. Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

Signature on File

Helen E. Jones-Kelley
Director

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