



## **NEW YORK STATE UNIFIED COURT SYSTEM**

### **Request for Proposals #112 OCA / Professional and Court Services**

**Legal Assistance to Victims of Domestic Violence  
Albany County, New York**

**Proposal Cover Sheet: Albany County Legal Services, \$292,153 total available funding (Grant 15JOVW-21-GG-00226-JFFX)**

Legal Name of Applicant	
Executive Director/CEO	
Proposal Contact Person, Title, Phone Number and Email Address	
Years of Experience	
Total Funding Requested	
Address	
Phone	
Fax	
Email	
Website Address (not required)	
Federal Tax Identification No. (TIN)	
Charities Registration Number (if exempt, please explain)	
Signature of officer authorized to enter into contracts on the organization's behalf	

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**Note: Applicants must submit this Proposal Cover sheet together with all documents listed in the Document Enclosure Checklist attached as Exhibit 1 to this Request for Proposals**

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## I. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The New York State Unified Court System (UCS) Office of Court Administration's (OCA) Division of Professional and Court Services (DPCS) is soliciting proposals via this Request for Proposals (RFP) for the purpose of establishing a contract to provide Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange services for the Albany City Court's Domestic Violence Court and Albany County Family Court.

UCS operates Domestic Violence Courts (DV) and Integrated Domestic Violence Courts (IDV) throughout the state. These courts focus on accountability and compliance with all orders and sentences issued by the judge. The DV courts oversee criminal cases, both felony and misdemeanor, involving intimate partner violence. IDV Courts oversee intimate partner violence cases involving families with matters pending in multiple courts including the family, criminal and matrimonial systems. In an IDV Court, one judge is assigned to review all of these matters working the parties to gain a clearer and more holistic picture of the issues facing these litigants.

## II. PROJECT INFORMATION

UCS is the recipient of an award by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office of Violence Against Women (OVW) for the purpose of supporting a new program titled the Albany County Court System's Domestic Violence Program.

The OVW grant period is October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2024 (hereinafter "Grant Term"). This RFP seeks Project Services as set forth in Article V below.

### GRANT CHART

Grant Number	Jurisdiction	Project Goals	Maximum Available Grant Term Funding
<b><u>15JOVW-21-GG-00226-JFFX</u></b>	Albany City Court's Domestic Violence Court and Albany Family Court, Albany, NY	Provide quality free legal assistance to victims of domestic violence in either Family or City Court.	\$292,153

**Note:** Throughout this RFP, the terms, *proposer*, *vendor* and *applicant* are used interchangeably, as are *RFP*, *bid* and *solicitation*.

## III. AWARD

UCS intends to award one contract for a term effective on or around July 15, 2022 and terminating on September 30, 2024 ("Contract Term").

In the event of an extension of the grant term by OJJDP, UCS shall have the option to extend the contract at no additional cost for a maximum of twelve (12) months upon the same terms and conditions as of the expiration date of the Contract Term. Any such extension shall be subject to the approval of the NYS Attorney General and the NYS Comptroller.

#### **IV. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS**

Proposals will be considered only from applicants who meet the following qualifications:

Qualified applicants are agencies that possess at least two years of experience in performing services relevant to those described herein.

Qualified applicants must have the capacity to provide Project Services to clients within Albany County.

#### **V. PROJECT SERVICES**

UCS seeks proposals for the performance of the services listed below (“Project Services”). The selected applicant shall be required to provide the Project Services as well as the staffing listed below.

1. Provide quality free legal services to victims of domestic violence through consultation and in-person representation.
2. Use plain language to explain the criminal and family court process and options available through the court system to DV victims.
3. Interview victims of abuse in a manner sensitive to the trauma they may have experienced.
4. Assess the needs of victims in terms of their immediate safety concerns.
5. Provide legal assistance in obtaining an Order of Protection either in person or through virtual technology.
6. Address immigration issues and immigration assistance available for victims of domestic violence.
7. Make referrals to community resources.
8. Develop protocols or policies to ensure that confidential information is not shared with courts, law enforcement agencies, or child welfare agencies unless necessary to ensure the safety of any child or adult.
9. Maintain project logs, reports and records in appropriate files and database(s).
10. Attend court, staffing and trainings as appropriate.
11. Assist the courts in collecting all mandated data.
12. Contracted agency will be responsible for providing professional oversight/consultation for assigned Attorney.

#### **Required Staffing:**

1. Attorney (full-time) with experience working effectively and cooperatively with families of diverse backgrounds. Must be well versed in trauma-informed practices, solution focused strategies, and an understanding of the long-lasting effects of domestic violence on women, children, and the community. The Attorney will work cooperatively with the Albany courts and with other agencies and professionals interfacing with families involved in domestic violence allegations.

#### **Minimum qualifications:**

- Admitted to the New York State Bar with a minimum of two years relevant experience and familiarity with family court and criminal court procedures and practice. Ability to work cooperatively with families and the criminal justice systems.

**VI. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

Awarded applicant shall be required to maintain the insurance specified in Exhibit 2 hereto (Insurance Requirements), at their own cost and expense during the Contract Term and any renewal or extension term.

**VII. AWARD SELECTION CRITERIA AND METHOD OF AWARD**

A single award will be made to a responsible applicant determined to be in compliance with this RFP that receives the highest composite (technical + cost) score in excess of the minimum score, as determined by the selection criteria set forth herein and that meets the minimum qualifications outlined in Article IV above.

Responsibility is determined in accordance with the criteria articulated in the paragraph contained in the Article XI, General Specifications headed, "Responsible Applicant."

Proposals will be reviewed and rated by a team comprised of qualified UCS staff.

In the event of a tie composite score, the applicant with the higher cost score will prevail.

Proposals will be scored as follows:

<b>Technical Criteria (80%)</b>	<b>Maximum Points</b>
Capacity	25
Proposed Service Delivery	55
<b>Maximum Technical Points</b>	<b>80</b>
Cost (20%)	20
<b>Maximum Cost Points</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>MAXIMUM TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>

Organizational Capacity and program and staffing plan criteria are contained the Rating Tool attached as Exhibit 3 hereto.

Cost submissions will be scored as follows:

The proposal with the lowest cost will be awarded maximum points (20); each higher cost proposal will be award points according to the following formula:

$$\frac{\text{lowest cost proposal}}{\text{higher cost proposal}} \times 20$$

For example: Assuming the lowest cost proposal is \$100 and the next higher cost proposal is \$125, the \$100 cost proposal would be awarded 20 points and the \$125 cost proposal 16 points based on the following computation:

$$100 \div 125 = (.8) \times 20 = 16$$

*Note: A minimum Technical Criteria point score of 35(average of all evaluators) is required for an award to be made.*

## **VIII. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**

### General Requirements

All documentation must be submitted on prescribed forms, without alteration. Where no form is included or specified, submissions must be single-spaced with one inch page margins (not including attachments or financial forms) using a 12 point font. To facilitate photocopying, do not permanently bind documents.

***Applicants must submit every document listed below, as well as the documents listed in the Document Checklist annexed as Exhibit 1 hereto. Failure to provide all documents in the manner required may result in disqualification of an applicant's proposal.***

***A complete set of the documents required below must be submitted.***

#### **a. Narrative Description - Organizational Capacity**

Applicants must submit a narrative description of no more than 5 pages (except for requirement # 8) addressing all of the organizational capacity requirements listed below:

1. Describe how the funding requested in this RFP will enhance the overall mission and services that the organization currently provides.
2. Describe the organization's experience and expertise providing the project services listed in the RFP, including utilizing staff such as an attorney, and providing legal services directly related to families in situations involving domestic violence.
3. Describe the organization's experience in addressing immigration issues of victims of domestic violence.
4. Describe the organization's experience, if any, with government-funded programs including OVW-funded programs.
5. Describe the organization's capacity to effectively manage government funded programming including, but not limited to the ability to meet fiscal and programmatic reporting requirements, make effective use of technical assistance provided by funding entities, and work in partnership with the Court.
6. Briefly describe the organization's financial management system and internal controls procedure.

7. Describe the proposer's plan to staff the Attorney position.
8. Provide an organizational chart showing all supervisory staff (will not be included in the page limit).

**b. Project Resumes**

Submit resumes for all staff who will provide Project Services. For those positions currently vacant, submit detailed job descriptions.

**c. Proposed Service Delivery**

Applicants must submit a narrative description of no more than 5 pages addressing all of the Project description requirements listed below:

1. Provide information regarding the service delivery method(s) utilized prior to and post COVID-19 to the target population.
2. Describe the organization's plan for delivery of the full services described herein.
3. Describe the organization's familiarity with trauma-informed practices, solution focused strategies, and the effects of domestic violence.
4. Describe how the organization will assess the needs of victims in terms of their immediate safety concerns.
5. Describe how the organization will address immigration issues for victims of domestic violence.
6. Describe how the organization's experience and existing collaborations with community agencies will enhance the project goals.
7. Describe how the organization will develop protocols or policies to ensure that confidential information is not shared with courts, law enforcement agencies, or child welfare agencies unless necessary to ensure the safety of any child or adult.
8. Describe the organization's plan to ensure the project goals are met.
9. How will the Attorney document their activities with participants and how will this information be maintained?
10. Describe the proposed process for reporting progress to the court. How will the proposer provide feedback to the courts on an effective and ongoing basis? Include information about the timing and content of proposed feedback.
11. How will the organization ensure that all grant-related reporting requirements are timely met.
12. Describe the proposed supervisory structure for the project. How will the organization ensure appropriate supervision for the Attorney?

**d. Line Item Budget Proposal**

Applicants must submit a line item budget proposal indicating the total amount of funding requested *for each period* ("Budget Period") within the Contract Term. The budget must be submitted on the Required Budget Form available at <http://nycourts.gov/admin/bids/currentsolicitations.shtml>. The



budget must include travel expenses for at least one (1) applicant staff person to attend a mandatory meeting in each Budget Period.

Proposals listing total budgeted costs in excess of the Maximum Funding set forth in Article II above will not be considered and applicant's proposal will be disqualified.

Note that there shall be no other charge, cost, reimbursement or expense of any kind payable by UCS in connection with or arising from the performance of the Project Services. Applicant shall be solely responsible for all costs and expenses incurred in connection with the performance of Project Services, that are not expressly included in its budget.

1. The Budget Periods are as follows:

July 15, 2022 – September 30, 2022 (2.5 months)

October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2023 (12 months)

October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024 (12 months)

2. The budget proposal must include a maximum total budget amount for the entire Contract Term (July 15, 2022 - September 30, 2024).

3. Non-Allowable Costs/Expenses

The following items *may not be included* in applicant's Project budget:

- Major capital expenditures
- Interest costs
- Fundraising costs
- Advertising costs except for recruitment of Project Services personnel.
- Entertainment costs
- Costs for dues, attendance at conferences or meetings of professional organizations *except* that all budgets must include travel expenses for attendance by at least one (1) person(s) at one (1) mandatory grantee meeting per Contract Period.

**e. Budget Narrative**

Applicant must submit a narrative of not more than 3 pages that briefly describes the expenses included in each budget category of its budget proposal, and how they relate to the Project Services. The Personal Services description must include a brief description of responsibilities. The NPS description must include a brief description of how each expense category relates to the provision of Project Services. For equipment expenses, if any, explain the type of equipment (e.g. laptop computer, cell phone) to be purchased. For travel expenses, if any, explain which staff will be traveling and the destination, purpose, and frequency of travel.

**f. Additional Documents**

In addition to the documents listed above, applicants must submit all documents listed in the Document Checklist attached as Exhibit 1 hereto.

**IX. SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL**

**a. Proposal Delivery**

Applicants shall deliver ONE signed, hard copy original and ONE additional COPY (two complete sets) of its application, with all required documents, to:

Division of Professional and Court Services  
2500 Pond View, Suite 104  
Castleton-on-Hudson, New York 12033  
ATTN: Amelia Hershberger

All proposals must also be labeled with the following information on two sides:

**“Deliver immediately to Amelia Hershberger”**

**“Sealed Application - Do not open”**

**“ALBANY COUNTY SUPERVISED VISITATION AND SAFE EXCHANGE SERVICES – Due  
July 1, 2022 at 2PM”**

**Proposals will not be accepted electronically or by fax.**

**b. Submission Deadline**

Applications must arrive at the address above by no later than **Friday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 at 2PM.**

**X. QUESTIONS**

Any and all questions applicants may have in connection with this RFP are to be directed by email only to:

Amelia Hershberger  
[ahershbe@nycourts.gov](mailto:ahershbe@nycourts.gov)

Please indicate in “Subject” field: Albany County Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange Services  
RFP #112 Question(s)

The deadline to submit questions is **Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 at 2 PM.** No questions will be entertained after this deadline. A written Questions & Answers (Q&A) listing all questions received and their answers will be posted on the UCS website at [www.nycourts.gov/admin/bids](http://www.nycourts.gov/admin/bids) in the Addenda column for the appropriate solicitation and mailed to the applicants list promptly after this deadline.

IMPORTANT: Contact by any prospective applicant, or any representative thereof, with any other personnel of the UCS in connection with this Bid/RFP may violate the Procurement Lobbying Act of 2005 (see Attachment IV), will jeopardize the respective applicant's standing and may cause rejection of its proposal.

## **XI. GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS**

### **Charities Registration (not-for-profit corporations only)**

Not-for-profit corporation vendors must be registered with the New York State Office of the Attorney General as a charitable organization, and the registration must be up to date at the time of contract approval. Vendors must be sure all their documents are up-to-date and comply with the vendor responsibility requirements as outlined below. To determine the status of your charities registration information, contact: [https://www.charitiesnys.com/RegistrySearch/search\\_charities.jsp](https://www.charitiesnys.com/RegistrySearch/search_charities.jsp)

### **Federal Requirements**

If an award made under this bid is funded in whole or in part with federal funds the bid/award recipient shall, at its cost and expense, promptly and fully comply with, and assist UCS as may be necessary in complying with, any federal requirements applicable to such federal award and funding.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to be fully familiar with federal terms and conditions of the award. (See <https://www.ojp.gov/funding/explore/legaloverview2022/mandatorytermsconditions> for current grant terms and conditions.)

### **Subcontracting**

Subcontracting or other transfer of any duties or obligation to be performed hereunder will be permitted only with the prior written approval of UCS. In the event that a vendor proposes to use one or more subcontractors, the specific subcontractors and the services proposed to be performed by such subcontractors, must be listed in applicant's proposal. If a vendor that proposes to use one or more subcontractors is awarded the contract, the award will constitute the prior written approval of UCS to the subcontractors named in the applicant's proposal. UCS reserves the right to request additional information from subcontractors.

Vendor will be the prime contractor and will be responsible for all services required by this RFB/RFP. The UCS will communicate only with Vendor and Vendor shall remain wholly liable for the performance by and payment to any such subcontractors, their employees, agents, consultants or representatives.

### **Online RFB/RFP Package: Disclaimer**

Applicants accessing any UCS/OCA solicitations and related documents from the New York State UCS website [www.nycourts.gov/admin/bids](http://www.nycourts.gov/admin/bids) under "Current Solicitations" shall remain solely and wholly responsible for reviewing the respective solicitation and bid documents on the internet regularly, up to the scheduled date and time of the bid/proposal due date, to ensure their knowledge of any amendments, addenda, modifications or other information affecting the solicitation or bid documents in question.

### **Binding Nature of Bid/Proposal on Applicants**

All bids/proposals shall remain binding on applicants until such time as UCS provides written notification of its intent to award the contract to a specific applicant or until the applicant withdraws its bid/proposal

in writing, whichever occurs first.

### **Estimated Quantities**

Any quantities specified in this solicitation constitute estimates only, and accordingly no commitment or guarantee to reach any specified volume of business is made or implied.

### **Compliance with Laws**

Awarded contractor(s) must comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations, including but not limited to, fire, health and safety codes, prior to and during the provision of all services under the contract resulting from this RFB/RFP.

### **Independent Contractor Status**

It is expressly understood and agreed that the awarded contractor's status shall be that of an independent provider of services and that no officer, employee, servant or subcontractor of the contractor is an employee of the UCS, OCA or State of New York. The awarded contractor shall be solely responsible for the work, assignment, compensation, benefits and personal conduct and standards of all such persons assigned to the provision of services. Nothing herein shall be construed to impose any liability or duty on the UCS, OCA or State of New York to persons, firms, consultants corporations, or other organizations employed or engaged by the awarded contractor, either directly or indirectly, in any capacity whatsoever, nor shall the UCS, OCA or State of New York be liable for any acts, omissions, liabilities, obligations or taxes of any nature including, but not limited to, unemployment and Workers' Compensation insurance of the awarded contractor or any of its employees or subcontractors.

### **Rejected and Unacceptable Bids/Proposals**

UCS reserves the right to reject any and all proposals or bids submitted in response to this solicitation. In addition, UCS may reject any bids/proposals from any applicants who are in arrears to the State of New York upon any debt or performance of any contract; or who have previously defaulted on any contractual obligations, (as contracting party, surety or otherwise), or on any obligation to the State of New York; or who have been declared not responsible or disqualified by any agency of the State of New York, who have any proceeding pending against them relating to their responsibility or qualification to receive public contracts, whose proposal is incomplete or otherwise non-responsive in any material respect, or who are found to be non- responsible based on any of the criteria specified in the "Responsible Applicant" section.

UCS also reserves the right to reject any applicant: (i) whose facilities and/or resources are, in the opinion of UCS, inadequate, too remote from the UCS locations to render services in a timely manner in accordance with all requirements of this solicitation; (ii) who does not provide references in accordance with the bid specifications, or whose references report significant failure to comply with specifications; or (iii) who are otherwise, in the opinion of UCS, unable to meet specifications.

### **Responsible Applicant**

An applicant shall be defined as "responsible" in accordance with, but not limited to, references, past performance history, financial stability, the criteria set forth in paragraph two of the General Specifications (Attachment III-Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire: Instructions), and the criteria set forth in the paragraph headed "Rejected and Unacceptable Bids/Proposals" as well as any other criteria necessary and reasonable to establish the applicant's responsibility.

**Clarification/Correction of Bids/Proposals**

In addition to any rights articulated elsewhere in this solicitation, UCS reserves the right to require clarification at any time during the procurement process or require correction of arithmetic or other apparent errors for the purpose of assuring a full and complete understanding of an applicant's proposal or to determine an applicant's compliance with the requirements of this solicitation. This clarifying information, if required in writing by UCS, must be submitted by the applicant in accordance with formats prescribed by UCS at the time said information is requested and, if received by the due date set forth in UCS's request for clarification, shall be included as a formal part of the applicant's proposal. Clarifying information, if any, whether provided orally, visually or in writing will be considered in the evaluation process. Failure to provide required information by its associated due date may result in rejection of the applicant's proposal. Nothing in the foregoing shall mean or imply that it is obligatory upon UCS to seek or allow clarifications or corrections as provided for herein.

**Indemnity**

Awarded contractor shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless UCS, its officers and employees from and against any and all claims, causes of action, damages, costs, liabilities and expenses of any kind (including reasonable attorney's fees and the cost of legal defense) which UCS may incur by reason of: (i) awarded contractor's breach of any term, provision, covenant, representation or warranty contained in the contract awarded as a result of this bid; (ii) any act, omission, negligence or intentional misconduct of awarded contractor or its employees, subcontractors, agents, volunteers or of other persons under its direction and control; (iii) awarded contractor's performance or failure to perform under the contract; and (iv) enforcement by UCS of the awarded contract or any provisions thereof.

**Unified Court System Self-Insurance**

UCS, a New York State governmental entity, is self-retained for risk of loss and liability.

**Confidentiality**

Applicant acknowledges that any and all information, records, files, documents or reports contained in any media format provided to the applicant by the court, or which may be otherwise encountered by applicant shall be considered extremely confidential and shall be handled accordingly at all times. Neither the applicant nor any of its employees, servants, contractors, agents or volunteers shall at any time be permitted to utilize such confidential information for any purpose outside the scope of any resulting agreement without the express prior written authorization of UCS. Any breach of this confidentiality by the applicant or by any of its employees, servants, subcontractors, agents, or volunteers may result in the immediate termination of any resulting agreement by UCS and may subject the applicant to further penalties.

Awarded Contractor shall use, and require its employees and authorized agents to use, at least the degree of care a reasonably prudent person would use to protect and prevent improper access to the records.

**Confidential/Proprietary Information**

If applicable, applicants should specifically identify those portions of the proposal deemed to contain confidential or proprietary information or trade secrets, and, upon request, must provide justification why such material should not be disclosed to parties other than UCS and the Offices of the New York State Attorney General and Comptroller. Applicants are advised that any material deemed confidential by applicant may still be subject to disclosure in connection with any governmental or judicial proceeding or

inquiry or as may be required by applicable law, including but not limited to Article 6 of the New York Public Officers Law (Freedom of Information Law). Such confidential/proprietary information must be easily separable from the non-confidential sections of the proposal.

### **Financial Stability**

Upon request by UCS, applicant shall provide its audited financial statements prepared in accordance with GAAP-Generally Accepted Accounting Principles for the past three (3) consecutive years and a copy of its last three (3) annual reports.

### **Termination**

Early termination of the contract for cause may result in, among other consequences, all remedies available to UCS and New York State, the awarded contractor both being declared non- responsible by the UCS/OCA, pursuant to the UCS and Office of the State Comptroller's guidelines on vendor responsibility and in the contractor's removal from the UCS/OCA applicants list for future solicitations.

### **Implied Requirements**

Products and services that are not specifically requested in this solicitation, but which are necessary to provide the functional capabilities proposed by the applicant, shall be included in the offer except as specified herein.

### **Silence of the Specifications**

The apparent silence of the specifications contained as part of this package as to any detail or to the apparent omission of a detailed description concerning any point, shall be regarded as meaning that only the best commercial practices are to prevail. All interpretations of these specifications shall be made on the basis of this statement.

### **Work for Hire**

If awarded applicant produces any materials for UCS pursuant to this RFB/RFP, such work shall be deemed "work for hire" and shall be governed by the terms of Exhibit 4/Appendix B attached.

**EXHIBIT 1****DOCUMENT ENCLOSURE CHECKLIST**

*The documents listed below must be submitted together with applicant's proposal. Failure to do so as required may disqualify applicant's response.*

*Documents requiring signature must be duly signed where indicated. The listed documents may not be modified, retyped or amended in any manner.*

**A complete set of RFP documents must be submitted. Failure to provide all documents in the manner required may result in disqualification of an applicant's proposal.**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Proposal Cover Sheet (p.2)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Narrative Description – Organizational Capacity (Article VIII (a))
- \_\_\_\_\_ Project staff resumes (Article VIII (b))
- \_\_\_\_\_ Project Description (Article VIII (c))
- \_\_\_\_\_ Line Item Budget Proposal/Budget Narrative (Article VIII (d))
- \_\_\_\_\_ Certificates of NYS Worker's Compensation and NYS Disability Benefits Insurance, or Certificate of Attestation of Exemption. (See Exhibit 2 "Insurance Requirements" for a list of accepted forms.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Copies of applicant's certificate(s) of insurance or other adequate proof evidencing the insurance coverages required by the bid specifications (See Exhibit 2 "Insurance Requirements" for a list of accepted forms.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Attachment I - Standard Request for Bid Clauses & Forms
  - ☐ p.3 - Non-Collusive Bidding Certificate
  - ☐ p.4 - Corporate Acknowledgment
- x   Attachment II - Not Applicable
- \_\_\_\_\_ Attachment III - Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire
  - ☐ questionnaire filed online via OSC VendRep System and certified within 6 months of the bid opening date, or
  - ☐ paper questionnaire
- \_\_\_\_\_ Attachment IV - Procurement Lobbying forms
  - ☐ Disclosure of Prior Non-Responsibility Determination (UCS 420)
  - ☐ Affirmation of Understanding and Agreement (UCS 421)

## **EXHIBIT 2**

### **INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

Grant recipients will be required to maintain the following insurance coverage during the term of the contract:

1. Workers' compensation and disability benefits insurance coverage as required under NYS law. Proof of workers' compensation insurance and disability benefits insurance must be provided with the grant application. If applicant is legally exempt from such coverage, proof of exemption must be provided. The only forms acceptable as evidence of these insurance requirements are:

#### **Proof of Workers' Compensation Coverage**

- Form C-105.2 - Certificate of Workers' Compensation Insurance issued by private insurance carriers; or
- Form U-26.3 issued by the State Insurance Fund; or
- Form SI-12 - Certificate of Workers' Compensation Self-Insurance; or
- Form GSI-105.2 - Certificate of Participation in Workers' Compensation Group Self-Insurance; or
- Form CE-200 - Certificate of Attestation of Exemption from NYS Workers' Compensation and/or Disability Benefits Coverage.

#### **Proof of Disability Benefits Coverage**

- Form DB-120.1 - Certificate of Disability Benefits Insurance, or
- Form DB-120.2 - Certificate of Participation in Disability Benefits Group Self-Insurance; or
- Form DB-155 - Certificate of Disability Benefits Self-Insurance; or
- Form CE-200 - Certificate of Attestation of Exemption from NYS Workers' Compensation and/or Disability Benefits Coverage.

Please note that an ACORD Certificate of Insurance is NOT acceptable proof of New York State workers' compensation or disability benefits insurance coverage. Applicants should obtain the appropriate Workers' Compensation Board forms from their insurance carrier or licensed agent, or follow the procedures set forth by the Workers' Compensation Board for obtaining an exemption from coverage. Required forms and procedures may be obtained on the Workers' Compensation Board website at [www.wcb.ny.gov/](http://www.wcb.ny.gov/) and click on 'Employers/Businesses' and/or 'Forms'. Any questions regarding workers' compensation coverage requirements should be directed to:

Workers' Compensation Board  
Bureau of Compliance  
(518) 462-8882  
(866) 298-7830



Applicants awarded funding (whether through a new or amended contract) will be required to provide updated certificates of workers' compensation and disability benefits coverage that name the Unified Court System as the certificate holder if the applicable form has a space for a certificate holder to be listed.

The carrier must enter:

NYS Unified Court System  
Office of Court Administration  
Division of Professional and Court Services  
2500 Pond View, Suite 104  
Castleton-on-Hudson, New York 12033

The insurance carrier will notify the certificate holder if a policy is canceled.

2. Commercial General Liability Insurance (bodily injury and property damage on an occurrence basis), contractual and products/completed operations liability coverage, and auto liability with minimum limits as follows:

Bodily Injury and Property Damage	\$1 million, per occurrence, \$2 million, aggregate
Personal Injury and Advertising	\$1 million aggregate
Contractual and Products/ Completed Operations Liability	\$2 million aggregate
Auto Liability, Combined single limits	\$1 million

Commercial general liability insurance coverage must be obtained from commercial insurance carriers licensed in or otherwise authorized to do business in the State of New York. Proof of applicant's commercial general liability insurance coverage must be submitted with the grant application. Applicants awarded funding will be required to submit an updated certificate naming UCS as a certificate holder, an additional insured or loss payee, as appropriate, and providing for at least thirty (30) days advance written notice to UCS of cancellation or non-renewal. The updated certificate must be submitted prior to finalization of the contract. The commercial general insurance of Applicants awarded funding shall be primary insurance with respect to UCS.

Products completed operations insurance coverage is not required if applicant provides written documentation prior to finalization of an awarded contract that the organization's commercial general insurance policy does not include coverage for products-completed operations. Automobile liability insurance is not required if applicant does not use vehicles in its operations.

3. Commercial or other Property Insurance (hazard and casualty) coverage must be obtained from commercial insurance carriers licensed or otherwise authorized to do business in the State of New York. Proof of applicant's commercial property insurance coverage must be submitted with the grant application. Applicants awarded funding will be required to submit an updated certificate naming UCS as an additional insured and loss payee, that provides for at least thirty (30) days advance written notice

to UCS as certificate holder for cancellation or non-renewal prior to finalization of the contract. Such insurance shall cover the premises owned or rented by the center in an amount not less than the full insurable value (replacement value) of the real property unless otherwise approved in writing by UCS.

4. Professional liability insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000 for all of applicant's professional employees that will perform with grant funding. Proof of applicant's professional liability insurance coverage must be submitted with the grant application. Organizations awarded funding will be required to contractually agree to obtain tail coverage for a minimum of two years in the event that the organization's professional liability coverage policy is terminated and either: (i) there is no replacement policy; or (ii) the replacement policy does not cover claims made against the organization based on events that occurred prior to the effective date of the new policy.

**EXHIBIT 3**

**EVALUATION TOOL  
TECHNICAL PROPOSAL SUMMARY RATING SHEET**

**APPLICANT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Capacity (25 points possible)** A. \_\_\_\_\_

**Proposed Service Delivery (55 points possible)** B. \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Points: 80 points** **TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

**A minimum average score of 35 is required for a contract to be awarded.**

**EVALUATOR** (Print) \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature) \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**DETAIL RATING SHEETS****PROPOSAL:** \_\_\_\_\_**REVIEWER:** \_\_\_\_\_**A. CAPACITY (25 POINTS POSSIBLE)**

Instructions to reviewers: For each sub-question, award a value of 0 up to the maximum points allowed for the question based on your assessment of the proposal.

\_\_\_\_\_ A1. Evaluate the extent to which the applicant demonstrates that the organization is organized with a mission that aligns with the services to be provided under the project. *(up to 5 points: 5 = excellent, 4 = very good, 3 = good, 2 = fair, 1 = poor, 0 = unacceptable)*

\_\_\_\_\_ A2. Assess the applicant's experience and expertise providing the project services listed in the RFP and providing legal services directly related to families in situations involving domestic violence. *(up to 5 points: 5 = excellent, 4 = very good, 3 = good, 2 = fair, 1 = poor, 0 = unacceptable)*

\_\_\_\_\_ A3. Assess the applicant's experience in addressing immigration issues to victims of domestic violence. *(up to 5 points: 5 = excellent, 4 = very good, 3 = good, 2 = fair, 1 = poor, 0 = unacceptable)*

\_\_\_\_\_ A4. Evaluate the ability of the organization to effectively manage government funded programs, including those funded by the Office of Violence Against Women. *(up to 5 points: 5 = excellent, 4 = very good, 3 = good, 2 = fair, 1 = poor, 0 = unacceptable)*

\_\_\_\_\_ A5. Evaluate the organization's plan to fill the Attorney position. *(up to 5 points: 5 = excellent, 4 = very good, 3 = good, 2 = fair, 1 = poor, 0 = unacceptable)*

**SUBTOTAL FOR PART "A" (A1 + A2 + A3 + A4 + A5) \_\_\_\_\_**

**PROPOSAL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**REVIEWER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**B. PROPOSED SERVICE DELIVERY (55 POINTS POSSIBLE)**

Instructions to reviewers: For each sub-question, award a value of 0 up to the maximum points allowed for the question based on your assessment of the proposal.

\_\_\_\_\_ B1. Evaluate the extent to which the applicant demonstrates that the organization has instituted mechanisms likely to result in high quality services, taking into account significant developments which may impact the ability to institute such mechanisms. *(up to 5 points: 5 = excellent, 4 = very good, 3 = good, 2 = fair, 1 = poor, 0 = unacceptable)*

\_\_\_\_\_ B2. Assess the proposed service delivery. Is the plan likely to result in a fully functional project? *(up to 5 points: 5 = excellent, 4 = very good, 3 = good, 2 = fair, 1 = poor, 0 = unacceptable)*

\_\_\_\_\_ B3. Assess the proposer's familiarity with trauma-informed practices, solution focused strategies, and the effects of domestic violence. *(up to 5 points: 5 = excellent, 4 = very good, 3 = good, 2 = fair, 1 = poor, 0 = unacceptable)*

\_\_\_\_\_ B4. Assess the proposed plan to assess the needs of victims in terms of their immediate safety concerns. *(up to 5 points: 5 = excellent, 4 = very good, 3 = good, 2 = fair, 1 = poor, 0 = unacceptable)*

\_\_\_\_\_ B5. Assess the proposed plan to address immigration issues for domestic violence. *(up to 5 points: 5 = excellent, 4 = very good, 3 = good, 2 = fair, 1 = poor, 0 = unacceptable)*

\_\_\_\_\_ B6. Assess the proposer's experience and how its existing collaborations will enhance the project goals. *(up to 5 points: 5 = excellent, 4 = very good, 3 = good, 2 = fair, 1 = poor, 0 = unacceptable)*

\_\_\_\_\_ B7. Assess the applicant's plan to ensure the project goals are met. *(up to 5 points: 5 = excellent, 4 = very good, 3 = good, 2 = fair, 1 = poor, 0 = unacceptable)*

\_\_\_\_\_ B8. Assess the applicant's plan for the Attorney to document their activities with families and how this information will be maintained. Will this plan ensure client confidentiality? *(up to 5 points: 5 = excellent, 4 = very good, 3 = good, 2 = fair, 1 = poor, 0 = unacceptable)*

\_\_\_\_\_ B9. Evaluate the applicant's plan for reporting individual client progress to the court on participant's progress. Is the plan likely to be effective and timely? *(up to 5 points: 5 = excellent, 4 = very good, 3 = good, 2 = fair, 1 = poor, 0 = unacceptable)*

\_\_\_\_\_ B10. Assess the applicant's plan to ensure all grant-related reporting requirements are timely met. Is the plan for collection and compilation feasible and appropriate? (*up to 5 points: 5 = excellent, 4 = very good, 3 = good, 2 = fair, 1 = poor, 0 = unacceptable*)

\_\_\_\_\_ B11. Assess the applicant's proposed supervisory structure for the project. (*up to 5 points: 5 = excellent, 4 = very good, 3 = good, 2 = fair, 1 = poor, 0 = unacceptable*)

**SUBTOTAL FOR PART "B" (B1 + B2 + B3 + B4 + B5 + B6 + B7 + B8 + B9 + B10 + B11) \_\_\_\_\_**

**EXHIBIT 4****APPENDIX B****Terms and Conditions Applicable to Materials Produced Under the Agreement**

1. Contractor acknowledges and agrees that UCS has ordered and/or specially commissioned the services, deliverables and materials that Contractor is required to produce pursuant to this Agreement (the "Work"), whether in written form, on tape, computer-readable media or other tangible form. Except as otherwise specified in this Appendix B, Contractor agrees that (i) UCS shall be the sole owner of the Work and (ii) the Work shall be considered a "work made for hire" as that term is used under federal and state law. UCS or its authorized designee shall have all right, title and interest of every kind and nature, whether now known or hereafter devised and including, without limitation, all copyrights and renewals and extensions thereof, in and to the Work, including without limitation any editions and versions thereof, without payment of any royalty or other compensation. Without limiting the foregoing, and except as otherwise specified in this Appendix B, if all or any part of the Work is not so deemed a "work made for hire," Contractor hereby irrevocably grants, assigns, transfers and sets over to UCS or its authorized designee all rights of any kind and nature in and to the Work that he/she/it may possess or come to possess, including without limitation all copyrights and renewals and extensions thereof, without payment of any royalty or other compensation. Contractor agrees to execute and deliver to UCS any assignments and other documents requested by UCS confirming the assignment to UCS or its authorized designee of all rights in the Work and to fully cooperate with UCS in registering and protecting UCS's rights to and interests in the Work. Upon request of UCS during any stage of thereof, Contractor shall deliver all such Work to UCS.
2. Contractor represents and warrants that the Work shall be created solely by Contractor, be original, and does not infringe upon any the copyright, trademark, patent or other proprietary rights of any third party, including without limitation the right to use or display the name, face or likeness of any person. Furthermore, Contractor represents and warrants that the Work and any other materials used in connection with this Agreement shall not include or incorporate in any way the work or materials of any third party with rights to such work or materials, or the name, face or likeness of any person, unless Contractor has (i) advised UCS of this and (ii) the appropriate written authorizations, releases, licenses or other permits to allow UCS and Contractor to use the Work and any other materials used in connection with this Agreement without violating such rights have been obtained and delivered to UCS. The form of such authorizations and other documents is subject to UCS's approval.
3. All rights granted to UCS hereunder are irrevocable and shall vest and remain perpetually vested in UCS and UCS's successors and assigns without payment of any royalty or other compensation, whether this Agreement expires or is terminated, and shall not be subject to rescission, cancellation or termination by Contractor for any cause whatsoever.
4. If applicable, Contractor shall own and retain all proprietary rights to any materials produced by Contractor prior to the Effective Date, or not as a result of this Agreement ("Contractor's Property"), even if such materials are incorporated into the Work. If any such materials are incorporated into the Work, Contractor hereby licenses to UCS or its authorized designee, in perpetuity, at no additional cost or expense, the non-exclusive, irrevocable worldwide rights to reproduce, display and otherwise use Contractor's Property as part of the Work.
5. If master tapes are created in the production of the Work, upon receipt of final payment for the Work, Contractor will provide these to UCS, except for the master tapes to Contractor's Property (if applicable).
6. If requested by UCS, Contractor shall include in the Work a copyright notice in the following form: "Copyright (or ©) [year] New York State Unified Court System". All rights reserved." If applicable, the notice shall be computer-readable and clearly visible to viewers for at least three seconds.

7. Contractor shall indemnify, defend and hold UCS, its administrative officers, directors, employees and authorized agents harmless from and against all claims, costs, liability and damages, including reasonable attorneys' fees and disbursements (i) resulting from the Contractor's breach of representation or warranty made herein or (ii) arising in connection with an allegation that UCS's use of the Work (if any) or any other deliverable, if any, infringes any patent, trade secret, copyright or any other proprietary right, including without limitation the rights to use or display a person's name, face or likeness.
8. This Appendix B shall survive expiration or termination of this Agreement.