



QUESTIONS & ANSWERS SERIES #5
FOR
REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST RESPONSES
(LICENSED CHILD PLACEMENT AGENCY PER DIEM PROVIDERS)

Question 1: Is there a particular format you want followed for the TFC expression of interest?

Answer 1: **There is no particular format required from OLM regarding the expression of interest. The Procurement Division is requesting all information or questions regarding the expression of interest be directed to Aung Htut at 410-767-7775 or email at aung.htut@maryland.gov.**

Question 2: How will the responses be reviewed?

Answer 2: **The responses will be reviewed by a panel with knowledge of the placement and support services requested to ensure that all required information has been submitted and providers are capable of providing the services.**

Question 3: What is the decision making process to accept an expression of interest, particularly if the provider is interesting in enhancing current services?

Answer 3: **Responses to the solicitation will be reviewed to determine if Providers have met the minimum qualifications for Providers, the Provider's program(s), facility, performance and program and fiscal accountability standards, pursuant to COMAR, to determine that an award is in the best interest of the State.**

Question 4: When will providers be notified of the Department's decision to accept a proposal for enhanced or new service?

Answer 4: **It is the expectation that all Providers will be notified of the State's decision no later than January 2016.**

Question 5: How is this process related to the rate setting and budget submission processes?

Answer 5: **This process is not related. This is a procurement method being implemented consistent with the requirements in COMAR.**