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The Honorable Bruce Caswell, Chair
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on DHS
Michigan State Senate
Lansing, Michigan 48933

The Honorable Peter MacGregor, Chair
House Appropriations Subcommittee on DHS
Michigan House of Representatives
Lansing, Michigan 48933

Dear Senator Caswell and Representative MacGregor:

This report is provided pursuant to PA 200 of 2012, Section 1205 of the Department of Human Services (DHS) Fiscal Year 2013 Appropriations Act. This section requires that DHS contract for a behavioral health study of juvenile justice youth placed in facilities operated by, or contracted with, the State of Michigan.

A multi-agency committee to oversee the behavioral health study was developed, and a smaller subcommittee was formed to develop a formal Request for Proposal for universities or other research entities to bid on a contract to conduct the study. Committee members consisted of State of Michigan personnel from the departments of Human Services, Community Health and Corrections. Community partner committee members represented county juvenile courts, the Michigan Association for Children with Emotional Disorders, the Association for Children's Mental Health, the Mental Health Association of Michigan, and the Michigan Psychiatric Society.

DHS bid request RFP-NK-2013-022, was officially posted April 5, 2013, on the Bid4Michigan website. This process notified 327 vendors, of which 27 viewed the bid, and three vendors responded. Only one of the responding vendors submitted a proposal. A Joint Evaluation Committee reviewed the proposal and found it technically deficient. A formal notice of no award was publicly posted May 29, 2013, on the Bid4Michigan website and the bidder filed a formal protest. The protest is currently under review by the DHS Office of Contracts and Purchasing.

DHS has contacted the Department of Technology, Management & Budget's procurement director for input and advice regarding options on how to proceed. After a decision as to the dispensation of the protest has been issued, the Joint Evaluation Committee will review the options for proceeding.

If you have any questions about this status report, please contact Terri Gilbert, Bureau of Child Welfare Funding and Juvenile Programs director, at (517) 335-3489.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Susan Kangas', with a date '10/1' written below it.

Susan Kangas
Chief Financial Officer

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