



**Bid Synopsis
For
Juvenile Court Treatment Services**

Lead Public Agency: Livingston County 44 th Circuit Court, Juvenile Court Division	RFP Issued & Publicly Posted: 06/22/2020
Solicitation: RFP-LC-20-13	Public Postings: Livingston Co. Website (livgov.com) BidNet (bidnetdirect.com/mitn)
RFP Due Date: 07/20/2020	Proposals Received: 3

The Evaluation Committee has completed evaluation of the proposals received for the Request for Proposals referenced above. Below is a recap of the bid evaluation.

The RFP was publicly posted. Responses were received from the following three companies:

1. Karen Bergbower & Associates
2. Livingston Family Center
3. Spectrum Child and Family Services

All bidders submitted their responses within the timeframe outlined in the RFP. A review of the minimum requirements in Section 1.2 revealed that all bidders met the minimum mandatory requirements.

An evaluation was then made on the remainder of Section 1 Scope of Work responses, the Company Profile in Section 2.1, References in Section 2.2, and Pricing information from Section 1.5. The PA 517 certifications were completed and notarized, and the bidder certifications were completed and signed per the bid instructions.

The following is a summary of the Evaluation Committee reviews:

KAREN BERGBOWER & ASSOCIATES

Karen Bergbower & Associates is an incumbent that has provided satisfactory service during the current contract period. They provide in-home services in the minor's home or school, and their local office. They have good family involvement, skills component, and collaboration history. They demonstrated multiple evidence-based practices used and provided credentials. Their response included very thorough explanations regarding the different assessments and treatments. The references provided support a recommendation for award, and align very closely with the RFP requirements.

LIVINGSTON FAMILY CENTER

Livingston Family Center's response explained their scope of service components. The Youth Connection part of their group is helpful with connection to the community. There is flexibility regarding where the sessions can take place, and they meet all the RFP requirements. Their references include school experience, which is important with the juvenile system; references are relevant partners to the juvenile court work. They are an incumbent contractor for the county, having provided these services satisfactorily during the current contract period.



SPECTRUM CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES

Spectrum is a large company with experience in multiple evidence-based assessments and practices. Their references are all aligned with either Youth, Juvenile Justice Systems, and/or substance abuse. As Spectrum's response proposed the use of their site in Oakland County for counseling sessions and group meetings, there was concern with their ability to provide services in a youth's home or in the Livingston County community. Clarification was requested, and Spectrum confirmed that they intend to and are able to provide services in Livingston County. They currently provide in-home services in the county through the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. Their staff is able to work remotely, and they will seek to identify office space in the community if awarded a contract and affordable space is available. The Spectrum proposal was heavily focused on Substance Use Therapy – whereas the others listed a broader spectrum of behavioral health/therapeutic services. As Spectrum is an unknown quantity to the reviewers, discussion was held on how to learn more about them and to acclimate Spectrum to the Livingston County Juvenile Justice populations and the collaborative service provider network in Livingston County.

The intent of this RFP was to award multiple, indefinite-delivery, indefinite-quantity (IDIQ) contracts to insure adequate service coverage. Based on this evaluation, it is recommended that contracts be offered to all three bidders. As the pricing from the bidders varied, the Court intends to work with each of them with the goal of negotiating a common rate that is consistent across all three contracts.