PUBLIC NOTICE

NJ DEPT. OF HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION OF DISABILITY SERVICES

Notice of Availability of Grant Funds BUILD, REPAIR, OR REPLACE MODULAR RAMPS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES WHOSE PRIMARY HOMES WERE DAMAGED BY SUPERSTORM SANDY.

Take notice that, in compliance with N.J.S.A. 52:14-34.4 and 34.6, the Division of Disability Services (DDS) hereby announces the availability of the following grant program funds:

Name of Program: SANDY RELIEF MODULAR RAMP PROGRAM

<u>Purpose:</u> This notice announces the availability of grant funding. The Division of Disability Services seeks proposals to build, repair, or replace modular ramps for homeowners or renters, who had damage to their homes from Superstorm Sandy.

<u>Amount of funding available:</u> The Division of Disability Services is seeking to serve individuals with disabilities whose primary residences were damaged from Superstorm Sandy, with a total annualized grant amount of \$2,890,000.

<u>Organizations that may apply</u>: In order to be eligible for consideration for this Request for Proposal, an applicant must be a corporation duly registered to conduct business within the State of New Jersey.

The applicant must demonstrate the ability to comply with all rules and regulations for any DDS program element of service proposed by the applicant.

The applicant must comply with the terms and conditions of the Department of Human Services' contracting rules and regulations as set forth in the DHS Standard Language Document, the Contract Reimbursement Manual (CRM), and the Contract Policy and Information Manual (CPIM).

Any corporation, as noted above, which meets the qualifications of the Department of Human Services' Contract Policy and Information Manual, N.J.A.C. 10:3, may apply. A copy of this manual can be accessed from the webpage of the Office of Contract Policy and Management webpage at: http://dhs.state.nj.us/humanservices/ocpm/contract_manuals.htm

Applicants may contact the Division of Disability Services Contract Unit at 609-631-2450 with general questions about the requirements in these manuals.

<u>Procedure to apply</u>: Effective September 16, 2013, eligible and interested organizations may obtain a Request for Proposal via the Internet at: http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/providers/grants/rfprfi/ or by contacting Harry Pizutelli, at (609) 631-2494. Proposals must be submitted in accordance with requirements stipulated in the Request for Proposal.

<u>Mandatory Bidders' Conference:</u> A mandatory Bidders' Conference will be conducted for interested applicants. All applicants intending to submit a proposal in response to this request must attend the mandatory Bidders' Conference on September 27, 2013. Information regarding the time and location of the bidders' conference may be found in the Request for Proposal. *Proposals submitted by an applicant not in attendance at the bidders' conference will not be considered.*

<u>Deadline by which all applications must be submitted</u>: Applications must be received by 4:00 P.M., October 4, 2013. Respondents must submit proposals electronically in PDF format. Additionally, one hard copy of the proposal with an original signature and five additional hard copies must be submitted to the attention of Harry Pizutelli no later than 4:00 pm October 4, 2013. No format other than the PDF and one original signed hard copy and six hard copies will be accepted for this RFP.

<u>Date by which applicants will be notified of preliminary decision to accept or reject proposal:</u>

Applicants will be notified no later than October 18, 2013.

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