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TO: Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) Contractors
FROM: Kathleen Brennan, Deputy Commissioner Department of Social Services
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RE: Social Services Block Grant ("SSBG") Funded Programs

As you are aware, the Department of Social Services (DSS) has undertaken planning efforts for the procurement of Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) funded services. The current Contractors providing SSBG services through contracts managed by the Office of Community Services cover the following service categories: case management, counseling, protective services for adults, legal services, transportation and family planning. SSBG services support and address the needs of Connecticut's most vulnerable persons. To ensure that the Department has identified the most qualified organizations to provide the most effective services in the most fair and equitable manner possible, we are pursuing the competitive procurement of SSBG services.

Since the fall of 2012 the Department has been examining and developing a competitive procurement for funded services that is clear in its expectations and requirements with sufficient time for Respondents to provide thoughtful and complete responses and adequate time for the Department to conduct a thorough and complete evaluation and selection of contractors. The planning process is going well, and within the coming weeks, we will issue a detailed procurement document that will result in the selection of statewide contractors that can best serve and address the needs of Connecticut's most vulnerable persons. Once the successful Respondent(s) are notified that they have been recommended the right to negotiate a contract, the Department will enter into conversations with current SSBG providers that may not be continuing, depending on the procurement results, to identify client transition plans, as appropriate.

The Department thanks you for your continued service to Connecticut's vulnerable population and appreciates your patience and assistance as we move forward. If you have not already done so, please subscribe to the Connecticut Procurement Portal to receive a daily e-mail alert when new bids/RFP's are issued at <http://das.ct.gov/cr1.aspx?page=12>.

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your respective program staff liaison. We thank you in advance for your understanding and participation in this process.

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