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Announcement of the Intent to Award a Single-Source Cooperative Agreement to Spaulding for Children for the National Training and Development Curriculum for Foster/Adoptive Parents (NTDC) in Southfield, Michigan

AGENCY: Children's Bureau (CB), Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice of Issuance of a Single-Source Cooperative Agreement.

SUMMARY: The ACF, CB announces the intent to award a single-source cooperative agreement in the amount of up to \$1 million to Spaulding for Children in Southfield, MI. The purpose of this award is to continue the implementation and dissemination efforts of the National Training and Development Curriculum for Foster/Adoptive Parents (NTDC), a state-of-the-art training program to prepare foster, adoptive, and kinship caregivers to effectively parent children and to provide these families with ongoing skill development needed to understand and promote healthy child development.

DATES: The proposed period of performance is September 30, 2026, to September 29, 2027.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The award will fund the continued implementation and support to scale up NTDC, allowing more states, tribes, territories, and agencies to implement it. NTDC was developed by Spaulding for Children under a CB cooperative agreement starting in 2017 and is a free high-quality training that child welfare and adoption agencies can integrate into their preparation and training for foster, adoptive, and kinship families. At the close of the project, Spaulding for Children made the resources and materials available. However, agencies that train foster, adoptive, and kinship families continue to need assistance in the effective implementation of NTDC. Effective and relevant training is critical for prospective and current foster, adoptive, and kinship caregivers. Caregiver training aids in the development of resource homes and placement stability of children. This cooperative agreement will allow Spaulding for Children to continue NTDC.

Spaulding for Children is the only entity that can carry out this work, as it owns and manages NTDC. Spaulding for Children currently hosts the materials and is a nationally known leader in the field of foster and adoptive parent training. Spaulding for Children already maintains relationships with state, tribal, and territorial child welfare and adoption agencies to disseminate information on new opportunities available due to the award. No other organization has ever implemented NTDC.

Statutory Authority: Adoption Opportunities Program, section 203(b) (42 U.S.C. 5113(b)(4)) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment and Adoption Reform Act of 1978 (CAPTA), as amended by the CAPTA Reauthorization Act of 2010 (Pub. L. 111-320, Section 301(b)).

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