

STATE OF INDIANA


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Award Recommendation Letter

Date: February 16, 2026

To: Jennifer Jansen, Director of Procurement,
Indiana Department of Administration 

From: Mike Huth, Procurement Consultant,
Indiana Department of Administration

Subject: Recommendation of Selection for RFP 26-85529 Prevention Support Services

Based on its evaluation of responses to RFP 26-85529, it is the evaluation team's recommendation that Indiana University (IU) be selected to begin contract negotiations to administer the Prevention Support Services.

*IU has committed to subcontract 0.25% of the contract value to **Guy Brown** (a certified Minority-owned Business (MBE)), 0.07% of the contract value to **Smile Promotions**. (a certified Women-owned Business (WBE)), 0.91% of the contract value to **Midwest Presort Service** (a certified Women-owned Business (WBE)), 0.96% of the contract value to **Plan B Marketing** (a certified Indiana Veteran Owned Small Business (IVOSB)), and 0.02% of the contract value to **BTS** (a certified Indiana Veteran Owned Small Business (IVOSB)).*

The terms of this recommendation are included in this letter.

Estimated 27-month Contract Value: \$2,221,150.00
Optional 27-month Contract Value, at the State's option: \$2,614,200.00

The evaluation team received one (1) proposal from:

1. Indiana University (IU)

The proposals were evaluated by Key Stakeholder State Agencies and IDOA according to the following criteria established in the RFP:

Criteria	Points
1. Adherence to Mandatory Requirements	Pass/Fail
2. Management Assessment/Quality (Business and Technical Proposal)	45
3. Cost (Cost Proposal)	35
4. Buy Indiana	5
5. Minority Business Enterprise Subcontractor Commitment	5 (1 bonus pt. available)
6. Women Business Enterprise Subcontractor Commitment	5 (1 bonus pt. available)
7. Indiana Veteran Owned Small Business Enterprise Subcontractor Commitment	5 (1 bonus pt. available)
Total: 100 (103 if bonus awarded)	

The proposals were evaluated according to the process outlined in Section 3.2 ("Evaluation Criteria") of the RFP. Scoring was completed as follows:

A. Adherence to Requirements

Each proposal was reviewed for responsiveness and adherence to mandatory requirements. One (1) proposal was deemed responsive and adhered to the mandatory requirements. No proposals were disqualified.

B. Management Assessment/Quality: Initial Scoring

The Respondents' proposals were each evaluated based on their respective Business Proposal and Technical Proposal.

Business Proposal

For the Business Proposal evaluation, the evaluation team considered the information the Respondent provided in the Business Proposal. These areas were reviewed to assess the Respondent's ability to serve the State:

- References
- Company Information
- Experience Serving State Governments

Technical Proposal

For the Technical Proposal evaluation, the evaluation team considered the Respondent's proposal in the following areas:

- Assistance for SUPTRS Subrecipients
- Site Visits
- Evidence-Based Programs Guide
- Foundational Prevention Training and 5.3 Foundational Prevention Training PFS
- Data Collection for SUPTRS Subrecipients
- System License
- Reporting Features
- Technical Support
- System Modifications
- Indiana Youth Survey and Indiana College Substance Use Survey
- Youth Survey Recruitment and Administration
- Training
- Assistance for School-Based Providers
- Consultation to DMHA
- Assistance for PFS Subrecipients

The evaluation team's Round 1 scoring is based on a review of the Respondent's proposed approach to each section of the Business Proposal and Technical Proposal. The evaluation team issued MAQ and Cost Clarifications to all Respondents prior to finalizing Round 1 scores. The initial results of the Management Assessment/Quality Evaluation are shown below:

Table 1: Round 1 – Management Assessment/Quality Scores

Respondent	MAQ Score 45 pts.
Indiana University	43.25

C. Cost Proposal (35 Points)

The price points on the Respondent's Costs were awarded as follows:

Score =

- If Respondent's Cost amount is lowest among all Respondents, then score is 35.
- If Respondent's Cost amount is NOT lowest among all Respondents, then score is:

$$35 * \frac{(\text{Lowest Respondent's Cost Amount})}{(\text{Respondent's Cost Amount})}$$

The cost scoring as a result of the Respondents' cost proposals is as follows:

Table 2: Round 1 – Cost Scores

Respondent	Cost Score 35 pts.
Indiana University	35.00

D. First Round Total Scores and Shortlisting

The combined Round 1 MAQ and Cost scores from the initial evaluations are listed below.

Table 3: Round 1 – Total Scores (MAQ + Cost)

Respondent	Total Score 80 pts.
Indiana University	78.25

E. Post Best and Final Offer Opportunity – Final Round Cost Scores

The State elected to issue Best and Final Offers (BAFOs) to the one Respondent.

The cost scoring as a result of the Respondents' BAFO Cost Proposals is as follows:

Table 5: Round 2 – BAFO Cost Scores

Respondent	Cost Score 35 pts.
Indiana University	35.00

F. Round 2 - Total Scores

The combined final scores for the Respondents, based on Round 2 Management Assessment/Quality and BAFO Cost Scores are listed below.

Table 6: Round 2 - Evaluation Scores

Respondent	MAQ Score	Cost Score	Total Score
Points Possible	45	35	80
Indiana University	43.25	35.00	78.25

G. IDOA Scoring

IDOA scored the Respondents in the following areas: MBE Subcontractor Commitment (5 points + 1 available bonus point), WBE Subcontractor Commitment (5 points + 1 available bonus point), IVOSB Subcontractor Commitment (5 points + 1 available bonus point), and Buy Indiana (5 points) using the criteria outlined in the RFP. IDOA requested updated M/WBE and IVOSB commitments from the Respondents who submitted BAFO Cost Proposals. Once the final M/WBE and IVOSB forms were received from the Respondent, the total scores out of 100 possible points were tabulated and are as follows:

Table 7: Final Evaluation Scores

Respondent	MAQ Score	Cost Score	Buy Indiana*	MBE*	WBE*	IVOSB*	Total Score
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Points Possible	45	35	5	5 (+1 bonus pt.)	5 (+1 bonus pt.)	5 (+1 bonus pt.)	100 (+3 bonus pt.)
Indiana University	43.25	35.00	5.00	0.00	0.45	0.03	83.73

* See Sections 3.2.5, 3.2.6, and 3.2.7 of the RFP for information on available M/WBE and IVOSB bonus points.

Award Summary

During the course of evaluation, the State scrutinized all proposals to determine the viability to meet the goals of the program and the needs of the State. The team evaluated proposals based on the stipulated criteria outlined in the RFP document.

The term of the contract shall be for a period of twenty-seven (27) months from the date of contract execution. There may be one (1) twenty-seven month renewal for a total of fifty-four (54) months at the State's option.

