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President and CEO  
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3024 Fairfield Ave.  
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March 14, 2024

Re: Letter of commitment from Geminus Corporation for RFP 24-78769

This letter serves as the commitment of Geminus Corporation to serve as a programmatic subcontractor for The Lutheran Foundation (TLF) in the northern region. Geminus Corporation has worked with TLF since 2020 on the current Evidence-Based Program (EBP) grant, serving Lake, Porter, LaPorte, Newton, Jasper, Starke, and Pulaski Counties. We stand prepared to work with schools using the Multi-tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) structure and providing community-based programs in these communities.

We appreciate the opportunity to participate in this application to continue the three regional goals established for the northern region: 1) Delayed initiation and/or decreased youth substance use, 2) improved wellness, resilience/healthy coping skills, and 3) ability to respond to mental health needs/crises.

Geminus Corporation has experience using evidence-based and evidence-informed prevention-focused programs to create meaningful and lasting change for students, schools, and communities. Thank you for including us with TLF's northern region proposal.

Sincerely,

Eric Evans  
Vice President of Business Development  
Regional Care Group



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March 13, 2024

Re: Letter of commitment from Schools Care Inc. (DBA School Care Team) for RFP 24-78769

This letter serves as the commitment of the School Care Team to serve as a programmatic subcontractor for The Lutheran Foundation in the northern region. The School Care Team has worked with TLF since 2021 on the current EBP grant, serving Steuben, LaGrange, Noble, DeKalb, Whitley, Allen, Adams, Wells, Huntington, Whitley, Elkhart, Kosciusko, and Wabash Counties/County. We stand prepared to work with schools using the MTSS structure and providing community-based programs in these communities.

We appreciate the opportunity to participate in this application to continue the three regional goals established for the northern region: 1) Delayed initiation and/or decreased youth substance use, 2) improved wellness, resilience/healthy coping skills, and 3) ability to respond to mental health needs/crises.

The School Care Team has experience using evidence-based and evidence-informed prevention-focused programs to create meaningful and lasting change for students, schools, and communities. Thank you for including us with TLF's northern region proposal.

Sincerely,

**Heather Miller**  
CEO and Founder

Mark Dixon  
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March 25, 2024

Letter of Commitment for RFP 24-78769

Dear Mr. Dixon:

The Community Research Institute at Purdue University Fort Wayne is honored to be included in The Lutheran Foundation's application to the State of Indiana for the Regional Evidence Based School & Community Prevention Program as the contracted grant administrator.

CRI has served in this role since 2020, working with TLF's staff and contractors and the Department of Mental Health and Addiction in the northern region. In this application, CRI will serve in the same role, working to cover a portion of the contract coordinator position.

Again, thank you for including PFW in this application to serve the students, teachers, parents, and communities in 18 counties.

Sincerely,



Rachel E. Blakeman, J.D.  
CRI Director



March 22, 2024

Mark Dixon, President & CEO  
The Lutheran Foundation  
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Dear Mr. Dixon,

Upstream Prevention is thrilled to contract with The Lutheran Foundation to provide evaluation services for the Indiana Division of Mental Health and Addiction's (DMHA) Evidenced-Based School Social Services Program RFP 24-78769 application for the Northern Region. Founded in 2015, Upstream Prevention, Inc.'s mission is to *"support systems-level changes to promote public health..."* and we believe strong evaluation efforts allows nonprofits to make an impact in their communities. Our contract will support this mission by providing \$173,000 in evaluation services to The Lutheran Foundation (and their subcontractors) at a direct cost of \$114,085. To support the valuable efforts in the Northern region, Upstream is offering a \$58,915 discount in costs and services for this contract.

Upstream Prevention's Executive Director, Ms. Ratcliff, is a Certified Prevention Specialist II and has over a decade of experience in gathering and utilizing data to evaluate and improve prevention efforts. With Ms. Ratcliff's supervision, Ms. Rawsthorn will provide the day-to-day evaluation efforts for this contract, continuing her successful support of these efforts since 2021. Both Ms. Ratcliff and Ms. Rawsthorn have a history of successful evaluation services for TLF, and expect this work to include the revision of an evaluation plan following any DMHA-guidance, modifying and creating data collection tools, analyzing the data collected, and providing usable evaluation reports to The Lutheran Foundation and their subcontractors. These deliverables are further outlined in the Scope of Work attachment within the contract that can be signed if TLF is awarded the state contract.

We are excited to be collaborating to utilize data to improve the strong prevention efforts already occurring in the region for future fiscal years. If there are any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me!

Sincerely,

Kathleen Ratcliff, MPA, CPS II  
Executive Director, Upstream Prevention, Inc.

**Upstream Prevention**

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