**Kansas Rehabilitation Services (KRS)**

**Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS)**

**Questions and Answers Regarding the Request for Proposals (RFP)**

**Statewide Mentoring, Development and Leadership**

**Program for Youth with Disabilities**

**Question 1:** We are very appreciative of receiving the RFP.  Though we are not presently positioned to apply or respond to the entirety of the proposal, we are interested in learning if this program is going to include young people that are blind, is there a separate component for providing them with Braille, large print, or audio formatted information?  KBTI specializes in those mediums, in English and Spanish, and would like to make its services available to any organization that is awarded the grant or is assigned to present the program.  As you are aware, KBTI employs disabled Kansans to produce the Braille, large print and audio formats for which we are nationally contracted.

**Answer 1:** The youth mentoring, development and leadership program will serve youth with all types of disabilities, including but not limited to, youth who are blind or have a visual impairment. The successful bidder will be responsible for ensuring that all activities and materials are accessible to all youth, to include determining where and how to obtain materials in the format best suited to the needs of the youth served.

Neither SRS nor KRS provide an endorsement of any provider of media of choice.

**Question 2:** What is the deadline for the submission of questions and how will we receive the answers?

**Answer 2:** The deadline for questions has been extended to **5 p.m. October 19, 2011**. All questions must be in writing and received by SRS by this deadline. Submit questions to:

Brie Wilkins, SRS Procurement Officer

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915 SW Harrison, Topeka, KS 66612

Email: Brie.Wilkins@srs.ks.gov

Answers will be posted on the KRS website on October 21, 2011. The web address is: <http://www.srs.ks.gov/agency/rs/Pages/default.aspx>

**Question 3:** What is the deadline for submission of proposals?

**Answer 3:** The submission deadline has been extended to **2 p.m. November 7, 2011**. Proposals must be received by SRS by this deadline. Please refer to the RFP at <http://www.srs.ks.gov/agency/rs/Pages/default.aspx> for specific submission instructions.

**Question 4:** We are interested in applying for the Statewide Mentoring, Development and Leadership Program for Youth with Disabilities grant. We were wondering whether ADHD qualifies as a disability under this grant’s qualifications.

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**Answer 4:** The following federal definition will be used for the purposes of this program: “Individual with a disability means an individual who: (1) has a physical, mental, cognitive or sensory impairment that substantially limits one or more of the individual’s major life activities; (2) Has a record of such an impairment; or (3) Is regarded as having such an impairment. (34 CFR 364.4)

 Under this definition a person with ADHD, **if it substantially limits one or more major life activity**, may be classified as a person with a disability.

Additional questions and answers will be posted on this website effective October 21, 2011. Please be sure to check back at that time to assure you have the most up-to-date information.

*October 7, 2011*