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The following are questions related to specific sections of the Life Skills RFP (JUV-25-LS-07-001):

- Pg 5 – “Judicial District 7 has utilized Life Skills services for 28 years within Scott County. On average, about 100 clients are served in Scott County per year. Judicial District 7 (which includes Scott, Muscatine, Cedar, and Clinton & Jackson counties in Iowa) is looking to select the most qualified contract, or contractors to provide Life skills services within the Judicial District 7.”
 - Can you send any available data regarding how many clients need Life Skills services in each county in Judicial District 7? **There is no data at this time as we have not previously had services other than in Scott County.**
 - Will multiple awards be made under this RFP? **Potentially, yes, determined based on need.**
- Pg 18 – Cost Proposal
 - Under the current Life Skills contract, the funding ceiling is \$193,000, for services in Scott County. Due to the reimbursement structure, the program was able to draw down on average over the last three fiscal years \$103,816.77 of this ceiling per year. Safer has had to support the Life Skills program through \$125,000 in additional funds to keep the program operational. Could you share the budget ceiling for this contract, including projections for the additional 4 counties? **Ceiling maximum is \$225,000, this will be discussed and agreed upon with the successful bidder during contract negotiations.**
 - Under the current contract, reimbursement is made for actual units of service. How will funds be drawn down with this RFP? **Funds will be drawn down by direct service unit rate/hour, please refer to Attachment 4 Cost Proposal.**
- Pg 21 – “D. Provide transportation when needed. Fully licensed to drive and properly insured within the state of Iowa for anyone providing transportation to youth and/or their family.”
 - Can the drivers’ license and insurance be issued from the State of Illinois? **Yes.**
- Pg 21 – “L. Daily classes shall include: 1. Enhancement of functional academic skills making youth more competitive for employment and training opportunities and able to pass the HSED.”
 - In previous contracts, an extended services component was allowed in which students could be served individually in addition to/outside of the classroom. Will this service still be funded under this RFP? **Yes**
- Pg 22 – “B. 75% of students that begin testing for their HSED will achieve their HSED.”
 - Could you clarify this Outcome? **Please see responses below.**
 - Will this measure only include students who started testing in the current fiscal year? **No, there is potential for this to carry over to the next fiscal year depending on the cohort the youth was in.**
 - When are students included in this measure- once they start their first test or once they complete all five tests? **Once they start their first test.**



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- Pg 22 – “O. In person contact is expected most of the time. It is permissible to use video conference in lieu of in person if the Contract has approval from the Chief Juvenile Court Officer (CJCO).”
 - Could the use of video conferencing be included in the program model to extend services to additional counties? **Not the primary source of program, it would be considered on rare occasion with approval from CJCO.**