**Description and Scope of Service:**

Technical assistance in implementing the MDCPS child welfare practice model in light of the provisions of the Olivia Y Stipulated Third Remedial Order (STRO) and the 2nd Modified Settlement Agreement and Reform Plan (2nd MSA)

**What efforts were made to determine that the proposed provider is the only entity that can provide the service needed?**

In light of the provisions of the Olivia Y Stipulated Third Remedial Order (STRO) and the 2nd Modified Mississippi Settlement Agreement and Reform Plan (2nd MSA), CSF is the only responsible source with the necessary Mississippi Child Welfare Practice Model experience to provide the technical assistance without causing unacceptable delays in fulfilling the agency's requirements or a substantial duplication of cost to the State.

**What efforts were made to ensure the best possible price for the services was obtained?**

The approximate funding amount is based on the agency's needs and prior negotiations between Plaintiffs, Defendants, Court Monitor, and the Judge assigned to the case.

**Why is the service the only one that can meet the needs of the agency?**

In 2009, Center for the Support of Families (CSF) was deemed a sole source provider for the development and implementation of the Mississippi Child Welfare Practice Model. Since that time, CSF has continued to provide technical assistance and support. The proposed contract is a follow-on contract for the continued development and support of the Mississippi Child Welfare Practice Model.

**Why is the source the only person or entity that can provide the required service?**

In light of the provisions of the Olivia Y Stipulated Third Remedial Order (STRO) and the 2nd Modified Mississippi Settlement Agreement and Reform Plan (2nd MSA), CSF is the only responsible source with the necessary Mississippi Child Welfare Practice Model experience to provide the technical assistance without causing unacceptable delays in fulfilling the agency's requirements or a substantial duplication of cost to the State**.**

**Why is the amount to be expended for the service reasonable?**

The approximate funding amount is based on the agency's needs and prior negotiations between Plaintiffs, Defendants, Court Monitor, and the Judge assigned to the case**.**

**What, if any, market analysis was conducted to determine that the service to be provided is practicably available from only one source?**

Through court negotiations between plaintiffs' attorneys, defendants' attorneys, Court Monitor and the Judge assigned to the case.