

NEWS from the North Dakota Department of Human Services

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Human Services Seeks Interested Entities to Provide Options Counseling in Dickinson, Minot, and Williston

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Human Services' Aging Services Division is seeking entities interested in advising older adults, and adults with physical disabilities and their families about available in-home care supports and services in the Dickinson, Minot, and Williston regions.

Called "Options Counseling," these services include one-on-one client assessments and follow-ups, making referrals to other available services and supports, providing information and assistance, implementing and maintaining the services through marketing, data entry, and professional training.

"These services educate people about what avenues are available when it comes to planning for care and supports so they can remain living in their homes and communities as long as possible, as well as plan for future care needs," said Jan Engan, the Aging Services Division director. "We want to be able to identify organizations who might be interested in providing these important services in select parts of the state."

Information about the options counseling services is online at <https://secure.apps.state.nd.us/csd/spo/services/bidder/searchSolicitation.htm>. See solicitation number 325-11-19-091. Interested entities must respond to this Request for Information by December 26, 2011.

Responses received by the department will be used to determine if there are entities interested in providing options counseling services in the Dickinson region including Adams, Billings, Bowman, Dunn, Golden Valley, Hettinger, Slope, and Stark counties; the Minot region including Bottineau, Burke, McHenry, Mountrail, Pierce, Renville, and Ward counties (excluding the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation); or in the Williston region including Divide, McKenzie, and Williams counties (excluding the Trenton Indian Service Area and the city of Buford).

Entities interested in providing options counseling services in any of the identified regions are encouraged to respond in writing to Faye Tschosik, N.D. Department of Human Services' Aging Services Division, 1237 W. Divide Ave., Suite 6, Bismarck, ND, 58501.

More information about this opportunity can also be obtained by contacting Tschosik at 701-328-4644, ND Relay TTY 1-800-366-6888 or ftschosik@nd.gov.

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