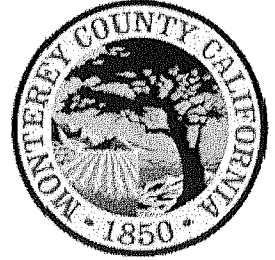

MONTEREY COUNTY

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July 12, 2012

Ms. Carla Rispoli,
110 Cass St., Suite 16
Monterey, CA 93940

Dear Ms. Rispoli:

We have reviewed your protest appeal of the proposed award of RFP #10370 for CalWORKs Learning Disability Evaluations to Learning Time, Inc.

It is the position of the County that your appeal should be denied at this time. We have independently reviewed the procedural process by which the RFP was circulated and the proposals were evaluated and have determined that there were no irregularities in the process. Your appeal itself does not allege any irregularities in that process. In that regard, neither Learning Time, Inc. nor any of the other potential providers received any competitive advantage or were subjected to any competitive disadvantage by the process used.

We have also reviewed your allegations of 'non-standard practice' regarding the RFP requirements that the respondents and potential provider utilize the WAIS-III test, Test of Variables of Attention (TOVA) as related to ADHD diagnosis, and test administration of Spanish speaking subjects, as well as the allegation that the County may be offering to overpay for services performed. In each of these areas and regarding each of these issues we have confirmed that the requirements of the RFP are compliant and in accordance with the California Department of Social Services, Eligibility and Assistance Standards Manual Sections 42-7222 thru 42-722.813 Learning Disabilities Protocols and Standards. <http://www.cdss.ca.gov/ord/entres/getinfo/pdf/7EAS.pdf>

Therefore, we have determined that your appeal of the process and substance of RFP#10370 is without merit and the appeal denied. We are therefore proceeding with the staff recommendation that the contract proceed to the award process, with Learning Time, Inc. being the recommended provider as the most responsive and responsible bidder to the circulated RFP#10370.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Regards,

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