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GRITS/LOGISTICARE CONTRACT

Caution Advised on Contract

Audubon Area Community Services' Executive Committee approved upon advice of the agency's management and attorney to withhold signing an agreement to subcontract with LogistiCare Solutions, LLC, to provide transportation services in Region 3 of the Human Services Transportation Delivery (HSTD) system. Region 3 consists of Daviess, Hancock, Henderson, Ohio, Webster, Union and McLean counties.

AACS' Green River Intra-county Transit System (GRITS) expects to continue to provide the service in these counties as a subcontractor through LKLP, another community action agency that won the brokerage in April 2005.

The Kentucky Finance and Administration Cabinet granted the contract to LogistiCare, a for-profit outfit out of Atlanta, in September 2005 after a second round of bidding that resulted from a protest to the initial award.

The agency's counsel said he believes it is in the best interest of Audubon Area to withhold signing the contract at this time due to possible conflicts with the current subcontract with LKLP and to questions regarding the quality of service provided by LogistiCare, which currently brokers transportation in the Louisville Region 6 area.

In 2002, LogistiCare received 1919 client complaints compared to GRITS' two. Additionally, a 2004 Region 6 Transportation Analysis conducted by the Kentuckiana Regional Planning and Development Agency (KIPDA) indicated that Logisticare was experiencing difficulties in its region with regards to cost efficiency.

Jesse Mountjoy, attorney for Audubon Area, sent a letter dated June 1st to LogistiCare's corporate office stating the agency's position on the proposed contract. In speaking to the Executive Committee, Mountjoy reaffirmed the agency's primary concern of providing timely, safe and quality transportation to its clients.

Did You Know?

Audubon Area Community Services is a 1975 consolidation of the Henderson-Union-Webster Development Council, Inc. and the Owensboro Area Economic Opportunity Council. Both of these parent agencies were founded in 1966 through the efforts of local school and political leaders.

NEW OFFICE BUILDING

Plans Moving Forward

The Executive Committee on June 1st approved moving forward with plans to build a 21,000-square-foot office building at 1700 West Fifth Street in Owensboro to house the Counseling Services Department, Head Start personnel and IT staff. RBS Design Group will design the \$3.7 million, two-story structure.

Audubon Area administration hopes to finance and debt-service the entire project, partly from \$101,004 it currently expends in the rental and lease of properties for the operations that will be housed in the new facility. The CFO will solicit financing options and quotes to cover the remainder. As a final option, the agency *could* expend a portion of the 40,458 shares of WellPoint common stock, valued at \$73.16 per share as of June 2nd.

Payment on the architectural design phase of the project is a staged obligation to RBS, each phase allocated a specific percentage of the total cost. AACS could discontinue the project if warranted and only be obligated for completed phases.

Cost obligations are as follows:

<input type="checkbox"/> Schematic design phase	15 percent
<input type="checkbox"/> Design development phases	20 percent
<input type="checkbox"/> Construction documents phases	40 percent
<input type="checkbox"/> Bidding or negotiating phase	5 percent
<input type="checkbox"/> Construction phase	20 percent

CCAP/TITLE V/LIHEAP

Monitoring Reports

Reports from the recent monitoring of several Audubon Area programs indicate compliance or near compliance of all federal and state regulations. The agency uses these reports for self-evaluation and growth.

The University of Kentucky Training Resource Center monitored the CCR&R program in May and found a few minor areas regarding documentation that needed attention. The Cabinet for Health and Family Services monitored the Title V Senior Community Service Employment Program and found similar areas that needed improving. Appropriate steps have been taken to ensure full compliance. A letter from the Kentucky Association for Community Action dated May 26th said LIHEAP was in compliance.

AACS Current Events

June 2006					1	2	3
4	5	6 Nelda Barnett's Birthday	7	8	9	10 Child Care Training: Army Child Care in Your Neighbor- hood	
11	12 Strengthening Families Coalition meets 1 p.m. at AACS	13 Ken Ackerman with virtualcap.org visits AACS	14 Kentucky Association for Community Action Inc. Conference 14th -16th	15 Strengthening Families Coalition Training at Maple Mount	16	17	
18	19	20 Board of Directors Meeting	21	22	23 Jenny Thompson's Birthday	24	
25	26 Child Care Training: Cravens Elementary School, 6-9 p.m.	27	28	29	30		

June 20th Board Meeting

Ever wonder how the Child Care Assistance Program or Foster Grandparent Program works? Be prepared to learn about these programs and more at the next Audubon Area Community Services Board of Directors meeting on June 20th at the agency's Central Office in Owensboro.

The June 20th Board of Directors meeting will be dedicated solely to board member orientation. Members of the Senior Management Team will give a brief overview of their programs and the clients they serve in an effort to give board members a better understanding of the agency. They each will speak approximately 10 minutes and will have presentation boards prepared. All business for June 2006 was conducted in an Executive Committee session held on June 1st and will be ratified at the meeting.

Hope to see you there!

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