ATTACHMENT 3

Notice of Final Rulemaking, 27 DCMR, Chapter 19, Section 1905.6, providing the criteria for a determination of responsibility of potential Providers

THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

NOTICE OF FINAL RULEMAKING

The Mayor of the District of Columbia, pursuant to authority granted by section 202(a) of the District of Columbia Procurement Practices Act of 1985, as amended, ("PPA"), effective February 21, 1986 (D.C. Law 6-85; D.C. Code §1-1182.2(a)), hereby gives notice of the adoption of the following final rules, amending Chapter 19 of Title 27 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (Contracts and Procurements). The rules are intended to implement the Procurement Practices Human Care Agreement Amendment Act of 2000 (D.C. Law 13-155), effective September 16, 2000.

The rules were originally approved as emergency and proposed rules on October 11, 2000, and a second emergency rulemaking was approved on March 23, 2001. No substantive changes have been made to the text of the proposed rules, as published in the Notice of Emergency and Proposed Rulemaking in the *D.C. Register* on October 20, 2000, at 47 DCR 8590, and as published in the Notice of Emergency Rulemaking in the *D.C. Register* on April 6, 2001, at 48 DCR 3138.

The Council of the District of Columbia approved these rules on June 8, 2001, by Resolution No. 14-85, pursuant to section 205(a) of the Procurement Practices Act (D.C. Code §1-1182.5(a)).

CHAPTER 19

CONTRACTING FOR SERVICES

Subsection 1900.4 is amended to read as follows:

1900.4 A contract may be used to provide services including, but not limited to, the following:

(m) Human care services (in accordance with §§1905 to 1908); and

Sections 1905 through 1908 are amended to read as follows:

1905 HUMAN CARE SERVICES

1905.1 The Director shall, at least annually, determine in writing that the human care procurement method is appropriate for contracts for classes of human care services, for which the quantity, rate of utilization, delivery areas, or specific beneficiaries of the services cannot be accurately estimated at the outset of the procurement process.

1905.2 The contracting officer shall, at least annually, publicly announce all requirements for human care services in accordance with Chapter 13 of this title, and on the Internet site maintained by the Office of Contracting and Procurement.

1905.3 The contracting officer shall give public notice of general requirements for human care services, and issue a request for qualifications on a form prescribed by the Director, inviting interested service providers to respond in writing with a statement of their qualifications to perform the required services.

1905.4 The contracting officer shall use the procedures set forth in §§1905 through 1908 of this chapter to procure human care services rather than the solicitation or source selection procedures specified elsewhere in this title.

1905.5 Compliance with §§1905 through 1908 of this chapter shall constitute a competitive procedure for the procurement of human care services.

1905.6 The contracting officer shall certify the financial and professional responsibility of each potential contractor based on the following criteria:

(a) The type of business or organization and its history;

(b) The resumes and professional qualifications of the business or organization's staff, including relevant professional and/or business licenses, affiliations, and specialties;

(c) Information attesting to financial capability, including financial statements;

(d) Specialized experience and technical competence in the type of work required;

(e) Capacity to accomplish the work in the required time;

(f) A summary of similar contracts awarded to the service provider, and the service provider's performance of those contracts;

(g) A certification of compliance with all applicable tax and filing requirements;

(h) A statement attesting to compliance with wage, hour, workplace safety and other standards of labor law;

(i) A statement attesting to compliance with federal and District equal employment opportunity law;

(j) Information about pending lawsuits or investigations, and judgments, indictments, or convictions against the service provider or its proprietors, partners, directors, officers, or managers; and

(k) Acceptability under other appropriate characteristics of a prospective service provider.

1906 **SELECTION OF HUMAN CARE SERVICES PROVIDERS**

1906.1 Prior to conducting discussions with a service provider who has submitted a statement of qualifications in accordance with §1905.3, the contracting officer shall make a written determination that the service provider is qualified, based on the criteria in §1905.6.

1906.2 Following pre-qualification of service providers, the contracting officer may:

(a) Conduct discussions with all qualified service providers, and negotiate a price on a unit rate or fee for service basis using benchmarks and quantifiable measurements that are uniformly applied, including but not limited to each service provider's cost data attributable to provision of the services and consideration of each service provider's maximum customer capacity; and

(b) Award a human care agreement to one or more service providers to satisfy all or part of the District's anticipated requirements based on the contracting officer's determination that the contract is in the best interest of the District, considering the service provider's qualifications, its capability of providing the service, and a judgment that the price is reasonable.

1906.3 The contracting officer shall retain statements of qualifications for approved service providers, and consider those providers for award of human care agreements, for a period of three years, following pre-qualification of the providers.

1907 HUMAN CARE AGREEMENT

1907.1 The contracting officer shall include in each human care agreement the following information:

(a) A statement that the human care agreement is not a commitment to purchase any quantity of a particular service covered under the agreement; and

(b) A statement that the District is obligated only to the extent that authorized purchases are made pursuant to the human care agreement.

1907.2 The contracting officer shall issue a task order for required services under each human care agreement, and secure all appropriate approvals and funding prior to execution of the task order.

1907.3 As far as practicable, the contracting officer shall give qualified service providers fair and equal treatment with respect to the issuance of task orders.

1908 VOUCHERS

1908.1 Upon a written determination by the Director approving the use of vouchers for a human care contract, the contracting officer following award of the contract may issue vouchers to eligible customers to use for the purchase of human care services.

Sections 1909 through 1912 are repealed.

Section 1999 is amended to read as follows:

1999 DEFINITIONS

1999.1 When used in this chapter, the following words and terms shall have the meanings ascribed:

Appraisal services – services performed by an expert licensed by a state, city, county, or other governmental unit which are associated with the purchase and lease of real property relating to the determination of the value of real property.

Award information – information regarding the name of the contractor and the amount of the contract award.

Consultant – a firm or individual with knowledge and special abilities not generally available to an agency who renders services of a purely advisory nature relating to governmental functions or agency administration and management.

Consulting services – services of a purely advisory nature relating to governmental functions, agency administration and management, or program management which are normally provided by persons that are considered to have knowledge and special abilities not generally available within the agency.

Customer – a recipient of human care services.

Expert – a person with excellent qualifications and a high degree of attainment in a professional, scientific, technical, or other field, whose knowledge and mastery of the principles, practices, problems, methods, and techniques of his or her field of activity, or of a specialized area in the field, are clearly superior to those usually possessed by ordinarily competent persons in that activity, and whose attainment is such that he or she usually is regarded as an authority or as a practitioner of unusual competence and skill by other persons in the profession, occupation, or activity. An expert may be a person who performs or supervises regular duties and operating functions.

Human care services – education or special education, health, human, or social services, to be provided directly to individuals who are disabled, disadvantaged, displaced, elderly, indigent, mentally ill, physically ill, unemployed, or minors in the custody of the District of Columbia.

Task order – an order for services placed against an established human care agreement.

Pre-qualification – the process by which the contracting officer determines whether a prospective service provider under a human care agreement is responsible.

Voucher – a written authorization, to a service provider who has been awarded a human care agreement, to provide the services authorized in the agreement and described in the voucher directly to an individual identified in writing.