**Questions and Answers for RFP 24000000003 Homeland Security Assessment and Planning Services**

Question: Is there a NTE budget for this effort?

Answer: No

Question: Can the ALEA clarify if the selected vendor will be required to develop any law enforcement strategies or policies as part of the assessment?

Answer: No

Question: Can ALEA clarify if all personnel that will support this work must meet the minimum requirements or just key staff and/or project leadership?

Answer: No Preference

Question: Are resumes required for all staff for just key staff?

Answer: Not required

Question: Can ALEA provide a comprehensive list of homeland security programs to be evaluated as part of the security assessment and the agencies/departments responsible for implementing the respective programs?

Answer: No

Question: Do the agencies/departments responsible for implementing the homeland security grant programs maintain the information required to complete the assessment or will the vendor need to facilitate data identification and collection?

Answer: Vendor will work with ALEA to complete this.

Question: Can ALEA specify the desired outputs of the security assessment (i.e., what questions does ALEA want the assessment to answer)?

Answer: No

Question: Does ALEA require the assessment to adhere to specific industry standards/frameworks? If so, can ALEA identify the standards/frameworks?

Answer: Yes. Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) is one. Multiple CFRs.

Question: Can ALEA specify the desired outputs of the State Homeland Security Strategy review (e.g., vendor will provide recommended updates to State Homeland Security Strategy and associated spending priorities based on the program assessment)?

Answer: The Governors Homeland Security Task Force drives this. ALEA is only a part of this.

Question: Is the security assessment intended to inform the State Homeland Security Strategy?

Answer: Can be

Question: Is ALEA responsible for submitting the THIRA/SPR to FEMA via the URT on behalf of the State of Alabama to be eligible for HSGP funding?

Answer: ALEA is responsible for submitting the THIRA/SPR to FEMA.

Question: When was the last time the State of Alabama submitted a THIRA/SPR to FEMA?

Answer: This is outlined in CPG 201.

Question: How many unique threats/hazards does ALEA wish to address in the THIRA?

Answer: This is always open for discussion with multiple entities.

Question: How many unique State-level agencies/departments are expected to participate in THIRA/SPR process?

Answer: This is always open for discussion with multiple entities. No set number.

Question: Does ALEA wish to engage local municipalities in the development of the THIRA/SPR? If so, how many unique municipal-level agencies/departments are expected to participate in the THIRA/SPR process?

Answer: This is always open for discussion with multiple entities. No set number.

Question: Can ALEA provide additional information about the scope and desired outcomes for the 2025 special events data call (e.g., is the vendor expected to assess how events should be included in the data call, is the vendor expected to submit the data call on behalf of the State of Alabama)?

Answer: Desired outcome is expressed by DHS. SEAR events are voluntarily submitted special events, which are sent to the Department of Homeland Security’s (DHS) Office of Operations Coordination (OPS) by state, local, and federal officials for a risk assessment.

Question: What is the desired duration for the TTX (e.g., 4 hours)?

Answer: There is no desired duration.

Question: Does ALEA expect the TTX to be conducted in person, virtually, or in a hybrid format?

Answer: Can be any combination of the above.

Question: Does ALEA have a preference of whether exercise planning meetings are conducted in person or virtual?

Answer: In-person meetings are always preferred but not required.

Question: Approximately how many unique agencies/departments are expected to participate in the TTX? How many total stakeholders are expected to participate in the TTX?

Answer: No written expectation and the exercise outcome normally dictates how many agencies and/or departments participate.

Question: What services can the vendor assume ALEA will provide (e.g., venue, food/beverages, printing, audio/visual equipment)?

Answer: ALEA will be providing the venue, printing and A/V equipment. Food is not required.

Question: Is there an incumbent on this project?

Answer: Yes.

Question: Does the State want to hire a company or an individual to do this work?

Answer: The State has no preference.