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| **David Hansell, Esq.****Commissioner****Andrew White,****Deputy Commissioner****Division of Policy, Planning and Measurement****Jacqueline Martin,****Deputy Commissioner****Division of Preventive Services****Julie Farber,****Deputy Commissioner****Division of Family Permanency Services****150 William Street****New York, NY, 10038** | Date: November 14, 2018To all ACS foster care and prevention contractors: We are writing to inform ACS contracted prevention and foster care provider agencies of the planned timelines for the approaching child welfare procurements. As you know, with a few exceptions your contracts are scheduled to expire June 30, 2020. During the next two years, ACS will re-procure the vast majority of contracts across the child welfare system, including contracts for delivering prevention services, family-based foster care services and residential foster care services. These procurements represent a significant opportunity for ACS to reassess existing services for children and families and to identify and implement new strategies and approaches. ACS is committed to a shared framework across prevention and foster care services that results in a robust, comprehensive and seamless system that enables children and families to experience improved outcomes for safety, permanency and well-being. The three procurements for prevention, family based foster care and residential foster care services are being designed to reflect and advance this shared framework.  For prevention services contracts, ACS plans to issue a concept paper in early 2019 followed by an RFP in late Spring 2019. Contracts resulting from that RFP will begin on July 1, 2020. For foster care contracts (both family foster care and residential), ACS plans to exercise its option to renew current provider contracts for an additional year, with a contract end date of June 30, 2021. We will release a foster care concept paper in 2019 with an RFP to follow in early 2020. Contracts resulting from that RFP will begin July 1, 2021. ACS will initiate the one-year renewal in mid-to-late 2019. (We also intend to renew certain foster care contracts that expire in March 2020 so that they end June 30, 2021.)We are required by the rules of the Procurement Policy Board to share all information regarding upcoming procurements with all possible applicants, and as such, information about the planning work that has taken place during the last year is posted for public view on our website at <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/acs/about/doing-business-acs.page>. We are restricted in our ability to answer individual questions about any upcoming procurement. We can answer general questions about dates; for these, please contact the ACS Agency Chief Contracting Officer, Rachel Miller, at Rachel.Miller@acs.nyc.gov.  We look forward to responding publicly to all substantive queries that we receive after the first concept paper has been released. Sincerely,Andrew White |