



**STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITY AND AGING**

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
FOR
EAST TENNESSEE RESIDENTIAL PILOT PROGRAM**

**RFI # 34401-99559
May 16, 2025**

1. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

The State of Tennessee, Department of Disability and Aging issues this Request for Information ("RFI") for the purpose of launching the East Tennessee Residential Pilot Program. We appreciate your input and participation in this process.

2. BACKGROUND:

The State of Tennessee is searching for a Contractor that could implement and operate a residential pilot program in East Tennessee (as described in T.C.A. § 4-1-202) in a county with a population no less than one hundred eight thousand, six hundred (108,600) and no more than one hundred eight thousand, seven hundred (108,700), according to the 2020 federal census or a subsequent federal census. This program shall offer residential services for no more than sixty (60) adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and foster an inclusive community by making available additional homes on the property for adults of all abilities equal to twenty-five percent (25%) of homes on the property. The Contractor must also be recognized as an entity that is tax exempt pursuant to § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3)), as amended. The Contractor also shall not accept reimbursement for its services from any federal healthcare program established pursuant to Title XVIII of the Social Security Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§ 1395-1395fff), commonly referred to as Medicare, or from any state healthcare program that receives funding pursuant to Title XIX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 1396-1996w) as amended, or Title XXI of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 1397aa-1397mm), as amended, commonly referred to as Medicaid.

3. COMMUNICATIONS:

- 3.1. Please submit your response to this RFI to:
Braden Odom, Strategic Development Director
Tennessee Department of Disability and Aging
315 Deaderick St., Nashville, TN 37243
braden.odom@tn.gov

3.2. Please feel free to contact the Department of Disability and Aging with any questions regarding this RFI. The main point of contact will be:

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3.3. Please reference RFI # **34401-99559** with all communications to this RFI.

4. RFI SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

EVENT		TIME (Central Time Zone)	DATE (all dates are State business days)
1.	RFI Issued		May 16, 2025
2.	RFI Response Deadline		June 15, 2025

5. GENERAL INFORMATION:

5.1. Please note that responding to this RFI is not a prerequisite for responding to any future solicitations related to this project and a response to this RFI will not create any contract rights. Responses to this RFI will become property of the State.

5.2. The information gathered during this RFI is part of an ongoing procurement. In order to prevent an unfair advantage among potential respondents, the RFI responses will not be available until after the completion of evaluation of any responses, proposals, or bids resulting from a Request for Qualifications, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Bid or other procurement method. In the event that the state chooses not to go further in the procurement process and responses are never evaluated, the responses to the procurement including the responses to the RFI, will be considered confidential by the State.

5.3. The State will not pay for any costs associated with responding to this RFI.

6. INFORMATIONAL FORMS:

The State is requesting the following information from all interested parties. Please fill out the following forms:

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TECHNICAL INFORMATIONAL FORM

1. RESPONDENT LEGAL ENTITY NAME:

2. RESPONDENT CONTACT PERSON:

Name, Title:

Address:

Phone Number:

Email:

3. Brief description of experience providing similar scope of services/products

4. Does the respondent possess a license issued by the Department to operate an existing residential home in a county with a population of not less than one hundred eight thousand six hundred (108,600) and not more than one hundred eight thousand seven hundred (108,700), according to the 2020 federal census or a subsequent federal census?

5. Is the property owned by the respondent?

6. Does the property consist of no less than twenty-six (26) acres, which may include adjacent properties on which adults reside in an existing independent living, licensed assisted-care living, or license nursing home community?

7. Would the respondent offer residential services for no more than sixty (60) adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities?

8. Would the respondent foster an inclusive community by making available additional homes on the property for adults of all abilities equal to twenty-five percent (25%) of homes on the property?

9. Is the respondent recognized by the internal revenue services as an entity that is tax exempt pursuant to § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3)), as amended?

COST INFORMATIONAL FORM

1. Describe what pricing units you typically utilize for similar services or goods (e.g., per hour, each, etc.):

2. Does the respondent accept reimbursement for its services from any federal healthcare program established pursuant to Title XVIII of the Social Security Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§ 1395-1395fff), commonly referred to as Medicare, or from any state healthcare program that receives funding pursuant to Title XIX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 1396-1996w) as amended, or Title XXI of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 1397aa-1397mm), as amended, commonly referred to as Medicaid?