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*Transmitted via email*

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Re: Second Upstate Family Defense Quality Improvement & Caseload Reduction Grant

Dear Ms. McFarlane,

I am pleased to inform you that the proposal Albany County submitted to the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services on September 14, 2022 for a three-year grant to reduce caseloads and improve the quality of parental representation in child welfare matters has been recommended to me by our Proposal Review Team as one of the top ranked proposals we received, and thus to be issued an award of \$750,000.

The next step in our process is to conduct follow-up discussions with Albany County officials to clarify information in the submitted proposal, as provided in Section VII (Awarding Grants), at pages 12-13 of the RFP. These discussions will inform the final contract.

We are very excited to have this opportunity to partner with Albany County on this state-funded initiative to improve the quality of parental representation and look forward to further discussions. You may contact me by email ([patricia.warth@ils.ny.gov](mailto:patricia.warth@ils.ny.gov)) or phone (518-486-5337) if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours truly,

Patricia J. Warth  
Director