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Honorable Joanne Cunningham, Chairwoman
Albany County Legislature
112 State Street, Room 710
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Chairwoman Cunningham:

The Department for Aging (DFA) requests legislative approval to enter into a contract with Life Path to provide Congregate Meal Services to older adults in Albany County and meet specific criteria as required by Albany County and NYSOFA. Life Path shall provide Congregate Meal Services to older adults at the following ten (10) locations, Westview Apartments, South Mall Towers, Ohav Shalom Apartments, Livingston School Apartments, Cohoes Senior Center, Senior Center of Watervliet, Helderberg Senior Center, Town of New Scotland, Town of Westerlo, and Voorheesville. The Contractor shall serve 31,650 meals at their ten (10) congregate locations.

A Request for Proposal No. 2025-118 issued on August 7, 2025 requesting providers submit a proposal regarding Congregate Meals. There was six (6) proposals evaluated and rated by the department scoring committee using the following criteria:

- Full demonstrated comprehension of the Scope of Services; including but not limited to; Knowledge of food safety/sanitation regulations and nutrition standards; Current Dietary Guidelines including knowledge and compliance with USDA nutrition standards.
- Prior experience and/or equivalent training with quantity food production and service projects
- Professional qualifications, staffing, equipment, and demonstrated capabilities.
- Total proposed price.

After reviewing the proposals and rating scores the Congregate Meal proposals were awarded as follows;

1. Albany Jewish Community Center; Awarded - \$39,000.00
2. Colonie Senior Service Centers; Awarded - \$407,000.00
3. Green Island Senior Citizens; Awarded - \$79,112.00
4. Life Path Awarded - \$395,625.00
5. Senior Projects of Ravena; Awarded - \$475,006.00
6. Allie B's Cozy Kitchen Awarded - \$23,400.00

Total Awarded to Providers - \$1,419,143.00

Life Path shall provide nutrition education presentations to program participants at the congregate meal site not less than six (6) times during the contract year Life Path shall be responsible for ensuring meals meet nutritional requirements established by the Food and Nutrition Board of the National Academy of Sciences National Research Council.

Contract Award Amount – \$395,625.00

Contract Term – 1/1/2026 – 12/31/2026

Funding Source – 91.67% - State, 8.33% - County

Budget Amendment – No

Revenue Account – Aging –A3677203782, 3780

Respectfully Submitted,

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