X. EVALUATION CRITERIA AND SELECTION PROCESS

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- a. Organizational Capacity: history, experience, and capacity of the organization providing similar services to the target population (25 points)
- b. Program Design and Approach (40 points)
- c. Administrative and Fiscal Qualifications (35 points)

The Applicant must score a minimum of 70 points to be considered for funding. A committee comprised of SSAI staff will evaluate the proposals. SSAI reserves the right to seek clarifying or additional information from Applicants, potentially including site visits or agency interviews.

XI. NOTICE OF AWARD

SSAI will announce the contract award **no later than Friday**, August 22, 2014. All Applicants will be notified of the award decision by email.

XII. BIDDERS' WEBINAR & QUESTIONS, COMMENTS & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

SSAI will host a Bidders' Webinar on **Monday, July 21, 2014, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. EDT.** Potential Applicants will have a chance to address questions and clarify specific elements of the RFP announcement during this webinar. Questions, comments and requests for technical assistance received before the Bidders' Webinar will be addressed during the webinar, where applicable. To maintain a fair and open bidding process, SSAI will only accept inquiries regarding this RFP received in writing to Chris Garland, National SCSEP Director, at <u>cgarland@ssa-i.org</u>. The recording of this webinar will be posted within 48 hours via a SSAI web link on the SSAI website. Potential applicants need not attend the webinar to submit an application, but are strongly encouraged to attend. Applicants unable to attend the Bidders' Webinar may contact Chris Garland at <u>cgarland@ssa-i.org</u> to get the web link to the event recording.

To connect to the SSAI Bidders' Webinar, copy and paste this link into your web browser five to ten minutes before the webinar start time: https://connect1.uc.att.com/service13/meet/?ExEventID=87387350&CT=M

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