

QUESTION 1. Does Judicial Council anticipate other sources of data for the analysis besides data from the case files? For example, quarterly wage and other income data from the State Franchise Tax Board could be used to supplement case file data (particularly in cases with imputed income) when answering how many obligors are qualified for the low income adjustment, which is a task described in 3.7.2. If so, will the Judicial Council arrange for the data extract or will it be up to the vendor?

ANSWER: No, the Judicial Council does not anticipate other sources of data for the case file analysis besides data from the case files.

QUESTION 2. 3.7.2.1 implies that the Judicial Council will be responsible for data collection and the vendor will be responsible for data entry. We are seeking clarification of the overlap in these responsibilities.

QUESTION 2a. Does the Judicial Council anticipate that (a) the data will be collected on a data collection instrument similar to that used for the previous case file review and that the vendor will key enter the data from those completed data collection instruments; (b) the vendor will be sent copies of support orders, financial affidavits, complaints and other information contained in the case file from which the vendor is to interpret each parent's income, the final order amount, whether there is a deviation and other relevant variables; or (c) something other?

ANSWER: The data will be collected on an instrument similar to that used in previous case file reviews. The vendor will key enter data recorded on these forms, and the case file data analysis will be based on data recorded on these forms

QUESTION 2b. To what extent will the vendor be involved in designing the data collection instrument, developing the sampling strategy and data collection protocols, training data collectors, and reviewing the quality of data collected (as opposed to the quality of the data key entered)?

ANSWER: The vendor will not be involved in designing the instrument, developing the sampling strategy and data collection protocols, training data collectors, nor reviewing the quality of the data collected.

QUESTION 3. 3.7.3.2-3 requires convening two face-to-face discussion groups of commissioners from various regions of the State. Does Judicial Council anticipate that the vendor will pay for the participants travel to the discussion meetings?

ANSWER: The Judicial Council will pay for the commissioners' travel. The vendor will pay for vendor travel.