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ALAMEDA COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADDENDUM No. 1

to

RFP No. 19-11 Primary Prevention Services for Youth

Specification Clarification/ Modification and Recap of the Networking/ Bidder's Conferences held on Wednesday, December 11, 2019 and Thursday, December 12, 2019

This County of Alameda, General Services Agency (GSA), RFP/Q Addendum has been electronically issued to potential bidders via e-mail. E-mail addresses used are those in the County's Small Local Emerging Business (SLEB) Vendor Database or from other sources. If you have registered or are certified as a SLEB, please ensure that the complete and accurate e-mail address is noted and kept updated in the SLEB Vendor Database. This RFP/Q Addendum will also be posted on the GSA Contracting Opportunities website located at

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The following Sections have been modified to read as shown below. Changes made to the original RFP document are in **bold** print and highlighted, and deletions made have a strike through.

CLARIFICATIONS & CORRECTIONS/CHANGES THAT PERTAIN TO...

RFP

- Section A. Intent. Language updated as follows: Bidders may only submit more than one proposal and may not bid on multiple regions. However, Bidders may not submit proposals for both North County and Oakland regions, which overlap. Bidders may only be awarded one contract, regardless of number of bids submitted. Bidders should clearly indicate the region(s) for which they are applying in their bid documents, and their preferred ranking of regions, if applying for more than one. ACBH reserves the right to make the final determination on the most responsive Bidder per region.
- Section F.2. Service Delivery Approach. Footnote added as follows: Services should be youth-led, strength-based, culturally-responsive, evidence-based,¹ community-defined, and/or based on promising practice.
- Section F.2. Planned Staffing and Organizational Capacity. Language updated as follows: Through the submittal of proposals, Bidders shall demonstrate their current and planned organizational infrastructure to successfully implement the program. Services shall be provided by an organization with thoughtful and appropriate operations in terms of capacity. infrastructure, staffing and hiring. Bidders will be evaluated based on their description of their staffing plan and organizational capacity to provide services. Bidders must demonstrate a consistent high standard of financial management and fiscal integrity. Bidders should provide their most recent audited financial statements as Attachment 2. If audited financial statements are not available, please submit most recent unaudited financial statements (i.e. statement of financial position and balance sheet) or other financial document that satisfies regulatory or funding requirements.

• Table 1	
Section	In

Section	Instructions	Suggeste d Page Max.
5.	a. Debarment and Suspension	
ORGANIZATIONABidders, its principal and named subcontractors must no be identified on the list of Federally debarred, suspended or other excluded parties located at the following		
	databases:	N/A
	https://www.sam.gov/portal/SAM/#1	
https://businesssearch.sos.ca.gov/		
	https://exclusions.oig.hhs.gov/	

¹ Please see list of SAMHSA National Registry of Evidence-based Programs and Practices here: http://ca-cpi.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/NREPP-Interventions-Spreadsheet.xlsx

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	 <u>https://files.medical.ca.gov/pubsdoco/Sandllanding.as</u> <u>p</u> <u>https://www.ssdmf.com</u> 			
6. BIDDER EXPERIENCE, C. Describe, in detail, Bidder's Planned Staffing and Organizational Capacity, including:				
ABILITY AND	iii. Bidder's planned organizational infrastructure,			
PLAN	including:			
	 Description of how program services will be integrated into Bidder's existing organizational structure and services; and 			
	 Bidder's training plan to ensure organization stays current on prevention strategies and topics; and 	2		
	3. Bidder's financial management and fiscal integrity			
as demonstrated by most recent audited fi				
	statements (Attachment 2).			

• Table 3

RFP SECTION	EVALUTION METHOD	EVALUATION CRITERIA	WEIGHT
5. ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY AND REFERENCE	a. Debarment and Suspensio n	and its principal may not be identified on the list	
6. BIDDER EXPERIENCE, ABILITY AND PLAN	Capacity and Organizational Infrastructure	 How well does Bidder describe its organizational infrastructure, and how well-matched to the proposed services is this infrastructure, including: How well does Bidder describe how program services will be integrated into Bidder's existing organizational structure and services; and How appropriate is Bidder's training plan to ensure organization stays current on prevention strategies and topics; and As demonstrated by the most recent audited financial statements (Attachment 2), how solid is Bidder's financial management and fiscal integrity? 	6

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• Exhibit B BID SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

4. Attachments:

Bidders must submit the following attachment as part of their bid response:

- a) Attachment 1: Proof of 501(c)(3) status or other evidence of public entity status.
- b) Attachment 2: Most recent audited financial statements. If audited financial statements are not available, please submit most recent unaudited financial statements (i.e. statement of financial position and balance sheet) or other financial document that satisfies regulatory or funding requirements.
- Bid Response Template

The Bid Response Template has been deleted and replaced with the RFP #19-11 Primary Prevention for Youth Bid Template REVISED to include revisions.

RESPONSES TO BIDDERS QUESTIONS

General

- Q1) Is this a one year (12 month) program or will there be ongoing funding (Pg 8).
- A1) Program funding is ongoing, and contracts will be renewed on an annual basis.
- Q2) How funds are distributed (reimbursement, monthly, one-time, etc.)?
- A2) Providers are reimbursed monthly based on actual costs. Providers must submit an invoice, along with detailed supporting documentation (e.g., list of expenses, trial balance, etc.) that matches the total amount being claimed.

Program Design

- Q3) Does this have to be a full day program? Can the program be once per month?
- A3) Bidders shall propose the type of programming, with rational, that they believe best supports the program goals. Bidders shall ensure programming is aligned with the ACBH Strategic Prevention Plan 2019-2024 and the CSAP strategies, as prioritized in tiers by ACBH in the RFP.
- Q4) Are we free to design the program within the guidelines specified?
- A4) Yes, Bidders shall propose a program design with the RFP guidelines. See A3 above.
- Q5) Percentage breakdown of the different service areas of levels provided CSAP strategies: Tier 1) Community Based/Environmental Tier 2) Education/Alternative Activities

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Tier 3) Information Dissemination/Problem identification and referral

- A5) Bidders may propose the tiered breakdown and combination of CSAP strategies that best supports its proposed programming in the services areas they are applying for. See A3 above.
- Q6) Can program focus on tobacco prevention?
- A6) Please see A3 above.
- **Q7)** Is there a suggested/expected number of youth and caregivers/family members to be served? Are there suggested/expected service numbers per CSAP category?
- A7) There are no suggested or expected program participants or service numbers. Bidders should identify the proposed program impact and the expected number of program participants based on the CSAP tiers, with rationale, in their bid submission.
- **Q8)** How do the BHCS Strategic Prevention Plan Priorities & Objectives of Alcohol and Cannabis relate to current local ATOD policy advocacy efforts on proximity to schools and parks and is compliance funding a part of these efforts?
- A8) Please see A3 above.
- **Q9)** Could proposers experienced in youth-led ATOD education and advocacy offer best practice presentations to the PPv cohort as a part of their proposal?
- A9) No, educating other ACBH-contracted PPv providers is not part of the scope of work.
- **Q10)** Can proposers offer support through local youth-led education efforts to local retailers with underage sales infractions?
- A10) Please see A3 above.

Proposal Format/Submission

- Q11) Are funds allocated to the awardee strictly based on the budget template (est.)?
- A11) Yes, the proposed budget shall form the basis for the awarded contract.
- Q12) How are indirect costs calculated? Please provide example.
- A12) Bidders shall provide indirect costs that are relevant to their organization and to the program. Typical costs for indirect include administrative functions that are not directly related to the operation of the program, such as finance and HR. Indirect/administrative costs cannot exceed 15 percent of the total program costs.
- Q13) Can more than one provider be contracted in a single region?
- A13) No, ACBH will only award one contract per region.

- Q14) Can more than one provider collaborate on a single proposal?
- A14) Bidders may collaborate with other agencies to submit a proposal, as part of a subcontractual relationship. Only one proposal can be submitted in the name of the lead agency, and the subcontracting relationship must be clearly explained in both the proposal and budget narrative. The lead agency is primarily responsible for meeting contract deliverables to ACBH.
- Q15) Does local apply to the County as whole or the regions for contracts?
- A15) The designation of a "local" agency applies to the entire County, regardless of the region the Bidder proposes on.
- Q16) Do we need to list the intern position on the detailed sheet where other positions are listed?
- A16) Yes, please list the intern position along with all other staff positions in the budget and budget narrative, and within the proposal narrative. Please see RFP Budget Template Instructions for more information.
- Q17) Does the budget need to be printed or only a soft copy is required?
- A17) Please provide both a hard and soft copy of the budget. The hard copy should include all cells from all tabs, and the soft copy should be in Excel. Please see RFP Budget Template Instructions for more information.
- **Q18)** Can an Oakland organization submit the same proposal for the Oakland and North County bid?
- A18) No, Bidders may not submit proposals for both the Oakland and North County regions. See revision to the Section A. Intent on page 2 of this addendum.
- Q19) Does the stipend for the interns have to be co-written into the budget?
- A19) The stipend(s) for the Peer Youth Advisor(s) must be included in the budget, in the relevant "Youth Advisor Stipend" section of the "Expense Detail" tab. The Youth Interns should be on payroll, and listed on the "Personnel1" tab. Any additional detail should be provided in the budget narrative. Please see RFP Budget Template Instructions for more information.
- Q20) Is it ok to use a smaller font size (such as Arial 10) for any tables and charts?
- A20) No, please use font size Arial 11 for all proposal narrative, including tables and charts.
- **Q21)** If we are an exempt SLEB organization, are we required to partner with a SLEB organization? If not, do we disregard the SLEB form?

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A21) Organizations that are exempt from Alameda County's SLEB requirements are not required to partner with a SLEB organization. For the purposes of the SLEB Partnering Information Sheet, exempt organizations can note "EXEMPT".

<u>Staffing</u>

- **Q22)** Does the intern position need to be ongoing, or can it be irregular or as needed?
- A22) The Youth Intern position should constitute 0.50 FTE (split between two FTEs of 0.25 each). Bidders may propose the Peer Youth Advisor(s)' schedule, but must ensure that all programming incorporate a demonstrably strong youth voice.
- Q23) Distinction between "Youth Interns" and "Peer Youth Advisors"?
- A23) The Youth Interns are a salaried position, while the Peer Youth Advisors are stipended. Bidders should describe the roles and responsibilities of each of these positions.
- **Q24)** According to Staffing Requirements on page 9 of RFP 19-11, two 0.25 FTE Youth Interns are required and "Youth Interns must reflect the priority population and have an interest in making an impact in their community". May Youth Interns be transition aged youth who are older than the 12-17 target population or do they need to be 16 or 17 year olds since 16 is the minimum age for employment.
- A24) In hiring and otherwise engaging the youth employees, the awarded Contractors must ensure they are in compliance with all California child labor laws.
- **Q25)** Can required personnel staff positions be subcontracted or do they need to be part of the primary contractor's budget?
- A25) Yes, required personnel staff positions can be subcontracted. Such relationships need to be clearly described in the budget, the proposal, and budget narrative.
- Q26) What, if any Licensing requirements are in place for this RFP?
- A26) There are no licensing requirements for the required staff. Bidders may provide the staffing complement they think will best serve the program.
- Q27) Can we provide 0.5 FTE youth positon into one position?
- A27) No, this position must be held by two individuals, for 0.25 FTE each.
- Q28) Can you have a hybrid of Coordinator/Data position?
- A28) If this question refers to the Administrative Coordinator, yes. If this questions refers to the Program Coordinator, the answer is still yes, however the portion of FTE dedicated to data responsibilities must be listed separately on the budget.

- **Q29)** Can the 1.0 FTE Program Coordinator and 1.25 FTE Youth Program Specialist be provided by multiple staff? E.g., can the 1.0 FTE position be split among two 0.5 FTE staff members and the 1.25 FTE position be split among a 0.5 and 0.75 FTE staff members?
- A29) Yes, Bidders may propose separate staff to reach the minimum staffing requirements, with a minimum of 0.5 FTE per staff person per position (with the exception of the two Youth Interns, which should be at 0.25 FTE each).
- Q30) Page 9 Staffing: Youth Program Specialist is this an adult staff position?
- A30) Yes, the Youth Program Specialist is an adult (or Transition-Aged Youth) staff position, and not one of the two youth positions (Youth Intern and Peer Youth Advisor).

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