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ALAMEDA COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADDENDUM No. 1

to

RFP No. 19-05 School-Based Behavioral Health Services

Specification Clarification/ Modification and Recap of the Networking/ Bidder's Conferences held on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 and Wednesday, April 24, 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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RESPONSES TO BIDDERS QUESTIONS

Proposal Format

- **Q1)** Can we use a font smaller than 11pt for our tables/charts?
- A1) No. All font size must be 11 point.
- Q2) Do we need to keep the full questions in our narrative?
- A2) No. You can remove the question prompts as you see fit.
- Q3) Are resumes and/or Job Descriptions desired in the Attachments/Appendix section?
- A3) No. The only requested attachment is Attachment 1: Organizational Chart.
- **Q4)** In what section do supervisors go in budget direct services?
- A4) If these staff are not providing direct services, please list Clinical Supervisors under Administrative Employees on lines 19-26. If a portion of their time is to provide direct services, please include this FTE under Direct Service Employees on lines 10-17.
- **Q5)** Just for clarification, we can extend the lengths (page limits) of sections as long as we adhere to the 24 page limit?
- A5) Yes. ACBH provides suggested page maximums by section; however, these are not required as long as the overall page maximum of 24 pages is adhered to.
- **Q6)** Do you have any specifications for how you would like the proposal copies to be submitted? For example, should they be three-hole punched?
- A6) Please see Section II.E.2. Submittal of Proposals/Bids for information.

Minimum Qualifications and Proposal Requirements

- Q7) Qualifications two years school age services that that school <u>based</u> or school <u>age</u>?
 We have experience serving school age children but our school <u>based</u> experience is in OUSD preschools.
- A7) The minimum qualification is to have at least two years of organizational experience providing mental health services to school-<u>age</u> children within the last five years. Bidders need not have experience providing school-<u>based</u> services to qualify.
- **Q8)** On page 5, by "document" do you mean that you want copies of our MediCal certifications to be included as attachments? Just our certification(s) for Alameda County or for all the counties we cover?

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- A8) Please include a current Medi-Cal site certification for any host county to satisfy this minimum qualification.
- **Q9)** We represent two agencies that are merging as of July 1. Will you accept and consider a joint bid from the two merging agencies?
- A9) Yes. Please submit one bid in the name of the "lead" agency, or the organization that would be entering into the legal contract with ACBH, and explain the relationship and merge plans in the bid.
- Q10) Is the Letter of Agreement required with proposal?
- A10) No. The Letter of Agreement (LOA) template is provided as Exhibit E to the RFP as reference only. The awarded Contractor will be required to establish a LOA upon contract finalization.

Current Services

- **Q11)** Are there currently providers at these schools?
- A11) Yes, these services are being provided at these two schools; however, the services currently provided at ASCEND are not funded by the County.
- **Q12)** Who are the current providers of these services?
- A12) The current provider at East Oakland Pride is East Bay Agency for Children. There is currently no County-funded program at ASCEND.

Program Services

- Q13) Are you aware of any specific language needs at these schools (e.g. Spanish)?
- A13) Bidders are encouraged to become familiar with the language profile of each school, and propose appropriate staffing.
- **Q14)** How many students do you anticipate serving at each school?
- A14) Awarded Contractor/s will be expected to maintain a minimum caseload of 15 students, with 20 unduplicated annually, at each school. Please see page 4 of the RFP.
- **Q15)** Explain the rationale of only 1 ERMHS student at EOPride. What happens if more than 1 student qualifies as ERMHS?
- A15) The SBBH programs have a lower caseload (20 vs. 25) than the previous SBBH programs. With this caseload decrease, ACBH determined that the ERMHS students served through SBBH program would also decrease, from two to one.

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- Q16) What level of MH services is this? Is it therapeutically enriched classroom, etc?
- A16) The SBBH services are not related to Counseling Enriched Special Day Classes. Please see Section I.F.2. Service Delivery Approach of the RFP for more information on the specific services.
- Q17) Is this a new scope of work for each of these charter schools?
- A17) Yes, this is a new scope of work for each of these schools. Please note, only one of the two schools is a charter school (ASCEND).
- Q18) What type of support services do you require/want?
- A18) Please refer to page 10 of the RFP for a list of example MHSA-funded support services.
- **Q19)** Will Restorative Justice still be offered at these two schools given OUSD's recent budget cuts?
- A19) While the future of the OUSD Restorative Justice program is unknown, Bidders may still propose Restorative Justice practices independent of OUSD's program. Note, only one of the two schools, East Oakland Pride, is an OUSD school. ASCEND charter school is not affected by OUSD budget developments.

<u>Other</u>

- Q20) Will the school staff be involved in the selection process?
- A20) School administration may serve on the evaluation panel/s.
- Q21) Will the County be releasing the list of organizations who attend the conferences?
- A21) Yes, ACBH includes the list of Bidders' Conference attendees in this addendum.
- Q22) For the MHSA-funded piece, is the expectation to use MAA billing?
- A22) No, there is no MAA billing under this RFP. Please refer to page 10 of the RFP for a list of possible MHSA-funded activities.

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