

Informal Request for Quotes (IRFQ):

IMPROVING SERVICES FOR LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER (LGBT) SENIORS WITH OR AT RISK FOR SERIOUS MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES

Responses to Bidder Questions Received by 10/27/2010

Q: Will a business tax certificate satisfy the business license requirement for the SLEB?

A: No, an organization must submit a business license in order to apply for the SLEB program. Additional documents are also required. Please refer to the county website for more information about the SLEB program, and detailed instructions on how to apply.

Q: Are there any benefits to not applying to become a SLEB vendor?

A: There is some paperwork required to become a SLEB vendor, but there are no substantial benefits to not applying. A CBO does not need to apply to the SLEB program, but Alameda County encourages local CBOs to apply because of the benefits for the County and the vendor. It is a six-month, or longer, process to be certified as a SLEB vendor, so BHCS will still need to apply for a SLEB waiver for any selected contractor that is not currently certified under the SLEB program. It is important for any local CBO applicant that is not SLEB-certified to submit documentation of local residence such as a business permit and a deed, rental or lease agreement showing business address (current and any other within past 6-months). This will help BHCS in applying for a SLEB-waiver if this is needed.

Q: If the services would be delivered by Agency X, and Agency X uses Agency Y as a fiscal sponsor, who would be the Bidder?

A: If Agency X has a Tax ID Number (TIN), then it will be the bidder. If Agency X does not have that TIN, then it cannot be the bidder as it does not have a "personality" as far as IRS definition of business entity is concerned. If Agency X is a program of another entity with a TIN, that other entity should be the bidder and use a DBA ('Doing Business As') if that was on the W-9. For example, the applicant for this IRFQ may end up being Agency Y DBA Agency X.