

ADDENDUM TWO QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Date: May 4, 2020

To: All Bidders

From: Keith Roland, Buyer
Department of Health and Human Services

RE: Addendum for FFPSA Services Request for Qualifications

Questions and Answers

Following are the questions submitted and answers provided for the above mentioned Request for Qualifications. The questions and answers are to be considered as part of the Request for Qualifications. It is the Bidder's responsibility to check the project information page for all addenda or amendments.

<u>Question Number</u>	<u>RFQ Section Reference</u>	<u>Question</u>	<u>DHHS Response</u>
1.	I.A Project Overview	Contractors will provide In-home parenting skills services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health services, or both. Can contractors provide In-home parenting skills and Mental Health services only?	Yes. A contractor is not required to provide all three types of services in order to contract with DHHS for FFPSA services.
2.	I.A Project Overview	Can the bidder propose a model that includes an EBP and other service provisions to meet the needs of the families?	We are asking bidders to propose models that have been reviewed and approved by the Federal Clearinghouse and the proposed model adheres to model fidelity as outlined by the Federal Clearinghouse.
3.	I.A Project Overview	Is only one EBP allowed with each proposal?	No, multiple EBP's can be proposed at one time. We ask that you ensure this is clarified in the proposal submission.

4.	I.C FFPSA Background	Will the state of Nebraska share the Title IVE Prevention plan with potential bidders in preparation of the proposal?	The draft of the Title IV-E Prevention Plan is available for the public to review on our public website at the following link: http://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Family-First-Reports-and-Documents.aspx
5.	I.D. Scope of Work	Will contractors be required to accept ALL referrals to their program?	No. We recognize that referrals to the program may not be appropriate (i.e: referral may not be for model fidelity target population).
6.	I.E System of Care Funds	Do we determine the amount of System of Care funds to be allocated in the proposal?	No, the Bidder does not determine the amount of System of Care funds. Bidders who wish to apply for System of Care funds must email DHHS.SOC@nebraska.gov .
7.	1.F FFPSA Transitional Payments and Models	What is the total amount of funding available for this RFQ?	There is a limited amount of State funds available, but that amount cannot be determined at this time. The Federal funding agency has not given DHHS a limit on Title IV-E funds.
8.	1.F FFPSA Transitional Payments and Models	Are funds available for startup costs? Such as purchase of EBP material and training of staff. If allowed are these costs to be submitted separately or factored into the rate calculation?	Yes, state grant awards are currently available for startup costs. These are to be submitted separately and not factored into the rate calculation.
9.	II.K Submission of Proposals	Is there a specific size and font the proposal needs to be submitted in?	No.
10.	II.K Submission of Proposals	Is there a page numbering format required?	No.
11.	II.K Submission of Proposals	Is there a limit to the number of pages for the proposal?	No.
12.	II.K Submission of Proposals	Does the Rate sheet need to be submitted separately from the proposal?	No, the Rate Sheet should be submitted along with the proposal.
13.	II.K Submission of Proposals	Is there a limit to the number of pages for the proposal?	No.
14.	II.K Submission of Proposals	Are there specific documents that need to be submitted with the proposal (i.e. audit,	Non-Federal Entities, defined as state, local government, Indian tribe, institution of higher

		financials, 990, organizational charts, tax clearance certificate)?	education, or nonprofit organization, must submit the documents listed in section II.C of the RFQ. For-Profit Entities must submit the documents listed in section II.D of the RFQ.
15.	I. Project Description & Scope of Work	Is this RFQ similar to the 2 announcements in May 2019 for In-Home Parenting Skills Services and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services?	Yes, this RFQ is for the same services and replaces the two RFQs that were previously released for In-Home Parenting Skills Services and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services. All agreements resulting from RFQs 100779-Z6 and 100799-Z6 are still active and are not affected by this RFQ. However, DHHS will not renew agreements resulting from RFQs 100779-Z6 and 100799-Z6 after June 30, 2021. Any new proposals for FFPSA services must be submitted using this RFQ.
16.	E. Schedule of Events	While the deadline for the evaluation period, contract finalization period, contract award and additional contractor start date is Continuous, is there an end date responding to this RFQ? With the various factors related to the COVID-19 pandemic, if an organization would choose to wait to respond to this RFQ, how will this impact their opportunity to receive an award?	While there is no deadline for responding to the RFQ, the term of an awarded contract will be through September 30, 2021, with an optional one-year renewal period. There will be no impact if an organization chooses to wait to respond to the RFQ.
17.		Is there a specific level of EBP (promising, supported, well-supported) that DHHS is looking for with this type of service?	The RFQ is open to all levels of EBP.
18.		You state a couple of times in the RFQ that "Funding may be available to an awarded Contractor for implementation of	There is no set an amount or guarantee of SOC funds. SOC grant funding is set to end 09/29/20. See response to question #6. In order to

		EBP's through the Children's System of Care grant with the DHHS Division of Behavioral Health." Can you specify how much money would be available to awarded contractors from the SOC grant? What does the application process look like for the SOC grant? How much surety will an organization have before awarding the RFQ or start date?	qualify for an award, Bidders must meet the requirements specified in the Model Fidelity Standards section of Attachment 2 and Attachment 4, as applicable.
19.		Is there a scoring tool that takes into account an organization's accreditation?	Proposals will be evaluated according to the criteria set forth in section II.O of the RFQ.
20.		It appears to me that none of the evidence-based programs on the Title IV-E Prevention Services Clearinghouse apply to children over 7 years or to Adult mental health/substance abuse treatment. Are there other programs that are allowable for this funding?	There are services on the Federal Clearinghouse that apply to youth over the age of 7, such as Multi-Systemic Therapy. Please refer back to the Federal Clearinghouse website and within each program one is able to view the "Target Population". As for adult mental health/substance use services, there are services within the Federal Clearinghouse that address this, such as methadone maintenance treatment and families facing the future. At this time, DHHS has not been made aware of providers in Nebraska providing these two services. Only services approved within the Federal Clearinghouse can be used for the funding. However, additional programs are being reviewed continuously and ratings being released.
21.		How is this RFQ any different that RFQs 100779 Z6, In Home Parenting and RFQ 100799 Z6, Mental Health that was submitted last June? The one difference that I believe I am seeing is that the funding source on this current RFQ is through System of Care funds.	The following items in this RFQ are different from RFQs 100779-Z6 and 100799-Z6: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In-Home Parenting services and Substance Abuse & Mental Health services are all included in this RFQ. 2. The Rate Sheet asks for an estimated annual service quantity and rate per unit for

			<p>each county. The Rate Sheet for RFQs 100779-Z6 and 100799-Z6 requested a monthly rate for each county.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. There are separate requirements and terms for Non-Federal Entities and For-Profit Entities. 4. Proposals for this RFQ are evaluated by meeting minimum requirements as set forth in section I.O. Proposals for RFQs 100779-Z6 and 100799-Z6 had several sections of the proposal scored by an evaluation team. Proposals had to score a minimum amount of points to qualify for a contract. 5. Insurance requirements have been revised. <p>RFQs 100779-Z6 and 100799-Z6 had System of Care funds available similar to this RFQ.</p>
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This addendum will become part of the proposal and should be acknowledged with the Request for Qualifications response.