Dear Prospective Proposer:

ADDENDUM NO. 5 - TO ADD "COMMUNITY SERVICES AND SUPPORTS MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR FAMILY RESOURCE CENTERS" IN THE REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT MASTER AGREEMENT LIST (BID #DMH111505B1)

The Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (DMH) is issuing Addendum No. 5 to the Request for Statements of Qualifications (RFSQ), for the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Master Agreement, Bid #DMH111505B1. This Addendum adds one new distinct category, Community Services and Supports (CSS) Mental Health Services for Family Resource Centers, to the RFSQ, as follows:

i) In 1.0 GENERAL INFORMATION, Section 1.1 Scope of Work, Subsection 1.1.1 Community Services and Supports (CSS) Plan the following category is added:

“19. Family Resource Centers

The Department of Mental Health is creating Family Resource Centers (FRC) as part of the continuum of care for children’s MHSA services. FRCs will specifically target children/youth, birth to 21 years of age:

a. Who do not continue to need an intensive level of service and are transitioning to another level of care or

b. For whom prevention and early intervention services are inappropriate.

The FRCs will provide culturally-sensitive supportive services and resources to children’s families/caregivers who do not need a more intensive mental health program. FRCs will assist children/youth and their families/caregivers to develop resiliency and maintain healthy families in the community. Families utilizing FRCs will have access to mental health assessments and treatment, medication support, case management and education resources, extracurricular activities and resource material that will help children achieve success in the community.
Self-help support groups will be a key FRC service component that will focus on mental health issues such as trauma and loss, child development and healthy attachment, self-awareness, communication skills, substance abuse, violence prevention and healthy living. These groups will provide a supportive network and platform for children/youth/families dealing with mental health and behavioral issues to share their life experiences and exchange ideas and suggestions for addressing them effectively. In addition, parents and caregivers will have the opportunity to assist one another in navigating the mental health system and provide lived experience that will facilitate the coordination of services and improve outcomes for one another.

ii) In 1.0 GENERAL INFORMATION, Section 1.3 Proposer’s Minimum Qualifications for the RFSQ, Subsection 1.3.1, the following category is added:

“15. Community Services and Supports Family Resource Centers

Proposers with experience developing and overseeing a Family Resource Center (FRC) must submit as part of their SOQ a program narrative not exceeding two (2) pages demonstrating that Proposer meets the following requirements:

A. Proposer must be located in Los Angeles County.

B. Proposer must be located in an area that is accessible to Service Area 1-4 (North County) or Service Area 5-8 (South County).

C. Proposer must have experience developing and managing a FRC.

D. Proposers must demonstrate the ability to immediately implement a FRC in the North or South County, as applicable.

E. Proposers must currently provide mental health services to children and youth, birth to 21 years of age.

F. Proposers must currently staff a parent partner/advocate.

G. Proposers must have established strong community partnerships (e.g. health clinics, cultural and faith based organizations, school districts, vocational programs, substance use, services for disabled, agencies specifically targeting gender/orientation needs, etc.).”

iii) Appendix I, Revision 4, MHSA SOQ Short Form, is deleted in its entirety and replaced with Appendix I, Revision 5, incorporating the following change:
a) CSS Family Resource Centers is added as Service Category 23a.

Except as provided by addendum, all other terms and conditions of the RFSQ remain unchanged.

The updated MHSA SOQ Short Form that includes the new Service Category 23a is attached. Prospective Contractors interested in adding Service Category 23a must complete and submit the updated form, along with the required narrative described in Section 1.3 Proposer's Minimum Qualifications to:

Stella Krikorian, Administrative Services Manager III
Contracts Development and Administration Division
Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health
550 S. Vermont Ave., 5th Floor, Room 500
Los Angeles, CA  90020

Incomplete forms or forms lacking required documentation will not be considered. No response is required from agencies that are not interested in providing FRCs or do not qualify to provide this new category of service. The County reserves the right to close or cancel its acceptance of responses to the RFSQ in Service Category 23a (or any other Service Category) at any time, with or without notice, and in its sole discretion. Forms received after closure or cancellation will not be considered.

Please also note that agencies can update their previously submitted MHSA SOQ Short Form at any time. All details for RFSQ MHSA Bid #DMH111505B1 and forms are available at the link below:

http://lacdmh.lacounty.gov/ToolsForAdministrators/Agency_Administration/current_open_solicitations.html

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Natalie Mozaryn at (213) 738-2071.

Sincerely,

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Contracts Development and Administration Division
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Attachment (1)
c: Robin Kay, Ph.D. (letter only)
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   Deputy Directors (letter only)
   District Chiefs (letter only)
   James Sokalski (letter only)
   Melodie Larsen (letter only)