

Request For Statement of Qualifications (RFSQ)

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

For detailed information, please refer to:
<http://camisvr.co.la.ca.us/lacobids/BidLookUp/BidDeptLookUpFrm.asp>.

What is the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA)?

The Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) is a new law that became effective January 1, 2005 that will generate new revenue for the expansion of Los Angeles County's mental health system. It will significantly improve the capacity of the system to provide outcomes driven, evidence-based models of care. The Department of Mental Health (DMH) has been working with stakeholders to create a state-of-the-art, culturally competent system that promotes recovery/wellness for adults and older with severe mental illness and resiliency for children with severe mental disorders and their families.

What is a RFSQ?

RFSQ or Request For Statement of Qualifications, is a solicitation document that has been approved by the LA County Board of Supervisors (Board) to solicit contractors who are eligible to provide MHSA services.

What is the timeframe for the RFSQ?

The RFSQ will be an ongoing, rolling process as different MHSA plans are developed by DMH in accordance with State requirements and approved by the State.

How will the RFSQ solicitation process be implemented?

The RFSQ will be implemented in the following two phases:

Phase I: Contractors will submit a Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) based on the RFSQ document's minimum requirements. Contractors who meet the RFSQ minimum requirements will be included in a Master Agreement List of pre-qualified contractors who are eligible to provide the mental health services according to the LA County MHSA Community Services and Support (CSS) Plan. The execution of a Master Agreement does not guarantee a contractor any amount of MHSA funding.

Phase II: DMH will send Requests for Services (RFS) to contractors on the Master Agreement list. There will be several occasions when a RFS will be issued to contractors based on specific Statements of Work (SOW) by service categories and focal age groups.

What should a potential contractor submit to DMH during Phase I?

All potential contractors wishing to be considered for the Master Agreement list must provide DMH with one (1) original Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) and 10 additional copies. In addition, depending on your current status, applicants should adhere to the following guidelines:

Current DMH contractors:

- Submit the SOQ Short Form along with Appendix A, Required Forms 1-12.
- Full Service Partnership (FSP) or Safe Havens Supportive Housing Services applicants must include a two (2) page narrative for each service they intend to provide

New contractors:

- Submit all documents as detailed in Section 2.6, Preparation and Format of the SOQ.

Can my SOQ include services I do not currently provide?

Yes, you can include services that you believe you will have the capacity to perform in the future in addition to the services that you are able to provide now.

What is the due date of the SOQ?

Submitting an SOQ will be an ongoing process and therefore you can submit your SOQ at any time. However, if you want to be included in the initial Master Agreement listing, you must submit a complete SOQ package no later than 5:00 pm on December 30, 2005.

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Can I re-submit my SOQ if I am denied initially?

Yes, DMH recognizes that while you may not be qualified to provide services at this time or during the first round of the selection process because of criteria specifics, you very well may be able to qualify at a later date or when services are requested that are more aligned to those your agency can provide. We strongly encourage all interested parties to submit their SOQs throughout this ongoing process for which ever MHSA Plans they feel they are qualified to deliver.

ADDITIONAL LINKS

Los Angeles County Internal Services Department Vendor Information - <http://isd.co.la.ca.us/scripts/purch.htm>