



Solicitation Information

August 19, 2014

Addendum #1

RFI #7548911

TITLE: Early Childhood Mental Health Consulting (ECMHC) Intervention Supports

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Friday, August 29, 2014 at 2:00 PM (ET)

ATTACHED ARE VENDOR QUESTIONS WITH STATE RESPONSES. NO FURTHER QUESTIONS WILL BE ANSWERED.

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Chief Buyer**

Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation – Intervention Supports 2014– 2015 RFP Questions and Responses

1. **Question:** Is the \$130,000 listed as the award amount designated for each award (should more than one award be granted) or is it the total funding amount available for all awards combined?

Answer: The amount listed in Section 7 of the RFP, \$130,000 per year, is the total FY15 funding amount available.

2. **Question:** What is an eligible early childhood program that applicants can recruit from? Is there a minimum BrightStars rating for child care centers that we can recruit from? Is there a minimum rating for Family Childcare Homes that we can recruit from?
3. **Question:** Will public schools and state funded pre-k classrooms be eligible as recruitment sites?
4. **Question:** Is the requested activity restricted to center-based early care/education settings, or will consultation to home-based providers be included as well?

Answer to Questions 2, 3 and 4: Early childhood program eligibility for ECMHC Intervention Supports should be proposed by the applicant, within the applicant's proposed recruitment and enrollment procedures. Proposed recruitment and enrollment procedures should describe the process by which early childhood programs will be recruited, chosen, or prioritized for ECMHC Intervention Supports. For the purposes of responding to this RFP, applicants should consider all participating BrightStars programs as potentially eligible.

5. **Question:** How will funding be awarded, through cost reimbursement or fee for service?

Answer: Funds will be dispersed through a cost reimbursement process.

6. **Question:** The RFP identifies June, 2015 as the end of the contract period. Will there be additional budget periods after June, 2015? If yes, is there any information on how many years this project might last?

Answer: The RFP, in section 6, identifies the terms of the contract as beginning in July 2014 and ending in June 2015. Subsequent years' activities are dependent on the availability of funding. RIDE retains the option of granting a time extension of up to one year with additional funding if available and if the level of work is expended by mutual consent.

7. **Question:** The budget period (as stated on p. 14) will be a maximum of 10 months. Should the submitted budget be for the yearly maximum of \$130,000 (p. 14), or for a 10-month prorated amount [$\$130,000 \times (10/12) = \$108,333$]?
8. **Question:** For the Child- or Family-Centered Consultation [p. 9], will the consultants (if licensed providers) be allowed to bill health insurance if the activity is otherwise billable?

Answer to Questions 7 and 8: As stated in the RFP, section 4, applicants must submit a cost proposal/budget narrative that describes how the applicant or bidder will effectively and efficiently use the funding from this grant and from additional sources to achieve the outcomes in the RFP. Additionally, applicants or bidders must provide evidence that costs are reasonable and necessary in relation to the objectives, design and significance of the activities described in the proposal.

9. **Question:** Are indirect costs allowed in the budget (there is a line item listed on p. 16)? If yes, is there an upper limit on the percentage?

Answer: Approvable indirect costs are allowed in the budget. RIDE places an upper limit of 10% on indirect costs.