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ADDENDUM # 1

RFI: 7550120

Title: Prevention Task Force Redesign

Bid Closing Date & Time: January 14, 2016 at 10:30 am (ET)

Notice to Vendors

QUESTIONS:

ATTACHED ARE VENDOR QUESTIONS WITH STATE RESPONSES. NO FURTHER QUESTIONS WILL BE ANSWERED WITH EXCEPTION TO QUESTION 9.

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Vendor Questions for RFI 7550120 Prevention Task Force Redesign

Question 1: Could you explain the difference between a Mega Council and a Regional Council?

Answer to question 1:

The mega-coalition will operate more along the lines of prime/lead agency and subcontractors, meaning that the prime/lead agency will be responsible for meeting all contractual requirements for a given geographic area including development of a single program plan for the region based on data collected from local needs assessment. The prime/lead will enter into sub-contracts with member councils and act as the fiduciary agent for member councils who receive SAMHSA Substance Abuse Block Grant funds through BHDDH.

The regional councils will have a more collaborative or collective approach to establishing or regional approaches based on shared vision, need and resources. Each member would retain its individual identity, autonomy in establishing municipal priorities and approaches, and complete a localized planning process that feeds up into a regional plan and approach. There would be a lead entity that would serve as the fiduciary agent and provide programmatic administration/oversight associated with the coordinator of member councils with whom they would have a contractual arrangement.

Question 2: What is the relationship between this project and the Prevention Resource Center (PRC)?

Answer to question 2:

The Prevention Resource Center would remain as the training and technical assistance vendor for prevention providers

Question 3: When do you anticipate the redesign to begin the implementation phase?

Answer to question 3:

Implementation would begin within 120 days (4 months) from the effective date of the contract (EDOC)

Question 4: Do you expect to award additional funding beyond what is currently designated in the Block Grant?

Answer to question 4:No

Question 5: What would be the expectations for the Student Assistance Counselors (SACs) who currently are members of individual coalitions?

Answer to question 5:
Student Assistance Counselors would maintain their current scope of work within the Coastline contract.

Question 6: What would be the implications for coalitions that already receive grant funding designated for a particular geographic area? (ex. Drug Free Communities).

Answer to question 6:

Individual coalitions can opt to retain their individual identity for the purpose of external funding such as Drug Free Communities but join with a mega council or regional council to receive funds administered by BHDDH such as SABG funds.

Question 7: Would the applicant within the regionalization be required to be a 501-c-3?

Answer to question 7: Yes

Question 8: Would funding be required to go through municipalities?

Answer to question 8: No

Question 9: On page 7 in the first paragraph, last sentence, “During the 2008 session, the General Assembly passed legislation amending the RISAPA and allowed the state to establish regional councils.” That is not consistent with my understanding, can you help me find that in the statute? and if not in the statute, how will that work?

Answer to question 9: This question has been sent to BHDDH Legal for clarification. The response will be issued in a separate addendum.

Question 10: What type of funding will be associated with the reorganization of the municipal task forces into a different model?

Answer to question 10: Federal Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant funds would be associated with this reorganization.