

Behavioral Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission

RFP BHSSA-Evaluation-002

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	RFP Section Reference	Question	Commission Response
1.	7. B. 2. (Minimum Qualification)	Can a County Office of Education fulfill this requirement to demonstrate that it is able to do business in California via the submission its Federal Tax Identification Number?	A FEIN would be acceptable for a County Office of Education.
2.	Purpose	Is there flexibility in the selection of six LEAs with three school sites? We are a county that has several small school districts (14 out of 20 LEAs serve fewer than 2,500 students) that have only one or two school sites. An accommodation of a minimum of six participating LEAs and 18 total school sites could be achieved without disproportionately excluding smaller LEAs that could benefit from participating in the grant.	The requirements for this RFP will not be changed.
3.	Exhibit D Budget and Narrative	In the footnote, “* administrative expenses may not exceed 15% of the total contract,” what do administrative expenses include? Does this refer to and/or include an indirect rate?	Administration expenses are any cost that does not directly support the program. This can include an organization’s normal operating expenses and support staff, that are not directly part of the proposed program. The Commission does not refer to this as the Indirect Rate in order to avoid confusion with the Federal Indirect Cost Rate.

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4.	General	Required Proposal Format Is there a page limit and/or any other specification (e.g., font, page limit, etc.) specific to the length of the proposal?	There is no page limit or other specifications except for Section 8.A. Proposer Admonishment which states, "Proposals are to be prepared in such a way as to provide a straightforward, concise explanation of capabilities to satisfy the requirements of this RFP. Colored displays, promotional materials, etc., are not necessary or desired. Emphasis should be concentrated on conformance to the RFP instructions, responsiveness to the RFP requirements, and on completeness and clarity of content. The use of hyperlinks or references to other websites will not be considered in the review of the proposals. All information needs to be included in the proposal in order to be considered for review and evaluation.
5.	Scope of Work	Is the contractor expected to co-develop a BHPM software tool that will be utilized by the LEAs participating in the initiative?	The contractor is expected to support the LEA and schools in identifying data collection and reporting options that will not levy a financial burden on schools or LEAs. The solution will depend on the existing tools and resources available for each school and LEA. The contractor is expected to support in the development or augmentation of the selected tool.
6.	General	If BHPM partners in small counties participate through a regional model, with neighboring counties splitting incentive funds equally between participating LEAs, is there any specific configuration required and is there a specific definition for "neighboring"?	The configuration is open as to the number of counties; however, each LEA must still have 3 schools. Neighboring counties should be in geographic proximity to one another.

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7.	General	Is there any requirement for developing an electronic system for the BHPM?	The contractor is expected to support the LEA and schools in identifying data collection and reporting options that will not levy a financial burden on schools or LEAs. The solution will depend on the existing tools and resources available for each school and LEA. The contractor is expected to support in the development or augmentation of the selected tool.
8.	General	Is the \$120,000 for participating LEAs per year or the life of the grant?	The \$120,000 is for the life of the grant.
9.	General	Does the \$120,000 for participating LEAs come out of the grant provided under this RFP or are these funded through another funding source?	All LEA incentives are to be paid out of the \$9,000,000 contract.
10.	General	Is there any overlap between this grant and the TTA done by the Data TCT from Tehama County in BHSSA 003?	There is no overlap and all entities that meet eligibility are welcome to apply.
11.	General	Are there any restrictions for eligibility for existing grantees or contractors? For example, could a TCT apply, what about WestEd or CARS?	All entities that meet eligibility are welcome to apply.
12.	5. SCOPE OF WORK 1. GOALS OBJECTIVES	Can we have a different configuration besides 6 LEAs, 3 schools in each?	A different configuration will not be allowed. The requirements for this RFP will not be changed
13.	General	Are there a specific number of grantees to be awarded? If so, how many?	One contract for \$9,000,000 is available for this RFP. See Addendum 1 for clarification

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14.	General	The RFP notes there is 9,000,000 in funding, is this to be split among all the awardees?	One contract for \$9,000,000 is available for this RFP. See Addendum 1 for clarification
15.	General	What is the max amount of funding to be awarded to a grantee?	One contract for \$9,000,000 is available for this RFP. See Addendum 1 for clarification
16.	General	On page 5/6, when referencing the goal is to recruit a minimum of 6 LEAs for the provision of behavioral health services and supports in 3 BHSSA funded schools, are the “BHSSA funded schools” schools that have received services through one of the four grant phases? (Not all schools in our county opted in to participate in BHSSA funded services).	All schools recruited to participate must be recipients of BHSSA funding.
17.	Appendix 2 (page 79)	Appendix 2 (page 79) lists the due date for Deliverable 6 (Final Report) as April 6, 2029. The Scope of Work summary (page 12) states the project activities and the final report are due April 2028. Could the Commission clarify the correct final deadline and the total duration of the contract?	The date has been corrected to April 6, 2028.

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18.	Contractor Responsibilities (page 8)	The RFP states that lead LEA partners will receive a \$120,000 financial incentive for participation. Is this \$120,000 per LEA (totaling \$720,000 for six LEAs) expected to be paid out of the Contractor's \$9,000,000 total award, or will these funds be distributed directly by the Commission to the LEAs outside of the Contractor's budget? If the incentive is to be paid by the Contractor, should these costs be included in the Cost Sheet (Attachment 6)? I see that the LEA Incentive is included as a line item in Exhibit D (Budget and Narrative)	All LEA incentives are to be paid out of the \$9,000,000 contract. See Addendum 1 for the inclusion of the LEA Incentive line item on the Cost Sheet.