

Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission
RFP Stakeholder Immigrant and Refugee I-R_003
State-Level Advocacy Contractor
Questions and Answers 2

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	RFP Section Reference	Question	MHSOAC Response
1	General	Can a bidder for a local contract also be a subcontractor for the state contract?	Yes
2	III.B.2.b	Must this be places where employees are physically located or does it include places where we have volunteers, members, and partners? If we have remote employees located in these areas, does that count as maintaining a local presence, even if there is no physical office in that location?	This refers to where the organization is located. Volunteers, members, and remote employees are not included. A Partner may be included if they are an organization that is partnering with your organization to provide the services required under this RFP and are listed in the proposal.
3	III.B.7.	What level of engagement constitutes "provide support to wherever the Local Program Contractors are located (58 California counties) In-Person"? Would having staff in the same geographic region be sufficient? (e.g. staff in Los Angeles could travel to San Bernardino to provide in-person support)	Having staff in the same geographic region who can travel to the other county to provide a service would count
4	III.B.8	Do we need to list each county and describe how we would provide in-person or remote support or provide general information on how in-person or remote services would be provided?	Please provide enough information for the Commission to understand how you would support each county. Each county can be listed individually, in a group, or some other manner as long as it is clear and consistent with the response to III.B.7.
5	IV.A.4-6	Will the MHSOAC contractually require local program contractors to collaborate as necessary with the State Advocacy contractor to fulfill the State Advocacy contract requirements?	Yes. The Local Program Contractor RFP requires that they work with the State-Level Advocacy Contractor

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6	IV.A.8	Would MHSOAC reconsider the requirement that services be provided only for the 5 local contractors? There is a significant benefit to be derived from learning from other organizations doing similar work through training and convening opportunities.	The Commission understands the comment, but will not change this requirement, since it is tied to the Local Program Contractor RFP. The winning State-Level Advocacy contractor may work with other local contractors, but this additional work will not be funded through this contract
7	VI.	If a proposer worked with a state agency to provide advocacy support outside of a contract (unpaid or privately funded), may the proposer include that agency as a reference? If proposal includes subcontractors, can references attest to their work or should both references be for the proposer?	The references required are only for the Proposer
8	IX.A. Calculations - 2	Formula appears to have an error compared to the example. Formula states "Total points available for B.5.a + Total points available for B.4.b ". Is this meant to instead be "Total points available for B.5.a + Total points available for B.5.b "	You are correct. Please see Addendum 2 for correction
9	IX.B.	May the proposer add subcontractors after the contract is awarded, with the approval of the MHSOAC and as long as the proposer maintains control and responsibility for all activities? Or must all subcontractors be specified in the proposal?	This question is outside the scope of the procurement. Any changes made after contract award need to be approved by the Commission.

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10	VI.	It is very rare for state departments or agencies to issue contracts that support state-level advocacy. Would the OAC consider revising the reference requirements to allow from references from non-state department entities (such as foundations) that have funded the proposer to conduct state-level advocacy for immigrants and refugees and/or from state departments who have worked with the proposer on policy issues related to immigrants and refugees without a contract?	Please see Addendum 2
11	Attachment 8	Reference worksheet states "Must be related to providing <i>local</i> advocacy for the identified population" - is this an error and meant to be state advocacy?	Please see Addendum 2. Changed "local" to "state"