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Reply To: (213) 738-4684
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May 12, 2010

Dear Prospective Proposer:

**REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF INTEREST FOR
SITING NEW MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS OR FACILITIES
UNDER THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT
(BID #DMH051210B1)**

The County of Los Angeles Department of Mental Health (DMH) is seeking to identify interest from individuals and agencies willing and qualified to provide consultation and/or training to DMH and to DMH-contracted mental health provider agencies desiring to site new mental health programs or facilities in Los Angeles County under the Mental Health Service Act (MHSA).

If you previously responded successfully to Request for Services for "Siting New Mental Health Programs or Facilities (BID #DMH093008B1)", you do not have to respond to this request.

Siting problems have been a long-standing barrier and deterrent to establishing new community programs, facilities and supportive housing projects that serve individuals with mental illness. Los Angeles County MHSA stakeholders recognized in the MHSA Community Services and Supports Plan (CSS) planning process that barriers to siting new programs, such as Wellness Centers and affordable housing projects, could negatively impact the implementation of the MHSA CSS Plan. Funding was consequently earmarked in the MHSA CSS Plan to provide consultation and training to mental health service providers and housing developers to avoid or minimize potential difficulties they may encounter within their communities as they begin to site new programs.

Consequently, DMH is seeking to identify qualified individuals and with specific expertise in one or more of the following areas: developing affordable housing, public relations, fair housing laws, financing and/or working with local municipalities on zoning and land use issues, who provide siting consultation and/or training.

As a result of this Request For Statement of Interest (RFSI), DMH may select, at its sole option, one or more prospective consultants/trainers to enter into contract negotiations. The RFSI does not commit Los Angeles County (County) to contract with respondent for any service whatsoever. The County will not pay for any information or administrative cost incurred in response to this RFSI. The County will not guarantee a contracted individual or entity a specific project or a specific funding amount.

As DMH receives requests for siting assistance, DMH will develop a more detailed statement of the specific services required. Based upon information received in response to this RFSI and any additional information that DMH may choose to gather from respondents either orally, or through optional interviews, or in writing, DMH will review the responses received and identify those prospective consultants/trainers suitable for further discussion. DMH may select, at its sole option, one or more prospective consultants/trainers to negotiate a contract for the required siting services.

It is the intent of this RFSI process to give DMH maximum flexibility in securing siting services. DMH reserves the right to consider all interested respondents in a comprehensive manner that will enable DMH or its contracted providers to best overcome the barriers and deterrents to siting mental health programs and facilities to serve the need of individuals with mental illness.

Any contracted awarded as result of this RFSI must be compliant with the County's standard terms and conditions. County will not reimburse contractor for any services whatsoever absent a fully executed contract, detailing the specific project. The County will reimburse the consultant/trainer selected for each project in accordance with the rates negotiated and established in their individual negotiated contract. Projects will vary in length, time and intensity. Each project will be limited to a maximum of \$10,000.

To respond to this RFSI for siting consultation/training, complete the attached Questionnaire and send it, with accompanying materials, to:

**Department of Mental Health
Contracts Development and Administration Division
550 South Vermont Avenue, 5th Floor, Room 500
Los Angeles, CA 90020
Attn: Richard Kushi, Chief**

The RFSI is an ongoing process. Responses will be accepted beginning on May 12, 2010, and continue through June 30, 2012.

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If you have any questions, please contact Lise Ruiz, Program Manger, Countywide Housing, Employment and Education Resource Development at (213) 251-6579.

Thank you for your interest in contracting with the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health.

Sincerely,



Richard Kushi
Contracts Development and Administration Division

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Attachment

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