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Request for Proposal To Qualified Providers

Project Type: BCBA to provide Behavioral Instructional Services (BIS)

Deadline for Submission: Until filled

Description of Proposal: Valley Mountain Regional Center has the immediate need for a Board-Certified Behavior Analysis (BCBA) to provide Behavioral Instructional Services (BIS) to serve children, adolescence and adults in San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Amador, Calaveras, and Tuolumne counties. Applicant is encouraged to submit a Vendor Request (sole proprietors), or a Letter of Intent (agency applicant), to VMRC's Resource Development Manager-Clinical Services.

Definition of Service Code: Behavioral Instructional Specialist (BIS) providers utilize the Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) interventions intended to reduce, eliminate, or prevent the future occurrence of severe problem behaviors. Examples of these behaviors include, but are not limited to, severe tantrums, aggression, self-injury, and property destruction. This service is a trainer-to-trainer model working with parent(s), or caregiver(s) with the necessary training and intervention strategies to manage and modify these severe behaviors, while teaching functionally related replacement skills. BIS services are provided in the consumer's natural environment.

Rates for this service are established using Standard Medi-Cal Allowance/ Service Code 612.

Agency Overview: Valley Mountain Regional Center (VMRC) is a private, non-profit organization working under contract with the State of California, Department of Developmental Services. VMRC provides services to persons age birth to three, who are at-risk of developing a developmental disability, and three years and older, who have a developmental disability.

Valley Mountain Regional Center creates partnerships to support all eligible individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities, children at risk, and their families in choosing services and supports through individual lifelong planning to achieve healthy and productive lives in their own communities. VMRC envisions a community where individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities are valued members who are treated with dignity and respect. Please visit our website, <https://www.vmrc.net/> for more information about our organization.

Eligibility of Applicants (either sole proprietors or agencies): Behavior Analyst must be fully recognized by the National Behavior Analyst Certification Board as a Board-Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA). An individual or a group practice/agency may submit proposals. A BCBA may be a vendor if they currently work for an Agency that is also a VMRC Vendor. Applicants must be able to provide relevant licenses, certifications and/or credentials as required by the State of California to practice in the field being offered. In addition to provision of valid certificates, the applicant shall have at a *minimum, one year of experience working with persons with developmental disabilities.*

Criteria for Selection: All applications submitted that meet the minimum eligibility requirements shall be considered for vendorization. All applicants must Be eligible for vendorization. More Information about vendorization may be found on DDS's website at <https://www.dds.ca.gov/rc/vendor-provider/vendorization-process/> under "Vendorization Process" or under California Code of Regulations, Title 17, and Sections 54310 through 54390, vendor application requirements; Sections 58500 to 58570, Transportation Services; and Sections 54342(a)(81) and (84).

Reservation of Rights: VMRC reserves the right to select a provider for the services described in this Request for Proposal without further negotiations. VMRC may, at its sole discretion, select no applicant for these services if, in its determination, no applicant is sufficiently responsive to the need.

Costs for Proposal Submission: Applicants responding to this Request for Proposal shall bear all costs associated with the development and submission of their RFP Application Packet. No costs shall be charged to VMRC, the Department of Developmental Services, or the State of California.

Equity and Diversity in Request for Proposals An RFP prepared by Valley Mountain Regional Center to develop or provide consumer services and supports shall include a section on issues of equity and diversity. The section on equity and diversity shall not be limited to all of the following information.

- A statement outlining the applicant's plan to serve diverse populations, including, but not limited to, culturally and linguistically diverse populations.
- Examples of the applicant's commitment to addressing the needs of those diverse populations; and
- Any additional information that the applicant deems relevant to issues of equity and diversity.

Interested Parties: Interested parties should contact Libby Contreras, Community Services Manager– Clinical Services. lcontreras@vmrc.net - or- (209) 955-3348

Deadline: This is a continuous proposal to fulfill agency's unmet needs.

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