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Psychiatric Service – Western NY DDSOO – IFB WN 022224

Questions and Answers:

Below is a compilation of the questions received for this bid. Questions that were repeated, or of a recurring nature, were consolidated. Thank you very much for your interest.

- Question:** Who served as the vendor for this project in the current/previous period?

Answer: IFB is for services in addition to any services currently being provided and is not a replacement.
- Question:** What was the cost proposed by the current/previous vendor for this project?

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- Question:** Is there an option to submit the candidate's photo ID and documents after the vendor has been selected?

Answer: All required documents must be submitted by the proposal due date. Failure to submit the forms as specified in the IFB will result in the bid being disqualified.
- Question:** Tandym Group is a staffing company that staff contract psychiatrist and psychiatric Nurse Practitioners. Is OPWDD considering bids from staffing companies for this need?

Answer: Anyone (individual or agency placement) that can meet the qualifications, submission requirements, and duties listed in this Invitation for Bid for these services can submit a bid that could result in an approved contract. Please note that OPWDD is not looking for temporary services. OPWDD is looking for a qualified treatment provider who can commit to the full term of the contract.
- Question:** How many vendors received this RFP?

Answer: IFB WN 022224 was advertised on the NYS Contract Reporter website. It is unknown how many vendors viewed or downloaded the documents.
- Question:** Why is the contract out for bid? Is it required to be put out for bid?

Answer: OPWDD is in need of psychiatric services and does not have staff available or qualified to provide these services. NYS procurement law dictates which procurements are released for bid.
- Question:** Is OPWDD satisfied with the current provider (s) of services?

Answer: Yes

8. **Question:** What was the spend on this contract in in 2021, 2022 and 2023?

Answer: This procurement is in a restrictive period, such record will not be provided, and are exempt from FOIL until the contract(s) resulting from this IFB are fully executed.

9. **Question:** What was the previous price that OPWDD was charged for this service?

Answer: IFB is for services in addition to any services currently being provided and is not a replacement.

10. **Question:** Is this RFP seeking new firms to add on to the current vendor panel or bring in completely new vendors?

Answer: This procurement is open to all bidders meeting the IFB requirements, specifically those detailed in the Scope of Work.

11. **Question:** What is the onboarding process and how long does it take?

Answer: The onboarding process requires enrollment in Medicare and Medicaid which can take time. They also require training and enrollment in EHR, OPWDD e-mail access and background checks. To prescribe narcotics, they need a DEA number which has been completed by the supervising physician's office. Onboarding can take between 1-3 months.

12. **Question:** How many clients will the provider care for in their caseload?

Answer: The caseload may vary depending upon a variety of factors such as service provider availability and incoming referrals received.

Respectfully,



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