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Request for Proposal To Qualified Providers

Project Type: *Early Start Autism Intervention Programs (ESAIP)*

Deadline for Submission: *Until filled*

Description of Project:

Valley Mountain Regional Center has the immediate need for Early Start Autism Intervention Programs to service Early Start consumers in Amador, Calaveras, Tuolumne, San Joaquin, and Stanislaus counties. Early Start program serves infants and toddlers from birth to three years of age.

ESAIP programs provide 1:1 intervention based on Applied Behavior Analysis intervention strategies targeting all developmental domains. Parent training and participation is a required component of sessions. "Vendor provides behavior intervention services to include the use of behavior intervention programs, development of programs to improve the recipient's development, behavior tracking and analysis, and the fading of any intrusive intervention measures."-Service Code 048 description. See DDS website for further description. Program must also have speech therapy consultation available. ESAIP services are provided in the infant/toddler's natural environment, whenever possible.

Rates for this service are established using Standard Medi-Cal Allowance/ Service Code 048.

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, DDS for our services. www.dds.ca.gov [Early Start Information Page at DDS](#)

Eligibility of Applicants (either sole proprietors or agencies):

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. Applicant will also be required to outline their plan to serve diverse populations, including, but not limited to, culturally and linguistically diverse populations, as well as give examples of their commitment to addressing the needs of those diverse populations. In addition to provision of valid certificate, 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. More Information about vendorization may be found on DDS' 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 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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