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**Request for Proposal/Letter of Intent
To
Qualified Providers**

Project Type: **Functional Vision Specialist**
Early Start Specialized Therapeutic Services

Service Code: 116
Deadline for Submission: **Until filled**

Description of Project:

Valley Mountain Regional Center has the immediate need for a Functional Vision Specialist to provide functional vision assessments to Early Start consumers (birth-3 years of age), who have a developmental disability or is at risk of having a developmental disability. The service is an area of need in any of VMRC counties: Amador, Calaveras, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and/or Tuolumne.

The Functional Vision Specialist would be expected to provide assessments of the visual functioning of children receiving Early Start services. The specialist will use this assessment to assist the Individual Family Service Planning Team in understanding the child’s vision related concerns and in formulating a comprehensive developmental program addressing each child’s vision challenges. The Functional Vision Specialist must be willing to provide timely, accurate reports. Early Start services are provided in the child’s natural environment.

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):

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, including vision impairment specialist credential. 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 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. 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, Resource Development Manager-Clinical Services. lcontreras@vmrc.net -OR- (209) 955-3348

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