

RFP #A9013

DD Counseling

I. Introduction and Background

The purpose of this document is to provide interested parties with information to enable them to prepare and submit a proposal and to inform them of basic requirements that the County uses as part of its standard contract process. *Your proposal should include the completed City-County Consolidated Application or County Short Form Application and information requested in Section III below.*

Standard contract requirements concerning Affirmative Action, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the County's Living Wage ordinance, contract termination and modification, etc. are included in the County's boilerplate contract. This contract is subject to change. For further information you can view a copy of the contract on our website at:
<http://www.danecountyhumanservices.org/becomeprovider.htm>

Contracts with the Department of Human Services limit administrative costs/expenses to a 15% ceiling.

II. Scope of the Project:

A. Project Description:

The provision of outpatient, community based, treatment oriented services to consumers with developmental disabilities experiencing a personal, social, behavioral, mental health, alcohol or drug abuse disorder who require intervention in order to maintain and improve effective functioning.

B. Objectives:

To provide specialized counseling and access to psychiatric services for children, adolescents, and adults with developmental disabilities.

C. Needs/Expectations:

The successful bidder will:

- Provide specialized counseling services for children, adolescents and adults with developmental disabilities.
- Have a strong understanding of therapeutic approaches, treatment and support strategies for people with developmental disabilities and a concurrent Axis I, Axis II mental health diagnosis and/or substance abuse issues.
- Adapt therapeutic approaches, treatment and support strategies to meet the needs of individuals with cognitive disabilities
- Provide access to psychiatric services for children, adolescents and adults with developmental disabilities.
- Provide counseling and psychiatric services within the context of a community based support team which may include family members, schools, a support broker or county case manager, supported living and vocational providers.
- Communicate clearly with and assist support teams in understanding consumers' mental health diagnosis and mental health treatment.

D. Current Operations:

The Mental Health Center of Dane County (MHC) currently provides this program.

The MHC employs 1 FTE Mental Health Specialist, of which the County funds .42 FTE. Dane County also funds .10 FTE of support staff. In 2007, MHC provided 59 individuals 686.5 hours of direct counseling support.

E. Maximum funding available for this project is \$41,625.

The County reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to negotiate the terms of the contract, including the award amount, with the selected proposer prior to entering into a contract. If contract negotiations cannot be concluded successfully with the highest scoring proposer, the County may negotiate a contract with the next highest scoring proposer.

III. Request for Information in addition to the Application form (required):

A. New applicants to a program are required to submit 3 references. References should be specific to the service offered. References should be from agencies you have done business with or those with whom you have collaborated.

B. Collaborative Relationships: Describe any significant collaboration with other agencies/institutions that routinely contribute to your program's success. Include agencies that formally refer clients, provide complementary services or with which you have contractual agreements or share resources.

C. Quality Assurance and Improvement: What mechanisms or processes are you using to assure the achievement of the outcomes you have identified under "Program Activities"?

D. Additional pages: The proposer may use up to 5 additional pages for the program description, program activities and experience and qualifications.

IV. Evaluation Criteria. Scoring from the consolidated application is as follows:

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| Program Activities (Consolidated Application, Program Description, p. 3, E. or County Short Form Application, p. 2) | 45% |
| Quality assurance and quality improvement practices (RFP Section III. C.) | 20% |
| Experience and qualifications (Consolidated Application, Organizational Profile, p. 1 or County Short Form Application, p. 4) | 25% |
| Program budget (Consolidated Application or County Short Form Application, Appendix A.) | 10% |

V. Contact Information: Please register your interest in this proposal with the contact person below. This will facilitate any additional information sharing with all interested parties. For clarifications or questions concerning this application, this is your contact.

Contact: Dan R. Rossiter
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VI. Timeline

Consolidated Application Workshop and date of issue of the application:

May 1, 2008
2:00 PM to 3:15 PM
Warner Park Community Center
1625 Northport Drive

May 2, 2008
9:00 AM to 10:15 AM
Madison Senior Center
330 W. Mifflin Street

Application due from vendors: June 6, 2008, 12 noon
Notification of intent to award (est.): July 30, 2008

Your completed proposal should include the following:

- 1) A completed County Short Form application
- 2) Additional information requested in Section III above.

Submit your completed proposal to:
Dane County Human Services
Attn: RFP #A9013
1202 Northport Drive
Madison, Wisconsin 53704

Proposals are due no later than June 6, 2008, 12 noon.