



September 24, 2015

Request For Applications (RFA)

NY START - Region 4 Implementation

The New York State Office for People With Developmental Disabilities (“OPWDD”) is continuing its implementation of a statewide, community based crisis service system for individuals with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) and behavioral health care needs, and is now soliciting applications from non-profit organizations authorized to do business in New York State to serve as providers of NY START Services in OPWDD’s Developmental Disabilities Regional Office 4.

The primary goals of the NY START program are to develop clinical linkage agreements between the NY START program and I/DD and mental health agencies and providers for the provision of crisis prevention and response services; and, to develop site-based and in-home therapeutic respite services for planned and emergency use.

This RFA process will result in two independent grant contracts between the successful applicants and OPWDD for the performance of the services described in this RFA. Successful applicants will be awarded a contract for either Team 1 (Brooklyn/Staten Island) or Team 2 (Bronx/Manhattan/Queens). These NY START teams will provide crisis prevention and response services to individuals with I/DD and co-occurring mental health and/or behavioral problems within their respective areas of operation.

The contract(s) will be effective 1/1/2016 for a period of three years with an option for one additional two- year period.

The bid package is available for download:

http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/opwdd_resources/procurement_opportunities.

Applications are due within the Grants Gateway by Monday, October, 2015, 3:00 P.M. The opening will be at 3:01 P.M. that day. Mailed, e-mailed or faxed bids will not be accepted. Please note that the original RFA released on August 17, 2015 was modified on September 24, 2015 to change the application due date from Monday, September 28, 2015 to Monday, October 5, 2015. The official questions and answers to the RFA clarify area(s) of the RFA revised.

Questions related to this RFA must be submitted via e-mail to one of the following designated contacts by Friday, September 11, 2015 and cite the particular RFA section:

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There will be a Mandatory Applicant's Conference on Friday, September 18, 2015, where these and any additional questions will be answered. Answers to all questions of a substantive nature will be in the form of a formal addendum which will become part of the ensuing contract(s). This document will be published on the OPWDD website at http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/opwdd_resources/procurement_opportunities at the conclusion of the question and answer period.

If you would like a paper copy mailed to you, or if you have questions relative to the application package, please call the Contract Management Unit at (518) 474-5513 or email us at amanda.s.mitchell@opwdd.ny.gov.