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

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

Deadline for Submission: **April 30, 2021**

Description of Project:

Valley Mountain Regional Center has the immediate need for Early Start Autism Intervention Programs to serve Early Start consumers in Amador, Calaveras, San Joaquin and Tuolumne counties.

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. Programs must also have speech therapy consultation available should related consumer needs or concerns arise.

Interested parties are invited to submit an application packet for the development and operation of the proposed project to VMRC by **April 30, 2021**.

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 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.

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.

Interested Parties:

Interested parties should contact Jason Toepel, Community Services Manager, for more information and appropriate forms.

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Deadline:

RFP Application Packets must be received no later than **April 30, 2021 at 5:00 P.M.** RFP Application Packets will be stamped with the date and time of receipt. RFP Application Packets with time/date stamps and postmarks after **April 30, 2021 at 5:00 P.M.** will not be accepted and will be returned to the applicant.