

Request for Proposal

**DRUG AND ALCOHOL SERVICES FUND
CATEGORICAL & SPECIALIZED SERVICES**

LUZERNE-WYOMING COUNTIES DRUG & ALCOHOL PROGRAM

**LUZERNE COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA
Fiscal Year 2010/2011**

DUE DATE: May 19, 2010

**Luzerne-Wyoming Counties Drug & Alcohol Program
Penn Place Building, Suite 218
20 N. Pennsylvania Avenue
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702**

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LUZERNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

I. INTRODUCTION

A. General Information

1. Notice of Invitation – The Luzerne-Wyoming Counties Drug & Alcohol Program invites qualified agencies to submit a proposal to provide one or more of the following programs as part of the Drug, Alcohol Funding for the fiscal year 2010/2011.

Drug & Alcohol Services
Ambulance Transportation
Case Management – Assessment

There is no expressed or implied obligation for the Drug & Alcohol Program to reimburse responding agencies for any expenses incurred in preparing proposals in response to this request.

2. Proposal Submission.

Prospective agencies should submit detailed proposals on or before May 19, 2010 at 4:00 PM. Proposal cover letters should designate who can answer questions concerning the submitted proposals. An officer empowered to bind the agency submitting the proposal must sign the proposal.

Proposals should be mailed or delivered to:

Attention: Michael Donahue, D. & A. Administrator
Luzerne-Wyoming Counties Drug & Alcohol Program
Penn Place Building, Suite 218
20 North Pennsylvania Avenue
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702

3. Proposal Format. One original and four copies of each proposal should be submitted in the format outlined in Section III, "Proposal Document Instructions."
4. Questions: Any questions should be directed to Michael Donahue, at (570)826-8790.
5. Contract Terms. The proposal should be as defined in Section III, "Proposal Document Instructions."

The contracting agency agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the County, its agents, officials and employees against any and all claims arising out of the performance or nonperformance of this agreement.

By responding to the request for proposal, the agency is agreeing to the terms, conditions and requirements set forth herein, unless expressly noted in writing in the written submission.

Schedule of key dates:

- a. May 19, 2010 Submit proposals by 4:00 PM.
 Envelopes should be marked; ``**SEALED PROPOSALS DO NOT OPEN.**''
- b. June 16, 2010 Selection and Commissioners' approval.
- c. July 1, 2010 Begin provision of service

B. Evaluation and Selection of Proposals

The County will perform the evaluation of proposals in accordance with the criteria set forth at Appendix A. The following criteria will also be considered in the evaluation:

1. History of provision of same or comparable service
2. The agency has no conflicts of interest with regard to any other work performed for the County

3. The agency adheres to the instructions in this request for proposal on preparing and submitting the proposal
4. The quality of the agency's professional personnel to be assigned to the program and the quality of the agency's management support personnel to be available for consultation
5. Expertise with similar federal and/or state financial awards
6. Other criteria as deemed prudent

The County reserves the right to retain all proposals submitted and use any idea in a proposal regardless of whether that proposal is selected.

C. Subcontracting

Agencies are not permitted to subcontract or assign any part of the work covered under the scope of the agreement without prior written consent of Drug and Alcohol.

D. Minority and women-owned businesses are encouraged to apply.

II. NATURE OF SERVICES REQUIRED

A. Scope of Work

The agency will provide and assume responsibility for the implementation of the program described in the service definition and the description in the Drug and Alcohol "Program Funding Request". The agency shall perform all services and work committed in a satisfactory manner as determined by the County and Drug and Alcohol.

B. Standards to be followed

To meet the requirements of this request for proposals, the following shall be performed:

1. The agency will use the funds in the manner set forth in the Program Budget Amendments may be made with permission from Drug and Alcohol.
2. The agency agrees to develop program outcome measures and to collect data as outlined in Program Outcomes.

3. The Agency agrees to follow the auditing standards set forth by the Department of Public Welfare in response to the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996, June 1997, and June 2003 revisions of the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations.
4. The agency agrees to perform all obligations in accordance with all State and Federal rules and regulations including but not limited to: Equal Employment Opportunity, Affirmative Action Employment Plan, the client's civil and legal rights, and licensing and other quality of service standards.

C. Reports to be issued

The following reports are required to be issued in a timely manner:

1. The Agency's financial audit as guided by the above standards including, if applicable, Pennsylvania DPW Single Audit Supplement subject to the application of Agreed-Upon Procedures.
2. Detailed invoices of actual expenditures for the prior month including an unduplicated count of clients served year to date.
3. Submission of final program outcomes.

All reports are to be delivered to the Agency.

C. Record Retention and Access

All records and reports must be retained for a minimum of four (4) years, or until completion of an audit for compliance begun but not completed at the end of the 4 years specified above, or until all audit findings not resolved at the end of 4 years are resolved. The agency will be required to make all records available to the following parties or their designees:

1. Luzerne County
2. Pennsylvania DPW
3. Inspectors General
4. Parties designated by the federal or state governments or by the agency as part of an audit quality review process.
5. Auditors of entities of which the County is a sub-recipient of grant funds.

The agency agrees to permit the County or authorized State representative to monitor and evaluate the terms of this agreement and services provided.

Programmatic monitoring and evaluation shall include statistical review of Required reports, on-site review of client files, and adherence to reporting requirements.

III. PROPOSAL DOCUMENT INSTRUCTIONS

A. General Requirements

Proposals should include the following:

1. Drug and Alcohol Program Funding Request
2. Program Outcomes
3. Program Budget

B. Body of Proposal

The proposal should also include the agency's qualifications, competence, and capacity to undertake the requirements of this request for proposal. Qualifications should demonstrate the ability of the agency and of the particular staff to be assigned to this program.

The proposal should address all the points outlined in the request for proposal. The proposal should be prepared simply and economically, providing a straightforward, concise description of the agency's capabilities to satisfy the requirements of the request for proposal.

IV. SPECIAL PROGRAMS

A. Prerogatives

Drug & Alcohol reserves the following prerogatives.

1. To reject any or all proposals.
2. To terminate the contract following 30 days written notification to the agency.

B. Contract Period

The contract shall begin July 1, 2010 and end June 30, 2011.

C. Payment

Payment for services rendered based upon receipt of an itemized statement from the agency for actual expenditures for the prior month.

D. Ownership

All proposals and reports become the property of Luzerne County upon submission, for use as deemed appropriate.

E. Confidentiality

All proposals will be kept in strict confidence by the Commissioner's Office and Drug and Alcohol.

After determining that a proposal satisfies the mandatory requirements stated in the request for proposal, the comparative assessment of the relative benefits and deficiencies of the proposal in relationship to published evaluation criteria shall be made by using subjective judgment. The award of a contract resulting from this request shall be based on the best proposal received in accordance with the evaluation criteria stated below:

After an initial screening process of the RFP, a technical question-and-answer conference or interview may be conducted, if deemed necessary by Drug and Alcohol to clarify or verify the agency's proposal and to develop a comprehensive assessment of the service.

Luzerne County reserves the right to consider historic information and fact, whether gained from the agency's proposal, question-and-answer conferences, references or any other source, in the evaluation process.

The agency is cautioned that it is the agency's sole responsibility to submit information related to the evaluation categories and that Luzerne County is under no obligation to solicit such information if it is not included with the agency's proposal. Failure of the agency to submit such information may cause an adverse impact on the evaluation of the agency's proposal.

PROPOSAL EVALUATION CRITERIA AND RATING

	<u>POINT VALUE</u>
1. Soundness of Approach	0 – 35
a. Project description	
b. Description of target population	
c. Statement of need	
d. Project outcomes	
e. Potential for success	
2. Overall Qualifications of the agency	0 – 25
a. Experience with this service	
b. Experience working with proposed population	
c. Experience coordinating community resources	
3. Qualifications of Individuals performing the service	0 – 10
4. Budget	0 – 30
a. Overall analysis of budget	