



February 14, 2023

Subject: Addendum 1 to RFA – SETT 23001 Comprehensive Low-Threshold Buprenorphine

Dear Providers:

Reference is made to the Request for Applications (RFA) – SETT 23001 Comprehensive Low-Threshold Buprenorphine Services dated January 20, 2023. The following modifications to the RFA are being made:

- 1. The expected Timetable for Key Events is replaced in its entirety with the following,

Table with 3 columns: Event, DATE, TIME. Rows include RFA Release Date, Bidders Conference, Deadline for Submission of Applicant's Inquiries, Anticipated Release of Inquiries & Answers by OASAS, Application Submission Due Date and Time, and Anticipated Notification of Award.

- 2. Section 1.3 Eligible Applicants is modified to include Local Governmental Units (LGU) as an eligible applicant and clarify that the DEA Registration # is related to a prescriber within the applicant organization.

Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants are a non-profit or governmental entity that meets one of the following criteria:

- 1. Operate OASAS-certified, funded, or otherwise authorized SUD treatment programs
2. Operate OMH-licensed mental health services programs
3. DOH certified Hospitals
4. Syringe Services Programs (SSP)
5. Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC)

In addition, Eligible applicants must meet all of the following:

- Have a NYS licensed provider (APN, MD/DO, PA)
- **Have a prescriber, within the applicant organization, who has a federal DEA registration at the time of application submittal**

Applicants are advised that OASAS may not fund an application where the applicant is an OASAS-certified treatment provider that is not in good standing at the time an award is made.

3. Modify Section 4 A.1 to clarify the DEA registration number requirement.

1. Proposal Cover Letter – A cover letter will transmit the application to OASAS. It should:

- Be completed, signed, and dated by an authorized representative of the Applicant
- Include the Applicant's designated contact name, phone number, e-mail and physical address
- Include the ESD Region within which the program resides <https://esd.ny.gov/regions>.
- Detail how the applicant meets the eligibility requirements of this solicitation presented in Section 1.3, including:
 - Identification of Eligible Applicant type
 - OASAS Provider Number or OMH Article 31 License Number, if applicable
 - NYS licensed provider (APN, MD/DO, PA) number
 - **Name, federal DEA registration number and expiration date of their DEA registration of one (1) prescriber within the application organization who may be prescribing Buprenorphine under this RFA.**

4. Section 6.1 is replaced in its entirety with the following language:

6.1 MWBE and EEO Requirements

Business Participation Opportunities for NYS Certified Minority-and Women-Owned Business Enterprises and Equal Employment Opportunities for Minority Group Members and Women Requirements and Procedures

NEW YORK STATE LAW

Pursuant to New York State Executive Law Article 15-A and Parts 140-145 of Title 5 of the New York Codes, Rules and Regulations, the New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports (NYS OASAS) is required to promote opportunities for the maximum feasible participation of New York State-certified Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprises ("MWBEs") and the employment of minority group members and women in the performance of NYS OASAS contracts.

Business Participation Opportunities for MWBEs

For purposes of this solicitation, the NYS OASAS hereby establishes an overall goal of 0% for MWBE participation (based on the current availability of MBEs and WBEs). Bidders/Contractors are however strongly encouraged and expected to consider MWBEs in the fulfillment of the requirements of the Contract. Such participation may be as subcontractors or suppliers, as protégés, or in other partnering or supporting roles. The directory of MWBEs can be viewed at: <https://ny.newnycontracts.com>. For guidance on how NYS OASAS will evaluate a Contractor's "good faith efforts," refer to 5 NYCRR § 142.8.

Equal Employment Opportunity Requirements

By submission of a bid or Application in response to this solicitation, the respondent agrees with all of the terms and conditions of Appendix A – Standard Clauses for All New York State Contracts including Clause 12 - Equal Employment Opportunities for Minorities and Women

(https://ogs.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2019/10/AppendixA_0.pdf) OR Authority equivalent to Appendix A] The respondent is required to ensure that it and any subcontractors awarded a subcontract over \$25,000 for the construction, demolition, replacement, major repair, renovation, planning or design of real property and improvements thereon (the "Work"), except where the Work is for the beneficial use of the respondent, shall undertake or continue programs to ensure that minority group members and women are afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status. For these purposes, equal opportunity shall apply in the areas of recruitment, employment, job assignment, promotion, upgrading, demotion, transfer, layoff, termination, and rates of pay or other forms of compensation. This requirement does not apply to: (i) work, goods, or services unrelated to the Contract; or (ii) employment outside New York State.

Further, pursuant to Article 15 of the Executive Law (the "Human Rights Law"), all other State and Federal statutory and constitutional non-discrimination provisions, the Contractor and sub-contractors will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed (religion), color, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, military status, age, disability, predisposing genetic characteristic, marital status or domestic violence victim status, and shall also follow the requirements of the Human Rights Law with regard to non-discrimination on the basis of prior criminal conviction and prior arrest.

Please Note: Failure to comply with the foregoing requirements may result in a finding of non-responsiveness, non-responsibility and/or a breach of the Contract, leading to the withholding of funds, suspension or termination of the Contract or such other actions or enforcement proceedings as allowed by the Contract.

5. Attachment 11 - Integration of Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Response, is replaced in its entirety, which improves functionality and can be found below. Additionally, the attachment can be found under this opportunity as a separate PDF.

6. Attachment 12 - Equity and Diversity Response, is replaced in its entirety, this removes duplicate question 4 and improves functionality and can be found below. Additionally, the attachment can be found under this opportunity as a separate PDF.

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4. Does your agency mission statement, vision statement and/or values statement reflect a commitment to serving marginalized or underserved communities and/or regions? Provide the statement(s).

5. Identify the staff person responsible for addressing justice, equity, diversity and inclusion within your agency, including their name, title, background/education and contact information.

6. Describe any committees or workgroups developed within your agency to address justice, equity, diversity and inclusion, as well as the staff and/or patients/clients who participate in those committees, including how often they meet and impact on the agency. A general description of the participants is satisfactory, do not name patients or clients participating in any specific committees or workgroups.

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7. Provide information on any external committees or workgroups related to justice, equity, diversity and inclusion that your staff participate in. Provide the name of the committee or workgroup, including a general description of the focus, attendees and how often the group meets.

8. Supporting diversity in the workforce:
 - a. Describe agency efforts to recruit, hire and retain staff representative of, or experienced in working with, the dominant cultural groups of the individuals served by your agency and the community in which your agency is located.

 - b. Describe the leadership structure of your agency and how leadership are representative of, or experienced in working with, the dominant cultural groups of the individuals served by your agency and the community in which your agency is located.

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9. Describe staff training requirements related to justice, equity, diversity and inclusion.

By form of this letter, Addendum 1 shall become part of RFA SETT-23001.

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