

STATE OF ALASKA RFP NUMBER 2021-1200-4666
AMENDMENT THREE



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DATE AMENDMENT ISSUED: October 20, 2020

RFP TITLE: Primary Prevention Research and Evaluation Technical Assistance

PROPOSAL DEADLINE DATE IS NOT CHANGED: October 26, 2020 @ 4:30 p.m. local Alaska time

NOTE: It is the offeror's responsibility to review and accept all amendments to this solicitation.

This amendment is being issued to provide answers to vendor-submitted questions.

Question 1: Has the state previously worked with a vendor for research and evaluation technical assistance services for a similar or related scope of work? If so, can the state specify the name of the vendor?

Answer: The current vendor is Strategic Prevention Solutions.

Question 2: What is the business reason for posting this RFP now?

Answer: The current vendor's contract is expiring and there is enough apparent competition to initiate a competitive RFP for ongoing services.

Question 3: Does CDVSA have an existing evaluation plan (including data collection protocols and systems) and could this plan be provided?

Answer: CDVSA works in close partnership with the Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, (ANDVSA), Alaska's State Coalition, to coordinate strategic approaches to primary prevention in Alaska. For over a decade, ANDVSA has hosted the Pathways for Prevention Statewide Leadership Team and Plan (described in the RFP) which is funded under the CDC's Domestic Violence Prevention Enhancement and Leadership Through Alliances (DELTA) Impact program which funds State Domestic Violence Coalitions to implement strategies and approaches designed to prevent intimate partner violence while also funding local communities to do the same. CDVSA is a partner in this plan and sits on the steering committee. The Plan is currently being updated and the updated document will be available and posted on various websites by the end of October. In addition, the updated plan will serve as a guide for the deliverables outlined in the RFP. Our CDVSA annual report serves as an overview of all data and funding through CDVSA.

Question 4: On the bottom of P.7 and top of P. 8, it states "They will also work with CDVSA at the state level to review state prevention plans and priorities across multiple fields to highlight common risk and protective factors, as well as develop project initiatives to help CDVSA staff better coordinate and integrate prevention initiatives across related fields." Could you explain more about what this entails? For example, what do you mean by develop project initiatives? Also, about how many state prevention plans and priorities will be involved?

Answer: Over the past five to seven years, research at the Centers For Disease Control and Prevention, has resulted in a number of technical assistance packages for prevention which includes highlighting the common risk and protective factors across multiple forms of violence at individual, relationship, community and societal levels of the social ecology. Research continues to evolve at the National level and the work helps those of us working in prevention to "Coordinate and integrate responses to violence in a way that recognizes these connections and considers the individual in the context of their home environment, neighborhood, and larger community."

Question 5: Could the state share an example of a prior state-level evaluation report and an evaluation or annual report related to a community grantee?

Answer: Please see CDVSA's Community Prevention Grantee Evaluation report (SFY19): <https://dps.alaska.gov/getmedia/c80c250d-4dee-4171-8617-c899f3739a80/FY19-Prevention-Evaluation-Report.pdf>

As noted above the Pathways to Prevention Statewide Plan is under revision and will be available at the end of October. The Plan has six goals and multiple measurable outcomes under each goal.

Please see the below reports for additional examples of the types of data maintained at CDVSA:

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Please see CDVSA's annual report: https://dps.alaska.gov/getmedia/6638ee89-b399-4327-bf8d-454ffe4ac36e/CDVSA-Fiscal-Year-2019-Annual-Report_1.pdf

Please see CDVSA's DASHBOARD: <https://dps.alaska.gov/cdvs/resources/alaska-dashboard>

Please see the Alaska Victimization Survey reports, a partnership between UAA-Justice Center and CDVSA, <https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/academics/college-of-health/departments/justice-center/research/alaska-victimization-survey/>

Please see CDVSA's and UAA's The Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (CDVSA) is excited to announce, during Domestic Violence Awareness Month, a new interactive tool providing easier access to data related to intimate partner and domestic violence—the [Intimate Partner Violence-Interactive Data Dashboard](#) (IPV-IDD).

Question 6: How have other sectors been engaged in primary prevention work (public health, education, child welfare, etc.)?

Answer: CDVSA staff sit on a number of state level committees and workgroups engaged in prevention efforts, including Alaska Violence and Injury Prevention Partnership (ASVIPP), ASVIPP's corresponding Shared Risk and Protective Factor work group, Healthy Alaskan's 2030 planning committee, Pathway's Statewide Steering Committee, Alaska Association of School Board's, Professional Boundaries workgroup and the Transforming Schools Toolkit (initial workgroup) and currently serving as a reviewer for the Support Services section of Toolkit.

CDVSA staff also work closely on prevention programming with the State of Alaska's Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Public Health: Section of Women's, Children's and Family Health, (Rape Prevention Education Administrator) and the State of Alaska, Department of Education (Alaska Safe Children's Act). In addition, state level workgroups and steering committees include members from multiple sectors, comprised of state, tribal agencies and health foundations, and other private non-profit organizations.

CDVSA's board is also comprised of the Commissioners and/or their designees from the SOA, Department of Health and Social Services, Department of Education, Department of Law, Department of Corrections and Department of Public Safety. Commissioners and/or their designees meet quarterly and receive updates on the work of CDVSA including prevention programming.

Question 7: Does the state currently have a platform and resources for the web-based training required in the scope of work, or does that need to be included in the budget?

Answer: The state does not currently have a platform for the web-based training and required scope of work. Please include the platform and projected costs of a web-based training into the budget. This project will be dialed out in year one of the contract and created in partnership with CDVSA staff, ANDVSA prevention staff and other stakeholders.

Question 8: Does the grant monitoring deliverable refer to the Capacity Building and Community Based Primary Prevention grants?

Answer: Yes.

Question 9: Could you please share who is the originating funding source of the funds available for this RFP?

Answer: CDVSA will use State of Alaska, Designated General Funds for this RFP.

Question 10: Pg. 9 references "The successful offeror will work with CDVSA and other state level committees to develop an on-boarding process for prevention grantees that is scaffolded for new and/or continuing prevention grantees and that "As part of the technical assistance package, the successful offeror will work with CDVSA to tailor evaluation support to the unique needs of the grantee." Answer: The state does not currently have a platform for the web-based training and required scope of work. Please include the platform and projected costs of a web-based training into the budget. We understand that this TA will be specific to CDVSA grantees. However, it is our understanding that a number of CDVSA grantees are also receiving TA from ANDVSA. To what extent is the direct provision of technical assistance a deliverable of the contractor? On a related note, to what extent is the contractor a participant in this statewide designing of TA that will be making these planning decisions collectively – as opposed to leading the TA delivery?

Answer: It is not the intention of this contract that the successful offeror be the primary TA support for CDVSA sub recipients. It is the expectation that the successful offeror will work with CDVSA staff to continue with the current data collection/indicators and measures that have been designed specifically for the current recipients and gathered quarterly on Survey GIZMO and reported annually in a summative evaluation report. It is envisioned that the successful offeror will continue to interpret data and programming for CDVSA and it is envisioned that at the end of year four, the successful offeror will continue to work with CDVSA staff, to review what we've learned and work cooperatively with CDVSA and other stakeholders to design a new RFP and evaluation measures that build upon what has been accomplished over the past four years of funding. The successful offeror will assist grantees with the technical details of filling out the quarterly reports, make necessary adaptations/revisions to the collection tool and answer TA questions about the data sets gathered. The successful offeror will continue to work with CDVSA staff to interpret prevention data.

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Separately, it is an expectation that the successful offeror work with current grantees, ANDVSA and other key stakeholders in the development of resources (technical packages) for CDVSA prevention grantees and/or other DVSA programs to ensure that consistent messaging is available/accessible to all grantees in the next funding cycle (SFY22-SFY-24).

It is envisioned that ANDVSA, CDVSA, RPE and sub recipients will work cooperatively to design a scaffolded approach that will be dialed out in year one of the contract. New information/training platforms etc. will follow in subsequent years. Inevitably, lines can be a bit blurred in cooperative work. As we have always worked as a collaborative on IPV/SA prevention and education, we wish to maintain that practice for consistency of information across the state and to build and expand upon existing resources. The specific deliverable(s) for a scaffolded TA package, as envisioned by CDVSA, is unique to this competitive RFP. It will be the responsibility of CDVSA and the successful offeror to ensure the resource(s) are available for SFY22 grantees.

Question 11: The submittal form/cost proposal has initial term lines, and a renewal term 1-3 lines for a grand total budget. Is the Sec. 1.02 estimated budget of \$260,00 – 400,000 the total for all years including renewal years?

Answer: This is the estimated budget for the entire life of the contract, including the initial and renewal years.

Question 12: Does CDVSA have a preference for the allocated amount of funds in each of the years?

Answer: No.

Question 13: We understand that years 2-4 are option years, however, would the review committee prefer a proposal response that emphasizes a description of the first year, or a description that encompasses all four years (i.e., assumes renewal years with the same contractor)?

Answer: Offerors must respond to the Deliverables set forth in this RFP for the entire life of the contract, including renewal options.

Important Note to Offerors: You must sign and return this page of the amendment document with your proposal. Failure to do so may result in the rejection of your proposal. Only the RFP terms and conditions referenced in this amendment are being changed. All other terms and conditions of the RFP remain the same.

COMPANY SUBMITTING PROPOSAL

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

DATE

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