

# STATE OF ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH



## ALASKA COMMUNITY-BASED LACTATION COUNSELOR PROGRAM

RFP 2025-1600-0170

Amendment One

12/31/2025

**This amendment is being issued to address questions and provide updated language to the RFP.**

**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.

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AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

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## Questions submitted by potential offerors and answers from the state:

**Question 1:** What does the State consider "rural" for the purposes of this contract, and what does the State not consider "rural?"

**Answer:** For the purposes of this project—which aims to provide lactation support services to communities in Alaska that have less access to those types of services and/or lacks the resources to provide those services—we are defining “rural Alaska” as Alaska boroughs/census areas with populations of less than 20,000. The five boroughs/census areas that have populations above that 20,000-population threshold (Anchorage, Mat-Su, Fairbanks, Kenai, and Juneau) are communities that are known to have greater access to services and resources (e.g. health systems, birth centers, etc.) that currently support or could support these types of services. [Here’s a link](#) to some 2023 borough/census population estimates from the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, in case that’s helpful. This [World Population Review](#) is another helpful link to Alaska’s borough/census population estimates.

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**Question 2:** Pertaining to section 3.01 scope of work: what quantity of work is expected? Is the state looking for certain minimum numbers of communities included, and/or regions targeted, and/or new peer counselors trained, and/or number of families with newborns served? Or is the quantity of work entirely up to what the service provider determines is feasible given the budget parameters?

**Answer:** We do not have a specific quantity in mind at this time, given the fact that we do not know what community(ies) the work will originate in nor expand into. Therefore, we must rely on the service provider(s) to provide us with a feasible quantity of communities included, and/or regions targeted, and/or new peer counselors trained, and/or number of families with newborns served given the parameters of the budget and the capacity of the service provider(s). As the project continues and we gather more specific details about the work (e.g. specific location(s), barriers to implementation, resources available, community and/or service provider strengths, etc.), we anticipate collaboratively making future programmatic decisions in partnership with the service provider on an annual basis.

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**Question 3:** Is there a process for requesting an extension on submitting a proposal?

**Answer:** Currently the RFP is on an extended solicitation due to the holiday period. It is up to the Project Manager and Procurement Officer if an extension is warranted.

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**Question 4:** If a proposal is submitted and then selected for the contract, how long does the service provider (Offeror) have to consider and accept or decline the State's offer? (and does the Offeror have the right to decline?)

**Answer:** There is a ten-day period (protest period) after the Notice of Intent to Award is posted. During that time contract negotiations take place. If negotiations fail during that period, the next vendor in line based on proposal scores will be offered the contract.

## Changes to the RFP:

### **Change 1:**

**Page 22, SEC. 5.04 EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS This portion of the offeror's proposal will be evaluated against the following questions:**

Change Number: 2) How well did the offeror detail their experience working in the Northwest Artic region of Alaska.

To read: 2) How well did the offeror detail their experience working in rural Alaska?