

Request for Information



State of Alaska
Department of Health
Division of Senior and Disabilities Services

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SENIOR AND DISABILITIES SERVICES EARLY INTERVENTION/INFANT LEARNING PROGRAM STATEWIDE EQUITY PROJECT: VISION CONSULTATION AND SERVICES

Introduction:

The Alaska Department of Health, Division of Senior and Disabilities Services, Early Intervention/Infant Learning Program (EI/ILP) seeks to procure a contractor specializing in vision services for infants and toddlers in Alaska. We are seeking Teachers of the Visually Impaired, or qualified professionals, to provide screenings, evaluations, intervention and consultation through telehealth or in-person services. The selected contractor may work with up to 15 EI/ILP programs across Alaska, depending on needs in each region.

Background Information:

ILP is a statewide early intervention home visiting program with a parent coaching model dedicated to helping families with children experiencing developmental delays. ILP services may include developmental screening and evaluation, hearing and vision screening and services, family service coordination, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, infant mental health services, playgroups, social support, and parenting skills.

Fifteen regional ILP programs provide services statewide, at no cost, in the family's home or at a community location. Services are required to be available equitably and statewide and waitlists are not allowed. The EI/ILP arena has been flat funded for many years, resulting in the lack of availability of specialized services such as vision and hearing services. The impact has been greater for Alaska's rural communities because they lack access to these low-incidence specialists in general. This project will work towards increased equity in EI/ILP service delivery across regions by providing vision screenings, evaluations, intervention and consultation services.

Response Information:

Interested parties are invited to submit responses to the following:

1. Provide the vendor's complete company name, address, telephone number and email address for the vendor's contact person for its RFI response.
2. Describe your company or organization's capabilities and experience related to providing vision screenings, evaluations, interventions and consultations to infants and toddlers, birth to three, through various methods such as telehealth or in-person.
3. Describe your knowledge and experience working with Early Intervention Part C state or regional programs.

4. How will you work collaboratively with regional EI/ILP programs to ensure services are delivered at the frequencies established on IFSPs?
5. Describe your overall staffing plan and estimated costs.
6. Describe your availability to begin work on the project within three months of the date of award and complete the project by the project completion date of **June 30, 2027**.

Interested parties who can provide the services described in this RFI must submit their response in writing via email by 5:00 PM Friday, June 1, 2026, to the following person:

Alison Carpio

Procurement Specialist

Phone: (907) 759-3305

Email: alison.carpio@alaska.gov

It is the responsibility of the interested party to follow up with the person listed above to ensure your response was received prior to the time and date specified. Please ensure the response includes your company's name and contact information (email) for the individual(s) who should be notified if DOH releases a solicitation or seeks an alternative procurement method.

Important Notice:

This RFI does not extend any rights to prospective vendors or obligate the state to conduct a solicitation or execute a contract. Nor will the State be financially responsible for any costs associated with the preparation of any response to the requested information. This RFI is issued for the sole purpose of obtaining information as described in this notice. However, the information obtained from this request may be used to prepare a solicitation or contract in the future.

Disclosure of Response Contents:

All responses to this RFI are considered public records and the Alaska Public Records Act (ARPA) requires public records to be open to reasonable inspection. However, all response information, including the name of the respondent, will be held confidential unless the RFI results in a solicitation or contract. If a solicitation is conducted, responses will be held confidential until the time a Notice of Intent to Award is issued. If a contract is executed, responses will be held confidential until the time of contract execution. Thereafter, responses will become public information.

Trade secrets and other proprietary data contained in responses may be held confidential if the respondent requests that in writing to the procurement officer, and if the procurement officer agrees in writing. The respondent's request must be included with the response, must clearly identify the information to be held confidential, and include the reasons for confidentiality.