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RFP NUMBER: 26-056KLL

RFP TITLE: Student Mental Health Provider Services – In School Program

ADDENDUM NUMBER: 1

See Attached Question and Answers

Question 1: General Question - Are the services being procured through this RFP new services for APS or is there currently a vendor providing these services for the 2025/2026 School Year?

Answer: This has been an open RFP so we have vendors that have been providing these services for several school years

Question 2: General Question - Can APS estimate the total volume of students expected to be served through this RFP?

Answer: Not really—the amount of students served is directly proportional to the number of providers that we have in the program and the hours they work in the schools.

Question 3: Page 22 - Scope of Services - Is it the expectation of APS that any services that could be covered under a student's Medicaid or HMO insurance plan are first billed to insurance before the vendor seeks payment from APS?
If yes -Is it the expectation of APS that a vendor be able to accept any of the four Medicaid MCOs?

Answer: Any payment from third party Medicaid and/or other entities will be payment in full. APS shall be billed for students and families who are **not** covered under the above and APS has the option to reimburse contractors for client co-pays/coinsurance if families are unable to contribute.” It is not required but it is in the best interest of the provider to be credentialed with Medicaid as the APS budget to cover services for students outside of Medicaid or Commercial insurance is extremely limited and is subject to cuts in any fiscal year.

Question 4: General Question - How will students be identified for referral to the vendor?

Answer: APS will identify students in need of mental health services and make referrals through each school's Health and Wellness team to the provider accordingly

- Question 5: Service Coordinator Contact - Who is the designated individual coordinating the services for the various disciplines within the district, and could you share their contact information?
- Answer: The designated coordinator contact information will be provided upon award of contract.
- Question 6: School Day Hours - How many hours constitute a school day for the purposes of this contract?
- Answer: In most schools the school day is 6.5 hours, however some schools are designated as TOP schools and have a 7.5 hour school day.
- Question 7: School Year Duration - How many school days are scheduled per year?
- Answer: About 180 days
- Question 8: Additional Disciplines - Are vendors permitted to bid on special education disciplines not explicitly listed in the RFP?
- Answer: No
- Question 9: Award Timeline - What is the anticipated award date for this RFP?
- Answer: July 2026
- Question 10: Teletherapy Option - Is the district open to the use of teletherapy for service delivery?
- Answer: This is a school based services program and all services must be provided in person, on campus and linked to a specific student. Teletherapy will not be considered.
- Question 11: Electronic Signatures - Are electronic signatures acceptable for signing the bid documents?
- Answer: Yes
- Question 12: Resume Requirements - Does the district require resumes to be included as part of the bid submission?
- Answer: A current resume is required that it is sufficiently detailed to include applicable employment and expertise in the required area, professional affiliations, academic credentials and any other pertinent information. If Offeror is an agency, please provide the required information for all personnel who may participate in providing services.
- Question 13: Use of District References - May we include district personnel as references for this RFP?
- Answer: Albuquerque Public Schools personnel cannot provide references for our school district RFPS.

ACKNOWLEDGE ADDENDUM WITH SUBMITTED PROPOSAL:

Addenda not signed and returned may consider the RFP non-responsive and may be rejected.

COMPANY/FIRM NAME

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