

July 11, 2011

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS TO PROVIDE LOCUM TENENS SERVICES

The County of Kern, through its Mental Health Department is seeking, through a competitive process, statements of qualifications from one or more organizations that are qualified Physician Recruitment Consultants. Physician Recruitment Consultants are retained by Kern County Mental Health Department under contract to provide temporary psychiatrist staffing.

The qualified consultant shall:

- A.** Source, screen and present potential Providers as appropriate.
- B.** Use its best efforts to present Providers acceptable to County.
- C.** Reimburse Provider(s) for his/her fees.
- D.** Provide malpractice insurance coverage through its insurance carrier for any and all Provider(s) provided by Contractor to County.
- E.** Verify or assist in obtaining Provider licensure, as necessary.
- F.** Allow County to retain patient revenue generated by any locum tenens Provider(s) placed by Contractor.
- G.** Pay for provider travel and lodging costs.

The Kern County Mental Health Department will review all responses received from qualified organizations and if a sufficient number of responses are received, the Department may, at its sole discretion, initiate a Request for Proposal process.

Organizations with successful proposals will be offered the opportunity to enter into a Professional Services Agreement to provide temporary psychiatrist staffing. Once successfully negotiated, the Agreement will be submitted to the Kern County Board of Supervisors for approval as required. The Board may, at that time, approve, modify, or reject the Agreement at its discretion.

All information submitted by qualified organizations will be retained by the Kern County Mental Health Department. Submission of a statement of qualification does not require a response to the RFP. Services will begin on July 1, 2012.

Qualified organizations must be able to provide evidence of ability and experience in providing physician's recruitment services for academic and government environments.

Questions may be asked via e-mail only to Jewelle Scales, at jscales@co.kern.ca.us, no later than 12:00 noon on Friday, August 12, 2011.



Qualified organizations are encouraged to submit a 3 page detailed list of qualifications and experiences, no later than 4:00 p.m. on August 26 2011, by mail, fax or e-mail or hand-delivery to:

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E-mail: jscales@co.kern.ca.us
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Letters may be hand delivered to Ms. Scales at:

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