

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
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Substance Use Prevention Services Rate Study
PROPOSALS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN 5:00 PM CST ON MARCH 13TH, 2025.

RFP13181

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Written Responses to Offeror Questions

#	Vendor Questions	Answer
1	<p>What is the anticipated dollar amount or cap of the contract? This information is not included in the RFP nor Attachment A.</p> <p>Could you please provide the budget limit or budget range for this project?</p> <p>Does the State have an anticipated budget for this work?</p>	<p>The state anticipates budgets of \$250,000 or less for this project.</p>
2	<p>Please clarify the period of performance start and end dates. There is conflicting information in the RFP and Attachment A.</p>	<p>The anticipated contract start date is April 1, 2025, and the contract end date is August 31, 2025.</p>
3	<p>Are there existing administrative data or data being collected around programs already being implemented?</p> <p>Does the State have an existing cost reporting or other data collection tool it would consider using to expedite the data-collection process?</p>	<p>There is current data collected around programs already being implemented through state-funded substance use prevention services that can be provided upon award to inform the rate study process. The vendor is expected to perform research and cost analysis.</p>
4	<p>Are there existing structures in place to motivate response rates to a survey?</p> <p>How responsive are program participants and program administrators to survey and/or interview requests?</p>	<p>The state has positive working relationships with prevention providers and typically receives a good sampling of responses to surveys when the intent of the survey is laid out for those taking it.</p>
5	<p>Is this study inclusive of services provided through the Indian Health Service or other tribal entities?</p>	<p>No, this study is for the purpose of informing state-funded substance use prevention services through the Department of Social Services, Division of Behavioral Health.</p>
6	<p>Is there a page limit for the proposal?</p>	<p>Any page requirements for proposals can be found in section 5.0 Proposal Response Format.</p>
7	<p>In January 2024, the State completed a rate study entitled "South Dakota Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Rate Study." Many of the services in the current</p>	<p>The rate study referenced here was completed for treatment services and did not encompass substance use prevention services.</p>

	procurement seems to be covered as part of this report. What is the catalyst driving the request for the 2025 study?	
8	When was the last rate study for the specific services to be included in this project?	In 2022, a workgroup explored rates for prevention services, but a full rate study was not completed at that time.
9	Would the State please provide a list of the substance use prevention services to be included in this rate study?	Substance use prevention services to be included in this rate study include those that fall within the 6 Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) strategies and other miscellaneous expenses such as travel, program evaluation, indirect administrative costs, cost to support professional development and program implementation, and costs to support coalition operations.
10	Would the State consider extending the timeline of the project to increase the quality of the data utilized and the opportunities for stakeholder input?	Due to funding and timing restrictions, the timeline is unable to be extended.