STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES 700 GOVERNORS DRIVE PIERRE, SOUTH DAKOTA 57501

South Dakota Central Region Prevention Coalition Development

Questions and Responses

PROPOSALS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN JUNE, 17TH, 2025 BY 5:00 PM CDT

RFP14684

BUYER: SD Department of Social Services, Division of Behavioral Health

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Q1: Our coalition is located in Charles Mix County. If we are outside the listed counties and possibly immediately outside of the new PRC territory, can we still apply/be eligible for this great opportunity?

A1: Per section 3.0 Scope of Work, the coalition must provide services in one or more of the counties listed. This includes Corson, Dewey, Ziebach, Sully, Haakon, Stanley, Hughes, Jones, Jackson, Lyman, Mellette, Bennett, Todd, Tripp, and Gregory Counties. Coalition proposals can be outside of that catchment area as long as proposed services will include one or more counties listed in section 3.0

Q2: If successfully awarded, after year 1, will the awardee be able to adjust (increase budget) for future years? Example, as a newly developed coalition and still accessing staff time, budget needs, anticipating the budget needs may increase after year 1. Would this be allowable?

A2: Budget increases are not guaranteed for future years and will be dependent on successful program implementation and available funding.

Q3: The cost proposal section notes \$135,885 for year one (9 months). What is the annual budget for years 2-5 (12 months each) and do we need to provide those budgets with the proposal? If the state exercises years 6 and 7, what are the budgets for those years?

A3: \$135,885 is the allotted amount for each year at this time. Any changes in budget for future years will be dependent on successful program implementation and available funding.

Q4: In Section 3.5, the RFP states that the successful offeror must be accredited by the DSS Office of Licensing and Accreditation. If we are proposing to serve as a facilitating organization that distributes content on evidence-based prevention practices to county provider organizations, would we still be required to be accredited?

A4: The scope of this RFP is to establish or expand a community-based coalition that provides evidence-based substance use prevention services and mental health promotion activities and a contracted prevention provider providing services must adhere to the accreditation guidelines outlined in the RFP.

Q5: In Section 3.5, what are the accreditation requirements as these were not able to located on the DSS Office of Licensing and Accreditation webpage?

A5: <u>https://sdlegislature.gov/Rules/Administrative/67:61</u> is where you can find the accreditation requirements. An offeror needs to adhere to and have policies and procedures for 67:61:02 through 67:61:06, as well as 67:61:11.

Q6: Section 5.0 Proposal Response Format – What is the page limit, spacing, and font point size for the proposal submissions?

A6: Please follow any specifics for proposal response format in Section 5.0. If you do not see it delineated in this section, please use your best judgment.