

### Questions & Answers

Q	Bidder Question	DHS Answer	Section	Pg.
1.	Can we request vehicle(s) for these programs and if so, how much?	One-time funds may be available to support necessary equipment, supplies, and other related start-up costs, if applicable. Although DMHAS does not have a dedicated source to fund one-time needs, requests for one-time funds will be entertained, and are part of the competitive aspect of the RFP process. Upon completion of the RFP process and award announcements, any one-time requests included in proposals will be addressed during the contract negotiation process. The successful bidder(s) may be required, at DMHAS' discretion, to accept used but serviceable equipment in lieu of funds for new equipment. Vehicle requests must comply with DHS vehicle policy P4.05 (note: the vehicle ceiling is \$40,000)	V. General Contracting Information.	12
2.	The RFP does mention start-up costs, but is this inclusive or exclusive of the main funding?	See answer to question #1.	V. General Contracting Information.	12
3.	How much startup funding is permissible for these programs per county?	See answer to question #1.	V. General Contracting Information.	12
4.	Are letters of commitment/collaboration from an STCF sufficient to demonstrate we will meet the requirement to "Maintain a written affiliation agreement with the designated STCFs (Short Term Care Facility) serving the screening services' geographic area" if awarded?	Affiliation agreement with the designated STCFs (Short Term Care Facility) are required.	IV. Contract Scope of Work	8

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5.	Regarding Extended Crisis Evaluation Beds (ECBs), for nonhospital screening centers, will waivers be granted that allow partnership with local hospitals and designated screening centers as is currently happening around the state?	Waiver requests may be submitted and will be reviewed.	VIII. Submission of Proposal Requirements	21
6.	What are the necessary credentials of staff required to be on site in the Extended Crisis Evaluation Bed?	Personnel monitoring an ECEB must meet the qualifications in N.J.A.C. 10:31 for screening service staff.	IV. Contract Scope of Work	9.
7.	Are screeners using telepsych psychiatric services acceptable?	Yes, telehealth services may be provided consistent with state and federal law as applicable.	IV. Contract Scope of Work	9.
8.	Are peer level employees acceptable to provide this service?	All staff must perform within the scope of their certification and/or licensure standards. The program must satisfy and comply with N.J.A.C. 10:31.	IV. Contract Scope of Work	10.
9.	In the narrative outline, the item "Outline the community education and training that will be provided, including audiences and training frequency," appears twice. It is the 17th item in the Project Description (page 16 of the RFP) and the 1st item in the Outcomes and Evaluation section (also page 16). Is its inclusion in Outcomes and Evaluation a typo?	Responses only need to be included in Project Description section.	VII. Required Proposal Content	16.
10.	On page 19 of the RFP, as part of Required Proposal Content, there is a section titled "County Mental Health Board Recommendation (5 Points)" that details the ability of County Mental Health Boards to award points and provide a recommendation to DMHAS on behalf of an applicant. Is this something to be addressed in the narrative, i.e., can the applicant seek out the recommendation of the Mental	Application is sent to the County Mental Health Board for review and response. No other action is required.	VII. Required Proposal Content	19.

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	Health Board prior to submission, or does this language just serve to inform applicants of this process?			
11.	Does a non-profit corporation that is an affiliate of a system of affiliates need to show an ownership chart? If so, does it need to include every affiliate and every other corporate entity within the system?	Yes, please note the page limits for appendices.	VII. Required Proposal Content	14.
12.	With regard to bringing the initiative to a conclusion at the end of the contract? Does this relate to the possible regionalization of PESS in the future?	No. The contract is rebid at least every seven years and providers who do not continue must bring the contract to its conclusion.	VII. Required Proposal Content	13.
13.	Do all pending and in process audits include DHS audits (required attachment #7)	All State of New Jersey / DHS audits should be included.	VII. Required Proposal Content	20.