Request for Proposal

Purpose

The purpose of this procedure is to establish written procedures for the development and implementation of all Request for Proposal processes within the AAA PSA 26.

Policy

It is the policy of AAA PSA 26 to fully comply with California Department of Aging regulations and Lake County Procedure in the procurement of any AAA services included in the CDA contract with Lake and Mendocino Counties AAA.

Process

The AAA Director will ensure that the AAA complies with the above stated State and County regulatory and policy and procedures regarding any and all AAA RFP or procurement processes. It is the policy of AAA to ensure that outreach and publicity for invitation for Bid (IFB) or Request for Proposal (RFP) processes include requirements for bidders to demonstrate service to those senior citizens with "greatest economic need", per title 22, Section 7127, as well as minority populations, per Title 22, Section 7130, residing in Lake and Mendocino Counties. In addition, all publicity requirements in Title 22, Section 7356 and 7358 shall be followed.

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Procedure The following is the Request for Proposal procedure:

Step	Action		
1	Develop RFP/IFB or letter of interest:		
	Stage	Description	
	A	In fulfillment of the Area Plan Development process, all contracted services shall be identified for the upcoming fiscal year in ample time for the AAA to perform any necessary Letter of Interest or RFP processes so that contracts can be in place by July 1.	
	В	In keeping with Lake County Policy and Procedure, in the procurement of human services, the RFP process will be utilized, when necessary, rather than the IFB process. However, per Title 22, Section 7352(c), an IFB shall be used accordingly to secure "audit or consultation services or a specific product or piece of equipment".	
	С	In the case of small contracts, not over \$100,000 in the aggregate, the AAA will obtain price or rate quotations from a number of qualified sources and informally select the source with which to contract or obtain the purchase (allowance in Title 22, Section 7352 (g)).	
	D	In addition, noncompetitive awards will potentially be used by the AAA when the award of the contract is infeasible for competitive bid because one of the following conditions exist:	
		(1) The item or service is available only from a single source.	
		(2) There is a public exigency or emergency that will not permit a delay resulting from competitive solicitation.	
		(3) After solicitation of a number of sources, competition is determined inadequate in accordance with (c).	
		(4) The awarding agency as defined in 45 CFR 92.3 authorizes noncompetitive proposals. (Title 22, Section 7360 (a)).	
	Е	In the case that AAA utilizes any of the above exceptions for a RFP process all regulatory requirements within Title 22 shall be followed.	

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Procedure, continued

Develop content of RFP:			
Stage	Description		
A	AAA staff shall set forth clearly, in any IFB/RFP, all of the requirements to which the bidder must adhere in order to successfully perform under the terms and conditions of the award. The contractor shall not be expected to perform tasks or provide services other than those specifically required in the IFB/RFP. At a minimum an AAA shall include all of the required specifications in 45 CFR 92.36, as well as all of the contents listed in Title 22 Section 7354 (b).		
В	AAA shall utilize the Lake County template in the IFB/RFP processes and ensure that all required inclusions are present and steps are taken to meet Risk Management requirements.		
	Stage A		

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Procedure, continued

Step		Action	
	Evaluate and Select IFB/RFP:		
	Stage	Description	
	A	During the bid/proposal development period, AAA shall publish as much	
		information as necessary to assure consistent interpretations and fair	
		treatment for all bidders. Any information given to a prospective bidder	
		shall be furnished promptly to all other prospective bidders as an	
		amendment to the IFB/RFP, if the lack of information would be	
		prejudicial to uninformed bidders.	
	В	No award shall be made unless such an amendment has been issued in	
		sufficient time to permit all prospective bidders at least five days in the	
		case of IFBs and ten days in the case of RFPs to consider the information	
		in submitting or modifying their bids/proposals.	
	C	In the case of an IFB, AAA shall award the contract to the lowest	
		responsive and responsible bidder. A responsive and responsible bidder	
		is one who meets the criteria outlined in Title 22, Section 7358 (b).	
	D	If an RFP process is utilized, the following, at a minimum, shall be considered in	
		the evaluation and decision of the contract award:	
		 The price. The originality and effectiveness of the proposal.	
		fulfill all contract responsibilities and the resources to carry out the	
		proposal (Title 22, Section 7354 (d)).	
	Е	In the case of an RFP, AAA shall convene a panel to evaluate each	
		proposal. The panel may consist of AAA Advisory Council Members,	
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	E F G	• The background and experience of the bidder. In addition, there shall be evidence that the bidder has the capacity to fulfill all contract responsibilities and the resources to carry out the proposal (Title 22, Section 7354 (d)). In the case of an RFP, AAA shall convene a panel to evaluate each	

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	Policy and Procedure regarding such actions.
Н	Should the AAA consider an RFP/IFB award to a for profit entity, AAA
	staff shall consult with CDA and submit any required information for
	their review and approval. Title 22, Section 7362 (a).

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Procedure, continued

Step 4	Action		
	Document:		
	Stage	Description	
	A	AAA shall maintain all of the following for a period of three years after final payments are made and all other pending matters are closed:	
		• Copies of approved bids or proposals and any amendments or changes thereto.	
		• A statement of the criteria used to approve the awards.	
		Copies of the award document and contracts.	
		• Other information as requested by 45 CFR 92.36(b) (9).	
		• Other information as required by Lake County Policy and Procedure.	
		• Title 22, Section 7354(h).	
	В	If award decisions are based upon factors other than the evaluation criteria contained in the RFP, a full justification for the decision shall be documented and records maintained for a minimum of three years.	
	С	AAA shall maintain documentation to support the use of any noncompetitive award.	

Authority

This document is written under the authority of CDA Contract, CCR Title 22, Lake County Policy and Procedure

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