

**Services to Cuban Haitian Entrants Program RFP
Bidders' Conference
Questions and Answers**

December 21, 2012

Q. Is the January 3, 2013 due date for the proposal firm?

A. Yes.

Q. If an applicant is not BIA accredited, what would it need to provide to show its in the process of becoming BIA accredited?

A. The applicant must detail its plan to become BIA accredited with a timeline of the activities involved showing when accreditation will be granted.

Q. Are Cubans that arrived by other means than the visa lottery system or Cuban Family Reunification Parole Program eligible?

A. As specified in the RFP on page 6, Section VII. Eligible Clients, "Program Funds must be used for services to an individual from Cuba or Haiti who meet the following requirements:

- A *refugee*, admitted under Section 207 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA);
- A Cuban or Haitian *Entrant* (as defined in subdivision (e) of Section 501 of the Refugee Education Assistance Act of 1980); and
- A *Parolee* admitted as a refugee under Section 212(d)(5) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA)."

Q. Can an applicant propose to meet the Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprise (M/WBE) goals through an office cleaning contract?

A. In addition to direct subcontracting, applicants can also utilize a number of other vendors in support of their overall operations. Using NYS certified M/WBEs as providers of these second tier services can be counted towards satisfying these goals. Examples of these services are provided on page 36 of the RFP, M/WBE Subcontractor Utilization Examples.

Q. Can an agency just request funds from this RFP for language interpreting?

A. No.

Q. Could BRIA please clarify client eligibility? The RFP lists only three eligible categories for clients receiving services: Cuban or Haitian Refugees, Cuban or Haitian Entrants, and Cuban or Haitian Parolees. Will asylees, Haitians currently present in the U.S. under TPS, Cubans admitted as visitors, or other Cubans or Haitians be eligible for assistance?

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- Q.** Could eligibility for services at the very least reflect those for other ORR programs as described below in 45 CFR 400.43 and ideally be extended to any National of Cuba or Haiti who is present in the U.S. and was previously admitted or paroled into the U.S. ?
- A.** No, eligibility is limited to those statuses specified in the RFP.
- Q.** Does the documentation requirement of an Application for Services for client specific payment points include a Family Self Sufficiency Plan (FSSP)?
- A.** The Services to Cuban Haitian Entrants Program does not require the FSSP in conjunction with an Application for Services.