

Making A Connection Program

Issue Date: 4/2/2012

Description:

The New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) through its Bureau of Refugee and Immigrant Assistance (BRIA), issues a Request for Proposals (RFP) to select one service provider or entity to administer the Making A Connection (MAC) program. The MAC program will consist of an employment preparatory Academy to address the serious and wide-ranging issues confronting newly arriving refugees ages 16 through 21. A curriculum, developed by another contractor that has the knowledge and experience of developing this material to youth and young adults as well as refugee populations and refugee service providers, will be provided the awarded contractor resulting from the RFP. The curriculum features activities to connect refugee youth and young adults to the world of work. The MAC program will provide refugee youth and young adults with the skills and knowledge to make healthy choices which will result in socially and economically self-sufficient refugee adults.

100% of the funds for the programs are federal funds from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) program title, *Refugee and Entrant Assistance Discretionary Grants, Discretionary Targeted Assistance Grant (TAG)*. Applications will be accepted through 5/2/12 for the MAC program. The contract awarded through this procurement will result in a \$350,000, 24-month contract term. It is estimated that approximately \$150,000 in funds will be available for the first budget period, anticipated to being June 1, 2012.

Eligibility/Qualifications- Requirements/Preferences - Location

Eligible applicants include public agencies, county or municipal governments, or any subdivision thereof; not-for-profit corporations, including charitable organizations incorporated, registered and in good standing with the Charities Bureau of the Attorney General in the State of New York; faith based organizations and educational institutions. Eligible applicants must meet additional criteria as outlined in the Request for Proposals (RFP). TAG eligible counties: Bronx, Kings, Queens, New York, Richmond, Erie, Monroe, Onondaga or Oneida.

Minority Sub-Contracting Goal: 10%

Women Owned Sub-Contracting Goal: 10%

Due Date: 5/2/2012

Contract Term: 6/1/12 - 5/31/14

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