SOLE SOURCE PUBLIC NOTICE

**This is not a request for bids**

The Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) contemplates awarding a sole source contract to New York Association of Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services (NYAPRS) to create a Peer Bridger training program and toolkit specifically designed for use in hospitals, Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatment agencies, and juvenile detention facilities throughout the state of Washington. NYAPRS has experience in developing and implementing their Peer Bridger model, a step-down service, for a statewide approach and has demonstrated the success of the program in multiple states.

HCA was directed by the Washington legislature via Second Engrossed Substitute Bill, 2376, Section 203, subsection (v), to implement a statewide step-down service for individuals discharging from inpatient psychiatric hospitals. The goal of this work is to create and/or enhance a recovery culture at Washington State's hospitals, Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatment agencies, and juvenile detention facilities. Through this planned contract, HCA will utilize the experience of NYAPRS to implement and further develop the Peer Bridger Program in Washington State. NYAPRS has experience implementing Peer Bridging on a statewide level, has developed training plans; curricula specifically intended for Peers Bridgers, health care staff, and various health care providers; has documented historical outcome data; and recommendations on systemic changes which may be needed to ensure successful implementation, continuing education, and support for the Washington State Peer Bridger program and community providers.

Washington State implemented the Peer Bridger Program with the technical assistance of NYAPRS in 2016 and has had great success. Washington is now participating in a Results Washington project to support the Washington State Division of Children, Youth, and Families in implementing the Peer Bridger program to assist in the transition of youth out of juvenile rehabilitation facilities. Participation in this Results Washington project has caused a need for additional technical assistance from NYAPRS to create a Peer Bridger implementation toolkit for these host organizations, including creating additional continuing education materials for the Peer Bridgers to utilize in the implementation process.

HCA will enter into a one year contract with NYAPRS. The contract will be issued on or after September 30, 2022 and will continue for a one year initial term. The cost of the initial term is $155,000. HCA may opt to extend the contract for an additional four (4) years in whatever increments HCA deems appropriate. HCA determines that each optional extension would likely result in equal or substantially equivalent work and consideration being added to the total contract value.
Offerors contemplating the above requirements are required to submit capability statements detailing their ability to meet the state’s requirements within ten (10) working days of this announcement.

Capability statements should outline the Offerors ability to address each of the following requirements:

1. Successfully complete the anticipated contract work;
2. Fulfill the anticipated contract deliverables within the anticipated contract maximum total;
3. Demonstrated experience of implementing Peer Bridger projects within state hospital systems, SUD treatment agencies, and juvenile detention facilities on a statewide level that is comparable to Contract Statement of Work;
4. Demonstrated experience in developing a statewide approach to the NYAPRS Peer Bridger model, or equivalent model, as referenced in Contract Statement of Work;
5. Demonstrated experience providing technical assistance on the NYAPRS Peer Bridger model, or equivalent model, on a statewide level that is comparable to Contract Statement of Work; and
6. Demonstrated experience implementing Peer Bridging on a statewide level including the following:
   a. Fully developed curricula specifically for peers and hospital staff;
   b. Historical outcome data; and
   c. Recommendations on systemic changes.

Interested vendors will be considered only if they respond with clear and convincing documentation that they can meet the above requirements. In the absence of other qualified sources, it is HCA's intent to make a sole source award of the contract.

Capability statements must be submitted via email to the **Sole Source Coordinator** listed below, including the subject line provided, no later than September 26, 2022 at 12:00 PM Pacific Time. The emailed capability statement must be less than 25 Mb. Do not send zipped files.

**Sole Source Coordinator Contact Information:**

**Tiffany Bryden**  
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**Email:** Subject Line - K6070 Sole Source

*Note: This contract requires a ten (10) day public inspection period and approval by the Washington State Department of Enterprise Services (DES). HCA will not award the sole source contract unless and until DES approves.*