

# RFP No. 23-32840-001

## Questions and Answers

### Why is this solicitation open to nonprofits only?

This RFP is pursuant to house bill 1086 signed into law May of 2021 and was codified into RCW 71.40. Pursuant to the bill and RCW 71.40.030, the Department of Commerce is required to select a nonprofit provider.

### What are the required qualifications?

Please see the attached RFP for the complete requirements and components. The minimum qualifications listed in section 1.3 are as follows:

#### 1.3 MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Minimum qualifications include:

- Licensed to do business in the State of Washington or submit a statement of commitment that it will become licensed in Washington within thirty (30) calendar days of being selected as the Apparently Successful Contractor.
- Three years of experience delivering behavioral health based consumer advocacy services including but not limited to advocacy and supporting self-advocacy, dispute or problem resolution techniques, including investigation, mediation, and negotiation; and all applicable patient, resident, and client rights established by either state or federal law.
- Three years of experience with behavioral health services, providers and facilities and other related social services programs to include participation on local or regional behavioral health boards or committees, corresponding knowledge of local resources and cultural competence and lived experience with the behavioral health service system.
- Three years of demonstrated organizational financial stability.

Proposals that do not clearly meet or exceed all minimum qualifications listed above are non-responsive and will not be evaluated.

The above years of experience can be concurrent.