Dear Community-Based Action Research (CBAR) Technical Assistance Applicant:

First 5 LA is issuing this Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to individuals and groups interested in working with Best Start LA lead entities and demonstration communities in their implementation of a community planning process that builds knowledge that a community creates, owns and transforms into social capital for social change.

The CBAR contractor will assist demonstration communities in:

- Building their capacity to use research in order to create sustainable, grassroots strategies to improve the lives of children 0-3, their families, and the communities that they live in.
- Generate data from the target population in order to increase the understanding of the context, strengths and concerns of communities and to help inform current and future initiatives.

The ideal candidate will have expertise in community-level planning, research and evaluation, familiarity working with data generated by communities and programs relating to young children and their families, knowledge of formal and informal services and organizations in the Best Start LA demonstration communities, and a strong history of working with diverse communities and community-based organizations, in a partnership, network or collaborative venture to achieve a shared vision and outcomes.

Please review the complete application RFQ description and further information on the qualifications and responsibilities for this project at the First 5 LA website (www.first5la.org/CBARTARFQ).

In response to this RFQ, applicants are requested to submit a complete application outlining their specific qualifications to implement CBAR RFQ project requirements and deliverables to First 5 LA no later than Wednesday, January 28, 2009. Following a review of all proposals submitted; qualified applicants will be invited for an interview on February 13, 2009 or February 18, 2009.

First 5 LA reserves the right to modify or withdraw this RFQ and selection process timeline at any time. For additional information and further questions regarding this RFQ, please send an email to cbar@first5la.org.

Thank you for your continued commitment to children and their families and your support of the vision and mission of First 5 LA.

Sincerely,

Evelyn V. Martinez
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