Birth Outcomes Evaluation
Request for Qualifications

PROPOSAL REVIEWER

First 5 LA is soliciting qualified reviewers in Los Angeles County to read and score applications for the Birth Outcomes Evaluation RFQ. Selected reviewers will possess expertise or content knowledge in perinatal issues and maternal-child health, have previous experience with quantitative and qualitative research methods and analysis, as well as working with advisory groups and/or multi-agency collaborations, and preferably experience working with agencies in Los Angeles County.

Birth Outcomes Evaluation
The First 5 LA Research and Evaluation (R&E) department is seeking applicants to conduct evaluations of the Healthy Births (HB) and Black Infant Health (BIH) programs. Since both programs focus on very similar pregnancy and birth outcomes, First 5 LA will be contracting with an evaluator that will have the capacity to do separate evaluations of each program, but will also have the vision to take a comprehensive view of how these two programs are affecting pregnant and parenting families and how they address First 5 LA’s priority goals, such as “Children are Born Healthy.” The evaluation will also determine how these programs are influencing other indicators that inform the four priority goals under the Theory of Change Pathway in the FY 2009-2015 Strategic Plan (see Appendix A); for example, protective capacities against substance abuse, mental health, and domestic violence, parental knowledge of child development and parenting, and quality preconception and interconception care. The findings for the evaluations will be shared with F5LA Staff and Commissioners and program providers for continued improvement and decision-making.

The selected applicant will develop design and analysis plans, conduct data collection, write reports and research briefs, and disseminate results. To that end, we are seeking RFQ applicants who have the capacity to work throughout LA County. The ideal applicant(s) will have knowledge of perinatal issues and maternal-child health, be familiar with the population of high-risk women, adept at building connections across agencies and professions, and have extensive experience collecting and analyzing quantitative and qualitative data.

For more information on the study, please see the Birth Outcomes Evaluation RFQ on the First 5 LA website http://www.first5la.org/Birth-Outcomes-Evaluation-RFQ.

General Qualifications for Reviewers
- Applicants should possess expertise or content knowledge in perinatal issues and maternal-child health.
- Applicant should have previous experience with quantitative and qualitative research methods and analysis.
- Applicants should have previous experience working with advisory groups and/or multi-agency collaborations, and preferably experience working with agencies in Los Angeles County.
- Applicant should not be involved in any way with applicants to this RFQ, and is not themselves submitting a statement of qualifications for this RFQ.
Requirements

- Reviewers must participate in a conference call to learn about First 5 LA, the RFQ and the review tool to be used in evaluating applicants (between June 4, 2012 - June 8, 2012; date and time to be determined).
- Reviewers will have 1 week to score applicants, from June 8, 2012 to June 15, 2012.
- Reviewers will be required to score all proposals and submit them to First 5 LA by 5:00 p.m. on June 15, 2012.
- Reviewers will be provided a stipend of $60 per proposal reviewed.
- Reviewers must sign a Conflict of Interest and Confidentiality Statement.
- If selected, reviewers must submit a W-9.

How to apply

Interested reviewers should attach a resume with a completed proposal reviewer application form highlighting relevant experience and send it to Christine Aque, Research Analyst, at caque@first5la.org. Your resume and application must be received no later than May 29, 2012 at 5 p.m., via email.

Next Steps

Upon review of your application and résumé, you will be notified of your reviewer status by June 1, 2012.
PROPOSAL REVIEWER APPLICATION FORM

If you are interested in applying to assist First 5 LA as an application reviewer, please submit the completed application form below along with a copy of your résumé via e-mail to Christine Aque, Research Analyst, at caque@first5la.org. Applicants may attach extra pages to their application as required.

Résumés and application must be received via e-mail no later than May 29, 2012 at 5:00.

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Name: ___________________________ Title (if applicable): _______________________

Organization/Affiliation (if applicable): ___________________________________________

Address: _____________________________________________________________________

City: ___________________________ State: ______ Zip Code: _________________________

Telephone: ______________________ Fax: __________________________

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Please describe your background in perinatal issues and maternal-child health and how you feel this is relevant to being a reviewer for this RFQ.

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Why does serving as a reviewer of applications for the Birth Outcomes Evaluation RFQ interest you?
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