February 28, 2008

Dear Prospective Applicant:

On behalf of the First 5 and Proposition 10 Commissions in the Southern California region, First 5 LA is issuing this Request for Qualifications (RFQ). This RFQ is for groups or individuals interested in working in an evaluation consultant role with the First 5 Southern California Alliance for Learning and Results (SCALAR), a committee of staff representatives from the eight County Commissions in the Southern California region.

The selected applicant(s) will 1) create a central repository of Southern California Regional First 5 evaluation findings; 2) develop reports detailing findings of the review of local evaluation reports; 3) develop and guide the implementation of a strategic Regional research and evaluation plan. The selected applicant(s) will work closely with First 5 SCALAR staff throughout the contract period.

In response to this RFQ, each applicant is requested to submit a cover letter, a curriculum vita or resume, an application/proposal, and a budget estimate to First 5 LA no later than March 24, 2008. Following a review of all submitted applications, qualified applicants may be invited for an interview at First 5 LA during or before the week of April 28, 2008. First 5 LA staff will notify finalists of their interview time and date (if applicable). Interviews will include a brief oral presentation of the submitted application.

Please submit your application materials to:

Marc Davidson, Research Analyst
First 5 LA
750 North Alameda Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012
Attention: First 5 SCALAR Evaluation

All applications must be received by First 5 LA no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 24, 2008. No faxed or emailed submissions will be accepted.
First 5 SCALAR reserves the right to modify or withdraw this RFQ and selection process timeline at any time.

Please contact Marc Davidson at mdavidson@first5la.org if you have questions and/or if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

The Southern California Alliance for Learning and Results (SCALAR)

c: First 5 Riverside
First 5 Ventura County
First 5 Santa Barbara County
First 5 San Bernardino
First 5 San Diego
Imperial County Children and Families First Commission
Children and Families Commission of Orange County