

IL/Part B Questions and Answers 4/18/19

- Section 1 – Overview and Schedule
 - Is there a requirement that eligible applicants have minimum 51% consumer control (both staff and board) as in prior years?
VR Agency response (4/18/19)
Yes, according to 45 CFR 1329.4 two definitions are important in relation to this question:
Definitions:
Eligible agency-means a consumer-controlled, community-based, cross-disability, nonresidential, private, nonprofit agency.
Consumer control-means, with respect to a Center or eligible agency, that the Center or eligible agency vests power and authority in individuals with disabilities, including individuals who are or have been recipients of IL services, in terms of management, staffing, decision making, operation and provision of services.
- Section 3 – Proposed Scope of Work
 - Must a proposal address every element of the Proposed Scope of Work (items 1 through 5c)?
VR Agency response (4/18/19)
No, an eligible agency would provide “core service in alignment” with 45 CFR 1329. They do not have to provide all but they have to be within the CFR services.
 - Must a proposer demonstrate how the Proposed Scope of Work makes services available to all individuals with disabilities, or may proposals be disability specific?
VR Agency response (4/18/19)
The CFR defines *Cross-Disability* means, with respect to services provided by a Center, that a Center provides services to individuals with all types of different types of disabilities, including individuals with significant disabilities who are members of unserved or underserved populations by programs under Title VII.
 - Must a proposer demonstrate how the Scope of Work makes services available statewide, or may regional proposals be accepted?
VR Agency response (4/18/19)
The CFR does not specify geography covered.
 - Must a proposer demonstrate how it serves individuals of all ages, or are specific age ranges acceptable?
VR Agency response (4/18/19)
The CFR does not specify age ranges, however, there is distinction of *(iii) Facilitate the transition of youth who are individuals with significant disabilities, who were eligible for individualized education programs under section...*
 - Are Access Modification and Transportation allowable services under this RFP?
VR Agency response (4/18/19)
Those services could be allowed within the core services to assist with independent living.
- Section 4 – Proposal Submission, Deadline, and Location Instructions
 - Item c under Response to RFP indicates that the submission needs to have ‘all Confidential Information fully redacted’ – can you provide examples of the types of information which should be redacted (in addition to the description under Section 7E)?
VR Agency response (4/18/19)

This really relates to any Personally Identifiable Information (PII) that could include customer/client names or other PII.

- Section 5 – Content and Requirements for Proposal
 - Are there page limits associated with any requested information (i.e. items 1-8) besides the five page limit on the Project Summary?

VR Agency response (4/18/19) No.

- For item 5, can you provide guidance on the type and source of requested references?

VR Agency response (4/18/19) Clients/entities that have utilized independent living or have worked with your agency/company.

- For item 7, implementation plan, can you provide guidance on the expectations for this plan format and/or content?

VR Agency response (4/18/19) The implementation plan would identify how you plan to utilize approved funding within the two year period.

- Is item 8 Cost Proposal the same as the Project Budget? If different, please explain the unique requirements for each.

VR Agency response (4/18/19) The project budget is a comprehensive line item view of how funding approved will be spent. The cost proposal is defined by a formula the state has in regards to RFP's and scoring.

- Are there page limits for Cost Proposal or Budget sections?

VR Agency response (4/18/19) No

- Should the Budget be separated into year one and year two?

VR Agency response (4/18/19) This would be very helpful.

- Is there a requirement to be in alignment with the SPIL, and to describe that alignment within the proposal?

VR Agency response (4/18/19) As in previous years of IL Part B funding, yes, having alignment to the currently active SPIL is very helpful. That plan identifies how the state will provide overarching IL services to meet the states' needs.

- Section 6 – Evaluation of Proposals
 - The RFP indicates 'The Agency will select a Proposer' – is the intent to award the entire contract to a single proposer/applicant, or may there be multiple proposals which receive funding?

VR Agency response (4/18/19) As in previous years it is possible to have multiple entities receive approved funding.

- Item G: Price Proposal Review: How will the Proposer's Price Score be evaluated equitably if different proposers include different scale and scope of services and the lowest proposal price is an element of the formula for the Proposer's Price Score?

VR Agency response (4/18/19) In past years scoring the agency has funded entities that have more services/disabilities to serve as well as geography. Scoring methodology has taken this into consideration, and funding levels have exhibited this difference.

- For example, if a proposer is serving cross-disability populations versus specific disabilities, and/or is providing services regionally versus statewide, then it is likely that Price would be lower than a Proposer providing cross-disability services statewide. This would set a baseline as the Lowest Proposed Price, although the scope of services is not comparable.