

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Paterson Alliance Seeks Qualified Lead Remediation and Abatement Contractors

Paterson, NJ – 9/16/24 – Paterson Alliance (PAL) is pleased to announce the release of a *Request for Qualifications (RFQ)* for experienced **Lead Remediation/Mitigation Contractors** and **NJ Certified Lead Abatement Contractors** to participate in PAL's Lead Remediation and Abatement Program (LRAP). This program aims to create lead-safe homes for families in Paterson and across Passaic County, particularly for households with children under 6 years old and pregnant women.

#### Program Overview

The PAL-LRAP program is dedicated to ensuring the safety of homes in Paterson by addressing the lead hazards present in homes built before 1978. Through grants provided by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA), PAL will conduct **lead remediation** and **lead abatement** for eligible properties. This effort will significantly reduce the risk of lead poisoning in vulnerable populations.

The RFQ seeks contractors who are committed to upholding the highest standards of safety and quality. Contractors must be experienced in **lead hazard control** and **lead-safe housing rehabilitation**. Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs) are strongly encouraged to submit bids, and PAL remains committed to a fair and open process that ensures equal opportunity for all qualified bidders.

#### Scope of Work

Over an 18-month period, qualified contractors will be assigned a minimum of **100 jobs** to address lead hazards in homes. The work will include both **lead remediation/mitigation** and **lead abatement** measures, with costs per project ranging up to \$13,000 for remediation and \$25,000 for abatement, based on the scope of work. Contractors will be selected based on their expertise, availability, and commitment to meeting program guidelines. Work assignments will be distributed through a **Round Robin** selection process, ensuring equitable opportunities for all contractors in the qualified pool.

#### Minimum Qualifications for Respondents

Interested contractors must meet the following qualifications:

- A minimum of **two years of experience** in lead remediation or abatement.
- NJ Certified Lead Abatement Contractor License (for abatement work) or EPA RRP Certification (for remediation work).
- Adequate **liability insurance** and **worker's compensation** coverage.
- A **demonstrated track record** of completing similar projects within the given timeframe and budget.

Additionally, contractors must be committed to working within Passaic County, particularly in **Paterson**, where the majority of the projects will take place.

## How to Apply

Interested contractors can obtain the full RFQ package by contacting Paterson Alliance:

- **Location:** 470 Chamberlain Ave, Suite 12-13, Paterson, NJ 07522
- **Email:** [PALLeadProgram@gmail.com](mailto:PALLeadProgram@gmail.com)
- **Phone:** 973-750-6919

All RFQ submissions must be delivered in person or by mail to the address above **by 4:00 PM on October 11, 2024.**

This is a unique opportunity to contribute to the safety and health of families in Paterson by providing essential lead remediation and abatement services. We look forward to partnering with contractors who share our commitment to protecting children and creating healthier homes.

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