

**Questions & Answers**

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1.	According to the RFP, a bidder must be a non-profit entity or governmental entity <b>who currently leads a crisis/disaster-focused network</b> . Does this include entities who have a current contract to deliver the DMHAS DTB’s Crisis Counseling Program in the event of a disaster and/or entities who implemented the DMHAS DTB’s Crisis Counseling Program in past disasters such as Hurricane Sandy, COVID, and Hurricane Ida?	Yes, they could be eligible but must be a non-profit entity or governmental entity who currently leads a crisis/disaster-focused network and meet all other requirements as outlined in the Section III of the RFP.	III	Pages 5 - 6
2.	Will the award be given to just one organization or is there a possibility that it would be divided between/among two or more?	DMHAS intends to select one (1) bidder for a single award to implement this initiative statewide.	N/A	N/A
3.	The RFP states that the successful bidder shall increase “the number of behavioral health organizations that take part in the network by a minimum of five (5%) percent.” Does this mean that a) the bidder needs to take the number of organizations that currently participate in the network and increase that number by 5%, or b) that the bidder must increase the percentage of behavioral health organizations that make up the network by 5%. In “a,” if there are currently 100 organizations in the network, and 20 of them are behavioral health organizations, the number of behavioral health organizations in the network would need to increase by at least 5% (accomplished by adding $20 \times .05 = 1$ more behavioral health organization to the network). In “b,” if there are currently 100 organizations in the network, and 20 (20%) of them are behavioral health organizations, we	<p>The RFP is intended to indicate that NJ behavioral health organizations should play a larger role in crisis/disaster preparation and execution. The successful bidder will be tasked with increasing the number of behavioral health organizations that participate in a crisis/disaster network.</p> <p>The approximate numbers required will be discussed during contract negotiations and during the bimonthly monitoring meetings between DMHAS and the successful bidder.</p> <p>However, the successful bidder needs to increase the number of behavioral health organizations that currently participate in the network by a minimum of 5%. For a network that is comprised of 100 agencies which includes 20 behavioral health, the successful bidder is required to</p>	Contract Scope of Work, Item #2	Page 6

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	would need to increase the number to 25%, which would mean adding at least 5 or more behavioral health organizations. The plain reading of the RFP language suggests that “a” is the correct interpretation, but we want to make sure of that.	increase the number of behavioral health agencies from 20% to 25%. Therefore, a minimum of 5 additional behavior health agencies would be required.		