

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is soliciting proposals on an 8(a) competitive basis to maintain the SAMHSA Disaster Technical Assistance Center (DTAC) and provide assistance to States and communities to prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters and terrorist events and to develop a coordinated infrastructure for mental health and substance abuse service needs consistent with evolving healthcare and preparedness systems and requirements. The contractor will be required to: (1) serve as a national resource on disaster behavioral health preparedness and response by providing extensive technical assistance through consultation, training and guidance/reference materials on conducting needs assessment, planning and developing command and response systems, delivering services in post disaster settings and many other preparedness and response topics; (2) maintain a current resource collection on materials for use by individuals and families, community organizations, local and State government and others on disaster mental health and substance abuse topics, prepare updated bibliographies of materials in the resource collection as necessary; (3) develop and disseminate a field communication that provides information on upcoming meetings and events and provides information about exemplary program practices in the field of disaster mental health and substance abuse services; (4) provide consultation and technical assistance to State and local public mental health providers in the development and implementation of effective and appropriate crisis behavioral health NIMS Compliant plans, response structures, and services; (5) provide targeted, onsite technical assistance to a limited number of sites each year; (6) plan training events, conferences or workshops; and (7) coordinate with SAMHSA and other experts, as needed, to determine gaps in disaster behavioral health practice information and develop needed publications and materials to benefit the fields of mental health and substance abuse services.

The anticipated period of performance is a base period of 12 months, plus four (4) 12-month option periods. The solicitation may be obtained by either of two ways: by mail, or electronically by downloading a file from FedBizOpps or the SAMHSA Web Site at <http://www.samhsa.gov/contracts/contracts.html>.

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