



REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

Description of Project

LISC's Community Safety Initiative provides training and technical assistance to place-based crime prevention efforts in cities around the country. This includes technical assistance (TA) activities associated with an award from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) under the Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program (BCJI). As part of the White House Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative (NRI), BCJI supports comprehensive place-based and community-oriented initiatives that engage leaders from multiple sectors and disciplines to work together to reduce and prevent crime and revitalize communities. Local BCJI grantees are planning and implementing responses to the drivers of crime in persistent problem areas in their communities using a range of evidence-based strategies involving enforcement, prevention, intervention and treatment. Program priorities include strong use of research and data to guide decision-making; ongoing community engagement; and integrating crime responses with broader neighborhood revitalization activities.

LISC supports the BCJI grantees and other place-based crime prevention practitioners with on-site technical assistance (TA), web-based tools, webinars, workshops, written tools, and online training. Technical assistance is typically designed to meet specific local needs identified through a LISC assessment process. In the case of projects funded by BCJI, LISC conducts those assessments with BJA and BCJI grantees, and emphasizes needs related to community engagement, research-practitioner partnerships, cross-sector partnership sustainability, connecting crime prevention to neighborhood revitalization – as well as needs related to site-specific crime strategies. TA interventions range from an hour-long consultation with an individual grantee/partner to a several-month engagement providing intensive assistance to a grantee and its cross-sector partners.

Description of Services Required

This Request for Qualifications (RFQ) seeks consultants to supplement LISC's existing staff capacity to deliver TA through the Community Safety Initiative, with a particular emphasis on TA under BCJI. This solicitation does not have a deadline for submission of qualifications. Submissions of qualifications in response to this RFQ will be considered as they are received and through the contract end date or until available funds are committed, whichever comes sooner. Funds will be awarded and work conducted in accordance with all applicable federal regulations and requirements, including but not limited to those of DOJ's Bureau of Justice Assistance. All services will be provided under the supervision of LISC national and local staff.

LISC seeks consultants to assist with **assessing technical assistance needs; delivering direct technical assistance, workshops, trainings, and conference sessions, and developing web-based materials, written products, and online workshops.** TA will focus on the following areas of need:

- 1) Enhancing community-oriented strategies that involve the engagement of community residents and partners to work collaboratively with criminal justice and other neighborhood revitalization initiatives;

- 2) Developing and implementing place-based strategies to effectively identify, assess, and target crime hot spots or crime problems, including efforts to address violence, high recidivism, juvenile delinquency, drug markets and “broken windows” disorder;
- 3) Developing and implementing place-based strategies to develop social, economic and physical assets to prevent and reduce crime and increase collective efficacy in neighborhoods, such as efforts to address concentrated property vacancies and blight, to attract business, or to establish strong neighborhood associations;
- 4) Building and sustaining effective cross-sector and community partnerships, particularly those that engage community developers, social service providers, neighborhood organizations and criminal justice entities in collaborative problem-solving;
- 5) Supporting strong research-practitioner partnerships including assisting with analysis of crime and helping to establish protocols for using data to guide decision-making for program implementation.

Small Business Enterprises (SBEs), Minority-Owned Business Enterprises (MBEs), and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (WBEs)

LISC is committed to working with SBEs, MBEs, and WBEs, and encourages proposals from SBEs, MBEs, and WBEs.

Qualifications

Consultants must complete the attached RFQ form *and* submit résumés or biographical descriptions of consultants and subcontractors who will be providing TA under this contract.

Evaluation and Selection Criteria

LISC’s Community Safe Initiative team, together with LISC local offices and national LISC Grants and Contract Management staff, will evaluate submissions of qualifications based upon: experience, expertise in a listed TA topic, rate/price, location, availability, and references. Information about consultants selected under this RFQ will be shared with funders for approval as needed, including BJA for BCJI-related TA engagements. Please note that time-based compensation exceeding \$650/day requires special approval from DOJ for work related to BCJI. Once approved, consultants will be qualified to do work under LISC’s BCJI award or related CSI TA awards. Qualified consultants will then be selected for TA assignments based on their relevant qualifications as needs arise.

Directions for Submission

Please submit the attached form, *with attached résumés or biographical descriptions* of consultants and subcontractors who will be providing TA under this contract, **by e-mail**. This is a rolling RFQ.

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CONTACT INFORMATION:

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| Company Name: (if applicable) | |
| Primary Contact: | |
| Phone Number: | |
| Mailing Address: | |
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Please mark with an “X” if you consider your organization as one of the following:

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| Small Business Enterprises (SBEs) | |
| Minority-Owned Business Enterprises (MBEs) | |
| Women-Owned Business Enterprises (WBEs) | |

Please describe your team’s experience relevant to place-based crime prevention or neighborhood revitalization work, including (if appropriate): total years of experience in crime prevention and/or community development; total years of experience providing TTA, types of clients served and results achieved; examples of web-based tools, written products or training courses created/delivered; other relevant information.

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GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS:

Please indicate which geographic areas you would be willing to serve. Please specify if you are: (i) willing to work anywhere in the country; (ii) willing to work in specific regions only, and if so, which regions; or (iii) willing to work in specific cities only, and if so, which cities.

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AVAILABILITY:

Please indicate whether you are available for long-term assignments including site visits (such as a six-month engagement with a local LISC partner that involves regular phone/web consultation and two, 3-4 day on-site visits), as opposed to shorter-term engagements. Consultants should also list if

there are significant periods of time during 2014 that they will not be available to perform work under this contract.

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REFERENCES: Please provide at least two references

| Name of Reference | Phone, E-mail Address, and Mailing Address of Reference |
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PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH LISC OFFICES:

If you have previously worked with any local LISC offices or national programs, please indicate which programs you have worked with, the type of engagement, the year of the engagement, and the length of the engagement.

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Note: Please attach bios or résumés for all consultants when you submit this RFQ.