

**CALIFORNIA ACHIEVING A BETTER LIFE EXPERIENCE (“ABLE”) ACT BOARD**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

**529A Program Consulting Services  
(Non-IT Services)  
RFP No. ABLE01-16**

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

**October 19, 2016**

**Question 1. Referring to page 11 of 13 of the RFP under section “E) Cost Proposal...”, could you confirm that total number of hours associated with the 12 months project is in fact 300 hrs from all individuals contributing to the project?**

Answer to Question 1. The total number of hours for the one year contract term is capped at 300 hours and the maximum contract amount is capped at \$200,000 to control costs.

**Question 2. Under California law, with these types of contracts, is there a maximum rate in which a contractor can bill per hour?**

Answer to Question 2. There is no maximum rate under California law, but it’s in a bidder’s best interest to be competitive.

**Question 3. The second bullet point in Section A) Scope of Work of the RFP requires the Consultant to assist with drafting and implementing regulations, possibly emergency and permanent regulations. Will Counsel to the Board or other California Counsel also be available to participate in the drafting and implementation of regulations?**

Answer to Question 3. Yes. The Board retains in-house legal counsel and as necessary may obtain the services of the California Attorney General’s Office (AGO) or outside legal counsel with the AGO’s consent.

**Question 4. The third bullet point in Section A) Scope of Work of the RFP requires the Consultant to assist with and assess comments from public hearings and stakeholder meetings. Please elaborate on the expected nature and content of these events.**

Answer to Question 4. Currently, ABLE Act staff are holding public hearings and stakeholder meetings, including a participant survey. The consultant is expected to review the public feedback/comments to assist in the design and implementation of the Program, which includes drafting regulations and the Requests for Proposals for an investment manager and program administrator (“program manager”), as well as an investment consultant. Contractor may also be requested to assist in the development of questions or topics for any public hearing or stakeholder meeting held during the contract term.