



Mexican American Opportunity Foundation

Request For Proposal (RFP) RFP 26-012

Nutrition Consultant Services

May 20th, 2026

Mexican American Opportunity Foundation (hereinafter alternately "MAOF"), operated under a non-profit agency, is seeking Bids from highly qualified **Nutrition Consultant** with expertise in providing, Nutrition Consultant Services, through a competitive bid process. Pricing shall remain firm and fixed for a period of three (3) years, with the option to extend for two (2) additional one-year periods, subject to annual review, contractor performance, and availability of funding.

This process requires Contractors to submit a proposal that includes a complete bid for the Scope of Work (SOW) outlined in **Exhibit A**, along with three (3) professional references.

All correspondence or contact with MAOF regarding this request must be submitted in writing to Procurement@maof.org.

To download this RFP, Proposers must go to the webpage: www.maof.org, under the About Section/Click Procurement to look for the RFP or at the MAOF vendor portal in PlanetBids ([Here](#)). Electronic submissions are acceptable. All proposals must clearly reference: "**RFP No. 26-012 Nutrition Consultant Services**" on the outside of the envelope. Emailed proposals shall be sent to procurement@MAOF.org with "Nutrition Consultant Services" in the subject line. The proposal offer acknowledges the right of MAOF to accept or reject any or all proposals and to waive any informality in any proposal received.

For courier, please mail to:

Mexican American Opportunity Foundation (MAOF)
Attn: Procurement Department
401 N. Garfield Avenue
Montebello, CA 90640
T: 323-278-3600

For emailing purposes, please send to: procurement@maof.org.

To request this RFP packet for this solicitation to be sent to you, please contact Procurement at Procurement@maof.org.

Respectfully, MAOF
Procurement Department

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Introduction

The Mexican American Opportunity Foundation (MAOF) is a non-profit, community-based organization that was established in 1963 in order to serve disadvantaged individuals and families in the Los Angeles area. MAOF is the largest Latino-oriented, family services organization in the United States, and has achieved this status by providing high quality social services and programs to those communities where the need is the greatest.

Mission Statement: “The mission of the Mexican American Opportunity Foundation (MAOF) is to provide for the socio-economic betterment of the greater Latino community of California, while preserving the pride, values and heritage of the Mexican American culture. This is accomplished through programs in early childhood education and family services, job training, and senior lifestyle development throughout the multi-cultural communities served by MAOF.” MAOF is joined in this mission by government agencies, public and private foundations, and Corporate America.

Early Head Start & Head Start: The Early Head Start & Head Start Programs serve pregnant women and children 0 to 5 year-old low income families. The children receive educational, social development, medical, dental, vision and hearing screenings as well as other evaluations and services pertinent to a healthy, well-rounded child. Through parent skill building and curriculum understanding workshops, parents are provided valuable information for their role as the primary caregivers and educators of their children. This service is provided in both English and Spanish.

1.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. **Purpose.** The purpose of this Request for Proposals (**RFP 26-012**) is to solicit proposals from qualified and responsible respondents to provide Nutrition Consultant Services as described in this RFP and Exhibit B
- B. **Definition.** For this RFP and the resulting Contract, the following terms shall mean:

"**Agency**" means the MAOF, the Agency, boards, and any political subdivisions making purchases from the Contract as permitted by this RFP.

"**Contract**" means the Contract(s) entered into with the successful Respondent(s).

"**General Terms and Conditions**" means the General Terms and Conditions for Service Contract as referenced on the RFP cover page.

"**Proposal**" means the Respondent's proposal submitted in response to the Request for Proposal (RFP).

"**Respondent**" means the company, organization or other business entity submitting a proposal in response to this RFP.

"**Responsible Respondent**" means a Respondent that has the capability in all material respects to perform the scope of work and specifications of the Contract. In determining whether the Respondent is a Responsible Respondent, the Agency may consider various factors, including, but not limited to the Respondent's competence and qualifications to provide the goods or services requested, the Respondent's integrity and reliability, the past performance of the Respondent, and the best interest of the Agency.

"**Responsive Proposal**" means a Proposal that complies with the material provisions of this RFP.

"**RFP**" means Request for Proposals and any attachments, exhibits, schedules, or addenda hereto.

- C. **Overview of the RFP Process,** This RFP is designed to provide Respondents with the information necessary to prepare competitive Proposals. The RFP process is for the Agency's benefit and intends to provide the Agency with competitive information to assist in the selection process. It is not intended to be comprehensive, and each Respondent is responsible for determining all factors necessary to submit a comprehensive Proposal.

The Agency intends to evaluate Proposals from all Respondents that submit timely responsive proposals and award the Contract following the evaluation and selection criteria provided in this RFP.

1.0 OBJECTIVE

To provide consultation and/or training to Health and Nutrition Program Coordinator regarding food program regulations and other regulations relating to the nutrition services of the head start program, as well as aid with training to staff and families in accordance with the Early Head Start and Head Start Programs.

The Licensed Clinician Consultant shall commence performance of this agreement on the **1st day of July 2026** and shall complete performance to the satisfaction of the agency no later than the **30th of June 2029** – a duration of three (3) years contract term. Initial terms shall include one (1) additional option year extension, subject to annual review of performance and availability of grants.

2.0 STATEMENT OF WORK AND EXHIBITS

See Exhibit-A, Exhibit B and Exhibit C

3.0 PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS AND CONTENTS

A. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. To be considered for selection, proposers must submit a complete response to this solicitation either electronic or email bid to the addresses as directed in Page 1 of the RFP “**RFP No. 26-012 Nutrition Consultant Services**”. The proposer shall make no other distribution of the proposals.
 2. Proposals shall include a letter of transmittal signed by an authorized representative of the proposer. All information requested should be submitted. Please submit all requested information. MAOF may reject proposals that are substantially incomplete or lack key information.
 3. Proposals should be prepared, as thorough and detailed as possible, providing a straightforward, concise description to satisfy the solicitation's requirements. Emphasis should be placed on completeness and clarity of content.
 4. All responsive proposals are to be submitted on standard 8.5" X 11" paper size and 12-point font minimum type. Proposers shall respond to the items in the order they are shown in the solicitation. The responses should describe the most favorable terms and remain firm for **60 days** from the proposal opening date.
 5. Price should be submitted on the attached **Rate Worksheet (Exhibit A)**, including any applicable federal, State, and local taxes. The Contractor shall provide an all-inclusive price, including labor and material for the services.
 - a. Include the completed Clinician Consultant Bid Submittal Services per Rate Worksheet on Exhibit-A. Costs must be identified as per hourly rate. Contractor's rates shall remain firm and fixed for the term of the contract. The contract (hourly, daily, monthly, Unit Rate, etc.) amount may be adjusted annually based on the increase or decrease in the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics' Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County-San Bernardino- Contra Costa Area for the most recently published percentage change for the twelve (12) month period preceding the Contract anniversary date, which shall be the effective date for any cost of living adjustment.
- Early Head Start and/or Head Start is required to match a portion of the Federal funding it receives. Copy of Licensed Clinician Consultant Professional License or Certification. Please indicate in the In-Kind Match column any donation you would be willing to make to the program. Examples of in-kind match donations are: staff training, driving time, advisory committee time, donated program materials, etc.
6. Ownership of all data, materials, and documentation originated and prepared for this solicitation by any proposer shall belong exclusively to MAOF.

All pages of the proposal should be numbered and should be addressed in the proposer's response in the following order:

- a. Proposer's Cover Page (**Vendor Identification**) in **Exhibit C** of this RFP must be completed and signed.
- b. Letter of transmittal, signed by an authorized representative of the proposer.
- c. Table of Contents, cross-referencing the contents of the proposal.
- d. **Rate Worksheet** in the attachment **Exhibit A** to this solicitation must be completed and signed.
- e. Include a copy of the current certificate of liability insurance evidencing coverage of the minimum required in this solicitation.

Award of the Contract resulting from this RFP will be based upon the most responsive vendor whose offer will be the most advantageous to MAOF in terms of cost, functionality, qualifications, and other factors as specified elsewhere in this RFP.

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MAOF reserves the right to:

- a. Reject any or all offers and discontinue this RFP process without obligation or liability to any potential candidate, when it is in the Agency's best interest; and
- b. Accept other than the lowest priced offer.

The proposal shall:

- a. Provide at least three current client references for which you have performed similar work. References should include contact name, address and telephone number.
- b. Complete and return rate worksheet, EXHIBIT-A as Consultants proposed, along with other documentation and references.
- c. Two (2) sets of copies of proposals, including rate worksheet shall be submitted via **courier or email marked: "RFP No. 26-012 Nutrition Consultant Services" or via courier to:**

PLEASE DELIVER TO:

Mexican American Opportunity Foundation (MAOF)
Attn: Procurement Department
 401 N. Garfield Avenue
 Montebello, CA 90640
 T: 323-278-3600
Procurement@maof.org

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: This RFP will be open ongoing, until positions are fulfilled.

Consultants must possess good communication skills (verbal and written). They must have the ability to establish working relationships with children, families, staff members and adults from a wide variety of educational and socio-economic backgrounds. They must also have knowledge of a wide variety of community resources and ability to establish working relationships with staff members of administrative related agencies and institutions.

- W-9
- Professional Liability Insurance
- Vehicle Insurance
- California Driver's License

- a. To be considered responsive, a proposal must contain the following, referenced by number and in the order below:
1. Provide a brief overview of Contractor's technical experience, qualifications, and background in providing teaching services for similar sized customers. Indicate the prior experience of Contractor that is relevant to this contract. Include sufficient detail to demonstrate the relevance of such experience. Proposal should evidence the Contractor's awareness of and support for the unique needs their clients.
 2. A statement that business licenses, professional certifications or other credentials necessary for the performance of the services here sought are in place, together with evidence that bidder, if a corporation, is in good standing and qualified to conduct business in California.
 3. A description of similar projects completed by the bidder within the past two (2) years.
 4. Qualifications, background and experience of staff proposed to work on the project.
 5. References with contact information from organizations that have used bidder's services for similar projects/type of work within the last 12-18 months where applicable.
 6. A general description of the techniques, approaches and methods to be used in completing the project.
 7. A description of the chronology for completing the work, including a timeline and deadlines for each task, if any.
 8. A detailed description of bidder compensation formula, including any travel costs and other expenses. Bidders must submit a sample of a breakdown of charges and costs, detailed by job function/title of those servicing, as well as a maximum not-to-exceed total for all services. All travel, lodging and miscellaneous support costs are to be included in this billing rate. Invoices for services satisfactorily performed must be itemized by date and services performed and reference. As the MAOF may award a contract based on the initial offer, a bidder should make its initial offer on the most favorable terms available. The MAOF reserves the right, however, to have discussions with those bidders falling within a competitive range, and to request revised pricing offers from them and to make an award or conduct negotiations thereafter.

Proposals which fail to address each of the submission requirements above may be deemed non-responsive and will not be further considered. Note that responses to questions must be specifically answered within the context of the submitted proposal. The MAOF's evaluation team will not refer to a designated web site, brochure, or other location for the requested information. Responses that utilize references to external materials as an answer will be considered non-responsive.

The Nutrition Consultant works with Early Head Start and Head Start children, families and staff and must provide the following information to be kept on file at the Head Office: An up to date resume, a copy of all applicable professional licensure and insurance, a copy of a valid drivers' license, a current physical exam and tuberculosis skin test (TB) and a notarized "Affidavit of Good Moral Character" form. They must also undergo a local criminal record check from the Sheriff's Department in their county of residence as well as a state/national Level II Background Check Live Scan clearance letter.

4.0 **CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK**

If applicable, MAOF can require the awarded Contractor to provide the following for their team members assigned to each MAOF location:

- Criminal background check for each team member performing services;
- Drug screening check for each team member performing services;
- Tuberculosis Test; and
- Child Protection Registry checks for each team member performing services.

5.0 **INVOICING/BILLING**

Invoice of Recruiter's timesheet will be given to the **Nutrition Coordinator and MAOF's Accounts Payable team** at ap@maof.org on the first of each month. Payment for services rendered will be made 30 calendar days from date of submitting monthly accountability service summary and invoice to the **Nutrition Coordinator and MAOF Accounts Payable**.

6.0 **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

Release of RFP 05/20/2026

Questions & Answers: Please contact the Procurement Department

Deadline for submission Until Positions are filled.

The Agency will maintain this Request for Proposals ("RFP") as an open and ongoing solicitation until a sufficient number of qualified Nutrition Consultants have been selected to meet the operational and programmatic needs of the Agency. Proposals will be accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis. The solicitation will remain open until the Agency determines that adequate provider capacity has been achieved. The Agency reserves the right to extend, amend, suspend, or close the solicitation at its sole discretion.

Applications are to be submitted to the Procurement Department via Email at: Procurement@maof.org

or

Mail: 401 N. Garfield Avenue

Montebello, CA 90640

Attn: Procurement Department

Ref: **RFP No. 26-012 Nutrition Consultant Services**

- Attention: MAOF Procurement Department

For additional information or questions, please contact: Procurement@maof.org

For additional information about the Early Head Start program, visit:

MAOF Head Start and Early Head Start <http://www.maof.org/head-start/>

Los Angeles County Office of Education <http://prekkid.org/our-programs/>

Office of Head Start: <https://ijec.kc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov>

7.0 INQUIRIES

Questions regarding this RFP are to be submitted to Procurement@maof.org with **RFP No. 26-012 Nutrition Consultant Services** in the subject line. Questions regarding this RFP will only be accepted by email.

8.0 TERMINATION

8.1 This contract may also be terminated by the MAOF in the event that the project is permanently abandoned, as determined in the sole discretion of the MAOF. The MAOF may terminate the contract in whole or in part whenever the MAOF determines, in its sole discretion that such termination is in the interests of the MAOF. Whenever the contract is terminated in accordance with this paragraph, the consultant(s) shall be entitled to payment for actual work performed at unit contract prices for completed items of work. An equitable adjustment in the contract price for partially completed items of work will be made, but such adjustment shall not include provision for loss of anticipated profit on deleted or uncompleted work. Termination of this contract by the MAOF at any time during the term, whether for default or convenience, shall not constitute a breach of contract by the MAOF.

8.2 In addition, either party may terminate the contract in the event the other party breaches any of its duties and obligations under this contract and fails to cure such breach within thirty (30) days after receiving notice specifying the breach. The MAOF reserves the right to terminate without warning in the event of critical and/or material breach of contract.

9.0 HOLD-HARMLESS AND INDENTIFICATION

The successful Consultant shall be liable for any injury, damage or loss occasioned by negligence or omission of the successful Consultant, its agents, or any other person the successful Consultant has designated to visit MAOF property and shall indemnify and hold harmless the Board, its officers, employees, agents, volunteers from any liability arising in the performance of this contract. The Consultant's obligation under this section shall not extend to any.

10.0 CONFIDENTIALITY

10.1 Confidential Information. Under this Agreement, “Confidential Information” refers to any and all information of a Party (“Disclosing Party”) that has been disclosed to the other Party (“Receiving Party”), which is designated in writing as confidential, proprietary, or secret or under the context of its disclosure ought to reasonably be considered as confidential. Confidential Information includes, but is not limited to, all information concerning a Party’s existing business, business systems, business plans and information systems, trade secrets, prices, and pricing information.

10.2 Use of Confidential Information. Each Party will comply with all laws and regulations that apply to use, transmission, storage, disclosure, or destruction of Confidential Information. Both Parties agree to hold the other Party’s Confidential Information in strict confidence. Consultant agrees not to use Company’s Confidential Information in any way, except as expressly permitted by or required to achieve the purposes of this Agreement, and Company agrees to use Consultant’s Confidential Information solely for the purpose of performing the Services. Both Parties agree to use all reasonable efforts to protect unauthorized use or distribution of Confidential Information and the Receiving Party agrees to use at least the same degree of care to prevent disclosing to third parties the Confidential Information of the Disclosing Party as the Disclosing Party uses to protect its own Confidential Information. The Receiving Party further agrees not to

disclose or permit any third party access to the Disclosing Party's Confidential Information, except such disclosure or access will be permitted in order to perform the Services provided under this Agreement. Each Party agrees to ensure that its employees, agents, representatives, and contractors are advised of the confidential nature of the Confidential Information and are precluded from taking any action prohibited under this Agreement.

11. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Additions and Deletions of Service:

MAOF reserves the right to add and delete goods or services to any contract with the Contractor. Should a requirement be deleted, payment to the Contractor shall be reduced proportionally to the amount of service reduced following the bid price. Should additional services be required from the Contract, prices for such additions will be negotiated between the Contractor and MAOF.

2. Licenses:

By submitting a proposal, the proposer certifies that it has procured and shall maintain in full force all permits and state bar licenses required to conduct its business lawfully and that it shall remain informed of and in compliance with all federal and local laws, ordinances, and regulations that affect in any manner contractor's fulfillment of the Contract.

3. Anti-Kickback Provision:

This Contract is subject to the provisions of the AntiKickback Enforcement Act of 1986. By agreeing to this binding Agreement, the transacting parties (1) certify that they have not paid kickbacks directly or indirectly to any employee of MAOF for the purpose of obtaining this or any other agreement, purchase order, or Contract from MAOF and (2) agree to cooperate fully with any Federal Agency investigating a possible violation of the Act.

4. Non-Collusion/Fraud:

By submitting a proposal, the proposer warrants and certifies that neither the proposer nor its employees or associates have contacted any unauthorized UPO employee, officer, or elected official regarding the contents of this solicitation or the solicitation process. Proposer further warrants and certifies that neither the proposer nor its employees or associates has directly or indirectly entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free competitive bidding in response to this solicitation. Suppose at any given time, it is found that the proposer or its employees or associates have, in the presenting of its proposal, colluded with any other party or parties to prevent or restrict free competitive bidding. In that case, its proposal shall be immediately rejected. Any contract awarded prior to MAOF's discovery of proposer's collusion shall be terminated, and the proposer shall be liable for all damages sustained by MAOF due to the proposer's collusion.

5. Equal Opportunity:

The proposer agrees not to discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment on Account of any services or activities made possible by or resulting from this RFP on the grounds of actual or perceived sex, race, color, religion, national origin, age, marital status, disability, personal appearance, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, familial status, family responsibilities, matriculation, political affiliation, genetic information, source of income, place of residence or business, veteran status or any other characteristic protected under federal or District law. Any violation of this provision shall be considered a violation of a material provision of this Agreement and shall be grounds for cancellation, termination, or suspension in whole or in part of the Agreement by MAOF, which may result in ineligibility for further MAOF contracts. At all times in the proposal and contract process, the proposer shall comply with all applicable MAOF, CA, and Federal Anti-Discrimination Laws, Rules, Regulations, and Requirements.

6. Right to Audit:

MAOF shall have the right to audit all invoices submitted by the Contractor. The organization shall have the right to audit all relevant data based on the Contractor's fees upon request.

7. Informal Communication:

From the date of receipt of this RFP by each proposer and until a binding contractual agreement exists with the awarded Contractor and all other proposers have been notified, or when MAOF rejects all proposals, informal communications regarding this procurement shall cease. There shall be no requests from proposers to any Office or Department at MAOF except contact for information, comments, etc., and they shall be emailed.

8. Formal Communication:

From the date of receipt of this RFP by each proposer and until a binding contractual agreement exists with the selected Contractor and all other proposers have been notified, or when MAOF rejects all proposals, all communications between MAOF and the proposers will be formal emails.

9. Costs Incurred:

The proposer's sole responsibility shall assume any costs incurred by proposers in preparing or submitting a proposal or subsequent oral presentation demonstration.

10. Minority/Women-Owned Business Enterprises:

Pursuant to Federal Acquisition Regulations and MAOF's procurement policy, MAOF may offer contracting opportunities to small and minority firms, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms to the extent possible.

11. Federal, State, and Local Taxes:

MAOF is not exempt from State and federal taxes. Such applicable taxes shall be included in quoted prices, but also if any taxes are known to be borne by the Contractor to apply, they shall be shown separately. If not so shown, they shall be considered an expense of the proposer and deemed a part of the quoted prices.

12. Payment Terms:

Preferred invoice payment terms will be 30 calendar days from the date of invoice. If there is a discrepancy between the order and the invoice, payment terms shall be practical starting when the discrepancy is resolved. Monies due or to become due to the Contractor under the Contract may be retained by MAOF as necessary to satisfy any outstanding claim that MAOF may have against the Contractor. At any time or times before final payment and three years thereafter, MAOF may have the Contractor's invoices or vouchers, and statement of cost audited.

13. Indemnification:

The Contractor shall indemnify, protect, defend, and hold harmless MAOF, its directors, officers, employees, and representatives from and against any claims arising from or connected with: (1) any alleged or actual breach by the Contractor or (2) any act or omission by the Contractor and only to the extent such claim arises by negligence or intentional misconduct or as may be allowed under applicable law. Monies due or to become due to the Contractor under the Contract may be retained by MAOF as necessary to satisfy any outstanding claim that MAOF may have against the Contractor.

14. Insurance:

Contractor shall, at all times, at its own expense, obtain and carry comprehensive liability insurance, including errors and omissions coverage, property damage insurance, and workers' compensation insurance in adequate amounts. The Contractor shall keep such insurance in full force for the duration and term of this Agreement. All certificates of insurance or evidence of insurance must contain a ten (10) business day written notice of any cancellation, change, or termination of coverage. The insurance required shall be obtained from the insurance company(ies) licensed to do business in the State of California and shall be kept

in full force for 90 days after the last payment under the Contract.

- ✓ Workers' Compensation Insurance provides statutory limits in the State of California.
- ✓ Business Automobile Liability Insurance with a minimum of \$1,000,000 per occurrence.
- ✓ Commercial General Liability Insurance coverage with a minimum of \$1,000,000 per occurrence / \$2,000,000 aggregate limit. The Contractor shall provide immediate notice in the event there is any change of insurance or that it has reached the insurance limits due to claims made.

15. RFP Addendum:

In the event that it becomes necessary to revise this RFP, in whole or in part, an addendum will be posted on the MAOF website: <http://www.maof.org/procurement-department>.

16. Completed Proposals:

A proposer may submit no more than one (1) proposal in response to this RFP. The proposal shall be completed and signed by an individual who is authorized to bind the firm submitting the proposal.

17. Withdrawal of Bids:

At any time prior to the hour and date set for submitting proposals, a proposer may withdraw the proposal. This will not preclude another proposal's submission before the deadline for submitting the bid. After the scheduled time and date for submitting proposals, a proposer will be permitted to withdraw the bid if the award is delayed for a period exceeding 60 days.

18. Receipt and Opening of Proposals:

Proposers are responsible for ensuring their bid is delivered to MAOF by the scheduled date and time. Only those bids received promptly, as outlined in this RFP, will be considered. Proposals received after the date and hour designated may be automatically disqualified and may not be considered; late bids will be dated, marked as received late, and placed in the bid file. Proposers must pay particular attention to ensure the proposal is properly addressed. MAOF is only responsible if the proposal reaches the destination specified by the appointed date and time.

19. Contract Award Notification:

When the evaluation process of the proposals is completed, the selected proposer will be formally notified by mail or email. Other notifications will not be honored and should not be considered as a valid offer of award.

20. By submitting a proposal:

The proposer represents that:

- a. The proposer has read and understands the RFP and submits the response in accordance therewith.
- b. The proposer possesses the capabilities, equipment, and professional personnel necessary to provide an efficient and successful service as required by MAOF.
- c. The proposer has all the required licenses and insurance during the duration of the contract terms.
- d. The proposer is advised to become familiar with all conditions, instructions, and specifications of this RFP. By submitting a proposal, proposer represents and warrants that it has thoroughly examined and is familiar with work required under this RFP, that proposer has conducted such additional investigation as it deems necessary and convenient, that proposer can provide the services requested by the MAOF in a manner that meets the MAOF's objectives and specifications as outlined in this RFP, and that proposer

has reviewed and inspected all materials submitted in response to this RFP. Once the consultant has been selected, a failure to read the conditions, instructions, and specifications herein shall not be cause to alter the Contract or for proposer to request additional compensation.

21. Other claims:

No claim will be allowed for additional compensation or time for completion based on a lack of knowledge or lack of understanding of any part of the RFP.

22. Suspension and Debarment:

The Contractor certifies that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in federally funded transactions by any federal department or agency. The Contractor shall comply with all applicable requirements of 2 C.F.R. Part 180 and 2 C.F.R. Part 3000. The Contractor further agrees to verify that all subcontractors are not debarred or suspended from federal participation and shall notify the district immediately if its status changes during the term of this Agreement.

23. SERVICE LOCATIONS

“Services may be required at multiple MAOF-operated locations and service regions during the term of the agreement. Service locations may be added, modified, or adjusted as operational and programmatic needs require. All other requirements of the RFP, including the Scope of Work, shall remain applicable.”

EXHIBIT-A

RATE WORKSHEET

RFP NO. 26-012, Nutrition Consultant Services

1ST YEAR: _____ .00 _____ HOURLY RATE

2ND YEAR: _____ .00 _____ HOURLY RATE

3RD YEAR: _____ .00 _____ HOURLY RATE

NOTE: The contract (hourly, daily, monthly, Unit Rate, etc.) amount on 2nd & 3rd year may be adjusted annually based on the increase or decrease in the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics' Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County Area for the most recently published percentage change for the twelve (12) month period preceding the Contract anniversary date, which shall be the effective date for any cost of living adjustment. However, any increase shall not exceed 5% percentage of the general rate granted to the consultants.

EXHIBIT-B

RFP NO. 26-012, Nutrition Consultant Services

STATEMENT OF WORK

Nutrition Consultant Services / Scope of Work

The type and frequency of consultation services shall be determined through mutual agreement between the Head Start/Early Head Start Director (or designee) and the Nutrition Consultant. Areas of consultation shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

Consultation and Training

At the request of the agency, the Nutrition Consultant may provide consultation and/or training to staff and families regarding nutrition procedures, including but not limited to:

- Best practices
- MAOF requirements
- Head Start Performance Standards
- California Community Care Licensing regulations
- USDA requirements
- CACFP requirements
- Other applicable regulatory agency requirements
- Existing care plans and procedures

Nutrition Referrals and Follow-Up

As applicable to contracted services, the Nutrition Consultant may respond to nutrition referrals generated by program staff. Consultation activities, nutritional assessments, and related documentation may be maintained in the agency's designated reporting system, including ChildPlus.

Nutrition consultation services may include, but are not limited to:

Meeting and collaborating with families, as needed, to obtain additional nutrition information and support planning for care at school.

Conducting home visits, when necessary.

Consulting with community medical providers to obtain additional nutrition information and/or recommendations regarding the child's care at school.

Providing guidance and technical consultation to staff regarding individual child nutrition concerns, including:

- Development of Individualized Health and Nutrition Plans (IHNP's)
- Development of 504 Accommodation Plans
- Review of plans with staff
- Food allergies

- Dietary restrictions

- Food substitutions

- Health conditions related to nutrition

- Appropriate accommodations for children with identified nutrition needs

Participating in Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) meetings, as applicable to the child's individual needs.

Providing consultation regarding nutrition services and related concerns to program staff and families, as requested.

Collaborating with staff involved in the child's care, as appropriate to support nutrition-related accommodations and services.

Reviewing enrollment forms and applicable documentation related to identifying children's nutrition and health needs, including but not limited to:

- Physical examinations

- Growth assessments

- Dental examinations

- IEPs

- Medical statements

- Medical orders

- Medication labels

Lead and hemoglobin results

Providing consultation regarding menu accommodations for children with dietary needs and/or food accommodations in accordance with CACFP requirements.

Reviewing menus, as applicable, to support compliance with CACFP guidelines.

Communicating identified family nutrition goals with appropriate program staff following completion of nutrition assessments.

Nutrition Milestones and Timelines

Applicable ChildPlus reports and related documentation may be reviewed in accordance with program compliance requirements and contracted services.

Applicable reports may include:

3065 / 3035 – Food accommodations and RD Referral Reports

Documentation related to dietary accommodations and nutrition services

Applicable follow-up activities and related documentation may be maintained in ChildPlus in accordance with agency procedures and regulatory requirements.

Written Reports

The Nutrition Consultant may provide periodic documentation related to contracted services, which may include:

- Service logs

- Accountability or consultation summaries

- Documentation of consultation activities

- Invoices for services rendered

Documentation submitted for invoicing purposes should align with services provided during the applicable service period.

Monitoring of Performance and Quality of Services

The agency may review submitted documentation, consultation summaries, and related deliverables to ensure contracted services align with program requirements and applicable regulations.

EXHIBIT-C

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VENDOR IDENTIFICATION

(Must be completed and returned to MAOF)

Company/Individual's Name:			
Doing Business As (DBA):			
Company Federal ID# or Social Security No.:			
Address:			
Remit To Address:			
Telephone:			
Fax:			
Email:			
Web address:			
Main Contact Person:			
Person responsible for response (if different):			
Print Name	Title	Authorized Signature	Date