

Helen Keller International Request for Services

Optometrist (Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN)

Helen Keller Intl is a global health organization dedicated to eliminating preventable vision loss, malnutrition and diseases of poverty. Cofounded by Helen Keller – and guided by her fierce optimism and belief in human potential – the organization delivers life-changing health solutions to vulnerable families where the need is great but access to care is limited. In the U.S., Africa, and Asia, Helen Keller's proven, science-based programs empower people to create opportunities in their own lives and build lasting change.

US VISION PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Recognizing a lack of accessible, adequate vision care among low-income children in the United States, Helen Keller Intl established the US Vision Program in 1994. This program was designed by optometrists, ophthalmologists, and public health experts to identify children at risk of refractive error, amblyopia, and other serious eye conditions to ensure that these children receive eyeglasses and/or referrals for further treatment. In so doing, the program “brings education into focus”™ for children who would otherwise be left with poor vision – and unfulfilled potential. To date, the US Vision Program has screened more than **1.9 million** students in the United States and has provided free eyeglasses to almost **300,000** children living in some of our country’s underprivileged neighborhoods.

In 2018, Helen Keller Intl expanded its vision program to the communities of Minneapolis – St. Paul and is seeking a consulting **optometrist(s)** to provide services to high school aged students and vulnerable populations at partnering community-based organizations in the Twin Cities’ area.

NATURE OF SERVICES

Traditionally, the US Vision Program provides vision assessment of high school aged students in the Twin Cities area during the school day throughout the academic year. With the current COVID-19 climate, we are shifting our services to serve vulnerable populations at our partnering community-based organizations. The program model includes an initial visual acuity screening, refraction assessment, provision of eyeglasses and/or referral for additional care. Appropriate COVID-19 safety measures will be implemented during services and adequate PPE will be provided for all Helen Keller Intl staff and consultants.

SPECIFIC REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

Please describe the nature of your experience as an optometrist and why your experience is well suited to the nature of the work described above. In particular, please be sure to address each of the following points:

- Professional experience
- Status of Minnesota license and professional liability insurance
- Schedule of fees

In addition, please provide your CV and three references who may be contacted by Helen Keller Intl. These references should be existing clients with service requirements similar to Helen Keller Intl.

Please submit your proposal to Elizabeth Johnston at ejohnston@hki.org noting Vision Program-MN: Consultant Services in the subject line.