

Helen Keller International Request for Consulting Services

OPTICIAN

US Vision Program, New Jersey (Greater Newark Area)

NATURE OF SERVICES

Provide verification and distribution of eyeglasses to program participants (students and vulnerable populations) within targeted communities. The program model includes an initial visual acuity screening, refraction assessment, provision of eyeglasses, and/or referral for additional care.

CONTRACTING ENTITY: Helen Keller International

Helen Keller Intl is a global health organization dedicated to eliminating preventable vision loss, malnutrition, and diseases of poverty. Co-founded 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 US, Africa, and Asia, Helen Keller’s proven, science-based programs empower people to create opportunities in their own lives and build lasting change.

PLACE of PERFORMANCE: Newark and surrounding communities.

Most services are provided in schools in this geographic area, but they may also be provided in community centers and/or homeless shelters serving vulnerable populations.

DURATION and TIMEFRAME:

Approximately 50 days of involvement are anticipated over the course of the academic year. Helen Keller will consider contracting either one or multiple Optician, and will entertain proposals that include a minimum commitment of 1 days per week.

BACKGROUND:

Recognizing a lack of accessible, adequate vision care among low-income adults and children in the US, Helen Keller International established the US Vision Programs (formerly known as ChildSight®), which currently operate in CA, MN, NJ, NY & TX. Since 1994, Helen Keller has provided free vision screenings for more than 2.1 million individuals in the United States and provided more than 350,000 of them with prescription eyeglasses to solve common vision problems.

SCOPE OF WORK

- Verify of prescription of eyeglasses with order
- Provide eyeglasses to the recipient, ensure fit, verify corrected visual acuity, and educate on eyeglasses use and care.
- Provide technical assistance to program quality assurance
- Complete program documentation

Helen Keller requires all staff and consultants who provide services to beneficiaries of the US Vision Program to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19, whether they have had COVID. Helen Keller also requires all staff and consultants to wear masks and observe social distancing during program activities and while working in the office.

SPECIFIC REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

Please describe the nature of your experience as an optician 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 New Jersey license and professional liability insurance
- Schedule of fees

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

Please submit your proposal to Kindal Adams at KAdams@hki.org, noting NJ Vision Program Consultant Services in the subject line.

EVALUATION and AWARD PROCESS

This RFP is open to all persons or entities that are deemed capable of implementing the scope of work, with a solid record of integrity and business ethics.

The award will be made to the Seller representing the best value to the project and to Helen Keller. For the purpose of this RFP, price, delivery, technical and past performance are of equal importance for the purposes of evaluating and selecting the “best value” awardee.

**In the spirit of our founder and namesake,
Helen Keller places diversity and partnership at the core of our work.**

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**We encourage small minority, women, or veteran-owned businesses to submit proposals.**