



June 17, 2022

To: Interested Parties

The Milwaukee County Department of Health and Human Service (DHHS) and Milwaukee County Behavioral Health Services (BHS) invites community agencies, organizations and interested parties to participate in the Expression of Interest (EOI) process by submitting proposals to provide Individual Placement and Support services. **Individual Placement and Support (IPS)** is a model of **supported employment** for people with **serious mental illness** (e.g., schizophrenia spectrum disorder, bipolar, depression) but also has demonstrated effectiveness with other populations, specifically those in recovery substance use disorders. IPS supported employment helps people living with behavioral health conditions work at **regular jobs** of their choosing. Although variations of supported employment exist, IPS refers to the evidence-based practice of supported employment. **Mainstream education** and technical training are included as ways to advance career paths.

The Department welcomes new prospective vendors including joint ventures and other innovative partnerships to participate in this EOI process.

Proposal materials (*Technical and Program/Service Requirements*) will be available for download in electronic format beginning Friday, June 17, 2022, from:

***Milwaukee County Procurement Portal:***

<https://countymilwaukee.bonfirehub.com/portal/?tab=openOpportunities>

All Proposals for funding in response to this EOI must be received by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) no later than 4:00 p.m. CDT on **Friday August 12, 2022**. No extensions will be granted for submission of proposal unless approved by the DHHS Director.

**Applications must be uploaded to:**

<https://countymilwaukee.bonfirehub.com/portal/?tab=openOpportunities>

Thank you for your interest in the Milwaukee County Department of Health and Human Services and Behavioral Health Services EOI process.

Sincerely,

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