Requests for Information
(RFI) #17102 – Recovery High School

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Closing Date for Submission of Respondent Inquiries……………… September 19, 2017
Answers to Respondent Inquiries on or about…………………… October 10, 2017
Closing Date for Submission of Response………………………… October 31, 2017

All Inquiries to:
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procurements@oasas.ny.gov
Reference: “RFI #17102 – Recovery High School”

Submission of Response to:
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Reference: “RFI #17102 – Recovery High School”

TARGET POPULATION: Students in grades 9 through 12 with a diagnosis of, or are at risk of, a substance use disorder.

PREFERRED/ELIGIBLE RESPONDENTS:
A single or consortia of Boards of Cooperative Education Services (BOCES) or a non-profit organization in collaboration with one or more BOCES.

Please be aware that any expenses your agency incurs in the preparation and submission of the response(s) will not be reimbursed by the State. Your agency’s continued interest in providing services to the State of New York is appreciated.
I. **Introduction**

The New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) oversees one of the largest addiction service systems in the nation, which includes a full array of services to address prevention, treatment, and recovery. Treatment services were provided to nearly 234,000 individuals in 2015 through outpatient, crisis, inpatient, residential, and opioid treatment services. Approximately 327,000 New York State youth received a direct prevention service during the 2015-16 school year.

As part of the Governor’s Task Force to Combat the Heroin/Opioid Epidemic, a series of legislative and budget initiatives have been implemented. In furtherance of these goals to end the epidemic, OASAS is seeking information on the development and implementation of recovery high schools.

**Recovery High School**

A recovery high school is an alternative, multi-service high school program for adolescents with or at risk of a diagnosed substance use disorder (SUD) that provides a safe, sober and supportive educational environment. Treatment and recovery supports are incorporated into the normal school day to facilitate personal, academic, vocational and recovery success for the student. The goal of this effort is to further a substantial advancement in the planning of an educational environment that supports recovery from a substance use disorder, in programming, staffing and enrollment.

A. **Information Intent:**

OASAS, through this Request for Information (RFI), is soliciting information on the development, implementation and sustainability of a recovery high school model, which leverages collaboration between local Board(s) of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES), component school districts, OASAS certified, funded and/or authorized providers, and local communities.

BOCES is an integral component of the design and implementation of a recovery high school because of their experience with infrastructure and relationships already established in managing alternative high school models throughout New York State. Partnership with BOCES will facilitate faster and more cost-effective implementation and continued sustainability of a recovery high school model.

OASAS seeks information from respondents on the level of interest that exists to create recovery high school models in New York, supports required for success and any barriers to implementation.

**This is a request for information only and therefore no respondents to this request will be selected or awarded any funding.**
B. Target Population:

The target population is students in grades 9 through 12 with a diagnosis of, or are at risk for, a substance use disorder.

C. Preferred/Eligible Respondents:

Preferred respondents are a single, or consortia of, BOCES or a non-profit organization in partnership with BOCES. OASAS is restricting this request for information to respondents that include a BOCES because information on the development of a recovery high school in collaboration with BOCES is necessary for speedy implementation as BOCES has the experience with infrastructure and relationships already established in managing alternative high school models throughout New York State.

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II. Information Requested

A. Required Information:

OASAS seeks respondents to provide the following information:

1. Which, if any, BOCES are interested in creating a partnership within their region to support the development of a recovery high school model. If more than one BOCES will be involved, please identify. Identify the region represented, including component school districts.

2. What community-based partnerships and supports already exist to support a recovery high school? (For example, OASAS certified treatment providers, local recovery coalitions, youth club houses, outreach and recovery centers, local parent groups, youth groups, advocacy groups, etc.)

3. What community-based partnerships and supports need to be developed to support a recovery high school?

4. What are the barriers to the development, implementation and sustainability of a recovery high school?

B. Optional Information:

OASAS seeks respondents to provide the following information, if available:

1. Number of students in the region that may benefit from a recovery high school.

2. Identification of existing space that could be utilized for a recovery high school.
3. Staffing model, including staff already employed by the BOCES and staff that would need to be hired.

4. An outline of additional issues that must be addressed prior to development and/or implementation of a recovery high school (e.g., the development of enrollment criteria, a student code of conduct, etc).

III. Submission Requirements

A. Questions and Clarifications Related to the RFI:

Any questions or requests for clarification about this RFI should be received in writing by 5:00PM EST on September 19, 2017, and should be submitted by email to procurements@oasas.ny.gov with a subject line “RFI #17102 – Recovery High School”.

Inquiries must be submitted only by e-mail. OASAS will not entertain inquiries via mail or telephone, made to anyone other than the designated contact agent or received after the closing date for receipt of responses. Inquiries will not be answered on an individual basis. Written responses to inquiries submitted by the deadline date will be answered and posted to the OASAS website on or about October 10, 2017.

B. Instructions for Submission:

Responses should be delivered by 5:00 p.m. on October 31, 2017, to the address below:

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Responses will not be accepted by electronic mail or facsimile.

C. Response Format:

Responses should consist of a narrative that addresses the information requested in Section II of this RFI and should be no longer than ten (10) pages, double-sided or twenty (20) pages, single-sided.