

Frequently Asked Questions from Request for Proposals

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Just wanted to check in to see if MARC has an option to download a "fillable form" for the EBP proposal?

Response from MARC: The proposal forms file is located with the EBP RFP on the MARC website. These are writable forms that you can download.

<https://marc.org/about-marc/funding-and-rfps>.

In Part B, Section 2, B, 1, it reads that "Contractor must provide services to new clients as soon as possible, and never more than five working days after MARC has provided approval to the contractor..."

My question is: Is there a limit to how many clients a Contractor will be committed to taking on? Is there an amount of clients the Contractor can cap the contract for?

Response from MARC: We typically add clients as soon as they are authorized for meals through our assessment process. We can control how many clients we will assign our partners and we won't add more clients than you can reasonably serve. We usually do not have a cap on the clients we authorize for meals each month.

For the Evidenced-Based Programs RFP, do we have to submit a proposal for each location or a combined proposal with all the forms? All of our forms with the exception of the fictitious name registration will be the same.

Response from MARC: A combined proposal will be all you need to do. Just provide the information for all locations in your narrative.

The Evidenced-Based Programs RFP does not address a narrative, is there one required and if so what should it contain? This is not mentioned in the RFP.

Response from MARC: The Proposal Narrative is addressed in Part C, on page 11.

For the Evidenced-Based Programs RFP, is there a budget required for the proposal, I don't see that mentioned in the RFP.?

Response from MARC: No, a budget form is not necessary. The rates are already set for reimbursements.

Is the MBE required, we are not minority owned, we are a non-profit organization. The page after that is a waiver request, is this a request to be waived from the MBE requirement?

Response from MARC: No an MBE form is not necessary. It's only recommended you submit one if you are. This is always considered in the proposal review process.

I didn't see an anti-lobbying form for our signature. Is this something we will get if our proposal is selected?

Response from MARC: All additional needed forms will be included for completion when an award of contract occurs.

Who from our organization needs to sign the proposal before we submit it?

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Quarter:_____ Program Year:_____ Caterer Name:_____

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PART E – MENU ANALYSIS FORM

		MARC Nutrition Program Menu Analysis											
Caterer:		1/3 DRI						MARC RD#:					
Program Year/Quarter:								MARC RD Name:					
RD Signature:								MARC RD Signature:					
RD #:								Date:					
Meal Pattern		Calories 540-660	Protein ≥15.3 gm	Carbohydrates 67.5-97.5 g	Fiber ≥7.2 gm	Fat 18-38.5% of total calories	Saturated Fat <11% of total calories	Calcium ≥360 mg	Sodium ≤1100 mg	Potassium ≥900 mg	Vitamin B12 ≥0.72 mcg	Vitamin D ≥180 IU	
Entrée													
Vegetable													
Fruit													
Grains													
Fat													
Optional Item													
Dairy													
Meal # _____	Meal Total												

**Accepted ranged based on AMDR 45-65%.

Excel version of Menu Analysis Form available upon request