

RFQ: 2014 Quantitative and/or Qualitative Survey Services

Questions and Answers

- 1) Q: What is the size of the universe of victims of domestic violence which will be the target of this research effort?

A: The project seeks to gather input from victims of domestic violence who have had interactions with law enforcement and the courts. The "universe" is unknown because domestic violence is not a crime in Arizona and therefore, it is tracked differently from one agency to the next.

- 2) Q: Are there any estimates on the incidence rates of domestic violence in the MAG service area?

A: Nationally it is estimated that 1 in 4 women will experience domestic violence. This is not an exact scientific figure. Based on this guideline, an estimated 500,000 women in Maricopa County are victims of domestic violence. It is also estimated that 25% of domestic violence crimes are reported to police. Using Maricopa County numbers, an estimated 125,000 domestic violence cases are reported to police. An unknown percentage of those crimes reported to police are recorded by police. Again, these are commonly used guidelines but they are not scientifically reliable. Therefore, we are asking that you please include in your RFQ submission how many surveys your agency can conduct given that we have no way of reliably estimating a definite number for the universe.

- 3) Q: Will the client (presumably through their connections with service providers, police, and judicial system) provide names and contact information of those they want us to survey and include in the focus groups? Or will we need to "advertise" and have those who have experienced domestic violence and have been in contact with the police/judicial system reach out to us as a means of reaching the target audience (we think that this is a critical issue that can affect the budget dramatically).

A: A database of contacts is not available due to confidentiality/privacy laws.

- 4) Q: Who did the survey in 2013, which is referenced on page 1? Can we get a copy of that report?

A: The Implementation Survey was conducted by our agency. A copy of the report is available on the MAG website at https://www.azmag.gov/Documents/PEP_2013-04-04_Misdemeanor-Domestic-Violence-Protocol-Model-Implementation-Updated-Survey-Results.pdf.

- 5) Q: Who did the focus groups and small scale surveys referenced on page 1? Can we get copies of those reports?

A: Focus groups and a small scale survey were conducted by our agency. A copy of the Victim Survey report is currently available on the MAG website at https://www.azmag.gov/Documents/RDVC_2014-02-06_Survey-of-Domestic-Violence-Victims-Experience-with-Law-Enforcement-Survey-Report.pdf.

6) Q: Also, would you please send the Excel budget template as referenced in Appendix E in the RFP?

A: The Excel budget template is available on request by contacting Renae Tenney at rtenney@azmag.gov.

7) Q: How do you plan on defining “domestic violence” for the purpose of this study?

A: Domestic violence is a pattern of behavior that includes the use or threat of violence and intimidation for the purpose of gaining power and control over another person. Violence is characterized by: Physical Abuse, Sexual Abuse, Economic Abuse, Isolation, Emotional Abuse, Control, or Verbal Abuse.

8) Q: What wording will be used in the screening question?

A: Deciding on the screening question for determining individuals who have experienced domestic violence for this study would need to be part of a larger discussion with community stakeholders. An example of a screening question that has been used in the past is “Are you in a relationship with a person who physically hurts or threatens you?”

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