



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Senator Malcolm A. Smith Announces New Bidding Opportunities Through State Office Of Alcoholism And Substance Abuse Services

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State Senator Malcolm A. Smith (D-Queens) today announced that the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) has released a new request for proposals (RFP) for chemical dependence treatment services in New York City.

This RFP is an opportunity for OASAS-certified, not-for-profit treatment agencies to provide long-term supportive and transitional housing to homeless single adults who have completed substance abuse treatment, Senator Smith said.

This is the latest step in the New York/New York III Supportive Housing Agreement, a combined City and State effort announced in November 2005 to develop and fund 9,000 new units of supportive housing in the City over a ten year period.

Senator Smith said "Previous agreements produced 5,000 units of housing for single adults with serious and persistent mental illness who had some history of homelessness. The agreement, however, is targeting a much broader range of clients.

Qualified contractors must have successful experience in providing housing and/or services to the targeted populations; and ensure their programs can be easily reached by public

transportation; and serve as resources for and/or provide off-site services to program clients.

The training areas that would be provided by the contractors to staff include health education and infectious disease prevention, nutrition, relationship skills, crisis intervention, counseling techniques and motivational interviewing, depression screening, street drugs and their effects, symptoms of overdose and withdrawal, best practices in employment services, harm reduction and housing first service approaches, including safe injection, safe sex practices, the availability of naloxone to prevent death from opioid overdoses, addiction treatment and recovery, and the stages of change model and trauma and relapse prevention.

For more information on the grant, interested providers may visit:

<http://www.oasas.state.ny.us/hps/state/documents/2007NY-NYIIIPlanSupp.pdf> hope numerous providers will look into this RFP. It is an opportunity for them to help individuals who have already taken several positive steps on the road to recovery, Senator Smith said.

All applications must be received by the close of business on Friday, December 14, 2007.