

**Helen Keller International
Request for Proposal for Consulting Services**

OPTOMETRIST

**US Vision Program, Minnesota
(Twin Cities Metro Area)**

NATURE of SERVICES: Provide vision assessment to program participants (students and vulnerable populations) within targeted communities. The program model includes an initial visual acuity screening, refraction assessment, provision of eyeglasses, and/or referral for additional care.

CONTRACTING ENTITY: Helen Keller International

Helen Keller Intl is a global health organization dedicated to eliminating preventable vision loss, malnutrition, and diseases of poverty. Co-founded by Helen Keller – and guided by her fierce optimism and belief in human potential – the organization delivers life-changing health solutions to vulnerable families where the need is great but access to care is limited. In the US, Africa, and Asia, Helen Keller’s proven, science-based programs empower people to create opportunities in their own lives and build lasting change.

PLACE of PERFORMANCE: Minnesota.

Most services are provided in schools in this geographic area, but they may also be provided in community centers and/or homeless shelters serving vulnerable populations.

DURATION and TIMEFRAME:

Up to 3 days per week of involvement are anticipated over the course of the academic year. Helen Keller will consider hiring either one or multiple Optometrists and will entertain proposals that include a minimum commitment of 1 days per week.

BACKGROUND:

Recognizing a lack of accessible, adequate vision care among low-income adults and children in the US, Helen Keller International established the US Vision Program (formerly known as ChildSight®). Since 1994, Helen Keller has provided free vision screenings for more than 2.2 million individuals in the United States and provided more than 375,000 of them with prescription eyeglasses to solve common vision problems.

SCOPE of WORK:

The selected consultant(s) will conduct eye exams and vision tests and prescribe eyeglasses for program participants. S/he works closely with the Senior Program Manager and the local implementation team to coordinate and schedule services.

Helen Keller requires all staff and consultants to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19, whether they have had COVID. Helen Keller also requires all staff and consultants to wear masks and observe social distancing during program activities and while working.

For More Information

To find out more and receive a copy of the full RFP please email MNVision@hki.org.

This RFP is open to all persons or entities that are deemed capable of implementing the scope of work, with a solid record of integrity and business ethics.

**In the spirit of our founder and namesake,
Helen Keller places diversity and partnership at the core of our work.**

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**We encourage small minority, women, or veteran-owned businesses to submit proposal**

