

# REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

SIECUS: Sex Ed for Social Change (SIECUS) requests the services of an independent Government Affairs Consultant to support engagement with key Congressional offices, related to our comprehensive sex education legislative priorities and strategic initiatives.

## **Background:**

Since 1964, SIECUS has been advocating for the rights of all people to accurate information, comprehensive sexuality education, and the full spectrum of sexual and reproductive health services. We believe that sex education is a powerful vehicle for social change. Our focus is on advancing comprehensive sexuality education as a means of building a foundation for a long-term culture shift that will positively impact all levels of society, particularly issues of gender equity, sexuality, sexual and reproductive health, consent, personal safety, and autonomy. SIECUS applies an intersectional lens to ensure people's real lived experiences inform our policy, education, and strategic communications work.

# Scope of Work:

The Government Affairs Consultant will work directly with the Vice President of Policy and Strategic Partnerships and is asked to achieve the following scope of work. The scope of work is estimated to result in approximately 10 hours per month and the project is expected to conclude at the end of September 2020. The estimated hours per month many increase over the duration of the contract. The hourly rate is expected to fall within a range of \$80-100 per hour, subject to negotiation and experience.

- Develop and maintain relationships with key Congressional offices relating to strategic opportunities for SIECUS
- Support the Vice President of Policy and Strategic Partnerships in federal legislative strategies, tactics, and policy development
- Represent SIECUS at two monthly coalition legislative engagement tables
- Lead the May is Sex Ed for All Month awareness campaign activities

### Qualifications:

Consultants who respond to this RFP must demonstrate the following experience:

- Minimum of 4–5 years of professional experience working on legislative matters
- Excellent written, verbal, email communications skills, including via client updates
- Direct experience in achieving definitive legislative outcomes

### Preferred:

 Working familiarity with sex education and/or reproductive health, rights, and justice politics, policies, and programs.

#### **Submissions:**

Please submit the following items for consideration:

- A description of the consultant's qualifications, including any familiarity with sex education and/or reproductive health, rights, and justice legislative priorities,
- Resume, including any relevant client-based projects
- Rates and fees, including hourly rates.
- Three references with contact information.

Responses should be more than 2 pages (not including resume and references) Submissions received by March 15, 2020 will be given priority. All submissions will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the position is filled.

SIECUS is an equal opportunity employer, committed to equitable hiring and dedicated to diversity in our work and staff. We do not discriminate in employment opportunities or practices on the basis of actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, sex (including pregnancy, childbirth or related medical conditions), age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, veteran status, uniform service member status, disability or any other characteristic protected by law. Women, people of color, including bilingual and bicultural individuals, LGBTQIA persons, and people with disabilities are encouraged to apply. Those whose experiences and perspectives have been traditionally under-represented in the field of sexual health are particularly encouraged to apply.