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**Request for Proposals  
to Develop Legal Resource Materials for the  
Protection and Advocacy System**

***Reference: TASC RFP - LRM (FY 2026-27)***

**Introduction**

The National Disability Rights Network (NDRN) seeks proposals from eligible legal organizations to develop resource materials to support attorneys and advocates who work for the national Protection and Advocacy (P&A) System. NDRN provides training and technical assistance to the P&A System through its' Training and Advocacy Support Center (TASC). TASC is funded through a contract with the federal agencies which oversee several of the P&A programs: the Administration on Community Living (ACL) and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). NDRN/TASC expects to enter into a sixteen (16) month Agreement with one or more organizations whose proposals are selected to produce between two (2) and thirteen (13) legal resource documents.

**The P&A System**

Congress established the P&A System in 1974 through the Development Disabilities and Bill of Rights Act (DD Act) and has expanded the System since that time to enable P&As to advocate for the legal rights of individuals with mental health disabilities, physical and sensory disability, traumatic brain injuries, in addition to persons with developmental disabilities. P&A System agencies receive federal grants under eight statutes that are designed to promote the legal rights of persons with disabilities. There are

P&A agencies in each of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Territories, and for a Native American Consortium in the Four Corners region of the Southwest. The P&A agencies provide legal representation and other advocacy services to eligible clients with disabilities and have the authority to investigate incidents of abuse and neglect of persons with disabilities in institutions and other settings. P&As annually serve tens of thousands of people with disabilities through individual case representation, class actions, information and referral services, investigation and monitoring, and education and public outreach efforts. Collectively, P&As are the largest provider of legal services to people with disabilities in the United States. More information about the P&A System is available at [www.ndrn.org](http://www.ndrn.org).

### **Request for Proposal to Develop of Legal Resources Materials**

To supplement its in-house expertise, NDRN/TASC seeks to enter into agreements with one or more qualified organizations for the development of written legal resource materials. These materials are intended to assist P&A attorneys by addressing current and emerging areas of law and advocacy affecting the rights of persons with disabilities. NDRN/TASC seeks proposals for the development of these legal resource materials during the period from June 1, 2026, through September 15, 2027, as described in this Request for Proposals (RFP).

Written legal resource materials can vary in length which may include: 1) a legal Fact Sheet of 15 to 25 pages (single space, 14 point font) which describes the current state of the law, or recent changes in federal statutes, regulations, or interpretations of federal law; 2) a Question and Answer (Q&A) format of 5 to 15 pages (single space, 14 point font) to address legal substantive or procedural question or questions; and/or 3) an analogous written document which provides P&A System attorneys information to better advocate for the legal rights of persons with disabilities.

Specific areas of P&A interest addressing the impact on persons with disabilities include: Artificial Intelligence and Algorithms which screen for

disability; Abuse and Neglect (including restraint and seclusion, lack of or inadequate services, investigations and monitoring); Accessibility and Accommodations under federal law; Community Integration / Olmstead (including Home and Community Based Services, diversion); Educational Services, Employment Discrimination; Employment Services; Facility Conditions and Treatment (including residential treatment facilities, mental health facilities, nursing homes, and jails and prisons); Federal Litigation Practice; Guardianship/Conservatorship and Supported Decision Making; Litigation Strategy and Techniques; Medicare and Medicaid (including Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment, Pre-Admission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR)); and Youth Services (including child welfare or foster care), among other issues.

#### Number of Resources

NDRN/TASC shall select one or more organizations to produce between two (2) and thirteen (13) resource documents during the period from June 1, 2026, through September 15, 2027. Preference will be given to organizations able to complete at least four (4) legal resource documents by September 15, 2026. **The total number of resource materials an organization may be asked to complete is based on the number of proposals accepted.**

#### Quality, Review, and Rights

All legal resource materials proposed must be original works developed specifically for P&A System attorneys. Organizations must attest that any written resource developed under an agreement with NDRN/TASC has not been previously prepared for another purpose and is not being used to satisfy the requirements of another grant or contract. All materials must meet the highest professional quality and standards, including legal analysis and citation practice, and must comply with NDRN/TASC accessibility guidelines, such as font type, size, and format.

All resources are subject to NDRN/TASC review, edits and approval prior to payment under any Agreement with NDRN/TASC; require ACL and SAMHSA approval prior to publication; and shall become the property of

NDRN/TASC subject to applicable laws and with full attribution to the author(s).

NDRN/TASC pays for approved resource documents as follows:

- Fact Sheets (15 - 25 pages): \$5,500 per document.
- Question and Answer (Q&A) documents (5 - 15 pages): \$4,000 per document.
- Other written legal resource documents providing in-depth legal analysis of an area of law: pricing is determined by mutual agreement based on the nature and scope of the proposed document.

### **Eligible Organizations and Funding**

NDRN/TASC accepts proposals from non-profit organizations (excluding organizations designated as a state's P&A agency) and small business concerns (as defined under 13 C.F.R. Part 121) which provide legal representation to individuals, a class of individuals, or to other organizations on an issue which impacts persons with disabilities.

Note the ability of NDRN/TASC to fund the development of any resources is dependent on the Department of Health and Human Services' continued funding of the underlying contact.

### **Requirements For Proposals**

To be considered, proposals must include the following:

- A description of the organization's expertise and the qualifications of the attorney staff who would produce the resource. This should include experience with disability rights or in a legal topic closely aligned with the work of the P&A System.

- A description of the organization's capacity to produce the proposed resources within the required timeframe.
- The total number of resource documents the organization proposes to produce during each of the following periods: June 1 - September 15, 2026, and October 1, 2026 - September 15, 2027, which must include:
  - The topic area for each resource document proposed with sufficient specificity to enable NDRN/TASC to determine its relevance to the P&A System;
  - Whether each proposed resource document would be a Q&A, Fact Sheet, or other type of resource document. If the proposal is for another type of resource document, describe the proposed format / approach, page range, and the proposed price.
- An attestation that the organization:
  - Is a non-profit organization established under the relevant jurisdiction and is a tax exemption organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; or that the organization is a small business concern under 13 C.F.R. Part 121. NDRN reserves the right to request documentation to verify the attestation; and
  - Has not been debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment or suspension, or voluntarily excluded from entering into a contract or subcontract involving the U.S. Government.

## **Criteria**

Proposals will be scored as follows:

- The expertise of the organization (20 points) and the staff identified to develop the resource material (25 points) with federal disability legal rights or on a legal topic, as outlined in this RFP, with relevance to the advocacy and legal work of the P&A System.
- The topics identified in the proposal for each legal resource and the relevance of the topic to the legal and litigation work of the P&A System (35 points).
- The capacity of the organization and its staff to produce the legal resources identified in the proposal at a high quality and within the timeframes outlined in this RFP (15 points).
- The ability of the organization to produce at least three resource documents by September 15, 2026 (5 points).

## **Submission of Proposals**

**Proposals must be received by no later than 5:00pm ET on Monday, May 11, 2026.**

**Proposals must be submitted by e-mail to David Hutt at [david.hutt@ndrn.org](mailto:david.hutt@ndrn.org). Please include *TASC RFP - LRM (FY 2026-27)* in the subject line.**