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## Council Soliciting Proposals

The Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council invites any interested party to review and respond to two Solicitations of Proposals (SOPs). These SOPs are available for review on the [Council Website](#). One SOP is for the development, implementation, and evaluation of a training program for building, enhancing and fully utilizing natural support systems for individuals with developmental disabilities. A second SOP is for the development, implementation, and evaluation of a training and mentoring program for Employment Support Professionals. The deadline to apply for the SOPs is June 7, 2013. If you have any questions regarding the Council or the SOPs, please contact Derek White at [Derek.White@la.gov](mailto:Derek.White@la.gov).

## Council Plan for Federal Fiscal Year 2014

At its April meeting, the DD Council approved amendments to its Five Year State Plan with activities for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2014. The FFY 2014 Plan is available online at [www.laddc.org](http://www.laddc.org). Highlights of the plan include goals to advocate for further shifting resources from institutional to community based services; build incentives for and skills to achieve competitive employment outcomes; improve services to children in early intervention programs; increase inclusive, evidence-based education policies and practices; and, continue to develop and support advocacy leaders. The FFY 2014 Plan will be ratified by the Council at its July meeting. Public input on the Council Plan is encouraged. Comments on the Plan should be sent to Derek White at [Derek.White@la.gov](mailto:Derek.White@la.gov) by June 21, 2013 for Council consideration.

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