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## **Lead Safe Cleveland Coalition Announces Search for Lead Safe Workers**

CLEVELAND – Today, the Lead Safe Cleveland Coalition (Coalition) released a Request for Qualifications (RFQ), seeking Lead Safe Workers to help make homes and childcare spaces in Cleveland lead safe. This RFQ will identify and develop a pool of qualified lead safe workers for the Coalition to contract with for specific jobs to achieve this goal.

Lead Safe Workers are critical to helping homes and properties in Cleveland become lead safe. This RFQ seeks to identify individuals and businesses to serve in the following contracted roles:

- **Lead Risk Assessor:** Responsible for 1) developing a written inspection, risk assessment, and analysis plan; 2) conducting inspections for lead hazards in a residential unit, child care facility, or school; 3) interpreting results of inspections and risk assessments; 4) identifying hazard control strategies to reduce or eliminate lead exposures; and 5) completing a risk assessment report.
- **Lead Inspector:** Perform a surface-by-surface investigation to determine the presence of lead-based paint and provide a report explaining the investigation results.
- **Lead Abatement Contractor:** Engage in lead abatement and employ or supervise one or more lead abatement workers.
- **General Contractor with Renovation, Repair, and Painting (RRP) Firm Certification:** Safely perform renovation, repair, and painting projects that disturb lead-based paint in homes, childcare facilities, and pre-schools built before 1978.
- **RRP Certified Individual:** Safely perform renovation, repair, and painting projects that disturb lead-based paint in homes and other properties.
- **Lead Clearance Technician:** Perform clearance examinations on non-abatement lead projects only.
- **Other Related Lead Safe Workers.**

This RFQ is in direct response to the expansion of the Coalition's Lead Safe Home Fund. The Lead Safe Home Fund, a first-of-its-kind, public-private partnership, provides families and property owners with the resources they need to live lead safe. Thanks to the investors, the Fund has millions of dollars to remediate homes and childcare spaces in Cleveland through multiple Administrators.

"The Lead Safe Cleveland Coalition is committed to no child ever being poisoned by lead. We are looking for a diverse pool of lead safe workers with integrity, knowledge of the damaging impacts of lead in the body, and a commitment to creating lead safe spaces for Cleveland families," said Ayonna Blue Donald, Lead Safe Cleveland Coalition Steering Committee Member and Vice President and Ohio Market Leader for Enterprise Community Partners. "As the convener of the Lead Safe Cleveland Coalition and manager of the Lead Safe Home Fund, we are thrilled to release this RFQ, in partnership with the Lead Safe Home Fund Administrators, to identify qualified lead professionals. We all have a role to play in this fight to prevent childhood lead poisoning. Join us as we build a stronger, lead safe Cleveland".

**The RFQ is available at <https://leadsafecle.org/rfq>.** Individuals and firms are welcome to apply. The deadline for submission is August 29, 2023, at 5:00 pm.

The Coalition will host a virtual pre-submission conference for individuals and organizations interested in learning more about the Lead Safe Workers RFQ. The conference is slated for August 11, 2023, from 9:00 - 10:00 am.

For additional questions or to register for the pre-submission conference, please email [leadsafecleveland@gmail.com](mailto:leadsafecleveland@gmail.com).

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### **About the Lead Safe Cleveland Coalition**

The Lead Safe Cleveland Coalition is a public-private partnership formed in 2019 to address the public health crisis of lead poisoning in our community. The cornerstone of the Coalition's work is supporting the City of Cleveland's Lead Safe Certification law which requires residential rental properties built before 1978 to be proactively certified as lead safe. Lead is an environmental toxin that affects the brain, heart, bones, kidneys, and nervous system, and there are no safe levels once it is in the bloodstream. The Coalition is implementing an alternative, preventative approach that saves money and protects Cleveland's children from lead poisoning. The Coalition is open to everyone and comprises more than 500 members and 150 organizations, state and local governments, and families impacted by lead. To learn more, go to <https://leadsafecle.org/>. Email: [info@leadsafecle.org](mailto:info@leadsafecle.org). Social Media: @LeadSafeCLE.