

Notice of Contract Opportunity

Department of Corrections

PROJECT NAME: Mentoring Services & Pro-social Activities

DETAILS: On July 1, 2020 the Department of Corrections (DOC) will be requesting proposals to coordinate and provide mentoring services and pro-social activities to higher risk participants released from correctional facilities residing in the twin cities metro area.

The DOC has collaborated with community partners to deliver a program grounded in evidence-informed practices (EBP) serving higher risk release violators called Opportunity for Change (O4C) since 2017. Goals of the program are to implement interventions that align with effective programming and yield promising results in reductions in recidivism, technical violations, and other rule infractions and increases pro-social opportunities for released individuals. Additional strategies used by the O4C team to increase success include case planning and referrals, stability in housing, cognitive-behavioral groups, and employment connections.

This request for proposal particularly increases opportunities for the participants to connect with pro-social peers in the community (Minneapolis and St. Paul). The proposal should outline the ability to coordinate prosocial and appropriate activities for participants and connect some team-identified participants in need of more direct mentorship and support. All prosocial activities will be approved by the MN DOC and county supervision agents. For more direct mentorship and support for some participants, mentoring grounded in the Circles of Support and Accountability (COSA) model will be favored.

Work is anticipated to start after January 1, 2021.

COPY REQUEST: To get a copy of the Request for Proposals, please send a written request, by email, on or after July 1st, 2020 to jana.carr-weerts@state.mn.us or follow this link: <https://mn.gov/doc/staff-partners/doing-business-doc/request-proposals/>.

PROPOSAL DEADLINE: Proposals submitted in response to the Request for Proposals in this advertisement must be received via email or mail no later than **2:00 p.m. Central Standard Time, Monday, July 27, 2020.** Late proposals will not be considered.

This request does not obligate the State to complete the work contemplated in this notice. The State reserves the right to cancel this solicitation. All expenses incurred in responding to this notice are solely the responsibility of the responder.

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