

Notice of Contract Opportunity

Department of Corrections

PROJECT NAME: Opportunity for Change (O4C) Program Hub and Employment Services

DETAILS: On July 1, 2020 the Department of Corrections (DOC) will be requesting proposals to provide employment seeking, obtainment, and sustainability services to higher risk participants released from correctional facilities residing in the twin cities metro area. Additionally, the DOC is seeking space for two program hub spaces, centrally located in both Minneapolis and St. Paul. Each hub must have office space for one DOC staff person and day and evening group space one to two times per week.

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 mentoring connections.

This request for proposal particularly increases opportunities for the participants to gain and maintain employment. The proposal should outline the ability to provide employment support, including, but not limited to, assessing employment readiness, provide cognitive behavioral interventions related to successful employment experiences, and be responsive to barriers participants have facing employment. Additionally, proposals should provide a structured program space for O4C as outlined above.

This request for proposals may result in multiple award contracts to qualified responders if it is deemed in the best interest of the state and 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 Daylight Saving Time, Monday, July27, 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.