

Questions Related to RFP as of July 30, 2024:

Question: Will you please clarify this solicitation notice at <https://www.waed.uscourts.gov/probation-treatment-info>? Are the RFPs for Yakima County just to define a possible treatment contract that we would accept, or are they an actual application for funding? At this point, if we are interested in providing services, do we just submit a letter of intent by August 16, 2024?

Answer: The Request for Proposals (RFP) located at <https://www.waed.uscourts.gov/probation-treatment-info> describe and solicit bids from qualified treatment providers for the associated services in the catchment areas noted in the individual RFP. The RFP contains the full text of all applicable Government regulations, and all offerors are subject to the provisions contained in the RFP. In responding to the RFP, you should answer each item and supply all information requested. Section "L" provides specific directions for potential vendors in completing the proposal. **The offeror should fully read Section "L" and follow the directions set forth.** The minimum standards for the services listed are contained in the Clauses and Terms of Agreement. All proposals will be evaluated by the criterion explained in Section "M." Note if you intend to subcontract any services, instructions are included in Section "L" the offeror should follow. Proposals will be awarded on the basis of initial offers submitted, and each initial offer should contain your organization's best terms from a cost and technical standpoint. There will be no additional opportunity to modify your proposal.

Please read the RFP carefully; do not rely on knowledge of previous RFPs, or knowledge or previous Federal procurement procedures. *As a reminder, the vendor must have a site within the catchment area (unless otherwise indicated in the RFP), which will be evaluated during an on-site visit.* Note: a catchment area may consist of multiple counties/zip codes, in which case the vendor must have a site within at least one of the counties/zip codes identified in that catchment area.

A vendor must be capable of providing **all** services identified in Section "B," including local services identified at the end of section "C," and must have a site located within the geographic area identified in Section "B." If the vendor is unable to provide a service identified in Section "B," and does not identify/subcontract with someone to provide the service, the vendor will be technically unacceptable. The estimated monthly quantity listed in Section "B" of the RFP is the estimate of the services to be provided during the terms of this agreement. **It is only an estimate.**

Proposals are due by August 23, 2024, before 4 p.m. Proposals shall be e-mailed to Brandon.Wolkey@waed.uscourts.gov. All e-mail submissions must reference in the subject line, the Solicitation number indicated in Section A, Block 1 of the Solicitation/Offer/Acceptance. Hard copies will not be accepted, unless otherwise noted. It is the responsibility of the vendor to confirm the government's receipt of the proposal.

All proposals must be signed by a representative authorized to commit the vendor to contractual obligations. The Signature can be electronic or physical. A copy of the Blanket Purchase Agreement, Clauses and Terms of Agreement, should be retained by the vendor for their files.