ADDENDUM No. "1" to RFP No. B2014021

RI Veterans Court Program Evaluation

Date of Addendum No. "1" Issued: December 5, 2014

Purpose of this Addendum is to:

- Provide answers submitted to the Purchasing Office.

1. Does the $78,000 maximum for the Master's Level clinician described on page 4 include fringe? The $78,000 is the maximum amount we are giving to the treatment provider to provide us with a clinician and the services explained in the RFP.
2. Is there an award ceiling the cost proposal should respect in order to be competitive? $78,000
3. How many awards do you expect to give out? Are you seeking one vendor to provide services to all four District Courts? Of the $754,000 total grant award, how much funding is allocated for the services detailed in this bid opportunity? The RI Veterans Treatment Court is centrally located in the Kent County Courthouse. We are seeking one vendor that can lead the facilitation of a DBT group; the DBT group would be at the vendor's designated location. The same provider is expected to co-facilitate a MRT Group; the MRT group will be once weekly at the Kent County Courthouse. $234,000 is available out of the total grant award.
4. Should the cost of providing MRT and DBT groups in the community on a weekly basis for 150 total participants annually be included in the cost proposal? Yes. See question 3.

5. To what extent do you expect that other services provided to participants will be covered by participants' health insurance or Medicaid coverage? If this is an expectation, what data can you share on health insurance status and third-party reimbursement for services to participants in the first phase of this project? The grant is for three years (total) and it is the expectation of the project that participants receive behavioral health services regardless of ability to pay. The Court does not have any data pertaining to health insurance status and third-party reimbursement. It is speculated that it would be advantageous for the vendor to explore this area and to assist an uninsured participant in obtaining health insurance if/when necessary.
6. Is there an expectation of the type of credential necessary for staff responsible for data collection other than the biopsychosocial assessment performed by the master's level clinician? No, however a validated, assessment will also be used by the vendor (e.g., Addiction Severity Index, CAPS, Beck Depression Inventory, etc).
7. Are there any restrictions on indirect costs? The total amount to be awarded to the vendor is 78,000 per year.
8. Will the Courts provide office space in which to conduct assessments? In which services can be delivered? It is the expectation that clinical assessments would be administered in a clinical setting. Service delivery will transpire in two locations (see question 3).
9. Is the Pricing Proposal amount the annual cost? Yes

10. Is there an anticipated start date for the program? It is anticipated that a 12 week, 6-8 participate DBT group would be initiated for the first week in February, 2015. A MRT group will already be in progress prior to the awarding of funds. It is the expectation that the vendor will be co-facilitating a MRT group immediately following the MRT training coordinated by the Court that is tentatively scheduled for the second week of March, 2015. **NOTE:** The vendor will be able to send a total of three employees to this training at no cost to the vendor.

11. Can you clarify if the opening date for this RFP is also the due date? In other words, does the application need to be received by the Department by this time. The bids need to be submitted on or before December 16, 2014 at 10:00am.

12. The cover page lists two delivery address. Room 1006 and Room 1014. Please clarify. The Purchasing Office is located in Rm 1006 which is accessible through the Finance Office located in Rm 1014.

13. The RFP states that it "is anticipated that approximately 250 veteran participates will require clinical screening by the Vendor's clinician(s) over the entire project period." Does this projection apply to the Kent, Washington, Newport and Providence/Bristol County RIVTC locations collectively or separately? Collectively

14. Please clarify if the clinician will provide services at more than one court. All courts funnel into this centrally located Veterans calendar in Kent County. There is the possibility that this clinician may be needed to appear in any of the four locations, but travel will be kept to a minimum if at all.