



Solicitation Information

January 29, 2015

Addendum #1

RFP #7549261

TITLE: PARENTING EDUCATION & VISITATION FOR INCARCERATED MEN AND WOMEN

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 9, 2015 AT 2:00 PM (ET)

ATTACHED ARE VENDOR QUESTIONS WITH STATE RESPONSES. NO FURTHER QUESTIONS WILL BE ANSWERED.

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Chief Buyer**

1. Can you confirm the maximum award a vendor could receive if submitting a proposal for one of the programs—men’s or women’s—as opposed to both?

RIDOC Response: The RIDOC has provided a maximum total award amount based on what is currently available for the entire project. The amount of funds allocated to the men’s and women’s programs will be determined by the responses received.

2. If there is a co-parenting portion of the education classes for the men’s program, can mothers be present for that portion?

RIDOC Response: The intent of this request is to obtain the most effective parenting programming possible with the funding that is available. While there are currently no specific restrictions on co-parenting education classes within the RIDOC, there are numerous other barriers that may occur while attempting to implement this type of programming. The RIDOC may restrict access to the facilities by mothers for reasons such as, active no contact orders, criminal history, dress code violations, etc. If this type of program is proposed then the proposal should contain the vendor’s understanding of the internal and external barriers they may face and how they will overcome them.

3. What are the minimum and maximum number of weeks that visitation will be held?

RIDOC Response: The visitation program is available to be held year round except for holidays.

4. On page 8, the Father-Child Visitation program is described as involving “approximately 10 offenders and their children.” Is 10 the total number of men who would participate in visitation, or is 10 the number of men at each facility?

RIDOC Response: The approximate number of 10 offenders is per facility.

5. Will there be fathers in the education classes who do not participate in the visitation sessions?

RIDOC Response: Yes.

6. What is the maximum number of children allowed in a visitation session?

RIDOC Response: The maximum number of children allowed in a visitation session depends on the facility, available space, number of staff being made available by the vendor, group dynamics and other unknown factors that may occur.

7. Is there a cap on the age of the children allowed in visitation?

RIDOC Response: The ages of the children participating in the program range from infants to a maximum of 17 years. Once the child reaches 18 years of age, then they may visit the incarcerated parent alone.

8. The RFP indicates that visitation takes place on Saturday mornings. What is the timeframe in which visitation can occur? Are the sessions at each of the sites held simultaneously or can they be held consecutively?

RIDOC Response: Currently the visitation program runs from 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM at Men's Medium, 9:00 AM to Noon at both Men's Minimum and Women's Minimum, and 12:15 PM to 1:45 PM at Women's Medium. Proposals may contain suggested time frames for the program.