



Solicitation Information

April 10, 2015

Addendum #1

RFP #7549430

TITLE: Certified PREA Auditor for Juvenile Facilities

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: APRIL 17, 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**

Vendor A

I am a certified juvenile PREA auditor, I would like to ask if travel expenses are going to be included in this proposal ?

Answer: Vendors are expected to address all costs in their response to this RFP, inclusive of travel expenses.

Vendor B

1) Can you please describe the number of buildings and housing units per facility

Answer:

- **The Thomas C. Slater Training School for Youth has two buildings located within approximately ¼ mile of each other – the Roosevelt Benton Detention Center for detained males and the main building that houses adjudicated males as well as detained and adjudicated females.**

The Benton Center has two (2) housing units but only one (1) of these units is operational. The operational unit has a 28 bed capacity with an average daily count of 20 youth. The non-operational unit has a 24 bed capacity.

The Benton Center and the main building are both located at the Thomas Pastore Center in Cranston, RI which is approximately 4 miles from TF Green Airport in Warwick and approximately 8.5 miles from Providence, RI.

- **The North American Family Institute’s ACE Program is a community-based alternative to the Thomas C. Slater Training School and is located approximately ½ mile from the main building of the Thomas C. Slater Training School and is a single building. This facility serves only male adjudicated youth. It is licensed for 18 and has an average daily capacity of 15. Youth are housed in single rooms.**
- **Ocean Tides is a community-based alternative to the Thomas C. Slater Training School located in Narragansett, RI and is located approximately 30 miles from the main building of the Thomas C. Slater Training School. This facility serves only male adjudicated youth. It is licensed for 35 and has an average daily capacity of 33. Youth are housed in individual dorm rooms.**

2) Can you please tell the number of custody staff per shifts and the facility shift hours at each facility?

Answer:

- **Thomas C. Slater Training School: The facility operates three (3) direct care staff (Juvenile Program Workers – JPW) shifts of eight (8) hours each. These shifts are: 7 am – 3 pm (staffing ratio 1 JPW:8 youth), 3 pm – 11 pm (staffing ratio 1 JPW: 8 youth) and 11 pm to 7 am (staffing ratio 1 JPW:12 youth)**

- **NAFI ACE:** The staff to client ration mandated by the state is 1:3. Our daily staff fluctuates based on the number of residents in the building. Residential staff shifts are 7:15 am – 3:15 pm, 3:15 pm – 11:15 pm and 11:15 pm to 7:15 am. During the school week, teachers are present from 8:10 am – 3:10 pm.
 - **Ocean Tides** operates three (3) shifts: 8 am – 4 pm; 3 pm – 11 pm; and 11 pm – 8 am. Staff will overlap during these shifts. During the weekday, residents are in school from 9:30 am – 3:30 pm and are supervised by a minimum of eight (8) educational staff per 40 residents. The 3 pm – 11 pm shift is staffed by seven (7) residential staff per 35 residents. The 11 pm – 8 am overnight shift is staffed by three (3) overnight staff who in the mornings are supported by supervisors and education staff until the start of the school day. None
- 3) Can you please tell us the number of Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment cases that were investigated at each facility in the last year?

Answer: Each facility has a very low incidence of sexual abuse and sexual harassment investigations. In most years, there are no investigations of sexual abuse/harassment. For the last calendar year, there have been no allegations of either sexual abuse investigated by DCYF nor have any sexual harassment investigations been reported by any of the three facilities.

- **Thomas C. Slater Training School:** None
- **NAFI ACE:** None
- **Ocean Tides:** None

4) Can you clarify the population at the Training school, what is the daily average for 2014?

Answer:

- **It is unclear what clarification is needed.** As stated in the solicitation (p. 7), “The Training School is Rhode Island’s only locked, secure facility for juveniles (male and female) detained and awaiting the disposition of the Rhode Island Family Court and for juveniles (male and female) adjudicated and sentenced by the RI Family Court to serve their sentence in a locked, secure rehabilitative setting. By statute it is a 160 bed facility, with 148 beds for males and 12 beds for females. In state Fiscal Year 2013, 502 youth (unduplicated) were placed at the Training School, with 110 of those being adjudicated to the Training School. The average length of stay for adjudicated youth is 5.1 months.” The daily average for state fiscal year 2014 (July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014) was 92 youth.

(Please note that the underlined language in the paragraph immediately above is a correction to the original RFP which read: “It is a 148 bed facility, with 160 beds for males and 12 beds for females.”)

5) Does each facility have its own policies related to PREA ? **Yes. However, we work collaboratively to align our policies to the greatest extent possible given the different settings and layouts of each facility.**

- 6) Does the state of Rhode Island have a preference on the order of facilities and do you have a time by which the site visits must be completed? **Given that two of the three facilities are in close proximity to each other and the third is only 30 minutes away from the other two, the State expects the site visits for each of the three facilities to be completed within a consecutive two week period. We anticipate the site visits to occur in June 2015.**