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To: All Interested Providers

From: Terri Gearon, Financial Services Director
The Judiciary, State of Hawaii

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**Subject: Request for Information for Health & Human Services (103F, HRS) for
Assessment and Treatment of Adult Sex Offenders, Fifth Circuit, The
Judiciary, State of Hawaii'i
RFI J28007**

The Judiciary, State of Hawaii issues this Request for Information (RFI) pursuant to Chapter 103F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to seek information and recommendations from interested providers for the planned purchase of Assessment and Treatment of Adult Sex Offenders.

The purpose of this RFI is to gather information from interested service providers, stakeholders, and the public to assist the Judiciary, State of Hawaii in planning a future Request for Proposals (RFP) under Chapter 103F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for the purchase of health and human services.

This RFI is issued for information and planning purposes only. It is not a solicitation, does not constitute a commitment by the Judiciary to issue an RFP or award a contract, and will not result in the selection of any provider. Responses to this RFI will be used to better understand current industry practices, available services, innovative approaches, and other information that may assist in developing the scope of services and procurement requirements for a future RFP.

Participation in this RFI is voluntary and is not a prerequisite for participation in any subsequent procurement.

Description of the goals of the service

Sex offender specific treatment services are needed to provide the Judiciary and the community with a comprehensive approach in dealing with adults who are sentenced or directed by the court to obtain sex offender treatment services.

Description of the target population to be served

Adults (male/female) referred for presentence assessment evaluations and convicted offenders

who as a condition of court supervision require sex offender treatment.

Geographic coverage of service

Service areas include the following:

Fifth Circuit- Island of Kauai

General Requirements

A. Specific qualifications or requirements, including but not limited to licensure or accreditation.

1. The applicant shall have licenses and certificates, as applicable, in accordance with federal, state and county regulations, and comply with all applicable Hawaii Administrative Rules.
2. The applicant must have demonstrated its competence or qualifications to perform the required services. The assessor and primary treatment therapist must hold a master's or doctoral degree in one of the disciplines related to human services, such as psychology, social work, nursing, counseling, and psychiatry and meet the academic training and work experience described in the Sex Offender Management Team (SOMT) qualifications guidelines.
3. The applicant must have an accounting system, with acceptable accounting practices and standards.
4. The proposed service must meet all required state licensing or certification standards, provide assurances of fair hearing and grievance procedures for clientele, civil rights compliance, information safeguarding practices, and provide proof of insurance coverages as applicable.
5. The applicant shall submit in a timely manner upon request by the Judiciary, any additional information needed by the Judiciary to make a decision on the applicant's proposal. The Judiciary may request an oral discussion or presentation in support of the proposal. On-site visits may be made.
6. The applicant shall comply with the Chapter 103F, HRS Cost Principles for Purchases of Health and Human Services identified in SPO-H-201 (Effective 10/01/98), which can be found on the SPO website (See Section 5, Proposal Application Checklist, for the website address).

Scope of Work

The scope of work encompasses the following tasks and responsibilities:

A. Service Activities (Minimum and/or mandatory tasks and responsibilities)

1. The applicant shall provide assessment services that follow the guidelines set forth by SOMT. The comprehensive evaluation reports will summarize the results of assessments conducted upon sex offenders. Components to be summarized include: a) a clinical interview; b) history; c) psychometric testing; d) penile plethysmograph testing or Abel Assessment; and e) polygraph examination.
2. The applicant shall provide sex offender treatment that follows the guidelines set forth by the SOMT. The treatment curriculum will combine Relapse Prevention, Behavior Modification, and Psychological components to sex offenders in groups consisting of no more than twelve. The goal of treatment is to increase the sex offenders' coping skills to manage their impulses to sexually assault.
3. New guidelines for the assessment and treatment of sex offenders may be developed by SOMT during the course of the contract and will be implemented upon negotiation to the satisfaction of both the contracting agency and the applicant.
4. Applicants shall incorporate evidence-based practices in sex offender treatment services by utilizing validated risk assessment instruments and effective interventions that target risk factors, criminogenic needs, and responsivity, such as motivational interviewing, cognitive behavioral therapy, and skill training with directed practice.
5. Applicants must be willing to undergo a program assessment and/or audit and develop an action plan to address corrective actions to improve identified areas.

The nature and scope of the services to be provided shall be performed in accordance with established clinical principles, clinical practices, and clinical ethics.

Written comments in response to the RFI shall be emailed to
Anita.A.Applegate@courts.hawaii.gov

The deadline for the receipt of comments is **12:00 p.m., HST, on Wednesday, September 16, 2026.**

PLEASE NOTE:

- Participation in the RFI is optional and is not required to respond to any subsequent

procurement action a purchasing agency may take. Neither the purchasing agency nor interested parties responding have any obligation under the RFI.

- Neither the Judiciary nor any interested party responding to the RFI has any obligation under this process.
- The purchasing agency reserves the right to adopt or not adopt any recommendations presented in response to the RFI.
- This RFI does not commit the Judiciary to solicit or award a contract or to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of the information submitted. The Judiciary reserves the right to accept, reject, or utilize without obligation, any information submitted in response to this request.