

RFP QUESTIONS and ANSWERS:

Question: Can you remind me of how do I retrieve the request for proposals from U.S. Probation?

Answer: www.paep.uscourts.gov

Question: Have we submitted a mental health RFP to Pretrial Services in the last solicitation?

Answer: No, you did not. Pretrial Services did not solicit for mental health only during the last solicitation.

Question: Do you have to submit for a BPA agreement to be offered an NCPO?

Answer: You do not need to submit an RFP or BPA for an NCPO (Non-Competitive Purchase Order). An NCPO is a non-competitive purchase order and Pretrial Services will approach the provider in order to initiate a contract for particular services that are needed for our defendant population.

Question: Does buprenorphine classifies as a full Agonist/Antagonist Medication:

Answer: Yes, Buprenorphine qualifies for MAT services.

Question: We are a current vendor for Pre-trial services. I noticed project code 2010 and 2020 are not part of this solicitation. It has been a few years since I worked on this, but I believe when we receive our letter for each option year, we submit pricing for these two project codes. Am I missing something or are these two project codes not part of this solicitation?

Answer: Pretrial is not soliciting for project codes 2010 and 2020 for this FY 2025. Perhaps you have an NCPO with Pretrial Services for those project codes. With an NCPO, we do not solicit. Pretrial Services will send a request for services to a vendor around the month of October 2025 for a particular service and move forward with awarding the contract from there.

Question: Tamika, I noticed on your website that you are soliciting for mental health, integrated and medically assisted treatment. Our agency offers mental health and integrated services, can we apply for your request for proposal for *Mental Health, Integrated Services, and Outpatient Detoxification/Antagonist Treatment 0313-25-MHDUAL*?

Answer: No. Pretrial Services is soliciting for all three services from one to three providers.

Question: I have a current BPA with Pretrial Services for male, therapeutic community treatment. Do I have to submit my previous monitoring reports and references for this new solicitation?

Answer: No. If you have a **current BPA** with Pretrial Services and you had a “satisfactory” you do not have to attach a copy of your monitoring reports nor do you have to provide references.

Question: Tamika, I see your request for proposal for MHDUAL. We would like to apply for the RFP and we offer mental health, integrated but not medically assisted treatment, can we apply for Pretrials RFP?

Answer: No. You have to be able to provide all of the services in the request for proposal in order to qualify for the blanket purchase agreement.

Question: Tamika, if we submit the request for proposal for mental health and integrated services with U.S. Probation, will you all refer defendants to our program?

Answer: IF U.S. Probation awards a BPA contract for mental health and integrated services, then Pretrial Services usually piggybacks off of Probation’s BPA contract.

Question: Could an apartment be used for community recovery housing for up to five or six people?

Answer: please submit all questions to our business website at: paept_business@paept.uscourts.gov. Thank you. Once you submit the question we can then respond and then post it to the website for everyone to see the response.

Question: Is the total reimbursement negotiable, or is it a set rate at \$550.00?

Answer: No, the pricing is not negotiable, once you input your price that is the price that we will charge for all five years unless the optional year pricing state otherwise. All services should be considered when you are inputting pricing.

Question: If we accept a patient and they are then deemed to be a higher level of care, whether it be psychiatric or medical care, traditionally the patient is then transferred to another facility. How does that work?

Answer: If a defendant is transferred to a higher level of care and out of your facility, we would only be charged for the time that the defendant was placed at your facility. Pretrial Services usually assess the Defendant’s level of care prior to a referral to inpatient treatment.

Question: We were told that we would not be able to deny a person due to bed availability. For example, our facility currently has 120 beds (soon will be 151). We are often at a census of 120 or close to it. What would happen if we were at capacity and did not have any available beds for the patient?

Answer: We would seek out another inpatient provider if it was an emergency referral, or we could delay the release until a bed space is available.

Question: Also, when it comes to accepting patients, due to our location and our governing bodies, we cannot accept anyone who is a sex offender or has any stipulations of their charges that preclude the patient from being around children or vulnerable populations, as our building is a shared building with multiple pediatric-centered medical offices.

Answer: If you are not allowed to accept sex offenders for inpatient treatment, you will need to note that on your RFP when you return it. You can write that stipulation in the proposal around the monetary part of the agreement.

Question: I am vetting the United States Pretrial Services Office's open proposals on behalf of the Public Health Management Corporation. I received word that the application deadline was extended to August 2nd. I'd like to confirm that this applies to all three of these opportunities:

1. Therapeutic Community Treatment (Females) 0313-25-TCT-F
2. [Mental Health, Integrated Services, and Outpatient Detoxification/Antagonist Treatment 0313-25-MHDUAL](#)
3. [Short-Term Residential Co-Occurring Disorder Inpatient with Detoxification 0313-25-STRDETOX](#)

Answer: Hello. Thank you for your inquiry. Yes the RFP was extended as of today and the extension applied to all three of the below listed RFP's.

Question: Per the website and email below, solicitation responses are not due until August 2, 2024; however, all solicitations still have the original 7/19/24 due date listed on the offer sheets (request for proposal). Will these be updated to reflect the new due date?

Answer: Yes, the RFP's will be amended and posted on the website today. There is an amended BPA/RFP solicitation letter updated on our website.

Question: Our existing Pre-trial, Bridge Street contract is 0313-22-INTMAT. Which of the four treatment options listed above would be the appropriate selection for this RFP?

0313-25-TCT-M	Therapeutic Community Treatment (Males), Catchment Area: ED/PA
0313-25-TCT-F	Therapeutic Community Treatment (Females), Catchment Area: ED/PA
0313-25-MHDUAL	Mental Health, Integrated Services, and Outpatient Detoxification/Antagonist Treatment, Catchment Area: ED/PA
0313-25-STRDETOX	Short-Term Residential Co-Occurring Disorder Inpatient with Detoxification, Catchment Area: ED/PA

Answer: Ok Tonya got it, the equivalent services to apply for would be 0313:25MHDUAL, we just changed the name because we included mental health and dual diagnosis. Also, make sure to check the website RFP for detailed descriptions of what we're looking for in the proposal.

Question: I have a question regarding Lehigh Recovery Center's (LRC) current Pre-Trial contract status. When NET's residential program (Wharton) closed, the contract was transferred to LRC. LRC plans to submit a proposal for 0313-25-STRDETOX, and we are wondering if LRC is considered a new or existing provider? Specifically, we aren't sure if we will need to provide references. Any information you can provide would be helpful. Thanks so much.

Answer: Since the contract is for a Pretrial BPA, then yes, references will be needed. Monitoring reports will not be needed because Pretrial has never had a contract with LRC.

Question: We would like to put in for the request for proposal but do not see the application on the website?

Answer: The request for proposal that you're looking for was attached to the email that was sent to you by Tara Sawicki. Inside of your email is the entire request for proposal. Also, you can go onto the website at www.paept.uscourts.gov to review the pre-solicitation conference that you were not a part of. This solicitation conference will provide even more detail about the solicitation. Please remember that the deadline to apply is August 2, 2024.