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**RE: QUESTIONS & ANSWERS
FY-2027 SOLICITATIONS**

The purpose of this posting is to answer questions received regarding **Fiscal Year 2027 Solicitations** by the Eastern District of California. Questions can be submitted through Tuesday, July 14, 2026. The following are the questions received up until 07/14/26 4PM. If no additional questions are submitted this will not be updated after this posting. The most recent questions are at the end and have been dated:

Question: **Received 6/18/26:** In the description it allows for telehealth. Will most clients and services be provided via telehealth?

Answer: No, we allow telehealth on a case-by-case bases. It must be approved by the probation officer. We have moved back to more in-person services, but exception can be made as needed. Vendors are required to have a location in the service area for in-person services.

Question: **Received 6/26/26:** On page L-5 (Preparation of Offeror's References) states: "Offerors who are currently awarded an agreement with the USPO/USPSO agency soliciting these services are not required to provide references." If an offeror currently holds and agreement with the USPO/USPSO agency issued this solicitation, but these services are performed in another district, is the offeror still required to submit references as part of the proposal, given the existing contractual relationship?

Answer: Yes, if the agreement is not held with the issuing agency and services are performed on a piggyback agreement references are still required.

Question: **Received 7/7/26 Bidders' conference:** How many clients are there for each service?

Answer: Please refer to the EMQs for each specific RFP. They vary and each RFP lists the EMQs.

Question: **Received 7/7/26 Bidders' conference:** Section A, box 15 says "offer date", what date would this be?

Answer: This is the date the offer is signed.

Question: **Received 7/7/26 Bidders' conference:** How should the prices be listed, per unit or for the full EMQ listed?

Answer: Pricing is based on 30-minute units. If the EMQs say 3 units monthly, the price should be listed for one 30-minute unit.

Question: **Received 7/7/26 Bidders' conference:** For things like polygraphs and reports are the prices the same as counseling, 30-minute increments?

Answer: For services such as polygraphs or intake reports those are based per report no matter how long the session is.

Question: **Received 7/7/26 Bidders' conference:** How many vendors are needed for Solano County (same question for Fresno County)?

Answer: One vendor for each location.

Question: **Received 7/7/26 Bidders' conference:** Can the location be contingent on being awarded the BPA?

Answer: We are required to do site visits for new vendors prior to making an award. If you can get a space that will allow a contingent agreement that will allow us to do a site visit that would be acceptable. This would be up to the owners of the location.

Question: **Received 7/7/26 Bidders' conference:** Can referral be a federal employee who is not with the courts or USPO/USPSO?

Answer: Yes, a referral from a federal agency outside of the courts and USPO and USPSO is allowed.

Question: **Received 7/7/26:** Could you provide the approximate number of defendants referred to for mental health and/or substance abuse use treatment services for a specific county during the past 12 months? If not exact, is there an anticipated average.

Answer: Please review the EMQs on the RFP in Section B, this is a 12-month average. This is the estimated number of units each month for each service. This is just an estimate. Services can continue for several months, so referrals might not happen each month. The EMQs show the average units used in a 12-month period.

Question: **Received 7/7/26:** Will referrals come exclusively from U.S. Probation Officers, or mat referrals also originate from the Court, Federal Defender, or Assistance U.S. Attorneys?

Answer: Referral will come from probation or pretrial offices only.

Question: **Received 7/7/26:** Is there a minimum number of treatment slots of service capacity that the award provider is expected to maintain.

Answer: The EMQs are estimates only and we cannot guarantee a minimum number of clients. However, it is expected that the vendor can accommodate the services based on the EMQs.

Question: **Received 7/7/26:** Approximately what percentage of referrals involve co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders?

Answer: Please review the EMQs on the RFP in Section B. This is the estimated number of units each month for each service. This is just an estimate.

Question: **Received 7/7/26:** For Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT), does the Court expect the awarded provider to directly prescribe and manage MAT or is the referral to another qualified MAT provided acceptable with clinically appropriate?

Answer: We do not authorize the use of MAT medication under our treatment. This will not be authorized or paid for under our contracts.

Question: **Received 7/7/26:** For the required project codes involving mental health, co-occurring disorders, and substance abuse treatment, are there minimum clinician licensure or credential requirements, or may a California-licensed Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner independently provide all applicable services within their legal scope of practice.

Answer: Please review Section C. Each project code will detail the requirements needed to perform the work. We also follow state credential requirements.

Question: **Received 7/7/26:** If additional clinical disciplines are required to meet the solicitation requirements, may those services be provided through a qualified subcontractor.

Answer: Yes, a subcontractor can be used to perform services. It is required to list which services in Section B, who on Attachment A, and list their qualifications on Attachment C.

Question: **Received 7/7/26:** Does the solicitation require a minimum office size, or is the expectation simply that the provider has adequate facilities to deliver the required services?

Answer: We only require the space to be adequate and meet safety and ADA requirements. Please review the RFP for details on the space requirements.

Question: **Received 7/7/26:** Does the catchment area include the entire county, or are there specific cities or geographic service areas where services are expected to be provided?

Answer: We only require one space, and it can be located anywhere within the catchment area. We would prefer it to not be a remote location. Services can be located anywhere within the county for services so it should be easy to travel to.

Question: **Received 7/7/26:** May reference from commercial insurers, hospitals, healthcare organizations, county agencies, or other government entities be used to demonstrate organizational experience if the offeror has not previously contacted the U.S. Probation Office.

Answer: Per the RFP you cannot use current USPO/USPSO or U.S. Court Employees. You can use anyone else. Please refer to Section L Preparation of Offeror's References for more details.

Question: **Submitted 7/8/26 by Samatha:** Can you explain how the EMQs can be translated to services each month.

Answer: When reviewing the EMQs, verify the Unit amount. If it says per specimen or per report, the EMQs would equal the average for the month. For example, for PC 1010 the base year is 15, the average number of Urine collections is 15. Some months more and some months less. For reports that indicate 1 monthly this could be 1 or less. For project code 2010, this is based on 30-minute units. If the base year says 10 this average to 5 services

a month, two units per service. Again, some months could be more, and some months could be less. However, the pricing should be based on the per unit quantity (i.e. 30-minute unit, per report, per specimen, etc.)

Question: **Received 7/14/26:** Can you accept large attachments.

Answer: Unfortunately, we are limited to outlooks limits and do have the ability to accept via OneDrive or Shared Point.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Proposals are due by 4PM Wednesday, July 22, 2026.

Thank you for your interest in providing services to US Pretrial and Probation in the Eastern District of California. Feel free to email me if you wish to be included in the FY28 Solicitations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Samantha Washington', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Samantha Washington
Procurement Administrator