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To: All Interested Providers

From: Terri Gearon, Financial Services Director /s/ Terri Gearon
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Subject: **Request for Information for Health & Human Services (103F, HRS),
Juvenile Sex Offender Treatment Services for The Judiciary,
Third Circuit Court
RFI J24042**

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 Juvenile Sex Offender Treatment Services for The Judiciary, Third Circuit. Draft service specifications are attached to this RFI for review.

Written comments in response to the RFI shall be emailed Ms. Wendy Terada at Wendy.R.Terada@courts.hawaii.gov.

The deadline for the receipt of comments is 12:00 p.m., HST, on Tuesday, January 3, 2023.

Input received in response to this RFI may be incorporated into the specifications and be used in a formal Request for Proposals, tentatively scheduled for January 2023.

Note: Participation in this RFI is optional, and is not required to respond to any subsequent procurement announcements. Neither Judiciary nor any interested parties responding has any obligations under this RFI. Contracts resulting from the RFP will be for the periods indicated in the service specifications.

**2.1 SVC SPEC TITLE: Juvenile Client and Family Services
JCFSO - Juvenile Sex Offender Treatment Services**

2.1.1 Introduction

A & B. - (SEE SECTION 2.0.1)

C. Description of the goals of the service

Juvenile sex offender specific assessment and treatment services are needed by the Judiciary for court adjudicated youth, to address and reduce their deviant, abusive behaviors (including any unresolved victimization trauma issues), and to improve community safety by preventing further victimization. Hereafter, juvenile sex offenders will be referred to as youth who have committed a sexual offense (YSO) or youth with sexualized misbehaviors.

D. Description of the target population to be served

Adjudicated juveniles and adults, up to the age of 18 and/or clinical discharge; males and females.

E. Geographic coverage of service

Third Circuit--Island of Hawaii

F. Probable funding amounts, source, and period of availability

Probable funding amounts:

<u>FY 2024</u>	<u>FY 2025</u>	<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>
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Funding amounts are not being stated at this time. Applicants should propose funding amounts in their proposals based on their best estimate of the cost of providing the services described in these specifications.

Funding source: State General Funds

Period of availability: The Judiciary intends to award a multi-term contract. The aggregate term of the contract shall not exceed four (4) years, e.g., July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2027, subject to the appropriation and availability of funds and satisfactory contract performance. Funds are available for only the initial term of the contract which is for 2 years.

2.1.2 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 competence or qualifications to perform the required services.
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 and requests will be made in advance.
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, POS Application Checklist, for the website address).

B. **Secondary purchaser participation**

(Refer to §3-143-608, HAR)

After-the-fact secondary purchases will be allowed.

C. **Multiple or alternate proposals**

(Refer to §3-143-605, HAR)

Allowed Unallowed

D. **Single or multiple contracts to be awarded**

(Refer to §3-143-206, HAR)

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Multiple contracts may be awarded if such awards are deemed to be in the best interest of the Judiciary, and will be based on the highest ranked proposals.

E. Single or multi-term contracts to be awarded

(Refer to §3-149-302, HAR)

Single term (< 2 yrs) Multi-term (> 2 yrs.)

A multi-term contract will be awarded based on a determination that it is in the best interest of the Judiciary. The initial term of the contract shall be for two (2) years. Funds are available for only the initial term of the contract. The contract may be extended for another two (2) years, subject to appropriation and availability of funds and satisfactory performance of services by provider. Execution of a contract amendment is required to extend the contract for another term. The aggregate term of the contract shall not exceed four (4) years, e.g., July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2027. If it is determined that it is not in the best interest of the Judiciary to award a multi-term contract, a single-term contract will be awarded.

F. RFP contact persons

The individuals listed below are the points of contact from the date of release of this RFP until the selection of the winning provider or providers. Written questions shall be submitted on the State of Hawaii eProcurement System (HIePRO) by the day and time specified in HIePRO.

Buyer Information:

Judiciary Contracts and Purchasing Office
Kelly Kimura at (808) 538-5805
Email: Kelly.Y.Kimura@courts.hawaii.gov

Specifications Contact Information:

Program Services, Third Circuit
Wendy Terada at (808) 322-8726
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2.1.3 Scope of Work

The scope of work encompasses the following tasks and responsibilities:

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

For youth with sexually abusive behaviors, specific treatment services are needed to provide the Judiciary and the community with a comprehensive approach in dealing with juveniles who are sentenced or directed by the court to obtain such treatment. Services will include but not be limited to psychosexual/victimization trauma evaluation and treatment, individual/group/family sessions, polygraph testing for assessment and treatment purposes, psycho-educational training, and an aftercare program. Applicants must demonstrate understanding and ability to adhere to the standards and guidelines of the Sex Offender Management Team (SOMT) as well as incorporate best practices/evidence-based practices in sexually abusive behaviors intervention services with youth. Best practices/evidence-based practices are defined as a body of contemporaneous empirical research findings that produce the most effective outcomes for youth involved in sexually abusive behaviors, has literature to support the practices, is supported by national consensus, has a system for implementing and maintaining program integrity, and conformance to ethical/professional standards.

New guidelines/standards for the assessment and treatment of youth with sexually abusive behaviors may be developed by Sex Offender Management Team (SOMT) during the course of the contract and will be implemented upon negotiation to the satisfaction of both the contracting agency and the applicant.

Services should also be reflective of the court's balanced and restorative justice philosophy and the guiding principles of Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI). The goals of balanced and restorative justice are accountability, competency development and public safety. The needs and interests of the offender, victim, and the community should be considered as part of the program. JDAI principles are complementary in that it can help shape and guide jurisdiction's practice through collaboration and a continuum of services that are culturally competent, relevant and accessible to the youth they serve.

Applicants shall ensure that clinical supervision over program activities and on-going training are provided.

B. Management Requirements (Minimum and/or mandatory requirements)

1. Personnel

- a. The applicant shall possess and document knowledge, capacity, skills and experience in working with the targeted population as noted in Section 2.1.3.A.
- b. The applicant shall conduct a State and Federal fingerprint- based criminal history record check for any person, including, but not limited to any officer, employee, volunteer or subcontractor, who performs work or services which necessitates close proximity to or unsupervised access to vulnerable clients such as children, disabled, and/or the elderly , or other program related vulnerable clients . In addition, the applicant will conduct a search of the State and National Sex Offender Registries, <http://sexoffenders.ehawaii.gov> (State Sex Offender Registry) and the www.nsopr.gov (National Sex Offender Public Registry). The minimum record check will be conducted once every four years for each person, and/or at the outset of the contract period if such checks have never been conducted. Further, the applicant will ensure the continued suitability of any officer, employee, volunteer or subcontractor to work or provide services to vulnerable clients. Results of all criminal history record inquiries conducted shall be placed in the employee's or volunteer's personnel file and shall be available to Judiciary for review. The applicant further shall have a written plan for addressing any findings that result from a criminal history record check that may affect the treatment milieu (e.g. actively under the supervision of any criminal justice agency, convicted sex offenders). Prior to commencing any work or services on the contract, the applicant shall ensure that any officer, employee, volunteer or subcontractor is suitable to be performing work or services in close proximity to or with unsupervised access to children, disabled, and/or elderly clients will be of reputable and responsible character and will not pose a risk to the health, safety, security, or well-being of clients, staff and the general public.
- c. The applicant shall have on the premises at least one person currently certified in First Aid and CPR.
- d. The Applicant shall maintain documentation for each employee of an initial and annual tuberculosis (TB) skin test or chest X-ray.
- e. The staff and volunteers, if used by the applicant, shall be under the supervision of the program director or his or her designee and shall, accordingly, be trained in client confidentiality issues and

program quality assurance requirements.

- f. Applicants shall describe its program for increasing clinical staff competencies in sex offense specific treatment and the acquisition of evidence-based, offender-oriented treatment. At a minimum, applicants shall demonstrate how direct care staff will be assisted in understanding and applying the risk-need-responsivity principles in their treatment of offenders, as well as the stages of change, motivating the client toward change and behavioral treatment.

2. Administrative

- a. The applicant shall establish and implement policies and procedures which clearly identify the target population for each type of service, the program content, and methods of service delivery.
- b. Court testimony by an applicant representative shall be provided as needed.

3. Quality assurance and evaluation specifications

- a. The applicant shall have a quality assurance plan which identifies the mission of the organization, what services will be provided, how they are delivered, who is qualified to deliver the services, who is eligible to receive the services, and what standards are used to assess or evaluate the quality and utilization of services.
- b. Program evaluation should reflect the documentation of the achievement of the stated goals, using tools and measures consistent with the professional standards of the disciplines involved in the delivery of services.
- c. Applicants shall agree, by contract, to be willing to undergo a program assessment and/or audit designed to assess applicant's implementation of effective practices in working with offenders. Based on the assessment/audit report, the vendor will develop in concert with the contracting agency, an action plan to address areas which need improvement. There should be at least one quality improvement activity completed annually.
- d. Applicants shall provide all program monitoring, assessments and/or evaluation reports completed within the last two years.

4. Output and performance/outcome measurements

- a. Output: The applicant shall record unduplicated clients served. The unduplicated client count shall be recorded in the applicant's quarterly reports, culminating in a final unduplicated client count on the applicant's final report.
- b. Outcome: The applicant shall propose measurement tools by which effectiveness of the services may be determined, as well as utilize any provided by the Judiciary.

5. Reporting requirements for program and fiscal data

- a. The applicant shall submit written quarterly and year-end reports summarizing output and outcome data, performance accomplishments, challenges, and actual expenditures. Quarterly reports are due 30 days after the end of the quarter. Final reports are due 45 days after the end of each fiscal year and/or at the end of the contract period, as applicable.
- b. Reports shall consist of a statement by the provider relating to the work accomplished during the reporting period and shall include statements of the nature of the work performed, identification of persons served by the provider during the reporting period, identification of any immediate problems encountered during the reporting period, and any recommendations deemed pertinent by the provider, as well as a statement of what activities are proposed to be accomplished during the next reporting period. In addition to the written progress reports, the provider, upon request, shall be required to meet with representatives of the Judiciary to discuss the progress of the work required.
- c. The applicant shall, at the completion of the contract period, submit a final written report to the Judiciary. The report shall include documentation of the provider's overall effort towards meeting the program goals and objectives, to include information on the outcome(s) of quality improvement activities in which the program is engaged. Furthermore, the provider shall furnish any additional reports or information that the Judiciary may from time to time require or request.

6. Pricing or pricing methodology to be used

Hawaii – negotiated fixed price.

7. Units of service and unit rate

Estimated number of treatment slots (per year):

Hawaii: 15-25 juveniles

Applicants are to include in their proposed funding the estimated time frame of assessment completion, amount per assessment, the average length of treatment/intervention services, the amount per unit per person and per group.

2.1.4 Facilities

- A. Applicants shall provide a description of its facilities and its conduciveness to the treatment being provided.
- B. Facilities shall comply with all federal, state, and county laws, ordinances, codes, rules and regulations.