

SOT Roundtable Questions

1. Do monitoring reports need to be submitted with the bid, if the bidder is an incumbent?

Answer: No.

2. Do references need to be included with a bid, if the bidder is an incumbent?

Answer: No.

3. What are the dates of the solicitation process?

Answer: The BIZOPPS advertisement is released in mid-May (approximately May 15th). The solicitation will be posted to the ED/WI USPO website in June/July.

4. What project codes will be requested?

Answer: 5012, 6012, 6022, 6032, 6090, 6091, 5022, 5023, 7012, and 7023. Additionally, there is a difference as to what services pretrial services persons under supervision can complete versus a post-conviction person under supervision. A vendor cannot discuss the alleged instant offense with the pretrial person under supervision.

5. Will polygraph examinations be a part of the new Request for Proposal? Or will it be a separate Request for Proposal?

Answer: The inclusion of polygraph examinations to the sex offense specific outpatient treatment Request for Proposal is under review and may be a part of the Request for Proposal.

6. What is the impact on the bidder if the current political climate slashes funding for SOT? Is the bidder required to "work for free"?

Answer: No. The Judiciary will pay vendors for the services rendered. If there may be a delay with payment, the treatment specialist will convey this to the vendors.

7. What is the impact on the bidder of obtaining a QUALIFIED, LICENSED, EXPERIENCED-IN-SOT POLYGRAPH provider and their failure to meet expectations?

Answer: If the bidder cannot find a polygrapher before submission of the bid, the bidder will be considered technically unacceptable. If the bidder is awarded a Blanket Purchase Agreement and is not able to continue with having a polygrapher, the information will be noted on the monitoring report. It may lead to the Judiciary not exercising the next option year.

8. Currently, the only reason a bidder can terminate a federal contracted client from SOT is if the client presents a danger to the therapist or other group members... what is the impact for the bidder on clinical decisions "out of their control"?

Answer: If the vendor terminates an individual from contracted services without the approval of the supervising officer, then it will be noted in the vendor's monitoring report as a deficiency.

9. Currently, the contract does not allow for the bidder to terminate the contract...what language can be included that allows the bidder (within a reasonable time frame) to terminate the contract if necessary.

Answer: A Blanket Purchase Agreement is not a contract and considered to be a "charge account" between the Judiciary and vendor for recurring purchase or services. As a result, a vendor can advise the Judiciary that they are no longer able to provide services. It would be requested for the vendor to provide adequate notice to the treatment specialist to allow the persons under supervision to be referred to another vendor for treatment.

10. Federal clients should all be on the Federal contract for legal and confidentiality purposes...currently, the government requires clients to use their own insurance....and therefore they are technically "private pay" clients putting bidder in a conflict when legal circumstances arise...and depending on the insurance to not be compensated at contract rates.

Answer: Persons under supervision referred to a treatment vendor by a probation officer is considered to be a part of the Statement of Work issued by the Judiciary. If a person under supervision begins using insurance to pay for services, then the Probation Form 45 could be terminated and are no longer bound by the Statement of Work. If an attorney requests information about a person under supervision, then HIPPA laws would apply for the vendor to provide information. If a person under supervision is using insurance as a copayment for services and continue to be under the Statement of Work, then the client's court information is bound by the Statement of Work. If an attorney request information, then the vendor will have to speak with the probation office before the information is released.

11. What are the credentials/licenses/curriculum to be used for persons convicted of sex offenses?

Answer: The credentials/licenses information is in the Statement of Work when addressing the specific project codes. The curriculum used with persons under supervision is determined by the vendor.

12. What is the purpose of the Sex Offense-Specific Evaluation and Report (5012)?

Answer: This evaluation and report is to determine whether a person under supervision needs to attend sex offender treatment. An example is persons convicted of human/sex trafficking and whether they will need to complete the treatment.