



## OFFEROR INQUIRIES

1. Looking at economics – with a small program capacity to serve seven women on an ongoing basis; thus we need to distribute our fixed costs across that small population. Will there be consideration in the rate for our circumstance? **Answer:** *Offerors are to complete the Cost Proposal Worksheet and provide a brief narrative of the proposed cost that describes the proposed daily rate per participant and how the rate is computed. Fixed costs an offeror wants considered should be included in the cost proposal. The extent to which the cost proposal is realistic given the proposed scope of work is a criterion for proposal evaluation.*
2. Would we still be allowed to charge CTP participants the same program fee our other residents pay? **Answer:** *The offeror's proposed daily rate per participant and the basis for the rate should include any proposed client fee. Any proposed client fee should be clearly identifiable in the cost proposal. Proposed client fees will be considered as part of the cost proposal evaluation.*
3. Passages is not a co-ed program, we serve women only. Is this acceptable for a Contractor? **Answer:** *Yes*
4. Is there a minimum requirement for number of beds per facility? **Answer:** *No. The distribution of these slots will be dependent on vendor responses, location and contract negotiations. The state intends to maximize the utilization of contract beds/slots under this RFP (request for proposals).*
5. Would all of the beds at our program have to be held strictly for CTP? Or as women apply to Passages and are accepted to our program and are also eligible for CTP take those beds as they are available? **Answer:** *Offerors can propose that the requested residential and case management services under this RFP be provided in a setting where other clients are also served.*
6. Can we require CTP participants to adhere to the Passages application process the same as our other residents? **Answer:** *An offeror should provide a description of any placement limitations or acceptance criteria they intend to use as part of their response.*
7. Can we hold CTP participants accountable to do all the Passages program work as our other residents, including faith based components? At this time our residents to mandatory passages classes, hold jobs, as well as attend out-patient treatment and/or counseling. **Answer:** *The offeror can include program requirements for an existing program in their response to the scope of work. If faith based components are included, the cost proposal must reflect a separation of costs with the faith based program elements funded through a source other than a contract arising from this RFP. Participants will be made aware of faith-based components and agree to participation prior to admission.*
8. With the use of Federal funds would we have to change the faith based aspect of our program? For example we have mandatory bible classes. **Answer:** *See response to question 7.*



9. In reference to Scope of Work 3.7: We us Truthought and Texas Christian University (TCU) criminal thinking assessments are these acceptable by the State? Also can you clarify on “program referrals”? We are not using the above assessments for referrals nor at this time do we do referrals. **Answer:** *Offerors should provide a description of how participant’s needs will be identified for purposes of case planning and identifying service needs.*
10. What is the need for these services in Minnehaha County, specifically for female parolees? Do you anticipate beds will stay consistently full? **Answer:** *This request for proposal identifies the need for 20 beds/services for female parolees. The geographic distribution of these 20 slots will be dependent on vendor responses, location and contract negotiations. The state intends to maximize the utilization of contract beds/slots under this RFP. However, significant population changes; policy changes; transfers; transportation; release plan changes; access to services and employment are all examples of factors that can impact utilization.*
11. What do you anticipate the average length of stay will be, specifically for female parolees? **Answer:** *Typically around 90 days.*
12. Would you consider allowing female parolees with children to have those children reside onsite with them? **Answer:** *An offeror wishing to have this provision included should incorporate this in their response to this request.*
13. Will the state only provide reimbursement for occupied beds or will the guarantee reimbursement regardless of occupancy? **Answer:** *The state will provide payment only for occupied beds.*
14. Would you consider a built in rate for onsite mental health and substance abuse services or are you specifically looking for referrals to other services? **Answer:** *This RFP is for housing and case management services. Mental health and substance abuse service costs are not included in the scope of this RFP.*
15. Can a provider charge a resident a fee as part of the compensation? Serenity Hills currently assess the residents a \$12 per day board and room fee. If we take referrals from the community Transition Program we would like to keep a similar expectation with this population. **Answer:** *See response to question 2.*
16. Is the recipient of this award considered a CTP and if so what happens if the client needs to be removed from the program? **Answer:** *Program rules, program expectations, response to violations and program termination provisions will be developed in collaboration with the state.*
17. Are the clients under the supervision of the local state parole agents? **Answer:** *Yes*
18. Is the intent to move the client out of the community permanently or temporarily? Will they be required to work and/or have a copay? **Answer:** *The intent is for client success with a permanent transition to the community. Clients will be expected to secure work/have a means of support. See response to question 2 regarding co-pay.*