Request for Proposal
Forensic Consultants for NJ Department of Health, Division of Behavioral Health Services

Seeking Nationally and Internationally recognized experts as evidenced by relevant publication and presentation records, membership in relevant professional societies, consultation record and references.

-Minimum Educational Qualifications:
MD or Ph.D. and forensically trained (e.g., forensic fellowship or internship, specialized doctoral education), Board certified in adult and forensic

-Experience training doctoral students or residents

-Minimum 10 years consulting to forensic and civil psychiatric hospitals/correctional settings

-Specific expertise in implementation of evidence-based practices

**Violence & Suicide:**

**DBT:**
Trainer/Consultant must be certified in Dialectical Behavior Therapy
Experience with multiple, large-scale DBT implementations in forensic or correctional systems
Minimum 10 years DBT training experience

**Competence to Stand Trial, Insanity:**
Expertise in assessment of competence
Best practices regarding policies and procedures
Treatment for restoration of competence

**Psychopharmacology:**
Expertise working in forensic setting with complex patients
Experience training and supervising fellows and residents
Experience with clinical trials
Expertise developing systems protocols and guidelines for improving prescribing
Relevant publication record

Proposals Due: Friday, October 28, 2022, by 3PM EST

Question & Answer Period: Monday, October 17, 2022, by 3PM EST
All Bidders must submit Proposals to Jeffrey Uhl, PsyD, MBA: Jeffrey.Uhl@doh.nj.gov by the Proposal due date and specified time.

Contract term: Award Date November 1, 2022, through June 30, 2025

1.0 Scope of Work:

See above

2.0 Required forms:

2.1 FORMS, REGISTRATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS REQUIRED WITH PROPOSAL

All required forms are found at the following link: https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/forms.

All bid submissions must include completed mandatory compliance forms, which include:

- Ownership Disclosure
- Disclosure of Investigations and Other Actions Involving Contractor
- Disclosure of Investment Activities in Iran
- Chapter 51 Compliance, where applicable
- Chapter 271 form, where applicable
- MacBride Principles
- Source Disclosure
- E.O. 271 Statement or Certification
- Business Registration Certificate
- Affirmative Action Compliance
- Evidence of Insurance
- State of New Jersey Standard Terms and Conditions
- Waivered Contracts Supplement to the State of New Jersey Standard Terms and Conditions
- Certification of Non-Involvement in Prohibited Activities in Russia or Belarus

Contractors are under a continuing obligation to report updates to the information contained in its required forms.

Unless otherwise specified, forms must contain an original, physical signature, or electronic signature.

Winning Bidder(s) must register with NJSTART as a Contractor for the State of NJ. www.njstart.gov
2.2 MACBRIE PRINCIPLES CERTIFICATION

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:34-12.2, a Bidder is required to certify that it either has no ongoing business activities in Northern Ireland and does not maintain a physical presence therein or that it will take lawful steps in good faith to conduct any business operations it has in Northern Ireland in accordance with the MacBride principles of nondiscrimination in employment as set forth in N.J.S.A. 52:18A-89.5 and in conformance with the United Kingdom’s Fair Employment (Northern Ireland) Act of 1989, and permit independent monitoring of their compliance with those principles.

2.3 OWNERSHIP DISCLOSURE FORM

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:25-24.2, in the event the Bidder is a corporation, partnership, or limited liability company, the Bidder must disclose all 10% or greater owners by (a) completing and submitting the Ownership Disclosure Form with the Proposal; (b) if the Bidder has submitted a signed and accurate Ownership Disclosure Form dated and received no more than six (6) months prior to the Proposal submission deadline for this procurement, the State may rely upon that form; however, if there has been a change in ownership within the last six (6) months, a new Ownership Disclosure Form must be completed, signed and submitted with the Proposal; or, (c) a Bidder with any direct or indirect parent entity which is publicly traded may submit the name and address of each publicly traded entity and the name and address of each person that holds a 10 percent or greater beneficial interest in the publicly traded entity as of the last annual filing with the federal Securities and Exchange Commission or the foreign equivalent, and, if there is any person that holds a 10 percent or greater beneficial interest, also shall submit links to the websites containing the last annual filings with the federal Securities and Exchange Commission or the foreign equivalent and the relevant page numbers of the filings that contain the information on each person that holds a 10 percent or greater beneficial interest. N.J.S.A. 52:25-24.2.

2.4 DISCLOSURE OF INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES IN IRAN

The Bidder should submit Disclosure of Investment Activities in Iran form to certify that, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:32-58, neither the Bidder, nor one (1) of its parents, subsidiaries, and/or affiliates (as defined in N.J.S.A. 52:32-56(e)(3)), is listed on the Department of the Treasury’s List of Persons or Entities Engaging in Prohibited Investment Activities in Iran and that neither the Bidder, nor one (1) of its parents, subsidiaries, and/or affiliates, is involved in any of the investment activities set forth in N.J.S.A. 52:32-56(f). If the Bidder is unable to so certify, the Bidder shall provide a detailed and precise description of such activities as directed on the form. If a Bidder does not submit the form with the Quote, the Bidder must comply within seven (7) business days of the State’s request, or the State may deem the Quote non-responsive.

2.5 BUSINESS REGISTRATION

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:32-44(b), a Bidder and its named Subcontractors must have a valid Business Registration Certificate (“BRC”) issued by the Department of the Treasury, Division of Revenue and Enterprise Services prior to the award of a contract. To facilitate the Proposal evaluation and contract award process, the Bidder should submit a copy of its valid BRC and those of any named Subcontractors with its Proposal. See Section 2.1 of the State
Standard Terms and Conditions.

Any Bidder, inclusive of any named Subcontractors, not having a valid business registration at the time of the Proposal opening, or whose BRC was revoked prior to the submission of the Proposal, should proceed immediately to register its business, or seek reinstatement of a revoked BRC.

The Bidder is cautioned that it may require a significant amount of time to secure the reinstatement of a revoked BRC. The process can require actions by both the Division of Revenue and Enterprise Services and the Division of Taxation. For this reason, a Bidder’s early attention to this requirement is highly recommended. The Bidder and its named Subcontractors may register with the Division of Revenue and Enterprise Services, obtain a copy of an existing BRC or obtain information necessary to seek reinstatement of a revoked BRC online at https://www1.state.nj.us/TYTR_BRC/jsp/BRCLoginJsp.jsp.

A Bidder otherwise identified by the DOH as a responsive and responsible Bidder, inclusive of any named Subcontractors, but that was not business registered at the time of submission of its Proposal must be so registered and in possession of a valid BRC by a deadline to be specified in writing by the DOH. A Bidder failing to comply with this requirement by the deadline specified by the Division will be deemed ineligible for contract award. Under any circumstance, the Division will rely upon information available from computerized systems maintained by the State as a basis to verify independently compliance with the requirement for business registration.

2.6 DISCLOSURE OF INVESTIGATIONS AND OTHER ACTIONS INVOLVING BIDDER FORM

The Bidder should submit the Disclosure of Investigations and Other Actions Involving Bidder Form, with its Proposal, to provide a detailed description of any investigation, litigation, including administrative complaints or other administrative proceedings, involving any public sector clients during the past five (5) years, including the nature and status of the investigation, and, for any litigation, the caption of the action, a brief description of the action, the date of inception, current status, and, if applicable, disposition. If a Bidder does not submit the form with the Proposal, the Bidder must comply within seven (7) business days of the State’s request, or the State may deem the Proposal non-responsive.

2.7 SOURCE DISCLOSURE

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:34-13.2, prior to an award of a contract, the Bidder is required to submit a completed Source Disclosure Form. The Bidder’s inclusion of the completed Source Disclosure Form with the Proposal is requested and advised.

2.8 AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

The intended Contractor must submit a copy of a New Jersey Certificate of Employee Information Report, or a copy of Federal Letter of Approval verifying it is operating under a federally approved or sanctioned Affirmative Action program. Awarded Contractors not in possession of either a New Jersey Certificate of Employee Information Report or a Federal Letter

Bidders should verify its Affirmative Action Compliance status on the “Maintain Terms and Categories” Tab within its profile in NJSTART. In the event of an issue with a Contractor’s Affirmative Action Compliance status, NJSTART provides a link to take corrective action.

2.9 INSURANCE CERTIFICATES

The Contractor shall provide the State with current certificates of insurance for all coverages required by the terms of this contract naming the State as an Additional Insured. See Section 4.2 of the State Standard Terms and Conditions accompanying this Request for Proposal. The Bidder should verify its Insurance Certification Compliance status on the “Maintain Terms and Categories” Tab within its profile in NJSTART.

2.10 COVID-19 VACCINE CERTIFICATION

Please be advised that on October 20, 2021, Governor Murphy signed Executive Order No. 271 which went into effect on that day. In accordance with EO 271, a covered contractor must certify that it has a policy in place:

(1) that requires all covered workers to provide adequate proof, in accordance with EO 271, to the covered contractor that the covered worker has been fully vaccinated; or
(2) that requires that unvaccinated covered workers submit to COVID-19 screening testing at minimum one to two times weekly until such time as the covered worker is fully vaccinated; and
(3) that the covered contractor has a policy for tracking COVID-19 screening test results as required by EO 271 and must report the results to local public health departments.

The requirements of EO 271 apply to all covered contractors and subcontractors, at any tier, providing services, construction, demolition, remediation, removal of hazardous substances, alteration, custom fabrication, repair work, or maintenance work, or a leasehold interest in real property through which covered workers have access to State property. Please review and complete the EO 271 certification and submit it with your Proposal.

3.0 Executive Order 166 Requirements for Posting of Winning Proposal and Contract Documents

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 166, signed by Governor Murphy on July 17, 2020, the Office of the State Comptroller (“OSC”) is required to make all approved State contracts for the allocation and expenditure of COVID-19 Recovery Funds available to the public by posting such contracts on an appropriate State website. Such contracts will be posted on the New Jersey transparency website developed by the Governor’s Disaster Recovery Office (GDRO Transparency Website). The contract resulting from this [RFP/RFQ] is subject to the requirements of Executive Order No. 166. Accordingly, the OSC will post a copy of the contract, including the [RFP/RFQ], the winning bidder’s proposal and other related contract documents for the above contract on the GDRO
In submitting its proposal, a bidder/proposer may designate specific information as not subject to disclosure. However, such bidder must have a good faith legal or factual basis to assert that such designated portions of its proposal: (i) are proprietary and confidential financial or commercial information or trade secrets; or (ii) must not be disclosed to protect the personal privacy of an identified individual. The location in the proposal of any such designation should be clearly stated in a cover letter, and a redacted copy of the proposal should be provided. A Bidder’s/Proposer’s failure to designate such information as confidential in submitting a bid/proposal shall result in waiver of such claim.

The State reserves the right to make the determination regarding what is proprietary or confidential and will advise the winning bidder/proposer accordingly. The State will not honor any attempt by a winning bidder/proposer to designate its entire proposal as proprietary or confidential and will not honor a claim of copyright protection for an entire proposal. In the event of any challenge to the winning bidder’s/proposer’s assertion of confidentiality with which the State does not concur, the bidder/proposer shall be solely responsible for defending its designation.