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SECTION 1. INTRODUCTION & INSTRUCTIONS

SEC. 1.01 PURPOSE OF THE RFP

The Department of Corrections, Division of Health and Rehabilitation Services (department), is soliciting proposals for an agency to provide Substance Abuse Reentry Coordinator services. Services will be required statewide throughout Alaska but the majority of the work may be accomplished remotely. The department may require some instate travel. Travel outside of Alaska isn't required and the department will not pay for travel outside of Alaska.

SEC. 1.02 BUDGET

A specific budget hasn't been identified. Approval or continuation of a contract resulting from this is contingent upon legislative appropriation.

SEC. 1.03 DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF PROPOSALS

Proposals must be received no later than 2:00 PM prevailing Alaska Time on January 3, 2020. Faxed or emailed proposals are acceptable but not encouraged. Oral proposals are not acceptable.

Late proposals or amendments will be disqualified and not opened or accepted for evaluation.

SEC. 1.04 PRIOR EXPERIENCE

In order for offers to be considered responsive offerors must meet these minimum prior experience requirements:

1. The offeror must possess a certificate from DHSS DBH per 7 AAC 70.030. The offeror should include a copy of the certificate with their proposal. Within 3 business days of the State's request the offeror must submit a copy of their certificate.

An offeror's failure to produce their certificate within the time required will cause their proposal to be considered non-responsive and their proposal will be rejected.

SEC. 1.05 REQUIRED REVIEW

Offerors should carefully review this solicitation for defects and questionable or objectionable material. Comments concerning defects and objectionable material must be made in writing and received by the procurement officer at least ten days before the deadline for receipt of proposals. This will allow time for the issuance of any necessary amendments. It will also help prevent the opening of a defective solicitation and exposure of offeror's proposals upon which award could not be made. Protests based on any omission or error, or on the content of the solicitation, will be disallowed if these faults have not been brought to the attention of the procurement officer, in writing, at least ten days before the deadline for receipt of proposals.

SEC. 1.06 QUESTIONS PRIOR TO DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF PROPOSALS

All questions must be in writing and directed to the procurement officer. The interested party must confirm telephone conversations in writing.

Two types of questions generally arise. One may be answered by directing the questioner to a specific section of the RFP. These questions may be answered over the telephone. Other questions may be more complex and may require a written amendment to the RFP. The procurement officer will make that decision.

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SEC. 1.07 RETURN INSTRUCTIONS

Offerors must submit one hard copy of their proposal, in writing, to the procurement officer in a sealed package. The cost proposal included with the package must be sealed separately from the rest of the proposal and must be clearly identified. The sealed proposal package(s) must be addressed as follows:

Department of Corrections
Anchorage Procurement
Attention: Evan Patterson
Request for Proposal (RFP) Number: 200000033
550 W 7th Ave, Suite 1800
Anchorage, AK 99501

If submitting a proposal via email, the technical proposal and cost proposal must be saved as separate PDF documents and emailed to April.akers@alaska.gov as separate, clearly labeled attachments, such as “Vendor A – Technical Proposal.pdf” and “Vendor A – Cost Proposal.pdf” (Vendor A is the name of the offeror). The email must contain the RFP number in the subject line.

The **maximum** size of a single email (including all text and attachments) that can be received by the state is **20mb (megabytes)**. If the email containing the proposal exceeds this size, the proposal must be sent in multiple emails that are each less than 20 megabytes and each email must comply with the requirements described above. It is the offeror’s responsibility to contact the issuing agency at **(907) 334-0851** to confirm that the proposal has been received. The state is not responsible for unreadable, corrupt, or missing attachments.

SEC. 1.08 PROPOSAL CONTENTS

The following information must be included in all proposals.

(a) AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

All proposals must be signed by an individual authorized to bind the offeror to the provisions of the RFP. Proposals must remain open and valid for at least 90-days from the date set as the deadline for receipt of proposals.

(b) OFFEROR'S CERTIFICATION

By signature on the proposal, offerors certify that they comply with the following:

- A. the laws of the State of Alaska;
- B. the applicable portion of the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964;
- C. the Equal Employment Opportunity Act and the regulations issued thereunder by the federal government;

- D. the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the regulations issued thereunder by the federal government;
- E. all terms and conditions set out in this RFP;
- F. a condition that the proposal submitted was independently arrived at, without collusion, under penalty of perjury;
- G. that the offers will remain open and valid for at least 90 days; and
- H. that programs, services, and activities provided to the general public under the resulting contract conform with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and the regulations issued thereunder by the federal government.

If any offeror fails to comply with [a] through [h] of this paragraph, the state reserves the right to disregard the proposal, terminate the contract, or consider the contractor in default.

(c) VENDOR TAX ID

A valid Vendor Tax ID must be submitted to the issuing office with the proposal or within five days of the state's request.

(d) CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Each proposal shall include a statement indicating whether or not the firm or any individuals working on the contract has a possible conflict of interest (e.g., currently employed by the State of Alaska or formerly employed by the State of Alaska within the past two years) and, if so, the nature of that conflict. The Commissioner of the Department of Corrections reserves the right to **consider a proposal non-responsive and reject it or** cancel the award if any interest disclosed from any source could either give the appearance of a conflict or cause speculation as to the objectivity of the program to be developed by the offeror. The Commissioner's determination regarding any questions of conflict of interest shall be final.

(e) FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS

The offeror must identify all known federal requirements that apply to the proposal, the evaluation, or the contract.

SEC. 1.09 ASSISTANCE TO OFFERORS WITH A DISABILITY

Offerors with a disability may receive accommodation regarding the means of communicating this RFP or participating in the procurement process. For more information, contact the procurement officer no later than ten days prior to the deadline for receipt of proposals.

SEC. 1.10 AMENDMENTS TO PROPOSALS

Amendments to or withdrawals of proposals will only be allowed if acceptable requests are received prior to the deadline that is set for receipt of proposals. No amendments or withdrawals will be accepted after the deadline unless they are in response to the state's request in accordance with 2 AAC 12.290.

SEC. 1.11 AMENDMENTS TO THE RFP

If an amendment is issued, it will be provided to all who were mailed a copy of the RFP and to those who have registered with the procurement officer after receiving the RFP from the State of Alaska Online Public Notice web site.

SEC. 1.12 RFP SCHEDULE

The RFP schedule set out herein represents the State of Alaska's best estimate of the schedule that will be followed. If a component of this schedule, such as the deadline for receipt of proposals, is delayed, the rest of the schedule may be shifted by the same number of days.

- Issue RFP 12/11/2019,
- Pre-proposal conference on 12/19/2019,
- Deadline for Receipt of Proposals 1/3/2020,
- Proposal Evaluation Committee complete evaluation by 1/17/2020,
- State of Alaska issues Notice of Intent to Award a Contract 1/24/2020,
- State of Alaska issues contract 2/4/2020,
- Contract start 3/1/2020.

This RFP does not, by itself, obligate the state. The state's obligation will commence when the contract is approved by the Commissioner of the Department of Corrections, or the Commissioner's designee. Upon written notice to the contractor, the state may set a different starting date for the contract. The state will not be responsible for any work done by the contractor, even work done in good faith, if it occurs prior to the contract start date set by the state.

SEC. 1.13 PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE

A pre-proposal conference will be held 10:00 AM, Alaska Time, on December 19, 2019 on the 18th floor of the Atwood building in Anchorage, Alaska. The purpose of the conference is to discuss the work to be performed with the prospective offerors and allow them to ask questions concerning the RFP. Questions and answers will be transcribed and sent to prospective offerors as soon as possible after the meeting.

Offerors with a disability needing accommodation should contact the procurement officer prior to the date set for the pre-proposal conference so that reasonable accommodation can be made.

SEC. 1.14 ALTERNATE PROPOSALS

Offerors may only submit one proposal for evaluation.

In accordance with 2 AAC 12.830 alternate proposals (proposals that offer something different than what is asked for) will be rejected.

SEC. 1.15 NEWS RELEASES

News releases related to this RFP and subsequent contract will not be made without prior approval of the project director.

SECTION 2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

SEC. 2.01 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

According to the 2012-2013 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, Alaska was ranked as one of the top ten states for rates of illicit drug use and Alaska's criminal justice professionals recognize that alcohol is the primary abused substance in Alaska. Alcohol and substance use is correlated with criminal activity, accidental deaths and suicide, and domestic violence. The Alaska Justice Statistical Analysis Center analyzed arrests for drug offenses in Alaska from 2000-2011 and found that the number of adult arrests for drug offenses increased 34.3 percent (1,486 drug arrests in 2000 to 1,996 drug arrests in 2011). Offenders convicted of alcohol and drug related crimes make up approximately 15 % of Alaska's total prisoner population—about 773 inmates on any given day. While these offenders are convicted of alcohol and drug related crimes, the data does not capture the significant number of inmates who have an alcohol and/or drug diagnosis. In 2014, Hornby Zeller Associates, Inc. produced a report regarding trust benefits in the State of Alaska, Department of Corrections (department); they found 70.1 percent of trust beneficiaries had substance abuse-related issues in their clinical profile. Department mental health data reports that 80% of offenders seen by department Behavioral Health were diagnosed with a substance use disorder. By default, the department is the largest provider of mental health and substance use services in the State.

SECTION 3. SCOPE OF WORK & CONTRACT INFORMATION

SEC. 3.01 SCOPE OF WORK

The Department of Corrections, Division of Health and Rehabilitation Services (department) is soliciting for a Substance Abuse Reentry Coordinator program (program). Services under the resulting contract are to be provided to Alaska department facilities statewide including the provision of care coordination to gain access to specialized treatment, case management and support services for individuals with substance use disorder (SUD) re-entering the community. The department's goal with this RFP is to have services to aid in assessing an individual's needs, coordinating an individual's care, identifying any barriers to re-entry and resources that are available to overcome identified barriers and coordinate the services needed for an individual with an SUD to successfully reenter the community.

The department has identified the target population, outcome performance measures and several process indicators. The department has identified needs, gaps in services, and critical elements that are required to implement the program. The contractor shall provide the following critical program elements:

1. Coordinating SUD care across criminal justice and substance use disorder health systems utilizing a multi-disciplinary approach;
2. Coordinating safe sober housing;
3. Assisting with initial application, maintenance and reinstatement of entitlements and support benefits;
4. Assistance with vocational rehabilitation and supported employment;
5. Assistance with linkages for food, clothing, transportation and childcare.
6. Knowledge of community partnerships with the same goal regarding the health and rehabilitation of the client returning to the community
7. Knowledge of American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Criteria and conducting SUD assessment with ASAM Criteria best practices
8. Prepare the client for community-based treatment and living in the community.
9. Have knowledge of Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) model and ability to use when needed.

To reduce legal recidivism and increase SUD clients' rates of success in transitioning from jail into the community, program services will be initiated for a period up to 90 days before release and continue for up to 60 days after incarceration, with the prospect for review and limited extension on a case-by-case basis if determined warranted by the department. Further, to increase service capacity, contractors will collaborate with each other and develop partnerships that will enhance existing reentry practices.

SEC. 3.02 CONTINUUM OF CARE

The contractor must be able to provide a continuum of care including SUD assessment, case management, and referral services. One of the critical elements involves coordinating SUD care across criminal justice and other related community providers. The contractor must be adept in working with the criminal justice clientele who experience SUD issues, and utilizing cognitive/behavioral therapy, SBIRT model and knowledge/support of medication management in treating these individuals.

1. Understand a variety of models and theories of addiction and other problems related to substance issues.
2. Recognize the importance of family, social networks and community systems in the treatment and recovery progression.

3. Understand the importance of using an interdisciplinary approach to SUD treatment.
4. Placement in appropriate level of care as defined by the ASAM Criteria.
5. Assistance with environmental issues such as vocational rehabilitation, finding a job and securing safe housing.
6. Information regarding risks, needs, relapse triggers or other helpful indicators will be shared with the Reentry Probation Officer (RPO). Contractor must involve the Reentry Probation Officer and the Criminal Justice Planner (project manager) in decisions regarding the client's treatment and communicate all violations of conditions.

SEC. 3.03 TARGET POPULATION

The target population for the program will essentially include clients who have been assessed within 6 months of release to have a SUD and some of who may experience co-occurring disorders. The following is a general guideline of the program target population. Participation in this program is voluntary and should not be considered related to any department or court ordered mandated treatment.

The target population for the program will include individuals who are:

1. Considered to have a SUD with the need for continued care;
2. Within 90 days of release;
3. sentenced and still incarcerated at the time of program intake;
4. Individuals identified as high risk for recidivism related to SUD.

Additionally, the target population for the program may consider individuals who are:

1. Misdemeanants or felons;
2. end of sentence, or unsentenced individuals who are released with court-ordered conditions that mandate treatment;
3. PACE court participants;
4. coordination with other SUD contractor staff as related to continued care.

SEC. 3.04 SERVICE PROCESS

The following is an example of what may be expected when an offender is identified for this program and reaches the 90-day period before release:

1. Pre-Release: The contractor would complete an intake and potentially a SUD assessment or addendum with referred clients. Following the intake, the contractor will coordinate the development of the reentry plan. The individualized reentry plan will be written by the contractor in coordination with the department, if needed. The reentry plan will include the critical elements, as identified in 3.01 Scope of Work, points 1-9, and identify case management and housing needs.
2. Upon Release: While the inmate is in jail, if eligible, the contractor will link individual to or provide assistance with Social Security and Public Assistance benefits. The contractor may also need to assist with connecting the client to essential services. For example, contractors may assist clients in accessing the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR), or one of DVR's vendors or the DVR office. In accordance with nationally recognized best practices, within the first week of release, it is expected that agencies may provide daily contact (in person or telephonic) with the client. As the person stabilizes in the community, contact will be stepped down in accordance with the individual's reentry plan.

3. Post Release: Sixty days post release, the contractor will complete a standardized status update on all participants to include those who have successfully completed transitional program aftercare requirements or if the individual needs ongoing assistance from the program.

SEC. 3.05 PERFORMANCE MEASURES

To assist the SARC program, if available or if the vendor performed one of the following functions, then the vendor will provide data collection for the following performance indicators. Data will be collected to determine system efficacy.

1. Performance Indicator 1: 100% of individuals assessed for ongoing SUD treatment and willing to participate in ongoing treatment will have entered a treatment program within 30 days of releasing from a department facility.
2. Performance Indicator 2: 100% of clients participating in this program will have a reentry plan completed within 10 days of releasing from a department facility.
3. Performance Indicator 3: 100% of those clients that meet criteria for public assistance, will have a Division of Public Assistance application submitted within 10 days of release.
4. Performance Indicator 4: The contractor will make contact with the client within 30 days of release to start the process for additional SUD care.

SEC. 3.06 MONTHLY REPORT AND FINAL REPORT

The contractor will submit monthly billing logs for services. Data on “Performance Indicators #1, #2, #3 and #4” (see above for details) and any other process indicator data that the contractor collects may be included in the monthly reports as requested. Following the end of the fiscal year, an annual comprehensive report will be required which will include a summary of services provided, program performance indicator results, and recommendations for improving the program.

The contractor will be expected to collect and track data by the program participant’s name and include the following:

1. Did the client enter a treatment program within 30 days of release.
2. Was a reentry plan completed.
3. Did client meet criteria for public assistance and if “yes” was an application completed.
4. Was an assessment and/or addendum completed Number of SARC participants connected to safe sober housing.

SEC. 3.07 CONFIDENTIALITY WAIVER AND RELEASES

Clients must sign consents for release of confidential information to cover all invoice documents, assessments, evaluations, discharge summaries, treatment plans and progress. Copies of the assessments or evaluations and discharge summaries will be required by the department Reentry Coordinator and Probation Officer. The contractor must provide all information necessary to determine progress toward performance measure and process indicators.

SEC. 3.08 MEETINGS

The contractor will need to collaborate with other agencies to develop partnerships to enhance existing reentry practices and services. Throughout the process, the contractor must maintain ongoing contact with the project

manager to ensure continuity of care and to problem solve issues. Contractor must communicate with the project manager regarding the client's intake, assessment, and reentry plan and progress as defined by the project manager.

SEC. 3.09 DELIVERABLES

The contractor will be required to provide the following deliverables:

1. The contractor will provide assessments if an assessment hasn't been provided.
2. Reentry plan to the project manager other designated department Substance Abuse staff, and the individual's Probation Officer if the individual is under formal probation supervision.
3. If qualified, entering clients into treatment.
4. Division of Public Assistance application, if qualified.
5. Monthly Report.
6. Final Report.
7. Monthly meeting with project team.

SEC. 3.10 CONTRACT TERM AND WORK SCHEDULE

1. Contract Term: The length of the contract will be from the date of award, approximately March 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020 with 3 – 1 year optional renewal periods to be exercised at the State's sole discretion. Continuation of a contract is contingent upon legislative appropriation.

Unless otherwise provided in this RFP, the State and the successful offeror/contractor agree: (1) that any holding over of the contract excluding any exercised renewal options, will be considered as a month-to-month extension, and all other terms and conditions shall remain in full force and effect and (2) to provide written notice to the other party of the intent to cancel such month-to-month extension at least 30-days before the desired date of cancellation.

2. Schedule of Services: Services may be requested or required for up to 52 weeks per year depending on the number of program participant referrals and individual needs. Agency providers must have the ability to provide services during the standard work week, Monday through Friday. Services may be requested at other times depending on the contractors scheduling ability.

Full time hours = billable calendar days X 8 hours per day (less observed State holidays – 88 hours) = 1,992 hours per year. The department will pro-rate years with more or less than 1,992 hours.

Other than the required meeting times and contact with department Substance Abuse staff, there is no specific work schedule for this contract. Services will be individualized according to the client's needs/risks and based upon the individual reentry plan that will be developed while the inmate is incarcerated. The contractor will establish appropriate timelines for managing referrals according to standard professional practices and their expertise in treatment of clients identified with a SUD.

SEC. 3.11 TRAVEL

The contractor shall ensure any travel conducted under the resulting contract will be in accordance with the Alaska Administrative Manual, Section 60 Travel <http://doa.alaska.gov/dof/manuals/aam/resource/60t.pdf>. The

department may require the contractor to arrange their own travel and the department will reimburse travel costs in accordance with AAM 60. The department may choose to arrange the contractor's travel.

The department must preauthorize all travel. The department will not pay for unauthorized travel. Travel frequency, location and duration are dependent upon the needs of the department. Travel outside of Alaska will not be required and the department will not pay for travel outside of Alaska. The contractor is responsible for their normal travel such as driving to their place of business and all personal use travel.

SEC. 3.12 CONTRACT TYPE

This contract is a firm fixed price contract.

SEC. 3.13 PROPOSED PAYMENT PROCEDURES

The state will make payments based on a negotiated payment schedule. Each billing must consist of an invoice and progress report. No payment will be made until the progress report and invoice has been approved by the project director.

SEC. 3.14 PROMPT PAYMENT FOR STATE PURCHASES

The state is eligible to receive a 5% discount for all invoices paid within 15 business days from the date of receipt of the commodities or services and/or a correct invoice, whichever is later. The discount shall be taken on the full invoice amount. The state shall consider payment being made as either the date a printed warrant is issued or the date an electronic funds transfer (EFT) is initiated.

SEC. 3.15 CONTRACT PAYMENT

No payment will be made until the contract is approved by the Commissioner of the Department of Corrections or the Commissioner's designee. Under no conditions will the state be liable for the payment of any interest charges associated with the cost of the contract.

The state is not responsible for and will not pay local, state, or federal taxes. All costs associated with the contract must be stated in U.S. currency.

SEC. 3.16 LOCATION OF WORK

The location(s) the work is to be performed, completed and managed will be within the State of Alaska. Most of the work can be performed remotely however the department may require the contractor to travel for meetings.

The state will provide workspace for the contractor if work is required within a department facility. The contractor must provide its own workspace if working outside department facilities.

By signature on their proposal, the offeror certifies that all services provided under this contract by the contractor and all subcontractors shall be performed in the United States. If the offeror cannot certify that all work will be performed in the United States, the offeror must contact the procurement officer in writing to request a waiver at least 10 days prior to the deadline for receipt of proposals. The request must include a detailed description of the portion of work that will be performed outside the United States, where, by whom, and the reason the waiver is necessary.

Failure to comply with these requirements may cause the state to reject the proposal as non-responsive, or cancel the contract.

SEC. 3.17 POLICY AND PROCEDURES

The contractor shall assure that all individuals providing services under the terms of this contract receive, read and comply with department Policies and Procedures 202.01 Code of Ethics, 202.15 Standards of Conduct and 808.19 Sexual Abuse/Sexual Assault and Reporting. Contract employees are expected to work under the same standards as those applying to State employees. The contractor must review and sign attached forms 202.01a and 202.15a.

The contractor will assure that all individuals providing services under the terms of the contract complete the following forms and scan completed copies to the procurement officer.

- Security clearance form,
- PREA Employment Disclosure form,
- Code of Ethical Conduct 202.01a,
- Standards of Conduct 202.15a,
- ACOMS forms and agreement, and,
- Criminal Justice Information Services Addendum (CJIS) form.

The contractor is required to comply with the department's Policy and Procedures and immediately notify the project manager of known or suspect activity by their staff that is in violation of the department's Policies and Procedures or any performance or lack thereof that warrants disciplinary actions (verbal or written). The contractor shall direct questions regarding the department's Policies and Procedures to the project manager. The contractor shall not make their own interpretation of the department's Policies and Procedures.

<http://www.correct.state.ak.us/commissioner/policies-procedures>

SEC. 3.18 INVESTIGATION AND LITIGATION

The contractor is obligated to notify the program manager the next working day if, they, or any member of their contract staff, are being investigated for malpractice and/or ethical violations by a licensing board or professional organization, or if they are named as a party in a civil or criminal litigation relating to their professional activities. The department reserves the right to disallow the provision of contract services by any individual undergoing investigation and/or litigation under this section.

SEC. 3.19 CONTINUING EDUCATION

The contractor must assure, at no cost to the State that all persons working under the terms of the contract meet and maintain any and all legal requirements for licensing, certification, and Continuing Education. See section 3.02 for further information.

SEC. 3.20 RECORDS

The records and other information compiled by the contractor in accordance with the duties and responsibilities of this RFP and resulting contract shall be the property of the department. Copies of such records, such as offender files, shall be provided to the department within a reasonable period, upon request. The department

may require the original hardcopy records or files. The contractor is responsible for costs related to reproduction, packaging and shipping to a location determined by the department. This requirement is mandatory irrespective of any payment due to the successful offeror for service provision.

SEC. 3.21 RESEARCH

Any research conducted under the terms of the contract must receive prior written approval by the Commissioner of Corrections, or designee. A written description of the research project must be submitted prior to consideration for approval. In addition, all research projects must comply with the provisions of Policy and Procedure 501.02 Research Activities.

SEC. 3.22 TRANSITION AT END OF CONTRACT

The contractor agrees to assist the department and any subsequent provider in facilitating the transition between providers in the event of termination or completion of this contract. This includes extensions of this agreement at current rates to cover transition periods. The contractor is responsible for developing a department approved transition plan that will detail the transfer of clients and continuation of services for the next contractor.

The department may request other items be detailed as well. When developing the plan the contractor will be mindful of the ethical standards of the counselor/client relationship including but not limited to abandonment of clients without an approved transition plan. This clause is a condition precedent to the contractor's right to receive any final payment of funds under this contract.

SEC. 3.23 FORMAT OF REPORTS AND DATA

If needed, the contractor shall provide electronic reports and data in a format compatible with the department's systems and formats, and it will be the contractor's responsibility to create the data files. This includes data entry and the development of any automated interfaces to the contractor's information systems or data entry software needed for this purpose.

SEC. 3.24 SUBCONTRACTORS

Subcontractors will not be allowed.

SEC. 3.25 JOINT VENTURES

Joint ventures will not be allowed.

SEC. 3.26 RIGHT TO INSPECT PLACE OF BUSINESS

At reasonable times, the state may inspect those areas of the contractor's place of business that are related to the performance of a contract. If the state makes such an inspection, the contractor must provide reasonable assistance.

SEC. 3.27 CONTRACT PERSONNEL

Any change of the project team members or subcontractors named in the proposal must be approved, in advance and in writing, by the project director. Personnel changes that are not approved by the state may be grounds for the state to terminate the contract.

SEC. 3.28 INSPECTION & MODIFICATION - REIMBURSEMENT FOR UNACCEPTABLE DELIVERABLES

The contractor is responsible for the completion of all work set out in the contract. All work is subject to inspection, evaluation, and approval by the project director. The state may employ all reasonable means to ensure that the work is progressing and being performed in compliance with the contract. The project director may instruct the contractor to make corrections or modifications if needed in order to accomplish the contract's intent. The contractor will not unreasonably withhold such changes.

Substantial failure of the contractor to perform the contract may cause the state to terminate the contract. In this event, the state may require the contractor to reimburse monies paid (based on the identified portion of unacceptable work received) and may seek associated damages.

SEC. 3.29 CONTRACT CHANGES - UNANTICIPATED AMENDMENTS

During the course of this contract, the contractor may be required to perform additional work. That work will be within the general scope of the initial contract. When additional work is required, the project director will provide the contractor a written description of the additional work and request the contractor to submit a firm time schedule for accomplishing the additional work and a firm price for the additional work. Cost and pricing data must be provided to justify the cost of such amendments per AS 36.30.400.

The contractor will not commence additional work until the project director has secured any required state approvals necessary for the amendment and issued a written contract amendment, approved by the Commissioner of the Department of Corrections or the Commissioner's designee.

SEC. 3.30 NONDISCLOSURE AND CONFIDENTIALITY

Contractor agrees that all confidential information shall be used only for purposes of providing the deliverables and performing the services specified herein and shall not disseminate or allow dissemination of confidential information except as provided for in this section. The contractor shall hold as confidential and will use reasonable care (including both facility physical security and electronic security) to prevent unauthorized access by, storage, disclosure, publication, dissemination to and/or use by third parties of, the confidential information. "Reasonable care" means compliance by the contractor with all applicable federal and state law, including the Social Security Act and HIPAA. The contractor must promptly notify the state in writing if it becomes aware of any storage, disclosure, loss, unauthorized access to or use of the confidential information.

Confidential information, as used herein, means any data, files, software, information or materials (whether prepared by the state or its agents or advisors) in oral, electronic, tangible or intangible form and however stored, compiled or memorialized that is classified confidential as defined by State of Alaska classification and categorization guidelines provided by the state to the contractor or a contractor agent or otherwise made available to the contractor or a contractor agent in connection with this contract, or acquired, obtained or learned by the contractor or a contractor agent in the performance of this contract. Examples of confidential information include, but are not limited to: technology infrastructure, architecture, financial data, trade secrets, equipment specifications, user lists, passwords, research data, and technology data (infrastructure, architecture, operating systems, security tools, IP addresses, etc).

If confidential information is requested to be disclosed by the contractor pursuant to a request received by a third party and such disclosure of the confidential information is required under applicable state or federal law,

regulation, governmental or regulatory authority, the contractor may disclose the confidential information after providing the state with written notice of the requested disclosure (to the extent such notice to the state is permitted by applicable law) and giving the state opportunity to review the request. If the contractor receives no objection from the state, it may release the confidential information within 30 days. Notice of the requested disclosure of confidential information by the contractor must be provided to the state within a reasonable time after the contractor's receipt of notice of the requested disclosure and, upon request of the state, shall seek to obtain legal protection from the release of the confidential information.

The following information shall not be considered confidential information: information previously known to be public information when received from the other party; information freely available to the general public; information which now is or hereafter becomes publicly known by other than a breach of confidentiality hereof; or information which is disclosed by a party pursuant to subpoena or other legal process and which as a result becomes lawfully obtainable by the general public.

SEC. 3.31 INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

The successful offeror must provide proof of workers' compensation insurance prior to contract approval.

The successful offeror must secure the insurance coverage required by the state. The coverage must be satisfactory to the Department of Administration Division of Risk Management. An offeror's failure to provide evidence of such insurance coverage is a material breach and grounds for withdrawal of the award or termination of the contract.

Offerors must review form appendix B2, attached, for details on required coverage. No alteration of these requirements will be permitted without prior written approval from the Department of Administration, Division of Risk Management. Objections to any of the requirements in appendix B2 must be set out in the offeror's proposal.

SEC. 3.32 TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT

If the project director determines that the contractor has refused to perform the work or has failed to perform the work with such diligence as to ensure its timely and accurate completion, the state may, by providing written notice to the contractor, terminate the contractor's right to proceed with part or all of the remaining work.

This clause does not restrict the state's termination rights under the contract provisions of Appendix A, attached in section 8 Attachments.

SECTION 4. PROPOSAL FORMAT AND CONTENT

SEC. 4.01 PROPOSAL FORMAT AND CONTENT

The state discourages overly lengthy and costly proposals, however, in order for the state to evaluate proposals fairly and completely, offerors must follow the format set out in this RFP and provide all information requested.

SEC. 4.02 INTRODUCTION

Proposals must include the complete name and address of offeror's firm and the name, mailing address, and telephone number of the person the state should contact regarding the proposal.

Proposals must confirm that the offeror will comply with all provisions in this RFP; and, if applicable, provide notice that the firm qualifies as an Alaskan bidder. Proposals must be signed by a company officer empowered to bind the company. An offeror's failure to include these items in the proposals may cause the proposal to be determined to be non-responsive and the proposal may be rejected.

SEC. 4.03 UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROJECT

Offerors must provide comprehensive narrative statements that illustrate their understanding of the requirements of the project and the project schedule. Offeror's must indicate any additional items that may apply to the program.

SEC. 4.04 METHODOLOGY USED FOR THE PROJECT

Offerors must provide comprehensive narrative statements that set out the methodology they intend to employ and illustrate how the methodology will serve to accomplish the work and meet the state's project schedule.

SEC. 4.05 MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE PROJECT

Offerors must provide comprehensive narrative statements that set out the management plan they intend to follow and illustrate how the plan will serve to accomplish the work and meet the state's project schedule.

SEC. 4.06 EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS

Offerors must provide an organizational chart specific to the personnel assigned to accomplish the work called for in this RFP; illustrate the lines of authority; designate the individual responsible and accountable for the completion of each component and deliverable of the RFP.

Offerors must provide a narrative description of the organization of the project team and a personnel roster that identifies each person who will actually work on the contract and provide the following information about each person listed:

- title,
- resume,
- location(s) where work will be performed,
- itemize the total cost and the number of estimated hours for each individual named above.

Offerors must provide reference names and phone numbers for similar projects the offeror's firm has completed.

SEC. 4.07 BUDGET NARRATIVE

Offerors must include a budget narrative that describes how their costs in the Cost Proposal form were formulated. Offerors must describe all direct and indirect costs that are included in their rate and the percentage of time each person will commit to the contract.

SEC. 4.08 COST PROPOSAL

Offerors must submit their costs on the attached Cost Proposal Form. Hourly rate must include all direct and indirect costs such as profit, overhead, insurance, benefits and leave. The department needs one full time equivalent (FTE) to work up to 1,992 hours per year. The department understands the FTE is entitled to leave however it's the offeror's responsibility to ensure those costs are accounted for and included in their rate.

Offeror's may propose partial FTE's to ensure adequate service delivery however partial FTE's must equal one FTE. The proposed use of partial FTE's must be clearly detailed in the proposal.

SEC. 4.09 EVALUATION CRITERIA

All proposals will be reviewed to determine if they are responsive. Proposals determined to be responsive will be evaluated using the criterion that is set out in section 5 Evaluation Criteria and Contractor Selection.

An evaluation may not be based on discrimination due to the race, religion, color, national origin, sex, age, marital status, pregnancy, parenthood, disability, or political affiliation of the offeror.

SECTION 5. EVALUATION CRITERIA AND CONTRACTOR SELECTION

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF POINTS USED TO SCORE THIS PROPOSAL IS 100,

SEC. 5.01 UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROJECT (10%)

Proposals will be evaluated against the questions set out below:

- 1) How well has the offeror demonstrated a thorough understanding of the purpose and scope of the project?
- 2) How well has the offeror identified pertinent issues and potential problems related to the project?
- 3) To what degree has the offeror demonstrated an understanding of the deliverables the state expects it to provide?
- 4) Has the offeror demonstrated an understanding of the state's time schedule and can meet it, such as pre and post release timeframes?
- 5) Has the offeror indicated any additional items that may apply to the project?

SEC. 5.02 METHODOLOGY USED FOR THE PROJECT (10%)

Proposals will be evaluated against the questions set out below:

- 1) How comprehensive is the methodology and does it depict a logical approach to fulfilling the requirements of the RFP?
- 2) How well does the methodology match and achieve the objectives set out in the RFP?
- 3) Does the methodology interface with the time schedule in the RFP?
- 4) How well does the offeror explain how they ensure the Continuum of Care is followed and executed with each client?
- 5) How well has the offeror explained how they will meet the project performance measures?
- 6) Has the offeror explained any techniques they will use to motivate clients to seek treatment and reduce the risk of reentry?

SEC. 5.03 MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE PROJECT (10%)

Proposals will be evaluated against the questions set out below:

- 1) How well does the management plan support all of the project requirements and logically lead to the deliverables required in the RFP?
- 2) How well is accountability completely and clearly defined?
- 3) Is the organization of the project team clear?
- 4) How well does the management plan illustrate the lines of authority and communication?

- 5) To what extent does the offeror already have the hardware, software, equipment, and licenses necessary to perform the contract?
- 6) Does it appear that the offeror can meet the schedule set out in the RFP?
- 7) Has the offeror gone beyond the minimum tasks necessary to meet the objectives of the RFP?
- 8) To what degree is the proposal practical and feasible?
- 9) To what extent has the offeror identified potential problems?

SEC. 5.04 EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS (20%)

Proposals will be evaluated against the questions set out below:

1) Questions regarding the personnel designated to work on the project:

- a) How much experience does the offeror have conducting assessments and facilitating treatment placement based on ASAM levels of care?
- b) How much experience does the offeror have with the Continuum of Care, such as experience working across multiple agencies and disciplines to eliminate barriers associated with reentry?
- c) How much experience does the offeror have with working with various types of community resources and agencies described in the RFP?
- d) How much experience does the offeror have assisting individuals with a SUD successfully transition into the community?
- e) How much experience does the offeror have working in various Alaska communities?
- f) Does the offeror have experience consistent with the requirements for Chemical Dependency Counselor II? The department prefers a Chemical Dependency Clinical Supervisor.
- g) Do the individuals assigned to the project have experience on similar projects?
- h) Are resumes complete and do they demonstrate backgrounds that would be desirable for individuals engaged in the work the project requires?
- i) How extensive is the applicable education and experience of the personnel designated to work on the project? The department prefers education in the fields of psychology, social work, child guidance, nursing, vocational rehabilitation, or a closely related field.

SEC. 5.05 CONTRACT COST (40%)

Overall, a minimum of 40% of the total evaluation points will be assigned to cost. The cost amount used for evaluation may be affected by one or more of the preferences referenced under Section 6.12.

Converting Cost to Points

The lowest cost proposal will receive the maximum number of points allocated to cost. The point allocations for cost on the other proposals will be determined through the method set out in Section 3.15.

SEC. 5.06 ALASKA OFFEROR PREFERENCE (10%)

If an offeror qualifies for the Alaska Bidder Preference, the offeror will receive an Alaska Offeror Preference. The preference will be 10% of the total available points. This amount will be added to the overall evaluation score of each Alaskan offeror.

SECTION 6. GENERAL PROCESS INFORMATION

SEC. 6.01 INFORMAL DEBRIEFING

When the contract is completed, an informal debriefing may be performed at the discretion of the project director. If performed, the scope of the debriefing will be limited to the work performed by the contractor.

SEC. 6.02 ALASKA BUSINESS LICENSE AND OTHER REQUIRED LICENSES

Prior to the award of a contract, an offeror must hold a valid Alaska business license. However, in order to receive the Alaska Bidder Preference and other related preferences, such as the Alaska Veteran and Alaska Offeror Preference, an offeror must hold a valid Alaska business license prior to the deadline for receipt of proposals. Offerors should contact the **Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, Division of Corporations, Business, and Professional Licensing, PO Box 110806, Juneau, Alaska 99811-0806**, for information on these licenses. Acceptable evidence that the offeror possesses a valid Alaska business license may consist of any one of the following:

- copy of an Alaska business license;
- certification on the proposal that the offeror has a valid Alaska business license and has included the license number in the proposal;
- a canceled check for the Alaska business license fee;
- a copy of the Alaska business license application with a receipt stamp from the state's occupational licensing office; or
- a sworn and notarized statement that the offeror has applied and paid for the Alaska business license.

You are not required to hold a valid Alaska business license at the time proposals are opened if you possess one of the following licenses and are offering services or supplies under that specific line of business:

- fisheries business licenses issued by Alaska Department of Revenue or Alaska Department of Fish and Game,
- liquor licenses issued by Alaska Department of Revenue for alcohol sales only,
- insurance licenses issued by Alaska Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, Division of Insurance, or
- Mining licenses issued by Alaska Department of Revenue.

Prior the deadline for receipt of proposals, all offerors must hold any other necessary applicable professional licenses required by Alaska Statute.

SEC. 6.03 SITE INSPECTION

The state may conduct on-site visits to evaluate the offeror's capacity to perform the contract. An offeror must agree, at risk of being found non-responsive and having its proposal rejected, to provide the state reasonable access to relevant portions of its work sites. Individuals designated by the procurement officer at the state's expense will make site inspection.

SEC. 6.04 CLARIFICATION OF OFFERS

In order to determine if a proposal is reasonably susceptible for award, communications by the procurement officer or the proposal evaluation committee (PEC) are permitted with an offeror to clarify uncertainties or eliminate confusion concerning the contents of a proposal. Clarifications may not result in a material or substantive change to the proposal. The evaluation by the procurement officer or the PEC may be adjusted as a result of a clarification under this section.

SEC. 6.05 DISCUSSIONS WITH OFFERORS

The state may conduct discussions with offerors in accordance with AS 36.30.240 and 2 AAC 12.290. The purpose of these discussions will be to ensure full understanding of the requirements of the RFP and proposal. Discussions will be limited to specific sections of the RFP or proposal identified by the procurement officer. Discussions will only be held with offerors who have submitted a proposal deemed reasonably susceptible for award by the procurement officer. Discussions, if held, will be after initial evaluation of proposals by the procurement officer or the PEC. If modifications are made as a result of these discussions they will be put in writing. Following discussions, the procurement officer may set a time for best and final proposal submissions from those offerors with whom discussions were held. Proposals may be reevaluated after receipt of best and final proposal submissions.

If an offeror does not submit a best and final proposal or a notice of withdrawal, the offeror's immediate previous proposal is considered the offeror's best and final proposal.

Offerors with a disability needing accommodation should contact the procurement officer prior to the date set for discussions so that reasonable accommodation can be made. Any oral modification of a proposal must be reduced to writing by the offeror.

SEC. 6.06 EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS

The procurement officer, or an evaluation committee made up of at least three state employees or public officials, will evaluate proposals. The evaluation will be based solely on the evaluation factors set out in section 5 Evaluation Criteria and Contractor Selection.

After receipt of proposals, if there is a need for any substantial clarification or material change in the RFP, an amendment will be issued. The amendment will incorporate the clarification or change, and a new date and time established for new or amended proposals. Evaluations may be adjusted as a result of receiving new or amended proposals.

SEC. 6.07 CONTRACT NEGOTIATION

After final evaluation, the procurement officer may negotiate with the offeror of the highest-ranked proposal. Negotiations, if held, shall be within the scope of the request for proposals and limited to those items which would not have an effect on the ranking of proposals. If the highest-ranked offeror fails to provide necessary information for negotiations in a timely manner, or fails to negotiate in good faith, the state may terminate negotiations and negotiate with the offeror of the next highest-ranked proposal. If the contract negotiations take place in Anchorage, Alaska, the offeror will be responsible for their travel and per diem expenses.

SEC. 6.08 FAILURE TO NEGOTIATE

If the selected offeror

- fails to provide the information required to begin negotiations in a timely manner; or
- fails to negotiate in good faith; or
- indicates they cannot perform the contract within the budgeted funds available for the project; or
- if the offeror and the state, after a good faith effort, simply cannot come to terms,

the state may terminate negotiations with the offeror initially selected and commence negotiations with the next highest ranked offeror.

SEC. 6.09 OFFEROR NOTIFICATION OF SELECTION

After the completion of contract negotiation the procurement officer will issue a written Notice of Intent to Award (NIA) and send copies to all offerors. The NIA will set out the names of all offerors and identify the proposal selected for award.

SEC. 6.10 PROTEST

AS 36.30.560 provides that an interested party may protest the content of the RFP.

An interested party is defined in 2 AAC 12.990(a) (7) as "an actual or prospective bidder or offeror whose economic interest might be affected substantially and directly by the issuance of a contract solicitation, the award of a contract, or the failure to award a contract."

If an interested party wishes to protest the content of a solicitation, the protest must be received, in writing, by the procurement officer at least ten days prior to the deadline for receipt of proposals.

AS 36.30.560 also provides that an interested party may protest the award of a contract or the proposed award of a contract.

If an offeror wishes to protest the award of a contract or the proposed award of a contract, the protest must be received, in writing, by the procurement officer within ten days after the date the Notice of Intent to Award the contract is issued.

A protester must have submitted a proposal in order to have sufficient standing to protest the proposed award of a contract. Protests must include the following information:

- the name, address, and telephone number of the protester;
- the signature of the protester or the protester's representative;
- identification of the contracting agency and the solicitation or contract at issue;
- a detailed statement of the legal and factual grounds of the protest including copies of relevant documents; and the form of relief requested.

Protests filed by telex or telegram are not acceptable because they do not contain a signature. Fax copies containing a signature are acceptable.

The procurement officer will issue a written response to the protest. The response will set out the procurement officer's decision and contain the basis of the decision within the statutory time limit in AS 36.30.580. A copy of the decision will be furnished to the protester by certified mail, fax or another method that provides evidence of receipt.

All offerors will be notified of any protest. The review of protests, decisions of the procurement officer, appeals, and hearings, will be conducted in accordance with the State Procurement Code (AS 36.30), Article 8 "Legal and Contractual Remedies."

SEC. 6.11 APPLICATION OF PREFERENCES

Certain preferences apply to all contracts for professional services, regardless of their dollar value. The Alaska Bidder, Alaska Veteran, and Alaska Offeror preferences are the most common preferences involved in the RFP process. Additional preferences that may apply to this procurement are listed below. Guides that contain excerpts from the relevant statutes and codes, explain when the preferences apply and provide examples of how to calculate the preferences are available at the **Department of Administration, Division of General Service's** web site:

<http://doa.alaska.gov/dgs/pdf/pref1.pdf>

- Alaska Products Preference - AS 36.30.332
- Recycled Products Preference - AS 36.30.337
- Local Agriculture and Fisheries Products Preference - AS 36.15.050
- Employment Program Preference - AS 36.30.321(b)
- Alaskans with Disabilities Preference - AS 36.30.321(d)
- Alaska Veteran's Preference - AS 36.30.321(f)

The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation in the Department of Labor and Workforce Development keeps a list of qualified employment programs and individuals who qualify as persons with a disability. As evidence of a business' or an individual's right to the Employment Program or Alaskans with Disabilities preferences, the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation will issue a certification letter. To take advantage of these preferences, a business or individual must be on the appropriate Division of Vocational Rehabilitation list prior to the time designated for receipt of proposals. Offerors must attach a copy of their certification letter to the proposal. **An offeror's failure to provide this certification letter with their proposal will cause the state to disallow the preference.**

Sec. 6.12 ALASKA BIDDER PREFERENCE

An Alaska Bidder Preference of 5% will be applied to the price in the proposal. The preference will be given to an offeror who:

- 1) holds a current Alaska business license prior to the deadline for receipt of proposals;
- 2) submits a proposal for goods or services under the name appearing on the offeror's current Alaska business license;

- 3) has maintained a place of business within the state staffed by the offeror, or an employee of the offeror, for a period of six months immediately preceding the date of the proposal;
- 4) is incorporated or qualified to do business under the laws of the state, is a sole proprietorship and the proprietor is a resident of the state, is a limited liability company (LLC) organized under AS 10.50 and all members are residents of the state, or is a partnership under AS 32.06 or AS 32.11 and all partners are residents of the state; and
- 5) if a joint venture, is composed entirely of ventures that qualify under (1)-(4) of this subsection.

Alaska Bidder Preference Statement

In order to receive the Alaska Bidder Preference, the proposal must include a statement certifying that the offeror is eligible to receive the Alaska Bidder Preference.

If the offeror is a LLC or partnership as identified in (4) of this subsection, the statement must also identify each member or partner and include a statement certifying that all members or partners are residents of the state.

If the offeror is a joint venture which includes a LLC or partnership as identified in (4) of this subsection, the statement must also identify each member or partner of each LLC or partnership that is included in the joint venture and include a statement certifying that all of those members or partners are residents of the state.

SEC. 6.13 ALASKA VETERAN PREFERENCE

An Alaska Veteran Preference of 5%, not to exceed \$5,000, will be applied to the price in the proposal. The preference will be given to an offeror who qualifies under AS 36.30.990(2) as an Alaska bidder and is a:

- A. sole proprietorship owned by an Alaska veteran;
- B. partnership under AS 32.06 or AS 32.11 if a majority of the partners are Alaska veterans;
- C. limited liability company organized under AS 10.50 if a majority of the members are Alaska veterans; or
- D. corporation that is wholly owned by individuals, and a majority of the individuals are Alaska veterans.

Alaska Veteran Preference Statement

In order to receive the Alaska Veteran Preference, the proposal must include a statement certifying that the offeror is eligible to receive the Alaska Veteran Preference.

SEC. 6.14 ALASKA OFFEROR PREFERENCE

2 AAC 12.260(e) provides Alaska offerors a 10% overall evaluation point preference. Alaska bidders, as defined in AS 36.30.990(2), are eligible for the preference. An Alaska offeror will receive 10 percent of the total available points added to their overall evaluation score as a preference.

SEC. 6.15 FORMULA USED TO CONVERT COST TO POINTS

The distribution of points based on cost will be determined as set out in 2 AAC 12.260(c). The lowest cost proposal will receive the maximum number of points allocated to cost. The point allocations for cost on the other proposals will be determined using the formula:

$[(\text{Price of Lowest Cost Proposal}) \times (\text{Maximum Points for Cost})] \div (\text{Cost of Each Higher Priced Proposal})$

SEC. 6.16 EXAMPLES: CONVERTING COST TO POINTS & APPLYING PREFERENCES

(a) FORMULA USED TO CONVERT COST TO POINTS

STEP 1

List all proposal prices, adjusted where appropriate by the application of applicable preferences claimed by the offeror.

Offeror #1	\$40,000
Offeror #2	\$42,750
Offeror #3	\$47,500

STEP 2

In this example, the RFP allotted 40% of the available 100 points to cost. This means that the lowest cost will receive the maximum number of points.

Offeror #1 receives 40 points.

The reason they receive that amount is because the lowest cost proposal, in this case \$40,000, receives the maximum number of points allocated to cost, 40 points.

Offeror #2 receives 37.4 points.

$\$40,000 \text{ lowest cost} \times 40 \text{ maximum points for cost} = 1,600,000 \div \$42,750 \text{ cost of Offeror \#2's proposal} = 37.4$

Offeror #3 receives 33.7 points.

$\$40,000 \text{ lowest cost} \times 40 \text{ maximum points for cost} = 1,600,000 \div \$47,500 \text{ cost of Offeror \#3's proposal} = 33.7$

(b) ALASKA OFFEROR PREFERENCE

STEP 1

Determine the number of points available to qualifying offerors under this preference.

100 Total Points Available in RFP x 10% Alaska offerors preference = 10 Points for the Preference

STEP 2

Determine which offerors qualify as Alaska bidders and thus, are eligible for the Alaska offerors preference. For the purpose of this example, presume that all of the proposals have been completely evaluated based on the evaluation criteria in the RFP. The scores at this point are:

Offeror #1	83 points	No Preference	0 points
Offeror #2	74 points	Alaska Offerors Preference	10 points
Offeror #3	80 points	Alaska Offerors Preference	10 points

STEP 3

Add the applicable Alaska offerors preference amounts to the offeror's scores:

Offeror #1	83 points	
Offeror #2	84 points	(74 points + 10 points)
Offeror #3	90 points	(80 points + 10 points)

STEP 4

Offeror #3 is the highest scoring offeror and would get the award, provided their proposal is responsible and responsive.

SECTION 7. GENERAL LEGAL INFORMATION

SEC. 7.01 STANDARD CONTRACT PROVISIONS

The contractor will be required to sign and submit the State's Standard Agreement Form for Professional Services Contracts (form 02-093/Appendix A). This form is attached in **SECTION 8. EXHIBITS** for your review. The contractor must comply with the contract provisions set out in this attachment. No alteration of these provisions will be permitted without prior written approval from the Department of Law. Objections to any of the provisions in Appendix A must be set out in the offeror's proposal.

SEC. 7.02 PROPOSAL AS A PART OF THE CONTRACT

Part or all of this RFP and the successful proposal may be incorporated into the contract.

SEC. 7.03 ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The state reserves the right to add terms and conditions during contract negotiations. These terms and conditions will be within the scope of the RFP and will not affect the proposal evaluations.

SEC. 7.04 HUMAN TRAFFICKING

By signature on their proposal, the offeror certifies that the offeror is not established and headquartered or incorporated and headquartered in a country recognized as Tier 3 in the most recent United States Department of State's Trafficking in Persons Report.

The most recent United States Department of State's Trafficking in Persons Report can be found at the following website: <http://www.state.gov/j/tip/>

Failure to comply with this requirement will cause the state to reject the proposal as non-responsive, or cancel the contract.

SEC. 7.05 RIGHT OF REJECTION

Offerors must comply with all of the terms of the RFP, the State Procurement Code (AS 36.30), and all applicable local, state, and federal laws, codes, and regulations. The procurement officer may reject any proposal that does not comply with all of the material and substantial terms, conditions, and performance requirements of the RFP.

Offerors may not qualify the proposal nor restrict the rights of the state. If an offeror does so, the procurement officer may determine the proposal to be a non-responsive counter-offer and the proposal may be rejected.

Minor informalities that:

- do not affect responsiveness;
- are merely a matter of form or format;
- do not change the relative standing or otherwise prejudice other offers;
- do not change the meaning or scope of the RFP;
- are trivial, negligible, or immaterial in nature;

- do not reflect a material change in the work; or
- do not constitute a substantial reservation against a requirement or provision;

may be waived by the procurement officer.

The state reserves the right to refrain from making an award if it determines that to be in its best interest.

A proposal from a debarred or suspended offeror shall be rejected.

SEC. 7.06 STATE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR PREPARATION COSTS

The state will not pay any cost associated with the preparation, submittal, presentation, or evaluation of any proposal.

SEC. 7.07 DISCLOSURE OF PROPOSAL CONTENTS

All proposals and other material submitted become the property of the State of Alaska and may be returned only at the state's option. AS 40.25.110 requires public records to be open to reasonable inspection. All proposal information, including detailed price and cost information, will be held in confidence during the evaluation process and prior to the time a Notice of Intent to Award is issued. Thereafter, proposals will become public information.

Trade secrets and other proprietary data contained in proposals may be held confidential if the offeror requests, in writing, that the procurement officer does so, and if the procurement officer agrees, in writing, to do so. The offeror's request must be included with the proposal, must clearly identify the information they wish to be held confidential, and include a statement that sets out the reasons for confidentiality. Unless the procurement officer agrees in writing to hold the requested information confidential, that information will also become public after the Notice of Intent to Award is issued.

SEC. 7.08 ASSIGNMENT

Per 2 AAC 12.480, the contractor may not transfer or assign any portion of the contract without prior written approval from the procurement officer.

SEC. 7.09 DISPUTES

A contract resulting from this RFP is governed by the laws of the State of Alaska. If the contractor has a claim arising in connection with the agreement that it cannot resolve with the state by mutual agreement, it shall pursue the claim, if at all, in accordance with the provisions of AS 36.30.620 – AS 36.30.632. To the extent not otherwise governed by the preceding, the claim shall be brought only in the Superior Court of the State of Alaska and not elsewhere.

SEC. 7.10 SEVERABILITY

If any provision of the contract or agreement is declared by a court to be illegal or in conflict with any law, the validity of the remaining terms and provisions will not be affected; and, the rights and obligations of the parties will be construed and enforced as if the contract did not contain the particular provision held to be invalid.

SEC. 7.11 SUPPLEMENTAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Proposals must comply with section 7.05 Right of Rejection. However, if the state fails to identify or detect supplemental terms or conditions that conflict with those contained in this RFP or that diminish the state's rights under any contract resulting from the RFP, the term(s) or condition(s) will be considered null and void. After award of contract:

if conflict arises between a supplemental term or condition included in the proposal and a term or condition of the RFP, the term or condition of the RFP will prevail; and

if the state's rights would be diminished as a result of application of a supplemental term or condition included in the proposal, the supplemental term or condition will be considered null and void.

SEC. 7.12 CONTRACT INVALIDATION

If any provision of this contract is found to be invalid, such invalidation will not be construed to invalidate the entire contract.

SEC. 7.13 SOLICITATION ADVERTISING

Public notice has been provided in accordance with 2 AAC 12.220

SECTION 8. ATTACHMENTS**SEC. 8.01 ATTACHMENTS****Attachments:**

- 1) Cost Proposal Form
- 2) Proposal Evaluation Form
- 3) Offeror Information and Assurance Form
- 4) Certification of Entitlement to the AK Bidder Preference
- 5) Standard Agreement Form - Appendix A
- 6) Appendix B2
- 7) Notice of Intent to Award
- 8) Checklist

COST PROPOSAL FORM

Offerors must use this form to enter data that will be utilized to determine the proposed cost for provision of services. Do not modify the quantities listed as they are used for evaluation purposes to convert the cost to points. Hourly rates shall not exceed the tenth decimal place.

Offeror's Name: _____

Program Position	Hourly Rate		Annual Hours		FTE #		Annual Cost
Coordinator	\$	X	1,992	X	1	=	\$

Do not add additional information on this form.

Proposal Evaluation Form

All proposals will be reviewed for responsiveness and then evaluated using the criteria set out herein.

Offeror Name: _____

Evaluator Name: _____

Date of Review: _____

RFP Number: 200000033

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF POINTS USED TO SCORE THIS PROPOSAL IS **100**

Understanding of the Project (10%)

Proposals will be evaluated against the questions set out below:

- 1) How well has the offeror demonstrated a thorough understanding of the purpose and scope of the project?

- 2) How well has the offeror identified pertinent issues and potential problems related to the project?

- 3) To what degree has the offeror demonstrated an understanding of the deliverables the state expects it to provide?

- 4) Has the offeror demonstrated an understanding of the state's time schedule and can meet it, such as pre and post release timeframes?

- 5) Has the offeror indicated any additional items that may apply to the project?

Understanding of the Project point total: _____ out of 10 points

Methodology Used for the Project (10%)**Proposals will be evaluated against the questions set out below:**

- 1) How comprehensive is the methodology and does it depict a logical approach to fulfilling the requirements of the RFP?

- 2) How well does the methodology match and achieve the objectives set out in the RFP?

- 3) Does the methodology interface with the time schedule in the RFP?

- 4) How well does the offeror explain how they ensure the Continuum of Care is followed and executed with each client?

- 5) How well has the offeror explained how they will meet the project performance measures?

- 6) Has the offeror explained any techniques they will use to motivate clients to seek treatment and reduce the risk of reentry?

Methodology Used for the Project point total: _____ out of 10 points

Management Plan for the Project (10%)**Proposals will be evaluated against the questions set out below:**

- 1) How well does the management plan support all of the project requirements and logically lead to the deliverables required in the RFP?

- 2) How well is accountability completely and clearly defined?

- 3) Is the organization of the project team clear?

- 4) How well does the management plan illustrate the lines of authority and communication?

- 5) To what extent does the offeror already have the hardware, software, equipment, and licenses necessary to perform the contract?

- 6) Does it appear that the offeror can meet the schedule set out in the RFP?

- 7) Has the offeror gone beyond the minimum tasks necessary to meet the objectives of the RFP?

- 8) To what degree is the proposal practical and feasible?

9) To what extent has the offeror identified potential problems?

Management Plan for the Project point total: _____ out of 10 points

Experience and Qualifications (20%)**Proposals will be evaluated against the questions set out below:****1) Questions regarding the personnel designated to work on the project:**

- a) How much experience does the offeror have conducting assessments and facilitating treatment placement based on ASAM levels of care?

- b) How much experience does the offeror have with the Continuum of Care, such as experience working across multiple agencies and disciplines to eliminate barriers associated with reentry?

- c) How much experience does the offeror have with working with various types of community resources and agencies described in the RFP?

- d) How much experience does the offeror have assisting individuals with a SUD successfully transition into the community?

- e) How much experience does the offeror have working in various Alaska communities?

- f) Does the offeror have experience consistent with the requirements for Chemical Dependency Counselor II? The department prefers a Chemical Dependency Clinical Supervisor.

- g) Do the individuals assigned to the project have experience on similar projects?

- h) Are resumes complete and do they demonstrate backgrounds that would be desirable for individuals engaged in the work the project requires?

- i) How extensive is the applicable education and experience of the personnel designated to work on the project? The department prefers education in the fields of psychology, social work, child guidance, nursing, vocational rehabilitation, or a closely related field.

Experience and Qualifications point total: _____ out of 20 points

EVALUATOR'S COMBINED POINT TOTAL FOR ALL EVALUATED SECTIONS: _____ out of 50 points

5.05 Contract Cost — 40 Percent

Maximum Point Value for this Section — 40 Points

100 Points x 40 Percent = 40 Points

Overall, a minimum of **40** percent of the total evaluation points will be assigned to cost. The cost amount used for evaluation may be affected by one or more of the preferences referenced under **SECTION 6.11**.

Converting Cost to Points

The lowest cost proposal will receive the maximum number of points allocated to cost. The point allocations for cost on the other proposals will be determined through the method set out in **SECTION 6.15**.

5.06 Alaska Offeror Preference — 10 Percent

Point Value for this Section — 10 Points

100 Points x 10 Percent = 10 Points

If an offeror qualifies for the Alaska Bidder Preference, the offeror will receive an Alaska Offeror Preference. The preference will be 10 percent of the total available points. This amount will be added to the overall evaluation score of each Alaskan offeror.

OFFEROR INFORMATION AND ASSURANCE FORM

- A. Offeror's (Agency or Individual) Name: _____
- B. Offeror's Address: _____

- Telephone Number: _____ Fax: _____ E-Mail: _____
- C. Status: For Profit: _____ Non-Profit: _____ Other: _____
- D. Alaska Business License Number: _____
- E. Internal Revenue or Social Security Number: _____
- F. Professional Registration Number (if applicable): _____
- G. Recipient Contact Person: _____
- H. Authorized Representative: _____
- I. TERMS AND CONDITIONS: By signature on this page, the Offeror certifies that it is complying with all terms and conditions set out in this RFP.
- J. The Offeror(s), by execution of the **Offeror Information & Assurance Form**, agrees to be bound by the terms of the RFP and proposal for a period of not less than ninety (90) days after the proposal due date.
- K. By signature of this page the offeror(s) certifies that it meets the Minimum Requirements per RFP section 2.08 Prior Experience.

Offeror's Authorized Signature and Title*
(must be sworn before a notary public)

Date (Month, Day and Year)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, 20____.

NOTARY PUBLIC
My commission expires:

* Proposals must be signed by an individual authorized to bind the offeror to its provisions, see section 1.08.

CERTIFICATION OF ENTITLEMENT TO THE ALASKA BIDDER PREFERENCE

I am the offeror or a duly authorized agent of the offeror, and I certify that the offeror is entitled to the Alaska Bidder Preference. I know and understand that the Alaska Bidder Preference provides for substantial benefits which could be favorable to the offeror and which could affect the award of the Request for Proposals to the offeror's benefit. I am aware that falsely claiming the Alaska Bidder Preference is a violation of the State of Alaska Procurement Code (AS 36.30) and may be cause for felony prosecution and conviction.

I offer the following evidence or statements in support of my Certification of Entitlement to the Alaska Bidder Preference:

1. As of the deadline for receipt of the proposals, the offeror possesses a valid Alaska business license in any one of the following forms:
 - a copy of an Alaska business license;
 - certification on the proposal that the offeror has a valid Alaska business license and has included the license number in the proposal;
 - a canceled check for the Alaska business license fee;
 - a copy of the Alaska business license application with a receipt stamp from the state's occupational licensing office; *OR*
 - a sworn notarized affidavit that the offeror has applied and paid for the Alaska business license.
2. In addition to holding a current Alaska business license prior to the deadline for receipt of proposals, the offeror:
 - (a) is submitting a proposal for goods or services under the name appearing on the offeror's current Alaska business license;
 - (b) has maintained a place of business within the state staffed by the offeror, or an employee of the offeror, for a period of six months immediately preceding the date of the proposal;
 - (c) is incorporated or qualified to do business under the laws of the state, is a sole proprietorship, and the proprietor is a resident of the state, is a limited liability company* (LLC) organized under AS 10.50 and all members are residents of the state, or is a partnership* under AS 32.06 or AS 32.11 and all partners are residents of the state; *AND*
 - (d) if a joint venture*, is composed entirely of ventures that qualify under items (a)-(c) of this subsection.

Signature of Offeror or Offeror's Authorized Agent

Date

Printed Name

** See additional required information at RFP section 6.13 Alaska Bidder Preference*

STANDARD AGREEMENT FORM FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

The parties' contract comprises this Standard Agreement Form, as well as its referenced Articles and their associated Appendices

1. Agency Contract Number	2. Contract Title	3. Agency Fund Code	4. Agency Appropriation Code
5. Vendor Number	6. IRIS GAE Number (if used)	7. Alaska Business License Number	
This contract is between the State of Alaska,			
8. Department of		Division	hereafter the State, and
9. Contractor <div style="text-align: right;">hereafter the contractor</div>			
Mailing Address	Street or P.O. Box	City	State ZIP+4
<p>10. ARTICLE 1. Appendices: Appendices referred to in this contract and attached to it are considered part of it.</p> <p>ARTICLE 2. Performance of Service:</p> <p>2.1 Appendix A (General Provisions), Articles 1 through 16, governs the performance of services under this contract.</p> <p>2.2 Appendix B sets forth the liability and insurance provisions of this contract.</p> <p>2.3 Appendix C sets forth the services to be performed by the contractor.</p> <p>ARTICLE 3. Period of Performance: The period of performance for this contract begins _____, and ends _____.</p> <p>ARTICLE 4. Considerations:</p> <p>4.1 In full consideration of the contractor's performance under this contract, the State shall pay the contractor a sum not to exceed \$_____ in accordance with the provisions of Appendix D.</p> <p>4.2 When billing the State, the contractor shall refer to the Authority Number or the Agency Contract Number and send the billing to:</p>			
11. Department of		Attention: Division of	
Mailing Address		Attention:	
12. CONTRACTOR		<p>14. CERTIFICATION: I certify that the facts herein and on supporting documents are correct, that this voucher constitutes a legal charge against funds and appropriations cited, that sufficient funds are encumbered to pay this obligation, or that there is a sufficient balance in the appropriation cited to cover this obligation. I am aware that to knowingly make or allow false entries or alternations on a public record, or knowingly destroy, mutilate, suppress, conceal, remove or otherwise impair the verity, legibility or availability of a public record constitutes tampering with public records punishable under AS 11.56.815-.820. Other disciplinary action may be taken up to and including dismissal.</p>	
Name of Firm			
Signature of Authorized Representative	Date		
Typed or Printed Name of Authorized Representative			
Title			
13. CONTRACTING AGENCY		Signature of Head of Contracting Agency or Designee	
Department/Division	Date	Date	
Signature of Project Director		Typed or Printed Name	
Typed or Printed Name of Project Director		Title	
Title			

NOTICE: This contract has no effect until signed by the head of contracting agency or designee.

APPENDIX A

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1. Definitions.

- 1.1 In this contract and appendices, "Project Director" or "Agency Head" or "Procurement Officer" means the person who signs this contract on behalf of the Requesting Agency and includes a successor or authorized representative.
- 1.2 "State Contracting Agency" means the department for which this contract is to be performed and for which the Commissioner or Authorized Designee acted in signing this contract.

Article 2. Inspections and Reports.

- 2.1 The department may inspect, in the manner and at reasonable times it considers appropriate, all the contractor's facilities and activities under this contract.
- 2.2 The contractor shall make progress and other reports in the manner and at the times the department reasonably requires.

Article 3. Disputes.

- 3.1 If the contractor has a claim arising in connection with the contract that it cannot resolve with the State by mutual agreement, it shall pursue the claim, if at all, in accordance with the provisions of AS 36.30.620 – 632.

Article 4. Equal Employment Opportunity.

- 4.1 The contractor may not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, national origin, or because of age, disability, sex, marital status, changes in marital status, pregnancy or parenthood when the reasonable demands of the position(s) do not require distinction on the basis of age, disability, sex, marital status, changes in marital status, pregnancy, or parenthood. The contractor shall take affirmative action to insure that the applicants are considered for employment and that employees are treated during employment without unlawful regard to their race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, disability, age, sex, marital status, changes in marital status, pregnancy or parenthood. This action must include, but need not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training including apprenticeship. The contractor shall post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting out the provisions of this paragraph.
- 4.2 The contractor shall state, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees to work on State of Alaska contract jobs, that it is an equal opportunity employer and that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, age, disability, sex, marital status, changes in marital status, pregnancy or parenthood.
- 4.3 The contractor shall send to each labor union or representative of workers with which the contractor has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding a notice advising the labor union or workers' compensation representative of the contractor's commitments under this article and post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to all employees and applicants for employment.
- 4.4 The contractor shall include the provisions of this article in every contract, and shall require the inclusion of these provisions in every contract entered into by any of its subcontractors, so that those provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor. For the purpose of including those provisions in any contract or subcontract, as required by this contract, "contractor" and "subcontractor" may be changed to reflect appropriately the name or designation of the parties of the contract or subcontract.
- 4.5 The contractor shall cooperate fully with State efforts which seek to deal with the problem of unlawful discrimination, and with all other State efforts to guarantee fair employment practices under this contract, and promptly comply with all requests and directions from the State Commission for Human Rights or any of its officers or agents relating to prevention of discriminatory employment practices.
- 4.6 Full cooperation in paragraph 4.5 includes, but is not limited to, being a witness in any proceeding involving questions of unlawful discrimination if that is requested by any official or agency of the State of Alaska; permitting employees of the contractor to be witnesses or complainants in any proceeding involving questions of unlawful discrimination, if that is requested by any official or agency of the State of Alaska; participating in meetings; submitting periodic reports on the equal employment aspects of present and future employment; assisting inspection of the contractor's facilities; and promptly complying with all State directives considered essential by any office or agency of the State of Alaska to insure compliance with all federal and State laws, regulations, and policies pertaining to the prevention of discriminatory employment practices.
- 4.7 Failure to perform under this article constitutes a material breach of contract.

Article 5. Termination.

The Project Director, by written notice, may terminate this contract, in whole or in part, when it is in the best interest of the State. In the absence of a breach of contract by the contractor, the State is liable only for payment in accordance with the payment provisions of this contract for services rendered before the effective date of termination.

Article 6. No Assignment or Delegation.

The contractor may not assign or delegate this contract, or any part of it, or any right to any of the money to be paid under it, except with the written consent of the Project Director and the Agency Head.

Article 7. No Additional Work or Material.

No claim for additional services, not specifically provided in this contract, performed or furnished by the contractor, will be allowed, nor may the contractor do any work or furnish any material not covered by the contract unless the work or material is ordered in writing by the Project Director and approved by the Agency Head.

Article 8. Independent Contractor.

The contractor and any agents and employees of the contractor act in an independent capacity and are not officers or employees or agents of the State in the performance of this contract.

Article 9. Payment of Taxes.

As a condition of performance of this contract, the contractor shall pay all federal, State, and local taxes incurred by the contractor and shall require their payment by any Subcontractor or any other persons in the performance of this contract. Satisfactory performance of this paragraph is a condition precedent to payment by the State under this contract.

Article 10. Ownership of Documents.

All designs, drawings, specifications, notes, artwork, and other work developed in the performance of this agreement are produced for hire and remain the sole property of the State of Alaska and may be used by the State for any other purpose without additional compensation to the contractor. The contractor agrees not to assert any rights and not to establish any claim under the design patent or copyright laws. Nevertheless, if the contractor does mark such documents with a statement suggesting they are trademarked, copyrighted, or otherwise protected against the State's unencumbered use or distribution, the contractor agrees that this paragraph supersedes any such statement and renders it void. The contractor, for a period of three years after final payment under this contract, agrees to furnish and provide access to all retained materials at the request of the Project Director. Unless otherwise directed by the Project Director, the contractor may retain copies of all the materials.

Article 11. Governing Law; Forum Selection

This contract is governed by the laws of the State of Alaska. To the extent not otherwise governed by Article 3 of this Appendix, any claim concerning this contract shall be brought only in the Superior Court of the State of Alaska and not elsewhere.

Article 12. Conflicting Provisions.

Unless specifically amended and approved by the Department of Law, the terms of this contract supersede any provisions the contractor may seek to add. The contractor may not add additional or different terms to this contract; AS 45.02.207(b)(1). The contractor specifically acknowledges and agrees that, among other things, provisions in any documents it seeks to append hereto that purport to (1) waive the State of Alaska's sovereign immunity, (2) impose indemnification obligations on the State of Alaska, or (3) limit liability of the contractor for acts of contractor negligence, are expressly superseded by this contract and are void.

Article 13. Officials Not to Benefit.

Contractor must comply with all applicable federal or State laws regulating ethical conduct of public officers and employees.

Article 14. Covenant Against Contingent Fees.

The contractor warrants that no person or agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this contract upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee except employees or agencies maintained by the contractor for the purpose of securing business. For the breach or violation of this warranty, the State may terminate this contract without liability or in its discretion deduct from the contract price or consideration the full amount of the commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee.

Article 15. Compliance.

In the performance of this contract, the contractor must comply with all applicable federal, state, and borough regulations, codes, and laws, and be liable for all required insurance, licenses, permits and bonds.

Article 16. Force Majeure:

The parties to this contract are not liable for the consequences of any failure to perform, or default in performing, any of their obligations under this Agreement, if that failure or default is caused by any unforeseeable Force Majeure, beyond the control of, and without the fault or negligence of, the respective party. For the purposes of this Agreement, Force Majeure will mean war (whether declared or not); revolution; invasion; insurrection; riot; civil commotion; sabotage; military or usurped power; lightning; explosion; fire; storm; drought; flood; earthquake; epidemic; quarantine; strikes; acts or restraints of governmental authorities affecting the project or directly or indirectly prohibiting or restricting the furnishing or use of materials or labor required; inability to secure materials, machinery, equipment or labor because of priority, allocation or other regulations of any governmental authorities.

APPENDIX B² INDEMNITY AND INSURANCE

Article 1. Indemnification

The Contractor shall indemnify, hold harmless, and defend the contracting agency from and against any claim of, or liability for error, omission or negligent act of the Contractor under this agreement. The Contractor shall not be required to indemnify the contracting agency for a claim of, or liability for, the independent negligence of the contracting agency. If there is a claim of, or liability for, the joint negligent error or omission of the Contractor and the independent negligence of the Contracting agency, the indemnification and hold harmless obligation shall be apportioned on a comparative fault basis. "Contractor" and "Contracting agency", as used within this and the following article, include the employees, agents and other contractors who are directly responsible, respectively, to each. The term "independent negligence" is negligence other than in the Contracting agency's selection, administration, monitoring, or controlling of the Contractor and in approving or accepting the Contractor's work.

Article 2. Insurance

Without limiting contractor's indemnification, it is agreed that contractor shall purchase at its own expense and maintain in force at all times during the performance of services under this agreement the following policies of insurance. Where specific limits are shown, it is understood that they shall be the minimum acceptable limits. If the contractor's policy contains higher limits, the state shall be entitled to coverage to the extent of such higher limits. Certificates of Insurance must be furnished to the contracting officer prior to beginning work and must provide for a notice of cancellation, non-renewal, or material change of conditions in accordance with policy provisions. Failure to furnish satisfactory evidence of insurance or lapse of the policy is a material breach of this contract and shall be grounds for termination of the contractor's services. All insurance policies shall comply with and be issued by insurers licensed to transact the business of insurance under AS 21.

2.1 Workers' Compensation Insurance: The Contractor shall provide and maintain, for all employees engaged in work under this contract, coverage as required by AS 23.30.045, and; where applicable, any other statutory obligations including but not limited to Federal U.S.L. & H. and Jones Act requirements. The policy must waive subrogation against the State.

2.2 Commercial General Liability Insurance: covering all business premises and operations used by the Contractor in the performance of services under this agreement with minimum coverage limits of \$300,000 combined single limit per claim.

2.3 Commercial Automobile Liability Insurance: covering all vehicles used by the Contractor in the performance of services under this agreement with minimum coverage limits of \$300,000 combined single limit per claim.

2.4 Professional Liability Insurance: covering all errors, omissions or negligent acts in the performance of professional services under this agreement. Limits required per the following schedule:

Contract Amount	Minimum Required Limits
Under \$100,000	\$300,000 per Claim / Annual Aggregate
\$100,000-\$499,999	\$500,000 per Claim / Annual Aggregate
\$500,000-\$999,999	\$1,000,000 per Claim / Annual Aggregate
\$1,000,000 or over	Refer to Risk Management

PROPOSAL RESPONSIVENESS CHECKLIST

Offerors are encouraged to use this checklist in preparation of proposals. This checklist may not be all inclusive of the items required to be submitted in the proposal. In case of a conflict between this checklist and the RFP, the requirements of the RFP will prevail.

Offerors who do not respond to each item as specified below may be considered "non-responsive" and the proposal may not be accepted for evaluation and possible award of contractual services.

Description	√
Proposal (sealed) received by the RFP closing date/time in the office of the procurement officer	
Items in section 1.08 Proposal Contents included with proposal	
Proposal meets and includes items in section 4 Proposal Format and Content	
Offeror Information & Assurance Form – signed & notarized	
Appendix B2 Insurance Requirements reviewed and understood	
Certification of Entitlement to the Alaska Bidder Preference, if applicable	
Litigation and Investigation statement	