

## **CDCR Request for Proposal 5225-113 Strategic Offender Management System (SOMS) Project**

### **ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTENT TO RELEASE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR), in partnership with the California Prison Receivership (CPR) are releasing RFP CDCR-5225-113. For a summary of the purpose of the Request for Proposal (hereinafter referred to as RFP), please see below.

Bidders who would like to obtain a copy of the RFP must submit a signed Request for RFP CDCR-5225-113 form to the Procurement Coordinator named in the form. The last date to submit the Letter of Intent to Bid is June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008, so bidders are encouraged to submit a signed Request for RFP as soon as possible.

### **PURPOSE OF THIS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

The purpose of this Request for Proposal (RFP) is to solicit proposals from Qualified Business Partners (QBP) to provide an integrated Strategic Offender Management System (SOMS) for the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR). This RFP will be conducted as a solution-based procurement.

The solution-based procurement method focuses requirements on business need ("what must be done"), not on current methods or constraints ("how it is currently done"). This is evidenced by the requirements statements themselves which are written at a summary level of detail. In doing this, CDCR is prompting QBP to propose solutions to address the underlying business need without being constrained by CDCR's current methods. Receiving these solutions for consideration clearly benefits CDCR. The QBP also benefit in that they are afforded the opportunity to propose a solution which they feel meets CDCR needs while also reflecting industry best-practice.

Steps in this process include CDCR and the QBP engaging in dialogue to strengthen the QBP's understanding of the requirements and the procurement process. Several reviews and discussion meetings are scheduled during the procurement phase of this project. CDCR values the QBP's assessment and input regarding the requirements and this process. Accordingly, it is very important that the QBP have a clear understanding of the solution-based procurement process, their role in the process, and CDCR requirements so they can take appropriate action to help ensure success.

CDCR seeks to select and enter into a contract with a QBP to provide a modern integrated Strategic Offender Management System.

Responses to the RFP will be evaluated based on the total bid; if an award is made, it will be to the single Bidder awarded the highest points as calculated in accordance with the methodology defined in the RFP.

The Procurement follows a phased approach designed to increase the likelihood that Final Proposals will be received without disqualifying defects. The phases of

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this approach are detailed in Section I.F, Key Action Dates, of the RFP. The objectives of this phased approach are:

- Ensure that the Bidders clearly understand the State's requirements before attempting to develop their final solutions;
- Ensure that the State clearly understands what each Bidder intends to propose before those proposals are finalized;
- Give the State and each Bidder the opportunity to discuss weaknesses or potentially unacceptable elements of a Bidder's proposal and give the Bidder the opportunity to modify their proposal to correct such problems.

It is anticipated that award of the contract will occur in January 2009.