

***First Judicial District of Pennsylvania's ("FJD")
Request for Proposal ("RFP")***

For

Electronic Tracking Services and Equipment

Dated July 17, 2018

VENDOR'S QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ("Q&A")

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- Q1. Who is the current incumbent for this contract?***
Track Group
- Q2. What was the start date of the current contract and initial term? Where there any renewals? If so, how many renewals have been exercised?***
Consistent with established practices and protocol, the initial term for an executed agreement is generally one year with three (3) annual renewal terms if subsequently elected.
- Q3. What equipment, by device type, make, and model is the FJD currently using?***
Reli Alert XC3
- Q4. What are the FJD's current average daily volumes per equipment and device type?***
260 devices
- Q5. How large does the FJD anticipate the program to grow?***
310 devices
- Q6. What is the current daily rate for each type of equipment used under this contract?***
\$6.50, which includes two on-site vendor personnel
- Q7. In order to allow vendors to review all answers to questions and create a thorough proposal, will the FJD extend the proposal due date two-weeks from the date in which answers to questions are posted? Some answers to questions may be necessary to formulate a bid decision.***
The FJD does not anticipate an extension to the bid deadline at this time; however, the FJD reserves the right to extend the bid deadline in the future. All vendors will be notified.
- Q8. Regarding Pg. 3, # 3 GPS Device Specifications, "Alternative strap designed to be highly cut-resistant to be utilized for high-risk youth in lieu of the standard strap. This alternative should include an encased steel band to make it highly cut-resistant; as well as fiber-optic technology for tamper detection that generates an immediate alarm when cut or compromise". Only a limited number of Contractors offer encased steel band straps. Would the FJD allow straps that are cutting edge fiber optic design and alert immediately upon tampers?***
No, the FJD is firm with the requirement since the standard strap has been determined to be too easily severed thereby, removing the device.

- Q9.** *Regarding Pg. 3, # 3 GPS Device Specifications, "Two/three-way live voice communication capability at any time between the Vendor's Monitoring Center personnel, FJD staff and the youth. All calls to/from the device must be digitally recorded capability and available to FJD upon request". Only a limited number of Contractors offer two/three way live voice communications. Would the FJD allow siren/vibrate features as a way to alert the offender to call FJD staff as needed?*
No, the FJD is firm with the requirement to ensure youths are not only in compliance but also affords all youth the ability to speak with a probation officer real-time for verification and address issues that would avoid the youth being in violation. Also, if a family does not have the means to provide a youth with a cell phone, this option allows for direct, real time communication with the assigned officer.
- Q10.** *Regarding Pg. 3, # 3 GPS Device Specifications, "Waterproof to 20 feet depth (1P68-certified)." Many contractors offer waterproof depth to 6 feet, as this normally is sufficient for daily use by most offender populations. Would the FJD allow a device that is waterproof to 6 feet?*
Yes, at the time of installation/activation, all youth are instructed not to submerge the device.
- Q11.** *Regarding Pg. 4, # 7 Personnel, "Vendor personnel assigned to this project must submit to a fingerprint-based criminal record check prior to commencing work on this contract. Any record check that reveals a criminal history for the individual must be submitted to the FJD for review. The FJD reserves the right to disapprove for work on this contract any individual with a criminal record". Would the FJD please specify who would need the fingerprint base criminal record check? All vendor staff or just the staff assigned to be on site?*
Consistent with all federal, state, and local regulations, only the vendor's on-site personnel would need clearance due to working in an information sensitive/confidential environment.

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