# 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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<i>Q1</i> .	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.