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ADDENDUM 1

To: All Interested Proposers
From: Linda Mena, Inventory Bid Technician
Date: May 10, 2010
Subject: RFP # 10-032, Mental Health Counseling for the Juvenile Probation Department

The Purchasing Department received questions relating to the above referenced RFP; the responses are as follows:

1. The RFP makes mention of the need to administer a pre- and post-test. What is the pre- and post-test supposed to measure?

The test should be administered as an assessment to identify an initial baseline score of the juvenile's needs/risk factors upon entering treatment the post test scores should indicate if there was progress made, behavioral changes noted and/or program outcomes regarding success/fail rates.

2. Does the County have a specific pre- and post-test in mind? Please provide suggestions.

The Department does not have a specific pre/post test in mind as the vendor may want to utilize a pre/post test instrument that corresponds to the service type they are able to provide (i.e. substance abuse services, anger management, cognitive skills, family counseling etc). The instrument could be developed by the provider in order to gauge the juvenile's needs and progress through the course of treatment.

3. **Would the Purchasing Department consider extending the deadline of May 12, 2010 for the RFP to another time not in the first 10 days of the month?**

The Bid opening has been extended to Thursday, May 20, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. due to the answers to the questions were posted today.

4. **The RFP asks vendors to factor in the cost for typed written assessments, typed treatment plans, typed monthly summaries, typed discharge summaries and other services which insurance companies neither require nor reimburse. Additionally, insurance and Medicaid have their own forms which need to be completed to ensure reimbursement. Potential vendors are faced with duplication of some services as well as no reimbursement for very costly services. Does the RFP or the County of El Paso provide or propose any mechanism that can offset the high cost of providing these required but non-reimbursable services?**

The assessments, treatment plan and monthly summaries are required as outlined in the RFP to verify services provided, treatment progress and ensure compliancy with identified treatment plan goals since participants will be court referred the data is required to submit to the courts to verify if the juvenile and/or family members are compliant with court mandates. The vendor may choose to utilize forms submitted to insurance and/or Medicaid for reimbursement should the JPD accept the documentation as meeting necessary requirements for court and supervisions purposes.