

Request for Information (RFI)

Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)

Immigration Detention Services – Maryland Detention Capability

A: Introduction:

The United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) is issuing this Request for Information (RFI) to identify one or more possible detention facility sites (existing, renovation, or new construction). This facility must be capable of providing detention, medical care, guard services, meals, transportation services including vehicles, physical structures, equipment, Video Conferencing (VTC) space, personnel and the day to day needs for approximately 600-800 ICE adult male and adult female criminal aliens, detainees and other immigration violators in support of its public safety mission under the authority of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), as amended. The site will be within the greater Maryland area within a desired 50 ground-commute mile radius of the Baltimore Field Office located at 31 Hopkins Plaza, Baltimore MD 21201. This facility must be exclusively dedicated for ICE detainees. ICE anticipates issuing a single award, indefinite delivery – indefinite quantity (IDIQ) contract for this requirement.

The intent of this RFI is to obtain market information in accordance with FAR 15.201(e) for planning purposes and to determine appropriate strategies to meet the Agency's requirements. If the results of market research and other factors indicate that it is in the Government's best interest, ICE may release Requests for Proposals (RFP) for these potential requirements in the near future. However, this RFI is issued solely for information and planning purposes and does not constitute a Request for Proposal (RFP) or a commitment to an RFP in the future. Responses to this notice are not considered offers and cannot be accepted by the Government to form a binding contract. Responders are advised that the Government will not pay for any information or administrative cost incurred in response to this announcement and information submitted in response to this RFI will not be returned.

ICE is responsible for the detention of individuals in removal proceedings and who are amenable to removal from the U.S. ICE houses detainees in a variety of federal, state, local, and private facilities. ICE requires facilities and operators to fulfill the detention portion of ICE's mission in the greater Maryland area. Interested parties may consider existing facilities, newly constructed facilities, or physical additions to existing structures to augment services, such as food, maintenance, laundry, utilities, and dental/medical/mental health care. The ideal facility or facilities will provide minimum, medium and maximum-security beds for adult detainees (male and female). All detention operations and transportation must be provided and provided in a manner consistent with ICE's Performance-Based National Detention Standards (PBNDS) 2011 with 2016 revisions, the DHS Final Rule, 6 CFR Part 115, *Standards to Prevent, Detect, and Respond to Sexual Abuse and Assault in Confinement Facilities*, also known as the DHS Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA).

B. Facility Overview:

- The facility or facilities of varying sizes are acceptable. If proposing multiple facilities, must be able to provide the full 600-800 beds and no individual facility less than 250 beds;
- The facility or facilities shall also have at least 30 beds located in a medical unit that is separate from, and in addition to, the overall total of beds;
- The facility or facilities shall also have 20-30 segregation beds in addition to the medical beds;
- The facility or facilities shall be located within a 50 ground-commute mile radius of the Baltimore Field Office located at 31 Hopkins Plaza, Baltimore MD 21201;
- The facility or facilities shall be within an approximate 30-minute surface commute time (30 miles or less) to emergency services (medical, fire, law enforcement, etc.);
- The facility or facilities shall be located within approximately 90-minute ground-commute radius (90 miles or less) of Baltimore-Washington International Airport or Harrisburg International Airport for JPATS;
- Have access to public and commercial transportation routes and services;
- Serve as a transportation hub for picking up and dropping off ICE detainees;
- Provide or subcontract ground transportation services to transport detainees securely and in a timely manner to locations directed by COR (including various appointments). Armed transportation shall be provided twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week for 365/6 days a year, including any leap years;
- Provide medical care at the facility or facilities or subcontract the provision of medical care;
- The facility or facilities shall provide administrative space (including parking) for ICE personnel. ICE personnel may be required at facility. Specific requirements will be contained in any future Requests for Proposals. Responders should indicate if administrative space is available at a facility.

C. Performance Expectations:

ICE 2011 Performance-Based National Detention Standards (PBNDS) along with the 2016 Revisions are available at the following website: <http://www.ice.gov/detention-standards/2011>.

The services shall be conducted in accordance with industry standards and ICE standards, as well as state, federal and local laws and statues.

Note: If any facility or facilities are unable to comply with PBNDS 2011 and the 2016 Revisions, what steps would be required and how long would it take to meet with the standards?

Full compliance with DHS PREA is mandatory. Please see the link below:

<https://www.ice.gov/prea>

D. Submission Requirements:

Interested parties should submit the following information:

- POC information (name, title, phone number, address, email address, etc.)
- Facility address(es)

Facility information:

Percentage of proposed facility for ICE use: Up to 100%.

Existing:

- Year built;
- Capacity;
- Information on the number of housing units and number of beds (by gender and classification);
- Number of medical beds and information on medical, dental and mental health clinical space;
- Photographs of the exterior and interior;
- Information related to the capabilities of the facility to meet the requirements listed in the PBNDS 2011 with 2016 Revisions;
- Availability and timing for potential ICE use.

New construction/ major physical renovations:

- Status of any existing land structures;
- Information on the number of housing units and number of beds (by gender and classification);
- Number of medical beds and information on medical, dental, and mental health clinical space;
- Photographs of the site(s), and 3D CAD drawings of the exterior and interior;
- Information related to the capabilities of the facility to meet the requirements listed in the PBNDS 2011 with 2016 revisions;
- Information on detention services, to include medical, mental health, recreation, religious, and any other relevant programming
- Information related to National Environmental Protection Agency (NEPA) laws including a discussion on Environmental Assessments (EA), Environmental Impact Statements (EIS), and FONSI related to the new construction;
- Availability and timing for potential ICE use.

Multiple facilities:

- Information on how the facilities will support each other (*e.g.* in the performance of medical care and intake processing).

Transportation distance to the following (please include the name and address of closest location):

- Hospitals
- Immigration Court
- Major airports
- Train stations

- Fire stations
- Bus stations

Please describe generally the following:

Access to public and commercial transportation routes and services;

Access to local consulates and pro-bono legal services;

Current detention services provided to Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Customs and Border Control, Marshals, Bureau of Prisons, other;

Proposed staffing, training, and ability to provide language services (interpretation and translation) for any limited English proficiency (LEP) populations.

E. Solicitation of cost management information:

The additional questions in this section are for information purposes only; responses are voluntary and are not required for any RFI response submission.

- In the past, the Government has priced detention contracts with an all-in bed day rate. Are there other pricing structures that could be used to better distribute risk between the Government and a Contractor, which might result in better operational and business outcomes for all parties?
- The Government has various requirements for operations at its facilities. Based on your experience, which of these requirements drive the most cost? Why? Are there any changes to requirements that you might recommend that would better meet 'best value' -- i.e., by reducing cost substantially without sacrificing the effectiveness of core operations?
- The Government would like to work with its Contractors to jointly identify, plan, prioritize, and implement cost improvement initiatives throughout the period of performance. What experience does your company have in such activities? Briefly describe both your internal cost improvement capabilities and how you work with other enterprises (e.g., your customers or suppliers) to enact joint improvements.
- Does the Contractor have any innovative ideas for leveraging technology, data, or analytics to decrease costs or increase staff efficiency in detention facilities? Please briefly describe.
- What, if any, additional information as it relates to detention standards across facilities do contractors require that may not be considered in this RFI?
- After reviewing this RFI, do you have any other comments or concerns to bring to the Government's attention for this requirement?

F. Submission and responses to this RFI should be submitted to:

Questions and responses to this RFI should be submitted to:

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Please submit all responses by 3PM Eastern Standard Time, April 18, 2019 to the email address listed above.