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## QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES # 3 SOLICITATION NO. Q0015020 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES SEXUAL OFFENDER TREATMENT SERVICES APRIL 4, 2016

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This List of Questions and Responses, questions #50 through #53, is issued to clarify certain information contained in the above named IFB.

In most instances the submitted questions and the Department's responses merely serve to clarify the existing requirements of the IFB. Sometimes, however, in submitting questions potential Offerors may make statements or express interpretations of contract requirements that may be inconsistent with the Department's intent. To the extent that the Department recognizes such an incorrect interpretation, the provided answer will note that the interpretation is erroneous and either state that the question is moot once the correct interpretation is explained or provide the answer based upon the correct interpretation.

No provided answer to a question may in and of itself change any requirement of the IFB. If, based upon a submitted question, it is determined that any portion of the IFB should be changed, the actual change may only be implemented via a formal amendment to the IFB. In this situation, the answer provided will reference the amendment which contains the IFB change.

The statements and interpretations of contract requirements which are stated in the following questions of potential Offerors are not binding on the State, unless the State expressly amends the IFB. Nothing in the State's responses to these questions is to be construed as agreement to or acceptance by the State of any statement or interpretation on the part of the vendor asking the question as to what the contract does or does not require.

*50. Since it is time-consuming and cumbersome for a Delaware therapist or one in a neighboring state to get licensed in Maryland, would the State allow such therapists to work under the contract while they are going through the process of getting licensed in Maryland? Our research shows that there are areas in Maryland, especially rural ones, where there are a dearth of therapists qualified to counsel sex offenders.*

**RESPONSE:** No, all Bidders must meet the licensing and treatment experience requirements listed in Section 2 Minimum Qualifications. Contractors must be able to begin providing Sexual Offender Treatment Services upon Notice of Recommendation for Award.

*51. If I currently meet the experience requirements but not the training requirements in IFB Section 2 Minimum Qualifications would my Bid still be considered eligible for award?*

**RESPONSE:** The training requirements in Section 2.1.4 have been removed from the Minimum Qualifications. Training has become a requirement of the Contractor(s). See IFB Section 3.2.17 in Amendment #3.

*52. If the provider has not been trained specifically to treat the sexual offender population, but has experience providing treatment within a Correctional Institution, which included, but was not specific to the Sexual Offender population, would that suffice?*

**RESPONSE:** See response to question # 51 above. All Bidders must meet the licensing and treatment experience requirements in Section 2 Minimum Qualifications.

*53. Are letters of recommendation accessible as public information? My reference is concerned about including an address and phone number.*

**RESPONSE:** See Section 1.14 Confidentiality of Bids.

**Remember bids are due on April 26, 2016, no later than 11 AM.** If there are any questions concerning this solicitation, please contact me via email at [Rachel.Cruse@maryland.gov](mailto:Rachel.Cruse@maryland.gov) or call me at (410) 260-7430 as soon as possible.

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