



Corrections and Community Supervision

Request for Information (RFI) #2022-22

Gender Affirming Health Care

Issued:	November 2, 2022
Questions Due:	November 16, 2022 by 3pm
Answers to Questions:	on or about November 22, 2022
Response Due Date:	December 6, 2022 by 3pm

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS), guided by the Departmental Mission, is responsible for the confinement and rehabilitation of approximately 30,000 individuals under custody held at 44 state facilities.

The Contract Procurement Unit (CPU) for DOCCS is seeking information from vendors who may be able to provide gender dysphoria evaluations, hair removal and/or gender affirming treatment options to the DOCCS incarcerated population.

2.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of this RFI is to acquire information regarding the interest and capabilities of vendors that can provide transgender medicine and surgery to transgender and non-binary incarcerated individuals. The purpose of these services is to provide hormone replacement therapy, endocrinology, plastic surgery, gynecology, urology, otolaryngology, and/or vocal training in an effort to provide appropriate gender affirming evaluations and treatments.

Interested entities, experienced and capable of providing transgender medicine, should respond to this RFI by sending the information requested in Section 4 and Attachment A.

This RFI is an inquiry only. No contract or agreement will be made from the results of this RFI.

Responding to this RFI is entirely voluntary and will in no way affect DOCCS' consideration of any proposal submitted in response to a subsequent solicitation.

3.0 INQUIRIES

All inquiries shall be sent via email to the following address: DOCCScontracts@doccs.ny.gov, please include "RFI #2022-22" in the subject line of your email. **Inquiries are due by 3pm on November 16, 2022.**

This is not a bid. Please do not request bid documents.

4.0 INFORMATION REQUESTED

DOCCS is seeking medical services for transgender and nonbinary incarcerated individuals, with a focus on providing hormone replacement therapy, endocrinology, plastic surgery, gynecology, urology, otolaryngology, hair removal and vocal training. These services can be completed in person or via telemedicine, either on a regional basis or statewide.

Responses should include the following requested information:

4.1 Gender Dysphoria Evaluations: Documentation should be provided that is descriptive of details of the gender dysphoria evaluations.

4.2 Endocrinology: Respondents should provide information about the role that the endocrinologist plays in the incarcerated individuals transgender health pertaining to hormone replacement therapy.

4.3 Surgical Specialties: Respondents should provide information about the types of evaluations and surgical procedures that they can provide for transgender and non-binary patients.

4.6 Otolaryngology and Vocal Training: Respondents should be able to assist with voice training, vocal coaching, and pitch training. Surgery specialists should be able to provide information on Adams apple reduction and voice feminization.

As this document is an RFI, cost can only be estimated. Information on charges will be used for budgeting and planning purposes only – this is not a bid opportunity. All pricing assumptions should be identified including any initial costs, yearly costs, quarterly costs, hourly costs, and recurring costs.

Responses should also include the completion of Attachment A which requests specific information regarding the following:

- Part 1 – Business Information
- Part 2 – Experience
- Part 3 – Specific Questions:
 - A. Regions serviceable
 - B. Onsite hospital services offered
 - C. Specialty Services Offered
 - D. Provide education/training to DOCCS staff for post operative care

This RFI invites input and ideas on such services as well as rough cost estimates. Interested entities experienced and capable in providing such services should respond to this RFI by sending the information requested in this section and completing Attachment A.

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5.0 SUBMISSION OF RESPONSE

A point of contact for each respondent should be provided, including name, address, email, and phone number. Responses should contain the information requested in Section 4 and submission of Attachment A is required.

Responses can be emailed or mailed.

Emailed responses should be labeled as "RFI #2022-22" in the subject line of the email and sent to: DOCCSContracts@doccs.ny.gov

Mailed Responses should be labeled as "RFI #2022-22" and addressed to:

NYS Department of Corrections and Community Supervision
Support Operations – Contract Procurement Unit
Attn: CPU
550 Broadway
Menands, NY 12204

Responses are due by 3:00 pm on [December 6, 2022](#).

Responders to this RFI will not be precluded from responding to a future solicitation.

6.0 RFI RESPONSE CLARIFICATIONS

DOCCS may seek additional information (clarifying or otherwise) regarding any of the respondents' services following the receipt of the RFI responses. Information may be sought via telephone or email communication.

7.0 DISCLAIMER

This RFI is not a contract offer and it is not an open solicitation for any services but rather an informational inquiry by DOCCS. This RFI does not commit DOCCS to award a contract, pay any costs incurred in preparing a response, or to procure or contract for services or supplies. Qualified entities are encouraged to respond to this RFI; however, failure to submit a response will not impact a respondent's ability to submit a response to any future competitive solicitation process (if any) for projects. Respondents are advised that all costs associated with responding to this RFI will be solely at their expense. There are no representations or warranties regarding the accuracy or completeness of the information contained in this RFI. Respondents are responsible for making their own evaluation of information and data contained in this RFI and for preparing and submitting responses to this RFI.

8.0 PROCUREMENT LAW

Since this is not a solicitation that will result in a contract, it does not fall under procurement lobbying law; therefore, there is no restricted period.