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Description

The Office of the Federal Detention Trustee (OFDT) is interested in new and innovative solutions to meet its future goals of establishing a Detention Services Schedule Program. This RFI is designed to obtain information from industry regarding suggested approaches, new technology and applications. This RFI will acquire information concerning potential solutions, services, and support that the private sector can offer to achieve these goals. In addition to detention services, the program will require other services such as: secure detention transportation (national and local), the use of secure modular units designed for detention, guard services (armed and unarmed), and emergency contingency options. The Detention Service Schedule program will provide United States Marshal Service (USMS), U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), and the Federal Bureau of Prisons (FBOP) with a simplified process of acquiring detention or correctional services in varying quantities while obtaining volume discounts. This RFI is for information and planning purposes only and does NOT constitute a Request for Proposal. The purpose of this RFI is to afford private industry the opportunity to comment and discuss any perceived issues and to allow the Government to receive benefit from these comments. Responses to this RFI may be considered in the preparation of any subsequent RFP and/or budgeting purposes. OFDT will have interchange meetings with industry representatives to

share information, views, and opinions. These interchange meetings will be held on an individual basis and conducted in Washington, DC. OFDT has set aside 2-hour time blocks during the period of October 24, 2005 to November 4, 2005, at OFDT Washington, DC offices. If travel to Washington, DC is not feasible interested parties may submit written comments by November 15, 2005. Comments will not be critiqued and the interchange meetings should NOT be used by sources to market individual services or supplies. The Government does NOT intend to pay for the information solicited and shall NOT recognize any costs being associated with this initiative. Proprietary information is not being solicited and information considered proprietary should be clearly as PROPRIETARY INFORMATION. This RFI is the first step in a multi-phased procurement process. OFDT expects to subsequently issue a DRAFT RFP for industry comment. Eligibility to participate in any future acquisition does not depend on a response to this notice. All interested parties should contact Ginny Parsons at Ginny.A.Parsons@usdoj.gov or Janet.Morris@usdoj.gov. Appointment times will be on first-come, first-serve basis.

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- The Detention Service Schedule program, will provide USMS, ICE, and BOP with a simplified process of acquiring detention or correctional services.
- 20-year Indefinite-delivery contracts will be awarded by using competitive procedures to firms.
- In addition to detention services, the program will cover secure detention transportation (national and local), the use of secure modular units designed for detention, guard services (armed and unarmed), and emergency contingency options

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- Successful firms will provide services at stated prices for given periods of time, for delivery within existing facilities.
- Firms will be required to publish a "Schedule Pricelist" (pricelist) on the web-based National Repository for Detention Bedspace. The pricelist contains all services offered (i.e. transportation, medical services, etc.) at a facility.
- USMS, ICE, and BOP will be able to place orders with the schedule contractor that represents the best value by reviewing the pricelists of at least three firms.

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Special Services

- New Facilities will require a Request for Quotation (RFQ), which will include the statement of work and evaluation criteria. The RFQ will be posted on National Repository.
- Transportation and Guard Services will be priced on a local facility basis.
- Secure Modular Units test program for existing facilities or on Government provided land (i.e. military bases, existing facility).
- Emergency Planning National and Local.

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- Orders will be placed using Optional Form 347 or an established electronic communications format through the National Repository to order services from schedule contracts.
- The USMS, ICE, and BOP will place an order directly with the contractor in accordance with the terms and conditions of the pricelists.
- OFDT will every 24 months refresh the schedule to add contractors to the schedule. Schedule contractors may request OFDT to add facilities at any time during the life of the contract.

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Discussion Issues

- Schedule Statement of Work Development
- Service Contract Act Wages
- Interstate Transportation
- Mixed Populations (Federal and Local)
- Current “Pass-Through” Arrangements
- Current Direct Federal Contracts
- Accreditations
- Government Quality Assurance

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Next Steps

- Draft Request for Proposal for Private Industry Comment
- Policy on use of the schedule
- Development of National Repository Acquisition and Procurement Area

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Private Industry Inter-Change Meetings

In support of the Office of Federal Detention Trustee (OFDT) effort to establish a contractual detention services program, market research was conducted with private industry in a manner of one-on-one meetings between industry representatives and the Government.

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OFDT met with 9 companies with approximately 33 attendees. OFDT representatives were members of the Procurement Division, Detention Standards and Compliance Division, and the Office of General Counsel.

The below list provides issues raised by industry and the OFDT Staff members who been tasked with researching the issue and providing the Project Team with a recommendation.

Issue	Staff Assigned
Will the requirement of National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) apply to this acquisition?	Stermer, Bare
What will be the definition used for existing operating facilities?	Hill, Day, Clark, Davis
What will be the impact on existing Federal Prime and Sub-Contracts currently by private industry	Stermer, Day, Ray
Will there be Pre-Qualification Standards applied?	Stermer, Bare
Will the contract be based on annual appropriations? What will be the proposed terms (Base/Option)?	Stermer, Ray, Bare, Day
Will there be gender restrictions? Specific requirements concerning mixed populations (fed/local)? Will there be a requirement for bi-lingual staff?	Hill, Anderson, Thomas
Will modifications to existing facilities be allowed?	Hill, Day, Clark, Davis

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How will "use of force" authority be applied in this procurement?	Day, Stermer
How will the Service Contract Act be applied in this contract?	Stermer, Day, Bare