

Questions and Answers

1. Is there any page length requirement or expectation for the proposal?

Answer: No.

2. How many court sites are involved in the evaluation?

Answer: We would like at least three.

3. The RFP mentions the comparison of monitored and no-monitored offenders. If there are multiple courts involved in the study, do some monitor and others don't? Or if there is only one court in the study, is it possible that some offenders are monitored and others are not (who may have otherwise comparable background)?

Answer: Monitoring of DV cases vary. We anticipate working with the selected vendor in determining the best combination. We are assuming this will be one that does and one that doesn't. There is one county that has a combination of both so this might also be a good idea.

4. Will evaluators have access to program data?

Answer: We can give you access to the data we collect and the Commission would work with each jurisdiction in getting what else is needed to do your work.

5. Is sanction/incentive information collected in a court database or do evaluators need to have research presence in the court(s)? We were considering using students to sit in the courts to collect this type of information.

Answer: This cost would not be factored into the \$80,000.

6. How many sites/individual courts are to be included in the evaluation?

Answer: Three. But there could be three from the same jurisdiction if the jurisdiction has a DV court and a non-monitoring court

7. What is the preferred delivery method of proposals? Page 8 of the RFP states that "responses may be delivered by mail, courier, hand-delivery, or email," but then page 9 states that "vendors must submit their Proposals electronically...For hard copy proposals that are mailed or hand delivered, submit one binder with Vendor's name and, in addition, include one soft copy in Microsoft Word or Excel 2003 compatible file format, if appropriate, on a portable media or electronic readable media (flash/thumb

drive), labeled with your name and ACQ-2013-0322 RFP.” Any further clarification would be helpful.

Answer: Email proposals are fine.

8. Scope: Please describe the AOC's goals and priorities regarding these specific study parameters:

-Institutional scope: Does AOC wish to include DV-related cases in both Superior and Courts of Limited Jurisdiction, or would AOC prefer to focus on one jurisdiction or the other (e.g. focus on felony convictions rather than misdemeanor).

Answer: Superior and CLJ's.

-Geographic coverage: Does AOC intend for this study to concentrate on particular geographic regions, or to sample from across the entire state?

Answer: This could be flexible. We want to look at a court that currently monitors these cases and one that doesn't. There is at least one jurisdiction where this occurs. The Commission will work with the consultants on making this selection.

-Timeframe: Does AOC have a specific timeframe in mind for the data to be included in analysis?

Answer: We would expect to have whatever data is collected over the life of this project to be included, as appropriate, in the final report.

-Definition of recidivism: Does AOC have a specific technical definition for "recidivism" preferred for use in this study, or is that left to the judgment of the researcher? (e.g. the timeframe under consideration).

Answer: This would be determined between researcher and the Commission.

9. Please describe any provision AOC plans to make to facilitate access to the archival "necessary court data" described in the RFP.

Answer: We would expect to have access through our court data system and would have students available to assist if needed in the collection of data.

10. The RFP mentions, "conducting focus groups with perpetrators and victims of domestic violence." Please describe any provision AOC plans to make to facilitate access to these populations.

Answer: This would be up to the researcher to propose a process to us.

11.. Given the variety of factors identified in the literature that influence recidivism in DV cases, does AOC envision a purely descriptive study, or is there a particular logic model (or models) that AOC wishes to test?

Answer: This would be up to the researcher to propose to us.

5. What institutions or constituencies will be the primary audience(s) for this study, and what are the primary purposes and decisions to be supported by the study?

Answer: The purpose of this study is to get a clearer understanding of what seems to be most effective in managing domestic violence cases. The audience is primarily our court community.