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Contra Costa County Seeks Data Collection & Program Evaluation Services for AB 109

County Issues Requests for Qualifications Tied to Public Safety Realignment

While the bill that created what may be called the biggest correctional reform initiative in California history, AB 109 Public Safety Realignment, does not specifically mandate data collection or evaluation, data analysis and evaluation are important elements to ensure that realignment program and practices are providing the best outcomes and to properly analyze their impacts on agencies and the community.

With that goal, Contra Costa County's Board of Supervisors is soliciting responses from qualified individuals or agencies to provide data collection and program evaluation services for the County's AB 109 program.

The Board is making available a total of \$246,000 for data collection and program evaluation services for a contract period of November 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) will be released Wednesday, August 14.

Supervisor Federal D. Glover, Chair of the Board and a member of the County's Public Protection Committee, says Contra Costa has been a leader among counties in its approach to implementing Realignment. "A premise of realignment was that counties are better positioned to rehabilitate inmates in jails and released ex-offenders on supervision by bringing them closer to social service and mental health providers. However, data analysis is needed to see if that aspiration is being realized," Glover added.

Private, not-for-profit organizations, for-profit organizations, public agencies, individuals, and not-for-profit institutions of education with experience in developing and implementing complex data collection and evaluation systems related to justice systems, systems of care, and public service delivery, are invited to submit Responses.

Responses are due by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 20, 2013. Additional information and RFQ copies are available at website: <http://www.co.contra-costa.ca.us/index.aspx?NID=2366> or by calling (925) 335-1097.