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The Washington State Department of Corrections (DOC), contemplates awarding a sole source contract to Noble Software Group, LLC to provide an automated software implementation of version 7 of the Women’s Risk and Needs Assessment (WRNA).

Rigorous research was conducted that informs efforts to prevent women from cycling in and out of the criminal justice system, and to improve the lives of system-impacted women. The suite of Women's Risk Needs Assessment (WRNA) instruments are the only validated, peer-reviewed risk/need instruments in the public domain specifically designed by and for system-impacted women. The WRNA not only measures women's specific criminogenic needs, but also their strengths, to drive a comprehensive, holistic case-plan designed to work alongside women and their gender- and trauma-responsive treatment and supervision.

The Women’s Risk and Needs Assessment (WRNA) is the only tool that exist that serves the specific needs of incarcerated women, both at entry, through their incarceration, and out to the community. It is a proven and effective tool and has documented results through data sources proving that the tool effectively reduces recidivism by sending women back to the communities more fully prepared. This assessment uniquely addresses women’s relational issues to include identifying treatment needs that only a trauma informed tool can identify.

DOC is requesting to provide a sole source contract to Noble Software Group, LLC (Noble). Noble is the only vendor that provides a software implementation of version 7 of the WRNA and has many proprietary innovations, including but not limited to:

- It features a case planning tool that allows for WRNA results to feed the case plan automatically and helps officers focus on critical needs prior to assigning general case planning goals;
- The software is entirely based on Microsoft’s .NET framework;
- It provides a form authorizing tool that allows for end users to create scoreable assessments and non-scored form for easy data collection;
- It offers an automated inter-rated reliability site designed to offer staff the ability to watch professional interviews, complete assessments on those videos, and have the result of the completed assessments compared to a model assessment completed by experts;
- The software supports transfers of individuals’ assessment and case plan data among the agencies that use the software.
DOC will enter into a ONE (1) YEAR contract with Noble Software Group, LLC. The contract will be issued on or after June 1, 2022 and will continue for ONE (1) YEAR as initial term. The cost of this ONE (1) year contract is $32,520. DOC may opt to extend the contract for additional THREE (3) times in ONE (1) YEAR increments. DOC determines that each optional additional ONE (1) YEAR extension would result in equal or slightly higher consideration being added to the total contract value.

By 5 PM PST May 24, 2022, vendors contemplating the above needs and requirements must submit a capability statement. The following must be included in the vendor’s capability statement:

1. Vendor qualifications and experience including a list of current and past clients;

2. Experience, if any, working with state agencies to provide an automated software implementation of version 7 of the Women’s Risk and Needs Assessment (WRNA); and

3. Cost estimates.

In the absence of other qualified sources, it is the state’s intent to make a sole source award of the contract. To submit a capability statement or for questions, contact:

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