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DEMONSTRATION SOLICITATION

Demonstration Project to Develop the Adolescent and Young Adult Reentry Network: an innovative City-wide system of Expediting, Discharge Planning and Support for Adolescents and Young Adults in DOC Custody (16-21) years old.

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Closing Date for Receipt of Expression of Interest: March 25, 2016 at 11:00A.M.

The New York City Department of Correction (DOC) intends to consult with qualified vendors who can provide a system of discharge and reentry planning for adolescents and young adults.

The agency anticipates a contract for a period of three (3) years, commencing **April 1, 2016**

The agency's goal of the Adolescent and Young Adult Reentry Network (The Youth Reentry Network) is to create a network of reentry facilitators and advocates inside and outside of Rikers Island who are able to serve as a centralized reintegration system for adolescents and young adults.

DOC's Demonstration Project to Develop the Adolescent and Young Adult Reentry Network:

I. Summary of Service Approach:

In custody:

The service provider will assist those *in custody* by preparing and supporting families for an adolescent/young adult's transition home prior to release. This portion of the demonstration project will expedite process to minimize the length of time in local custody, minimize further criminal justice penetration and maximize connection to post-release supports by increasing the numbers of detained youths placed into existing/underused funded slots. The provider's staff will work in close collaboration with DOC's staff to maximize and coordinate care.

II. Transitionally and Post-release:

The program will support those who are *in-transition to release* by: providing on and off-site cognitive behavioral workshops; providing behavioral health counseling; providing youth leaderships skills training and supporting arts programming; facilitating and supporting youth enrollment, engagement and academic achievement; providing court-based advocacy to expedite

their case processing and support them upon release; preparing young people for employability through job readiness, placement, and retention services; addressing and navigating system-related barriers on behalf of youth and families; and leveraging formal and informal community leaders, local vendors, faith-based organizations and third-party resources/mentors for youth in their neighborhoods.

III. Post-release/neighborhood-based:

By locating and providing directed services to justice system-involved adolescents and young adults, the service provider will tap and leverage the inherent strengths of extended family, community-based connections, and resources. Teams of youth leaders and advocacy staff will conduct risks and needs assessments of youth upon admission in order to support implementation of pre-release plans and provide intensive advocacy services based on a continuum of need, risks and opportunity. Reintegration plans will be individually tailored according to each youth's risk levels, criminal justice circumstances, relevant and available protective factors, strengths, and needs. Dosage and length of engagements will be driven by risk and needs of each individual and their specific circumstances.

Critical start-up support is required from qualified vendors for DOC to be successful in implementing a comprehensive strategy to minimize and mitigate tension, violent incidents, and ultimately reduce the likelihood of recidivism within the first year of their release by supporting stable reentry through effective discharge planning.

Vendors that believe they can provide these services, are invited to submit an expression of interest along with a written experience statement by letter, no later than March 25, 2016 at 11:00A.M. emailed to: cassandra.dunham@doc.nyc.gov Attention: Cassandra Logan Dunham

DOC will not be responsible for any expenses in the preparation and/or presentation of responsive submittals, or for other disclosure of any information or material received in connection with the solicitation.

DOC reserves the right to request additional information or clarification, if necessary.