

Request for Proposal

The Alabama Department of Youth Services seeks proposals from qualified persons to conduct PREA (Prison Rape Elimination Act) audit at the Mt. Meigs Campus, located at 1000 Industrial School Road, Montgomery, AL 36057 (approximately 172 students), Autauga Campus, located at 1601 County Road 57, Prattville, AL 36068 (approximately 48 students), and Vacca Campus, located 8950 Roebuck Blvd., Birmingham, AL 35206 (approximately 90 students).

OBJECTIVE: The Alabama Department of Youth Services seeks to secure the services needed to conduct a PREA audit of its Mt. Meigs, Autauga, and Vacca Campuses, juvenile correctional facilities, by a person or entity qualified to perform such services. Additionally, the PREA auditor shall provide all PREA required audit reports, work with the requesting agency to develop a corrective action plan, if needed and participate in the implementation of such plan, if needed. Such auditor will be responsible for a full and final audit report to be posted as required by PREA standards.

CONTRACT PERIOD: The contract period should be approximately three (3) years, **beginning on or about April 1, 2022- May 30, 2025**. The on-site PREA audit itself will be approximately in June of 2022, 2023, 2024.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Persons or entities providing the services sought under this Request for Proposal shall possess a current Department of Justice PREA auditor certification.

CONTENT OF PROPOSAL: Proposals should express the proposer's knowledge of and experience in compliance of PREA juvenile facility standards and the implementation of corrective plans. All proposed auditors must provide proof of PREA juvenile certification. Proposals should also include a resume of all potential auditors, including support personnel, and clearly express adequate knowledge and experience in conducting PREA audits in juvenile facilities.

All proposals must be presented in a clear and concise format on standard letter size paper.

FEE PROPOSALS: Proposed fee for services including structure of such fees, i.e. flat rate, hourly rate etc.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE: Proposers should submit information relating to its organizational structure i.e. corporate or partnership information and agree to full compliance with state and federal requirements as to governmental contracts.

STAARS SYSTEM: Finance and DYS will no longer be able to update or correct billing addresses. This will be the responsibility of any potential Vendor. All Vendors must have an activated account within STARRS. If needed, the account can be activated by verifying the Taxpayer ID Number (TIN) and creating a VSS portal login ID. This can be done by

visiting the VSS Portal <https://procurement.staars.alabama.gov>. For Assistance you can call the STAARS Project Team at (334) 353-9000 or email them at staars.support@finance.alabama.gov.

ACT 2001-955 requires a disclosure statement to be completed and filed with all proposals, bids, contracts, or grant proposals submitted to the State of Alabama in excess of \$5000. The form is available at <http://www.ago.state.al.us/Page-Vendor-disclosure-Statement-Information-and-Instructions>.

ACT 2011-535, as amended by Act 2012-491, requires that you enroll in the federal E-Verify program if awarded the contract. A completed E-Verify form must be attached.

PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL INFORMATION:

Original proposals and three copies must be **received** by 4:30 p.m. on **April 8, 2022** for the Mt. Meigs audit to (mailing address) **Alabama Department of Youth Services,
ATTN: R. MaChea' Jones
P.O. Box 66
Mt. Meigs, AL 36057**

or (physical address)

**Alabama Department of Youth Services
1000 Industrial School Road
Attn: R. MaChea' Jones
Montgomery, AL 36117.**

Late proposals will not be accepted.

The Department of Youth Services anticipates that the proposals will be evaluated and the contract awarded by April 18, 2022, DYS expressly reserves the right to reject any or all submitted proposals. All entities submitted proposals shall be notified of DYS' decision regarding this proposal no later than May 2, 2022.

For technical questions regarding this Request for Proposal, please contact MaChea' Jones at 334-399-1589 or via email at machea.jones@dys.alabama.gov.