

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR STUDY OF DANE COUNTY JAIL UPDATES

Dane County engaged in a competitive bidding process for a comprehensive study to identify and make recommendations to mitigate life and health safety concerns in the City County Building (CCB) Jail and to evaluate the existing environment of the CCB and the Public Safety Building (PSB) to bring the facilities to standard and current jail code regulation while addressing health and safety issues, RFP Number 115084. Mead and Hunt Inc., in collaboration with Potter Lawson Inc. and Pulitzer/Bogard and Associates LLC, was the successful bidder in the competitive bid process.

The RFP and contract language specifically followed the requirements of 2014 Res-556, Investigating Alternatives to Incarceration, Solutions to Racial Disparities and Mental Health Challenges in the Dane County Jail and Throughout Dane County's Criminal Justice System. A contract has been negotiated with Mead and Hunt Inc. of Madison, Wisconsin, in the amount of \$477,522 commencing as of the date by which all parties have executed the contract for a term of one year, for the Dane County Jail Update Study to accomplish the following:

1. Identify and mitigate immediate health and safety concerns in the CCB;
2. Provide appropriate care for incarcerated individuals with mental health concerns in the least restrictive environment possible;
3. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) of 2003 compliance;
4. Eliminate or reduce the use of solitary confinement;
5. Provide alternatives that address renovation of the CCB and PSB to meet current jail standards, applicable codes, and health and safety needs; and
6. Study and evaluation of work group recommendations for impact on jail population projections.

Since the Request for Proposal (RFP) was written, the workgroup's final recommendations have been presented to the County Board and the community. To that end, the provider shall evaluate all of the final recommendations of the three Dane County workgroups. Their final report shall include potential solutions that incorporate all of the final recommendations of the workgroups, specifically those recommendations that reduce jail population, address disproportionate incarceration of persons of color, and address mental health challenges (see RFP Section 5.3). Specifically, the provider shall incorporate the impact of Length of Stay recommendations #1, 3, 4, 7, 8 and 9; Alternatives to Arrest and Incarceration recommendations #1, 2, 3, and 10; and Mental Health, Solitary Confinement, and Incarceration recommendations #1, 2, 3, 4, and 7.

The passage of Resolution 556 and the subsequent county board workgroups have been very publically transparent, and there is strong expectation that any conversations about the county jail will continue have that level of public openness. Therefore, the provider's final report must be accessible to and readable by the public. There must be both an executive summary that thoroughly summarizes the conclusion of the report, as well as a more succinct synopsis of the report that highlights the overall conclusion.

Capital funding of \$477,522 is available in CPSHRF 57683, Jail Space Needs Analysis/Plan for the Dane County Jail Update Study.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a contract is awarded to Mead and Hunt Inc. for the Dane County Jail Update Study in the amount of \$477,522; and

NOW, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Dane County Executive and the Dane County Clerk are authorized to execute the necessary documents for the contract.