



NEW YORK STATE UNIFIED COURT SYSTEM

Request for Proposals #119 OCA / Professional and Court Services

Bi-Lingual, Spanish Speaking Peer Recovery Advocate
Orange County, New York

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Reading this Request for Proposals

This Request for Proposals (RFP) comprises the *Articles*, *Attachments*, and *Exhibits* described below.

There are twelve (12) **Articles** in this main document:

- I. Background Information and Instructions
- II. Project Information
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- IV. Minimum Qualifications
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In addition, there are three (3) standard **Attachments**: Attachments I, III, and IV. Note that Attachment II is deliberately not included in this RFP. The three Attachments that are included in this RFP are available for download from the table on the Unified Court System’s Current Solicitation webpage (<http://ww2.nycourts.gov/admin/bids/currentsolicitations.shtml>). The attachments are available in the row corresponding to this RFP and in the “Addenda” column. If this RFP requires vendors to submit a “required budget form,” that form is available for download in the same row and column as the Attachments.

Lastly, there are **Exhibits** that are published in this main document following Article XII. Vendors are strongly encouraged to follow the checklist in Exhibit 1 when assembling their proposal.

Note: Throughout this RFP, the terms, *proposer*, *vendor*, and *applicant* are used interchangeably, as are *RFP*, *bid* and *solicitation*.



For information about *why the Unified Court System has issued this RFP*, please consult Articles I, II, and V.

If you want to know *whether you or your organization qualifies to submit a proposal*, please consult Articles IV and VI as well as Attachment III and Exhibit 3.

For information about *how and when to submit any questions*, please consult Article X. If you want to know *whether a pre-bid conference will be held*, please consult Article XI.

For guidance about *how to submit your proposal*, including *formatting requirements*, please review Articles VIII and IX as well as Exhibits 1 and 2.

For details about *how your proposal will be evaluated*, please read Articles IV, VII, VIII, and XII as well as the Proposal Rating Tool in Exhibit 4.

Finally, the *number of available awards and the duration of the resultant contract* can be found in Article III. This RFP includes the standard “Appendix B” that will be incorporated into any resultant contract (see Exhibit 5).

I. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The mission of the New York State Unified Court System (UCS) is to deliver equal justice under the law and to achieve the just, fair and timely resolution of all matters that come before our courts. In the service of our mission, the UCS is committed to operating with integrity and transparency, and to ensuring that all who enter or serve in our courts are treated with respect, dignity, and professionalism. We affirm our responsibility to promote a court system free from any and all forms of bias and discrimination and to promote a judiciary and workforce that reflect the rich diversity of New York State. More information about the UCS is available at <https://www.nycourts.gov>.

The UCS Office of Court Administration's (OCA) Division of Professional and Court Services (DPCS) is soliciting proposals via this Request for Proposals (RFP) for the purpose of establishing a contract to provide Spanish-speaking peer support services to the Middletown City Drug Treatment Court (DTC).

UCS operates problem-solving courts, among them drug courts, which help judges and court staff respond to the needs of litigants and the community. Problem-solving courts look to the underlying issues that bring people into the court system, employ innovative approaches to address those issues, and seek to simplify the court process for litigants. A drug court involves an intervention by the court in cooperation with a team of specialists in social services, treatment, and criminal justice professionals in the local community. In return for a promise of a reduced sentence, appropriate non-violent addicted offenders are given the option of entering voluntarily into court-supervised treatment. The rules and conditions of participation are clearly stated in a contract entered into by the defendant, the defense attorney, the district attorney, and the court.

II. PROJECT INFORMATION

UCS is the recipient of an award (the "Grant Award") by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) (the "Grantor") for the purposes of funding the Middletown City Drug Treatment Court in Orange County, NY. Pursuant to the terms of the Grant Award, \$131,825 is the maximum available funding for Project Services (as set forth in Article V below) performed during October 2, 2023 – September 30, 2026, provided, however, that such period may be extended upon mutual agreement of Grantor and UCS (the "Project Term"). UCS reserves the right to request a no-cost extension of the Project Term from the Grantor.

GRANT CHART

Grant Number	Jurisdiction	Project Goals	Maximum Available Grant Term Funding
15PBJA-22-GG-03956-DGCT	Middletown City Drug Treatment Court, Orange County	Grant funds will be used to expand access to treatment services for participants in the Middletown City Drug Treatment Court. Funds will support a bi-lingual, Spanish speaking Peer Recovery Advocate (CPRA) or New York State Certified Peer Specialist (NYCPS) to provide peer recovery support services and expand the type and range of support available to drug court participants. This position will support court-involved participants with community-based recovery support by: (1) providing community-based recovery support to an assigned caseload of clients; (2) supporting justice-involved participants to navigate the court, treatment, and act as a mentor, advocate and ally; and (3) assisting clients in all stages of recovery by recognizing personal strengths and setting goals and help clients in life skills building.	\$131,825

III. AWARD

UCS intends to award one contract for Middletown City Drug Treatment Court Bi-Lingual, Spanish Speaking Peer Recovery Advocate Services for a term commencing on or about October 2, 2023, and terminating on or about September 30, 2026 (“Contract Term”).

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the contract term of any contract resulting from this RFP may extend to a term not to exceed five (5) years in total, which contract shall terminate upon the earlier of: five (5) years from the contract commencement date; or (ii) the complete expenditure of funding available for Project Services, whichever is earlier, unless otherwise terminated pursuant to the terms of said contract. Awarded contractor shall be contractually obligated to provide the Project Services for the Project Term, as it may be amended or extended. UCS and awarded contractor shall communicate regularly concerning the remaining amount of grant funds and the approximate timing of complete expenditure.

IV. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Proposals will be considered only from applicants who meet the following qualifications:

- Applicant organization must possess at least two years of experience in performing services relevant to those described herein.

- Applicant must have the ability to provide Project Services (hereinafter defined) to clients within Orange County.

V. PROJECT SERVICES

UCS seeks proposals describing how the applicant will provide the services listed below (“Project Services”). The selected applicant shall be required to provide the Project Services, including the required staffing, listed below.

1. Integrate recovery and wellness supports in a criminal justice setting by providing non-clinical, strength-based peer support by focusing on drug treatment court participants’ psychosocial, behavioral, and functional needs, recognizing personal strengths, setting goals, establishing healthy family and peer connections and life skills. These services will be provided by a bi-lingual, Spanish speaking Certified Recovery Peer Advocate or New York State Certified Peer Specialist.
2. Assist participants with transportation needs, including Medicaid-funded transportation and use of bus schedules. Reach out to existing community agencies, including veteran agencies, to assist with transportation needs. Escort participants, as needed, to court appearances, off-site referrals, community services, sober support meetings, and other necessary appointments.
3. Meet with clients in person, on and off-site, and via email and cell phone. The peer advocate/specialist should expect to meet with clients wherever they are housed, including community residences, homeless shelters, jails, hospitals, and wherever they require services. Maintain cell phone availability, and have flexible hours, allowing the peer advocate to attend to participants in the evenings and weekends where practical.
4. Ability to provide services utilizing other delivery methods, such as online activities or outdoor events, particularly in the event of a public health crisis.
5. Develop lines of communication with treatment team court coordinator and judge, provide continuous feedback on participants’ progress, attend treatment court sessions and project meetings.
6. Maintain appropriate boundaries with participants and maintain confidentiality standards.
7. Develop resource lists for participants.
8. Create and update the mentor logbook or case management notes after speaking with participants. These files are maintained separately from court files.
9. Assist the court in collecting all funder-mandated data.
10. Participate in grant-sponsored training on various grant related topics.

Required Staffing:

1. Certified Recovery Peer Advocate (CRPA) or New York State Certified Peer Specialist (NYCPS). The peer advocate or specialist must be bi-lingual, Spanish speaking, and have experience working with the substance use and mental health communities. Must be willing to receive formal training as a recovery coach through the nationally recognized Recovery Coach Academy© of the Connecticut Community for Addiction Recovery (CCAR). Must be well-organized, well-rooted in recovery, and trauma-informed, and must have excellent oral and written communication skills and the ability to handle confidential matters.

Preferred qualifications:

- High school diploma or educational equivalent required. Knowledge of target population and area resources.
- Must be able to work flexible hours and may be required to travel throughout the county. Must have their own transportation and a valid driver license.
- Peer certification credential or prior experience as a peer support advocate/specialist preferred.

VI. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Awarded applicant shall be required to maintain the insurance specified in Exhibit 3 hereto (Insurance Requirements) at its own cost and expense during the Contract Term and any renewal or extension thereof.

VII. AWARD SELECTION CRITERIA AND METHOD OF AWARD

A single award will be made pursuant to this RFP. The selected awardee must 1) meet the minimum qualifications outlined in Article IV above; 2) be a responsible applicant as determined in accordance with the criteria in Article XI; and 3) receive the highest composite (technical + cost) score in excess of the minimum score as determined by the selection criteria set forth herein.

Responsibility is determined in accordance with the criteria articulated in the “Responsible Applicant” paragraph set forth in Article XII (General Specifications).

Proposals will be reviewed and rated by a team of qualified UCS staff.

In the event of a tie composite score, the applicant with the higher cost score, i.e., lower cost, will prevail.

Proposals will be scored as follows:

Technical Criteria (75%)	Maximum Points
Capacity	35
Proposed Service Delivery	40
Maximum Technical Points	75
Cost (25%)	25
Maximum Cost Points	25
MAXIMUM TOTAL POINTS	100

Organizational capacity and program and staffing plan criteria are contained in the Rating Tool attached as Exhibit 4 hereto.

Cost submissions will be scored as follows:

The proposal with the lowest cost will be awarded maximum points (25); each higher cost proposal will be awarded points according to the following formula:

$$\text{Lowest cost proposal} \div \text{Higher cost proposal} \times 25$$

For example: Assuming the lowest cost proposal is \$100 and the next higher cost proposal is \$125, the \$100 cost proposal would be awarded 25 points and the \$125 cost proposal 20 points based on the following computation:

$$100 \div 125 = (.8) \times 25 = 20$$

Note: A minimum Technical Criteria point score of 35(average of all evaluators) is required for an award to be made.

VIII. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

General Requirements

All documentation must be submitted on prescribed forms, without alteration. Where no form is included or specified, submissions must be single-spaced with one-inch page margins (not including attachments or financial forms) using a 12-point font. Pages should be numbered. To facilitate photocopying, do not permanently bind documents.

Applicants must submit every document listed below, as well as the documents listed in the Document Checklist annexed as Exhibit 1 hereto. Failure to provide all documents in the manner required may result in disqualification of an applicant's proposal.

A complete set of the documents required below must be submitted.

a. Narrative Description - Organizational Capacity

Applicants must submit a narrative description of no more than five (5) pages addressing all of the organizational capacity requirements listed below:

1. Briefly describe the proposer's current principal activities.
2. Describe the organization's experience, if any, with government-funded programs, including BJA-funded programs.
3. Describe the organization's experience, if any, providing services to the substance use population and working with individuals at risk of overdose, i.e., those using opioids or drugs that may contain fentanyl or its analogs.
4. Describe the proposer's experience and expertise providing services to individuals involved in the criminal justice system. Include the number of and duration of projects, if any.
5. Describe the organization's experience, if any, with providing a bi-lingual, Spanish speaking

Peer Recovery Advocate.

6. Describe the organization's policies and procedures to ensure client confidentiality.
7. Describe the proposer's capacity to effectively manage government-funded programming including, but not limited to, the ability to meet fiscal and programmatic reporting requirements, and work in partnership with the court.
8. Describe the proposer's prior experience collecting, and/or the capacity to collect, Government Performance and Results Act data.
9. Provide an organizational chart showing all supervisory staff (this chart will not be included in the page limit).

b. Project Resumes

Submit resumes for all staff who will provide Project Services. For those positions currently vacant, submit detailed job descriptions.

c. Project Description

Applicants must submit a narrative description of no more than five (5) pages addressing all of the Project description requirements listed below:

1. Provide information regarding the service delivery method(s) utilized prior to and post COVID-19 to the target population.
2. Describe the proposer's plan to provide a bi-lingual, Spanish speaking Peer Recovery Advocate described in this solicitation by staff who have the knowledge, skills and background required for the position.
3. How will the proposer's experience and existing collaborations with substance use and mental health providers, community-based organizations or other entities enhance the project goals?
4. Describe the proposer's plan to assist with all data collection and performance measures as required and input data into the data collection tools as required by the granting agency.
5. Describe how the proposer will provide continuous feedback to the Treatment Court on an effective and ongoing basis. Include information about the timing and content of proposed feedback, and how the proposer will ensure that feedback is structured to promote data-informed policy changes.
6. Describe the organization's plan to ensure the project goals are met.
7. How will the organization's experience and existing collaborations enhance the project goals?
8. How will the organization ensure that all grant-related reporting requirements are timely met?
9. Describe the proposed supervisory structure for the project.

d. Line-Item Budget Proposal

Applicants must submit a line-item budget proposal indicating the total amount of funding requested *for each period* (“Budget Period”) described below within the Contract Term. The budget must be submitted on the Required Budget Form available at <http://nycourts.gov/admin/bids/currentsolicitations.shtml>.

Proposals listing total budgeted costs in excess of the Maximum Funding set forth in Article II above may be subject to disqualification.

Note that there shall be no other charge, cost, reimbursement, or expense of any kind payable by UCS in connection with or arising from the performance of the Project Services. Applicant shall be solely responsible for all costs and expenses incurred in connection with the performance of Project Services that are not expressly included in its budget.

1. The Budget Periods are as follows:

1. October 2, 2023 – September 30, 2024 (12 months)
2. October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025 (12 months)
3. October 1, 2025– September 30, 2026 (12 months)

2. The budget proposal must include a maximum total budget amount for the entire Contract Term (October 2, 2023 – September 30, 2026); maximum budget is \$131,825.

3. Non-Allowable Costs/Expenses

The following items *may not be included* in applicant’s Project budget:

- Major capital expenditures
- Interest costs
- Fundraising costs
- Advertising costs except for recruitment of Project Services personnel.
- Entertainment costs
- Costs for dues, or attendance at conferences or meetings of professional organizations *except* that all budgets must include travel expenses for attendance by at least one (1) person(s) at one (1) mandatory grantee meeting per Budget Term. Historically, this grantee meeting has coincided with attendance at a four-day conference convened by the National Association of Drug Court Professionals, which has met in cities such as Anaheim, CA; Houston, TX; Nashville, TN; and Washington, DC. For more information about scheduled conferences, please visit: <https://nadcpconference.org/questions/>

4. Allowable Costs/Expenses

The following costs *may be included* in applicant’s Project budget:

- Cell phone equipment and cell phone service
- The peer advocate or peer specialist's expenses incurred traveling within Orange County or contiguous counties to meet with program participants
- The costs for the selected peer advocate or peer specialist to complete training as a recovery coach through the Recovery Coach Academy© of the Connecticut Community for Addiction Recovery (CCAR) during the first Budget Period of the contract resulting from this RFP.

e. Budget Narrative

Applicant must submit a narrative of not more than three (3) pages that briefly describes the expenses included in each budget category of its budget proposal, and how they relate to the Project Services. The Personal Services description must include a brief description of responsibilities. The Non-Personal Services (NPS) description must include a brief description of how each expense category relates to the provision of Project Services. For equipment expenses, if any, explain the type of equipment (for example, laptop computer, cell phone) to be purchased. For travel expenses, if any, explain which staff will be traveling and the destination, purpose, and frequency of travel.

f. Additional Documents

In addition to the documents listed above, applicants must submit all documents listed in the Document Checklist attached as Exhibit 1 hereto.

IX. SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL

a. Proposal Delivery

Applicants shall deliver ONE signed, hard copy original and ONE additional copy (two complete sets) of its application, with all required documents, to:

Division of Professional and Court Services
2500 Pond View, Suite 104
Castleton-on-Hudson, New York 12033
ATTN: Amelia Hershberger

All proposals must also be labeled with the following information on two sides:

“Deliver immediately to Amelia Hershberger”

“Sealed Application - Do not open”

**“MIDDLETOWN CITY DRUG TREATMENT COURT PEER RECOVERY ADVOCATE RFP
#119– Due September 11, 2023 at 2PM”**

Proposals will not be accepted electronically or by fax.

b. Submission Deadline

Applications must arrive at the address above by no later than **Monday, September 11, 2023 at 2PM.**

X. QUESTIONS

Any and all questions applicants may have in connection with this RFP are to be directed by email only to:

Amelia Hershberger
ahershbe@nycourts.gov

Please indicate in “Subject” field: Middletown City Drug Treatment Court Peer Recovery Advocate
RFP # 119 Question(s)

The deadline to submit questions is **Thursday, August 24, 2023 at 2PM**. No questions will be entertained after this deadline. A written Questions & Answers (Q&A) listing all questions received and their answers will be posted on the UCS website at www.nycourts.gov/admin/bids in the Addenda column for the appropriate solicitation and mailed to the applicants list promptly after this deadline.

IMPORTANT: Contact by any prospective applicant, or any representative thereof, with any other personnel of the UCS in connection with this Bid/RFP may violate the Procurement Lobbying Act of 2005 (see Attachment IV), will jeopardize the respective applicant's standing and may cause rejection of its proposal.

XI. PRE-BID CONFERENCE

A pre-bid conference will not be held.

XII. GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS

Access to Court Facilities

Awarded Contractor must comply with all applicable location rules, policies, guidelines and procedures in order to be granted access to court facilities. Where applicable to the performance of work under an awarded contract, bidders shall be wholly responsible for familiarity with the physical layout and access to the courts and buildings in question, including but not limited to, roadways, overhangs, parking, security, elevators, required access permits or insurance certificates. Court staff cannot modify security measures, access protocols, or parking restrictions to facilitate awarded Contractor's entrance to or egress from court facilities unless required to do so by law.

Binding Nature of Bid/Proposal on Bidders

All bids/proposals shall remain binding on bidders until such time as UCS/OCA provides written notification of its intent to award the contract to a specific bidder or until the bidder requests withdrawal of its bid/proposal in writing, and such withdrawal is accepted by UCS/OCA in its sole discretion in accordance with applicable law, whichever occurs first.

Charities Registration (not-for-profit corporations only)

Not-for-profit corporation vendors must be registered with the New York State Office of the Attorney General as a charitable organization, and the registration must be up to date at the time of contract approval. Vendors must be sure all their documents are up-to-date and comply with the vendor responsibility requirements as outlined below. To determine the status of your charities registration with the Attorney General, contact: https://www.charitiesnys.com/RegistrySearch/search_charities.jsp

Clarification/Correction of Bids/Proposals

In addition to any rights articulated elsewhere in this solicitation, UCS reserves the right to require clarification at any time during the procurement process and/or require correction of arithmetic or other apparent errors for the purpose of assuring a full and complete understanding of a bidder's proposal and/or to determine a bidder's compliance with the requirements of this solicitation. This clarifying information, if requested in writing by UCS, must be submitted by the bidder, in accordance with formats as prescribed by UCS at the time said information is requested and, if received by the due date set forth in UCS's request for clarification, shall be included as a formal part of the bidder's proposal. Clarifying information, if any, whether provided orally, visually, or in writing, will be considered in the evaluation process. Failure to provide required information by its associated due date may result in rejection of the bidder's proposal. Nothing in the foregoing shall mean or imply that UCS is obligated to seek or allow clarifications or corrections as provided for herein.

Compliance with Laws

Prior to and during the provision of all services under the contract resulting from this RFB/RFP, awarded contractor(s) must comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations, including but not limited to fire, health, and safety codes.

Confidential/Proprietary Information

If applicable, applicants should specifically identify those portions of the proposal deemed to contain confidential or proprietary information or trade secrets, and, upon request, must provide justification why such material should not be disclosed to parties other than UCS and the Offices of the New York State Attorney General and Comptroller. Applicants are advised that any material deemed confidential by applicant may still be subject to disclosure in connection with any governmental or judicial proceeding or inquiry or as may be required by applicable law, including but not limited to Article 6 of the New York Public Officers Law (Freedom of Information Law). Such confidential/proprietary information must be easily separable from the non-confidential sections of the proposal.

Confidentiality and Data Security

Awarded Contractor acknowledges that any and all information, records, files, documents, or reports contained in any media format provided to the Awarded Contractor by the UCS, or which may be otherwise encountered by Awarded Contractor, shall be considered extremely confidential and shall be handled accordingly at all times. Neither the Awarded Contractor nor any of its employees, servants,

vendors, agents or volunteers shall at any time be permitted to utilize such confidential information for any purpose outside the scope of any resulting agreement from this RFP without the express prior written authorization of UCS. Any breach of this confidentiality by the Awarded Contractor or by any of its employees, servants, subcontractors, agents, or volunteers, may result in the immediate termination of any resulting agreement by UCS and may subject the Awarded Contractor to further penalties.

Awarded Contractor shall use, and require its employees and authorized agents to use, at least the degree of care a reasonably prudent person would use to protect and prevent improper access to the records.

Awarded Contractor is prohibited from maintaining confidential files and records provided to or generated by Awarded Contractor in a mobile or portable device. Remote access to the UCS confidential information is prohibited unless industry standard protocols for remote access are in place (e.g., SSL, VPN). In addition, Awarded Contractor will be required to comply with the data security and confidentiality requirements of other government agencies that supply data to UCS.

Contract Terms

The successful bidder shall be required to comply with the provisions set forth in this RFP, as well as such other provisions contained in an agreement, in form and content satisfactory to UCS in its sole discretion.

Estimated Quantities

Any quantities specified in this solicitation constitute estimates only, and accordingly no commitment or guarantee to reach any specified volume of business is made or implied.

Awarded Contractor must accept all requests for services placed by UCS during the term of an awarded contract.

Federal Requirements

If an award made under this bid is funded in whole or in part with federal funds the bid/award recipient shall, at its cost and expense, promptly and fully comply with, and assist UCS as may be necessary in complying with, any federal requirements applicable to such federal award and funding. It is the responsibility of the applicant to be fully familiar with the federal terms and conditions of the award.

Financial Stability

Upon request by UCS, applicant shall provide its audited financial statements prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) for the past three (3) consecutive years and a copy of its last three (3) annual reports.

Implied Requirements

Products and services that are not specifically requested in this solicitation, but which are necessary to provide the functional capabilities proposed by the bidder, shall be included in the offer except as specified herein.

Indemnity

Awarded Contractor shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless UCS, its officers and employees from and against any and all claims, causes of action, damages, costs, liabilities and expenses of any kind (including reasonable attorney's fees and the cost of legal defense) which UCS may incur by reason of: (i) awarded contractor's breach of any term, provision, covenant, representation or warranty contained in the contract awarded as a result of this bid; (ii) any act, omission, negligence or intentional misconduct of awarded contractor or its employees, subcontractors, agents, volunteers or of other persons under its direction and control; (iii) awarded contractor's performance or failure to perform under the contract; and (iv) enforcement by UCS of the awarded contract or any provisions thereof.

Independent Contractor Status

It is expressly understood and agreed that the awarded contractor's status shall be that of an independent provider of services and that no officer, employee, servant or subcontractor of the contractor is an employee of the UCS, OCA or State of New York. The awarded contractor shall be solely responsible for the work, assignment, compensation, benefits, and personal conduct and standards of all such persons assigned to the provision of services. Nothing herein shall be construed to impose any liability or duty on the UCS, OCA or State of New York to persons, firms, consultants corporations, or other organizations employed or engaged by the awarded contractor, either directly or indirectly, in any capacity whatsoever, nor shall the UCS, OCA or State of New York be liable for any acts, omissions, liabilities, obligations or taxes of any nature including, but not limited to, unemployment and Workers' Compensation insurance of the awarded contractor or any of its employees or subcontractors.

Inspection of Bidder's/Awarded Contractor's Facilities

The UCS/OCA reserves the right to inspect bidder's proposed facilities, as part of the bid evaluation. Subsequent to award, Awarded Contractor's facilities shall be made available for periodic inspection. In all instances, advance notification will be communicated by appropriate court personnel.

Intellectual Property

If Awarded Contractor is required to produce specially commissioned materials pursuant to this Agreement (the "Work"), whether in written form, on tape, on computer-readable media, or in another tangible form, Contractor acknowledges and agrees that UCS shall have the option to: (i) retain a royalty-free, nonexclusive and irrevocable right to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use the Work or (ii) be the sole owner of the Work (the Work shall be considered a "work made for hire"), for Work generated under this Agreement at no additional cost to UCS.

Minor Bid Irregularities

Provided the same will not materially benefit or disadvantage any particular bidder or substantially alter the requirements of this bid, UCS may: (i) waive technicalities, (ii) waive minor irregularities, omissions or incompleteness in the bid or a bid response, (iii) waive any bid requirements that are unmet by all bidders; (iv) consider any and/or all alternatives and/or enhancements suggested by the successful bidder;

or (v) make an award under the bid in whole or in part and negotiate contract terms and conditions with the successful bidder to meet UCS requirements consistent with such award.

Online RFB/RFP Package: Disclaimer

Bidders accessing any UCS/UCS/OCA solicitations and related documents from the New York State UCS website www.nycourts.gov/admin/bids under “Current Solicitations” shall remain solely and wholly responsible for reviewing the respective solicitation and bid documents on the internet regularly, up to the scheduled date and time of the bid/proposal due date, to ensure their knowledge of any amendments, addenda, modifications, or other information affecting the solicitation or bid documents in question.

Payment

Awarded Contractor shall send true and accurate invoices on a monthly basis by email or by conventional mail to such person as UCS/OCA shall designate in the contract resulting from this RFP or by such other method to another person at another address as UCS/OCA shall designate.

Payment shall be made monthly in arrears and shall be made within thirty (30) days of submission by Awarded Contractor and approval by UCS of invoices satisfactory to UCS and OSC.

Payment for services performed under the awarded contract shall be conditioned upon the acceptance and approval of such services. Payment shall also be conditioned on whether those services are sufficiently complete both in accordance with the RFP specifications and to the extent necessary for UCS to utilize those services for their intended purpose.

Price Adjustments

Pricing shall be subject to increase as of the commencement date of each Renewal Term by the percentage equal to the lesser of: (i) the increase, if any, in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (“CPI”) as determined by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics as of the third month prior to the commencement date of each such Renewal Term, over the CPI as of the third month prior to the commencement date of the immediately prior term of the Agreement, or (ii) five percent (5%). Pricing shall thereafter remain unchanged for the balance of each such term and shall further remain unchanged during an Extension Term.

Pricing

All pricing submitted pursuant to the solicitation shall be net and include all costs for the performance of all services required under this solicitation, including transportation costs.

Other than the pricing submitted on the Line-Item Budget Form, there shall be no other charge, cost, reimbursement or expense of any kind payable by UCS in connection with, or arising from, Awarded Contractor’s performance of the services set forth herein. Awarded Contractor shall be solely responsible for all costs and expenses incurred in connection with the performance of such services.

Pricing shall be submitted only on, and in the format prescribed by, the Line-Item Budget Form. Bidder must quote pricing on a cost per employee basis and compute all price extensions prompted by Line-Item

Budget Form. In the event of a bidder's miscalculation, the unit price will prevail. UCS reserves the right to make mathematical corrections based on unit price(s). Pricing in the awarded contract for amounts in increments not equal to pricing units indicated in the Line-Item Budget Form will be prorated accordingly.

Pricing will remain unchanged during the Initial Term.

Rejected and Unacceptable Bids/Proposals/Awards

UCS reserves the right to reject any and all proposals or bids submitted in response to this solicitation. In addition, UCS may reject any bids/proposals from any bidders who are in arrears to the State of New York upon any debt or performance of any contract; or who have previously defaulted on any contractual obligations (as contracting party, surety or otherwise) or on any obligation to the State of New York; or who have been declared not responsible or disqualified by any agency of the State of New York, or who have any proceeding pending against them relating to the responsibility or qualification of the bidders to receive public contracts, whose proposal is incomplete or otherwise non-responsive in any material respect; or who are found to be non-responsible based on any of the criteria specified in the section headed "Responsible Bidder."

UCS also reserves the right to reject any bidder: (i) whose facilities and/or resources are, in the opinion of OCA, inadequate or too remote from the UCS locations to render services in a timely manner in accordance with all requirements of this solicitation; (ii) who does not provide references in accordance with the bid specifications, or whose references report significant failure to comply with specifications; or (iii) who are otherwise, in the opinion of OCA, unable to meet specifications.

UCS further reserves the right to set aside a bid award to a successful bidder if it is unsuccessful in negotiating a satisfactory contract within a time frame acceptable to the UCS, in which event UCS may then invite the next responsible and responsive bidder with the next highest evaluation score to enter into negotiations for purposes of executing a contract.

Responsible Bidder

A bidder shall be defined as "responsible" in accordance with, but not limited to: references, past performance history, financial stability, the criteria set forth in paragraph 2 of the General Specifications (Attachment III-Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire), the criteria set forth in the paragraph headed "Rejected and Unacceptable Bids/Proposals," as well as any other criteria necessary and reasonable to establish the bidder's responsibility.

Silence of the Specifications

The apparent silence of the specifications contained as part of this package as to any detail or to the apparent omission of a detailed description concerning any point, shall be regarded as meaning that only the best commercial practices are to prevail. All interpretations of these specifications shall be made on the basis of this statement.

Subcontracting

Subcontracting, and any other transfer of any duties or obligations to be performed hereunder, will be permitted only with the prior written consent of UCS to the proposed subcontractors. In the event that bidder proposes to use one or more subcontractors, the specific subcontractors and the services proposed to be performed by such subcontractors, must be listed in bidder's proposal. If a bidder that proposes to use one or more subcontractors is awarded the contract, the award will constitute the prior written approval of UCS to the subcontractors named in the bidder's proposal.

The Awarded Contractor will be the prime contractor and will be responsible for all services required by this RFB/RFP. The UCS will communicate only with Awarded Contractor, and the Awarded Contractor shall remain wholly liable for the performance by, and payment to, any such subcontractors, their employees, agents, consultants or representatives. UCS may require subcontractors to provide evidence of insurance, as applicable, prior to UCS approval.

Termination

Early termination of the contract for cause may result in, among other consequences, all remedies available to UCS and New York State, including, but not limited to: the awarded contractor both being declared non-responsible by the UCS/OCA pursuant to the UCS and Office of the State Comptroller's guidelines on vendor responsibility and/or being removed from the UCS/OCA applicants list for future solicitations.

A. Early Termination for Budget Modification

1. If the UCS Budget ("Budget") is modified (a "Budget Modification," defined in subsection 2 below) for any State fiscal year included in the term of the awarded contract, in whole or in part (including any renewal or extension term), such that UCS determines, in its sole discretion, that it is necessary to reduce, eliminate, or otherwise modify the budget allocation covering payment thereunder, UCS shall have the option to terminate the awarded contract upon not less than thirty (30) days' notice to awarded contractor, without liability for costs, expenses or damages as a result thereof.
2. For purposes of this subsection A, Budget Modification shall mean and include, with respect to the Budget or any appropriation contained therein:
 - i. any reduction, elimination or restriction upon access thereto as provided by law; or
 - ii. any restriction placed on UCS' spending authority, including any restriction imposed by UCS upon itself in response to a request of the Executive or Legislative Branch of government.
3. Termination hereunder shall be further governed by the termination provisions contained in the awarded contract, as applicable.

B. Early Termination for Cause

Early termination of the contract for cause may result in, among other consequences, all remedies available to UCS and New York State, the Awarded Contractor both being declared non-responsible by the UCS/OCA, pursuant to the UCS and Office of the State Comptroller's guidelines on vendor responsibility and in the Awarded Contractor's removal from the UCS/OCA's bidders list for future solicitations.

Unified Court System Self-Insurance

UCS, a New York State governmental entity, is self-retained for risk of loss and liability.

Work for Hire

If Awarded Contractor produces any materials for UCS pursuant to this RFB/RFP, such work shall be deemed "work for hire" and shall be governed by the terms of Exhibit 5 (Appendix B: Materials Produced Under the Agreement).

EXHIBIT 1**DOCUMENT ENCLOSURE CHECKLIST**

The documents listed below must be submitted together with applicant's proposal. Failure to do so as required may disqualify applicant's response.

Documents requiring signature must be duly signed where indicated. The listed documents may not be modified, retyped or amended in any manner.

A complete set of RFP documents must be submitted. Failure to provide all documents in the manner required may result in disqualification of an applicant's proposal.

- _____ Proposal Cover Sheet (Exhibit 2)
- _____ Narrative Description – Organizational Capacity (Article VIII (a))
- _____ Project staff resumes (Article VIII (b))
- _____ Project Description (Article VIII (c))
- _____ Line Item Budget Proposal/Budget Narrative (Article VIII (d))
- _____ Certificates of NYS Worker's Compensation and NYS Disability Benefits Insurance, or Certificate of Attestation of Exemption. (See Exhibit 3 "Insurance Requirements" for a list of accepted forms.)
- _____ Copies of applicant's certificate(s) of insurance or other adequate proof evidencing the insurance coverages required by the bid specifications (See Exhibit 3 "Insurance Requirements" for a list of accepted forms.)
- _____ Attachment I - Standard Request for Bid Clauses & Forms
 - ☐ p.3 - Non-Collusive Bidding Certificate
 - ☐ p.4 - Corporate Acknowledgment
- N/A Attachment II – Not Applicable
- _____ Attachment III – Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire
 - ☐ questionnaire filed online via OSC VendRep System and certified within 6 months of the bid opening date, or
 - ☐ paper questionnaire
- _____ Attachment IV – Procurement Lobbying forms
 - ☐ Disclosure of Prior Non-Responsibility Determination (UCS 420)

☐ Affirmation of Understanding and Agreement (UCS 421)

EXHIBIT 2

PROPOSAL COVER SHEET

Middletown City Drug Treatment Court Peer Recovery Advocate, Orange County, \$131,825 total available funding (Grant 15PBJA-22-GG-03956-DGCT)

Legal Name of Applicant	
Executive Director/CEO	
Years of Experience	
Total Funding Requested	
Address	
Phone	
Fax	
Email	
Website Address (not required)	
Federal Tax Identification No. (TIN)	

Vendor's Primary Contact for Proposal Matters:

NAME:			
STREET:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
TELEPHONE NUMBER:	EMAIL:		

Verification:

Authorized representative of Vendor must complete and sign below to verify that each copy of the submitted proposal includes all documents required per the Document Enclosure Checklist (Exhibit 1):	
COMPANY NAME:	
AUTHORIZED OFFICER'S NAME AND TITLE:	
SIGNATURE:	DATE:

Note: Applicants must submit this Proposal Cover sheet together with all documents listed in the Document Enclosure Checklist attached as Exhibit 1 to this Request for Proposals

EXHIBIT 3

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Grant recipients will be required to maintain the following insurance coverage during the term of the contract:

1. Workers' compensation and disability benefits insurance coverage as required under NYS law. Proof of workers' compensation insurance and disability benefits insurance must be provided with the grant application. If applicant is legally exempt from such coverage, proof of exemption must be provided. The only forms acceptable as evidence of these insurance requirements are:

Proof of Workers' Compensation Coverage

- Form C-105.2 - Certificate of Workers' Compensation Insurance issued by private insurance carriers; or
- Form U-26.3 issued by the State Insurance Fund; or
- Form SI-12 - Certificate of Workers' Compensation Self-Insurance; or
- Form GSI-105.2 - Certificate of Participation in Workers' Compensation Group Self-Insurance; or
- Form CE-200 - Certificate of Attestation of Exemption from NYS Workers' Compensation and/or Disability Benefits Coverage.

Proof of Disability Benefits Coverage

- Form DB-120.1 - Certificate of Disability Benefits Insurance, or
- Form DB-120.2 - Certificate of Participation in Disability Benefits Group Self-Insurance; or
- Form DB-155 - Certificate of Disability Benefits Self-Insurance; or
- Form CE-200 - Certificate of Attestation of Exemption from NYS Workers' Compensation and/or Disability Benefits Coverage.

Please note that an ACORD Certificate of Insurance is NOT acceptable proof of New York State workers' compensation or disability benefits insurance coverage. Applicants should obtain the appropriate Workers' Compensation Board forms from their insurance carrier or licensed agent, or follow the procedures set forth by the Workers' Compensation Board for obtaining an exemption from coverage. Required forms and procedures may be obtained on the Workers' Compensation Board website at www.wcb.ny.gov/ and click on 'Employers/Businesses' and/or 'Forms.' Any questions regarding workers' compensation coverage requirements should be directed to:

Workers' Compensation Board
Bureau of Compliance
(518) 462-8882
(866) 298-7830

Applicants awarded funding (whether through a new or amended contract) will be required to provide updated certificates of workers' compensation and disability benefits coverage that name the Unified Court System as the certificate holder if the applicable form has a space for a certificate holder to be listed.

The carrier must enter:

NYS Unified Court System
Office of Court Administration
Division of Professional and Court Services
2500 Pond View, Suite 104
Castleton-on-Hudson, New York 12033

The insurance carrier must notify the certificate holder if a policy is canceled.

2. Commercial General Liability Insurance (bodily injury and property damage on an occurrence basis), contractual and products/completed operations liability coverage, and auto liability with minimum limits as follows:

Bodily Injury and Property Damage	\$1 million, per occurrence, \$2 million, aggregate
Personal Injury and Advertising	\$1 million aggregate
Contractual and Products/ Completed Operations Liability	\$2 million aggregate
Auto Liability, Combined single limits	\$1 million

Commercial general liability insurance coverage must be obtained from commercial insurance carriers licensed in, or otherwise authorized to do business in, the State of New York. Proof of applicant's commercial general liability insurance coverage must be submitted with the grant application. Applicants awarded funding will be required to submit an updated certificate naming UCS as a certificate holder, an additional insured, or loss payee, as appropriate, and providing for at least thirty (30) days advance written notice to UCS of cancellation or non-renewal. The updated certificate must be submitted prior to finalization of the contract. The commercial general insurance of Applicants awarded funding shall be primary insurance with respect to UCS.

Products completed operations insurance coverage is not required if applicant provides written documentation prior to finalization of an awarded contract that the organization's commercial general insurance policy does not include coverage for products-completed operations. Automobile liability insurance is not required if applicant does not use vehicles in its operations.

3. Commercial or other Property Insurance (hazard and casualty) coverage must be obtained from commercial insurance carriers licensed or otherwise authorized to do business in the State of New York. Proof of applicant's commercial property insurance coverage must be submitted with the grant application. Applicants awarded funding will be required to submit an updated certificate naming UCS as an additional insured and loss payee that provides for at least thirty (30) days advance written notice to

UCS as certificate holder for cancellation or non-renewal prior to finalization of the contract. Such insurance shall cover the premises owned or rented by the vendor in an amount not less than the full insurable value (replacement value) of the real property unless otherwise approved in writing by UCS.

4. Professional liability insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000 for all of applicant's professional employees that will perform with grant funding. Proof of applicant's professional liability insurance coverage must be submitted with the grant application. Organizations awarded funding will be required to contractually agree to obtain tail coverage for a minimum of two years in the event that the organization's professional liability coverage policy is terminated and either: (i) there is no replacement policy; or (ii) the replacement policy does not cover claims made against the organization based on events that occurred prior to the effective date of the new policy.

EXHIBIT 4

**PROPOSAL RATING TOOL
TECHNICAL PROPOSAL SUMMARY RATING SHEET**

APPLICANT: _____

Capacity (35 points possible) **A.** _____

Proposed Service Delivery (40 points possible) **B.** _____

Total Points: 75 points **TOTAL** _____

A minimum average technical score of 35 is required for a contract to be awarded.

EVALUATOR **(Print)** _____

(Signature) _____

DATE ____/____/____

DETAIL RATING SHEETS**PROPOSAL:** _____**REVIEWER:** _____**A. CAPACITY (35 POINTS POSSIBLE)**

Instructions to reviewers: For each sub-question, award a value of 0 up to the maximum points allowed for the question based on your assessment of the proposal.

_____ A1. Rate the appropriateness of the applicant's philosophy and current principal activities with respect to the provision of Project Services. (*up to 5 points: 5 = excellent, 4 = very good, 3 = good, 2 = fair, 1 = poor, 0 = unacceptable*)

_____ A2. Assess the applicant's experience working with the substance abuse population and working with individuals at risk of overdose, i.e., those using opioids or drugs that may contain fentanyl or its analogs. (*up to 5 points: 5 = excellent, 4 = very good, 3 = good, 2 = fair, 1 = poor, 0 = unacceptable*)

_____ A3. Assess the proposer's stated capacity to provide services in a court or criminal justice setting. (*up to 5 points: 5 = excellent, 4 = very good, 3 = good, 2 = fair, 1 = poor, 0 = unacceptable*)

_____ A4. Assess the proposer's experience providing a bi-lingual, Spanish speaking Peer Recovery Advocate. (*up to 5 points: 5 = excellent, 4 = very good, 3 = good, 2 = fair, 1 = poor, 0 = unacceptable*)

_____ A5. Evaluate the ability of the organization to ensure client confidentiality. (*up to 5 points: 5 = excellent, 4 = very good, 3 = good, 2 = fair, 1 = poor, 0 = unacceptable*)

_____ A6. Assess the applicant's capacity to collect Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) data. (*up to 5 points: 5 = excellent, 4 = very good, 3 = good, 2 = fair, 1 = poor, 0 = unacceptable*)

_____ A7. Assess the ability of the organization to effectively manage government funded programs, including BJA-funded programs. (*up to 5 points: 5 = excellent, 4 = very good, 3 = good, 2 = fair, 1 = poor, 0 = unacceptable*)

SUBTOTAL FOR PART "A" (A1 + A2 + A3 + A4 + A5 + A6 + A7) _____

DETAIL RATING SHEETS

PROPOSAL: _____

REVIEWER: _____

B. PROPOSED SERVICE DELIVERY (40 POINTS POSSIBLE)

Instructions to reviewers: For each sub-question, award a value of 0 up to the maximum points allowed for the question based on your assessment of the proposal.

_____ B1. Evaluate the extent to which the applicant demonstrates that the organization has instituted mechanisms likely to result in high quality services, taking into account significant developments which may impact on the ability to institute such mechanisms. (*up to 5 points: 5 = excellent, 4 = very good, 3 = good, 2 = fair, 1 = poor, 0 = unacceptable*)

_____ B2. Assess the organization's plan to provide a bi-lingual, Spanish speaking Peer Recovery Advocate as described in this solicitation by staff who have the knowledge, skills and background required. Is this plan likely to result in a fully functional project? (*up to 5 points: 5 = excellent, 4 = very good, 3 = good, 2 = fair, 1 = poor, 0 = unacceptable*)

_____ B3. Assess the applicant's experience and existing collaborations with substance use and mental health providers, community-based organizations or other entities that will enhance the proposed project? (*up to 5 points: 5 = excellent, 4 = very good, 3 = good, 2 = fair, 1 = poor, 0 = unacceptable*)

_____ B4. Evaluate how the organization will ensure that all grant-related reporting requirements are timely met. (*up to 5 points: 5 = excellent, 4 = very good, 3 = good, 2 = fair, 1 = poor, 0 = unacceptable*)

_____ B5. Assess the applicant's plan to provide continuous feedback to court. Is the plan likely to be effective and timely? (*up to 5 points: 5 = excellent, 4 = very good, 3 = good, 2 = fair, 1 = poor, 0 = unacceptable*)

_____ B6. Assess the applicant's plan to ensure the project goals are met. (*up to 5 points: 5 = excellent, 4 = very good, 3 = good, 2 = fair, 1 = poor, 0 = unacceptable*)

_____ B7. Assess how the organization will ensure that all grant-related reporting requirements are timely met. (*up to 5 points: 5 = excellent, 4 = very good, 3 = good, 2 = fair, 1 = poor, 0 = unacceptable*)

_____ B8. Assess the applicant's proposed supervisory structure for the project. (*up to 5 points: 5 = excellent, 4 = very good, 3 = good, 2 = fair, 1 = poor, 0 = unacceptable*)

SUBTOTAL FOR PART “B” (B1 + B2 + B3 + B4 + B5 + B6 + B7 + B8) _____

EXHIBIT 5

APPENDIX B

Terms and Conditions Applicable to Materials Produced Under the Agreement

1. Contractor acknowledges and agrees that UCS has ordered and/or specially commissioned the services, deliverables and materials that Contractor is required to produce pursuant to this Agreement (the "Work"), whether in written form, on tape, computer-readable media or other tangible form. Except as otherwise specified in this Appendix B, Contractor agrees that (i) UCS shall be the sole owner of the Work and (ii) the Work shall be considered a "work made for hire" as that term is used under federal and state law. UCS or its authorized designee shall have all right, title and interest of every kind and nature, whether now known or hereafter devised and including, without limitation, all copyrights and renewals and extensions thereof, in and to the Work, including without limitation any editions and versions thereof, without payment of any royalty or other compensation. Without limiting the foregoing, and except as otherwise specified in this Appendix B, if all or any part of the Work is not so deemed a "work made for hire," Contractor hereby irrevocably grants, assigns, transfers and sets over to UCS or its authorized designee all rights of any kind and nature in and to the Work that he/she/it may possess or come to possess, including without limitation all copyrights and renewals and extensions thereof, without payment of any royalty or other compensation. Contractor agrees to execute and deliver to UCS any assignments and other documents requested by UCS confirming the assignment to UCS or its authorized designee of all rights in the Work and to fully cooperate with UCS in registering and protecting UCS's rights to and interests in the Work. Upon request of UCS during any stage of thereof, Contractor shall deliver all such Work to UCS.
2. Contractor represents and warrants that the Work shall be created solely by Contractor, be original, and does not infringe upon the copyright, trademark, patent or other proprietary rights of any third party, including without limitation the right to use or display the name, face or likeness of any person. Furthermore, Contractor represents and warrants that the Work and any other materials used in connection with this Agreement shall not include or incorporate in any way the work or materials of any third party with rights to such work or materials, or the name, face or likeness of any person, unless Contractor has (i) advised UCS of this and (ii) the appropriate written authorizations, releases, licenses or other permits to allow UCS and Contractor to use the Work and any other materials used in connection with this Agreement without violating such rights have been obtained and delivered to UCS. The form of such authorizations and other documents is subject to UCS's approval.
3. All rights granted to UCS hereunder are irrevocable and shall vest and remain perpetually vested in UCS and UCS's successors and assigns without payment of any royalty or other compensation, whether this Agreement expires or is terminated, and shall not be subject to rescission, cancellation or termination by Contractor for any cause whatsoever.
4. If applicable, Contractor shall own and retain all proprietary rights to any materials produced by Contractor prior to the Effective Date, or not as a result of this Agreement ("Contractor's Property"), even if such materials are incorporated into the Work. If any such materials are incorporated into the Work, Contractor hereby licenses to UCS or its authorized designee, in perpetuity, at no additional cost or expense, the non-exclusive, irrevocable worldwide rights to reproduce, display and otherwise use Contractor's Property as part of the Work.
5. If master tapes are created in the production of the Work, upon receipt of final payment for the Work, Contractor will provide these to UCS, except for the master tapes to Contractor's Property (if applicable).
6. If requested by UCS, Contractor shall include in the Work a copyright notice in the following form: "Copyright (or ©) [year] New York State Unified Court System". All rights reserved." If applicable, the notice shall be computer-readable and

clearly visible to viewers for at least three seconds.

7. Contractor shall indemnify, defend and hold UCS, its administrative officers, directors, employees and authorized agents harmless from and against all claims, costs, liability and damages, including reasonable attorneys' fees and disbursements (i) resulting from the Contractor's breach of representation or warranty made herein or (ii) arising in connection with an allegation that UCS's use of the Work (if any) or any other deliverable, if any, infringes any patent, trade secret, copyright or any other proprietary right, including without limitation the rights to use or display a person's name, face or likeness.
8. This Appendix B shall survive expiration or termination of this Agreement.