



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street
Chicago, IL

Legislation Text

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PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Circuit Court of Cook County, Office of the Chief Judge

Vendor: Justice Benefits, Inc., Dallas, Texas

Request: Authorization for the Chief Procurement Officer to enter into and execute

Good(s) or Service(s): Title IV-E Planning and Claiming Implementation Services

Contract Value: 10% of child welfare program cost reimbursements (Title IV-E of the Social Security Act) on the first \$15 million dollars, 15% on individual claims exceeding \$15 million dollars.

Contract period: 4/1/2014 - 3/31/2017

Potential Fiscal Year Budget Impact: None, Revenue Generating

Accounts: N/A

Contract Number(s): 1490-13306

Concurrences:

The vendor has met the Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprise Ordinance.

The Chief Procurement Officer concurs.

Summary: Since 2007, Justice Benefits, Inc. has assisted Cook County in the recovery of costs incurred by the Circuit Court of Cook County's Juvenile Probation and Court Services Department for preventive measures aimed at keeping delinquent, at-risk youth in their homes. These measures include foster care referrals, and other preventative case management services. For example, for the most recent year ended 6/30/2013, JBI helped Cook County recover \$1,558,267.52 in Title IV-E cost reimbursements from the State of Illinois. JBI's assistance will include the compilation of time and cost data on services provided and technical assistance with the submission of the Title IV-E reimbursement requests.

It is proposed that JBI provide these services pursuant to Section 34-140 of the Cook County Procurement Code (the "Reference Contract Ordinance"). JBI was previously awarded a contract by Washington County, Oregon, for similar services through a competitive Request for Proposal process. Cook County wishes to leverage these procurement efforts. A similar reference contract arrangement with JBI was approved by the Cook County Board of Commissioners on 12/4/2013, for the recovery of costs associated with the federal government's State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP).