



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

**Department(s):** Justice Advisory Council

**Vendor:** Safer Foundation, Chicago, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Chief Procurement Officer to Increase and extend contract

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Services

**Original Contract Period:** 9/20/2012 - 3/19/2013

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** 9/20/2014 - 9/19/2015

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$532,100.00

**Original Approval (Board or Procurement):** 09/20/2012, \$110,000.00

**Previous Board Increase(s) or Extension(s):** (3/20/2013, increase and extension, \$109,400.00, 3/20/2013-9/19/2013);  
(10/2/2013 increase and extension, \$312,700, 9/20/2013-9/19/2014).

**Previous Chief Procurement Officer Increase(s) or Extension(s):** N/A

**This Increase Requested:** \$381,561.00

**Potential Fiscal Impact:** FY 2015, \$127,964.00

**Accounts:** 499-818 and 659-260

**Contract Number(s):** 12-23-384

#### **Concurrences:**

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

The Chief Procurement Officer concurs.

**Summary:** This increase and extension will support six (6) contractual specialist staff that will assist the Office of the Cook County Public Defender with their efforts to reduce bonds and secure the release of pretrial detainees when appropriate.

The Defendants served by the program are currently being detained in the Jail despite court orders releasing them upon relatively low monetary bonds. The Defendants, their family members, friends, former employees, pastors, teachers and others must be interviewed. Information received must be verified.

This work must be done by individuals trained in motivational interviewing and administering risk assessments, who are very familiar with court procedures. They must also understand the purpose of advocacy, the rules of confidentiality, and the operation of an adversarial court system.

Safer Foundation has this expertise.