RFP – RE-ENTRY WORK PROGRAM

Description of Services

The County of Fresno on behalf of the Community Corrections Partnership is requesting proposals from qualified vendors to provide the following evidence-based services:

I. In-custody services in the Transition from Jail to Community (TJC) program at the Fresno County Jail.
   A. Assess individual strengths, skills and interests.
   B. Review of employment and entrepreneurship opportunities leading to a gainful, living wage.
   C. Identification of individual needs and development of case plans.
   D. Case management
   E. Behavior modification techniques, including cognitive behavioral therapy, to assist offenders with changing their thought processes and improving their decision-making skills.
   F. Information on and referrals to community resources.

II. Post-release services in the community to empower ex-offenders to find and retain gainful employment.
   A. Continue management of individual cases developed in the TJC program.
   B. Provide a program to improve job-seeking skills, acquire new marketable job skills, and improve the chances of successful employment outcomes.
   C. Provide support for those with entrepreneurial objectives.
   D. Assist those who do not possess proficiency in basic 9th grade English and 9th grade math with obtaining remedial education.
   E. Identify employers willing to hire ex-offenders and encourage recruitment of the realigned population.
   F. Connect ex-offenders with agencies providing employment services and other supportive community resources.

III. Referral to community support groups that focus on job-retention and social interaction for ex-offenders to reinforce new, positive thought processes and reduce recidivism.

IV. Post-employment support to provide assistance with problem-solving and communication issues and to reinforce positive behaviors.

Note: Reference to evidence supporting the effectiveness of each program element should be provided within the bidder’s proposal.