



# North Carolina Department of Public Safety

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## Community Corrections

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Dear Friends,

I am writing to provide you with important information regarding the implementation of the Treatment for Effective Community Supervision Program (TECS) which replaces the Criminal Justice Partnership Program (CJPP) as of July 1, 2012. TECS is designed to target and serve a greater number of offenders under supervision who have the highest need and are most likely to re-offend. Additionally, TECS places an emphasis on cognitive behavioral interventions (CBI) which have been proven to reduce recidivism by altering offenders' decision making.

The Justice Reinvestment Act of 2011 (SL 2011-192) directs the Department to obtain community-based services through a competitive procurement process. As a result, the agency developed and issued a request for proposal to solicit bid responses from vendors. Based on an initial review of the submissions, the bid has been cancelled and will be re-issued in the near future with revised specifications. I am confident the initial bid document was consistent with the legislative directive; however, we recognize that moving from a formula-based grant allocation to a competitive procurement process represents a new and unique set of challenges for vendors. While we were pleased with the overall number of bids submitted, there was a general lack of understanding of the procurement process which resulted in a majority of the bids being deemed non-compliant and ineligible for award consideration. We now have an opportunity to communicate with the vendor community about their challenges in responding to the first solicitation.

As CJPP winds down, it is important for you to know that offenders under supervision will continue to receive services in our communities. Currently, the majority of offenders who require services receive them outside of the CJPP. During the interim period prior to award, Treatment Accountability for Safer Communities (TASC) remains a key partner in every county for assessment and referral to treatment programs, and will continue to play that critical role under TECS.

As noted above, we anticipate re-posting a bid document in the very near future. In closing, please know that you have my commitment to keep you apprised of this process and to see it through to the implementation of quality, community-based services to reduce recidivism and enhance public safety throughout North Carolina.

Best,

W. David Guice

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