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### **NJDOC SEEKS TO FORTIFY REENTRY PROGRAMS AND SERVICES IN HALFWAY HOUSES IN RELEASE OF RFP**

**April 20, 2021– Trenton, New Jersey** – The New Jersey Department of Corrections (NJDOC) issued a new Request for Proposals (RFP) for Residential Community Release Programs (RCRP), diversifying its portfolio of providers and services to include specialized programs for reentry and rehabilitation to address the evolving needs of the current NJDOC inmate population. Through this RFP, the NJDOC provides prospective non-profit community-based partners a unique opportunity to develop residential community programs where individuals can thrive in a supportive residential environment developing intrinsic motivation for successful reentry.

The RFP seeks to solicit providers offering residential community release programs tailored to meet distinct needs of specific sub-sets of the inmate population. Specialized programs include: Correctional Treatment Programs focusing on the reentry needs of young adult male inmates aged 18-29; educational, vocational training and work release programs that foster educational achievement by tailoring reentry services to inmate-students; educational, vocational training and work release programs serving only aging inmates aged 55 and over; and educational, vocational training and work release programs designed to provide gender-responsive services to female inmates.

“Contractual mandates in the RFP will allow the Department to expand our portfolio of targeted rehabilitation and reentry services in our Residential Community Release Programs (RCRP),”

said Marcus O. Hicks, Esq., NJDOC Commissioner. “By doing so, we are better able to serve the offenders’ needs and more efficiently put them on the path to a successful reentry.”

Bidders are typically awarded contracts on a two-year basis with an additional one-year extension based on performance. This term, however, eliminated the extension to implement the necessary guidelines more quickly. The bid period is currently open and closes on May 28, 2021, at 4 P.M. Awarded contracts will now begin on January 1, 2022. To view the complete RFP visit, <https://njdoc.gov/pages/rfp/BidNoPCS2021/>.

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