



REQUEST FOR INTEREST

*SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF SAN JOAQUIN*

REGARDING:

Court Appointed Psychiatric Evaluation Services

DEADLINE: Open-ended

1.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1.1 *THIS IS A REQUEST FOR INTEREST ONLY AND IS NOT A COMMITMENT OR SOLICITATION TO PURCHASE OF GOODS OR CONTRACT FOR SERVICES.*

The Superior Court of California, County of San Joaquin (“the Court”) must appoint psychiatrists to conduct competency to stand trial evaluations of criminal case defendants, pursuant to Penal Code Sections 1368/1369/1370/288.1/1026/1323; Cal. Rules of Court, rule 4.130, where a medication finding is also being sought, and prepare a report for each evaluation. The Superior Court anticipates assigning about 120 such appointments per year, and is seeking psychiatrists who would be willing to accept up to ten (or possibly more) appointments per month. The Court in its discretion may also appoint a psychologist to conduct an evaluation in other cases.

2.0 DESCRIPTION OF GOODS AND/OR SERVICES

2.1 Per Penal Code § 1323/1368/1369/1370.1/288.1/1026/1323; Cal. Rules of Court, rule 4.130, each report must address the following.

- Is the defendant mentally competent enough so that he or she can (a) understand the nature of the criminal proceedings and (b) assist counsel in a rational manner in the preparation of a defense?
- If in the psychiatrist’s opinion the defendant is not competent:
 - Is the incompetency caused by (a) a mental disorder and/ or (b) a developmental disability?
 - What is/are the defendant’s specific diagnosis/diagnoses;
 - Is the defendant a danger to self or others?
- The following questions are to be also addressed to the extent that doing so would be appropriate to the opinion(s).
 - Would treatment with antipsychotic medication be medically appropriate for the defendant?
 - Does the defendant have the capacity to make decisions regarding antipsychotic medication?
 - If antipsychotic medication is appropriate, would the medication be likely to restore the defendant to mental competence to understand the nature of the proceedings and assist in his/her defense?
 - What specific medication do you recommend for each specific condition or conditions?As to each medication,
 - (a) What would be the medication’s expected effectiveness and
 - (b) What is the medication’s likely or potential side effects?Are any alternative treatments possible?
If the answer is yes, then as to each alternative treatment:
 - (a) What are the treatments expected effectiveness?
 - (b) What is the treatment’s likely or potential side effects?

2.1 The Superior Court's Appointed Services Fee Schedule rate for appointed competency and medication finding evaluation and report by psychiatrists, would generally include review of records, interview, report preparation and travel time. Reports are due to the court within thirty (30) days from appointment. Most defendants would be in-custody and housed at the San Joaquin County Jail, CHCF (California Health Care Facility), CDCR (California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation), locations are primarily in Northern California Locations. However, some defendants may be housed out of the area and the appointed evaluator would be eligible for an additional travel stipend. If testimony is required, the Court's Appointed Services Fee Schedule rates for MD/PhD board-certified in specialty will apply. The occasional in office appointment or interview at the Stockton Courthouse is required.

To streamline our processes and ensure consistency, the Court has a flat rate compensation model for standard evaluations and reports. Unless otherwise specified, the rate is:

Flat rate per evaluation and report

This flat rate is designed to:

- Streamline processing and billing procedures;
- Apply uniformly across all report types (unless specified below);
- Eliminate the need for separate compensation for amended reports or addendums, which are now included in the contracted rate.

The flat rate encompasses all components of a standard evaluation, including interviews, collateral review, and the preparation of any required reports or addendums. Please note that all evaluations and reports must comply with applicable statutes and rules of court governing competency

3.0 RFI ATTACHMENTS

The following attachments are included as part of this RFI for informational purposes only and will be part of any future solicitation and resulting contract should one be issued:

ATTACHMENT	DESCRIPTION
Attachment 1: Mental Health Evaluator Panel Application	This form must be completed and submitted.
Attachment 2: Proposer's Acceptance of Terms and Conditions	On this form, the Proposer must indicate acceptance of the Terms and Conditions or identify exceptions to the Terms and Conditions.
Attachment 3: Darfur Contracting Act Certification	Proposer must complete the Darfur Contracting Act Certification and submit the completed certification with its proposal.
Attachment 4: Payee Data Record Form	This form contains information the Court requires in order to process payments and must be submitted with the proposal.
In Office Appointments	Availability – Yes or No (Available for Courthouse Interviews?)

4.0 SUBMISSIONS OF RFI RESPONSES

If you would be interested in accepting appointments for competency evaluations with medication finding, please submit an Agreement to Accept Orders of Psychiatric/Psychologist Appointment with the number of appointments you would be willing to accept per month and your curriculum vitae via email or US Mail to:

Superior Court California
County of San Joaquin
Business Services
180 E Weber Ave
Stockton, CA 95202

Email: rwoodward@sjcourts.org

For additional information, please call (209) 992-5223.

Please feel free to share this RFI with your colleagues.