

# **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 9<sup>th</sup> grade English and 9<sup>th</sup> 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 re-enforce 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.