



May 16, 2003

Mayor Sandi Bloem  
City of Coeur d'Alene Mayor's Office  
710 E Mullan Ave  
Coeur D Alene, ID 83814

Dear Mayor Bloem:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that Port of Hope Centers, Inc. has submitted an offer for community corrections center (CCC) services, or "halfway house," services for federal offenders releasing to the Kootenai county area. This action is being taken in response to a request for proposals (RFP) issued by the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP). The BOP encourages full and open competition in the procurement of these services; consequently, other offerors may also be responding to the RFP.

As part of the CCC contracting process, the BOP requires that all offerors notify and seek input from the local law enforcement authority and two levels of locally elected government officials. This letter will serve as documentation to partial satisfaction to this requirement.

Port of Hope is located at 218 N. 23<sup>rd</sup> St. in Coeur d'Alene, ID. This location is a brick building, handicap accessible, fire/sprinkler system, courtyard and parking in the rear. Currently this facility is a CCC overseen by the Seattle division of the BOP and is also licensed as a State of Idaho Alcohol and Drug Rehabilitation Center which we provide services on a sliding fee scale for the communities in Northern Idaho. Zoning is appropriate as permits and licenses too. No renovations are necessary at this time to accommodate the census within.

The total term of the proposed contract is 5 (five) years. The estimated requirements specifies 10 beds for males and 2 beds for females at the beginning of the contract term, increasing incrementally to 10 beds for males and 2 beds for females at the end of the contract term. These numbers reflect the BOP's best estimates of bed space need at this time. However, the proposed site will be able to accommodate up to 12 offenders, and the BOP may exceed its original estimates if there is an unanticipated need for additional 2 bed space in this area. Performance is to begin on March 1, 2004, with contract award approximately 120 days prior to that date.

The BOP has a long history of transferring inmates who are within a few months of release to a contractor-operated CCC for transitional programming. These inmates have often been removed from the community for an extended period of time. Sound correctional practice suggest that CCCs enhance public safety by offering offenders the opportunity to find employment, establish a residence, and re-enter the community though a structured, supportive environment.

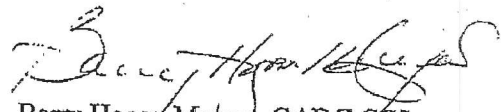
The BOP take its responsibility for contract oversight very seriously. Contract language establishes requirements for inmate accountability, programming, life safety, staffing, inmate discipline, urine and alcohol surveillance, and a variety of other areas. These requirements are closely monitored by BOP staff, who provide training and conduct both scheduled and unannounced on-site inspections.

Federal offenders at the CCC will come from three sources; inmates who are transferred from a prison to the CCC for pre-release programming, inmates who are committed directly to the CCC to serve short sentences, and offenders under the supervision of the U.S. Probation Office for whom residence at the CCC is a condition of supervision. Nationwide, the average CCC placement is three to four months in length, although longer placements are sometimes made.

Port of Hope Centers is a non-profit, tax-exempt, Idaho corporation that has been providing services to the people of Idaho since 1971. Port of Hope is the oldest organization providing alcohol/drug treatment services in Idaho. Port of Hope currently provides a variety of treatment services in Nampa, Coeur d'Alene and Twin Falls, Idaho. Our centers are licensed by the State Department of Health and Welfare. Port of Hope has invested more than \$100,000.00 to insure the safety of our clients and residents in our centers. We believe Port of Hope is a good neighbor and a good community resource. We believe that we are doing our part in taking men and women who have made mistakes and have had problems and helping them become good citizens and tax-paying, productive residents of the State of Idaho. This program, providing supervision and transitional housing for the Federal Bureau of Prisons, has been provided at the current locations we have in both Nampa and Coeur d'Alene for the past five (5) years without any significant complaints or problems. Our centers and our programs are staffed by trained professionals and para-professionals. We believe that this program, Transitional Housing for the FBOP, like all programs Port of Hope provides, are a valuable asset and addition to the communities we serve and to the people and State of Idaho as a whole.

The BOP is currently evaluating all proposals that were submitted for this RFP. The BOP and Port of Hope Centers, Inc. invite you to express your support for or concerns about this proposed CCC facility. Comments may be directed to Howard L. Johnson, Contracting Officer, Federal Bureau of Prisons, 320 First Street, NW, Washington, DC 20534. The phone number is (202) 307-3069. Please forward a copy of any correspondence to Port of Hope Centers, Inc. Attn: Barry Hogan Meyers, President/CEO 508 East Florida Ave. Nampa, ID 83686. Telephone number: (208) 331-5630.

Sincerely,

  
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