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RE: Request for Proposal 21-66601

Dear Ms. Deaton-Reese,

Please accept this transmittal letter and proposal packet documenting Ivy Tech Community College's (Ivy Tech) ability and desire to provide high-quality educational services to incarcerated individuals in Indiana's 16 state-run prisons. Ivy Tech will provide workforce preparation activities, adult basic education curriculum (ABE), integrated education and training, English literacy and civics education, special education services, and English Language Learning.

Ivy Tech has 19 campuses across Indiana and 40 sites, serving all 92 counties with workforce certification, credential, and degree programs. The College's mission is to serve the people of Indiana by offering an affordable world-class education. The ABE programs will provide an educational foundation for incarcerated adults readying these students for postsecondary training or appropriate and felony-friendly high-demand and mid- to high-wage jobs. Through provision of ABE services, Ivy Tech proposes to be IDOC's partner in reducing Indiana's rates of recidivism. The career development services proposed within this contract and the College's willingness to collaborate with IDOC's HIRE program and parole departments, will create a seamless transition for offenders to continue their education or secure employment upon their release.

If selected, Ivy Tech will manage the Adult Education contract through a distributed hub model. Ivy Tech administrators currently use this hub model for the overall operations of the College, including public safety and preparedness, business affairs, human resources, payroll, student records, disability support, diversity/equity/belonging, and testing services. The hub model is used to ensure efficiencies are seized and program integrity is achieved state-wide, while providing local teams the autonomy and flexibility to run the day to day operations.

Ivy Tech Madison will serve as hub owner and point of contact for the work with the Department of Corrections Education Division in support of the Adult Basic Education Program. Chancellor Molly Dodge has a long history of providing Adult Basic Education in Indiana and now brings her expertise to Ivy Tech. Chancellor Dodge currently serves as the Lead Chancellor on a contract between Ivy Tech and the IDOC to offer non-credit post-secondary training to seven IDOC facilities. The College has a history of providing high-quality ABE and postsecondary certification training in correctional facilities across the state. Evidence of Ivy Tech's expertise in providing ABE and workforce services is described in detail in the proposal, and summarized as follows:

- The Madison campus partners with community-based adult education provider, River Valley Resources to provide IET training at the Madison Correctional Facility.
- Bloomington and Evansville campuses provide Adult Basic Education as described in the specifications of this Request for Proposal. Services and activities include workforce preparation activities, Integrated Education and Training opportunities, and English Language Learners and ELL Civics programs. Both campuses were awarded grants to do this work in June 2020.
- The Terre Haute campus provides Diesel Technology training for inmates who reside in the Terre Haute Federal Correctional Facility.

Ivy Tech will provide Adult Basic Education services and has the potential to provide seamless transitions for students to postsecondary training in the form of industry certifications, workforce training, credentials, and associate degrees that lead to mid- and high-wage jobs in high-demand fields. The ABE services will include the following:

- ABE (and the Last Mile Program, where applicable) services to approximately 3,600 students at 16 IDOC facilities listed in the RFP -- BCF, CIF, HTCF, ISF, ISP, ISR, IWP, IYC, JCU, MCF, MCU, NCCF, PNJCF, RTC, and WCC.
- Instructors will deliver 248 days of instruction
- Class times and locations

Ivy Tech has a history of delivering adult basic education -- in compliance with DWD Adult Education policies, workforce training -- in compliance with WIOA policies, certification, and associate degree education across the state -- on campuses, in high schools, through correctional facilities, and in partnership with employers. The College already provides education programming from TABE Tests to short-term certifications or associate degrees and to employment. College leaders agree to provide adult basic education services in agreement with the requirements listed in Section 1 of the RFP to round out the pipeline of Ivy Tech education activities. Additionally, leaders will work with DOC and employer representatives to help transition ex-offenders into additional workforce training and work opportunities.

Dr. Sue Ellspermann, President of Ivy Tech is authorized to sign the proposal and subsequent agreements.

Ms. Molly Dodge, chancellor of the Madison Ivy Tech Campus, will serve as the primary contact for the proposal.

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The College acknowledges and will comply with all laws of the State of Indiana. Ivy Tech is a drug-free workplace, doing business primarily in the State of Indiana. We acknowledge contract provisions including the duties of the contractor, authority to bind contractor, employment eligibility verification process, funding cancellation, information technology enterprise architecture requirements, nondiscrimination clause and policies, ownership of documents and materials, payments, penalties/interest/attorney's fees, termination clauses, and non-collusion and acceptance. Ivy Tech respectfully requests that the indemnification provision with the contract at paragraph 24 be deleted.

Ivy Tech empowers our students to achieve their career and transfer aspirations. We embrace our vision of economic transformation inspired by the education and earnings attainment of our citizens, the vitality of our workforce, and the prosperity of our unique and diverse communities. We are student-centered, outcome-driven, inclusive, collaborative, and trustworthy and transparent. We believe education is critical to the economic success in Indiana. We also know, from previous Department of Correction data, that education levels are directly correlated to recidivism rates. We look forward to continuing to serve citizens in Indiana, including some of the most vulnerable citizens, the incarcerated population.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit our proposal packet.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Dodge or me.

Sincerely,

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