

1. Has this item(s) already been purchased? **No**

2. Has the vendor ever been an employee of the State of Iowa? **No**

3. What is the item, and what function does it serve? **This landmark research intends to result in a gender-responsive sexual violence propensity assessment AND/OR recommendations regarding gender-responsive PREA standards for future work on such an assessment.**

4. Explain why the recommended vendor is the only one qualified to provide the requested item(s) at the exclusion of all others, i.e. what makes this vendor uniquely qualified? **The recommended vendor has expertise in gender-responsive risk assessment and offender classification, as well as knowledgeable in PREA standards and quantitative methods. The recommended vendor is therefore uniquely suited to take on the research with regard to this challenging project. There are an exceedingly few number of criminal justice researchers in the United States with expertise in female offender populations who are also experts in quantitative methods, and knowledgeable in PREA standards.**

5. Describe the research that has been completed to insure that no other competition exists. Provide names of vendors contacted who are unable to provide the item(s) or perform the service. **The researcher was recommended by The Moss Group, which is knowledgeable in nationally known researchers with expertise in female offender populations and PREA standards and possess quantitative skills. We are also aware that Pat Van Voorhis also possesses these skills; however, she is now retired and has declined to be considered as the researcher. There was one additional researcher mentioned by The Moss Group, but in reviewing that researcher's vitae it is clear that, while that person has focused on studying female offender populations, that person's expertise rests in risk/needs assessment and pathways to crime and desistance, which is not the focus of this project.**

6. Have you requested a contract with the vendor at any time during the past twelve months? **No**

7. How did you determine that the vendor's price was reasonable? **The Iowa Department of Corrections Director of Research has developed and validated offender risk assessments for sex offender and general offender populations, and also spent fifteen years with the Iowa Division of Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning where activities included writing grants for various research projects. She is therefore aware that a project of this type would typically cost between \$100,000 to \$175,000 or more, not including travel. The vendor's price is in the lower end of this range and does include travel costs.**

8. Which of the following best describes this sole source procurement? You may select more than one.

- One vendor is the only one qualified or eligible or is quite obviously the most qualified or eligible to provide the good. (Must state how determined.) **Yes. The only other researcher in this field who is qualified to conduct this research has retired. The vendor possesses the expertise in female offender populations required to be successful; the knowledge of PREA standards required to be successful; and the expertise in quantitative methods required to be successful. Dr. Wright is also in close proximity to the study site, which minimizes travel costs.**
- The procurement is of such a specialized nature or related to a specific geographic location that only a single source, by virtue of experience, expertise, proximity, or ownership of intellectual property rights, could most satisfactorily provide the good. (Must state how.)
- Applicable law requires, provides for, or permits use of a sole source procurement. (Must state restriction.)
- The federal government or other provider of funds for the goods being purchased (other than the state of Iowa) has imposed clear and specific restrictions on the use of the funds in a way that restricts the procurement to only one vendor. (Must state restriction.)
- The procurement is an information technology device that is systems software or an upgrade, or compatibility is the overriding consideration, or the procurement would prevent voidance or termination of a warranty, or the procurement would prevent default under a contract or other obligation. (Must state how.)

9. Explain how this procurement fits the sole source situation(s) selected above. **There are few nationally recognized researchers who are specialists in studying female offender populations and gender-responsive risk factors – and even fewer who also possess specialized knowledge about PREA standards and have the quantitative skills to conduct this ground-breaking research.**

10. Please define financial impact of Approval: Approval will allow the State of Iowa to implement PREA grant funds in a responsible manner. Women inmates are an under-studied population nationally; therefore it is critical that we move forward with a researcher who possesses the skill sets required to conduct this ground-breaking research.

11. Please define financial impact of Denial: The State of Iowa risks having to either give back the grant funds because we would not be able to responsibly spend that money; OR limit activities under the grant in a way that would enable us to stay within the budgetary scope, but would not result in a quality product.