

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?

- **Peer to Peer Mentors/Teachers; Teaching offenders incarcerated in the nine institutions disease management and understanding for mental illness that are at medium to high risk to offend**
- **Training correctional staff needed to stimulate motivation and understanding by providing education offering adapted NAMI's evidence-based Family to Family class**
- **NAMI will design and implement a program to ensure sustainability of the educational offerings post-grant period for correctional personnel that qualify and offender capable of teaching**

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?

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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.

Based on previous and ongoing needs of DOC around mental health training and education, DOC has previously contracted with NAMI Iowa and is familiar with their expertise and experience to provide mental health education and training. Based on our experience, NAMI Iowa is the only organization that can provide targeted training for offenders and correctional staff.

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?

Three trainings for each of the nine institutions for \$40,000 per year for three years is cost effective. Especially, when a sustainability plan is built into the proposal.

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.**

NAMI IOWA is the sole provider of mental health education programming in the State of Iowa that is geared to provide support for disease management for those with a mental illness and their families.

- 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.

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10. Please define financial impact of Approval:

Staff will be trained and offenders will be educated regarding mental health disease management which will increase their success when returning back into their communities.

11. Please define financial impact of Denial:

Offender and personnel training around mental health will not be executed when we know approximately 30% of the offender population has a mental health issue.



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Sole Source Justification for NAMI IOWA

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We are an established non-profit and have been at the forefront of mental health education since 1983. There are 12 affiliates across the state and 3 more that will be chartered soon. We have across the state of Iowa; 41 Basics teachers, 93 Family-to-Family teachers, 108 Peer-to-Peer mentors, 56 Connection Support Group facilitators, 22 Family Support Group facilitators, and a dozen or more Trainers. Our presence is statewide.

Additionally, NAMI IOWA supports and offers Mental Health First Aid, a public education program facilitated by the Department of Human Services. It is available on a limited basis in Iowa. It helps the public identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance use disorders. It is offered as a 5-step action plan encompassing the skills, resources and knowledge to help an individual in crisis connect with appropriate professional, peer, social, and self-help care.

NAMI IOWA, in conjunction with its affiliate network, is the sole provider of mental health educational programming in the State of Iowa that is geared to provide support and disease management for those with a mental illness and their families.

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Dear Director Bartruff:

Brian J. Beckett
Treasurer

On behalf of the National Alliance on Mental Illness – Iowa, Inc. (NAMI IOWA), we are pleased to submit a brief proposal to possibly be included as part of the design concept prior to the application that will be submitted for the **Second Chance Act Comprehensive Statewide Adult Recidivism Reduction Implementation Program FY 2014**.

Judy Meyers
At Large Director

Jonathan Gallagher
At Large Director

NAMI IOWA is a statewide, grass roots organization with a mission focused on advocacy, education and support for those with a mental illness, their families, friends and providers. NAMI IOWA is particularly well-equipped to bring our knowledge of and experience with mental health education through our evidence-based programs to a partnership with the Iowa Department of Corrections (DOC) as part of an application for an implementation grant to reduce recidivism for medium to high risk offenders. We have been an active partner with the DOC in other efforts to improve communication with and understanding of those that have special mental health care needs.

Steven Miller
Community Representative

Dewey McConville
At Large Director

Sally Kreamer
At Large Director

This letter conveys our commitment to assist in the implementation of the grant by providing the following three items:

Tony Tatman, Ph.D.
At Large Director

Matt Loeb
At Large Director

1) NAMI IOWA will provide Peer-to-Peer mentors/teachers for each of the nine correctional facilities so that classes primarily focused on disease management and disease understanding are available to those that have a mental illness and are at a medium to high risk to reoffend. The classes will provide links to programs like Connection Support Group that are available out in the community.

Bruce Sieleni, M.D.
At Large Director

2) NAMI IOWA will assist in the enhancement of ongoing training of correctional personnel needed to stimulate motivation and understanding by providing an education offering adapted from NAMI’s evidence-based Family-to-Family class. This adaptation could easily be delivered in one hour increments in order to work with regularly scheduled programming. (There is potential for development of a webinar based series in the delivery of this program over the three year period.)

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3) NAMI IOWA will design and implement a program to ensure sustainability of the educational offerings post-grant period in order to encourage a declining rate of recidivism by training (officially) correctional personnel that qualify and offenders that are capable of teaching. Ongoing training and a ready supply of teachers is crucial to maintaining consistent educational offerings.



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We anticipate a budget request of \$40,000 per year in order to provide the three deliverables listed above.

Jim Rixner
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The general breakdown per year is as follows:

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2nd Vice President

- Teachers/trainers (related travel) : \$18,000
- Provision /Development of an adaptation of Family-to-Family: \$8,000
- Staff and administrative support needed for deliverables: \$14,000

Virginia Griesheimer
Secretary

Thank you for the opportunity to offer assistance in the development of this application.

Brian J. Beckett
Treasurer

Please do not hesitate to contact me regarding any questions at 319-594-6304.

Judy Meyers
At Large Director

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Hale".

Jonathan Gallagher
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