



**Bid Synopsis  
For  
Public Defender Services for Indigent Defendants in Adult Criminal Proceedings**

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| RFQu Issued & Publicly Posted: 06/30/2023              | Public Postings:<br>Livingston Co. Website (livgov.com)<br>BidNet (bidnetdirect.com/mitn) |
| Solicitation #: RFQu LC-23-12 Public Defender Services |   |
| Number of Responses Received: 3                        | RFQu Due Date: 07/21/23   |

The Evaluation Committee has completed evaluation of the proposals received for the Request for Qualifications referenced above. The purpose of this request was to secure legal representation to qualifying indigent adult defendants and competitively award grant-funded prequalified contracts through the Public Defender's office that will provide these services for the next three years. Below is a recap of the RFQu process and evaluation.

The RFQu documents were publicly posted on two websites. The responses received were from incumbent contractors that have been successfully providing service to the County for years

Three responses were received as follows:

James D.A. Buttrey  
Steven Dodge  
Mark Scharrer

James Buttrey has been successfully providing felony public defender services to Livingston County since 1987. He is located in Howell, and complies with all RFQu requirements. All documentation, signatures and notarizations were properly submitted.

Steven Dodge is located in Brighton and has served the county as a public defender since 2007. The proper documentation, signatures and notarizations were submitted in compliance with all RFQu requirements.

Mark Scharrer has provided service to the county for 28 years, since 1995. He provided a nice narrative of his experience, insurance coverage, and compliance with all requirements. He meets or exceeds all RFQu requirements.

These services are handled by the Public Defender's office through a grant. The grant does not allow for bidding, so the project was handled as a Request for Qualifications, and therefore pricing was not considered in the evaluation. Based on the above, the evaluation committee is recommending contract awards to all three respondents, contingent upon Livingston County's receipt of the necessary grant funding from the State of Michigan. The contracts will provide for an indefinite quantity of cases not to exceed the weighted maximum designated by the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission.