

Second Chance Act Evaluation: Response to RFP Questions

- 1. We are trying to understand the difference between “evidence-based research” and “scientific research” -- can you clarify?**

Upon review of the RFP we find these distinctions unnecessary. Please respond by telling us your experience compiling research on social services delivered to target populations; and applying this experience by evaluating and conducting comparative analysis of performance.

- 2. Is electronic submission ok – or do you need hard copies (and if so, how many) – or both?**

Please submit 5 hard copies of your proposal

- 3. In our review of all the materials, we did not see a request for references. Did we miss something? If not we will be happy to provide references upon request.**

We did not include a reference requirement. Feel free to submit references. Final candidates may be asked for references.

- 4. Is the Risk Reduction Program evaluation (referred to in the Budget) the same as Recidivism Reduction Evaluation referenced in the RFP (p.3, Section II)?**

No. These are separate evaluations. Risk Reduction Programming is a set of evidence based curriculum packaged together to meet an offenders criminogenic needs. The recidivism reduction evaluation specifically looks at whether or not recidivism rates have changed for the target population and at the statewide level.

- 5. Because there was no mention of the DV Prevention Program in the evaluation RFP, we assume there is no expectation that an evaluation of this strategy should be proposed. Is our assumption correct?**

The DV Prevention Program is part of risk reduction programming and should be included in that evaluation.

- 6. May we have a copy of DOC's 2nd Chance SRR Implementation application including:**
 - a. Narrative**
 - b. Work Plan**
 - c. Logic model**

These are posted on the DOC website.

7. Is there a ballpark amount for the evaluation? How much did VT receive from the federal government for the Second Chance program?

Please review the budget posted on the website.

8. It was not clear to us whether the recidivism study is part of this RFP or will be the subject of a new one?

The recidivism study is part of this RFP (Section II). It can be quoted as a separate piece of work if bidders are just interested in that work. The same is true for Section I: Strategy Evaluation. The DOC is open to awarding these sections out to separate bidders.