

DESIGN/BUILD DETERMINATION MEMO

Department of Corrections

State Correctional Institution @ Huntingdon

Replace Condensate

DGS Project 572-27

Huntingdon Co.

**DETERMINATION REGARDING THE USE OF THE
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) METHOD OF PROCUREMENT**

The use of the standard competitive sealed bid process for design, replacement, and repair of the existing condensate water system at SCI Huntingdon is not practical or advantageous to the Commonwealth. The existing deteriorated conditions of the condensate water system requires expeditious design and replacement. The project will benefit from a design/build approach because the critical nature of the system to the operations of SCI Huntingdon requires a permanent solution.

As this will be a Design/Build Contract, the Design/Build Contractor (DBC) will be hiring an architect/engineering firm to be the DBC's Retained Professional. It is advantageous to the Commonwealth to evaluate the DBC's Retained Professional's experiences prior to awarding a contract. The Commonwealth will evaluate their experience working on a design/build team and their experience with similar condensate water systems. Evaluating the DBC's Retained Professional is advantageous to the Commonwealth as opposed to accepting whatever design firm the lowest bidder hires.

It is also advantageous to the Commonwealth to evaluate the DBC's experiences with condensate water systems prior to awarding a contract. The Commonwealth will evaluate their experience working on a design/build team and their experience with similar condensate water

systems.

The above factors demonstrate unique design and construction considerations on this project, which requires specific architectural/engineering and contractor knowledge, skill and experience to design and complete the project work successfully. Consequently, it is not practical or advantageous to use the competitive sealed bidding process because the low bid approach does not allow the Commonwealth to consider the specific factors presented herein.

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Date