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RE: Request for Proposal 22-68693

Dear Ms. Deaton-Reese,

Please accept this transmittal letter and proposal packet documenting Ivy Tech Community College's (Ivy Tech) ability and desire to implement academic and vocational education curricula and programs for confined offenders, by using qualified personnel employed by the department or by arranging for instruction to be provided through Ivy Tech. Ivy Tech will provide academic and vocational offerings, including special education within its programming, as a contractor for the Indiana Department of Corrections (IDOC), if selected. Additionally, Ivy Tech will support IDOC in applying for gifts/grants in support of its vocational programs.

Ivy Tech has 19 campuses and 40 sites throughout Indiana, serving all 92 counties with workforce certification, credential, and degree programs. The College's mission is to serve the people of Indiana by offering an affordable world-class education. Ivy Tech submits this request to provide vocational and technical education services to incarcerated individuals to provide them with the opportunity to earn industry certifications that lead to high-wage, high-demand jobs and provide them with the best chance for successful re-entry. The services will be delivered within the guidelines and requirements of the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) and the Indiana Department of Workforce Development (IDWD); will be maintained in a safe and secure environment within the IDOC policies, procedures, and operations; will include records maintenance and procedures as required by IDOC and its educational partners at the state and federal levels; will include preparation and delivery of high-quality, evidence-based instruction within a school year of 260 days; will maintain the current portfolio of nationally recognized industry certifications; and will include a continuity of program services during the first six months of the new contract.

If selected, Ivy Tech will manage the Vocational and Technical Education/Career Technical Education (CTE) services, in alignment with the Adult Basic Education Services Contract and through a distributed hub model. Ivy Tech administrators currently use this hub model for the overall operations of the College, including public safety and preparedness, business affairs, human resources, payroll, student records, disability support, diversity/equity/belonging, and testing services. The hub model is used to ensure efficiencies are seized and program integrity is achieved state-wide, while providing local teams the autonomy and flexibility to run the day to day operations.

Ivy Tech Madison will serve as hub owner and point of contact for the work with the Department of Corrections Education Division in support of the Vocational and Technical Education/CTE services. Chancellor Molly Dodge has a long history of providing workforce development and adult education in Indiana and now brings her expertise to Ivy Tech. Chancellor Dodge currently serves as the Lead Chancellor on a contract between Ivy Tech and the IDOC to offer non-credit post-secondary training to seven IDOC facilities and on a contract to provide ABE services to 14 IDOC facilities.

Ivy Tech has a history of delivering adult basic education and vocational training in compliance with IDOE, IDWD, and IDOC policies, practices, and procedures. Ivy Tech leadership understand the contract and reporting requirements. The College acknowledges and will comply with all laws of the State of Indiana. Ivy Tech is a drug-free workplace, doing business primarily in the State of Indiana.

I am President of Ivy Tech and serve as the authorized signatory for the proposal and subsequent agreements.

Ms. Molly Dodge, Chancellor of the Madison Ivy Tech Campus, will serve as the primary contact for the proposal.

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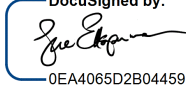
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Ivy Tech empowers our students to achieve their career and transfer aspirations. We are excited about this opportunity and the way the work aligns with the current ABE contract, as well as Ivy Tech's mission to serve the people of our state through accessible and affordable world-class education and adaptive learning. We empower our students to achieve their career and transfer aspirations. We embrace our vision of economic transformation inspired by the education and earnings attainment of our citizens, the vitality of our workforce, and the prosperity of our unique and diverse communities. This work aligns with our mission and vision and we look forward to the chance to serve some of the most vulnerable citizens in our state.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit our proposal packet.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to Ms. Dodge or myself If you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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