

Q: Can you please clarify the list of dates below included in your RFP?

- Release of Solicitation September 1, 2023
- Last day to submit written questions to POC September 10, 2023
- Response to written questions sent to Jcavanaugh@leg.ne.gov September 14, 2023
- Start of Evaluation Period September 15, 2023
- Last day to submit proposal in writing is September 30, 2023

A: The first day to submit a proposal is September 1.

Written questions sent to jcavanaugh@leg.ne.gov on or before 11:59 PM CDT on September 10 will be answered in writing and the answers will be published on September 14.

The committee will begin evaluating proposals no earlier than September 15, but the final day to submit a proposal is September 30 and all proposals submitted prior to the deadline will be considered.

Q: Please provide your estimated budget limit or budget range for this project.

A: Legislative Bill 254A (2023), which provided the appropriation for the consultant, appropriated up to \$50,000 for the contract.

Q: Has an assessment already been conducted that is driving this project?

A: No assessment has been conducted. The committee was initially established with the passage of [Legislative Bill 921](#) in 2022. That bill incorporated the provisions of [Legislative Bill 1223](#), which provided requirements for county jails and the Lincoln Regional Center, and attempt to address the wait lists for defendants awaiting restoration of competency. The goal of the committee is to determine the necessary capacity for inpatient mental health care beds, and provide recommendations to the Legislature.