

**NYE COUNTY, NEVADA
LETTERS OF INTEREST INCLUDING QUALIFICATIONS FOR
PUBLIC DEFENSE SERVICES**

SUMMARY OF REQUEST

Nye County ("County") is requesting Letters of Interest (LOI) including qualifications from attorneys or law firms interested in contracting for public defender services for indigent defendants appearing to answer criminal charges in the 5th Judicial District Court and the Pahrump Justice Courts, Nye County, Nevada. It is the intent of Nye County to secure the services of an independent attorney or a law firm to be primary counsel for courts located in Pahrump. The contract shall be for an amount not to exceed the following:

- Twenty-nine thousand five-hundred eighty-three dollars (\$29,583), which represents the remaining contract term of Fiscal Year 2021, payable upon execution of contract; and
- One-hundred-fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000), which represents the contract term of Fiscal Year 2022, annually payable in equal quarterly installments for the provision of all indigent defense services as outlined herein.

The term of the contract(s) will begin April 20, 2021 and concluding June 30, 2022.

Successful applicants will contract with the County for provision of public defense services as an independent contractor and shall not be entitled to any County benefits of any nature whatsoever. The successful applicant will be responsible for the performance of all of the obligations under contract in conformance with the Nevada State Bar Association Rules of Professional Conduct and the ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct and the Temporary Regulations of the Board of Indigent Defense Services, adopted January 28, 2021, effective March 5, 2021.

TIME SCHEDULE. The County will follow the following timetable, which should result in a selection of public defenders by April 20, 2021.

Issue request for LOI March 19, 2021

Publish in PVT newspaper March 24, 31, 2021; April 7, 2021

Publish in TTB newspaper March 25, 2021; April 1, 2, 2021

Deadline for Submittal of LOI 5:00 p.m., April 9, 2021

Contract Award April 20, 2021

SCOPE OF SERVICES - GENERAL DESCRIPTION.

The Attorney(s) will represent adult criminal defendants that a court in Nye County has determined to be indigent, except for capital cases. The representation will include all stages of the criminal proceedings, including direct appeals, revocation of probation or parole, and specialty courts. The Attorney(s) will be primary counsel for courts located in Pahrump. Attorney(s) further agrees to handle conflict cases that may arise in Tonopah and Beatty if no other consortium counsel is available for appointment.

The Attorney(s) will provide legal representation for a child alleged to be delinquent or in need of supervision when a Court orders the appointment in accord with NRS Chapter 62.

The Attorney(s) agrees to perform the services of an attorney for a child, parent, or other person responsible for a child's welfare when that parent or other person is alleged to have abused or neglected that child and the Court orders the appointment of Attorney pursuant to NRS 432B.420, or any subsequent proceedings under NRS Chapter 128.

The Attorney(s) agrees to attend Justice Court 72-hour in-custody hearings on a rotating basis with other consortium counsel as scheduled.

The Attorney(s) shall continue to perform services for any appointed client for which said Attorney is the counsel of record on the effective date of the agreement.

The Attorney(s) agrees to provide legal services to Juvenile Court of Nye County.

The Attorney(s) must demonstrate compliance with the standards and regulations of the Board of Indigent Defense Services pertaining to training, education and qualifications by submitting an application to the Department of Indigent Defense Services.

[https://hal.nv.gov/form/DIDs/Application with the Department of Indigent Defense Services](https://hal.nv.gov/form/DIDs/Application%20with%20the%20Department%20of%20Indigent%20Defense%20Services)

INSTRUCTIONS

All LOI with qualifications should be sent to:

Lorina Dellinger
Asst. County Manager
Nye County
P.O. Box 153
101 Radar Road
Tonopah, NV 89049
ldellinger@co.nye.nv.us

All applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. PDT on April 9, 2021.

The materials will be presented to the Nye County Board of Commissioners on April 20, 2021.