

**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 and/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 Beatty, Pahrump and Tonopah Justice Courts, Nye County, Nevada. It is the intent of Nye County to secure the services of independent attorneys and/or law firms to be primary counsel for courts located in Beatty, Pahrump and Tonopah. The contract shall be for an amount up to one-hundred-seventy-five thousand dollars (\$175,000) annually, depending on qualifications, payable in equal quarterly installments for the provision of all indigent defense services as outlined herein.

The successful applicant 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, the ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct and the Permanent Regulations of the Board of Indigent Defense Services, adopted October 6, 2021.

TIME SCHEDULE. The County will follow the following timetable, which should result in a selection of public defenders by January 22, 2025.

Issue request for LOI November 19, 2024
Publish in PVT newspaper Nov 27; Dec 6, 11, 20, 2024
Publish in TTB newspaper; Dec 5, 19
Deadline for Submittal of LOI 5:00 p.m., January 10, 2025
Contract Award January 22, 2025

SCOPE OF SERVICES - GENERAL DESCRIPTION.

The Attorney and/or law firm 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 and/or law firm 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 and/or law firm 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 and/or law firm agrees to attend Justice Court 72-hour in-custody hearings on a rotating basis with other consortium counsel as scheduled.

The Attorney and/or law firm 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 and/or law firm agrees to provide legal services to Juvenile Court of Nye County.

The Attorney and/or law firm 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 January 10, 2025.

The materials will be presented to the Nye County Board of Commissioners on January 22, 2025.