
Request for Information

On-Site Gastrointestinal (GI) Services

Connecticut Department of Correction

Wethersfield, Connecticut

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Request for Information (RFI)

This request for information (RFI) is not a request for proposals (RFP) and should not be construed as such.

The Connecticut Department of Correction (CTDOC) is seeking information from qualified medical providers or groups regarding the market for onsite gastrointestinal (GI) services available to DOC. The primary goal is to determine the feasibility of delivering advanced diagnostic and therapeutic GI procedures directly at correctional facilities to improve access and reduce high-security off-site transportation costs.

1. Project Overview & Objectives

CTDOC seeks information from qualified medical providers regarding their capacity to deliver on-site mobile GI services for individuals in custody across statewide facilities.

- Goal: To understand available service delivery models for diagnostic screenings (e.g., colonoscopies, EGDs) and specialized procedures within a secure correctional environment.
- Objectives:
- Assess the availability of mobile endoscopy units (self-contained trailers) or portable bedside GI kits;
- Evaluate vendor capabilities for integrating with existing health records;
- Identify potential cost-saving structures compared to traditional off-site specialty referrals.

2. Scope of Services for Market Feedback

Respondents should describe their ability to provide the following within a secure perimeter:

- Clinical Procedures: Capability to perform Colonoscopy, Esophagogastroduodenoscopy (EGD), Flexible Sigmoidoscopy, and Hemorrhoid Banding.
- Facility Requirements: Technical specifications for mobile units (e.g., 53-foot trailers), including power, water, and data connectivity needs and/or requirements to establish services within an existing correctional facility through a temporary or semi-permanent clinic setup.
- Staffing: Provision of board-certified Gastroenterologists, RNs, and technicians trained for high-security environments.
- Telemedicine: Availability of virtual pre-procedure consultations and post-operative follow-up care.

3. Secure Environment Considerations

Providers must detail how their mobile operations would comply with CTDOC Administrative Directives (<https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DOC/Pdf/Ad/AD0801.pdf>):

- Tool Control: Procedures for securing medical instruments and preventing unauthorized inmate access.
- Scheduling: Flexibility to align with facility "lockdown" periods or movement restrictions.
- Data Security: Methods for secure electronic transmission of procedure notes and imaging to CTDOC/UHC portals.

4. Requested Information for Respondents

- Experience: Summarize experience providing mobile health services to carceral, rural, or high-security populations.
- Equipment: List available mobile technology (e.g., CO2 insufflators, recovery area capacity).
- Pricing Model: Provide typical fee structures (e.g., per diem rates vs. per-procedure billing) for informational purposes.
- Logistics: Geographic range within Connecticut and required lead time for deployment.

5. Market Barriers / Feasibility Considerations

Respondents are encouraged to identify any factors that may limit, restrict, or prevent their organization from providing mobile GI services within a correctional setting. This information is requested for market research and planning purposes only.

Examples may include, but are not limited to:

- Security or operational concerns associated with correctional environments;
- Licensing, accreditation, or regulatory limitations;
- Staffing availability or specialty workforce shortages;
- Equipment or infrastructure requirements;
- Volume thresholds necessary for financial viability;
- Geographic or transportation limitations;
- Insurance or liability concerns;
- Electronic medical record integration challenges; or
- Any other barriers impacting the feasibility of service delivery.

Respondents may also provide recommendations or alternative service models that could improve feasibility or participation.

In order to fully evaluate the options available to DOC respondents are being asked to include cost information/data regarding the options/information provided. CTDOC understands the sensitivity surrounding pricing and the effort involved in preparing accurate cost estimates.

CTDOC's expectation is that respondents provide the highest level of cost information they are comfortable with sharing. As stated earlier this is a Request for Information, not a Request for Proposals. CTDOC understands that the cost information provided may be general. However, any cost data that can be provided will be greatly appreciated.

Responses must include the name, mailing address, telephone number, and email address of the respondent.

Responses must be provided in searchable PDF form and uploaded to 1.) the CT Source Solicitations Board at, <https://portal.ct.gov/DAS/CTSource/BidBoard>. The response document must be uploaded to the solicitation and 2.) emailed to DOC.RFP@ct.gov.

Responses are due 3:00 p.m. on June 22, 2026.

Please note, as of April 1, 2021, all official solicitation and contracting opportunities for state and local government entities will be posted to the [CTsource Bid Board](#). This includes any competitive procurement opportunities posted by our agency. Registration in CT Source is required.

When registering in CTSource you will be instructed to select UNSPSC commodity codes which will automatically notify you via email when a contracting opportunity affiliated with your services is posted. Additional information can be found at <https://portal.ct.gov/DAS/CTsource/Registration>.

Questions regarding this registration process should be emailed directly to das.ctsource@ct.gov. Please do not reply to this email.

In the event that it is necessary to revise any part of the RFI, timely addenda will be posted to the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) CT Source Contracting Portal. Interested respondents are solely responsible for checking these websites for RFI changes before responding.

CTDOC intends to review all information received in response to this RFI. This RFI is intended for information gathering purposes only and the State is not obligated in any way to use any of the information received. Generally speaking, the RFI process will assist CTDOC in determining whether it will pursue Requests for Proposals (RFPs) with the intent to enter into a contractual agreement for such programs or services or not. Persons and/or entities responding to the RFI will not be compensated in any way. Responding to this RFI will not enhance a person or entity's chances of receiving future work from DOC. Similarly, not responding to this RFI will not be a detriment to any person or entity when responding to future competitive procurement opportunities.

Confidential Information. The respondent understands that due regard will be given for the protection of proprietary or confidential information contained in all responses received. However, respondents should be aware that all materials associated with this RFI are subject to the terms of the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") and all corresponding rules, regulations and interpretations. It will not be sufficient for respondents to merely state generally that the proposal is proprietary or confidential in nature and not, therefore, subject to release to third parties. Those particular sentences, paragraphs, pages or sections that a respondent believes to be exempt from disclosure under the FOIA must be specifically identified as such. Convincing explanation and rationale sufficient to justify each exemption, consistent with Section 1-210(b) of the FOIA as it may be modified from time to time, must accompany the submission. The rationale and explanation must be stated in terms of the prospective harm to the competitive position of the respondent that would result if the identified material were to be released and the reasons why the materials are legally exempt from release pursuant to the above-cited statute. The State has no obligation to initiate, prosecute or defend any legal proceeding or to seek a protective order or other similar relief to prevent disclosure of any information that is sought pursuant to a FOIA request. Respondents have the burden of establishing the availability of any FOIA exemption in any proceeding where it is an issue. The State shall have no liability for the disclosure of any documents or information in its possession which the State believes are required to be disclosed pursuant to the FOIA or other requirements of law.

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION

The Department currently has 11,135 inmates incarcerated throughout fourteen (14) facilities in the State of Connecticut. CTDOC is responsible for incarceration of youth, male, and female sentenced and un-sentenced individuals, as well as ensuring appropriate community supervision for approximately 4,958 inmates residing in the community prior to completion of their criminal sentences. Inmates are classified in level 2 (minimum) through level 5 (maximum) security statuses. Most facilities house inmates in several levels, while the newer celled facilities house predominantly level 4 and 5

inmates. The number of persons supervised by CTDOC at any given time fluctuates and the number of facilities operated by CTDOC is subject to change.

Information about all CTDOC facilities can be found at:

<https://portal.ct.gov/DOC/Miscellaneous/Facilities>.

Additional information regarding DOC and its facilities can be found at:

<https://portal.ct.gov/DOC>

CTDOC Administrative Directives can be found on the DOC website at:

<https://portal.ct.gov/DOC/Common-Elements/Common-Elements/Directives-and-Policies-Links>.