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## DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION

### Commissioner Monroe B. Hudson, Jr.

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## DOC seeks bids from treatment providers to serve probationer population

**Dover, DE --** The Delaware Department of Correction (DOC) is currently seeking bids to provide contracted behavioral health and substance abuse assessments, group-based counseling and treatment, and community services referrals for probationers. These contracted services work in coordination with probation offices statewide as part of Probation & Parole’s comprehensive approach to community supervision to reduce recidivism and drive reentry success.

Bids are due November 22, 2022. Details and instructions are posted online at <https://mmp.delaware.gov/Bids/Details/7202>. The current term for these existing contracted services concludes at the end of the year; the selected provider will be awarded a three-year contract that begins January 1, 2023.

“Probation and Parole employs a balanced approach to community supervision through responsive engagement with probationers to identify and address their needs, risks and decision-making that leads to criminal behavior,” **said Commissioner Monroe B. Hudson Jr.** “Counseling and treatment programs that we provide through community partners facilitate positive, pro-social change, redirect criminal behavior, and improve social and cognitive skills. That collaboration between treatment providers and Probation Officers supports reentry success and enhances probationer accountability while reducing recidivism and improving public safety.”

The selected contract provider will facilitate behavioral health and substance abuse assessments each year for up to 4,000 individuals who are sentenced to probation or home confinement, provide cognitive behavior therapy and/or education groups as indicated by assessment results, and initiate referrals to community-based organizations for wraparound services to meet probationers' needs. The Department of Correction provides these contracted services to ensure that probationers receive trauma-informed evidence-based treatment for behavioral health, substance use disorder, and substance use and mental health co-occurring disorders to assist them in their recovery and to support their successful completion of probation.

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