

# **NOTICE OF INVITATION TO SUBMIT OFFERS TO CONTRACT**

**THE OKLAHOMA INDIGENT DEFENSE SYSTEM BOARD OF DIRECTORS** gives notice that it will entertain sealed Offers to Contract ("Offers") to provide non-capital trial level defense representation during **Fiscal Year 2026** pursuant to 22 O.S. 2001, '1355.8. The Board invites Offers from attorneys interested in providing such legal services to indigent persons during Fiscal Year 2026 (July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026) in the following counties: **100% of the Oklahoma Indigent Defense System caseloads in THE FOLLOWING COUNTIES:**

## **CADDO / CRAIG / LINCOLN / NOWATA / OSAGE / OTTAWA PAWNEE / PAYNE / POTTAWATOMIE / ROGERS**

Offer-to-Contract packets will contain the forms and instructions for submitting Offers for the Board's consideration. Contracts awarded will cover the defense representation in the OIDS non-capital felony, juvenile, misdemeanor, traffic, youthful offender and wildlife cases in the above counties during FY-2026 (July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026). Offers may be submitted for complete coverage (100%) of the open caseload in any one or more of the above counties. Sealed Offers will be accepted at the OIDS offices Monday through Friday, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

**The deadline for submitting sealed Offers is 5:00 PM, Thursday, March 20, 2025.**

**Each Offer must be submitted separately in a sealed envelope or box containing one (1) complete original Offer and two (2) complete copies. The sealed envelope or box must be clearly marked as follows:**

**FY-2026 OFFER TO CONTRACT**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **COUNTY / COUNTIES**

**TIME RECEIVED:**  
**DATE RECEIVED:**

The Offeror shall clearly indicate the county or counties covered by the sealed Offer; however, the Offeror shall leave the areas for noting the time and date received blank. Sealed Offers may be delivered by hand, by mail or by courier. Offers sent via facsimile or in unmarked or unsealed envelopes will be rejected. Sealed Offers may be placed in a protective cover envelope (or box) and, if mailed, addressed to **OIDS, FY-2026 OFFER TO CONTRACT 111 North Peters, Suite 100, Norman, OK 73069**. Sealed Offers delivered by hand or courier may likewise be placed in a protective cover envelope (or box) and delivered during the above-stated hours to OIDS, at **111 North Peters, Suite 100, Norman, OK 73069**. Protective cover envelopes (or boxes) are recommended for sealed Offers that are mailed to avoid damage to the sealed Offer envelope. **ALL OFFERS, INCLUDING THOSE SENT BY MAIL, MUST BE PHYSICALLY RECEIVED BY OIDS NO LATER THAN 5:00 PM, THURSDAY, March 20, 2025, TO BE CONSIDERED TIMELY SUBMITTED.**

Sealed Offers will be opened at the OIDS Norman Offices on Friday, March 21, 2025, beginning at 10:00 AM, and reviewed by the Executive Director or his designee for conformity with the instructions and statutory qualifications set forth in this notice. Non-conforming Offers will be rejected on Friday, March 21, 2025, with notification forwarded to the Offeror. Each rejected Offer shall be maintained by OIDS with a copy of the rejection statement.

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Copies of qualified Offers will be presented for the Board's consideration at its meeting on **Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025**, at ***a place to be announced***.

With each Offer, the attorney must include a résumé and affirm under oath his or her compliance with the following statutory qualifications: presently a member in good standing of the Oklahoma Bar Association; the existence of, or eligibility for, professional liability insurance during the term of the contract; and affirmation of the accuracy of the information provided regarding other factors to be considered by the Board. These factors, as addressed in the provided forms, will include an agreement to maintain or obtain professional liability insurance coverage; level of prior representation experience, including experience in criminal and juvenile delinquency proceedings; location of offices; staff size; number of independent and affiliated attorneys involved in the Offer; professional affiliations; familiarity with substantive and procedural law; willingness to pursue continuing legal education focused on criminal defense representation, including any training required by OIDS or state statute; willingness to place such restrictions on one's law practice outside the contract as are reasonable and necessary to perform the required contract services, and other relevant information provided by attorney in the Offer.

The Board may accept or reject any or all Offers submitted, make counter-offers, and/or provide for representation in any manner permitted by the Indigent Defense Act to meet the State's obligation to indigent criminal defendants entitled to the appointment of competent counsel.

FY-2026 Offer-to-Contract packets may be requested by facsimile, by mail, or in person, using the form below. Offer-to-Contract packets will include a copy of this Notice, required forms, a checklist, sample contract, and OIDS appointment statistics for FY-2021, FY-2022, FY-2023 and FY-2024 & FY-2025 together with a 5-year contract history for each county listed above. The request form below may be mailed to **OIDS OFFER-TO-CONTRACT PACKET REQUEST, 111 North Peters, Suite 100, Norman, OK 73069**, emailed to [brandon.pointer@oids.ok.gov](mailto:brandon.pointer@oids.ok.gov) or submitted by facsimile to OIDS at (405) 801-2661.

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## **REQUEST FOR OIDS FY-2026 OFFER-TO-CONTRACT PACKET**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ OBA #: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

County / Counties of Interest: \_\_\_\_\_

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