

Idaho Department of Correction

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Orofino Briefing

Request for Information

The Department of Correction is developing a request for information to gauge the interest in a private company operating the Idaho Correctional Institution-Orofino. This is part of department efforts to explore all options during the budget shortfall.

Here's the process:

1. The department is currently developing a request for information (RFI). This RFI should be ready to send out to vendors within 30 to 45 days.
2. Once issued, potential vendors will have approximately two weeks to respond to the RFI.
3. The Board of Correction has the authority to determine whether to pursue a private contract for running the facility.

This is not a bid but research to determine if there might be any cost savings associated with changing management of the facility from public to private operations.

Prisons Chief Pam Sonnen visited Orofino the week of January 5th to brief ICIO staff about the process and the intent behind it.

During these budget times all state agencies are challenged to explore all possibilities.

Facility Profile



Idaho Correctional Institution-Orofino (ICIO)

Hospital Dr. North #23 Orofino, ID 83544
Inmate Capacity: 541
State employees: 141
Contractors: 24

Facility mission:

This former state hospital was converted to a prison in 1984. ICIO is the only facility in the state to manage inmates of all custody levels from close to community custody. This facility also manages those in protective custody. ICIO's seven housing units include a Therapeutic Community, education, and a 140-bed work camp for low risk offenders.

The remoteness of the institution helps to break up security threat groups. The northern location allows the work camps to serve the National Forests, BLM and State with quick deployment to control fires.

Idaho Code § 20-209(2) provides that the Board

...shall have the authority to enter into contracts with private prisons, contractors for the site selection, design, design/building, acquisition, construction, construction management, maintenance, leasing, leasing/purchasing, management or operation of private prison facilities or any combination of those services subject to the requirements and limitations set forth in section 20-241A, Idaho Code.