

Issues to Consider Before Tracking Offenders

Objectives:

What is the objective of tracking offenders?

Is there a legislative mandate for tracking offenders? If so, what is required?

How many offenders will be tracked?

Do you need them all (or any) to be monitored actively?

Do you want a house arrest component to your program? How extensive will it be?

Budget:

What is your budget for leasing/buying equipment?

What is your allotted personnel budget for responding to alerts and violations?

How many days per week do officers work?

How many shifts do your officers work per day?

Will another agency help you respond to alerts and violations?

Do you have an individual in charge of the monitoring program with no other responsibilities?

Geographic Considerations:

Are there rural areas without cell coverage?

Are there mostly metropolitan areas with urban canyons?

Administration:

Do you have policies and procedures in place?

Do you have a response protocol in place?

Do you have an inventory system in place?

What percentage of the bracelets leased to you will be in use on a daily average?

Do you want to own the data generated from the tracking program?

Will you be using the tracking data to investigate unsolved crimes?

Do you need technical assistance in starting up the program properly?

RFP and Selection Considerations:

Consider and incorporate all of the above when drafting an RFP.

Choose knowledgeable and objective employees to serve on a selection committee.

Give much more weight to product performance than cost.

A suggested rating scale is:

Product Performance (45%),

Customer Service (15%),

References (15%),

Cost (15%), and

Software Friendliness (10%)

Resist political pressure when selecting a vendor.

Do not limit your choices by requiring specific equipment (i.e., one-piece or two-piece units).

Ask for disclosure of past and pending litigation against vendors.

Ask for contracts lost during the past three years.

Thoroughly interview the finalists' current customers (not just references).

Request the finalists to give you a product trial period.

Keep good records of the process and save information in the event a vendor contests your selection.

After bid is received, ask for final and best offer of finalists.

Include provisions for lost or stolen equipment.

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