

**Questions and Answers**  
**Request for Proposals (RFP)**  
**for Tech Alliance Evaluation Services**

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**Question:**

**The RFP states “All applicants must hold any applicable licenses, permits, or credentials required to do business in Tennessee. Evidence must be submitted prior to the execution of a contract.”**

**Is there a specific license/permit/credential that this contract requires?**

**What type of evidence are you expecting to see at the time of contract execution?**

No, there is no specific license/permit/credential required for this contract. There may be requirements for doing business in the State of Tennessee based on a contractor’s location (in state vs. out-of-state) and type of business. You can contact the Tennessee Secretary of State’s office and/or the Tennessee Department of Revenue if you have any questions. While we cannot identify a specific requirement, it is our intent to work with the selected contractor to ensure that any necessary documentation is in order.

**Question for the Evaluation Services RFP Information Session:**

**Where are Persevere services are provided and how long have services been in place at each site?**

**Overall Information**

- Memphis is the only community site that is currently in operation. All others are new and will be launched within the next several months.
- All of the correctional facility sites have services in place except for NECX and Claiborne County Jail. Services there will launch within the next few months.
- We are committed to serve 1,763 participants statewide over the period of the grant. We expect that only about 300 of them will be incarcerated in correctional facilities during any period of their participation. Services for the remaining 1,463 participants will be provided in the community, either through one of the Career Success Centers or remotely.

**Correctional Facilities**

West Tennessee State Penitentiary (WTSP) - The Persevere program launched in 2019

Women’s Therapeutic Residential Center (WTRC) at WTSP - 2019

Mark Luttrell Transition Center (MLTC) - 2019

Trousdale Turner Correctional Center (TTCC) - 2019

Debra Johnson Rehabilitation Center - 2022  
Northeast Correctional Complex (NECX) - 2023  
Claiborne County Jail - Projected start date March 1, 2023

**Career Success Centers (Community-based Sites)**

**Memphis** (co-located with the current Persevere Families First Center) - Services have been in place since 2019. First Tech Alliance participants will probably start in late-February.

**Nashville** (co-located with the McGruder Center run by Catholic Charities) - Planned start in mid-February. Could be March 1.

**Murfreesboro** (co-located with the American Job Center). Planned start in mid-February. Could be March 1.

**Chattanooga**. Planned start on April 1, could be sooner.

**Knoxville**. Planned start on April 1, could be sooner.

**Tazewell** (located in the Claiborne County Courthouse). Planned start on March 1.

There will be smaller satellite centers located throughout the state. Staff and services will be offered part time at those locations to support participants located in rural areas and others who are receiving primary services remotely.