



Regional Performance Incentive Program
Pursuant to Public Act 07-239, Section 8

Proposal for Joint Provision of Service(s) to be filed with the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management no later than December 1, 2007.

Submit to: Office of Policy and Management, 450 Capitol Ave. MS #54 SLP,
 Hartford, CT 06108-1379, Att: RPI Program

<i>Regional Police Training Facility</i>

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Amount of Regional Performance Incentive Funding Requested: \$ 1,051,101.00	
Short Descriptive Title of Project: Regional Police Training Facility	
REQUIRED PROPOSAL ELEMENTS Items (1) through (10) :	
(1) <u>Proposed Shared Service(s):</u> Describe at least one service currently provided by a municipality or municipalities within the region, but not currently provided on a regional basis, for which this proposal is being submitted (attach additional pages as necessary):	
<p>Police departments must continually train their personnel in all aspects of law enforcement to keep police officers abreast of contemporary trends in policing, alerted to changes in law, refine their practical skills, and help to mitigate civil liability borne by the municipalities. Regional training provides for a greater diversity among the agencies served, which allows more officers the opportunity to receive the desired training at the most reasonable cost. Currently, regional training is “scattered” depending upon which municipality may have the resources to host such an event. Such training is dependent upon the generosity of several municipalities and often the priority becomes “where can we have the training” rather than “how can we best supply the training”. This “catch-as-catch-can” method is inefficient and detracts from the goals of in service training.</p> <p>This proposal seeks to create a regional training facility, thereby giving municipalities a centralized location where police training can be conducted. Municipalities would not be</p>	

burdened with requests for space for training, as such would be conducted on its own campus, and shared by all regional agencies.

(2) Describe how such service will be delivered on a regional basis, the entity that would be responsible for the service and how the population would continue to be served (attach additional pages as necessary):

By establishing a regional police training campus, all police agencies in the region would have access to the same type of training in a centralized “off site” facility. The proposal is for a prefabricated building which will serve a variety of purposes: classroom and practical training rooms, an outdoor K-9 training course, outdoor SWAT training area and a firearms shooting range. Training costs would be lowered by the sharing of the facility, and would allow for greater flexibility in joint training among the regional agencies.

Rocky Hill has a 15 acre town owned parcel available for this proposed facility, and as such would provide stewardship for its operation. Rocky Hill would work with other agencies with regard to scheduling, and meeting the needs of the region.

Such a facility would be cost prohibitive to any one, or small collection of agencies to complete on their own. Regionalization serves the need of the law enforcement organizations and the respective population of their own municipalities. The Capitol Region Chiefs of Police Association currently has a Training Committee which would provide guidance to this project.

(3) Describe the amount and manner in which the service will achieve economies of scale, and the amount and manner in which each municipality will reduce its mill rate as a result of the savings realized by regionalizing the service (attach additional pages as necessary):

The estimated cost of this proposed facility is \$1,020,486.00. This includes one 125’ X 125’ prefabricated functional Butler Building for a total cost of \$350,000. Contained therein will be an indoor shooting range. Costs for an OSHA approved shooting range average \$30,000.00 per shooting lane. A request of \$288,000.00 is made to establish and equip an 8 -10 lane firearms range. Additional cost of \$294,486.00 would be to equip the facility with necessities such as (but not limited to) furniture, projectors, boards, and storage and for site preparation work including water, electricity, access, parking and grading work

Outside the facility, area is sufficient to construct outdoor tactical and police K-9 training courses as well, which will expand the facilities ability to include these types of curricula. These courses are estimated to cost \$44,000 each.

Again, a project of this scope is prohibitive in nature for anything less than a regional approach. Municipalities receiving this shared award reap the benefit without having to expend funds from respective town coffers. If we estimate the population of the CRCOG area to be 900,000 to 1,000,000 residents, the population served by this proposed resource would be approximately 652,000 to 724,000 residents.

As stated previously, many police departments are dependent upon the largess of a few to provide space for training. It is not unreasonable to foresee that in the reasonable future, these few departments will begin to feel constrictions within their own communities which will require the

reallocation of this space for other law enforcement or community needs. When such comes to fruition, law enforcement agencies will be compelled to lease space at market rates for which to provide training. At today's rates, a commercial building rental similar to this proposal would cost an estimated \$18.00 per square foot (times 15,625 square feet) or \$281,250.00 per year, or a rental cost of \$13,393.00 per listed municipality per annum. This assumes a building refitted and furnished to the requested specification(s). This cost would not include maintenance, and utilities which would drive costs even higher.

Should a firearms range be unfeasible in such a commercial structure, estimated rental fees of approximately \$500.00 per day (as quoted by Blue Trails Shooting range in Wallingford, Ct.) would have to be paid to a private facility. Usual firearms training takes five days to insure all officers are trained, which translates into \$2,500.00. Also, training would be needed bi annually, which would bring MINIMAL firearms training costs to \$5,000.00 per year, per agency (\$500.00 times five days, and that product times two) for firearms range rental fees.

This is a very real scenario which would prove to be crippling to the training budgets of local departments, and is not a cost effective way to do business. Stewardship of the rental property would likewise become an issue with twenty one municipalities being party to a rental agreement.

(4) Provide a cost benefit analysis for the provision of such regional service by each participating municipality and by the RPO (attach additional pages as necessary):

The use of a regional training facility to address the training needs in our region is cost effective to all involved agencies and municipalities. No law enforcement agency or municipality could address such an undertaking individually. The sharing of expenses and the freedom from site restriction opens doors previously unavailable to regional training. Every agency and every Municipality will benefit from using joint resources instead of relying on their own already taxed budgets. The region itself will also benefit, as better trained law enforcement officers can provide better and higher quality services to the people they serve. In short, the region as a whole will be stronger than its individual parts with regard to training.

Additional and projected uses of this facility are also feasible. For example, in a local, regional or national crisis, the facility could be used for a centralized location for the quartering and storage of personnel, supplies and equipment as needed. Again, such serves the region without an undue burden on any particular municipality.

The RPO has worked with the regional Chief's Association on many projects and Homeland Security issues and grants over the years. This has been a very positive relationship that has resulted in a number of very successful projects.

(5) Set out a plan of implementation for such regional service, include an approximate date for the beginning of the regional service and how the service will continue to be funded once service is established and grant funds are expended (attach additional pages as necessary):

- **January 1 – January 31, 2008**
A meeting of the Capital Region Chiefs of Police to determine the final number of participants.
- **January 1 – April 1, 2008**
Initiation and completion of design and engineering work.
- **April 1 – July 1, 2008**
Bidding process initiated and completed.
- **July 1 – January 1, 2009**
Permit acquisition and construction.
- **Ongoing**
Formal reporting to the Capital Region Chiefs of Police Association on project activity.

Ongoing maintenance and of the facility (minor repairs, housekeeping, snow removal, grounds work, etc.) will be the responsibility of the Town of Rocky Hill. Operating costs (utilities, major repairs, etc.) would be shared evenly among the regional municipalities through the Capitol Region Chiefs Association.

(6) List the municipalities participating in the proposed shared service and estimate the savings to be realized by each municipality participating in the regionalized service.

Municipality	Savings
Avon	\$50,052
Bloomfield	\$50,052
Canton	\$50,052
East Hartford	\$50,052
East Windsor	\$50,052
Enfield	\$50,052
Farmington	\$50,052
Glastonbury	\$50,052
Granby	\$50,052
Hartford	\$50,052
Manchester	\$50,052
Newington	\$50,052
Rocky Hill	\$50,052
Simsbury	\$50,052
South Windsor	\$50,052
Suffield	\$50,052
Vernon	\$50,052
West Hartford	\$50,052
Wethersfield	\$50,052
Windsor	\$50,052
Windsor Locks	\$50,052
TOTAL	\$1,051,101

Per cent of municipalities, in the RPO, participating in the proposed regional service(s): 72.4%

(7) Attach hereto the following documents from participating municipalities:

- (A) A resolution by the legislative body of each municipality affected by the proposal endorsing such proposal.**
- (B) Certification by each municipality that there are no legal obstacles to provision of services in the manner described in the proposal including, but not limited to binding arbitration.**

(8) Attach the following material:

- 1. A site location map (if applicable) See attachment**
- 2. Proposed Project Schedule (Outline the Proposed Project timeline)**
- 3. Project cost estimates supporting the request for funding. See Attachments**
- 4. List of necessary local/state/federal permits and approvals required for the project. Building, Plumbing, Electrical, Sprinklers, HVAC, Site Plan Approval**

(9) Has a copy of the proposal been sent to legislators representing the participating municipalities? Yes No

If YES, please attach copies of cover letters.
(10) Certification by the Chairman of the Regional Planning Organization(s):
I do hereby certify that the information contained herein is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.
Signature:
Name:
Title:
Date:
(Please use following certification if more than one RPO is participating.)
(10) Certification by the Chairman of the Regional Planning Organization(s):
I do hereby certify that the information contained herein is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.
Signature:
Name:
Title:
Date:

Attachments:

A site location map (if applicable) The land is a parcel owned by the Town of Rocky Hill that covers 15 acres and is located in the northeastern section of town located off of Old Forge Road. The land is located in an Industrial Zone that borders the Cromwell town line. It is approximately 2.5 miles from I-91. ****The project work team subsequently changed the site location to 155 West Street in Rocky Hill****

Proposed Project Schedule (Outline the Proposed Project timeline)

Please see section 5 above.

Project cost estimates supporting the request for funding

We are proposing to receive funding to:

- Purchase 1 building approximately 125' x 125'
 - 7,000 square feet for the range
 - 1,750 square feet for the classroom
 - 700 square feet for bathrooms
 - 6,175 square feet for storage, HVAC systems, electrical room and lobby.
- Create an eight to ten lane indoor shooting range
- Create SWAT and K-9 training courses
- Purchase various equipment for the center
- Prepare the Rocky Hill site

Costs of Project:

Equipment Costs: \$1,020,486

- One Prefabricated Butler Building- total \$350,000
- Construction of 8-10 lane shooting range – total \$288,000
- 1 K-9 Training Course @ \$44,000
- 1 SWAT Training Course @ \$44,000
- Miscellaneous costs of \$294,486 for equipment and site preparation work

CRCOG Grant Administration Costs (3%): \$30,615

Total Costs of Project: \$1,051,101

List of necessary local/state/federal permits and approvals required for the project.

N/A