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Milwaukee County Board Judiciary, Safety and General Services Committee Milwaukee County Courthouse 901 North 9th Street, Room 201 Milwaukee, WI 53233

Attn: Committee Clerk Janelle Jensen

Dear Members of the Judiciary, Safety and General Services Committee:

At your meeting this week, you will be reviewing a report from the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) concerning their decision to enter into an emergency contract with G4S Secure Solutions (G4S) to provide part-time bailiff duty services to support Milwaukee County Sheriff's Deputies in Milwaukee County Courtrooms. As you discuss this contract and the Sheriff's plan to issue a request for proposal to enter into a long-term contract for this security support, I wanted to reach out to you directly and make myself available to you and your colleagues.

By partnering with G4S to provide part-time bailiff services, the Department will have greater flexibility in staffing bailiff positions, which will enable it to significantly reduce or eliminate overtime expenses in this area for the County and its taxpayers. We are always pleased to work with the Sheriff's Department, as we have with other County Departments, to bring greater efficiencies and cost savings to County taxpayers. G4S' partnership with the Sheriff's Department to provide security services for Milwaukee County's inmate transport program speaks to our Officers' high level of service and experience. Through our work providing inmate transfer services, G4S Officers have successfully transferred more than 70,000 inmates more than 300,000 miles, without incident. Most recently, G4S has begun the transport of "high-risk" prisoners which had previously been done by the Sheriff's Tactical Enforcement Unit (TEU).

Our work with the higher-risk inmate transport program speaks to the quality, training and performance of G4S Officers, which will serve them well as they perform the duties associated with courtroom services, including:

- Providing security support to the Sheriff Deputy assigned to the courtroom;
- Escorting defendants who are in custody, allowing the Sheriff's Deputy to remain in the courtroom at all times; and
- Assisting in the administration of court functions as directed by the Sheriff's Deputy, judge and/or the clerk.

In addition to up to 80 hours of extensive courtroom training by MSCO, all courtroom officers will undergo G4S training, including 40 hours of advanced security training and recertification for firearms/taser use (when appropriate). Additionally, any officer that has not been active (either on duty or in the academy) for more than one year will receive training for Defence and Arrest Tactics (DAAT) and firearms, consistent with Wisconsin law enforcement standards.

All courtroom officers must pass MSCO's background check. Additionally, officers are subject to G4S' extensive checks, which include:

- Identity Verification
- Employment/Education Verification
- Criminal Records Check
- Drug Screen
- Driver's License Check
- Credit Report

After completing training and background verifications, officers will be equipped with:

- Glock 22 (.40 cal), the same weapon issued to MCSO Deputies
- Taser, same weapon issued to MCSO Deputies
- Pepper spray

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- Collapsible baton (ASP)
- Handcuffs
- Radio
- Gloves
- First aid/CPR kit
- Body armor
- Full uniform, similar in style to what MCSO Deputies are currently wearing

We look forward to expanding our partnership with the Sheriff's Department and building upon the success of our work with the inmate transfer program, to continue to provide superior service to the Sheriff and Milwaukee County.

Please do not ever hesitate to contact me if I can ever be of service.

Thank You.

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