



City of Bremerton – Public Defense  
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Re: City of Bremerton Call for Letters for Conflict Public Defense Counsel

City of Bremerton's Public Defense is currently seeking letters of interest from attorneys who may be interested in contracting with the City immediately to provide representation in any cases where the client is indigent, and the City's primary contracted public defense provider is in conflict or not able to accept the case due to caseload caps.

We encourage all attorneys providing a letter of interest to address the subject of desired compensation in the body of your letter. In addition, please also include the identity of the attorney(s) that you anticipate will be performing the work of each contract that you seek along with a brief summary of their experience doing that type of work. Please note that the amounts awarded are subject to change contingent upon both the input we receive from interested attorneys as well as from the City's budget analysts.

The compensation model we are currently considering is a per case schedule involving a minimum compensation amount per case type with an additional hourly compensation component that would be triggered upon reaching a minimum number of hours in each case. There is no guarantee of a minimum case load.

For all case types, we are currently considering offering this at \$675 per case up to the first 10 hours. For every hour beyond 10, the attorney would be compensated at \$99 per hour. There would be no additional trial or motions work compensation in this scenario as that work would fall under the hourly compensation figure.

Any attorney interested in proposing a similar compensation model for the contract which you are seeking is encouraged to do so. As we look to update our compensation in 2025, we invite fresh ideas from those who are interested in providing these valuable services.

Please direct responses and questions concerning this call for letters of interest to:

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