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## DOC Working to Add Vendors to Property Contract

Contract covers hobby, religious and other personal items

**Madison** - Tony Evers signed 2021 Wisconsin Act 264 today, requiring Wisconsin DOC to have multiple vendors that offer personal property items for sale to persons in DOC's care. In response, Wisconsin DOC intends to add more vendors to its current Personal Property contract.

"The most important thing to us is that persons in our care and their loved ones not experience any interruption of service during this process of adding vendors," said DOC Division of Adult Institutions Administrator Sarah Cooper. "We will maintain the current, full catalog as additional vendors are added to the contract."

DOC has contacted two qualifying vendors who previously submitted responses to the request for proposal that established DOC's current contract for personal property items that began last October. The agency expects both vendors will work with DOC to establish a multi-vendor contract to meet the requirements of Act 264. Both companies have been informed their resulting contracts will need to include changes to previous processes that address inefficiencies, as called for in the initial request for proposals for the current contract.

"Any vendor added to this contract should be held to the same process standards as the current vendor," Administrator Cooper added.

DOC intends to move as quickly as possible through the contract development process to comply with Act 264. Once a contract with any new vendor is signed, DOC will then work with that vendor on developing a product catalog of personal property items

Since new vendors are being added to the current contract, the current vendor, Union Supply, will continue providing personal property items under the existing contract.

For its current Personal Property contract, DOC conducted a competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) process with the intent of choosing a single vendor to increase efficiency of developing catalogs and managing orders. An independent evaluation committee scored each qualifying proposal in accordance with established criteria. Union Supply had the highest score out of the three qualifying proposals and won the contract.