



To: SD Department of Corrections  
Regarding: RFI for land purchase for new men's prison facility  
Date: April 11, 2025  
From: Nancy Wenande, CEO Yankton Thrive

Thank you for considering alternate locations in South Dakota as potential sites for the proposed men's prison facility. We appreciate the opportunity to engage in this important dialogue.

After careful evaluation, local leadership has determined that, at this time, Yankton does not align with the specific criteria outlined for the project. While we possess potential sites with utility access, our location beyond the preferred 20-mile radius of Sioux Falls and current workforce capacity constraints presents challenges in meeting the project's requirements.

Should the project's parameters evolve to consider a regional approach or a facility of smaller scale, Yankton would welcome the opportunity to participate in further discussions. Our community has a longstanding history of supporting correctional facilities, including the Federal Prison Camp-Yankton Unit and the SD Trustee Unit. This experience positions us as a viable location for future initiatives related to law enforcement and corrections.

We commend your comprehensive approach to site selection and stand ready to assist in any capacity as you continue to evaluate suitable locations for this significant undertaking.



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