

CCCS gets contract for Kalispell prerelease center

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The state has awarded the contract to build and operate a new 40-bed prerelease center in the Kalispell area to Community, Counseling and Correctional Services.

The Corrections Department chose the Butte-based CCCS from among four proposals. The contract calls for the state to pay a daily rate of just over \$84 per offender.

The state must still measure local support for the project before it is built.

The 2007 Legislature authorized the creation of a prerelease center in northwestern Montana. Prerelease centers help offenders as they transition from prison to communities and those who can benefit from a higher level of supervision to avoid prison.

About 800 offenders are housed in prerelease centers in Billings, Bozeman, Butte, Great Falls, Helena and Missoula.