Nev. receives no bids to supply lethal-injection drugs

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CARSON CITY — Nevada prison officials said Friday the state will have to explore its options to carry out executions after it received no bids from pharmaceutical companies to supply drugs for lethal injections.

The state issued 247 requests for proposals on Sept. 2 after its stockpile of at least one drug used in executions had expired. Not one response was received.

"We are confident the Purchasing Division solicited thoroughly for vendors," James Dzurenda, director of the Nevada Department of Corrections, said in a statement. "Now we will work closely with the attorney general, the governor and the Legislature to examine our options and decide the best course of action moving forward."

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