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GENERAL SERVICES AGENCY

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL PS-#1083

LABORATORY SERVICES

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The County of San Luis Obispo is currently soliciting proposals for professional laboratory services.

Each proposal shall specify each and every item as set forth in the attached specifications. Any and all exceptions must be clearly stated in the proposal. Failure to set forth any item in the specifications without taking exception may be grounds for rejection. The County of San Luis Obispo reserves the right to reject all proposals and to waive any informalities.

If your firm is interested and qualified, please submit three [3] copies of your proposal by 3:00 p.m. on June 3, 2010 to:

County of San Luis Obispo
Phill Haley, GSA Purchasing
1087 Santa Rosa Street
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

If you have any questions about the proposal process, please contact me. For technical questions and information contact Alan Stednitz at (805) 781-4782.

PHILL HALEY

Buyer - PURCHASING
phaley@co.slo.ca.us

TO: ALL PROSPECTIVE PROPOSERS
SUBJECT: LOCAL PROPOSERS PREFERENCE

The County of San Luis Obispo has established a local vendor preference. All informal and formal Request for Proposals for contracts will be evaluated with a 5% preference for local vendors. Note the following exceptions:

1. Those contracts which State Law or, other law or regulation precludes this local preference.
2. Public works construction projects.

A "local" vendor will be approved as such when, 1) It conducts business in an office with a physical location within the County of San Luis Obispo; 2) It holds a valid business license issued by the County or a city within the County; and 3) Business has been conducted in such a manner for not less than six (6) months prior to being able to receive the preference.

As of March 3, 1994 individual County Buyers evaluate RFP's (Request For Proposals) considering the local vendor preference described above. The burden of proof will lie with proposers relative to verification of "local" vendor preference. Should any questions arise, please contact a buyer at (805) 781-5200. All prospective proposers are encouraged to quote the lowest prices at which you can furnish the items or services listed in County proposals.

	YES	NO
Do you claim local vendor preference?		
Do you conduct business in an office with a physical location within the County of San Luis Obispo?		
Business Address: _____ _____		
Years at this Address: _____		
Does your business hold a valid business license issued by the County or a City within the County?		
Name of Local Agency which issued license: _____		

Business Name: _____

Authorized Individual: _____ Title: _____

Signature: _____ Dated: _____

PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL AND SELECTION

1. All proposals, consisting of 3 (three), copies must be received by mail, recognized carrier, or hand delivered no later than 3:00 p.m. on June 3, 2010. Late proposals will not be considered.
2. All correspondence should be directed to:

San Luis Obispo County
General Services Agency
1087 Santa Rosa Street
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408
ATTENTION: Phill Haley
Telephone: 805-781-5904
3. Costs of preparation of proposals will be borne by the proposer.
4. It is preferred that all proposals be submitted on recycled paper, printed on two sides.
5. Selection of qualified proposers will be by an approved County procedure for awarding professional contracts.
6. This request does not constitute an offer of employment or to contract for services.
7. The County reserves the option to reject any or all proposals, wholly or in part, received by reason of this request.
8. The County reserves the option to retain all proposals, whether selected or rejected.
9. All proposals shall remain firm for sixty, (60) days following closing date for receipt of proposals.
10. The County reserves the right to award the contract to the firm who presents the proposal which in the judgment of the County, best accomplishes the desired results, and shall include, but not be limited to a consideration of the professional service fee.
11. Selection will be made on the basis of the proposals as submitted. The Selection Committee may deem it necessary to interview applicants. The County retains the right to interview applicants as part of the selection process.
12. The proceedings of the Selection Committee are confidential. Members of the Selection Committee are not to be contacted by the proposers.

PROPOSAL FORMAT

A qualifying proposal must address all of the following points:

1. Project Title
2. Applicant or Firm Name
3. Firm Qualifications
 - a. Type of organization, size, professional registration and affiliations.
 - b. Names and qualifications of personnel to be assigned to this project.
 - c. Outline of recent projects completed that are directly related to this project. Consultant is required to demonstrate specific design and project expertise relating to the requirements of the Project Scope.
 - d. Qualifications of consultants, subcontractors, or joint venture firm, if appropriate.
 - e. Client references from recent related projects, including name, address and phone number of individual to contact for referral.
4. Understanding of and Approach to the Project
 - a. Summary of approach to be taken.
 - b. Description of the organization and staffing to be used for the project.
 - c. Indication of information and participation the proposer will require from County staff.
 - d. Indication of time frame necessary to complete the plan review once a Notice to Proceed is issued.
5. The selected Consultant will be required to provide insurance coverage in the amounts of: \$2,000,000.00 General Liability, \$1,000,000.00 Business Auto, \$1,000,000.00 Professional liability and \$1,000,000.00 Workers' Comp policy (as required) Employer liability. This amount of insurance coverage shall be reflected in your estimated professional fee.

Proposal Format

- c. The Consultant shall provide within five (5) days after the Notice of Award is issued a certificate of liability insurance naming the County of San Luis Obispo and its employees and officers as additionally named insured. This shall be maintained in full force and effect for the duration of the contract and must be in an amount and format satisfactory to the County.

6. Indemnity

Contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County, its officers and employees from all claims, demands, damages, costs, expenses, judgments, attorney fees, liabilities or other losses that may be asserted by any person or entity, including Contractor, and that arise out of or are made in connection with the acts or omissions, relating to the performance of any duty, obligation, or work hereunder. The obligation to indemnify shall be effective and shall extend to all such claims and losses, in their entirety, even when such claims or losses arise from the comparative negligence of the County, its officers and employees. However, this indemnity will not extend to any claims or losses arising out of the sole negligence or willful misconduct of the County, its officers and employees.

The preceding paragraph applies to any theory of recovery relating to said act or omission by the Contractor, or its agents, employees, or other independent contractors directly responsible to Contractor, including, but not limited to the following:

1. Violation of statute, ordinance, or regulation.
2. Professional malpractice.
3. Willful, intentional or other wrongful acts, or failures to act.
4. Negligence or recklessness.
5. Furnishing of defective or dangerous products.
6. Premises liability.
7. Strict Liability.
8. Inverse condemnation.
9. Violation of civil rights.
10. Violation of any federal or state statute, regulation, or ruling resulting in a determination by the Internal Revenue Service, California Franchise Tax Board or any other California public entity responsible for collecting payroll taxes, when the Contractor is not an independent contractor.

It is the intent of the parties to provide the County the fullest indemnification, defense, and hold harmless@ rights allowed under the law. If any word(s) contained herein are deemed by a court to be in contravention of applicable law, said word(s) shall be severed from this contract and the remaining language shall be given full force and effect.

PROJECT SCOPE

Certified laboratory services are needed on a daily basis for inpatients of the San Luis Obispo County Psychiatric Facility. The County is soliciting bids for laboratory services as follows:

Scope of Services:

Laboratory shall provide certified laboratory services to inpatients of the PHF for routine orders. The laboratory shall have:

- 1) A written description and fee schedule of laboratory services provided on a routine basis that is accurate and current.
- 2) Written instructions for the collection, preservation, transportation, receipt, and reporting of tissues specimen results.
- 3) Policies addressing the notification of a patient with a potentially positive HIV blood test.
- 4) Policies and procedures for notification and documentation that conform to all Federal, State, and local laws, including requirements for confidentiality and medical records.

Service Specifications:

Laboratory will have the ability to:

- 1) Provide routine laboratory services as ordered on site for patients admitted to the PHF, a sixteen bed facility. Specifically, qualified personnel will perform venipuncture services for inpatients at the PHF Monday through Saturday, typically in the early morning hours. Blood samples will then be transported to the laboratory for analysis.
- 2) Send results by FAX of all routine laboratory work to the PHF physician for review within twenty-four (24) hours of collection.
- 3) Communicate as needed with County staff to monitor the provision and quality of laboratory services.
- 4) Respond to STAT blood draw requests within 2 to 4 hours if needed. (This specification is desirable, but not required)

Laboratory tests to be performed can include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Complete Blood Count (CBC)
2. Basic / Complete Metabolic Panel (BMP/CMP)
3. Urinalysis with Micro
4. Valproic Acid
5. Thyroid
6. Thyroid Stimulating Hormone (TSH)
7. Lithium Level

Other laboratory tests may also be required.