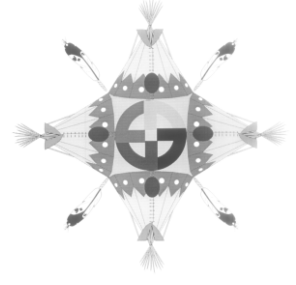


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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
SWA 19-03
LOBBYING AND ADVOCACY

Sicangu Wicoti Awanyakapi Corporation (SWA), a tribal housing entity chartered by the Rosebud Sioux Tribe, requests written proposals from firms and individuals for assistance and services in lobbying and advocacy before the U.S. Congress, the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development, and other federal agencies. The proposed lobbying and advocacy would include appropriations, statutory and regulatory matters, including Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) funds from the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act (NAHASDA).

Proposal Process

Proposals must be received by 4:30 p.m. on July 8, 2019. Proposals with authorized signatures may be submitted by mail to SWA Corporation, P.O. Box 69, Rosebud, South Dakota, 57570, in person at SWA's main office in Rosebud, South Dakota, or by e-mail to swaproc@swacorporation.com. Proposals may not be submitted by fax. The proposer shall have the sole responsibility to ensure that delivery has been properly completed, no matter what method is used.

Proposers must be willing and available to participate in interviews with SWA as part of the application and evaluation process if SWA should choose to select proposers for interviews. Interviews may be scheduled at the SWA Administration Building in Rosebud, South Dakota, in Washington, D.C., or by phone as determined by SWA.

Written Proposals must include:

- 1) The name, address, phone number, fax number, and e-mail of the proposer. If the proposer is a firm, the lead representative who will perform this work should be identified.
- 2) The names of each key member or employee of the proposing entity, education degrees and their respective dates, association memberships, licenses, other relevant education and experience, with respective dates.
- 3) The names, addresses and telephone numbers of at least 3 references, preferably tribal housing authorities, tribes and other tribal entities.
- 4) A description of experience which is pertinent to the scope of work described

above including experience in bond financing with tribes and tribal entities.

5) Indian preference will be given in making this award. Any firm seeking such preference must provide evidence that it is not less than 51% Indian owned and controlled. Those that satisfy this requirement will be given up to 15 extra points in the selection process. Firms or individuals seeking such preference must submit evidence of Indian ownership and control on or before the Request for Proposal submission deadline. An Indian preference application is required and may be obtained from SWA Procurement office.

6) All proposals must contain a commitment to provide preference in any A) subcontracting, B) training, and C) employment, and must contain a statement describing the methods that will be used to provide such preferences. This statement will be evaluated as part of the submitted proposal, and up to 10 points will be set aside for evaluation of this statement.

If you believe it is infeasible to provide Indian preference in subcontracting, training or employment, you must include in your proposal a certification as to the reasons why.

7) Any other information the proposer wishes to submit.

Selection Criteria

SWA has determined that the following factors will be considered, and will be given the following importance, in making the award of the contract:

1. Knowledge, expertise, and experience with lobbying and advocacy in general.....up to 20 pts.
2. Knowledge and experience in lobbying and advocacy for tribes and tribal entitiesup to 20 pts.
3. Knowledge and experience with the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA), 25 USC 4101, et seq.....up to 10 pts.
4. Capacity to work effectively with SWA, including explaining the available lobbying and advocacy strategies and options.....up to 15 pts.
5. Proposed cost and fee structureup to 10 pts.
6. Evaluation of Indian Preference in Training, Employment and Contracting.....up to 10 pts.
7. Indian Preference for Indian Owned Firms..... 0 or 15 pts.

Maximum 100 pts.

Miscellaneous

No assignment of any contract award will be permitted unless SWA gives its written consent.

Any proposal submitted shall state that it will remain open for 60 days. SWA reserves 1) the right to reject any and all proposals including those that it determines, in its sole discretion, to be unresponsive or from non-responsible proposers, and 2) the right to waive any irregularities in any proposals

Please submit all inquiries to:

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