

BAD RIVER BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

CHIEF BLACKBIRD CENTER

P.O. Box 39 Odanah, Wisconsin 54861

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

FOR

Legal Services for Small Businesses and Entrepreneurs

Bad River Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians is seeking proposals through solicitation from qualified legal firms to provide legal services tailored to small businesses and entrepreneurs. The focus of these services will primarily be legal advice on business law, business structure, taxation and other related topics, and assistance in developing business-related documents (articles of incorporation, partnership agreements, contract forms, internal policies, etc.). Tribal communities often have unique legal frameworks and considerations that affect small businesses and entrepreneurs operating within their boundaries. It is essential to navigate these complexities effectively to ensure compliance and success for businesses.

SCOPE OF SERVICES:

The selected legal firm will be responsible for providing business-related legal services to clients of the Bad River Sustainable Business Program, with services to include:

- Advising on business formation and structure within tribal jurisdictions.
- Drafting and reviewing business contracts, agreements, and other legal documents.
- Providing counsel on regulatory compliance specific to tribal laws and regulations.
- Offering guidance on taxation issues relevant to businesses operating within tribal communities.
- Hold a 3-hour workshop style class for small business/entrepreneurs with ppt.

Proposals Submissions

Interested legal firms are invited to submit their proposals to the Bad River Tribe. Proposals should include the following:

- Firm profile, including relevant experience and qualifications.
- Approach to addressing the unique legal needs of small businesses and entrepreneurs in tribal communities.
- Proposed fee structure and billing arrangements.
- References from previous clients, particularly those within tribal communities.
- Certificate of malpractice insurance.
- Any additional information deemed relevant by the legal firm.

The Bad River Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized under Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, U.S.C. Section 476. This entitles the Tribe to government pricing and exempts the Tribe from state sales and use taxes and from federal excise taxes. Therefore, price quotations should not include such taxes.

This Request for Proposals is open to all qualified, responsive bidders. Indian Preference will apply in the selection process in accordance with the Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance (TERO) or the Indian Preference Act of 1934 (Title 25, USC, Section 47), based on funding source requirements. Questions regarding TERO, and if the TERO fee applies to the RFP, may be directed to the Bad River Band's Human Resource office at 715-682-7111.

Firms or persons applying for Indian preference must provide evidence in its proposal of 51% or more Indian ownership. In addition, the firm or person must provide evidence of structure, management and financing affecting the Indian character of the firm. Documentation of and compliance with Indian Preference must accompany the proposal.



Proposals must be labeled "Legal Services for Small Businesses and Entrepreneurs" and submitted to:

Bad River Tribe
Chief Blackbird Center
Attn: Executive Secretary
PO Box 39/72682 Maple St
Odanah, WI 54861

OPEN UNTIL FILLED

Questions regarding this project can be directed to Sustainable Business Specialist, Laura Miranda @ 715-682-7111 ext. 1601 or Email sbs@badriver-nsn.gov.

Any or all proposals may be rejected when in the best interest of the Bad River Tribe.

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