



SOQ No. 24-018

Seeking Individuals or Firms to Provide Court Reporting Services on an as Needed Basis for the Jefferson Parish Fire Civil Service Board

Submission Deadline: June 07, 2024 at 3:30 PM

ATTENTION VENDORS!!!

Please review all pages and respond accordingly, complying with all provisions in the public notice and Jefferson Parish Code of Ordinances Section 2-926 et seq. All submissions must be received on the Purchasing Department's e-Procurement site, www.jeffparishbids.net, by the SOQ submission deadline date and time. Late submissions will not be accepted.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
SOQ 24-018

Court Reporting Services for Fire Civil Service Board on an as Needed Basis

The Parish of Jefferson, authorized by **Resolution No.144228**, is hereby soliciting a Statement of Qualifications (Jefferson Parish General Professional Services Questionnaire) from persons or firms interested in providing Court Reporting Services on an as Needed Basis for the Jefferson Parish Fire Civil Service Board (Parishwide). The use of Statements of Qualifications is necessary because the Parish is seeking high quality work in an expeditious and timely manner from certified and qualified individuals and/or firms.

Deadline for Submissions: 3:30 p.m., June 7, 2024

The following ranking criteria, listed in order of importance, shall be used to evaluate the submittals from each firm/individual submitting to provide court reporting services on an as needed basis:

- A. The persons or firms under consideration shall have at least one (1) principal who has at least five (5) years' experience in the performance of court reporting services. (25 points)
- B. Professional qualifications, training and experience of the firm/individuals assigned to this project and the breadth of their experience in the performance of court reporting services. (25 points)
- C. Size of firm; Capacity for timely completion of work. (20 points)
- D. Nature, quantity and value of Jefferson Parish court reporting services previously and currently being performed. (15 points)
- E. Nature, quantity and value of court reporting services performed for other public entities. (10 points)
- F. Location of the office where the work will be performed. Preference shall be given to persons or firms with a principal business office at which the work will be performed as follows: (1) Jefferson Parish, including municipalities within Jefferson Parish- 5 points; (2) Neighboring Parishes of the Greater New Orleans Metropolitan Region, which includes: Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, and St. Tammany Parishes- 3 points; (3) Parishes other than the foregoing- 2 points.

Submittals for Court Reporters must include fee proposals. All firms or individuals must submit a Statement of Qualifications (Jefferson Parish General Professional Services Questionnaire (rev. 02/22/2022) by clicking on "Business with the Parish" under Business Services, and then clicking on "General Professional Services Questionnaire", and submit a Statement of Qualifications (General Professional Services Questionnaire) for each sub-consultant firm or individual. (Refer to Jefferson Parish Code Ordinance, Section 2-928).

All persons or firms (including subcontractors) must submit a Statement of Qualifications (Jefferson Parish General Professional Services Questionnaire) by the deadline. The latest professional services questionnaire may be obtained by contacting the Purchasing Department at (504) 364-2678 or via the Jefferson Parish website at www.jeffparish.net. This questionnaire can be accessed by hovering over "Business and Development" on the website and clicking on the Professional Services Questionnaires option under "Doing Business in Jefferson Parish".

Submissions will only be accepted electronically via Jefferson Parish's e-Procurement site, Central Bidding at www.centrauctionhouse.com or www.jeffparishbids.net. Registration is required and free for Jefferson Parish vendors by accessing the following link: www.centrauctionhouse.com/registration.php.

No submittals will be accepted after the deadline.

Affidavits are not required to be submitted with the Statement of Qualifications, but shall be submitted prior to contract approval.

Disputes/protests relating to the decisions by the evaluation committee or by the Jefferson Parish Council shall be brought before the 24th Judicial Court.

ADV: The New Orleans Advocate: May 22 and 29, 2024

STANDARD INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR BIDDING PURPOSES

All required insurance under this bid shall conform to Jefferson Parish Resolution No. 113646 or No. 113647, as applicable. Contractors may not commence any work under any ensuing contract unless and until all required insurance and associated evidentiary requirements thereto have been met, along with any additional specifications contained in the **Invitation to Bid**. Except as where otherwise precluded by law, the Parish Attorney or his designee, with the concurrence of the Director of Risk Management or his designee, may agree on a case-by-case basis, to deviate from Jefferson Parish's standard insurance requirements, as provided in this Section. Vendors requesting deviation therefrom shall submit such requests in writing, along with compelling substantiation, to the Purchasing Department prior to the bid's due date. Any changes to the insurance requirements will be reflected in the bid specifications and addenda. Prior to contract execution and at all times thereafter during the term of such contract, contractors must provide and continuously maintain all coverages as required by the foregoing Resolutions, and the contract documents. Failure to do so shall be grounds for suspension, discontinuation or termination of the contract.

For bidding purposes, bidders must submit with bid submission a current (valid) insurance certificate evidencing the required coverages. Failure to comply will cause bid to be rejected. The current insurance certificate will be used for proof of insurance at time of evaluation. Thereafter, and prior to contract execution, the low bidder will be required to provide final insurance certificates to the Parish which shall name **the Jefferson Parish, its Districts Departments and Agencies under the direction of the Parish President and the Parish Council** as additional insureds regarding negligence by the contractor for the Commercial General Liability, Workmen's Compensation Insurance and the Comprehensive Automobile Liability policies. Additionally, said certificates should reflect the name of the Parish Department receiving goods and services and reference the respective Jefferson Parish bid number.

JEFFERSON PARISH REQUIRED STANDARD INSURANCE

WORKER'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE

As required by Louisiana State Statute, exception; Employer's Liability, Section B shall be \$1,000,000 per occurrence when Work is to be over water and involves maritime exposures to cover all employees not covered under the State Worker's Compensation Act, otherwise this limit shall be no less than \$500,000 per occurrence.

Note: If your company is not required by law to carry workmen's compensation insurance, i.e. not a Louisiana company, sole employee of the company, then bidders must request a workmen's compensation insurance declaration affidavit prior to the bid opening date. This insurance declaration affidavit must be fully completed, signed, properly notarized and submitted with the bid. A scanned copy may be submitted with the bid; however, the successful bidder must submit the original affidavit in its original format and without material alteration upon contract execution. Failure to comply will result in the bid submission being

rejected as non-responsive. The Parish reserves the right to award bid to the next lowest responsive and responsible bidder in this event.

COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY

Shall provide limits not less than the following: \$1,000,000.00 Combined Single Limit per Occurrence for bodily injury and property damage.

COMPREHENSIVE AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY

Bodily injury liability \$1,000,000.00 each person; \$1,000,000.00 each occurrence.
Property Damage Liability \$1,000,000.00 each occurrence.

Note: This category may be omitted if bidders do not/will not utilize company vehicles for the project or do not possess company vehicles. Bidder must request an automobile insurance declaration affidavit prior to the bid opening date. This insurance declaration affidavit must be fully completed, signed, properly notarized and submitted with the bid. A scanned copy of the completed, signed and properly notarized affidavit may be submitted with the bid; however, the successful bidder must submit the original affidavit in its original format and without material alteration upon contract execution. Failure to comply will result in the bid submission being rejected as non-responsive. The Parish reserves the right to award bid to the next lowest responsive and responsible bidder in this event.

DEDUCTIBLES - The Parish Attorney with concurrence of the Director of Risk Management have waived the deductible section of the Terms and Conditions for all Invitations to Bid, until further notice.

UMBRELLA LIABILITY COVERAGE

An umbrella policy or excess may be used to meet minimum requirements.

FOR CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION PROJECTS:

The following are required unless otherwise specified in the bid. Such insurance is due upon contract execution.

1) **OWNER'S PROTECTIVE LIABILITY**

To be for the same limits of liability for bodily injury and property damage liability established for commercial general liability.

2) **BUILDER'S RISK INSURANCE**

The contractor shall maintain Builder's Risk Insurance at his own expense to insure both the owner (Parish of Jefferson) and contractor as their interest may appear.

Statement of Qualifications Affidavit Instructions

- **Affidavit is supplied as a courtesy to Affiants, but it is the responsibility of the affiant to insure the affidavit they submit to Jefferson Parish complies, in both form and content, with federal, state and parish laws.**
- **Affidavit must be signed by an authorized representative of the entity or the affidavit will not be accepted.**
- **Affidavit must be notarized or the affidavit will not be accepted.**
- **Notary must sign name, print name, and include bar/notary number, or the affidavit will not be accepted.**
- **Affiant MUST select either A or B when required or the affidavit will not be accepted.**
- **Affiants who select choice A must include an attachment or the affidavit will not be accepted.**
- **If both choice A and B are selected, the affidavit will not be accepted.**
- **Affidavit marked N/A will not be accepted.**
- **It is the responsibility of the Affiant to submit a new affidavit if any additional campaign contributions are made after the affidavit is executed but prior to the time the council acts on the matter.**

Instruction sheet may be omitted when submitting the affidavit

Statement of Qualifications

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF _____

PARISH/COUNTY OF _____

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally came and appeared: _____
_____, (Affiant) who after being by me duly sworn, deposed and said that
he/she is the fully authorized _____ of _____ (Entity),
the party who submitted a Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) to _____
_____ (Briefly describe the services the SOQ
will cover), to the Parish of Jefferson.

Affiant further said:

Campaign Contribution Disclosures

(Choose A or B, if option A is indicated please include the required attachment):

Choice A _____ Attached hereto is a list of all campaign contributions, including the date and amount of each contribution, made to current or former elected officials of the Parish of Jefferson by Entity, Affiant, and/or officers, directors and owners, including employees, owning 25% or more of the Entity during the two-year period immediately preceding the date of this affidavit or the current term of the elected official, whichever is greater. Further, Entity, Affiant, and/or Entity Owners have not made any contributions to or in support of current or former members of the Jefferson Parish Council or the Jefferson Parish President through or in the name of another person or legal entity, either directly or indirectly.

Choice B _____ there are **NO** campaign contributions made which would require disclosure under Choice A of this section.

Affiant further said:

Debt Disclosures

(Choose A or B, if option A is indicated please include the required attachment):

Choice A _____ Attached hereto is a list of all debts owed by the affiant to any elected or appointed official of the Parish of Jefferson, and any and all debts owed by any elected or appointed official of the Parish to the Affiant.

Choice B _____ There are **NO** debts which would require disclosure under Choice A of this section.

Affiant further said:

Solicitation of Campaign Contribution Disclosures

(Choose A or B, if option A is indicated please include the required attachment):

Choice A _____ Attached hereto is a list of all elected officials of the Parish of Jefferson, whether still holding office at the time of the affidavit or not, where the elected official, individually, either by **telephone or by personal contact**, solicited a campaign contribution or other monetary consideration from the Entity, including the Entity's officers, directors and owners, and employees owning twenty-five percent (25%) or more of the Entity, during the two-year period immediately preceding the date the affidavit is signed. Further, to the extent known to the Affiant, the date of any such solicitation is included on the attached list.

Choice B _____ there are **NO** solicitations for campaign contributions which would require disclosure under Choice A of this section.

Affiant further said:

Subcontractor Disclosures

(Choose A or B, if option A is indicated please include the required attachment):

Choice A _____ Affiant further said that attached is a listing of all subcontractors, excluding full time employees, who may assist in providing professional services for the aforementioned SOQ.

Choice B _____ There are **NO** subcontractors which would require disclosure under Choice A of this section.

Affiant further said:

That Affiant has employed no person, corporation, firm, association, or other organization, either directly or indirectly, to secure the public contract under which he received payment, other than persons regularly employed by the Affiant whose services in connection with the construction, alteration or demolition of the public building or project or in securing the public contract were in the regular course of their duties for Affiant; and

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That no part of the contract price received by Affiant was paid or will be paid to any person, corporation, firm, association, or other organization for soliciting the contract, other than the payment of their normal compensation to persons regularly employed by the Affiant whose services in connection with the construction, alteration or demolition of the public building or project were in the regular course of their duties for Affiant.

Signature of Affiant

Printed Name of Affiant

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED TO BEFORE ME

ON THE _____ DAY OF _____, 20__.

Notary Public

Printed Name of Notary

Notary/Bar Roll Number

My commission expires _____.