



**Community Council of Greater Dallas
Request for Proposals
Community Needs Assessment Consultant**

ISSUANCE DATE: October 12, 2020

DELIVERABLES REQUESTED: Consulting Services for the 2021 Community

Needs Assessment

DEADLINE: October 23, 2020

You are invited to submit a Proposal in accordance with the requirements of the solicitation contained herein. Proposals are to be submitted to Community Council of Greater Dallas (CCGD), emailed to Procurement@ccadvance.org no later than 12:00 noon on October 23, 2020. Your proposal must be signed by an official who is authorized to bind the offer and must contain a statement to the effect that the offer is firm for a period of at least 120 calendar days from the date of submission.

Proposals submitted must show the above proposal title. CCGD assumes no responsibility for unmarked or incorrectly marked envelopes or emails being considered for award.

This solicitation does not commit CCGD to award a contract, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a proposal in response to this request, or to procure or contract for the goods or services. CCGD reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals received as a result of this Request for Proposal (RFP), to negotiate with all qualified offerors, or to cancel in part or in whole this Request if it is in the best interest of CCGD to do so.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
CONSULTING SERVICES FOR
COMMUNITY NEEDS
ASSESSMENT
PREPARED BY THE
COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF GREATER DALLAS

DATE: October 9, 2020

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Part 1: GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Key Events and Dates (Estimates)

1. Request for Proposals Issued: October 12, 2020
3. Deadline for Receipt of Formal Proposals: 12:00 noon October 23, 2020
4. Commencement of Evaluations: October 26, 2020
5. Announcement of Award(s): November 2, 2020
6. Commence Contract Performance: November 6, 2020

B. Delivery of Proposals

Proposals in response to this Request for Proposal (RFP) must be received by CCGD no later than 12:00 noon on October 23, 2020. Any proposals received after the scheduled date and time are immediately disqualified. Proposals must be emailed to:

C. Policy of Competition

CCGD conducts all procurement transactions in a manner providing full and open competition. This RFP identifies all evaluation factors and their relative importance. Technical evaluations will be made of all proposals received. Awards will be made to the responsible offerors and firms whose proposals are most advantageous to CCGD.

PART 2: SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS AND CONDITIONS

A. Purpose

The purpose of this RFP is to solicit competitive proposals for providing consulting services to assist in the collection of data, both quantitative and qualitative for the 2021 Community Needs Assessment.

B. Presentations and Negotiations

Any offeror may be requested to make a virtual oral presentation of its proposal to CCGD after the proposal deadline. Such presentations provide an opportunity for the offeror to clarify its proposal and to ensure mutual understanding. Any presentations will be determined and scheduled solely by CCGD.

C. Open Records

Community Council is subject to the Texas Public Information Act, and its records are subject to disclosure under the law. Therefore, unless documents you provide are marked confidential and are confidential as a matter of law, they may be disclosed to third parties under a proper Public Information request.

D. Affirmative Action

The contractor shall take all necessary affirmative steps to assure compliance with all federal and state requirements concerning fair employment and employment of the disabled, and concerning the treatment of all employees, without regard to discrimination by reason of race, color, religion, age, sex, national origin damages from violations of state or federal law, and all cost and expenses, including Attorney's fees, arising from, or relating to such claims.

E. Conflict of Interest and Debarment

The contractor must certify that there is no conflict of interest and it has not been debarred. Signed conflict of interest forms and Certification of Debarments must be submitted with proposal.

F. Consideration for Business Diversity

Business diversity will be considered in vendor selection, when appropriate. This includes small, disadvantaged, minority or women-owned business and local businesses.

G. Format for Proposal

Proposals are to be prepared in a manner designed to provide CCGD with a straightforward presentation of the offeror's capability to satisfy the requirements of this RFP. Offerors must address the technical and logistical factors associated with the proposal. For more specific information on the required format, refer to Section 5 and Attached Scope of Services.

H. Contract Award

A contract shall be awarded to the responsible offeror whose proposal is determined to be most advantageous, taking into consideration the evaluation factors set forth hereinafter. However, the right is reserved to reject any and all proposals received, and in all cases CCGD will be the sole judge as to whether an offeror's proposal has or has not satisfactorily met the requirements of this RFP. CCGD may require several offerors selected to participate in negotiations, technical revisions, or other revisions to their proposals prior to contract finalization. Terms and conditions that are included in this RFP will be a part of all Contracts awarded.

I. Notice of Award

Notice of “Intent to Award Contracts” will be emailed to offerors, informing them of the success, or lack thereof, of their proposal to receive an award.

J. Protest Policy

The request to protest or appeal a contract awarded or to be awarded by Community Council is available to any company that believes they have just cause to do so.

All requests to protest or appeal an RFP award must to be submitted to Director of Compliance. Protests or appeals must be in writing. Please provide in detail the basis for your request and submit information to support your company’s position and concerns in writing for consideration. The Director of Compliance may request additional supporting documentation.

The information provided will be reviewed, investigated and evaluated by the Director of Compliance with input from the respective Community Council departments’ Directors and any employees whose input is deemed necessary. The CEO will review their conclusion. The Director of Compliance will provide a response to you within 15 business days from receipt of your written request. If the investigation requires more time, the Director of Compliance will advise you and give you an estimated date for a response.

PART 3: EVALUATION CRITERIA

CCGD will take into consideration the following information in determining acceptance and approval of proposals. The proposal will be reviewed based on the following specific criteria.

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| 1. Organization Capability and Experience | 25% |
| • General summary of Organization’s history | |
| • Number of years working with Non-Profits | |
| • Previous experience collecting data for a Needs Assessment | |
| • Three references with addresses and contacts | |
| 2. Cost Considerations | 30% |
| 3. Coverage of Requirements (See attachment “A” Scope of Services and CAN State Requirement checklist included) | 25% |
| 4. Staff Experience | 20% |
| -Include summary resumes of key staff to be involved in project. | |
| -Include experience of other organizations converted and provide references. | |

The criteria listed above will be used to evaluate proposals. Submit a narrative that addresses each criterion. Submit additional information as desired. Failure to submit all information as required by this RFP may cause your proposal to be disqualified.

PART 4: SCOPE OF SERVICES

The services included in this RFP are identified in detail on Attachment “A” Scope of Services and the CNA state requirements checklist included with this Request for Proposal.

PART 5: ORGANIZATION OF PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS

A. PROPOSALS MUST BE ORGANIZED AS FOLLOWS:

1. Signed cover letter from organization transmitting the proposal package emailed to: Procurement@ccadvance.org
2. Proposed Services and Timeline
3. Summary Information Sheet. (Attachment B below)
4. Signed Conflict of Interest Form (Attachment C)
5. Signed Contractor Certification (Attachment D)
6. Proposed Budget
7. Specific information addressing each evaluation criteria.

ATTACHMENTS:

ATTACHMENT A: SCOPE OF SERVICES

ATTACHMENT B: SUMMARY INFORMATION SHEET

ATTACHMENT C: CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORM

ATTACHMENT D: CONTRACTOR CERTIFICATION

ATTACHMENT A

SCOPE OF SERVICES

All work performed shall be in partnership with Community Council of Greater Dallas employees. Please also see CAN State Requirements checklist.

Quantitative Data Collection:

Collection of data documenting:

1. Poverty population data in Dallas County by zip code and neighborhood
2. Gaps in service to low income residents of Dallas County
3. Population profile information by zip code
4. Key indicators:
 - a. Employment
 - b. Education
 - c. Housing
 - d. Income
 - e. Nutrition
 - f. Health Care

Please describe the sources of quantitative data that you intend to utilize.

Qualitative Data Collection

Work with Community Council of Greater Dallas employees to collect qualitative data utilizing surveys, interviews, focus groups, forums and any other recommended methods for the collection of data regarding the key indicators set forth above and the gaps in service in Dallas County. Please include all methods of data collection that you intend to use.

Timeline

The Community Needs Assessment must be presented to the Public and the Board of Community Council in May 2021. Please submit with your proposal a timeline outlining your plan for completing the work under this proposal in a timely manner.

Data Analysis

Assist Community Council employees as needed in analyzing the data collected and consultation with Community Council of Greater Dallas as needed to prepare report on findings.

Preparation of Needs Assessment

Work with Community Council to prepare Dallas County Community Needs Assessment Report for 2021.

ATTACHMENT B

SUMMARY INFORMATION SHEET

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
Consulting for 2021 Community Needs Assessment

Organization's Name:

Address:

Contact Person:

Attach signed W-9

Total estimated cost \$ _____

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: _____

SIGNATURE AND TITLE: _____

DATE SIGNED: _____

ATTACHMENT C



NOTIFICATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

I have read the Texas Administrative Code 40 TAC, Rule § 83.1 and hereby notify the Executive Director of the Community Council Greater Dallas of a conflict of interest I hold.

If there is not a conflict of interest or potential conflict of interest, please select "No" for both questions, and sign and date.

Does the Applicant have as an officer, director, employee, consultant, or owner (in whole or in part) who is:

1. Related to (see relationship key below) a current employee of the Community Council of Greater Dallas (CCGD) or a member of the CCGD Board of Directors?

No

Yes (if yes, please explain):

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2. A person who is currently an employee of CCGD or a member of the CCGD Board of Directors or, a volunteer working within CCGD?

No

Yes (if yes, please explain):

I certify that the information above is complete, true, and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that lack of full, true, and complete disclosure may be grounds for withholding payment for delivery of service and may cause contract termination.

Signature of Authorizing Individual

Printed Name and Title

Date

ATTACHMENT D



CONTRACTOR CERTIFICATION

Contractor's Name: _____

**Certification Regarding
Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters
In Primary Covered Transactions**

1. The prospective contractor certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:
 - a. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;
 - b. Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction;
 - c. Have not with a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
 - d. Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a government entity (Federal, State, or local) with commission or any of the offense enumerated in paragraph (1)(b) of this certification; and
 - e. Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause or default.

2. Where the prospective primary participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

Name and Title of Authorized Representative: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____