CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

GREEN BUSINESS PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of West Hollywood as AGENCY, invites proposal submissions through this Request For Proposals (RFP) process, to be received only by submitting electronically at https://pbsystem.planetbids.com/portal/22761/ for the above stated work and will only receive such submissions no later than the hour of 5:00 P.M. Pacific Time on Wednesday, September 13, 2023.

The City seeks consulting services from one or more firms or individuals to develop a vibrant Green Business Program with the primary goals of promoting energy and water efficiency, waste reduction, green building materials, and sustainable and/or local purchasing within the City's business community. The ideal consultant will have knowledge of existing programs in other cities in the region, establish a clear understanding of the City and its unique business community, and develop clear program framework to implement seamlessly upon the program's official launch.

The project team should have experience with the California Green Business Network application and certification process; similar projects working with the business community and partnering organizations; knowledge of program recruitment and marketing (targeting businesses is preferred); business-oriented environmental policies at various levels of government; qualifications in all or a majority of the primary goals for implementing the Program, as stated above; and an approach to the program which highlights the benefits and incentives of certification.

Proposals must be submitted electronically. Copies of the RFP and associated documents are available for free from the City's website at: http://www.weho.org/bid, and on the City's electronic bidding portal: https://pbsystem.planetbids.com/portal/22761/. To schedule an inperson review of the hard copy Bid Documents, reach out to the point of contact listed at the bottom of this Notice.

The agency hereby affirmatively ensures that minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit proposals in response to this notice and will not be discriminated against on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, or religion in any consideration leading to the award of contract.

Duration: Project is anticipated to start in October 2023 and conclude in approximately 18 months.

Requests for Information (RFI) and Questions/Clarifications: All requests for information (RFI) and questions/clarifications shall be submitted electronically at https://pbsystem.planetbids.com/portal/22761/ under the above stated project. Any questions addressing the interpretation or clarification of the Agency's bid forms or the bid documents must be submitted no later than Friday, August 18, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. through the City's electronic submission process. Following this deadline no questions regarding the RFP will be accepted.

Deadline for Submission: All proposals must be submitted electronically and received at https://pbsystem.planetbids.com/portal/22761/ no later than Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. through the City's electronic submission process. The system will not allow submissions to be received after the deadline and it is the sole responsibility of the proposers to allow adequate time to upload all required bidding documents.

Living Wage Ordinance: The City of West Hollywood's <u>Living Wage Ordinance</u> shall be followed when applicable. West Hollywood Municipal Code: Chapter 3.20 Living Wage Requirements for Service Contracts.

Interest in More Than One Submission: No proposer shall be allowed to make, submit or be interested in more than one proposal submission. However, a person, firm, corporation or other entity that has submitted a <u>sub proposal</u> to a proposer, or that has quoted prices of materials to a bidder, is not thereby disqualified from submitting a sub proposal or quoting prices to other proposers submitting a proposal to the Owner.

Owner's Rights: The City of West Hollywood reserves the right to reject any and all proposals or to waive any irregularities or informalities in any proposals should it deem this necessary for the public good, and also the submission of any Proposer who has been delinquent or unfaithful in any former contract with the City of West Hollywood and to take all proposal submissions under advisement for a period of ninety (90) days. No proposer may withdraw its submission for a period of ninety (90) days after the date from the opening thereof.

Point of contact is Christine Shen at (323) 848-6803 or via email at CShen@weho.org. Please do not solicit bid contact with questions/clarifications; use the online bidding portal stated above.

BY ORDER OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD Melissa Crowder, City Clerk

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I declare under penalty of perjury that I am employed by the City of West Hollywood in the Office of the City Clerk, and that this document was posted on:

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