

Request for Proposal

Smith River Rancheria Building Capacity of West Coast Tribes

Proposals are required for the entire work as described herein:

The Smith River Rancheria (Tribe) is the recipient of the Department Of Commerce National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association Cooperative Agreement in the amount of \$225,000.00. The Tribe is soliciting proposals from qualified consultants to coordinate and develop strategies in order to build the capacity of West Coast Tribes to engage in ocean governance and science.

Interested consultants are invited to submit qualifications in accordance with the requirements of this Request for Proposals (RFP). The successful Consultant must be aware of the financing limitations and be able to provide a clear plan for delivering a bid package that meets the goals within the project budget of \$90,000.00 (40% of the grant award).

Competitive proposals will be received by the **Smith River Rancheria**, 140 Rowdy Creek Rd., Smith River, California 95567, until **5:00 PM on Wednesday the 19th day of December, 2012**. Proposals must be submitted in a clearly marked enveloped. Proposals will be evaluated in accordance with the Evaluation Criteria listed in the RFP:

The Consultant services contract is expected to be awarded by December 21, 2012. The actual time frame to complete this design work will be negotiated with the successful Consultant. The Tribe intends to select a single consultant team for all aspects of the work necessary to complete the project. Any Consultant responding to the RFP must be willing to commit the necessary resources to the project within a mutually agreed upon schedule.

Complete Request for Proposals packages, including selection criteria, are available from Briannon Fraley, Self Governance Director at [.fraley@tolowa.com](mailto:fraley@tolowa.com) or at the Smith River Rancheria Tribal Office.

Competition in this bid solicitation will be open to all qualified bidders. However, if a bid is received from at least one qualified Indian organization or Indian-owned economic enterprise and this bid is within 10 percent of the bid of the lowest responsible bidder, the contract will be awarded to the Indian organization or Indian-owned economic enterprise.

Respondents claiming Indian preference will be required to submit a completed questionnaire/statement to the Owner in accordance with the TERO Contractors Questionnaire.

Proposals from Contractors that do not meet this verifiable experience requirement, or proposals that do not include a listing of the work that accounts for a Contractor's verifiable experience, may be deemed as non-responsive proposals, and may therefore be rejected.

The Smith River Rancheria reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for this work.

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