



Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Training for Staff

Background:

Philadelphia Housing Development Corporation (“PHDC”), on behalf of the City of Philadelphia’s (“City”) Department of Planning and Development (“DPD”), is seeking a qualified consultant (“Applicant”), to provide Training Sessions for DPD staff to increase our understanding of how to build public trust and engage marginalized residents in our work more effectively.

Training will support staff to understand the impact of systemic racism in policy development, planning, and the documenting (or lack of) of historical facets of our city’s culture, built environment and lived experience. Training methods must be respectful of the varying levels of staff experience, cultures, and background.

DPD coordinates the City’s planning, zoning, preservation, and housing functions to promote the economic health of all neighborhoods and the City. DPD includes the Divisions of Housing and Community Development (“DHCD”); Planning and Zoning (“DPZ”); Administrative Services (Admin) and Development Services (“DS”). DPD also contracts with the PHDC, the Philadelphia Land Bank (“PLB”) and the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority (“PRA”) to deliver housing services to residents and to support economic development activities.

The selected Applicant will work directly with our Executive Leadership Team. The workplan should allow for check in meetings with senior leadership at the launch and throughout the engagement. The Applicant must be available to start July 2022.

Consulting Services Scope:

- Provide training for up to 117 employees in smaller group sessions and provide opportunities for substantive participation and discussion.
- Deliver training virtually.
- Have a deep understanding of the planning, community development, and public sector professions.
- Have real world experience working in the planning and community development fields.
- Can provide experiential examples of engagement with people of diverse backgrounds – both successes and failures – and lessons learned.

Proposal Submission Requirements:

Organization & Personnel Qualifications: Applicant’s proposal must identify the Applicant’s qualifications by education level, skill set (described in detail), experience level, and job title. Resumes of all personnel so identified should be included in Applicant’s proposal. Experience with “like” projects should be cited.

Scope of Work Description: The scope proposed by Applicant should include a general project schedule that identifies estimated time for all tasks, activities, deliverables, and milestones. The proposal should state the number of days following PHDC’s authorization to proceed by which it will be ready to start the work, including any mobilization time.

Cost Proposal: Applicant must provide a detailed cost proposal, which must include 1) a line-item breakdown of the costs for specific services and work products proposed, and 2) a statement of staff hourly rates. The proposed price must include all costs that will be charged to PHDC for the services and tangible work products the Applicant proposes

to perform and deliver to complete the project. Any contract resulting from this solicitation will provide for a not-to-exceed amount in the compensation section of the contract.

References: Include contact information for a minimum of two (2) references who can speak to the Applicant's experience with similar types of work as that described in this solicitation.

MBE/WBE/DBE: DPD seeks to promote opportunities for disadvantaged business. For all contracting efforts, each prime shall use its good faith and nondiscriminatory efforts to provide joint venture partnerships, sub-consulting and subcontracting opportunities for minority, women, disabled, and/or disadvantaged business enterprises (collectively, "M/W/DSBE") registered in the City of Philadelphia's Office of Economic Opportunity ("OEO") and/or any agency that the City recognizes as having bona fide certifying program. The Department's OEO goal is 35% for all contracting activities.

Deadline for Submission: Proposals submitted in response to this solicitation must be emailed as a single .pdf by **5:00 pm 5/26/22**, to catherine.califano@phila.gov. If proposals are too large for submission by email, Applicants can provide an alternative means but this must be requested and tested prior to submission date.

Proposal Review and Selection Process: It is expected that proposals will be reviewed, if interviews are warranted these will be held on either 6/1/22 or 6/2/22 at a mutually agreeable time. The successful Applicant will be chosen based on a demonstration of knowledge, experience, ability, and capacity to perform the work effectively. The term of the contract between PHDC and the selected Applicant will be one (1) year, which may be extended at the sole discretion of PHDC.

Declarations and Other Information:

Attachment A: Tax Clearance and Conflict of Interest Form

Applicants, upon request of the PHDC, must provide evidence satisfactory to PHDC that all municipal taxes, including business taxes, real estate, school, water and sewer charges, if applicable, are current for both the individual Applicant and the Applicant's firm and neither is currently indebted to the City; will at any time during the term of the agreement be indebted to the City, for or on account of any delinquent taxes, liens, judgments, fees or other debts for which no written agreement or payment plan satisfactory to the City has been established. Please complete the Philadelphia Tax Status Certification and Conflict of Interest form (Attachment A) and submit it with your proposal.

Attachment B: Campaign Contribution Disclosure Forms

Please complete the applicable disclosure forms (Attachment B) and submit with your proposal.

Attachment C: Insurance Requirements

Please submit a certificate of insurance evidencing the required coverages as outlined in (Attachment C) with your proposal. If, for any reason, you cannot comply with the insurance requirements, please provide the reasons for your inability to do so in your proposal and PHDC will consider any deviations from the insurance requirements on a case-by-case basis.

Acknowledgements

By submitting a proposal in response to this solicitation, an Applicant affirmatively acknowledges: (i) its acceptance of the terms and conditions of this solicitation; (ii) PHDC may exercise in its sole discretion the following rights; and (iii) PHDC may exercise the following rights at any time and without notice to any Applicant:

- to reject any and all proposals;
- to supplement, amend, substitute, modify or re-issue the solicitation with terms and conditions materially different from those set forth here;
- to cancel this solicitation with or without issuing another solicitation;
- to extend the time for responding to this solicitation;
- to solicit new proposals;
- to conduct personal interviews with any Applicant to assess compliance with the selection criteria;
- to request additional material, clarification, confirmation, or modification of any information in any and all proposals;
- to negotiate any aspect of a proposal, including price;
- to terminate negotiations regarding any and all proposals at any time;
- to expressly waive any defect or technicality in any proposal;
- to rescind a selection prior to agreement execution if PHDC determines that the proposal does not conform to the specifications of this solicitation;
- to rescind a selection prior to agreement execution if PHDC determines that the specifications contained in this solicitation are not in conformity with law or that the process in selection of a proposal was not in conformity with law or with PHDC's legal obligations;
- in the event a contract is awarded, the successful Applicant shall procure and maintain during the life of the contract liability insurance in an amount to be determined prior to the award of any agreement;
- in the event an agreement is awarded, Applicant agrees to perform its services as an independent contractor and not as an employee or agent of PHDC;
- in the event an agreement is awarded, all Applicants agree that no portion of performance of the agreement shall be subcontracted without the prior written approval of PHDC; and
- each Applicant agrees to indemnify, protect and hold harmless PHDC and the City from any and all losses, injuries, expenses, demands and claims against PHDC or the City sustained or alleged to have been sustained in connection with or resulting from (i) the submission of the Applicant's proposal; (ii) the delivery by the Applicant to PHDC of any other documents or information; and (iii) any other conduct undertaken by the Applicant in furtherance of or in relation to the Applicant's proposal. Each Applicant agrees that its duty to indemnify and hold harmless shall not be limited to the terms of any liability insurance, if any, required under this solicitation or subsequent agreement.

Neither PHDC, nor the City, is under any obligation whatsoever to any Applicant as a result of this solicitation. This solicitation does not represent any commitment on the part of PHDC and/or the City to any Applicant. In no event shall PHDC and/or the City be responsible for any cost, expense or fee incurred by or on behalf of any Applicant in connection with this solicitation. Applicants shall be solely responsible for all such costs, expenses, and fees.

NOTICE: Any information provided in your response to this solicitation may be subject to disclosure to the public. Documents provided in response to this solicitation may also be required to be disclosed by applicable law, subpoena, and/or court order.