METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

Notice of Request for Proposals (RFP) for

SWLRT - FRA Waiver Legal Services

Contract Number 24P011

The Metropolitan Council is soliciting proposals for legal services from the proposer ("Special Counsel") to perform and provide legal services for the Council related to the submission of an extension request of the SWLRT FRA regulation waiver petition to the FRA by October 2024 to meet its approval deadline with the FRA on May 12, 2025. The <u>anticipated</u> schedule for this procurement is as follows:

RFP Issue Date	March 27, 2024
Pre-Proposal Meeting	April 18, 2024, at 9:00 AM CST
Questions Due	April 23, 2024, at 9:00 AM CST
Proposals Due	May 15, 2024, at 5:00 PM CST
Award	June 2024

For the purposes of this contract, there are no Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE), or Metropolitan Council Underutilized Business (MCUB) goals set for this project. However, the Council strives to ensure equitable participation of minority, women and underutilized businesses in projects and procurements, and strongly encourages the inclusion of small businesses in this contract. DBE firms can be found in the <u>MNUCP DBE Directory</u>. MCUB firms can be found in the <u>MCUB Directory</u>.

<u>Click Here</u> to view and download the RFP documents (including Plan Holder Report and Addendums). Please input this QuestCDN eBidDoc[™] Number **9052625** on the website's Project Search page. Contact QuestCDN at 952-233-1632 or <u>info@questcdn.com</u> for assistance in downloading and working with the digital documents.

Proposers are strongly encouraged to verify subcontractor's State and Federal debarment and suspension status at: <u>http://www.mmd.admin.state.mn.us/debarredreport.asp</u>.

A Pre-Proposal Meeting will be held via Webex on **Thursday, April 18, 2024, at 9:00 AM CST**. The meeting may be joined by visiting <u>Webex.com</u> or calling 1-855-282-6330 - Meeting Number 2488 892 8035, Password KDuhCGat639 (53842428 from phones). **Proposers are strongly encouraged to attend.**

Questions concerning the content of the RFP documents may be directed to:

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