



GPHA Request for Proposal for Audit Services

submitted by

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I. Introduction & Background

The **Georgia Public Health Association, Inc.** (hereafter **GPHA**), a Georgia-based 501(c)3 non-profit corporation founded for the purpose of providing scientific, educational and charitable opportunities for members and the public, and acts as liaison to the General Assembly of the State of Georgia and other governmental agencies on major public health issues, is in need of **Audit Services** and is accepting proposals in response to this Request for Proposal (this "RFP," or this "Request for Proposal") to find a qualified source to provide **Audit Services**. A successful candidate will be able to provide:

- 1. Perform audit services for GPHA for FY2016 (July 1, 2015 June 30, 2016.)
- 2. Provide recommendations for financial best practices to GPHA based on audit findings.
- 3. Present audit finding to the GPHA Executive Board, if requested.
- 4. Provide hard copy and electronic versions of all audit findings.

The objective of this Request for Proposal is to locate a source that will provide the best overall value to **GPHA**. While price is a significant factor, other criteria will form the basis of the award, as more fully described in the Evaluation Factors section of this Request for Proposal below.

II. Submission Guidelines & Requirements

The following submission guidelines and requirements apply to this Request for Proposal:

- Qualified individuals or firms with prior comparable experience should submit proposals.
- Responders must list at least **one (1)** previous project similar to the proposed scope of work,, including references and examples.
- The technical proposal must be limited to no more than ten (10) pages. The
 technical proposal must provide an overview of proposed services, as well as
 resumes of key personnel that will be responsible for performing the work. In
 addition, the technical proposal must provide a proposed schedule and
 milestones, as applicable.
- A one-page cost proposal must be included in the proposal. The cost proposal should indicate a cost not to exceed for the services, as well as hourly rate(s) and an estimated total number of hours, should GPHA decide to award a contract on an hourly rate basis.

- Proposals must be signed by a representative authorized to commit bidder's company.
- If you have a standard set of terms and conditions, submit them with the proposal. All terms and conditions will be subject to negotiation.
- Timeline and selection process:
 - a. Proposals are due to GPHA Vice-President Colin K. Smith, DrPH, MS, CPH no later than 11:59 PM on June 13, 2016 by email at gpha.office@gmail.com
 - b. Proposals must remain valid for a period of thirty (30) days.
 - c. **GPHA** anticipates selecting at least two individuals or firms for consideration and interviews with an award to one of the individuals or firms.

III. Project Description

The purpose of this project is as follows:

• Provide **Audit Services** for **GPHA** for FY2016 (July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016) in accordance with the scope of services as defined below.

The description of the project is as follows:

• The successful candidate will be a certified public accountant according to the laws of the state of Georgia, have experience providing annual audits to 501(c)3 associations, and be able to provide the such functions for GPHA.

IV. Project Scope

The scope of the project includes, but is not limited to:

- Review of all financial transactions for FY2016 (July 1, 2015 June 30, 2016.)
- Assess the financial well-being of the Association.
- Review any accounting process limitations found in assessment.
- Make recommendations on remediation to address any limitations found.
- Present the audit to the Executive Committee for their review.
- Present the audit to the Executive Board, if requested.
- Answer any questions put forward by the Executive Committee or Executive Board.
- Provide all final reports in hard copy and electronic format to the Association.

The successful bidder will be responsible for all of the above activities for **GPHA**.

V. Request for Proposal and Project Timelines
The Request for Proposal timeline is as follows:

Request for Proposal Issuance: May 13, 2016

Selection of Top Proposals and Notification to Unsuccessful Bidders: June 13, 2016

Initiate Negotiations: June 13, 2016

Contract Award and Notification to Unsuccessful Bidder: June 27, 2016

Contract Start Date: July 1, 2016 Contract End Date: June 30, 2017

VI. Evaluation Factors

The following factors will be used for the purpose of evaluating proposals based on the following factors, including cost which is a significant factor.

- Responsiveness to the requirements set forth in this Request for Proposal
- Relevant past performance and related experience
- Samples of work
- Cost, including an assessment of total cost of ownership
- Technical expertise/experience of contractor, including staff assigned to GPHA

GPHA reserves the right to award to the responder that presents the best value to **GPHA**.