

BAD RIVER BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

CHIEF BLACKBIRD CENTER

P.O. Box 39 Odanah, Wisconsin 54861

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

FOR

Certified Public Accounting Firm to Administer Bad River's American Rescue Plan Act Funds

The Bad River Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians is seeking proposals through solicitation for a Certified Public Accounting firm to administer the Bad River Tribe's American Rescue Plan Act funds. The company will need to:

- i. Submit verification of CPA status along with bid.
- ii. Be familiar with of the U.S. Department of the Treasury **American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)** funds, in compliance with the Federal Register/ Vol. 86, No. 93/ Monday May 17, 2021/ Rules and Regulations as well as Bad River Accounting Policies and Procedures.
- iii. Work in collaboration with Bad River Accounting staff and various Departments to create a project-based ARPA budget, to be reviewed and approved by the Bad River Tribal Council.
- iv. Develop an ARPA project-based implementation plan based on Tribal Council priorities and direction, with projects to be completed no later than December 31, 2024.
- v. Provide status updates to the Bad River Tribal Council at least monthly.
- vi. Prepare and submit required financial reports associated with ARPA funds.

Proposals are required to contain the following information: Estimated total monthly and annual cost for Administration of the Bad River Tribe's American Rescue Plan Act funds, including a description of hourly rate or other basis by which the firm will bill time.

The Bad River Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized under Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, U.S.C. Section 476. This entitles the Tribe to government pricing and exempts the Tribe from state sales and use taxes and from federal excise taxes. Therefore, price quotations should not include such taxes.

This Request for Proposals is open to all qualified, responsive bidders. Indian Preference will apply in the selection process in accordance with the Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance (TERO) or the Indian Preference Act of 1934 (Title 25, USC, Section 47), based on funding source requirements. Questions regarding TERO, and if the TERO fee applies to the RFP, may be directed to the Bad River Band's Human Resource office at 715-682-7111.

Firms or persons applying for Indian preference must provide evidence in its proposal of 51% or more Indian ownership. In addition, the firm or person must provide evidence of structure, management and financing affecting the Indian character of the firm. Documentation of and compliance with Indian Preference must accompany the proposal.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS: Respondent will be expected to agree to the Bad River's standard terms and conditions for outside services contracts. Bad River reserves the right to terminate negotiations with any individual or firm that will not agree to its standard terms and conditions.

Sealed bids must be labeled 'BAD RIVER ARPA ADMINISTRATION BID' and submitted by 11/8/21 @ 12:00pm, 2021, to:

Bad River Tribe
Chief Blackbird Center
Attn: Executive Secretary
PO Box 39/72682 Maple St
Odanah, WI 54861

Questions regarding this project can be directed to:

Tribal Administration
72682 Maple St.
Odanah, WI 54861
715-682-7111 ext. 1502
TribalOps@badriver-nsn.gov

Bid opening will be scheduled at 2:00pm on 11/8/21, 2021, at the Chief Blackbird Center in room Conference C, 72682 Maple St., Odanah, WI 54861.

Any or all bids may be rejected when in the best interest of the Bad River Tribe.

RFP approved by Bad River Tribal Council 9-15-21.

Program: <u>Mh Wof</u>
Accounting: <u>TC Approved</u>
Posted: <u>10/20/21</u>
<u>1:00 am/pm</u>