

NAVAJO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Division of Behavioral and Mental Health Services

RFP RE-BID# 21-09-2571LE

Tribal Opioid Response Program Traditional Cultural Consultant

Navajo Nation Division of Behavioral and Mental Health Services (DBMHS) is requesting for proposals from consultants to provide cultural and spiritual knowledge and technical assistance to project staff and, if necessary, during activities for the Navajo Department of Health Tribal Opioid Response Program. The consultant will serve as a Traditional Cultural Liaison. The primary purpose of the grant was to address the opioid crisis in tribal communities by increasing access to culturally appropriate and evidence-based treatment including medication assisted treatment.

The consultant will provide cultural and spiritual knowledge to program staff to implement culturally appropriate activities, messaging and information to the public relating to the Tribal Opioid Response grant goals and objectives. The consultant will work closely with the marketing media consultant and program staff on the development of marketing materials and presentations.

Consultant may be requested to travel to special events for marketing and media purposes. This travel would be at the discretion of the Division Director and Health Services Administrator. Travel expense costs will be in accordance to Federal GSA rates. Consultant will be required to have their own equipment available for services. Consultant must provide current Certificate of Liability Insurance. Consultant must have current certification with Diné Medicine Man Association Inc., Diné Hataali Association or other closely related entity. The duration of services should be projected for one (1) year.

Navajo preference will apply to this RFP. Consultants should indicate if they are Navajo Nation Priority one or two vendors.

Submittal Deadline:

Proposal(s) must be received by **Friday, November 19, 2021 at 5:00pm MDT.**

All parties responding to this bid #21-09-2571LE are instructed to submit or send four (4) proposals (1 original and 3 copies) to the following address:

The Navajo Nation
Division of Finance – Purchasing
Attention: Lorita Etsitty, Buyer
Administration Building Number 1
Window Rock Blvd
Window Rock, AZ 86515

All responses to this bid shall be sent in a sealed envelope, including a return address, and clearly marked on the outside of the envelope; the following:

**RE-BID #21-09-2571LE NNDBMHS
TOR PROGRAM TRADITIONAL CULTURAL CONSULTANT
DO NOT OPEN – BID PROPOSAL**

Incurring Cost:

Any cost incurred by the respondent in preparing, transmitting, presenting, or modifying the proposal or material for this RFP shall be the responsibility of the respondent.

Amended Proposal:

A respondent may submit an amended proposal before the deadline for receipt of proposals. Such amended proposals must be complete replacement for the previously submitted proposal and must be clearly identified so in the transmittal letter.

Respondent's Right to Withdraw Proposal:

A respondent may withdraw their proposal at any time prior to the deadline to receipts of proposals. The respondent must submit a written withdrawal request to Navajo Nation Division of Finance – Purchasing Attention: Lorita Etsitty, Buyer.

Questions:

Any inquiries regarding this procurement should be submitted in writing to the Senior Programs and Projects Specialist for official response. The respondent may contact the Senior Programs and Projects Specialist verbally, however verbal responses will be considered unofficial. Only written responses to question(s) will be official. All questions will be directed to the Senior Programs and Projects Specialist at tlshperd@navajo-nsn.gov or (928) 871-7578. Questions regarding this procurement will be accepted until **Wednesday, November 17, 2021.**

Propriety Information:

Restrictions on any information included in the proposals must be clearly stated in the proposal itself. Propriety information submitted in response to this RFP will be handled in accordance with applicable purchasing procedures. Each and every page of the propriety material must be labeled or identified with the word “proprietary” or “confidential”.

Disclosure of Proposal Contents:

The proposal will be kept confidential.

No Obligation:

This RFP in no manner obligates the Navajo Nation or any of its agencies to the eventual rental, lease, purchase, etc., of any equipment, software or services offered until a valid contract is executed.

Termination:

This RFP may be cancelled at any time, and proposals may be rejected in whole or in part when the program determines that such action is in the best interest of the Navajo Nation. All RFPs are subject to funds availability.

Sufficient Appropriation:

Any contract awarded as a result of this RFP is contingent upon the appropriation of funds. A contract award may be determined or reduced in scope if sufficient appropriate or authorization does not exist. Such terminations will be affected with written notice to the contractor. The program's decision as to whether sufficient appropriations and authorizations are available will be accepted by the contractor as final.

Legal Review:

All respondents must agree to be bound by the general requirements contained in this RFP. Any concerns should be brought to the attention of the Senior Contract Analyst immediately. Any formal appeals shall abide by Title 12, §360 of the Navajo Nation Procurement Code.

Governing Law:

The Navajo Nation is a sovereign government and all contracts entered into as a result for the RFP shall comply with the Navajo Nation law, rules and regulations, including the Navajo Preference in Employment Act, and applicable federal law, rules, and regulations. This procurement and any RFP with respondents that may result shall be governed by the laws of the Navajo Nation and applicable federal law. Nothing herein shall be constructed as a waiver of the Navajo Nation's sovereign immunity. In addition, the Navajo Nation Business Opportunity Act will apply to the RFP.

Choice of Forum:

The courts of the Navajo Nation will have jurisdiction over any dispute that may arise out of this procurement and any RFP with the respondent.

Terms and Conditions:

The contents of a successful proposal will become part of the contract upon award. The Division of Behavioral and Mental Health Services (DBMHS) reserves the right to negotiate with the successful respondent any additional provisions to those contained in the RFP. The Navajo Nation is not bound to enter a contract under this RFP and may issue a subsequent RFP for the same services.

Right to Waive Informality and Ambiguity:

The program shall reserve the right to decide and interpret if there is a waiver of informality, situation, and ambiguity. This is a sole right of the Nation.

Ownership of Proposals:

All documents submitted in response to this RFP shall become the property of the Navajo Nation and will not be returned to the respondent. Responses received will be retained by the Division of Behavioral and Mental Health Services.

Proposal Format:

1. Respondent(s) must indicate if they are a priority vendor with the Navajo Nation or Indian Preference.
2. All proposals must be typewritten of standard 8 ½" x 11" inch paper and placed within a 1" binder with tabs delineating each section. Larger paper is permissible for charts, maps, or the like.
3. An original RFP response and 3 copies must be provided in a sealed envelope with Vendor Name & address and RDP Bid No:21-09-2571LE
4. The proposal must be organized and indexed in the following format:
 - a. Letter of Transmittal
 - b. Statement of Qualification
 - c. Proposal on Contract Approach
 - d. Proposed Cost (**Sealed in Separate Envelope**)Within each section of the proposal, respondents should address the items in the order with which they appear in the RFP. Any proposal that does not adhere to the requirements may be deemed non-responsive and rejected on that basis.
5. Each proposal must be accompanied by the letter of transmittal. The letter of transmittal must:
 - a. Provide background on individual
 - b. Identify the name of the person responding to the RFP;
 - c. Identify the name, title and telephone numbers of person authorized to negotiate on behalf of the organization;
 - d. Identify the names, titles, and telephone numbers of person to be contacted for clarification.
 - e. Explicitly indicate acceptance of the conditions governing this procurement;
 - f. Be signed by the person responding to the RFP; and
 - g. Acknowledge receipt of any and all amendments to the RFP.
6. The respondent must submit a statement of qualification:
 - a. The respondent must submit a resume
 - b. Number of years of experience working with government entities and in traditional cultural liaison or closely related positions.
 - c. The respondent will provide three (3) references. Each reference must include the name, address and telephone number of a contact person who can describe, in some detail, the quality, quantity and substance of services provided.
 - d. The respondent must provide current Certificate of Liability Insurance.
 - e. The respondent must provide current W-9.
 - f. The respondent must provide current Navajo Nation Certification regarding Debarment and Suspension.

- g. The respondent must have current certification with Diné Medicine Man Association Inc., Diné Hataali Association or other closely related entity.
- 7. The respondent must provide proposal in contact approach.
 - a. Provide in detail how they would accomplish the objectives described in the scope of work.
 - b. Provide number of employees in the company.
 - c. Ability to provide Traditional Cultural Liaison services
- 8. Proposal Cost: **(Sealed in Separate Envelope)**
 - a. The respondent will provide detailed breakdown cost for fees and expenses services.
 - b. The respondent must include listing and cost breakdown for subcontractor services, if any.

Evaluation and Criteria

- 1. A Selection Committee will review the proposals received in accordance with the general criteria described herein. The selection committee may request oral presentation by respondents. Respondents should be prepared to provide and additional information the Selection Committee feels necessary for the fair evaluation of proposals.
- 2. Failure of a respondent to provide any information requested in the RFP may result in disqualification of the proposal. All proposals must be endorsed with the signatures of a responsible official having authority to bind the respondent to the execution of a contract.
- 3. The sole objective of the Selection Committee will be to evaluate and select the respondent who is most responsive to the needs of the Navajo Nation and recommend the respondent(s) who best meet(s) this objective.
- 4. Evaluation Criteria:

Evaluation Criteria	Points
Priority 1 or 2 vendor or/and Indian Preference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Priority One/Indian Preference vendor (10 pts) b. Priority Two vendor (5 pts) c. Non-Priority/Non-Indian Preference vendor (0pts) 	10
Proposal Organization (0 or 5 pts) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Typed written on 8 ½" x 11" inch paper b. (1) original and (3) copies c. Binding and Indexing 	5
Letter of Transmittal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Provide background on company. b. Identify individual(s) as specified above. 	5
Statement of Qualifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Resume b. Number of years working with governmental agencies c. (3) References 	25

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> d. Provide current certificate of liability insurance e. Provide current W-9 f. Provide current NN Certification regarding Debarment & Suspension g. Provide current certification with Diné Medicine Man Association Inc., Diné Hataali Association or other closely related entity. 	
<p>Proposed Contract Approach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Describe meeting objective to specification b. Provide number of employees in the company c. Ability to provide Traditional Cultural Consultant services 	20
<p>Proposed Cost (Sealed in Separate Envelope)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The respondent will provide detailed breakdown cost for fees and expenses b. The respondent must include listing and cost breakdown for subcontractor services, if any. 	35
Total Points:	100