



# Ho-Chunk Nation

## Request for Proposal for Consultant to Provide Exhibit Fabrication and Installation

RFP Number: 091918MUSCULCEN  
(REVISED)

This Request for Sealed Proposal (RFP) is for the purpose of contracting with a qualified firm to provide the Ho-Chunk Nation with competitive proposal packages from responsible, qualified proposers to provide consulting services for Exhibit Fabrication and Installation.

All requirements are as per specifications enclosed herein.

**Proposal Due Date: November 28, 2018 at 2:00 PM (CST)**

General Requirement: This is a Request for Sealed Proposal (see attached). Proposal will be opened and evaluated in private and proposal information will be kept confidential until an award is made. **One (1) original and four (4) copies of the complete proposal are to be submitted. Pricing is to be submitted in a separate envelope marked "PRICING".**

Proposal of:

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Facsimile/Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Schedule of Events

Release of RFP on Website	October 19, 2018
Site Visit	October 31, 2018 at 10:00am (CST)
Deadline for Questions by e-mail via addendum	November 2, 2018 by 4:00pm (CST)
Internet Posting of Answers to written questions (CST)	November 16, 2018 by 4:00pm
Proposals Due Date	November 28, 2018 at 2:00pm (CST)

**Proposers should consult the website: <http://ho-chunknation.com/Proposal> daily for RFP Addendum, clarifications, schedule changes or other important information.**

**Pre-Bid Meeting and Site Visit to be held at 1108 Superior Ave. Tomah, WI 54660 on October 31, 2018 at 10:00am.**

**Proposals shall be submitted to:**

**Catherine Link, CPPB CAM  
Procurement Manager  
Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Treasury  
Procurement Division  
PO Box 640  
W9814 Airport Road  
Black River Falls, WI 54615**

**Contact Person:**

**Dakota Walton-Smith  
Procurement Agent  
Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Treasury  
Procurement Division  
PO Box 640  
W9814 Airport Road  
Black River Falls, WI 54615  
Phone: 800-779-2873, Ext 1243  
Email: [Dakota.Walton-Smith@ho-chunk.com](mailto:Dakota.Walton-Smith@ho-chunk.com)**

## Ho-Chunk Nation **Proposal Letter**

We propose to furnish and deliver any and all of the deliverables and services named in the attached Request for Proposal (RFP)

It is understood and agreed that this proposal constitutes an offer, which when accepted in writing by the Ho-Chunk Nation is subject to the terms and conditions of such acceptance and will constitute a valid and binding contract between the undersigned and the Ho-Chunk Nation.

It is understood and agreed that we have read the Ho-Chunk Nation's specifications shown or referenced in the RFP and that this proposal is made in accordance with the provisions of such specifications. By our written signature on this proposal, we guarantee and certify that all items included in this proposal meet or exceed any and all such specifications.

We verify that all information contained in this proposal is truthful to the best of our knowledge and belief. We further certify that we are duly authorized to submit this proposal on behalf of the firm and that the firm is ready, willing and able to perform if awarded the contract.

The laws of the Ho-Chunk Nation will govern any agreement relating to the provision of goods and services contemplated by this RFP. In addition, the service provider under such an agreement will comply with all applicable laws, regulations, and policies of the Nation.

We hereby propose to furnish the goods or services specified in the Request for Proposal. We agree that our proposal will remain firm for a period of up to 120 days in order to allow the Ho-Chunk Nation adequate time to evaluate the qualifications submitted.

**MANDATORY PAGE**  
**PROPOSAL SIGNATURE AND CERTIFICATION**  
(Proposal Letter must be signed and returned with proposal)

I/We certify that this proposal is made without prior understanding, agreement, or connection with any corporation, firm, or person submitting a proposal for the same materials, supplies, equipment, or services and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. I/We understand collusive proposing is a violation of State and Federal law. No officer, employee or agent of the Ho-Chunk Nation or any other proposer is interested in said proposal and that the undersigned executed this Proposer's Certification with full knowledge and understating of the matters therein contained and was duly authorized to do so. I/We agree to propose by all conditions of the proposal and certify that I/We are authorized to sign this proposal for the proposer.

\*\*State of Incorporation \_\_\_\_\_

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(Individual – Partnership – Company – Corporation)

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(Business Address)

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(City, State, and Zip Code)

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(By Printed Name and Signature)

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(Title)

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(Witness Signature)

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(Title)

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(Telephone No)

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(Fax No)

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(Date)

**MANDATORY PAGE**

**REFERENCES**

Please list three (3) references that you have done similar work, service or supplied similar products to within the last twelve (12) months.

Entity: \_\_\_\_\_

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Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**MANDATORY PAGE**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ADDENDUMS: (Signature & Date Required)**

Addendum 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Addendum 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Addendum 3: \_\_\_\_\_

**EXCEPTIONS TO THE BID:**

List any exceptions to the Bid Specifications

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## 1.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

### 1.1 General

The Ho-Chunk Nation (Nation) is a sovereign government dedicated to improving the lives of its constituents. In 1963, the Wisconsin Winnebago Nation was recognized as a federal tribe pursuant to the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934. On November 1, 1994, the Wisconsin Winnebago Nation officially changed its name to the Ho-Chunk Nation when the Secretary of the Interior formally recognized its new constitution. The Nation's main office is located in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. In addition to its government operations, the Nation currently operates six (6) gaming facilities, two (2) hotels, a resort, a convention center, five (5) convenience stores, a gift shop and a number of other ancillary businesses.

The Ho-Chunk Nation Museum and Cultural Center (HCNMCC) seeks exhibit design, fabrication, and installation services for an 1,000 sq.ft. permanent exhibition on the museum's 1st floor. The exhibition, "Ho-Chunk Story," will present and interpret the story of the Ho-Chunk Nation, complementing our programming, Heritage Preservation Department, and temporary exhibitions created by the various communities and focus areas. The intent of this Request for Proposals is to obtain fixed price proposals from experienced firms to work with the HCNMCC Museum Director on final design, fabrication and installation of the components for this exhibition. The 1st floor is undergoing renovation to update offices, classroom, internet services, and reception spaces before installation of the new exhibition. The exhibition will be funded through fundraising and possible grant, and contractors must comply with all provisions for Ho-Chunk Nation projects.

The exhibitions directly support the museum's mission, purpose, and vision:

#### Our Mission

*To protect, shelter, and promote the Ho-Chunk way of life for all generations*

#### Our Purpose

- *To emphasize this unique and diverse culture while maintaining a global perspective;*
- *To collect and preserve objects of cultural patrimony for research and as a continuous record of the tribe and its changes for future generations;*
- *To serve as a center for the education of all things Ho-Chunk;*
- *To provide dynamic leadership in Ho-Chunk education through exhibits, publications, and educational programs, striving to make this outreach relevant to all the people of the Western Wisconsin region;*
- *To foster cooperative efforts in Ho-Chunk history and cultural research, and education throughout our region.*

#### Our Vision

The Ho-Chunk Nation Museum and Cultural Center wishes to see a thriving Ho-Chunk community in which the language and culture are a part of everyday life; where our people know who they

are, where they came from, and where they are going. It will serve as the premiere location for accurate information about the Ho-Chunk Nation and its people for tribal members and surrounding communities.

#### Ho-Chunk Nation Museum and Cultural Center Overview:

The exhibition space is composed to two primary sections, of which one displays the main story that the tribe wishes to show the public about ourselves, the other displays the contemporary stories of the 13 different communities that make up the Ho-Chunk Nation. The intent is to provide an experience of discovery and exploration into a side of the Ho-Chunk Nation as a people that is not readily available to the area. Nowhere within the Ho-Chunk Nation or the state can one experience the true story of the history of the Ho-Chunk Nation in the voice of its own people.

Visitors will experience the language, culture, history, and the impact the Ho-Chunk Nation has had on the area. They will also explore the connections between Ho-Chunk and American culture and how they relate us more as a community.

#### Audience:

HCNMCC is located in Tomah, WI, the halfway point between Chicago and Minneapolis. Our audience is a split between adults (either alone or in groups), adults with children, and school tours. The audience is also split between Ho-Chunk tribal members and non-tribal members. The exhibit will be designed to address a variety of learning styles and provide some settings for groups to experience components together. It will be designed with bilingual labeling to engage a larger segment of our Hoocak-speaking population.

#### Concept development:

Many concepts for this exhibit have been developed to varying degrees through the various Ho-Chunk Communities, and these have been revisited, reworked, narrowed and focused by the HCNMCC Museum Director over the last year. Detailed development continues and documents provided for the RFP should be considered as documents in progress and not finalized.

The exhibition floor plan is an open design; although the visitor experience might be enhanced by following a specific directional flow, it would not be impacted negatively for those who prefer to wander at will. Our design philosophy is to create exhibits with materials and methods that help us meet and exceed requirements for the Americans with Disabilities Act requirements. A object-rich experience incorporated into stories can be balanced with simple interactives, technology-enhanced interactives, and spaces that encourage interaction among visitors.



## **2.0 STATEMENT OF WORK**

Request for Proposals (RFP) is a method of procurement permitting discussions with responsible proposers and revisions to proposals prior to award of a contract. Proposals will be opened and evaluated in private. Award will be based on criteria set forth Herein.

The purpose and objective of this Request for Proposal (RFP) is to obtain competitive proposal packages from responsible, qualified proposers to provide consulting service for Exhibit Fabrication and Installation.

### **Pre-Bid Meeting and Site Visit:**

This is a highly suggested meeting, giving respondents an opportunity to view the space, receive a briefing and information, and an opportunity to ask questions directly. All RFP documents should be downloaded by bidders before the Pre-Bid meeting. Printed copies will not be provided at the meeting. Tentatively, the schedule for the meeting will be:

10:00 – 10:15 am sign in

10:15 – 11:15 am tour space

11:15 – 11:45 am presentation of concepts, model

**Pre-Bid Meeting and Site Visit to be held at 1108 Superior Ave. Tomah, WI 54660 on October 31, 2018 at 10:00am.**

## **3.0 SCOPE OF WORK**

Contractor must be able to provide project management, professional exhibit fabrication and other specialty services to build and install the exhibits and components, and produce graphics as required on schedule.

All fabrication and installation must be finalized and approved by HCNMCC. The contractor will be expected to complete some remediation work, which may occur after this date within a reasonable time period. The exhibit documents provided with this RFP describe in as much detail as possible at this time, the design intent, relevant content and resources available for these exhibits.

The contractor is to collaborate with the HCNMCC Director to complete the detailed design of the components and experiences, resulting in an agreed upon component list with descriptions and costs. The contractor will identify one person to serve as project manager and liaison to the HCNMCC Director.

The contractor will establish a work plan and schedule to ensure timely completion of the project. A critical path schedule shall be prepared by the contractor and submitted in reproducible form. In addition to the start and completion of various construction stages, the schedule shall also show percentages of work to be completed at any given time, as well as significant dates that will serve as checkpoints to determine compliance with approved schedule. Regular meetings with the HCNMCC team are an integral part of the process and essential for ongoing communications; meetings must be indicated in the project schedule and written reports tracking progress shall be provided. HCNMCC will facilitate meeting participation by the architectural services group when

appropriate during design and fabrication process. The contractor is responsible for producing engineering and shop drawings for fabrication including determining if stamped drawings are necessary.

Shop drawings must be approved by HCNMCC before production proceeds. If needed, stamped drawings must be produced by a professional engineer licensed in Wisconsin, and must adhere to local and state requirements.

The contractor shall furnish labor, materials and equipment required to perform the work as specified for fabrication and installation of exhibit components, custom furniture, and graphic production. Subcontractors or specialized vendors must be approved in advance by HCNMCC. A list of exhibit components identified to this point is included with the bid documents.

Fabrication shall be of museum quality with attention paid to high-quality fit and finish, durability, and ease of maintenance. Defects will not be discernible to the human eye. Individual freestanding units must be seismically stable and able to withstand 100 pounds of lateral force without tipping at five-foot height from the finished floor. Interactives must be designed and fabricated to survive use and abuse by visitors without failure and without danger to visitors. Mockups or prototypes are required for more complex interactives, and these shall be tested on-site; HCNMCC is responsible for completion of formative evaluation of prototypes. Production cannot proceed without approval by HCNMCC of interactive design after testing.

## **4.0 TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

### **4.1 Receipt and Handling**

Proposals shall be opened in private by the Evaluation Committee to avoid disclosure of contents to competing proposers,

### **4.2 Evaluation of Proposal**

The proposals submitted by proposers shall be evaluated solely in accordance with the criteria set forth in the RFP.

### **4.3 Discussion of Proposal**

The Evaluation Committee may conduct discussions with any proposer who submits an acceptable or potentially acceptable proposal. Proposers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity for discussion and revision of proposals. During the course of such discussions, the Evaluation Committee shall not disclose any information derived from one proposal to any other proposer.

### **4.4 Negotiations**

The Ho-Chunk Nation reserves the right to negotiate specifications, terms, and conditions, which may be necessary or appropriate to the accomplishment of the purpose of this RFP. The Nation may require the RFP and the proposer's proposal be incorporated in full or in part as Contract Documents. This implies that this RFP and all responses, supplemental information, and other submissions provided by the proposer during discussions or negotiations may be held by the Ho-Chunk Nation as contractually binding on the successful Proposer.

#### **4.5 Notice of Unacceptable Proposals**

When the Evaluation Committee determines a proposer's proposal to be unacceptable, such proposer shall not be afforded an additional opportunity to supplement its proposal.

#### **4.6 Reserved Rights**

The Ho-Chunk Nation reserves the right at any time and for any reason to cancel this Request for Proposal, to reject any or all proposals, or contract as the best interests of the Nation requirements. The Nation reserves the right to waive any immaterial defect in any proposal. **Unless otherwise specified by the proposer, the Nation has no less than on hundred and twenty (120) days to accept.** The Nation may seek clarification from a proposer at any time and failure to respond promptly is cause for rejection. The Nation may require submission of best and final offers.

#### **4.7 Incurred Cost**

The cost for developing the proposal is the sole responsibility of the proposer. Ho-Chunk Nation will not provide reimbursement for such costs.

#### **4.8 Award**

Award shall be made by the Ho-Chunk Nation to the most responsive and responsible proposer whose proposal is determined to be the most advantageous to the Nation, taking into consideration price and the evaluation criteria set forth herein below.

#### **4.9 Criteria for Selection**

The following criteria and point system shall be used by the evaluation team to determine the firm or individual(s) most qualified and best suited to perform the work.

1. Qualification and Experience (50 points)

Proposer's capability in all respects to perform fully the contract requirements. This includes the proposer's experience in providing Exhibit fabrication and installation. Minimum qualifications include:

- a. The firm shall be independent of the Nation
- b. The firm shall be licensed to practice in Wisconsin and be in good standing.
- c. The firm shall have the experience necessary to provide a fabrication and installation.

2. Approach and Timing (20 points)

This refers to the suitability of the specific audit approach and the timing of the engagement, which are described in the Specifications section below.

3. References (10 points)

The proposer shall describe its prior fabrication and installation experience including the names, addresses, telephone numbers and contact person of at least 3 prior organizations audited. Please note any clients that are tribal governments, enterprises, or corporations.

4. Cost (10 points)

This refers to the proposed price for the services listed in the RFP.

5. Compliance with RFP (10 points)

This refers to the adherence to all conditions and requirements of the RFP.

**Total 100 points**

**4.11 Intellectual Property**

Before closeout, the vendor shall provide all equipment manuals, warranties, written maintenance manuals, electronic and hard copies of drawings, printed information on materials, and products and systems. Any original artwork, illustrations, and data provided by HCNMCC shall be returned.

All concepts, products, writings, designs, drawings, models, design inventions and/or exhibit components conceived or created solely or jointly with others at any time during the provision of services for this contract shall be property of HCNMCC. All original products shall be delivered to HCNMCC prior to receipt of final payment for services.

**4.12 OSHA Requirements**

The Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (OSHA) “guarantees workers the right to a safe and healthful workplace”. Under Section 5 (a) (1) of the OSHA Act, the employer must “furnish to each of his employees’ employment and a place of employment which are free from recognized hazards that are causing or likely to cause death or serious physical harm to his employees.”

There are times when the Ho-Chunk Nation must hire entities and individuals (contractors) to perform services. To this end, contractors hired by the Ho-Chunk Nation must perform their duties in a manner that is compliant with all state, federal, and tribal health and safety laws and industry guidelines. It is the responsibility of the contractor to ensure that their personnel and subcontractors comply with all state, federal, and tribal health and safety laws and regulation and industry guidelines, including, but not limited to those set forth by: OSHA and related regulations, the Safety Inspection and Education Act, the Health and Safety Act, the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health, the National Fire Protection Association, the Centers for Disease Control, American Industrial Hygiene Association, the American Council of Governmental Industrial Hygienists, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Department of Transportation.

**4.13 Purchase Extension**

This contract shall be offered for purchases to be made by other counties and governmental units within the State of Wisconsin as authorized by the Government Joint Purchasing Act. All purchases and payments made under this authority shall be made directly by the governmental unit to the Proposer. The Ho-Chunk Nation shall not be responsible in any way for such purchase orders or payments. All terms and conditions of this contract shall apply to all orders placed by another governmental unit.

**4.15 Taxes**

The Ho-Chunk Nation is exempt from paying Wisconsin Use Tax, Wisconsin Retailers Occupation Tax, and Federal Excise Tax. (#39-1140880)

#### **4.16 Payments**

The Proposer shall furnish the Nation with an itemized invoice including all detailed support of any reimbursable expenses incurred.

#### **4.17 Proposer Responsibilities**

The selected Proposer will be required to assume responsibility for all services offered in this proposal. The Nation will consider the selected Proposer to be the sole point of contact with regard to contractual matters, including payment of any and all charges resulting from the contract.

Any contract resulting from the RFP may not be assigned, in whole or in part without written consent of the Nation. If the Proposer attempts to make such an assignment without the written consent of the Nation, the Proposer shall nevertheless remain legally responsible for all obligations under the Contract.

#### **4.18 Interpretation or Correction of Request for Proposals**

Proposers shall promptly notify the Procurement Manager of any ambiguity, inconsistency, or error, which they may discover upon examination of the Request for Proposals.

Interpretations, corrections, and changes to the Request for Proposals will be made by addendum. Interpretations, corrections, or changes made in any other manner will not be binding.

#### **4.19 Compliance with Laws**

The proposer hereto covenants and agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, tribal, and local laws, codes, ordinances, rules and regulations. Failure to comply with the terms of this provision shall constitute a breach of contract and permit the Ho-Chunk Nation to terminate this (Request for Sealed Proposal/Proposal) in accordance with the termination provisions stated herein.

#### **4.20 Recourse for Unsatisfactory Materials**

Payment shall be contingent upon the Ho-Chunk Nation inspection or satisfaction with completed work. Any defective work or materials, non-conformance to specifications, damaged materials, or unsatisfactory installation shall be corrected to the Ho-Chunk Nation's satisfaction by the successful proposer at no additional charge.

#### **4.21 Termination**

Failure to comply with the terms and conditions as herein stated shall be cause for cancellation of the contract. The Ho-Chunk Nation will give written notice of unsatisfactory performance and the Proposer will be allowed thirty (30) days to take corrective action and accomplish satisfactory control. If at the end of the thirty days, the Ho-Chunk Nation deems the Proposer's performance still unsatisfactory, the contract shall be canceled. The exercise of its right of cancellations shall not limit the Ho-Chunk Nation's right to seek any other remedies allowed by law.

The successful proposer will agree that the resulting contract is made subject to available budgetary appropriations and shall not create any obligation on behalf of the Nation in excess of such

appropriations. In the event that no funds or insufficient funds are appropriated and budgeted, this Contract shall terminate without penalty or expense to the Nation thirty (30) days after written notification of termination from the Nation.

#### **4.22 Rejection of Proposal, Waiver or Irregularities**

Ho-Chunk Nation reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive irregularities, and to accept that proposal which is considered to be in the best interest of the Nation. Any such decision shall be considered final.

#### **4.23 Milestones**

Milestones if outlined, will be considered in making the award and the proposers shall state, in the spaces provided expected milestones. Failure to meet said milestones without prior consent of the Procurement Manager will be considered breach of faith.

#### **4.24 Workmanship**

Items shall be manufactured according to the highest traditions of the industry and shall meet all commercial standards of quality. The Nation shall be the sole judge of acceptable products. Unacceptable products will be rejected and suitable price adjustments made.

#### **4.25 Insurance**

General The successful proposer shall maintain for the duration of the contract and any extensions thereof, at proposer's expense, insurance that includes "Occurrence" basis wording and is issued by a company or companies qualified to do business in the State of Wisconsin that are acceptable to the Nation, which generally requires that the company(ies) be assigned a Best's Rating of A or higher with a Best's financial size category of Class XIV or higher, in the following types and amounts:

- a) Commercial General Liability in a broad form, to include, but not limited to, coverage for the following where exposure exists: Bodily Injury and Property Damage, Premises/Operations, Independent Proposers, Products/Completed Operations, Personal Injury and Contractual Liability; limits of liability not less than:
  - a. \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 in aggregate;
- b) Business Auto Liability to include, but not be limited to, coverage for the following where exposure exists: Owned Vehicles, Hired and Non-Owned Vehicles and Employee Non-Ownership; limits of liability not less than:
  - a. \$1,000,000 per occurrence combined single limit for: Bodily Injury Liability and Property Damage Liability;
- c) Workers' Compensation Insurance to cover all employees and met statutory limits in compliance with applicable state and federal laws. The coverage must also include Employer's Liability with minimum limits of \$100,000 for each incident.
- d) Professional Liability Insurance with \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$1,000,000 in aggregate.

#### **4.26 Evidence of Insurance**

The successful proposer agrees that with respect to the above-required insurance that:

- (a) The Ho-Chunk Nation shall be provided with Certificates of Insurance evidencing the above required insurance, prior to commencement of the contract and thereafter with certificates evidencing renewals or replacements of said policies of insurance at least fifteen (15) days prior to the expiration or cancellation of any such policies;
- (b) The contractual liability arising out of the contract shall be acknowledged on the Certificate of Insurance by the insurance company;
- (c) The Ho-Chunk Nation shall be provided with thirty (30) days prior notice, in writing, of Notice of Cancellation or material change and said notification requirement shall be stated on the Certificate of Insurance;
- (d) Subcontractors, if any, comply with the same insurance requirements. In addition to being named as an additional insured on the Certificate of Insurance, each liability policy shall contain an endorsement naming the Ho-Chunk Nation as an additional insured. A Copy of the endorsement shall be provided to Ho-Chunk Nation along with the Certificate of Insurance; and
- (e) have Ho-Chunk Nation named as an additional insured and the address for certificate holder must read exactly as:

Ho-Chunk Nation, a sovereign nation

W9814 Airport Road

Black River Falls, WI 54615

- (f) Insurance Notices and Certificates of Insurance shall be provided to:

Ho-Chunk Nation Treasury, Procurement Department

W9814 Airport Road

Black River Falls, WI 54615

The Nation shall be provided with Certificates of Insurance evidencing the above required insurance prior to the commencement of this Agreement and thereafter with the certificated evidencing renewals or changes to said policies of insurance at least fifteen (15) days prior to the expiration or cancellation of any such policies.

**The Nation shall be named as additional insured on all liability policies, and the parties acknowledge that any insurance maintained by the Nation shall apply in excess of, and not contribute to, insurance provided by successful proposer.**

The contractual liability arising out of the Agreement shall be acknowledged on the Certificate of Insurance by the insurance company. The Nation shall be provided with thirty (3) days prior notice, in writing, of Notice of Cancellation or material change, and said notification requirements shall be stated on the Certificate of Insurance.

Acceptance or approval of insurance shall in no way modify or change the indemnity or hold harmless clauses in this agreement, which shall continue in full force and effect.

#### **4.27 Hold Harmless Clause**

The proposer agrees to indemnify, save harmless and defend the Ho-Chunk Nation, their agents, servants, and employees, and each of them against and hold them harmless from any and all

lawsuits, claims, demands, liabilities, losses, and expenses, including court costs and attorney's fees, for or on account of any injury to any person, any death at any time resulting from such injury, or any damage to property, which may arise or which may be alleged to have arisen out of or in connection with the work covered by this contract. The foregoing indemnity shall apply except if such injury, death or damage is caused directly by the willful and wanton conduct of the Ho-Chunk Nation, their agents, servants, or employees or any other person indemnified hereunder.

#### **4.28 Choice of Law and Venue**

The proposer agrees that this proposal has been executed and delivered on sovereign Ho-Chunk Nation lands and that their relationship and any and all disputes, controversies or claims arising under this proposal or any resulting contract shall be governed by the laws of the Ho-Chunk Nation, without regard to conflicts of laws principles. The proposer further agrees that the exclusive venue for all such disputes shall be the Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Court, Black River Falls, Wisconsin, and the proposer hereby consent to the personal jurisdiction thereof.

#### **4.29 Directions for Submission**

Qualified individuals or firms are to submit one (1) original, (1) electronic copy and four (4) hard copies of the completed proposal and supported documentation, along with pricing proposal in a separate envelope marked "**pricing**" to:

Catherine Link, CPPB CAM  
Procurement Manager  
Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Treasury  
Procurement Division  
P.O. Box 640  
W9814 Airport Road  
Black River Falls, WI 54615

All data and documentation submitted as part of this RFP shall become the property of the Ho-Chunk Nation, Wisconsin.

All proposals must be received by **2:00 p.m. (CST) on November 28, 2018**. Absolutely no proposal will be accepted after the time specified. Late proposals shall be rejected and returned unopened to the sender. The Ho-Chunk Nation does not prescribe the method by which proposals are to be transmitted; therefore, it cannot be held responsible for any delay, regardless of reason, in the transmission of proposals.

**PROPOSAL ENVELOPES ARE TO BE CLEARLY MARKED WITH THE RFP TITLE, TIME & DATE OF OPENING.**

**Pre-Bid Meeting and Site Visit to be held at 1108 Superior Ave. Tomah, WI 54660 on October 31, 2018 at 10:00am.**



#### **4.29a Submittal**

Submit one (1) proposal; multiple proposals from a single vendor will not be accepted. Proposer is to submit one (1) original, (1) electronic copy, and four (4) copies of the proposal to the Ho-Chunk Nation.

#### **4.29b Pricing**

**Pricing shall be submitted in a separate sealed envelope and marked “Pricing”.** Price offered shall be firm for at least 120 days after the latest time specified for submission of proposals and thereafter until written notice is received from proposer.

#### **4.29c Mandatory Pages**

All Mandatory Pages contained within this package must be included and the Mandatory Proposal Letter must be signed by a person authorized to legally bind the company.

***FAILURE TO INCLUDE THE SIGNED PROPOSAL LETTER AND MANDATORY PAGES WILL RESULT IN THE REJECTION OF YOUR RESPONSE.***

#### **4.30 Fair Employment Practices**

All proposals shall be subject to the provisions of Ho-Chunk Nation Statutes relating to prohibition of discrimination in employment. This provision shall be applicable and incorporated as part of any contract or bid award.

#### **4.31 Anti-Kickback Clause**

The Contractor hereby agrees to adhere to the mandate dictated by the Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act which provides that each Contractor or sub grantee shall be prohibited from inducing, by any mean, any person employed in the completion of work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he is otherwise entitled.

#### **4.33 Debarment and Suspension**

The Ho-Chunk Nation reserves the right to cancel this contract with any federally debarred proposer or a proposer that is presently identified on the list of parties excluded from federal procurement and non-procurement contracts. The Ho-Chunk Nation also maintains its own debarment and suspension list, and reserves the right to cancel this contract with any proposer on the Nation’s own debarment lists.

#### **4.34 Security**

The proposer represents and warrants to the Ho-Chunk Nation that neither it nor any of its principles, shareholders, members, partners, or affiliates, as applicable, is a person or an entity named as a Specially Designated National and Blocked Person (as defined in Federal Presidential Executive Order 13224 and that is not acting, directly or indirectly, for or on behalf of a Specially Designated National and Blocked Person. The proposer further represents and warrants to the Ho-Chunk Nation that the proposer and its principles, shareholders, members, partners, or affiliates, as applicable, are not directly or indirectly, engaged in, and are not facilitating, the transactions contemplated by this Agreement on behalf or any person or entity named as Specially Designated National and Blocked Person. The proposer hereby agrees to

defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Ho-Chunk Nation from and against any and all claims, damages, losses, risks, liabilities, and expenses arising from or related to any breach of the foregoing representation.

#### **4.35 RFP Addendums**

Ho-Chunk Nation reserves the right to addend or amend the RFP prior to the date of proposal submission. Addenda will be posted to the Internet at <http://ho-chunknation.com/Procurement>

#### **4.36 Proposal Withdrawal**

Prior to the proposal due date, a submitted proposal may be withdrawn by the proposer by submitting a written request to the email address named herein. A person authorized to sign for the proposer must sign all such requests.

#### **4.37 Contract**

Ho-Chunk Nation reserves the right to add provisions to the contract to be consistent with the successful proposer's offer and to negotiate with the successful proposer other additions to, deletions from, and/or changes in the language in the audit contract. Provided, however, that no such addition, deletion or change in the audit contract language would, in the sole discretion of Ho-Chunk Nation and its legal counsel, affect the evaluation criteria set forth herein, or give the successful proposer a competitive advantage. Any contract with the Ho-Chunk Nation will provide for Ho-Chunk Nation governing law and jurisdiction. This contract will not waive the sovereign immunity of the Ho-Chunk Nation, and will require compliance with all Ho-Chunk Nation laws, ordinances, regulations and procedures. Prior to award, the winning proposer may be required to enter into discussions with Ho-Chunk Nation to resolve any differences before an award is made. These discussions are to be finalized and all exceptions resolved within one (1) week of notification. If not, this could lead to rejection of the proposer's proposal and to discussions being initiated with the subsequent highest scoring proposer.

#### **4.38 Default**

In case of failure to provide services in accordance with the terms and conditions, Ho-Chunk Nation, after due oral or written notice, may procure the services from other sources and hold the proposer responsible for any resulting additional cost. This remedy shall be in addition to any other remedies that Ho-Chunk Nation may have.

#### **4.39 Restrictions on Communications with Staff**

From the issue date of this RFP until an proposer is selected and the selection is announced, proposers are not allowed to communicate for any reason with any Ho-Chunk Nation staff or elected officials except through email at [Treasury\\_RFP@ho-chunk.com](mailto:Treasury_RFP@ho-chunk.com) named wherein or as provided by existing work agreement(s). For violation of this provision, Ho-Chunk Nation shall reserve the right to reject the proposal of the offending proposer. All questions concerning this RFP must be submitted by e-mail to the [Treasury\\_RFP@ho-chunk.com](mailto:Treasury_RFP@ho-chunk.com) and shall reference the numbered item for which the question is asked.

#### **4.40 Conflict of Interest**

If an proposer has any existing client relationship that involves the Ho-Chunk Nation that would prevent either from being objective, the proposer must disclose such relationship. The proposer will disclose any professional or personal financial interest which could be a possible conflict of

interest in representing the Nation. The proposer shall further disclose any arrangements to derive additional compensation from various investment products, including financial contracts.

#### **4.41 Ethics in Public Contracts**

By submitting their proposals, all proposers certify that their proposals are made without collusion or fraud and that they have not offered or received any inducements from any other proposer or sub proposer in connection with their proposals, and that they have not offered or provided any Ho-Chunk Nation employee or elected official having official responsibility for this procurement transaction any payment, loan, subscription, advance, deposit of money, services or anything of more than nominal value.

#### **4.42 Confidentiality Requirements and Public Information Disclosure**

The staff members that are assigned by the successful proposer to this project may be required to sign a non-disclosure statement.

#### **4.43 RFP Cancellations**

Ho-Chunk Nation may cancel the RFP or reject proposals at any time prior to an award, and is not required to furnish a statement of the reason why a particular proposal was not deemed to have the best value to the Ho-Chunk Nation. The Ho-Chunk Nation shall not be liable for any losses incurred by the proposers throughout this process.

#### **4.44 Additional Documentation**

Additional documentation regarding project will be given to successful bidder.

## **5.0 DESCRIPTION OF REQUIREMENTS**

### **5.1 Terminology**

Ho-Chunk Nation has established certain requirements with respect to proposals to be submitted by proposers. Whenever the terms “shall”, “must”, “will” or “is required” are used in the RFP, the specification being referred to is a mandatory requirement for this RFP. Failure to meet any mandatory requirement will cause rejection of proposer’s proposal.

Whenever the terms “can”, “may” or “should” are used in the RFP, the specification being referred to is a desirable, thus failure to provide any items so termed will not be cause for rejection but will probably cause a reduction in the score awarded.

### **5.2 Submission Requirements:**

Executive summary of the highlights of the proposal, which should not exceed one page in length, but convey the consultant’s understanding of the purpose and expected outcomes of the project.

A summary of the consultant’s qualifications and experience. Professional experience in tribal government is desirable.

Evidence of successful experience in planning is crucial to the selection.

Experience fabricating exhibits using ‘green’ and LEED-qualifying methods, materials.

Fabrication capabilities and services, indicating which are in-house and which would be outsourced; include a list of primary subcontractors, with a statement of their qualifications.

A work plan that includes a description of the methodology, tasks, timeline, and estimated amount of time that would be spent on the project.

Identify exclusions or exceptions – Note any parts of the proposal that is beyond the expertise of the consultant, or would be better handled by Ho-Chunk Nation staff.

References of and contact information for at least three (3) previous agencies/firms for which consultant has provided strategic planning service.

Additional Documentation - Consultants are welcome to provide additional documentation that will assist the Ho-Chunk Nation in the selection process.

Items to be provided in Proposal:

#### Selection Criteria

- 1) Cost proposal
- 2) Work plan
- 3) Experience in fabricating successful, interactive components and exhibits
- 4) Experience in fabricating projects of a similar scale and complexity
- 5) Established record of fabrication quality and excellence for similar exhibits
- 6) Experience and availability of key individuals proposed for the project
- 7) Experience and availability of key subcontractors
- 8) Experience in working in a collaborative manner with tribal institutions
- 9) Reputation for thoroughness and client responsiveness as demonstrated through references.
- 10) Innovative or outstanding work that demonstrates the firm's unique qualifications for this particular project

The proposer's proposal shall address each of the items included in the scope of work and the additional items listed below. The proposer's proposal shall include an agreement pursuant to which it will perform the services set forth herein.

### **5.3 Organization**

The proposer must describe its organization, history, size and structure. Below is a list of categories that must be addressed within your RFP response.

- a) The proposer shall provide its legal name, official address, and the primary RFP contact's name, phone number, email address and fax number.
- b) The proposer must provide a brief history of its firm to include size and location.
- c) The proposer shall describe its firm's ownership structure.
- d) The proposer must describe any significant developments affecting their firm in the last five years, such as changes in ownership, restructuring, personnel changes, reorganization, or philosophy. Please note any planned or anticipated changes in the ownership or management of your firm during the next two years.
- e) The proposer shall identify the states your firm is licensed to practice.

- f) The proposer shall identify their insurance coverage (error and omissions, workers' compensation, etc.)
- g) Over the past five years, has your organization or any of its affiliates or parent, or any office or principal been involved in any business litigation or other legal proceedings?
- h) The proposer shall identify the length of time working papers are retained, and access policies and requirements.
- i) Describe in detail any potential conflict of interest your firm, affiliates or parent may have in management of this account and your method of dealing with conflicts of interest.

#### **5.4 Proposer Experience**

The proposer shall describe its prior fabricating and installation experience including the names, addresses, contact person and telephone numbers of at least 3 prior organizations in which fabrication and installation services were required.

#### **5.5 Staff Qualifications**

The proposer shall describe the qualifications of key staff to be assigned to this project. This section must include the following:

- a) Names, titles and biographies of key personnel who would be directly responsible for performing the strategic plan. Include education and experience.
- b) Identify expected level of staffing and supervision.
- c) Detail their roles and the scope of their involvement for this assignment.

#### **5.6 Performance**

The proposal shall set forth a work plan including an explanation of the methodology to be followed. The proposer will be required to provide the following information on their approach:

- a) Proposed segmentation of the engagement.
- b) Level of staff and number of hours to be assigned to each proposed segment of the engagement.
- c) Identify your approach
- d) Expected completion dates for this project.
- e) Expected level of staff assistance to the proposer's firm.
- f) Types of reports to be issued.
- g) Information that is expected to be provided by the plan to the proposer.
- h) Workspace requirements of the proposer.

## **5.7 Fee Structure**

The proposer shall propose a detailed total price for the services rendered. The pricing documents shall include the following:

- a) Clearly indicate how the price was determined.
- b) Estimated number of hours by staff level, including hourly rates and total cost by staff level.
- c) Any out of pocket expenses should be included. Include a not to exceed estimate of travel and other associated reimbursements.
- d) Please describe any discounts if given.
- e) Describe any additional costs that would be added to the pricing, if applicable.

**END OF DOCUMENT**