



CITY OF CENTRAL FALLS

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR DATA AND POLICY ANALYST

BID# 2023-0015

SPECIFICATIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS

Issue Date: November 28, 2023

The submission deadline for responses is December 14th, 2023, at 12:00 pm

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Purpose

The City of Central Falls seeks a Data and Policy Analyst. This consultant has deep knowledge of the funding formula for the state of Rhode Island, student achievement and performance data, RIDE and district data systems, financial analysis of state, federal and local funds for education, as well as the data and processes used to determine school and district classifications, student enrollment, demographic subgroups and charter data systems. This role requires being knowledgeable and adept at gathering, analyzing and presenting complex data in ways that can be understood by many audiences, both internally, with the Mayor and Superintendent’s teams, and with the broader community. This consultant will also have a background and expertise in public policy to assist in policy research related to governance and finance of the city schools over the last 30+ years.

Scope of Work

The consultant will be expected to conduct research to determine the inquiries listed in each work area below.

Work Area 1: Central Falls Student Outcomes

- Analysis of student outcomes and conditions impacting outcomes in CF over the last 30 years, including:
 - Demographics over time
 - Mobility over time
 - Staff turn over
 - Leadership changes over time
 - Enrollment changes over time
 - Attendance changes over time
 - Charter sector changes over time
 - Other?

Work Area 2: Financial Analysis

- Research and analysis of all available data and information related to the funding of Central Falls Public Schools funding since 1991, including the impact over time of the growth of the charter sector on CF funding.
- Analysis of projections for charter growth over the next 10 years and projected funding impacts of charter growth over the next 10 years
- Analysis of expenses of funds in CF serving schools and CFSD over time, the mechanisms for oversight and accountability for funding CF,
- Research models nationally for funding of districts in similarly situated cities in the US

Work Area 3: CF Education Strategy Team Support/Systems

- Support backend data and policy needs of Education Strategy team

Instructions

Respondents to this solicitation must submit one (1) original response and three (3) copies in a sealed envelope labeled with the address of the property. Proposals must include a USB or CD copy of the proposal in the envelope **no later than 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, December, 14, 2023**, at the office of the Purchasing Agent, 1st Floor, City Hall, 580 Broad Street, Central Falls, Rhode Island. This bid will be publicly opened and read at a later date once it is scheduled with the Purchasing Board. An official authorized to bind the Respondent to the provisions of its response must sign the Response Form. The City will review all responses and reserves the right to accept or reject any and all responses.

Response must be submitted in a sealed envelope and addressed to:

Alberto DeBurgo
 Purchasing Agent
 City of Central Falls
 580 Broad Street
 Central Falls, RI 02863

The lower left corner of the envelope must contain the following identification: SEALED RESPONSE, FOR FINANCIAL AND STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT ANALYST.

NO RESPONSES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 12:00 P.M.

It is the responsibility of bidder to check the Central Falls purchasing webpage for any addendums: (<https://www.centralfallsri.gov/rfps>).

Selection Criteria

Proposals in response to this RFP will be reviewed and ranked using the criteria listed below and the top ranked respondents will be interviewed prior to making a selection.

1. The respondent’s background and relevant work experience as related to the scope of work.
2. The qualifications and suitability of experience of any staff members that will be assigned to tasks outlined in the scope of work. (The response must identify and provide resumes for staff members who will be working on each task.)
3. Quality of the response to the RFP in demonstrating a clear understanding of the scope of work and goals for the project and effectiveness in working in multi-racial and multi-lingual communities.
4. Demonstrated proven ability to complete required tasks in a timely, cost-effective manner and responsiveness to client’s needs by providing references from current and prior clients for similar projects.
5. Quality of interview with the selection committee.
6. Cost proposal.
7. *Preference will be given to proposals submitted by minority and women business enterprises.*

PROPOSAL CONTENT. Proposer must describe in detail how they will meet the requirements of this RFP and may provide additional related information with their proposal. The proposal should be presented in a format that corresponds to, and references, the responsibilities outlined in the Scope of Work and should be presented in the same order. Proposals should be straightforward and concise. Emphasis should be concentrated on conforming to the RFP instructions, responding to the RFP requirements, and on providing a complete and clear description of the offer, including a cost proposal. If

a complete response cannot be provided without referencing supporting documentation, you must provide such documentation with the proposal indicating where the supplemental information can be found.

PROPOSER'S BACKGROUND. Proposer must provide a company profile. Information shall include:

1. Company ownership. If incorporated, the state in which the company is incorporated and the date of incorporation.
2. Location of the company offices.
3. Number of employees both locally and nationally.
4. Location(s) from which employees will be assigned.
5. Name, address, and telephone number of the Proposer’s point of contact for a contract resulting from this RFP.
6. Company background/history and why Proposer is qualified to provide the services described in this RFP.
7. Length of time Proposer has been providing services described in this RFP. Please provide a brief description.
8. Resumes for key staff to be responsible for performance of any contract resulting from this RFP.

Proposer must include in their proposal a complete disclosure of any alleged significant prior or ongoing contract failures, any civil or criminal litigation or investigation pending which involves the Proposer or in which the Proposer has been judged guilty or liable. Failure to comply with the terms of this provision will disqualify any proposal. The City of Central Falls reserves the right to reject any proposal based upon the Proposer’s prior history with the City of Central Falls or with any other party, which documents, without limitation, unsatisfactory performance, adversarial or contentious demeanor, significant failure(s) to meet contract milestones or other contractual failures.

PROPOSER'S REFERENCES. Proposers should provide a minimum of three (3) references from similar projects performed for any local government clients within the last five years. Information provided shall include:

1. Client/Business name;
2. Project description;
3. Project dates (starting and ending);
4. Client/Business project manager name and telephone number

PUBLIC RECORDS. Rhode Island law provides that municipal records shall be open for personal inspection by any person. Information and materials received by the City of Central Falls in connection with an RFP response shall be deemed to be public records subject to public inspection upon award, recommendation for award, or 10 days after proposal opening, whichever occurs first. However, certain exemptions to the public records law are statutorily provided. If the Proposer believes any of the information contained in his or her response is exempt from the Public Records Law, then the Proposer, must in his or her response, specifically identify the material which is deemed to be exempt and cite the legal authority for the exemption, otherwise, the City of Central Falls will treat all materials received as public records.

QUALIFICATION OF PROPOSERS. Each Proposer shall be skilled and regularly engaged in the general class or type of work called for under the contract for no less than three (3) years. It is the intention of the City of Central Falls to award a contract to a Proposer who furnishes satisfactory evidence that the Proposer has the requisite experience, ability, sufficient capital, facilities, and plant to enable the Proposer to

prosecute the work successfully and properly, and to complete it within the time specified in the contract. To determine the degree of responsibility to be credited to the Proposer, the City of Central Falls will weigh any evidence that the Proposer has performed satisfactorily other contracts of like nature, magnitude and comparable difficulty and comparable rates of progress. In selecting the Proposer offering the most advantageous proposal, consideration will be given not only to the financial standing but also to the general competency of the Proposer for the performance of the work covered and/or specified in the contract documents. To this end, each Proposal shall be supported by a statement of the Proposer’s relevant experience which shall include descriptions of the work your firm completed to deliver similar services for three (3) projects for a municipal or other governmental unit within the last five years. Descriptions shall also include the name of the entity for which the Proposer performed the work, the beginning and end dates of each project, and the contract amount.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS. All questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing to the Central Falls Human Resources Department no later than 12:00 p.m. on Monday, December 4, 2023. Questions received after that time will not be addressed. Questions should be emailed to aurena@centralfallsri.us. All submitted questions and the City’s written response to each will be available as an addendum that will be posted to the City’s website (<https://www.centralfallsri.gov/rfps>) on or before 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 7, 2023. Potential proposers are responsible for accessing the addendum on the website or by contacting the Central Falls Human Resources Department at aurena@centralfallsri.us to request a copy of the addendum. Proposers must acknowledge receipt of all addenda on the City proposal form which will be submitted with the proposal package.

The Davis-Bacon Act requires the payment of prevailing wage rates to all labors and mechanics on Federal or Federally assisted construction contracts. The City of Central Falls reserves the right to negotiate an agreement based on fair and reasonable compensation for the scope of work and services proposed, as well as the right to reject any and all responses deemed unqualified, unsatisfactory, or inappropriate.

Financial and Student Achievement Analyst Response Form

TO: THE CITY OF CENTRAL FALLS

From: _____

The signature below certifies that the undersigned is authorized to submit this proposal on behalf of the Respondent and to bind the Respondent to the provisions of its response. Further, the signature certifies that:

- The undersigned has not entered into any collusion with any person in respect to this proposal or any other proposal or the submitting of a response to this bid.
- If selected to perform the work, the undersigned will act in good faith to complete projects as part of this effort in an expeditious manner.

The undersigned acknowledges that they have read any Addendums that may have been issued following the initial posting of this RFP. Specifically, the Respondent acknowledges reading the following Addendum(s):

Name of Proposer (Person, Firm, or Corporation)

Signature of Proposer's Authorized Representative

Name & Title of Authorized Representative

Date of Signing