

# Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government

#### Request For Proposal

The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government hereby requests proposals for RFP #23-2012 Employee Compensation System Study to be provided in accordance with terms, conditions and specifications established herein.

Sealed proposals will be received in the Division of Central Purchasing, Room 338, Government Center, 200 East Main Street, Lexington, KY, 40507, until **2:00 PM**, prevailing local time, on **August 8th**, **2012**.

Proposals received after the date and time set for opening proposals will not be considered for award of a contract and will be returned unopened to the Proposer. It is the sole responsibility of the Proposer to assure that his/her proposal is received by the Division of Central Purchasing before the date and time set for opening proposals.

Proposals must be sealed in an envelope and the envelope prominently marked:

#### RFP #13-2012 Employee Compensation System Study

If mailed, the envelope must be addressed to:

Purchasing Director
Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government
Room 338, Government Center
200 East Main Street
Lexington, KY 40507

Additional copies of this Request For Proposals are available from the Division of Central Purchasing, Room 338 Government Center, 200 East Main Street, Lexington, KY 40507, (859)-258-3320, at no charge.

Proposals, once submitted, may not be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) calendar days.

The Proposer must submit one (1) master (hardcopy), (1) electronic version in PDF format on a flashdrive or CD and seven (7) duplicates (hardcopies) of their proposal for evaluation purposes.

The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, and to waive technicalities and informalities when such waiver is determined by the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government to be in its best interest.

Signature of this proposal by the Proposer constitutes acceptance by the Proposer of terms, conditions and requirements set forth herein.

Minor exceptions may not eliminate the proposal. Any exceptions to the specifications established herein shall be listed in detail on a separate sheet and attached hereto. The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government shall determine whether any exception is minor.

The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government encourages the participation of minority- and women-owned businesses in Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government contracts. This proposal is subject to Affirmative Action requirements attached hereto.

Please do not contact any City staff member or any other person involved in the selection process other than the designated contact person(s) regarding the project contemplated under this RFP while this RFP is open and a selection has not been finalized. Any attempt to do so may result in disqualification of the firm's submittal for consideration.

#### Laws and Regulations

All applicable state laws, municipal ordinances and regulations of all authorities having jurisdiction over the project shall apply to the contract, and shall be deemed to be incorporated herein by reference.

#### **Equal Employment Opportunity**

The Entity (regardless of whether construction contractor, non-construction contractor or supplier) agrees to provide equal opportunity in employment for all qualified persons, to prohibit discrimination in employment because of race, color, creed, national origin, sex or age, and to promote equal employment through a positive, continuing program from itself and each of its subcontracting agents. This program of equal employment opportunity shall apply to every aspect of its employment policies and practices.

#### **Kentucky Equal Employment Opportunity Act**

The Kentucky Equal Employment Opportunity Act of 1978 (KRS 45.560-45.640) requires that any "county, city, town, school district, water district, hospital district,

or other political subdivision of the state shall include in directly or indirectly publicly funded contracts for supplies, materials, services, or equipment hereinafter entered into the following provisions:

"During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:

- (1) The contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, age, or national origin;
- (2) The contractor will state in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractors that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, or national origin;
- (3) The contractor will post notices in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, setting forth the provision of the nondiscrimination clauses required by this section; and
- (4) The contractor will send a notice to each labor union or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding advising the labor union or workers' representative of the contractor's commitments under the nondiscrimination clauses."

#### The Act further provides:

"KRS 45.610. Hiring minorities -- Information required

- (1) For the length of the contract, each contractor shall hire minorities from other sources within the drawing area, should the union with which he has collective bargaining agreements be unwilling to supply sufficient minorities to satisfy the agreed upon goals and timetables.
- (2) Each contractor shall, for the length of the contract, furnish such information as required by KRS 45.560 to KRS 45.640 and by such rules, regulations and orders issued pursuant thereto and will permit access to all books and records pertaining to his employment practices and work sites by the contracting agency and the department for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with KRS 45.560 to 45.640 and such rules, regulations and orders issued pursuant thereto.

KRS 45.620. Action against contractor -- Hiring of minority contractor or subcontractor

- (1) If any contractor is found by the department to have engaged in an unlawful practice under this chapter during the course of performing under a contract or subcontract covered under KRS 45.560 to 45.640, the department shall so certify to the contracting agency and such certification shall be binding upon the contracting agency unless it is reversed in the course of judicial review.
- (2) If the contractor is found to have committed an unlawful practice under KRS 45.560 to 45.640, the contracting agency may cancel or terminate the contract, conditioned upon a program for future compliance approved by the contracting agency and the department. The contracting agency may declare such a contractor ineligible to bid on further contracts with that agency until such time as the contractor complies in full with the requirements of KRS 45.560 to 45.640.
- (3) The equal employment provisions of KRS 45.560 to 45.640 may be met in part by a contractor by subcontracting to a minority contractor or subcontractor. For the provisions of KRS 45.560 to 45.640, a minority contractor or subcontractor shall mean a business that is owned and controlled by one or more persons disadvantaged by racial or ethnic circumstances.

KRS 45.630 Termination of existing employee not required, when

Any provision of KRS 45.560 to 45.640 notwithstanding, no contractor shall be required to terminate an existing employee upon proof that employee was employed prior to the date of the contract.

KRS 45.640 Minimum skills

Nothing in KRS 45.560 to 45.640 shall require a contractor to hire anyone who fails to demonstrate the minimum skills required to perform a particular job."

It is recommended that all of the provisions above quoted be included as <u>special conditions</u> in each contract. In the case of a contract exceeding \$250,000, the contractor is required to furnish evidence that his workforce in Kentucky is representative of the available work-force in the area from which he draws employees, or to supply an Affirmative Action plan which will achieve such representation during the life of the contract.

#### **Contention Process**

Vendors who respond to this invitation have the right to file a notice of contention associated with the RFP process or to file a notice of appeal of the recommendation made by the Director of Central Purchasing resulting from this invitation.

Notice of contention with the RFP process must be filed within 3 business days of the bid/proposal opening by (1) sending a written notice, including sufficient documentation to support contention, to the Director of the Division of Central Purchasing or (2) submitting a written request for a meeting with the Director of Central Purchasing to explain his/her contention with the RFP process. After consulting with the Commissioner of Finance the Chief Administrative Officer and reviewing the documentation and/or hearing the vendor, the Director of Central Purchasing shall promptly respond in writing findings as to the compliance with RFP processes. If, based on this review, a RFP process irregularity is deemed to have occurred the Director of Central Purchasing will consult with the Commissioner of Finance, the Chief Administrative Officer and the Department of Law as to the appropriate remedy.

Notice of appeal of a RFP recommendation must be filed within 3 business days of the RFP recommendation by (1) sending a written notice, including sufficient documentation to support appeal, to the Director, Division of Central Purchasing or (2) submitting a written request for a meeting with the Director of Central Purchasing to explain his appeal. After reviewing the documentation and/or hearing the vendor and consulting with the Commissioner of Finance and the Chief Administrative Officer, the Director of Central Purchasing shall in writing, affirm or withdraw the recommendation.

#### **SELECTION CRITERIA:**

- 1. Specialized experienced and technical competence of the person or firm (including a join venture or association) with the type of service required.
- 2. Capacity of the person or firm to perform the work, including any specialized services, within the time limitations.
- 3. Character, integrity, reputation, judgment, experience and efficiency of the person or firm.
- 4. Past record and performance on contracts with the LFUCG or other governmental agencies and private industry with respect to such factors as control of cost, quality of work and ability to meet scheduling.
- 5. Familiarity with the details of the project.
- 6. Degree of local employment to be provided by the person or firm.
- 7. Estimated Cost of Services

Proposals shall contain the appropriate information necessary to evaluate based on these criteria. A committee composed of government employees as well as representatives of relevant user groups will evaluate the proposals.

#### Questions shall be addressed to:

Todd Slatin
Acting Director
Division of Central Purchasing
tslatin@lexingtonky.gov

#### Affirmative Action Plan

All vendors must submit as a part of the proposal package the following items to the Urban County Government:

- 1. Affirmative Action Plan for his/her firm;
- 2. Current Work Force Analysis Form;

Failure to submit these items as required may result in disqualification of the submitter from award of the contract. All submissions should be directed to:

Director, Division of Central Purchasing Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government 200 East Main Street, 3rd Floor Lexington, Kentucky 40507

All questions regarding this proposal must be directed to the Division of Central Purchasing, (859)-258-3320.

#### **AFFIDAVIT**

Comes the Affiant,	, and after						
being first duly sworn, states under penalty of perjury as follows:							
1. His/her name is	and he/she is						
the individual submitting the proposal or is the authorized of	•						
entity submitting the proposal (hereinafter referred to as "Proposer").							
2. Proposer will pay all taxes and fees, which are owed to the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government at the time the proposal is submitted, prior to award of the contract and will maintain a "current" status in regard to those taxes and fees during the life of the contract.							
3. Proposer will obtain a Lexington-Fayette Urban County Govern- license, if applicable, prior to award of the contract.	ment business						
4. Proposer has authorized the Division of Central Purchasing to vermentioned information with the Division of Revenue and to disclose County Council that taxes and/or fees are delinquent or that a business.	e to the Urban						

- 5. Proposer has not knowingly violated any provision of the campaign finance laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky within the past five (5) years and the award of a contract to the Proposer will not violate any provision of the campaign finance laws of the Commonwealth.
- 6. Proposer has not knowingly violated any provision of Chapter 25 of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government Code of Ordinances, known as "Ethics Act."

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not been obtained.

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_\_

The foregoing instrument was subscribed, sworn to and acknowledged before me by \_\_\_\_\_\_ on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

My Commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_\_

7. Proposer acknowledges that "knowingly" for purposes of this Affidavit means, with respect to conduct or to circumstances described by a statute or ordinance defining an offense, that a person is aware or should have been aware that his

#### **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AGREEMENT**

#### The Law

- Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (amended 1972) states that it is unlawful for an employer to discriminate in employment because of race, color, religion, sex, age (40-70 years) or national origin.
- Executive Order No. 11246 on Nondiscrimination under Federal contract prohibits employment discrimination by contractor and sub-contractor doing business with the Federal Government or recipients of Federal funds. This order was later amended by Executive Order No. 11375 to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex.
- Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 states:

The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment

because of physical or mental handicap.

- Section 2012 of the Vietnam Era Veterans Readjustment Act of 1973 requires Affirmative Action on behalf of disabled veterans and veterans of the Vietnam Era by contractors having Federal contracts.
- Section 206(A) of Executive Order 12086, Consolidation of Contract Compliance Functions for Equal Employment Opportunity, states:

The Secretary of Labor may investigate the employment practices of any Government

contractor or sub-contractor to determine whether or not the contractual provisions specified in Section 202 of this order have been violated.

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The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government practices Equal Opportunity in recruiting, hiring and promoting. It is the Government's intent to affirmatively provide employment opportunities for those individuals who have previously not been allowed to enter into the mainstream of society. Because of its importance to the local Government, this policy carries the full endorsement of the Mayor, Commissioners, Directors and all supervisory personnel. In following this commitment to Equal Employment Opportunity and because the Government is the benefactor of the Federal funds, it is both against the Urban County Government policy and illegal for the Government to let contracts to companies which knowingly or unknowingly practice discrimination in their employment practices. Violation of the above mentioned ordinances may cause a contract to be canceled and the contractors may be declared ineligible for future consideration.

Please sign this statement in the appropriate space acknowledging that you have read and understand the provisions contained herein. Return this document as part of your application packet.

#### Bidders

Signature

I/We	agree	to	comply	with	the	Civil	Rights	Laws	listed	above	that	govern	employment	rights	of
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Name of Business

#### **WORKFORCE ANALYSIS FORM**

Name of Organization:										_	
Date://	_										
Categories	Total	White		Latino		Bla	ick	Other		Total	
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Professionals											
Superintendents											
Supervisors											
Foremen											
Technicians											
Protective Service											
Para-Professionals											
Office/Clerical											
Skilled Craft											
Service/Maintenance											
Total:											

Prepared by:	
	Name & Title

#### DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF CENTRAL PURCHASING LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT 200 EAST MAIN STREET LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY 40507

## NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT FOR AFFIRMATIVE ACTION TO ENSURE EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND DBE CONTRACT PARTICIPATION

The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government has set a goal that not less than ten percent (10%) of the total value of this contract be subcontracted to MBE/WBE's. The goal for the utilization of <a href="mailto:certified">certified</a> MBE/WBE's as subcontractors are recommended goals. Contractors who fail to meet such goals will be expected to <a href="mailto:provide written explanations">provide written explanations</a> to the Director of the Division of Central Purchasing of efforts they have made to accomplish the recommended goals and the extent to which they are successful in accomplishing the recommended goals will be a consideration in the procurement process.

For assistance in locating MBE/WBE Subcontractors contact Marilyn Clark at 859/258-3320 or by writing the address listed below:

Marilyn Clark, Division of Central Purchasing Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government 200 East Main Street – Room 338 Lexington, Kentucky 40507

### Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government MBE/WBE Participation Goals

#### PART 1 - GENERAL

- 1.1 The LFUCG request all potential contractors to make a concerted effort to include Minority-Owned (MBE) and Woman-Owned (WBE) Business Enterprises as subcontractors or suppliers in their proposals.
- 1.2 Toward that end, the LFUCG has established 10% of total procurement costs as a Goal for participation of Minority-Owned and Woman-Owned Businesses on this contract.
- 1.3 It is therefore a request of each Submitter to include in its proposal, the same goal (10%) or for MBE/WBE participation and other requirements as outlined in this section.

#### PART 2 - PROCEDURES

- 2.1 The successful proposer will be required to report to the LFUCG, the dollar amounts of all purchase orders submitted to Minority-Owned or Woman-Owned subcontractors and suppliers for work done or materials purchased for this contract. (See Subcontractor Monthly Payment Report)
- 2.2 Replacement of a Minority-Owned or Woman-Owned subcontractor or supplier listed in the original submittal must be requested in writing and must be accompanied by documentation of Good Faith Efforts to replace the subcontractor / supplier with another MBE/WBE Firm; this is subject to approval by the LFUCG. (See LFUCG MBE/WBE Substitution Form)
- 2.3 For assistance in identifying qualified, certified businesses to solicit for potential contracting opportunities, submitters may contact:
  - A. The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, Division of Central Purchasing (859-258-3320)
- 2.4 The LFUCG will make every effort to notify interested MBE/WBE subcontractors and suppliers of each RFP, including information on the scope of work, the preproposal meeting time and location, the proposal date, and all other pertinent information regarding the project.

#### PART 3 - DEFINITIONS

3.1 A Minority-Owned Business Enterprise (MBE) is defined as a business which is certified as being at least 51% owned and operated by persons of African American, Hispanic, Asian, Pacific Islander, American Indian or Alaskan Native Heritage.

3.2 A Woman-Owned Business Enterprise (WBE) is defined as a business which is certified as being at least 51% owned and operated by one or more Non-Minority Females.

#### PART 4 - OBLIGATION OF PROPOSER

- 4.1 The bidder shall make a Good Faith Effort to achieve the Participation Goal for MBE/WBE subcontractors/suppliers. The failure to meet the goal shall not necessarily be cause for disqualification of the bidder; however, bidders not meeting the goal are required to furnish with their bids written documentation of their Good Faith Efforts to do so.
- 4.2 Award of Contract shall be conditioned upon satisfaction of the requirements set forth herein.
- 4.3 The Form of Proposal includes a section entitled "MBE/WBE Participation Form". The applicable information must be completed and submitted as outlined below.
- 4.4 Failure to submit this information as requested may be cause for rejection of the proposal.

#### PART 5 - DOCUMENTATION REQURIED

- 5.1 Proposers reaching the Goal are required to submit only the "MBE/WBE Participation Form." The form must be fully completed including names and telephone number of participating MBE/WBE firm(s); type of work to be performed; estimated value of the contract and value expressed as a percentage of the total Lump Sum Proposal Price. The form must be signed and dated, and is to be submitted with the proposal.
- 5.2 Proposers not reaching the Goal must submit the "MBE/WBE Participation Form", the "MBE Quote Summary Form" and a written statement documenting their Good Faith Effort to do so (If proposal includes no MBE/WBE participation, proposer shall enter "None" on the subcontractor / supplier form). In addition, the proposer may submit the following as proof of Good Faith Efforts to meet the Participation Goal:
  - A. Advertisement by the proposer of MBE/WBE Contracting opportunities associated with this proposal in at least two (2) of the following:
    - 1. A periodical in general circulation throughout the region
    - 2. A Minority-Focused periodical in general circulation throughout the region
    - 3. A Trade periodical aimed at the MBE/WBE community in general circulation throughout the region
    - 4. Proposer shall include copies of dated advertisement with his submittal
  - B. Evidence of written notice of contracting opportunities to at least five (5) MBE/WBE firms serving the construction industry at least seven (7) days prior to the proposal opening date.
  - C. Copies of quotations submitted by MBE/WBE firms which were not used due to uncompetitive pricing or other factors and/or copies of responses from

- firms that were contacted indicating that they would not be submitting a proposal.
- D. Documentation of Proposer's utilization of the agencies identified to help locate potential MBE/WBE firms for inclusion on the contract including responses from agencies.
- E. Failure to submit any of the documentation requested in this section may be cause for rejection of the proposal. Proposers may include any other documentation deemed relevant to this requirement. "Record of MBE/WBE Solicitation" and other required documentation of Good Faith Efforts are to be submitted with the proposal, if participation Goal is not met.



#### MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM

Marilyn Clark
Minority Business Enterprise Liaison
Division of Central Purchasing
Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government
200 East Main Street
Lexington, KY 40507
mclark@lexingtonky.gov
859-258-3323

OUR MISSION: The mission of the Minority Business Enterprise Program is to facilitate the full participation of minority and women owned businesses in the procurement process and to promote economic inclusion as a business imperative essential to the long term economic viability of Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government.

To that end the city council adopted and implemented resolution 167-91—Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) 10% Goal Plan in July of 1991. The resolution states in part (a full copy is available in Central Purchasing):

"A Resolution supporting adoption of the administrative plan for a ten percent (10%) Minimum goal for disadvantaged business enterprise participation in Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government construction and professional services contracts; Providing that as part of their bids on LFUCG construction contracts, general Contractors shall make a good faith effort to award at least ten percent (10%) of All subcontracts to disadvantaged business enterprises; providing that divisions of LFUCG shall make a good faith effort to award at least ten percent of their Professional services and other contracts to disadvantaged business enterprises..."

A Disadvantaged Business Enterprise is defined as a business at least 51% owned, operated and managed by a U.S. Citizen of the following groups:

- African-American
- Hispanic-American
- Asian/Pacific Islander
- Native American/Native Alaskan
- Non-Minority Female

We are very happy that you have decided to bid for a contract, request for proposal, submitted a quote or are interested in learning more about how to do business with Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government. We have compiled the list below to help you locate certified minority vendors.

#### **LFUCG**—Economic Engine Listings

Marilyn Clark

mclark@lexingtonky.gov

859-258-3323

#### Commerce Lexington—

Tyrone Tyra, Minority Business Development

ttyra@commercelexington.com

859-226-1625

#### Tri-State Minority Supplier Diversity Council

Sonya Brown

sbrown@tsmsdc.com

502-625-0137

#### **Small Business Development Council**

Dee Dee Harbut /UK SBDC

dharbut@uky.edu

Shawn Rogers, UK SBDC

Shawn.rogers@uky.edu

Shiree Mack

smack@uky.edu

#### **Community Ventures Corporation**

James Coles

icoles@cvcky.org

859-231-0054

#### Kentucky Department of Transportation

Shella Jarvis

Shella.Jarvis@ky.gov

502-564-3601

#### **KPAP**

Debbie McKnight

Debbie.McKnight@ky.gov

800-838-3266 or 502-564-4252

Bobbie Carlton

Bobbie.Carlton@ky.gov

#### Ohio River Valley Women's Business Council

Rea Waldon

rwaldon@gcul.org

513-487-6534

#### **Kentucky Small Business Connect**

Tom Back

800-626-2250 or 502-564-2064

https://secure.kentucky.gov//sbc

### National Minority Supplier Development Council, Inc. (NMSDC)

www.nmsdc.org

LFUCG MBE/WBE PARTICIPATION FORM	
Bid/RFP/Quote Reference #	

The MBE/WBE subcontractors listed have agreed to participate on this Bid/RFP/Quote. If any substitution is made or the total value of the work is changed prior to or after the job is in progress, it is understood that those substitutions must be submitted to Central Purchasing for approval immediately.

MBE/WBE Company, Name, Address, Phone, Email	Work to be Performed	Total Dollar Value of the Work	% Value of Total Contract
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			

The undersigned company representative submits the above list of MBE/WBE firms to be used in accomplishing the work contained in this Bid/RFP/Quote. Any misrepresentation may result in the termination of the contract and/or be subject to applicable Federal and State laws concerning false statements and false claims.

Company	By	
Date	Title	

LFUCG MBE/WBE SUBSTITUTION FORM	
Bid/RFP/Quote Reference #	

The substituted MBE/WBE subcontractors listed below have agreed to participate on this Bid/RFP/Quote. These substitutions were made prior to or after the job was in progress. These substitutions were made for reasons stated below and are now being submitted to Central Purchasing for approval. By the authorized signature of a representative of our company, we understand that this information will be entered into our file for this project.

Central Purchasing company, we unde	for approval. By rstand that this in	the authorized formation will	signature of a	n representati to our file for	ve of our this project.		
SUBSTITUTED MBE/WBE Company Name, Address, Phone, Email	MBE/WBE Formally Contracted/ Name, Address, Phone, Email	Work to Be Performed	Reason for the Substitution	Total Dollar Value of the Work	% Value of Total Contract		
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Company			Date				
Company Repres		Title					



#### MBE QUOTE SUMMARY FORM

Bid/RFP/Quote Reference #\_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned acknowledges that the minority subcontractors listed on this form did submit a quote to participate on this project.

Company Name Address/Phone/Email				Contact Person					
				ickage / RF					
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Company					mpany Representat	esentative			



#### LFUCG SUBCONTRACTOR MONTHLY PAYMENT REPORT

The LFUCG has a 10% goal plan adopted by city council to increase the participation of minority and women owned businesses in the procurement process. In order to measure that goal LFUCG will track spending with MBE/WBE vendors on a monthly basis. By the signature below of an authorized company representative, you certify that the information is correct, and that each of the representations set forth below is true. Any misrepresentation may result in termination of the contract and/or prosecution under applicable Federal and State laws concerning false statements and false claims. Please submit this form monthly to the Division of Central Purchasing/ 200 East Main Street / Room 338 / Lexington, KY 40507.

Bid/RFP/ Total Cont	•	nt Awarded	to Prime	 Contractor f	or this Proje	ct		
Project Name/	Contract #			Work Period/ Fi	rom:	То:		
Company Name	e:			Address:				
Federal Tax ID				Contact Person:				
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Subcontractor Vendor ID (name, address, phone, email	Description of Work	Total Subcontract Amount	% of Total Contract Awarded to Prime for this Project	Total Amount Paid for this Period	Purchase Order number for subcontractor work (please attach PO)	Scheduled Project Start Date	Scheduled Project End Date	
of the represen	tations set forth	below is true. A	ny misrepreser	ntations may resu	at the information lt in the termination s and false claims.			
Company			-	Company Representative				
Date				Title				

### LFUCG STATEMENT OF GOOD FAITH EFFORTS Bid/RFP/Quote #\_\_\_\_\_

Date		Title	_
Comp	pany	Company Representative	_
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	Other Please list any other methods utilized tha	t aren't covered above.	
	Provided plans, specifications, and requissubcontractors	rements to interested MBE/WBE	
	Provided copies of quotations submitted and/or responses from firms indicating to	by MBE/WBE firms which were not used hey would not be submitting a quote	d
	Showed evidence of written notice of co MBE/WBE firms at least seven days price	ntracting and/or supplier opportunities to or to the proposal opening date	
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	Sponsored Economic Inclusion event to	provide networking opportunities	
	Attended LFUCG Central Purchasing Ed	conomic Inclusion Outreach Event	
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Firm Submitting Proposal:				
Complete Address:	Street	City	Zip	
Contact Name:		Title:		
Telephone Number:		Fax Number:		
Email address:				

#### **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

1. Each Respondent shall comply with all Federal, State & Local regulations concerning this type of service or good.

The Respondent agrees to comply with all statutes, rules, and regulations governing safe and healthful working conditions, including the Occupational Health and Safety Act of 1970, 29 U.S.C. 650 et. seq., as amended, and KRS Chapter 338. The Respondent also agrees to notify the LFUCG in writing immediately upon detection of any unsafe and/or unhealthful working conditions at the job site. The Respondent agrees to indemnify, defend and hold the LFUCG harmless from all penalties, fines or other expenses arising out of the alleged violation of said laws.

- 2. Failure to submit ALL forms and information required in this RFP may be grounds for disqualification.
- 3. Addenda: All addenda, if any, shall be considered in making the proposal, and such addenda shall be made a part of this RFP. Before submitting a proposal, it is incumbent upon each proposer to be informed as to whether any addenda have been issued, and the failure to cover in the bid any such addenda may result in disqualification of that proposal.
- 4. Proposal Reservations: LFUCG reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to award in whole or part, and to waive minor immaterial defects in proposals. LFUCG may consider any alternative proposal that meets its basic needs.
- 5. Liability: LFUCG is not responsible for any cost incurred by a Respondent in the preparation of proposals.
- 6. Changes/Alterations: Respondent may change or withdraw a proposal at any time prior to the opening; however, no oral modifications will be allowed. Only letters, or other formal written requests for modifications or corrections of a previously submitted proposal which is addressed in the same manner as the proposal, and received by LFUCG prior to the scheduled closing time for receipt of proposals, will be accepted. The proposal, when opened, will then be corrected in accordance with such written request(s), provided that the written request is contained in a sealed envelope which is plainly marked "modifications of proposal".
- 7. Clarification of Submittal: LFUCG reserves the right to obtain clarification of any point in a bid or to obtain additional information from a Respondent.
- 8. Bribery Clause: By his/her signature on the bid, Respondent certifies that no employee of his/hers, any affiliate or Subcontractor, has bribed or

- attempted to bribe an officer or employee of the LFUCG.
- 9. Additional Information: While not necessary, the Respondent may include any product brochures, software documentation, sample reports, or other documentation that may assist LFUCG in better understanding and evaluating the Respondent's response. Additional documentation shall not serve as a substitute for other documentation which is required by this RFP to be submitted with the proposal,
- 10. Ambiguity, Conflict or other Errors in RFP: If a Respondent discovers any ambiguity, conflict, discrepancy, omission or other error in the RFP, it shall immediately notify LFUCG of such error in writing and request modification or clarification of the document if allowable by the LFUCG.
- 11. Agreement to Bid Terms: In submitting this proposal, the Respondent agrees that it has carefully examined the specifications and all provisions relating to the work to be done attached hereto and made part of this proposal. By acceptance of a Contract under this RFP, proposer states that it understands the meaning, intent and requirements of the RFP and agrees to the same. The successful Respondent shall warrant that it is familiar with and understands all provisions herein and shall warrant that it can comply with them. No additional compensation to Respondent shall be authorized for services or expenses reasonably covered under these provisions that the proposer omits from its Proposal.
- 12. Cancellation: If the services to be performed hereunder by the Respondent are not performed in an acceptable manner to the LFUCG, the LFUCG may cancel this contract for cause by providing written notice to the proposer, giving at least thirty (30) days notice of the proposed cancellation and the reasons for same. During that time period, the proposer may seek to bring the performance of services hereunder to a level that is acceptable to the LFUCG, and the LFUCG may rescind the cancellation if such action is in its best interest.

#### A. Termination for Cause

- (1) LFUCG may terminate a contract because of the contractor's failure to perform its contractual duties
- (2) If a contractor is determined to be in default, LFUCG shall notify the contractor of the determination in writing, and may include a specified date by which the contractor shall cure the identified deficiencies. LFUCG may proceed with termination if the contractor fails to cure the deficiencies within the specified time.

- (3) A default in performance by a contractor for which a contract may be terminated shall include, but shall not necessarily be limited to:
  - (a) Failure to perform the contract according to its terms, conditions and specifications:
  - (b) Failure to make delivery within the time specified or according to a delivery schedule fixed by the contract;
  - (c) Late payment or nonpayment of bills for labor, materials, supplies, or equipment furnished in connection with a contract for construction services as evidenced by mechanics' liens filed pursuant to the provisions of KRS Chapter 376, or letters of indebtedness received from creditors by the purchasing agency;
  - (d) Failure to diligently advance the work under a contract for construction services;
  - (e) The filing of a bankruptcy petition by or against the contractor; or
  - (f) Actions that endanger the health, safely or welfare of the LFUCG or its citizens.

#### B. At Will Termination

Notwithstanding the above provisions, the LFUCG may terminate this contract at will in accordance with the law upon providing thirty (30) days written notice of that intent, Payment for services or goods received prior to termination shall be made by the LFUCG provided these goods or services were provided in a manner acceptable to the LFUCG. Payment for those goods and services shall not be unreasonably withheld.

- 13. Assignment of Contract: The contractor shall not assign or subcontract any portion of the Contract without the express written consent of LFUCG. Any purported assignment or subcontract in violation hereof shall be void. It is expressly acknowledged that LFUCG shall never be required or obligated to consent to any request for assignment or subcontract; and further that such refusal to consent can be for any or no reason, fully within the sole discretion of LFUCG.
- 14. No Waiver: No failure or delay by LFUCG in exercising any right, remedy, power or privilege hereunder, nor any single or partial exercise thereof, nor the exercise of any other right, remedy, power or privilege shall operate as a waiver hereof or thereof. No failure or delay by LFUCG in exercising any right, remedy, power or privilege under or in respect of this Contract shall affect the rights, remedies, powers or privileges of LFUCG hereunder or shall operate as a waiver thereof.

- 15. Authority to do Business: The Respondent must be a duly organized and authorized to do business under the laws of Kentucky. Respondent must be in good standing and have full legal capacity to provide the services specified under this Contract. The Respondent must have all necessary right and lawful authority to enter into this Contract for the full term hereof and that proper corporate or other action has been duly taken authorizing the Respondent to enter into this Contract. The Respondent will provide LFUCG with a copy of a corporate resolution authorizing this action and a letter from an attorney confirming that the proposer is authorized to do business in the State of Kentucky if requested. All proposals must be signed by a duly authorized officer, agent or employee of the Respondent.
- 16. Governing Law: This Contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. In the event of any proceedings regarding this Contract, the Parties agree that the venue shall be the Fayette County Circuit Court or the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky, Lexington Division. All parties expressly consent to personal jurisdiction and venue in such Court for the limited and sole purpose of proceedings relating to this Contract or any rights or obligations arising thereunder. Service of process may be accomplished by following the procedures prescribed by law.
- 17. Ability to Meet Obligations: Respondent affirmatively states that there are no actions, suits or proceedings of any kind pending against Respondent or, to the knowledge of the Respondent, threatened against the Respondent before or by any court, governmental body or agency or other tribunal or authority which would, if adversely determined, have a materially adverse effect on the authority or ability of Respondent to perform its obligations under this Contract, or which question the legality, validity or enforceability hereof or thereof.
- 18. Contractor understands and agrees that its employees, agents, or subcontractors are not employees of LFUCG for any purpose whatsoever. Contractor is an independent contractor at all times during the performance of the services specified.
- 19. If any term or provision of this Contract shall be found to be illegal or unenforceable, the remainder of the contract shall remain in full force and such term or provision shall be deemed stricken.

Signature	Date

### RISK MANAGEMENT PROVISIONS INSURANCE AND INDEMNIFICATION

#### INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS PROVISION

- (1) It is understood and agreed by the parties that Consultant hereby assumes the entire responsibility and liability for any and all damages to persons or property caused by or resulting from or arising out of any act or omission on the part of Consultant or its employees, agents, servants, owners, principals, licensees, assigns or subcontractors of any tier (hereinafter "Consultant") under or in connection with this agreement and/or the provision of goods or services and the performance or failure to perform any work required thereby.
- (2) Consultant shall indemnify, save, hold harmless and defend the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government and its elected and appointed officials, employees, agents, volunteers, and successors in interest (hereinafter "LFUCG") from and against all liability, damages, and losses, including but not limited to, demands, claims, obligations, causes of action, judgments, penalties, fines, liens, costs, expenses, interest, defense costs and reasonable attorney's fees that are in any way incidental to or connected with, or that arise or are alleged to have arisen, directly or indirectly, from or by Consultant's performance or breach of the agreement and/or the provision of goods or services provided that: (a) it is attributable to personal injury, bodily injury, sickness, or death, or to injury to or destruction of property (including the loss of use resulting therefrom), or to or from the negligent acts, errors or omissions or willful misconduct of the Consultant; and (b) not caused solely by the active negligence or willful misconduct of LFUCG.
- (3) Notwithstanding, the foregoing, with respect to any professional services performed by Consultant hereunder (and to the fullest extent permitted by law), Consultant shall indemnify, save, hold harmless and defend LFUCG from and against any and all liability, damages and losses, including but not limited to, demands, claims, obligations, causes of action, judgments, penalties, fines, liens, costs, expenses, interest, defense costs and reasonable attorney's fees, for any damage due to death or injury to any person or injury to any property (including the loss of use resulting therefrom) to the extent arising out of, pertaining to or relating to the negligence, recklessness or willful misconduct of Consultant in the performance of this agreement.
- (4) In the event LFUCG is alleged to be liable based upon the above, Consultant shall defend such allegations and shall bear all costs, fees and expenses of such defense, including but not limited to, all reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses, court costs, and expert witness fees and expenses, using attorneys approved in writing by LFUCG, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.

(5) These provisions shall in no way be limited by any financial responsibility or insurance requirements, and shall survive the termination of this agreement.

#### **FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

CONSULTANT understands and agrees that it shall, prior to final acceptance of its bid and the commencement of any work, demonstrate the ability to assure compliance with the above Indemnity provisions and these other risk management provisions.

#### **INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

YOUR ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO THE INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS BELOW, AAND YOU MAY NEED TO CONFER WITH YOUR INSURANCE AGENTS, BROKERS, OR CARRIERS TO DETERMINE IN ADVANCE OF SUBMISSION OF A RESPONSE THE AVAILABILITY OF THE INSURANCE COVERAGES AND ENDORSEMENTS REQUIRED HEREIN. IF YOU FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THE INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS BELOW, YOU MAY BE DISQUALIFIED FROM AWARD OF THE CONTRACT.

#### Required Insurance Coverage

Coverage

CONSULTANT shall procure and maintain for the duration of this contract the following or equivalent insurance policies at no less than the limits shown below and cause its subcontractors to maintain similar insurance with limits acceptable to LFUCG in order to protect LFUCG against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder by CONSULTANT. The cost of such insurance shall be included in any bid:

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Coverage	Lillits
General Liability million aggregate (Insurance Services Office Form CG 00 01) limit	\$1 million per occurrence, \$2 or \$2 million combined single
Commercial Automobile Liability per occurrence (Insurance Services Office Form CA 0001)	combined single, \$1 million
Professional Liability million aggregate	\$1 million per occurrence, \$3
Worker's Compensation	Statutory
Employer's Liability	\$500,000.00

The policies above shall contain the following conditions:

- a. All Certificates of Insurance forms used by the insurance carrier shall be properly filed and approved by the Department of Insurance for the Commonwealth of Kentucky. LFUCG shall be named as an additional insured in the General Liability Policy and Commercial Automobile Liability Policy using the Kentucky DOI approved forms.
- b. The General Liability Policy shall be primary to any insurance or self-insurance retained by LFUCG.
- c. The General Liability Policy shall have a Professional Liability endorsement (including Errors and Omissions) for any services performed pursuant to the contract, and/or a separate Professional Liability Policy shall be obtained unless it is deemed not to apply by LFUCG.
- d. The Professional Liability policy shall be maintained for a minimum of three years beyond the completion date of the project, to the extent commercially available. If not commercially available, CONSULTANT shall notify LFUCG and obtain similar insurance that is commercially available and acceptable to LFUCG.
- e. LFUCG shall be provided at least 30 days advance written notice via certified mail, return receipt requested, in the event any of the required policies are canceled or non-renewed.
- f. Said coverage shall be written by insurers acceptable to LFUCG and shall be in a form acceptable to LFUCG. Insurance placed with insurers with a rating classification of no less than Excellent (A or A-) and a financial size category of no less than VIII, as defined by the most current Best's Key Rating Guide shall be deemed automatically acceptable.

#### Renewals

After insurance has been approved by LFUCG, evidence of renewal of an expiring policy must be submitted to LFUCG, and may be submitted on a manually signed renewal endorsement form. If the policy or carrier has changed, however, new evidence of coverage must be submitted in accordance with these Insurance Requirements.

#### Deductibles and Self-Insured Programs

FORWARDED TO LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT, DIVISION OF RISK MANAGEMENT, 200 EAST MAIN STREET, LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY 40507 NO LATER THAN A MINIMUM OF FIVE (5) WORKING DAYS PRIOR TO THE RESPONSE DATE. Self-insurance programs, deductibles, and self-insured retentions in insurance policies are subject to separate approval by Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government's Division of Risk Management, upon review of evidence of CONSULTANT's financial capacity to respond to claims. Any such programs or retentions must provide LFUCG with at least the same protection from liability and defense of suits as would be afforded by first-dollar insurance coverage. If CONSULTANT satisfies any portion of the insurance requirements

through deductibles, self-insurance programs, or self-insured retentions, CONSULTANT agrees to provide Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, Division of Risk Management, the following data prior to the final acceptance of bid and the commencement of any work:

- a. Latest audited financial statement, including auditor's notes.
- b. Any records of any self-insured trust fund plan or policy and related accounting statements.
- c. Actuarial funding reports or retained losses.
- d. Risk Management Manual or a description of the self-insurance and risk management program.
- e. A claim loss run summary for the previous five (5) years.
- Self-Insured Associations will be considered.

#### Verification of Coverage

CONSULTANT agrees to furnish LFUCG with all applicable Certificates of Insurance signed by a person authorized by the insurer to bind coverage on its behalf prior to final award, and if requested, shall provide LFUCG copies of all insurance policies, including all endorsements.

#### Right to Review, Audit and Inspect

CONSULANT understands and agrees that LFUCG may review, audit and inspect any and all of its records and operations to insure compliance with these Insurance Requirements.

#### **DEFAULT**

CONSULTANT understands and agrees that the failure to comply with any of these insurance, safety, or loss control provisions shall constitute default and that LFUCG may elect at its option any single remedy or penalty or any combination of remedies and penalties, as available, including but not limited to purchasing insurance and charging CONSULTANT for any such insurance premiums purchased, or suspending or terminating the work.

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#### **REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

#### LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION SYSTEM STUDY

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

This Request for Proposal (RFP) is being issued by the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government (LFUCG) to qualified consultants who are interested in providing an evaluation, report, and recommendations in regards to the current system of the employee compensation utilized by LFUCG in regards to its classified civil service employees.

The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government (LFUCG) is a merged urban county government. It consists of the Office of the Mayor, the Urban County Council, the Department of Finance, the Department of Environmental Quality and Public Works, the Department of General Services, the Department of Law, the Department of Public Safety, and the Department of Social Services, and various divisions within those departments. LFUCG currently has over 3,000 employees of various classifications.

LFUCG has two primary employee classifications. Approximately 1,500 employees are members of collective bargaining units that negotiate their contracts with LFUCG through union representation. Another approximately 1,500 employees are considered "classified civil service employees." As further explained below, this RFP is focused on only the classified civil service employees. The rates of pay, job classifications, and rules regarding employee compensation are governed by Ordinances of LFUCG, passed by the Urban County Council. LFUCG retained William H. Mercer, Inc. in the mid-1990s to evaluate and make recommendations regarding employee classification and compensation for classified civil service employees, and a variation of the system Mercer recommended was implemented in the late-1990s. However, over time, LFUCG has deviated from the Mercer recommendations in several areas.

#### PURPOSE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

LFUCG is seeking proposals from experienced, qualified and financially sound consultants to evaluate the current state of LFUCG's overall employee compensation system including how it compares to those systems used by other governmental entities of similar size; provide a report on the state of employee compensation delineating all applicable rules, policies, and Ordinances and their impact on employee compensation; and make recommendations for possible changes in practices of the Division of Human Resources or Ordinance changes to streamline/simplify/improve the employee compensation system.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> There are also a small number of full-time non-classified civil service employees and part-time non-classified civil service employees.

#### A. EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION STUDY SPECIFICATIONS

Study General Information

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- 1. Term of agreement
  Early September 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012 with the possibility of an extension
- 2. Eligible employee populations
  Only classified civil service employee positions are to be evaluated.
  - Proposed timeline of study September 2012 – consultant will meet with appropriate administrators in the Department of Law and the Division of Human Resources to assess the current state of the compensation system and to determine what Ordinances and Policies presently govern employee compensation. October 2012 – consultant will evaluate current state of employee compensation system by reviewing records, evaluating policies and ordinances, and reviewing employee records/interviewing employees as necessary. November 15, 2012 – consultant will meet with appropriate administrators in the Department of Law and Division of Human Resources to present preliminary findings, highlight problem areas, and receive feedback from administrators. Potential recommendations should be discussed at this time. Early December, 2012 – consultant should prepare a final report discussing findings of study and presenting recommendations for improvement. If consultant can provide services related to their recommendations, an estimation of cost to retain consultant to provide those services should be included in the report.

Mid-December 2012 – consultant should be prepared to present final report to Mayor, members of the Urban County Council, and other appropriate administrative staff.

#### B. BIDDERS LICENSING AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS

All bidders to the RFP must satisfy the following licensing and experience requirements. Failure to satisfy these requirements may result in elimination from the bidding evaluation. The selected bidder must continue to adhere to these requirements during the term of the agreement.

- 1. The bidder must be in good standing and licensed to do business in the State of Kentucky as well as the county of Fayette and the City of Lexington.
- 2. The bidder must be available to travel to meet with LFUCG officials as requested upon proper notice.
- 3. The bidder must be fiscally sound and be able to show that they have experience in providing services to clients comparable in size to LFUCG.
- 4. The bidder must have and be able to demonstrate experience in performing similar services for other governmental entities. In the absence of governmental experience, private sector experience may also be acceptable.

#### C. STUDY DESCRIPTION

LFUCG's employee compensation system is governed by many Statutes, Ordinances, policies, and rules. Since LFUCG retained William H. Mercer, Inc. in the 1990s, the system has not been evaluated for efficiency, effectiveness, or appropriateness. The goal of the study is to answer the following questions:

- What is the current state of regulation when it comes to LFUCG's compensation system?
- Clearly articulate LFUCG's compensation system with respect to both external competitiveness and internal equity for base and supplemental pay where applicable as compared to best practices in governmental entities of similar size both regionally and nationally.
- In what ways is the system effective? In what ways is it ineffective?
- What are the potential difficulties/challenges with the system as it exists today?
- What about the compensation system could be altered internally (without legislative action) to limit or eliminate potential difficulties or challenges?
  - O What services could the consultant provide to implement these changes?
  - o What is the cost associated with those services?
- What ordinance changes should be considered by the Urban County Council to provide a more efficient and fair compensation system?
- What are the appropriate long term goals for employee compensation?

#### D. STUDY PUBLICATION

The contractor will compile all findings in a written report to be delivered to LFUCG by December 10, 2012.

#### E. SPECIAL SERVICES

Contractor may be asked to present the findings of the study to various groups within LFUCG, including LFUCG employees, LFUCG administrators, the Office of the Mayor, or members of the Urban County Council.

#### F. EXCLUSIONS AND LIMITATIONS

The Contractor shall not:

1. Be required to provide evaluation of non-civil service employees' positions or salary structure. The study is limited to civil service employees only.

#### G. ADMINISTRATIVE AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

The contractor needs to provide the following LFUCG administrative requirements:

- 1. An account manager/project liaison who will be chiefly responsible for communications to/from LFUCG, can be on call to answer questions and provide updates as needed, and assist with other general coordination requirements.
- 2. Assent to confidentiality agreements to protect information related to LFUCG employees confidentially disclosed to it.

#### H. EVALUATION OF CONTRACTOR BIDS

The LFUCG Division of Central Purchasing will establish a contract evaluation committee composed of the Director of Human Resources, or his designee(s), the Director of Central Purchasing or his designee(s), and/or another government employee(s) having direct or indirect familiarity with the subject of the contract in question.

The committee shall consider the following factors when it evaluates the proposals received:

- 1. Specialized experience and technical competence of the persons or firm (including a joint venture or association) with the type of service required;
- 2. Capacity of the person or firm to perform the work, including any specialized services with in the time limitations;
- 3. Character, integrity, reputation, judgment, experience and efficiency of the person or firm;
- 4. Past record and performance on contracts with the Urban County Government or other governmental agencies and private industry with respect to such factors as control of cost, quality of the work and ability to meet schedule;

- 5. Familiarity with the details of the project;
- 6. Degree of local employment to be provided by the person or firm in the performance of the contract by the person or firm; and,
- 7. Estimated cost of services.

#### **RESPONSE GUIDELINES**

In organizing your response please use the following outline as a guide. In addition to the required information you may submit as an attachment, any additional recommendations and/or services that you feel are unique to your method of operation as you suggest would be beneficial to an effective employee compensation study.

#### **REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

### LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION SYSTEM STUDY

#### ORGANIZATIONAL OVERVIEW

- a. Please discuss your organizational structure. Include ownership and reporting arrangements.
- b. How many staff members will be assigned to this project?
- c. Please discuss any special qualifications, licensures, degrees, or experience of any staff members that will be assisting with completion of the study.

#### PAST EXPERIENCE

- a. Please describe any similar work completed for a city, county, or merged government within the Commonwealth of Kentucky. If LFUCG may contact, please provide a point of contact for these clients.
- b. Please describe any similar work completed for a city, county, or merged government nation-wide. If LFUCG may contact, please provide a point of contact for these clients.
- c. Please describe any similar work for private sector clients. If LFUCG may contact, please provide a point of contact for these clients.
- d. What other types of projects has the firm completed related to employee compensation?
- e. If possible, please attach examples of previous studies completed for other clients.

#### SERVICES PROPOSED

- a. How would the gathering of information be managed? What level of participation from LFUCG employees would be required?
- b. How would communication be managed? Would LFUCG need to appoint liaison(s)? What tasks would be required of liaison(s)?
- c. Can LFUCG's proposed timeline be met? Please describe specific sub-goals to ensure timeliness. If LFUCG's timeline is not tenable, please describe in detail an alternate timeline with specific sub-goals to ensure timely completion.
- d. How will confidentiality of LFUCG information be assured?

#### FEE FOR SERVICE

- a. Please describe the fee structure for providing this type of service.
- b. Describe any further services that could be provided to LFUCG related to implementation of study suggestions.
- c. Can cost estimations of implementation of study suggestions be estimated? Can the consultant provide any of these services?

Thank you for your response to this request.

Director of Central Purchasing Lexington Fayette Urban County Government 200 East Main Street Lexington, KY 40507

### Questions Re: Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government - Employee Compensation Study

- 1) The fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) evaluation criteria includes past record of performance on contracts with the LFUCG. What consideration is being given to previous work with the organization (i.e. is there a specific percentage or point value for having worked with LFUCG previously)? Past record and performance with the LFUCG or other similar sized municipalities is considered equally.
- 2) The sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) evaluation criteria is the degree of local employment to be provided by the person or firm. What percentage or point value is being provided for local providers? Firms located in Fayette County would be given the maximum score(10 points) for this criteria.
- 3) For the written explanation about MBE/WBE participation (and the good faith effort), is the LFUCG open to firms submitting information in the proposal as to why MBE/WBE firms cannot be used and, if so, how should that be done (separately or in one of the sections)? It is acceptable to self-perform all the work associated with this project and this may be stated on the good faith efforts form.
- 4) How many job titles do the approximately 1500 classified civil service employees fall within? There are approximately 500 active job titles.
- 5) Regarding the statement that LFUCG wants the successful firm to "provide a report on the state of employee compensation delineating all applicable rules, policies, and Ordinances and their impact on employee compensation", what specific deliverable are you anticipating? LFUCG is anticipating a written report identifying and assessing the impact on employee compensation of the current rules/regulations/practices of LFUCG.
- 6) Regarding the statement that the consultant will make recommendations regarding "ordinance changes to streamline/simplify/improve the employee compensation system" what specific deliverable are you expecting? Do you anticipate that the successful consultant will assume responsibility for rewriting ordinances related to classification and compensation and, if so, how many are there? We are anticipating a written report offering suggested changes to ordinances, rules, and regulations. The suggestions may be general. We do not anticipate requiring the successful consultant to actually author the ordinances.
- 7) It appears (on page 33) that LFUCG is primarily looking for an "audit" of the existing system, and not the development and installation of a classification system, the collection and analysis of market data, etc. On page 34, however, there are references to confirming external competitiveness, internal equity, etc. Does LFUCG anticipate that the consultant will in fact create and recommendation for implementation a newly-devised system, or simply to provide feedback about the future state of the existing system? Currently we are only seeking feedback on the current system and ways to improve it. LFUCG might consider in the future devising a new compensation system, but that is not the goal of this project.
- 8) What methodology does LFUCG presently use to determine position placement within the compensation structure? We use a point factoring system to determine pay grades for positions within our classification system.
- 9) What is prompting the need for a review at this time? Current system has been in place for several years and is in need of a review. The current system was never completely implemented as designed, and several exceptions and alterations have occurred over time. This has lead to issues and problems, and has prompted the review.
- 10) What is the anticipated budget for this project? Assuming this is just an "audit," what is the anticipated budget for the development of a new classification and compensation system, and is

LFUCG open to "alternative" or "phased" approaches that might enable you to do both? The current budget for this project is \$40,000. We have not determined whether a new system would be adopted, nor identified a budget should we undertake such a system redesign. However, LFUCG is certainly willing to consider all proposals, particularly proposals that could be "phased" to provide more cost effective options for LFUCG.

11) Can you provide a copy of any existing compensation philosophies, strategies, and ordinances? You should review the current LFUCG Code of Ordinances, available at <a href="http://library.municode.com/index.aspx?clientId=11163">http://library.municode.com/index.aspx?clientId=11163</a>. Chapter 21 deals with classified civil service employment. (The vendors may also wish to review Chapter 22, which is similar and deals with unclassified civil service employment).