



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

REGARDING:

**16TH ANNUAL AB1058 CHILD SUPPORT
TRAINING CONFERENCE
(Full Conference Services)**

(RFP #ASU AU-006-LM)

PROPOSALS DUE:

MARCH 22, 2012, AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS (PST)

GENERAL INFORMATION

1.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 1.1 The Judicial Council of California (Judicial Council), chaired by the Chief Justice of California, is the chief policy making agency of the California judicial system. The California Constitution directs the Council to improve the administration of justice by surveying judicial business, recommending improvements to the courts, and making recommendations annually to the Governor and the Legislature. The Council also adopts rules for court administration, practice, and procedure, and performs other functions prescribed by law. The Administrative Office of the Courts is the staff agency for the Council and assists both the Council and its chair in performing their duties and is a Judicial Branch Entity (**JBE/AOC**).
- 1.2 This annual training provides specialized continuing education for any judicial branch members who are involved in the title IV-D child support program and provides a single event forum to meet the mandatory training requirements for child support commissioners, family law facilitators, court clerks, paralegals and accounting and administrative staff.
- 1.3 History of the program:
2011- San Diego Marriott Marquis;
2010 San Francisco Airport Marriott;
2009- Westin LAX;
2008- San Francisco Airport Marriott; and
2007- LAX Renaissance Montura.

2.0 DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES AND DELIVERABLES

The JBE/AOC seeks the hotel or conference center for the following program:

- Title: **16th Annual AB1058 Child Support Training Conference**
- Dates: Preferred Choice: September 11 -14, 2012
- 2nd Choice: September 4 – 7, 2012
- 3rd Choice: October 15 – 18, 2012
- Description: Furnish sleeping rooms, meals and facilities for the program
- Location: San Francisco Bay Area
- Payment: American Express Meeting Planner Account
- JBE/AOC's maximum termination fee and maximum for meeting and function rooms rental: **\$10,000.00.**
- JBE/AOC's maximum sleeping room unit rate: **\$140.00.**
- JBE/AOC's maximum food and beverage unit rates for group meals including tax and gratuity:

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Breakfast	Break	Lunch	Dinner
\$25.00	\$15.00	\$40.00	\$60.00

- JBE/AOC's maximum requirements for meeting and functions, food and beverage and sleeping room blocks are detailed on the Form for Submission of the Technical Details in Attachment 5.

3.0 TIMELINE FOR THIS RFP

The JBE/AOC has developed the following list of key events related to this RFP. All dates are subject to change at the discretion of the JBE/AOC.

EVENT	DATE
RFP issued	March 8, 2012
Pre-Proposal Conference Call (The purpose of the Conference Call is to answer any questions regarding this proposal or the new system for the JCC receiving proposals from hotels)	March 12, 2012 at 11:00 AM (PST)
Deadline for questions to Solicitations@jud.ca.gov	March 15, 2012, at close of business (PST)
Questions and answers posted (<i>estimate only</i>)	March 19, 2012
Latest date and time proposal may be submitted	March 22, 2012, at close of business (PST)
Evaluation of proposals (<i>estimate only</i>)	March 23 through 29, 2012
Short list of venues to be determined and site visits or interviews to be arranged. (<i>estimate only</i>)	April 9 through 15, 2012
Notice of Intent to Award (<i>estimate only</i>)	April 16, 2012
Negotiations and execution of contract (<i>estimate only</i>)	April 17 through 19, 2012
Notice of Award (<i>estimate only</i>)	April 20, 2012
Contract start date (<i>estimate only</i>)	April 23, 2012
Contract end date (<i>estimate only</i>)	TBD

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4.0 RFP ATTACHMENTS

The following attachments are included as part of this RFP

ATTACHMENT	DESCRIPTION
Attachment 1: Administrative Rules Governing RFPs (Non-IT Services)	These rules govern this solicitation
Attachment 2: JBE/AOC Standard Terms and Conditions	If selected, the person or entity submitting a proposal (the “Proposer”) must sign a JBE/AOC Standard Form agreement containing these terms and conditions (the “Terms and Conditions”). The provisions marked with an (*) within the Terms and Conditions are minimum contract terms and conditions (“Minimum Terms”).
Attachment 3: Proposer’s Acceptance of Terms and Conditions	On this form, the Proposer must indicate acceptance of the Terms and Conditions or identify exceptions to the Terms and Conditions.
Attachment 4: Darfur Contracting Act Certification	Proposer must complete the Darfur Contracting Act Certification and submit the completed certification with its proposal.
Attachment 5: Submission form for Technical Proposal	This form details the technical requirements for the program and must be completed and submitted in response to RFP’s technical requirements.
Attachment 6: Submission Form for Cost Proposal	This form details the pricing for the details of the program and must be completed and submitted in response to RFP’s cost requirements.
Attachment 7: Conflict of Interest Certification Form	Proposer must complete Conflict of Interest Certification and submit the completed certification with its proposal

5.0 PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE CALL

The will hold a pre-proposal conference call on the date and at the time identified in the timeline (Section 3) above.

Call in the pre-proposal conference is optional. Proposers are strongly encouraged to attend, however.

To attend the pre-proposal conference, call one of the following numbers:

415-355-5489 (local)

1-866-223-4039 (long distance)

6.0 SUBMISSIONS OF PROPOSALS

- 6.1 Proposals should provide straightforward, concise information that satisfies the requirements of Section 7 (“Proposal Contents”). Expensive bindings, color displays, and the like are not necessary or desired. Emphasis should be placed on conformity to the RFP’s instructions and requirements, and completeness and clarity of content.
- 6.2 The Proposer must submit its entire proposal in a single package with the RFP title and number on the outside of the envelope. *The technical proposal and the cost proposal must be signed by a representative of the Proposer who is authorized to bind the Proposer in contract.*

Submit one (1) original and one (1) copy of the original signed documents for the following:

- Technical Proposal
 - Cost Proposal
 - Attachment 2 – JBE/AOC Standard Terms and Conditions (submit only if there are exceptions/modifications as indicated on Attachment 3)
 - Attachment 3 – Proposer’s Acceptance of Terms and Conditions
 - Attachment 4 – Darfur Contracting Act Certification
 - Attachment 5 – Submission Form for Technical Proposal
 - Attachment 6 – Submission Form for Cost Proposal
 - Attachment 7 – Conflict of Interest Certification Form
- 6.3 Proposals must be delivered by the date and time listed on the coversheet of this RFP to:
- Judicial Council of California
Administrative Office of the Courts
Finance Division
Attn: Nadine McFadden, **RFP: ASU AU-006-LM**
455 Golden Gate Avenue 7th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94102-3688
- 6.4 Late proposals will not be accepted.
- 6.5 Only written proposals will be accepted. Proposals should be sent by registered or certified mail, courier service (e.g. FedEx), or delivered by hand. Proposals may not be transmitted by fax or email.

7.0 PROPOSALS

- 7.1 **Technical Proposal (Attachment 5).** The following information must be included in the

technical proposal. A proposal lacking any of the following information may be deemed non-responsive.

- a. Legal name and address of firm (Proposer), the Contact's name, title, telephone and fax numbers and email address, and federal tax identification number. Note that if Proposer is a sole proprietor using his or her social security number, the social security number will be required before finalizing a contract.
- b. Propose meeting and function room schedule, including date, time and a description of the meeting and function room (noting dimensions, any odd shapes, angles, pillars and other salient characteristics). Propose schedule based upon the estimated meeting and function room block indicated on Attachment 5. Answer additional questions regarding the meeting space.
- c. Propose sleeping room date schedule and answer ADA compliance question.
- d. Propose the cut-off date for reservations.
- e. Propose food and beverage menus, based upon allowable maximum unit prices reimbursable by the JBE/AOC in Section 2.
- f. Acceptance of additional program needs and concessions.
- g. Provide the signature of the proposer.

7.2 **Cost Proposal (Attachment 6).** The following information must be included in the cost proposal 6. A proposal lacking any of the following information may be deemed non-responsive.

- a. Legal name and address of firm (Proposer).
- b. Propose meeting and function room rates.
- c. Propose termination fee and corresponding effective deadline date.
- d. If applicable, propose the rate(s) for tax and/or surcharge for the following:
- e. Propose sleeping room unit rate(s).
- f. Propose food and beverage unit rate(s) inclusive of any service charges, gratuity, and/or sales tax based on the menus provided on the Technical Proposal, Attachment 5.
- g. Propose parking passes, complimentary passes and normal parking rate(s), inclusive of any service charges, gratuity, and/or sales tax.
- h. Propose Internet fees for meeting space and individual guest rooms.
- i. Provide the signature of the proposer.

NOTE: It is unlawful for any person engaged in business within this state to sell or use any article or product as a "loss leader" as defined in Section 17030 of the Business and Professions Code.

7.3. Acceptance of the Terms and Conditions.

- i. On Attachment 3, the Proposer must either indicate acceptance of the Terms and Conditions or clearly identify exceptions to the Terms and Conditions in the Standard Agreement (Attachment 2).
- ii. If exceptions are identified, the Proposer must also submit a redlined version of the Terms and Conditions that clearly tracks proposed changes, and a written explanation or rationale for each exception and/or proposed change.
- iii. **Note: A material exception to a Minimum Term will render a proposal non-responsive. Minimum terms are identified throughout Exhibit A in Attachment 2, “General Terms and Conditions;” with an “(*)” placed next to the term itself.**

7.4. Certifications, Attachments, and other requirements.

- i. Proposer must include the following certification in its proposal:
Using Attachment 7, Proposer has no interest that would constitute a conflict of interest under California Public Contract Code sections 10365.5, 10410 or 10411; Government Code sections 1090 et seq. or 87100 et seq.; or rule 10.103 or rule 10.104 of the California Rules of Court, which restrict employees and former employees from contracting with judicial branch entities.
- ii. If Proposer has had business activities or other operations outside of the United States within the previous three years, Proposer must complete the Darfur Contracting Act Certification attached as Attachment 4 and submit the completed certification with its proposal.
- iii. If Proposer is a corporation, proof that Proposer is in good standing and qualified to conduct business in California.

8.0 OFFER PERIOD

A Proposer's proposal is an irrevocable offer for ninety (90) days following the proposal due date. In the event a final contract has not been awarded within this ninety (90) day period, the JBE/AOC reserves the right to negotiate extensions to this period. The JBE/AOC may release all offers upon issuance of a Notice to Award. (See RFP Section 3.0 for Timeline For This RFP.)

9.0 EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS

At the time proposals are opened, each proposal will be checked for the presence or absence of the required proposal contents.

The JBE/AOC will evaluate the proposals on a **100-point scale** using the criteria set forth in the table below. Award, if made, will be to the highest scored proposal.

CRITERION	PERCENTAGE
Cost (Sleeping Room Rate, Meeting Room Rates, Termination Fee, Occupancy Tax Waiver, Parking, Internet)	30%
Responsiveness to RFP (all attachments complete)	5%
Acceptance of Terms and Conditions	10%
Experience relative to RFP requirements	5%
Location of Property (i.e., ease of access, transportation, safety in area)	15%
Sleeping Rooms (ADA compliant, Upgrades, Complimentary Room Policy)	10%
Meeting and Function Space (size of rooms, flow of space, internet access)	20%
Food and Beverage (menu variety, hot food and protein included in Breakfast, three-course lunch)	5%
Maximum Score	100%

10.0 INTERVIEWS

The JBE/AOC may conduct interviews with Proposers to clarify aspects set forth in their proposals. If conducted, interviews will probably be conducted by phone or during site visits. The JBE/AOC will not reimburse Proposers for any costs incurred pertaining to an interview, including travel expenses. The JBE/AOC will notify eligible Proposers regarding interview arrangements.

11.0 RIGHTS

The JBE/AOC reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, in whole or in part, as well as the right to issue similar RFPs in the future. This RFP is in no way an agreement, obligation, or contract and in no way is the JBE/AOC or the State of California responsible for the cost of preparing a proposal. One copy of each proposal will be retained by the JBE/AOC for official files and will become a public record.

12.0 CONFIDENTIAL OR PROPRIETARY INFORMATION

California judicial branch entities are subject to rule 10.500 of the California Rule of Court (see www.courtinfo.ca.gov/cms/rules/index.cfm?title=ten&linkid=rule10_500), which governs public access to judicial administrative records.

If information submitted in a proposal contains material noted or marked as confidential and/or proprietary that, in the JBE/AOC's sole opinion, meets the disclosure exemption requirements of Rule 10.500, then that information will not be disclosed upon a request for access to such records. If the JBE/AOC finds or reasonably believes that the material so marked is **not** exempt from disclosure, the JBE/AOC will disclose the information regardless of the marking or notation seeking confidential treatment.

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13.0 DISABLED VETERAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PARTICIPATION GOALS

The JBE/AOC has waived the inclusion of DVBE participation in this solicitation

14.0 PROTESTS

Any protests will be handled in accordance with Chapter 7 of the Judicial Branch Contract Manual (see www.courts.ca.gov/documents/jbcl-manual.pdf). Failure of a Proposer to comply with the protest procedures set forth in that chapter will render a protest inadequate and non-responsive, and will result in rejection of the protest. The deadline for the JBE/AOC to receive a solicitation specifications protest is the due date and time for submittal of proposals. Protests must be sent to (label with the solicitation title and number):

JBE/AOC – Business Services
Attn: Protest Hearing Officer
455 Golden Gate Avenue, Seventh Floor
San Francisco, CA 94102-3688

END OF RFP