Pre-proposal Conference Summary

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS PROJECT NUMBER K12-0067-84B DISTRICT COURT GLEN BURNIE SELF-HELP CENTER April 9, 2012

Judiciary Panel Representatives:

Susan Howells, Procurement Officer Joan Baer, Assistant Chief Clerk Tamera Chester, Administrative Clerk Anna Pfeifer, Procurement Specialist

Attendees list is available as a separate document provided on the Judiciary's Procurement web site and eMarylandMarketplace.

Ms. Howells, the Procurement Officer for the Request for Proposals (RFP), convened the meeting at 10:00 am and made introductions.

Ms. Howells then addressed the following sections of the RFP:

- Sections 1 General Information
- Section 3 Proposal Format
- Section 4 Evaluation Process
- Attachments

The floor was then opened for questions.

1. Question: Is the District Court looking to expand the services of the Self Help Center or implement new policies or initiatives?

Response: Not at this time.

- 2. Question: Does the District Court expect to gain any additional space for the Self Help Center? Response: No.
- 3. Question: With respect to the substitution of personnel in the RFP, is it acceptable for an Offeror to provide a rotation of attorneys?

Response: Yes, provided each attorney in the rotation is qualified, passes a back-ground check and is provided identification from the Department of General Services.

- 4. Question: Is the configuration of the current phone system remaining the same? Response: Yes.
- 5. Question: Will the District Court provide the computers for all services, including off-site chat?

- Response: Yes, please see RFP Sections 2.2 and 2.12. Please note that Skype is not an option at this time.
- 6. Question: Has the Self Help Center experienced any incidents or history of liability/ethical issues or received any push back from the BAR? Response: No. In addition, clients are required to sign a disclaimer prior to provision of services.

Ms. Howells requested that any additional questions after the Pre-Proposal Conference be submitted in writing and sent by e-mail for consideration.

One clarification was made concerning the operating hours for the Self Help Center. Although the Self Help Center is open Monday-Friday from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm for walk-in clients, hours for live chat assistance (for District Court Civil Cases only) and telephone assistance are 8:30 am to 12 noon and 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm.

At 10:30 am a tour of the Self Help Center was provided to all interested attendees.

After the tour, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.

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