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REQUEST FOR SUBMITTALS OF PROPOSAL

CONSULTING SERVICES – FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR HEALTHCARE EXPANSION FOR THE FLANDREAU SANTEE SIOUX TRIBE

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Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe is soliciting proposals for the conduction of a feasibility study for the following project in Moody County, SD:

PROJECT NAME: FSST Health Care Center Expansion Feasibility Study

PURPOSE

The Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe (FSST), in Moody County South Dakota is seeking to engage the services of a consultant to facilitate and document a detailed feasibility study investigating the expansion of its healthcare service through the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribal Health Clinic in Flandreau, SD. The purpose of this Request for Proposal is to provide the FSST with qualified proponents capable of carrying out the work herein defined. The FSST is interested in expediting the project and will pre-qualify firms to compete in the selection process.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The FSST is seeking statements of qualifications from consultants interested in being considered and evaluated for the project. At a minimum the statement of qualification should address professional background, experience, other healthcare projects and prior clients.

SUBMISSION DETAILS

Ten (10) copies of proposals marked “FSST Health Care Center Expansion Feasibility Study” addressed to Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe Health Department, ATTN: Ledora McDougle, 701 West Broad Ave, Flandreau, SD 57028 by mail no later than 5:00 PM Monday November 18th, 2011. One electronic submission will be accepted via email or fax, however it is required to follow-up with hard copies of the proposal. Proposals received after the deadline will not receive consideration. The FSST Tribe reserves the right to cancel this Request for Proposal for any reason without any liability to any proponent or to waive irregularities at their own discretion.

Any additional inquires regarding this Request for Proposals, please visit our website: fsst.org

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PROJECT BACKGROUND

The FSST Health Clinic is currently operated by the FSST under Public Law 93.638 as a local self governance facility with services contracted from Indian Health Services (IHS). Existing space for the FSST Health Clinic has been inadequate for many years, which has affected the department's ability to meet the healthcare need of its patients. Currently, the FSST Health Clinic's departments are housed in 2 separate facilities. The existing facility was built in 1995 and is 10,376 ft² (964 m²). The FSST is proposing to construct a new stand alone facility or to expand and renovate the existing facility to a ~42,000 ft² (3,900+ m²) facility as part of the IHS Joint Venture Construction Program. The clinic currently provides Primary Care service utilizing 2 providers, 4 exam rooms and an undersized and inefficient procedure room. Lab and Pharmacy are provided but lack adequate space for effective delivery of service. There is no space to provide Specialty Services such as Cardiology, Orthopedics, Podiatry, Maternal/Child Health, Mammography, Audiology, and other greatly needed services thus the clinic is forced to send patients to other facilities with scarce Contract Health Dollars. Based on the cost estimates provided by the Aberdeen Area IHS Office of Environmental Health the new facility costs will range between \$7.4 million (\$200/ft²) and \$10.5 million (\$250/ft²).

Therefore, the FSST intends to conduct a feasibility study to evaluate the viability to construct, operate, and maintain a consolidated new Health Care Facility that will offer additional services, which are not currently offered through the FSST Health Clinic as part of the IHS Joint Venture Agreement. The proposed new construction will provide a much needed expansion of basic healthcare services and space for the FSST Health Department with nearly three times the space of the existing clinic from 10,376 ft² ~42,000 ft² (3,900+ m²). In addition to the IHS Joint Venture construction project, this feasibility study should also address additional funding opportunities available to FSST to include but limited to opportunities such as: Convert Existing 638 Contract to a Self-Governance Compact, Investigate becoming a Community Health Center under Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) through the Public Health Services Act Section 330 program, Formal partnerships with private organizations.

The feasibility study, once completed, will provide information on:

- Project budgets for planning, construction and operation.
- Financing options, repayment terms and options
- Opportunities for future growth and additional programs/services
- Location
- Facility planning (including a preliminary program, size and vision).

The detailed feasibility study will evaluate the service area and community needs, analyze current and projected demographics, competition, propose the product formula and forecast usage. It will recommend a location. It will determine potential financial impact (both capital and operating), outline potential funding sources, and provide planning parameters such as total land size needed, best location, and types and sizes of spaces required.

The services and activities detailed within this RFP will be funded 100% by the HRSA-Affordable Care Act- Health Center Planning Grant award number 1 PO4CS22784-01-00.