

## **PROCUREMENT SERVICES**

# PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACT (PSC) REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL(RFP)

REQUEST DATE:	06/06/24	
DUE DATE & TIME:	06/20/24 at 2:00 PM EST	
SPEED TYPE:	X0540	
DEPARTMENT NAME:	Office of University Counsel	
DEPARTMENT CONTACT:	Christina Howard	
CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR:	Lauren Wieners	
CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR EMAIL:	Lauren.Wieners@louisville.edu	

SERVICE REQUESTED (brief description)	Provide legal services and representation to the University of Louisville, the University of Louisville Athletic Association, Inc, and the University of Louisville Research Foundation, Inc, in various matters. This work will encompass both transactional and litigation matters.
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### **EMAIL PROPOSALS TO:**

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE ATTN: PROCUREMENT SERVICES, SERVICE COMPLEX BUILDING LOUISVILLE, KY 40292

CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR NAME: Lauren Wieners

EMAIL: Lauren.Wieners@louisville.edu

## THE BOTTOM PORTION OF THIS FORM IS TO BE COMPLETED BY THE VENDOR AND SUBMITTED WITH PROPOSAL

Equal Employment Opportunity – All parties must be in compliance with executive order 11246 of September 24, 1965 as amended by executive order 11375 of October 13, 1967.

### STATEMENT OF NON-COLLUSION AND NON-CONFLICT OF INTEREST

I hereby swear (or affirm) under penalty for false swearing as provided by KRS 523.040:

- 1. That attached Request for Proposal has been submitted without collusion with, and without any agreement, understanding or planned common course of action with, any other vendor of materials, supplies, equipment or services described in the Request For Proposal designed to limit independent competition.
- 2. That the proposer is legally entitled to enter into the contract with the University of Louisville, an agency of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and is not in violation of any prohibited conflict of interest, including those prohibited by the provisions of <a href="KRS 45A.325">KRS 45A.325</a>, to 45A.340, 45A.990, 164.990, and 164.821 (7).
- 3. That I have fully informed myself regarding the accuracy of the statements made above.

SIGNATURE:	PRINT NAME	
FIRM NAME:	ADDRESS:	
PHONE:	CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE:	
EMAIL:	WEBSITE:	

#### REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL COMPONENTS

#### • SCOPE OF SERVICES:

- Provide legal services and representation to the University of Louisville, the University of Louisville Athletic Association, Inc, and the
  University of Louisville Research Foundation, Inc, (collectively, "UofL") in various matters including, but not limited to employment,
  contracts, torts, internal investigations, immigration, student affairs, athletics, gifts and estates planning, finance, real estate,
  construction law, environmental, regulatory matters, and bankruptcy.
- For the firm to engage in providing legal services, prior approval for these services must be obtained from the University's Office of University Counsel.
- To perform services on matters covered by UofL's insurance carriers, the firm must apply to and be accepted by the carrier.

## REQUIRED PROPOSAL SUBMITTALS:

- Describe the firm's overall qualifications.
- Describe the firm's specific areas of practice expertise and the firm's experience in representing higher education clients and public bodies. List current higher education and public body clients of the firm and identify the nature of the services provided to these clients.
- Describe the relevant experience and qualifications of the key attorneys (both partners and associates) who would serve UofL.
- Describe how the firm would staff legal matters for UofL in an efficient manner that maximizes the value provided to the University
  and ensures continuity, effective communication, and coordination with the University's in-house team of legal
  experts.
- Provide any additional information that the firm would like considered.

#### COST/FEES

• The fees for legal services will be based on hourly rates and reasonable, agreed upon out-of-pocket expenses. Hourly rates are established by the Legislative Research Commission. Current rates set by the Legislative Research Commission are as follows:

Partners: \$125/hrAssociate: \$100/hrParalegal: \$40/hr

## METHOD OF AWARD:

- The University may elect to award a contract to more than one proposer. The decision by the University will be based on the proposer's levels of expertise in the following areas:
  - 35% Firm experience and expertise in one or more of the following legal areas: employment, employee benefits, contracts, torts, internal investigations, immigration, student affairs, athletics, gifts and estates, finance, real estate, construction law, environmental law, regulatory matters, and bankruptcy.
  - 30% Qualifications and experience of the firm attorneys proposed to serve the UofL team and the sufficiency of the proposed staffing plan to maximize the value provided to the University and ensure continuity, effective communication, and coordination with the University's in-house team of legal experts.
  - o 35% Experience representing institutions of higher education and public bodies.

## DESIRED CONTRACT PERIOD:

- The contract start and end dates are July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026.
- No services are to be provided prior to the start date indicated on the fully executed Personal Services Contract (sample provided).
- A subsequent additional contract may be established from this RFP process to run from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2028, with all terms, conditions, and pricing remaining the same. This will require a new contract be executed.

## • FOREIGN CORPORATION REGISTRATION (OUT-OF-STATE CORPORATIONS):

Pursuant to KRS 271B.15-010, any Out-of-State corporate contractor must be properly registered with the Kentucky Secretary of State, before transacting any business within the state of Kentucky. The statute states "(a) foreign corporation...shall not transact business in this state until it obtains a certificate of authority from the Secretary of State." The registration form and instructions are found at <a href="https://web.sos.ky.gov/forms/corp/FBE-Certificate%20of%20Authorization\_Foreign%20Business%20Entity.pdf">https://web.sos.ky.gov/forms/corp/FBE-Certificate%20of%20Authorization\_Foreign%20Business%20Entity.pdf</a>.

# • RECIPROCAL PREFERENCE:

- In accordance with KRS 45A.490 to 45A.494, a resident Offeror of the Commonwealth of Kentucky shall be given a preference against a nonresident Offeror. In evaluating proposals, the University will apply a reciprocal preference against an Offeror submitting a proposal from a state that grants residency preference equal to the preference given by the state of the nonresident Offeror. Residency and nonresidency shall be defined in accordance with KRS 45A.494(2) and 45A.494(3), respectively. Any Offeror claiming Kentucky residency status shall submit with its proposal a notarized affidavit affirming that it meets the criteria as set forth in the above referenced statute.
- Forms can be found at http://louisville.edu/purchasing/forms.

#### • QUESTIONS:

• All questions regarding this RFP are due by June 11, 2024, at 12:00 PM Eastern Standard Time and are to be emailed to Lauren Wieners at Lauren. Wieners @louisville.edu. Answers to all questions submitted in writing before the deadline above will be issued as an addendum to this solicitation and posted at University of Louisville Active Bids and RFPs.