



GATEWAY CITIES

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

February 10, 2009

Dear Potential Bidder:

Gateway Cities Sustainable Community Strategy Under California Senate Bill 375 (2008) Initial Strategy Assessment

On behalf of its member cities, the Gateway Cities Council of Governments is seeking consultant support in developing a strategy to approach the requirements of California Senate Bill 375, adopted in 2008. This bill seeks to obtain reductions in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from land use and transportation system changes via the regional transportation planning process.

The bill requires the development of a Sustainable Community Strategy at the regional level and the establishment of regional GHG emission reduction targets. The bill also allows, only within the Southern California Association of Governments region (SCAG), the development of sub-regional strategies. The Gateway Cities constitute a sizable sub-regional organization within the SCAG region and have a collective interest in exploring the development of a sub-regional Sustainable Community Strategy.

The successful consultant or consultant team must bring a unique combination of strengths and capabilities to this project:

- Transportation system planning and funding
- Regional air quality planning
- Greenhouse gas emissions quantification
- GHG emissions reduction strategies and technologies
- Affordable housing planning requirements and strategies

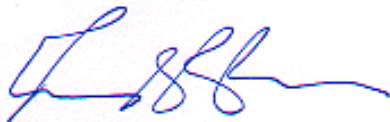
- Local land use planning strategies
- Transit-oriented development and “sustainability” strategies for cities
- Knowledge of local, regional, and state policy-making bodies and processes.

The required services will be both technical and strategic in nature; the consultant or consultant team should be able to demonstrate experience providing this type of range of services. The attached scope of work details the services anticipated to be required during a period covering approximately nine months in 2009.

Please submit proposals to Nancy Pfeffer, Director of Regional Planning, Gateway Cities Council of Governments, no later than close of business Monday, March 2, 2009. Proposals will be reviewed by a committee of participating cities and some proposers may be invited to interview before a final selection is made.

If you have questions regarding this proposal, please e-mail them to Nancy Pfeffer at nancy@networkpa.net no later than 5:00 pm February 18, 2009. All questions received by that date will be posted along with answers the following week on the Gateway Cities Council of Governments web site at www.gatewaycoq.org. This RFP and cover letter are also available on the web site.

Cordially,

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Richard Powers, Executive Director
Gateway Cities Council of Governments