



GATEWAY CITIES

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

May 25, 2010

To potential bidders:

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

The law requires the establishment of regional GHG emission reduction targets by the California Air Resources Board, and the development of a regional Sustainable Communities Strategy by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG). The Gateway Cities constitute a sizable sub-regional organization within the SCAG region and have elected under the law to prepare their own 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
- Ability to conduct modeling of land use, transportation, and greenhouse gas reduction strategies, including GIS capability
- Transit-oriented development and “sustainability” strategies for cities
- Knowledge of local, regional, and state policy-making bodies and processes.

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 the remainder of 2010 and the first half of 2011.

Please submit proposals via email to jthompson@gatewaycoq.org or regular mail to Jena Thompson, Gateway Cities Council of Governments, no later than 5:00 PM, Friday, June 25, 2010. Proposals will be reviewed by a committee of participating agencies and some proposers may be invited to interview before a final selection is made.

A sample contract for the Gateway Cities Council of Governments is also included. Bidders are asked to include in their proposal a section addressing whether they would request any modifications to this standard contract and if so, identifying the changes and the reasons for them.

If you have questions regarding this request for proposals, please e-mail them to Nancy Pfeffer at nancy@networkpa.net no later than Monday, June 7, 2010. All questions received by that date will be posted along with answers by the end of that 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.

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Richard Powers
Executive Director