

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS  
FOR DISASTER RECOVERY ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

Notice is hereby given that GIRLS INC OF BAY COUNTY, Bay County, Florida (referred to hereafter as GIRLS INC) is calling for and requesting proposals from qualified providers of federal disaster grant management consulting services as outlined in the request for proposals.

All proposals must be in writing and delivered by hand, Fed Ex, or mail to GIRLS INC, 300 CLARA AVE, PANAMA CITY BEACH, FL 32407 and must be received by **April 22, 2019**. The submittals will be publicly opened at this time. Only submittals received by the stated time and date will be considered. Submittals received after the time set for the opening will be rejected and returned unopened to the submitter. All submittals shall be submitted in a sealed envelope and clearly labeled, "RFP – DISASTER RECOVERY ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES." Please provide one (1) original, five (5) copies of the proposal, and one (1) CD with all of the above information included (each document must be in an individual PDF format file).

Questions concerning this request should be directed to the NIKI KELLY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, 850-588-8711, [NKELLY@GIRLSINCOFBAYCOUNTY.ORG](mailto:NKELLY@GIRLSINCOFBAYCOUNTY.ORG)

GIRLS INC encourages all segments of the business community to participate in its procurement opportunities, including small businesses, minority/women owned businesses, and disadvantaged business enterprises. GIRLS INC does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, disability, sex, or age in the administration of contracts.

GIRLS INC reserves the right to waive informalities in bids, to reject any or all bids with or without cause, and to accept the bid that in its judgment is in the best interest of GIRLS INC.

By order of the BOARD AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, GIRLS INC OF BAY COUNTY.

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**PURPOSE**

GIRLS INC is soliciting sealed proposals to provide Disaster Recovery Administrative Services.

**INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS**

Firms or companies desiring to provide services, as described in the Scope of Work, shall submit sealed proposals with an original, five (5) complete copies, and one (1) CD with all of the above information included (each document must be in an individual PDF format file) no later than APRIL 22, 2019 to GIRLS INC, 300 CLARA AVE, PANAMA CITY BEACH, FL 32407

Offers by telephone or fax shall not be accepted.

Respondents are cautioned that they are responsible for delivery to the specific location cited above. Therefore, if your bid, proposal or quotation is delivered by an express mail carrier or by any other means, it is your responsibility to ensure delivery to the above address. This office will not be responsible for deliveries made to any place other than the specified address.

It is the sole responsibility of the bidder to ensure that his or her Proposal reaches GIRLS INC on time. GIRLS INC shall not be responsible for late deliveries or mail delays. All proposals will be opened publicly.

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

1. GIRLS INC reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, with or without cause, to waive technicalities, or to accept the proposal which, in its sole judgment, best serves the interest of the GIRLS INC, or to award a contract to the next most qualified submitter if a successful submitter does not execute a contract within thirty (30) days after approval of the selection by the GIRLS INC.

GIRLS INC reserves the right, and has absolute and sole discretion, to cancel a solicitation at any time prior to approval of the award by the GIRLS INC.

2. The GIRLS INC reserves the right to request clarification of information submitted and to request additional information of one or more applicants.
3. Any proposal may be withdrawn until the date and time set above for the submission of the proposals. Any proposals not so withdrawn shall constitute an irrevocable offer, for a period of sixty (60) days, to provide to the GIRLS INC the services set forth in this Request for Proposals, or until one or more of the proposals have been awarded.
4. Proposals shall be sealed and submitter should indicate on their proposal the following:
  - Date of Opening – APRIL 22, 2019
  - REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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- Name and Address of submitter
5. Costs of preparation of a response to this request for proposals are solely those of the submitter. The GIRLS INC assumes no responsibility for any such costs incurred by the submitter. The submitter also agrees that the GIRLS INC bears no responsibility for any costs associated with any administrative or judicial proceedings resulting from the solicitation process.
  6. The consultant awarded this contract shall maintain adequate records to justify all charges, expenses, and costs incurred in estimating and performing the work for at least three (3) years after completion of the later of final grant closeout or final audit by FEMA OR THE STATE OF FLORIDA of any project work performed under contract resulting from this RFP. The GIRLS INC shall have access to all records, documents and information collected and/or maintained by others in the course of the administration of the agreement. This information shall be made accessible at the awardees place of business to the GIRLS INC, including its designees, for purposes of inspection, reproduction and audit without restriction.
  7. It is the intent of the GIRLS INC to enter into a three (3) year term contract, with a renewal clause for two (2) additional one (1) year renewal terms for services as described herein.

8. This proposal and associated rates are transferable to like PNPs in Bay County, Florida for similar services.

## **PROPOSAL FORMAT**

Submitters must respond in the format delineated below.

The following information shall be tabbed to identify the required information. Failure to submit this information will render your proposal non-responsive.

### **1. QUALIFICATIONS OF THE FIRM**

The Respondent shall provide a narrative of the firm's qualities and capabilities that demonstrates how the firm will work with GIRLS INC to fulfill the requirements of this Project. Describe the firm's methods of providing the Disaster Recovery Administrative Services outlined within the Scope of Work. Firm qualifications must include, at minimum, the following:

- A. Relevant Experience – Recent experience demonstrating current capacity and current expertise in assisting local governments in obtaining reimbursement from state and federal agencies following disaster events.
- B. Past Performance on Similar Projects - Provide at least three references for which the firm has performed disaster grant management and administrative services that are similar to the requirements in the Scope of Services. Provide the reference contact name, address, e-mail address, telephone numbers and date of the contract.
- C. Project Approach – Describe the approach and methodology it will use to accomplish the work herein. The project approach shall include information on schedule and availability where applicable.

### **2. QUALIFICATIONS OF STAFF**

Describe the composition and structure of the firm and include the names of persons with an interest in the firm.

### **3. TECHNICAL APPROACH**

Provide a description of the submitter's approach to the project, to include startup procedures/requirements.

### **4. COST PROPOSAL**

Each submitter must complete and submit the Cost Proposal Form/Fee Schedule included herein. The Cost Proposal will be

evaluated on the hourly rates submitted on the cost proposal form for the labor positions listed. All non-labor costs will be billed to the GIRLS INC at cost without markup.

**SELECTION CRITERIA**

The following weighted criteria will be utilized to select the consultant awarded this contract.

<b>Criterion</b>	<b>Points</b>
Firm Scope and Capacity	10
Firm Qualifications on Similar Projects including references	20
Staff Qualifications and Experience including demonstration of knowledge of FEMA PA regulations and procedures	20
WOMB	20
Knowledge of/ Past Work Experience for the Community and/or local resources	20
Cost Proposal	10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>

**SCOPE OF SERVICES**

I. BACKGROUND

GIRLS INC seeks to protect its interests by securing the services of a qualified disaster recovery consultant as outlined in the following scope of work. GIRLS INC recognizes that its facilities and operations were severely damaged and disrupted by Hurricane Michael, its existing employees and systems are overwhelmed by the scale of necessary disaster response and recovery work. In order to ensure a rapid recovery and post disaster redevelopment process, GIRLS INC will require the services of qualified, experienced professionals to manage state and federal grant management processes.

II. SCOPE Of WORK

The contractor will provide experienced personnel and resources to

complete the following activities:

- A. Applicants Briefing and Kick-Off Meeting. Attend meetings with the State/Federal agencies including applicant briefings, kick-off meetings and project specific discussions;
- B. Technical Assistance. Provide general financial management advice and assistance including but not limited to:
  - Develop and support the ongoing activity of a disaster recovery team to manage the FEMA Public Assistance process;
  - Provide advice as to the disaster recovery team as appropriate and participate in meetings;
  - Provide advice as to the eligibility of facilities, work, and costs and develop justifications for presentation to the State of Florida and FEMA with regard to any issues which may arise;
  - Briefing purchasing, contracting and department personnel on requisite/purchasing procedures and documentation
- C. Correspondence. Prepare correspondence to the State of Florida, FEMA, etc. on behalf of GIRLS INC as necessary; Prepare a program management plan; Prepare periodic reports to the Board as to the status of grant management progress and participate in all status meetings;
- D. Inspection/Damage Assessment. Inspect disaster related damage to eligible facilities, identify eligible emergency and permanent work (Category A-G) and review records of emergency expenses incurred by GIRLS INC;
- E. Document. Ensure all eligible damages have been quantified and presented to federal inspectors/Project Officers;
- F. Financial Tracking. Categorize, record, track and file costs on approved forms in support of the financial reimbursement process. Communicate with GIRL INC and maintain an up-to-date database of eligible labor, equipment, and materials costs as reported on Event Activity Tracking Forms to prepare daily reports to City management;
- G. Financial Management. Assistance in requesting Immediate

Needs Funding or Grants Based on Estimates; Development and tracking of plans for Cash flow management and disbursements by State/FEMA; Insurance evaluation, documentation adjusting and settlement services; Tracking project progress, expenditures, reimbursement requests and receipts;

- H. Project Worksheet. Prepare Project Worksheets for Categories A-G for review by FEMA and the State ensuring that the scope of work is accurate and comprehensive, estimates are accurate, expenses are eligible and documented, and that projects are categorized as small or large in a manner that ensures prompt and sufficient reimbursement to GIRLS INC; Attend meetings with GIRLS INC, State and FEMA (and/or other Federal agencies) to negotiate individual Project Worksheets as needed;
- I. Repair and Restoration. Review the scope of work and bidding procedures of proposed damage repair/reconstruction work for compliance with FEMA requirements;
- J. Documentation. Support departments with organizing reimbursable expenses. Review, maintain and ensure accuracy of documentation prepared by City departments;
- K. Reporting. Compile and summarize in FEMA approved format Category A through G costs for presentation to FEMA and the State and inclusion in project worksheets;
- L. Provide assistance to departments having difficulty with their claims;
- M. Ensure the county meets all deadlines imposed by FEMA and/or the State for documentation, appeals, completion of work, etc;
- N. Appeal. If GIRLS INC disagrees with any FEMA determinations, make all reasonable efforts to resolve any such dispute and/or strategize and write appeals; Provide fully qualified counsel to GIRLS INC in support of any legal action required as the result of an appeal;
- O. Closeout. Preparation of closeout packages including final funding reconciliation, copies of required permits, exemptions or waivers, bid documents, change orders, improved project filings, compliance monitoring, and other documents required or useful for grant closeout review. Prepare all documentation for, and represent GIRLS INC in, all project closeout activities, Participate in

exit conferences with GIRLS INC, State, and FEMA;

P. Audit. Upon completion of all projects and drawn down reimbursement for all eligible costs, finalize preparations for State and FEMA final inspections and audits.

Q. FEMA 404 and 406 Hazard Mitigation Services: Assist in identifying, developing and evaluating opportunities for hazard mitigation projects (Section 404 and 406). Develop hazard mitigation proposals, cost benefit analysis (BCA). Prepare other hazard mitigation services related to Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Pre-Disaster Mitigation, and other mitigation programs.

R. Other Grant Management Assistance: Provide other state and federal grant management services as needed. Assist GIRLS INC with the management and administration of other federal grant management programs not identified above.

END OF SCOPE

## **COST PROPOSAL FORM**

The hourly labor rates shall include all applicable overhead and profit. All non-labor related project costs (including travel, lodging, and per diem) will be billed to the GIRLS INC at cost without mark-up.

<b>POSITIONS</b>	<b>HOURLY RATES</b>
Project Executive	\$
Project Manager	\$
Senior Damage Assessment Estimator	\$
Damage Assessment Estimator	\$
Senior Grant Management Specialist	\$
Grant Management Specialist	\$
Senior Engineer/Planner/Analyst	\$
Engineer/Planner/Analyst	\$
Administrative Assistant	\$

### **OTHER REQUIRED POSITIONS**

Submitter may include other positions, with hourly rates and attach a job description for each position.