

August 23, 2010

Re: Request for Qualifications for Legal Counsel: Via Verdi at El Portal Drive Sinkhole

Dear Counsel:

The City Attorney's Office is seeking a qualified law firm to provide legal services to the City of Richmond in connection with the Via Verdi at El Portal Drive Sinkhole which developed on April 15, 2010 on a culverted section of San Pablo Creek near the intersection of Via Verdi and El Portal Drive in the City of Richmond. For more information about the Sinkhole, please visit the City's website at www.ci.richmond.ca.us. The nature and scope of the desired legal services include advising and representing the City in connection with potential tort claims and related litigation arising from or related to the Sinkhole.

Expressions of interest should include the following:

1. A description of the type of legal services (e.g., defense of specified causes of action that may arise as a result of the Sinkhole) that your firm proposes to perform for the City in connection with the Sinkhole.
2. A firm profile, including a description of your firm's relevant practice areas.
3. Professional summaries of attorneys that your firm anticipates would be working on this project. Please include a professional summary for each attorney, describing length of practice, area(s) of specialization, relevant experience, education, and any other relevant information. Please describe each attorney's experience working with public entities and experience with California municipal law.
4. A description of relevant trial and appellate experience, including number of trials to verdict, particularly those representing public entities, and appellate decisions.
5. Five references, preferably from public entities, for relevant work performed within the last five years.
6. Proposed fee schedule for public entities.

The deadline for electronic submittals is **5:00 P.M, Monday, September 13, 2010**. Electronic submittals should be directed to bruce_soublet@ci.richmond.ca.us with a copy to bruce_goodmiller@ci.richmond.ca.us

Five (5) hard copies must be received no later than **5:00 P.M, Tuesday, September 14, 2010.**

Please direct submittals to:

City Attorney
City of Richmond
450 Civic Center Plaza
Richmond, CA 94804

The City Attorney makes no representation that a party who submits a statement of qualifications will be engaged to perform legal services for the City of Richmond.

The City Attorney's Office reserves the right to reject any or all responses to this Request for Qualifications, to request additional information concerning any statement of qualifications for purposes of clarification, and to waive any irregularities present in any response. All costs associated with a response are the responsibility of the responding applicant law firm. All materials submitted will not be returned.

Thank you for your interest in working for the City of Richmond. If you have any questions about this Request for Qualifications, please feel free to contact Bruce Soublet or Bruce Reed Goodmiller at (510) 620-6509.