

CAYUGA NATION

Request for Proposals

The Cayuga Nation in New York State requests proposals from qualified firms or individuals to advise the Nation in preparing a plan to develop the Nation's economy.

The Cayuga Nation is a federally-recognized sovereign Indian nation. It is a member nation of the Haudenosaunee, or Six Nations Confederacy. The Nation is governed according to a traditional Haudenosaunee and Cayuga law and custom. The Nation has approximately 485 enrolled citizens. The Nation currently does not own any land that is held in trust by the federal government. It holds several parcels of land in fee simple ownership. The Treaty of Canandaigua of 1794 recognized a Cayuga Reservation of approximately 64,000 acres in Seneca and Cayuga Counties, New York. The boundaries of this Reservation have never been terminated. The Nation does not own or operate a casino or other gambling enterprise. It owns and operates a number of small enterprises within the Cayuga Reservation. The Nation does not have a separate economic development corporation.

PROJECT DELIVERABLES

The Cayuga Nation will select a consultant who will deliver the following:

1. Meetings with the traditional leaders of the Cayuga Nation to discuss economic needs, options and strategies for meeting those needs, and recommendations for a economic development plan.
2. A written economic development plan which covers the next five years and addresses goals, needs, resources, capabilities, markets, priorities, and structures and procedures for Cayuga governmental control of economic enterprises.

PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

To be considered responsive, the firm or individual shall include the following in the proposal:

1. Description of the method by which the economic development plan will be prepared.
2. Description of services to be provided by the firm or individual.
3. Firm's or individual's qualifications in devising economic development plans for Indian nations.
4. Firm's or individual's experience working with Indian nations to develop economic development plans.

5. If the proposal is submitted by a firm, the name or names of persons who will have primary responsibility for the work.

6. Examples of economic development plans prepared by the firm or individual that have been implemented, and the results of that implementation.

7. The billing rates or method and an estimate of the cost of the project.

8. Disclosure of any actual or potential conflict of interest with regard to the goals and objectives of the Cayuga Nation in the areas of economic development or self-government.

9. References from three (3) former or existing clients of the firm or individual, preferably Indian nations or their corporations or departments.

CONTRACT TERMS

The Cayuga Nation will enter into a contract with the firm or individual selected, while preserving sovereign immunity.

The Cayuga Nation reserves the right to select the firm with the proposal that the Nation believes, in its sole and absolute discretion, provides the greater benefit in light of the estimated cost.

The Cayuga Nation reserves the right to decline to select a firm or individual for this project.

The contract will not create an employment relationship. Individuals performing work under the contract will not be employees of the Cayuga Nation.

The costs of travel to and from the Cayuga Nation will not be reimbursed separately from the fee to be awarded the firm or individual.

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Please submit the proposal electronically AND by regular or overnight mail (four copies) no later than March 15 to:

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