

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

August 2, 2017

The Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa is soliciting proposals for a qualified professional consultant to develop a strategic plan for the Band's tribal court. The consultant will engage with justice system partners in a data-informed planning process and will develop a written tribal court strategic plan that will guide the development of the Fond du Lac Tribal Court.

The Band's trial court hears cases on the first Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of the month, unless the first Monday is a holiday. In that case, the court convenes on the following week. Other court dates may be scheduled by the Chief Judge as necessary. The Trial court hears cases involving violations of the traffic, animal control, truancy and conservation codes, as well as general civil matters, including but not limited to dissolution of marriage, name change, small claims, contracts, and probate. A Court of Appeals was recently established. In 2015, there were 179 new cases filed with the court. The Band's ordinances are available at <http://www.fdlrez.com/government/fdlordinances.htm>.

The selected consultant will (1) initiate the planning process; (2) conduct strategic research and data gathering; (3) develop strategic directions for the tribal court; (4) draft a strategic plan report; and (5) develop a strategic implementation plan.

The proposal must include:

- a. A proposed rate or fee;
- b. A description of services to be provided;
- c. A resume and a statement of qualifications; and
- d. A list of at least three professional references that may be contacted by the Band. It is preferred that the references include clients for whom similar work has been done within the past two year period. References shall include a complete address, contact name and telephone number.

Demonstrable knowledge and experience with tribal courts is preferred, but not required.

Indian preference will apply in the selection process in accordance with the Band's Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance.

To submit a proposal, send a proposal by e-mail to MiyahDanielson@fdlrez.com or by mail to Miyah Danielson, Executive Director for Tribal Programs, 1720 Big Lake Road, Cloquet, MN 55720.

Proposals must be received by 4:30 p.m. central time on Friday, September 1, 2017.