

LOWER BRULE SIOUX TRIBAL COURT

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Request for Proposal for Tribal Code Revision

SCOPE OF WORK

The Lower Brule Tribal Court (LBTC) completed a court assessment recommending comprehensive review and update of the Tribes' Codes (criminal, civil, juvenile). The LBTC seeks to contract with a firm or attorney to assist in reviewing, editing, amending, and organizing existing codes. LBTC is also seeking code recommendations for implementation of VAWA and TLOA, upon Council approval. Much of the drafting work can be completed remotely. However, the successful candidate will need to be available to travel to the Lower Brule Reservation in Lower Brule, South Dakota to meet with the Tribal Council, judges, attorneys, and other stakeholders throughout the drafting process.

QUALIFICATIONS

Applicants must have a JD from an ABA-accredited law school, be an active member in good standing of a state bar association, and have a minimum of three years general practice experience in Indian Country. Code drafting experience and familiarity with tribal courts, tribal laws and federal Indian law is strongly preferred.

TIMEFRAME

This project will begin in spring 2019 and be completed within 6 months. The pace of the project will be driven by a number of factors including the time required for stakeholder input and review. The successful applicant will meet with the LBTC to develop a code review timeline for stakeholder input, drafting, and presentation to the Lower Brule Tribal Council.

COST

Compensation will be as negotiated, not to exceed \$50,000. Applicants are requested to provide a compensation proposal that includes their hourly rate and any anticipated costs. The Lower Brule Sioux Tribe will not be responsible for any expenses incurred in preparing and submitting a proposal.

PROPOSAL PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION

All proposals should include a letter of interest, resume, and references. Proposals will be accepted until January 31, 2019 and should be submitted via email to Chief Judge Lorrie Miner at lorrieminer@lowerbrule.net.