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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)
Chief Judge – Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe**

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Proposal Due Date: Open until filled

Contact Person: Jacquelyn Vargas, Court Clerk

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I. Introduction

The Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe (the “Tribe”) is seeking proposals from qualified individuals to serve as **Chief Judge** for the Sauk-Suiattle Tribal Court. The Chief Judge serves as the presiding judicial officer of the Tribal Court and is responsible for upholding the laws, sovereignty, and judicial integrity of the Tribe. This is a contractual position ordinarily paid on an hourly or per court session basis. The tribal court convenes approximately 2 to 3 times a month to entertain criminal, civil and ICW cases. The candidate should also be available telephonically or electronically from time to time to hear search warrants and/or temporary protection orders.

The Tribe invites interested and qualified candidates to submit proposals demonstrating their experience, qualifications, and commitment to fair and impartial administration of justice consistent with Tribal law and values.

II. Minimum Qualifications

To be eligible for consideration, applicants must meet the following minimum qualifications:

1. Must be at least **25 years of age** at the time of appointment.
2. Must not have been convicted of any offense involving dishonesty or any crime that would impugn his or her moral character.

3. Must demonstrate integrity, impartiality, and sound judgment.
4. Must possess sufficient knowledge of Tribal law, federal Indian law, and judicial procedure (legal education and/or judicial experience preferred).
5. Must be capable of maintaining confidentiality and ethical standards required of judicial officers.

The Sauk-Suiattle Indian tribe gives preference to Native Americans and veterans.

Preference may be given to candidates with prior judicial experience, experience working with Tribal courts, or familiarity with Tribal governance and sovereignty.

III. Proposal Requirements

Interested candidates must submit a complete proposal including:

- A cover letter expressing interest in the position.
- A current résumé or curriculum vitae.
- Documentation demonstrating compliance with minimum qualifications.
- A statement outlining judicial philosophy and experience working with Tribal or community-based justice systems.
- At least three professional references.
- Disclosure of any potential conflicts of interest.

Incomplete submissions may not be considered.

IV. Submission Instructions

Submit proposals to:

Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe

Office of Legal Counsel

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The Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe is committed to fair and impartial justice and seeks a Chief Judge who will honor the Tribe's sovereignty, cultural values, and commitment to community well-being.

We appreciate your interest and look forward to receiving your proposal.