

## COUNTY OF YUBA

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TO PROVIDE LEGAL REPRESENTATION FOR INDIGENT CRIMINAL DEFENDANTS (2<sup>nd</sup> Conflict Counsel)

You are invited to submit a proposal for the purpose of providing legal representation for indigent criminal defendants In Yuba County. While the Public Defender provides legal representation for indigent criminal defendants in the County of Yuba, additional defense counsel is necessary to provide legal representation when a conflict arises or in multiple defendant cases. The County of Yuba is seeking an attorney to represent criminal defendants in cases where a need for a "second conflict counsel" arises. The attorney selected shall agree to accept all cases assigned by the court. Legal representation will terminate when the indigent defendant is sentenced in his/her criminal case. The attorney will not be assigned to homicide cases.

Interested parties responding to this request for proposals need to, at a minimum:

- Be licensed and in good standing to practice law in the State of California and have at least five years of criminal trial court experience. The proposal should address the applicant's relevant education and experience.
- Maintain an office in the County of Yuba, within a reasonable distance from the Yuba County courthouse. The office must have sufficient secretarial staff to assure clients have reasonable opportunity for telephone contact.
- Identify by case name, case number and county, the three most complex criminal court trials, in which the attorney served as the prosecutor or defense counsel.
- Submit the names of three references. These references shall be substantially involved in criminal law and familiar with the attorney's work.
- Submit a detailed transition plan for current pending cases.
- Be able to procure and maintain professional negligence insurance in a form and amount acceptable to County of Yuba.
- Submit a fee proposal.
- Be willing to enter into a written agreement reflecting a three year term of engagement ending June 30, 2013.
- Provide paralegal, secretarial, interpretative and translation services, as required.
- Provide investigative services, as required.
- Provide expert consulting services, as required.

The contract, if any, will be awarded to the interested party whose proposal is considered to be in the best interest of the County of Yuba. The interested party's capability to provide competent legal representation, business integrity and reliability (in part established through review with provided references), and a total annual fee will be considered in selecting proposal which is deemed to be in the best interest of the County.

This solicitation does not constitute a contact, offer of employment or offer of purchase.

The cost of preparation of a proposal is the obligation of the interested party. Yuba County will not be liable for any costs incurred by the interested party in preparing or submitting a proposal. The County makes no representation that any contract will be awarded to any respondent to this solicitation. The County reserves the right to withdraw or cancel the solicitation at any time without prior notice. The county also reserves the right to reject any and all proposals at its sole discretion.

Responses are requested no later than close of business on June 30, 2010. All inquires and submissions are to be made directly to the County Administrative Officer, 915 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 115, Marysville, CA 95901. Telephone: (530) 749-7575.