Request for Qualification HACA-21-Q-0239 Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) Consultant

The Housing Authority of the City of Austin (HACA) seeks to strengthen its role in advancing racial equity while we fulfill our vision to serve neighborhoods where poverty is alleviated, residents are healthy and safe, and all people have the opportunity to achieve their full potential. HACA has begun to identify diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) strategies, core values, and practices that support our mission for all stakeholder groups. To create culture change so as to ensure DEI is embedded in strategic plans, policies, and procedures, and capacity building activities well into the future, HACA seeks an experienced DEI consultancy. Respondents should provide a history of completed or in progress projects and references. HACA reserves the right to qualify more than one firm for these projects. All work resulting from this RFQ shall be completed in full compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local requirements. Multiple contracts may be awarded. Respondents who notify HACA of their interest in responding will be invited to participate in a question and answer session on April 30, 2021, at 1:00 PM/CT. Respondents may submit questions via The Marketplace by April 28, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. Qualifications responses are due by May 20, 2021 at 5:00 P.M./CST to https://ha.internationaleprocurement.com/requests.html?company_id=10217

Interested parties who wish to respond to this solicitation must register with the eProcurement Marketplace and submit the required documents electronically to https://ha.internationaleprocurement.com/requests.html?company_id=10217 by 5:00 PM/CST February 26, 2021.

Proposal packets may be obtained on the eProcurement Marketplace (<u>as our Agency is paying all</u> <u>costs for the use of this Marketplace, there will not be any additional charges to your firm to use</u> <u>this Marketplace to download the RFP documents or submit a response to our Agency</u>). To take part in this process, please follow these instructions:

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- 1. Access ha.internationaleprocurement.com (no "www").
- 2. Click on the "Login" button in the upper left side.
- 3. Follow the listed directions.
- 4. If you have any problems in accessing or registering on the Marketplace, please contact customer support at (866)526-9266.

All responses must submitted via

<u>https://ha.internationaleprocurement.com/requests.html?company_id=10217</u> HACA reserves the right to reject any or all responses and waive any informalities in the response process.

You can also dial 7-1-1 and it will automatically go to a different group such as TTY, Voice, VCO, HCO, etc. Relay Texas TTY no 1-800-735-2989 Customer Service no 1-800-676-3777 (V/T)