REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Health, Education and Human Services Committee of the 23rd Navajo Nation Council is seeking a qualified Legal Consultant/Team that will assist HEHSC to develop an Educational Systematic Governance Study based upon review of Navajo Nation Education Laws, State Laws, and policies according to the following **Scope of Work:**

- Facilitate the work sessions with HEHSC members and HEHSC support staff.
- Review the following federal laws, Tribal Titles, federal Codes and State Statues to determine the appropriate enforcement authority regarding Navajo Nation Education to govern the implementation strategies to assist the Tribally-Controlled schools to promote school improvement through a Navajo Accountability System. P.L. 93-638, P.L. 100-297; Titles II, 10 & 11; 25 CFR; 25 USC §2020; Arizona Revised Statutes, Title 15; and New Mexico Statutes Annotated (§22-1-1 NMSA, et. seq); and Utah.
- Identify Education discrepancies within the current Navajo Nation laws and recommend amendments to Navajo Nation Code Title 10, Title 11 of those laws for implementation and enforcement of Navajo Nation educational laws.
- Compile the recommendations in a Report for the Health, Education and Human Services Committee as a working document within 10 days after the expiration of the study.

Proposers must be an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation and be fluent in both the Navajo and English Languages; Possess Formal education from a post-secondary institution with the capabilities to perform the described Scope of Work. All Proposers are required to provide copies of a current resume (within the past 6 months) and a copy of their education/professional credentials.

The result of the RFP will be a Professional Services Contract in the format determined by the Navajo Nation. The Navajo Nation Legislative Branch is not liable for any costs incurred by the Proposer prior to the execution of a Professional Services Contract. The Professional Services Contract will be for a period of 30 days with the possibility of an extension to complete the Scope of Work. The consultancy will commence following approval by the Health, Education and Human Services Committee members and the Speaker of the 23rd Navajo Nation Council and approval of the contract by the Office of Management and Budget; and the Navajo Nation Office of the Controller-Contract Administration Office.

Procedure for Submission: Email of Fax proposals to:

Jonathan L. Hale, Chairperson Health, Education and Human Services Committee of the 23rd NNC PO Box 3390 Window Rock, Arizona 86515 CALL: 928.871.7254 FAX: 928.871.7259

<u>Or hand-deliver to:</u> Jonathan L. Hale, Chairperson Health, Education and Human Services Committee of the 23rd NNC 200 Parkway, Administration Bldg. 4 Window Rock, Arizona All proposals must be received by no later than 3:00 p.m. on Friday, October 07, 2016. Faxed copies of the proposals will be accepted. The Proposers bear the sole responsibility for ensuring that their proposals are received by the deadline. Incomplete and late proposals will not be considered. The contents of the proposals will be the only material considered in determination of a contract. No revisions of the proposals' content will be allowed following the deadline submission of proposals except, if requested by the Navajo Nation in the final negotiation of a Professional Services Contract.

The Navajo Nation Legislative Branch will award the Professional Services Contract based on the proposals received in response to this RFP. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee will review all proposals received by the deadline. The qualified Proposers will be the one receiving the highest evaluation at the lowest cost. All other proposers will be notified on or about October 11, 2016 on the outcome of their proposal. The Navajo Nation Legislative Branch shall provide preference to the Navajo Nation owned and Indian owned Proposers in accord with the Navajo Nation Business Opportunity Act.