

TECHNICAL PROPOSAL

QUALIFICATIONS EVALUATION

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BID #: HOUS-210039-GD
BID NAME: Legal Assistance for Eviction Prevention
DUE DATE OF EVALUATION: Thursday, June 3, 2021, 11:00am
DEPARTMENT: Neighborhood Improvement

EVALUATOR NUMBER: #2
FIRM NAME: Three Rivers Legal Services, Inc.

TECHNICAL QUALIFICATIONS (100 PTS)	POINT VALUE	POINTS AWARDED	COMMENTS
o Ability	55	55	Three Rivers Legal Services, Inc. is a private, not-for-profit Corporation serving North Florida since 1978 provides free civil legal assistance to low-income families in seventeen counties with three offices and a staff of more than 50, including 24 attorneys' direct legal services to the residents of Alachua County for more than 40 years.
			1) tenants who are facing eviction will receive advice regarding the eviction process, will receive assistance with negotiating with landlords and/or will receive assistance with defending evictions whenever valid legal defenses are present; (2) tenants residing in substandard housing will be advised of their options and will receive legal assistance to force landlords to improve housing conditions if applicable; and (3) tenants who have not yet been served with notices for eviction will receive education and legal advice so they have a clear legal understanding of the value and benefit of maintaining their rental residence.
			Those who require further assistance to resolve their legal issues will then receive additional and more extended services such as representation in court or before administrative agencies
			Clients requesting services will be pre-screened by Intake Specialists for financial eligibility and to determine the nature of their legal issue.
o Capability of Meeting Time and Budget	45	40	TRI-S did an extensive study to determine the most important civil legal needs of low income residents in the service area. Hundreds of low income residents were asked to answer a carefully designed survey about civil legal needs. Surveys were also sent by email to lawyers, judges and social services agencies. Survey data was then compiled and the TRI-S Board of Directors adjusted the TRI-S priorities according to the needs assessment results
			In 2020, TRLS closed a total of 3,453 cases for all 17 counties served by the program. More than a third of those cases (35.4%) were Alachua County residents and of those Alachua County cases, more than a third (34.4%) were housing cases.
			Two TRLS attorneys, a Senior Staff Attorney and a Managing Attorney, will be specifically assigned to work on the Project. The City of Gainesville has identified the target population for services pursuant to the Project, although all income-eligible residents of Gainesville will be eligible to receive services pursuant to the Project
			The attorneys who will be assigned to this project are experienced in providing educational presentations regarding housing law to the client community. Both attorneys are in good standing with The Florida Bar.
			The organization worked in 17 counties with success
TOTAL	100	95	

WRITTEN PROPOSAL EVALUATION

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EVALUATOR#: #1
FIRM NAME: Three Rivers Legal Services, Inc.

WRITTEN PROPOSAL (100 PTS)	POINT VALUE	POINTS AWARDED	COMMENTS
o Project Understanding/Experience	30	30	Three Rivers Legal Services, Inc. is a private, not-for-profit Corporation serving North Florida since 1978 provides free civil legal assistance to low-income families in seventeen counties with three offices and a staff of more than 50, including 24 attorneys' direct legal services to the residents of Alachua County for more than 40 years.
o Project Approach	30	30	Legal rights and responsibilities of tenants; Legal obligations of landlords; process for withholding rent when landlords refuse to make necessary repairs landlord/tenant law regarding lease terms, notice requirements and eviction procedures; and economic and legal benefits of maintaining rental housing.
o Project Manager	15	15	Two TRLS attorneys, a Senior Staff Attorney and a Managing Attorney, will be specifically assigned to work on the Project
o Project Team	15	15	Two TRLS attorneys, a Senior Staff Attorney and a Managing Attorney, will be specifically assigned to work on the Project
o Project Schedule	5	1	Hold quartley Presentations and marketing support / there is no time line
o Project Organization	5	5	40 years experience
TOTAL	100	96	