NOTICE INVITING PROPOSALS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Request for Proposals (RFP) are invited by the City of Stockton, California for specifications for **FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE CONSULTING AND ADVOCACY SERVICES (PUR 21-017)** in strict accordance with the specifications.

The City of Stockton is seeking an experienced professional to provide federal legislative program consultation, federal legislative advocacy and federal funding advocacy and assistance.

In 2012, the City of Stockton adopted its first formal Federal Legislative Program and has made concerted efforts to increase the City's presence and influence on Federal issues. Since then, the City has made progress in establishing its voice in federal legislative matters. As the City has exited bankruptcy and, more recently, responded to the enormous and far-reaching impacts of COVID-19 on communities, the City is poised to pursue legislative advocacy with even greater energy.

For consultation and advocacy services, expertise is sought in sound knowledge of public policy, clear understanding of the federal legislative process, solid political networks, knowledge of key agency programs and staff, familiarity with current federal issues, and effective communication skills. There must be demonstrated experience in bipartisan relationships with a network of access to legislators, administrative and relevant agency staff, and representatives at the federal level.

For funding advocacy, expertise and a solid track record are sought in the ability to successfully identify grant opportunities, advise City staff in the preparation of applications, and secure funding. Additionally, experience in bipartisan relationships with a network of access to legislators, administrative and relevant agency staff and representatives at the federal level should be demonstrated through references.

Proposal forms and specifications are available on the City's website at www.stocktonca.gov/adminbid and must be delivered to the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 425 North El Dorado Street, Stockton, or emailed to City.Clerk@stocktonca.gov up to but not later than, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2021, at 2:00 p.m.

The City reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals received.

Information on Process/Clarification

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