



STERLING COUNTY UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Request for Qualifications for General Counsel and Related Legal Services

The Sterling County Underground Water Conservation District requests statements of interest and qualifications from qualified firms to provide general counsel and related legal support services. The selected firm shall employ members that are licensed to practice law with the State Bar of Texas.

Process and Timeframe (subject to change without notice):

Release of RFQ	Monday July 15, 2024
Statement of Interest and Qualifications Due	Friday August 30, 2024
Respondent Interviews by District	To Be Determined
Notice of Selection	By Friday November 1, 2024

Scope of Legal Services

- General Counsel
- Rulemaking: including amending existing rules and creating new rules
- Operational Procedures: including compliance with Texas Open Meetings Act, Public Information Act requests, contracting, elections, taxation
- Permitting: including administrative and judicial hearings, mediation
- Legislative: including legal analysis, practical response to policy

Statement of Interest and Qualifications

1. Overview of Firm:
 - a. Identification of firm and list of principals
 - b. Identification of person being proposed as general counsel including contact information
2. Qualifications:
 - a. Brief history of firm in regard to groundwater in Texas
 - b. Experience for similar types of engagements
 - c. Resume of curriculum vitae of person proposed to provide general counsel
 - d. Statement certifying the proposing firm is not aware of any existing conflicts of interest with the District Board of Directors.
3. Rate/Fee Schedule:
 - a. Description of method of determining charges for work performed and include hourly rates associated with different staff levels
 - b. Description of other necessary costs and expenses including but not limited to:
 - i. Hourly rate for telephone consultation
 - ii. Hourly rate for travel time
 - iii. Hourly rate for litigation and administrative proceedings
 - c. Description of how fees are calculated (i.e., quarter hour increments, fixed fee, etc.)
4. References:
 - a. A minimum of three references shall be provided and may include current or former clients being able to fully comment on the proposing firms related experience.
5. Verification Required by Texas Government Code:
 - a. The proposing firm selected by the District must provide certification under Texas Government Code that the firm does not boycott energy companies nor boycott Israel.



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Submittal

Questions regarding this RFQ shall be directed to Diana Thomas, General Manager, at scuwcd@verizon.net or 325-378-2704.

Interested parties are asked to submit their RFQs responses to the District by **4:00 on Friday August 30, 2024**. Submittal of RFQs responses may be hand delivered to the following address:

Sterling County Underground Water Conservation District
612 4th Street
Sterling City, TX 76951

or mailed via US Postal Service to the attention of Diana Thomas at the following address:

Sterling County Underground Water Conservation District
Attn: Diana Thomas, General Manager
PO Box 873
Sterling City, TX 76951

If mailed, RFQ responses must be received by **4:00 on Friday August 30, 2024**.

Submittals may also be made via email to: scuwcd@verizon.net

Any RFQs responses received after the time set for the due date will be declared late and not eligible for opening and consideration. The District is not responsible for mail, courier or other delivery methods, in-transit time, or non-delivery.