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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA UC LEGAL - PREFERRED PROVIDER CONSTRUCTION COUNSEL PROGRAM REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Overview

[The University of California](#) is a public corporation established under [Article IX, Section 9 of the California Constitution](#) and governed by [The Regents of the University of California](#). The General Counsel and Vice President –Legal Affairs is a Principal Officer of The Regents and Chief Legal Officer of the University responsible for all legal matters pertaining to the Corporation and the University.

[UC Legal- The Office of General Counsel](#) oversees outside counsel and legal services required by the University’s campuses and medical centers. In connection therewith, The Office of General Counsel now seeks applications from interested law firms and attorneys to participate on the University’s Construction Law Panel. The purpose of the panel is to secure high-quality, cost-effective legal services from qualified law firms and attorneys who would be available for retention and assignment for individual construction related claims, legal actions and other transactions.

Over the last five years, the University has had approximately 20 construction-related matters for which outside counsel was retained to assist the University. The total spend by the University on these outside counsel retentions was in excess of \$6 million. These numbers are provided for informational purposes only and are not a forecast or estimate of potential matters in the future.

CAMPUSES

Berkeley
Davis
Irvine
UCLA
Merced
Riverside
San Diego
San Francisco
Santa Barbara
Santa Cruz

MEDICAL CENTERS

Davis
Irvine
UCLA
San Diego
San Francisco

NATIONAL LABORATORIES

Lawrence Berkeley
Lawrence Livermore
Los Alamos

RFP Timeline

- March 18, 2024 - RFP published and distributed to candidate firms
- April 3, 2024 - Last day for any questions regarding RFP from candidate firms
- April 8, 2024 - UC Legal will post answers to questions by this date at <https://www.ucop.edu/uc-legal/cons-program-rfp.html>
- April 19, 2024 - RFP Submissions due
- April 26, 2024 - Finalists notified and interview schedules set
- April 29 onward- Finalist interviews
- May 13, 2024 - Firms notified of results

UC Legal reserves the right to modify this schedule, at any time for any reason, at its discretion.

Applications

Applications are available online at [CONSTRUCTION PANEL APPLICANT QUESTIONNAIRE \(smartsheet.com\)](#) and also attached.

All applications must be submitted via email to

ConstructionPanelRFP@ucop.edu, **on or before April 19, 2024**. Only qualified firms and attorneys should apply. Applications must document a firm's or an attorney's expertise and experience in construction matters in California. Other important considerations for our selection process include efficiency, cost-effectiveness, and demonstrated commitment to diversity. UC Legal strives for a high level of commitment to diversity in the legal industry. We wish to inspire law firms to a similar focus.

Interviews

Following a review of the written proposals, UC Legal may ask you to travel to UC Legal's Oakland office or meet virtually for an interview. In no event will UC Legal schedule meetings in advance of receipt of your RFP response, and the only meetings UC Legal intends to hold, if any, are with the finalists. If your firm is invited to an interview, only the key individuals being proposed to work as part of the proposal should attend. UC Legal reserves the right to separately award a position as a Preferred Construction Counsel without further negotiations or discussions or further interviews with the finalist law firms.

Questions

Should you have any questions or encounter problems with submission of your application, please submit those to ConstructionPanelRFP@ucop.edu. All such questions or requests must be received by close of business on April 3, 2024, and all such questions or requests received after such date will be answered, if at all, by UC Legal, in its sole discretion. You are not authorized to contact any other UC Legal employee concerning this RFP. Failure to adhere to this requirement will be grounds for disqualifying your proposal.

Disclaimer

This RFP does not bind UC Legal to any obligations or impose liability for any costs or expenses incurred by your firm in responding to the proposal or traveling to an interview in connection with this RFP. UC Legal, in its sole discretion, may or may not make an award, and reserves the right to reject any responses received. UC Legal also reserves the right to terminate this RFP or any engagement at any time in its sole discretion.