

Development of Spousal Support Guidelines

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Organization Name	Justice Canada
GSINS	R Professional Services, Administrative and Management Support Services

1.1 Project Title:

Development of Spousal Support Guidelines

1.2 Objective:

To develop and test guidelines for the determination of amount and duration of spousal support in order to bring greater predictability to the determination of spousal support, both negotiated between parties and awarded by courts.

2.0 REQUIREMENTS

2.1 MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

- 2.1.1 Bidders must certify that requirements of the Federal Contractors Program for Employment Equity have been addressed. Signed certification is to be provided as per section 9.4 Federal Contractors Program for Employment Equity below.
- 2.1.2 *Each proposed Team member must possess a law degree from an accredited university.*
[my emphasis]
- 2.1.3 Each proposed Team member must possess a minimum of ten years experience in practicing and/or teaching family law.

- 2.1.4 Bidders must include, for each proposed team member, a minimum of one reference/citation of authored publications in law journals on the topic of spousal support (Give reference/citation.).
- 2.1.5 Bidders must describe, for each proposed team member, at least one presentation to family law professionals on the topic of spousal support. (Specify topic, organization to whom the presentation was made and date of presentation.)
- 2.1.6 Bidders must include all of the Team Members' Personnel resumés.
- 2.1.7 Bidders must include at least one reference (name, address and phone #) for each proposed team member from an experienced Canadian member of the bar, specializing in family law, demonstrating that the proposed contractor(s) has/have the respect of family law professionals in his or her part of the country.
- 2.1.8 Bidders must include at least one reference (name, address and phone #) for each proposed team member from an experienced Canadian member of the judiciary, specializing in family law, demonstrating that the proposed contractor has the respect of family law professions in his or her part of the country.
- 2.1.9 WITHOUT EXCEPTION, FAILURE TO MEET ANY ONE (1) OF THE ABOVE MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS WILL RENDER THE PROPOSAL NON-RESPONSIVE.**

2.2 RATED REQUIREMENTS

The successful proposal will be chosen on the basis of the information requested:

- 2.2.1 Extensive knowledge of the state of spousal support in all regions of Canada, spousal support guidelines internationally and high level of expertise in family law generally (max. 35 points)
- 2.2.2 Proposed approach and methodology to develop spousal support guidelines which would be adopted on a voluntary basis by family law professional's (max. 35 points)
- 2.2.3 Demonstrated experience in presenting to national audiences of lawyers and judge on the topic of spousal support (2 points for every session given to judges in the past two years and 1 point for every session given to lawyers in the past 2 years, max. 10 points)
- 2.2.4 Assigned personnel resumés (max. 10 points)
- 2.2.5 Reference from an experienced Canadian member of the bar, specializing in family law, demonstrating that the proposed contractors has the respect of family law professionals in his or her part of the country (max. 5 points)

2.2.6 Reference from an experienced Canadian member of the judiciary, specializing in family law, demonstrating that the proposed contractor has the respect of family law professionals in his or her part of the country (max. 5 points).

2.2.7 A minimum score of 70% overall is required the proposal to be judged valid and responsive.

3. PROJECT SCHEDULE: PERIOD OF WORK

3.1 The period of the proposed contract shall be from September 1, 2004 to September 1, 2007.

3.2 Closing Date: All proposals must be received by 2:00 p.m., April 16, 2004. Proposals received after this time will be returned unopened. No time extension will be given.

4. ESTIMATED COSTS

The cost range for this project is between \$220,000.00 and \$270,000.00 (plus GST or HST).

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