

RFP Title: JUVENILE COURT STAKEHOLDERS TRAINING SERIES
RFP Number: CFCC23-163RB

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA

**REGARDING: JUVENILE COURT STAKEHOLDERS
TRAINING SERIES**

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**PROPOSALS DUE: JANUARY 2, 2024, NO LATER THAN 5:00 P.M.
PACIFIC TIME**

1.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 1.1 Judicial Council of California. The Judicial Council of California (“Judicial Council”), chaired by the Chief Justice of California, is the chief policy making agency of the California judicial system. The California Constitution directs the Judicial Council to improve the administration of justice by surveying judicial business, recommending improvements to the courts, and making recommendations annually to the Governor and the Legislature. The Judicial Council also adopts rules for court administration, practice, and procedure, and performs other functions prescribed by law. The Judicial Council’s Court Operations and Services Division, Center for Families, Children & the Courts (“CFCC”) supports programs in court settings that improve practice and services for children, youth, parents, families and other court users.
- 1.2 Juvenile Court Stakeholder Trainings. The Judicial Council’s Center for Families, Children & the Courts is responsible for administering trainings to juvenile court stakeholders including judges, attorneys, Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteers, social workers, and probation officers. Judicial Council attorneys are often faculty for these trainings. This training request meets the Judicial Council’s grant requirements under its permanency title IV-E grant funded through the California Department of Social Services.

2.0 DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES AND DELIVERABLES

2.1 Introduction:

The Judicial Council seeks the services of one or more person or entity, to develop and deliver different training modules to juvenile court stakeholders. The contractor(s) will be expected to develop and deliver one, some, or all the following:

1. Six to eight hour live interdisciplinary trainings (in person or by webinar) over one or two days for regions no fewer than six (6) times per year
2. Six live or prerecorded webinars per year in addition to item (1)
3. Six podcasts per year
4. One 1 ½ hour distance learning course per year.

Contractor(s) may bid on any combination of the items number 1 through 4 above.

Contractor(s) will be expected to meet with Judicial Council staff regularly, allow Judicial Council staff to review and vet curriculum and faculty/presenters prior to scheduling the presentation.

The funding available for this project in the initial term is a **total of \$100,000 inclusive of all 4 items and includes all expenses. For each option term, the**

total funding available would be \$80,000 for items 1 through 4 inclusive. Potential contractors that are bidding on one or more tasks should include a detailed budget for the option terms that does not exceed \$80,000.

The Judicial Council intends to award one or more Agreements with an initial term of **18 months** (Year 1) approximately from **February 1, 2024**, through **July 31, 2025**, with **three additional one-year option terms** to complete the training requirements for juvenile court stakeholders from **August 1, 2025, to July 31, 2026 (Year 2)**, **August 1, 2026, to July 31, 2027 (Year 3)**, and **August 1, 2027, to July 31, 2028 (Year 4)**. Funding is based on the 2019-2020 California Governor's Office of Emergency Services Request of Application (RFA) Section E.4 (Page 68 of linked document) published by this program funder, was used to establish the speaker rate. The RFA sets a maximum rate for speakers at \$650.00 per day.

2.1.1 General Scope of Services Requirements

2.1.1.1 Contractor(s) will meet regularly with the Judicial Council and keep them updated on progress of the training series.

Contractor(s) will consult on, create a plan for delivery, and develop material for all or some of items 1 through 4:

1. Six to eight hour live interdisciplinary trainings (in person or by webinar) over one or two days for regions no fewer than six (6) times per year
2. Six live or prerecorded webinars per year in addition to item 1.
3. Six podcasts per year
4. One 1 ½ hour distance learning course per year.

Topics for items 1-4 above must include information delivery on:

- a) Understanding the changing landscape of child welfare proceedings, including understanding current data and the impact on attorney and judicial practices and how to incorporate best practices into court proceedings.
- b) Advanced Team Building and Role Identification. Training shall build upon the directed concepts of:
 - Legal and ethical requirements of interdisciplinary participants regarding reporting and confidentiality.
 - The roles and responsibilities of the different participants in the court process.

- Understanding who participants' clients are and the duties owed to each.
 - Trial skills training including direct and cross examination, use of expert witnesses and constructing a theory of the case.
- c) Case Law and Statutory Framework: New case law and promising practices in permanency planning. Updates in new legislation. Review of state and federal mandates.
- d) The court perspective on case planning, placement, and reasonable efforts.
- e) Up-front Permanency Planning: Concentrating on reasonable efforts to prevent removal and the advantage of Part I of the Family First Prevention Services Act.
- f) Systemic Alignment moving toward a Kin First culture.
- g) Improving Reunification and re-entry outcomes.
- h) Best Practices in court proceedings including trauma informed courts and collaborative efforts.
- i) Adoption and Family Permanency Options for Older Children and Nonminor Dependents includes:
- Case law, statutory updates and forms and procedures for eligibility for non-minor dependents.
 - Best practices in case planning for adoption and family finding and engagement for older youth.
 - Informed Decision Making for Judicial Officers and Attorneys
 - Curriculum identifies when adoption or reunification should be considered as an option for youth eligible for non-minor dependency.
- j) Family First Prevention Services Act Curriculum consists of a detailed overview of the Family First Prevention Services Act and includes discussion about maintenance payments and Title IV-E money impacts.
- k) Issues related to youth with complex care needs.

- l) Implementation of the Continuing Reform Efforts in Psychotropic Medication Use and Court Findings and Orders. Trainings shall include topics on case planning, youth, family, CASA and caregiver input; medical review; and implementing the court forms.
- m) Effective communication strategies by the court and attorneys to ensure all youth understand their rights, specifically how to identify and communicate with developmentally delayed youth and communicate with commercially sexually exploited children.
- n) Prevention and front-end curricula for juvenile court stakeholders that includes:
 - The conflict between the Safely Surrendered Baby (SSB) law and the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) laws when there is reason to know that the safely surrendered child is an Indian Child.
 - Efforts to prevent removal that judges and attorneys need to consider prior to advocating or ordering a removal including Adverse Childhood Experiences, trauma, the importance of keeping families intact and supported by community services, whenever possible, and the implementation of Part I: prevention services of the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA).

2.1.1.2 The successful bidder(s) will either be subject matter experts in the topic or able to secure subject matter experts in the areas listed above. Further, the successful bidder(s) will have expertise in providing educational programs to judges, attorneys, and other juvenile court stakeholders.

2.1.1.3 Contractor(s) will conduct legal research on the agreed upon topic, which includes but is not limited to applicable case law, statutes, California Rules of Court and any relevant legal history in California or other states involving the topic. Contractor will ensure content of the Curriculum will conform to State Bar of California (the “Bar”) requirements for continuing legal education credits.

2.1.1.4 Contractor(s) may use its pre-existing proprietary or licensed third-party materials that were created independently of the resulting agreement (“Contractor IP”) as part of the Curriculum. Judicial Council may request modifications of Contractor IP (and if using licensed third-party materials, to the extent allowed by such license), which include but are not limited to updating case law.

Judicial Council may also request Contractor to create new material based the legal research performed by Contractor.

2.1.1.5 The Curriculum for the regional or individual county trainings, distance learning, and webinars will include the creation of: (i) Curriculum Outline; (ii) Legal Training Plan; (iii) Substantive Written Legal Material; and (iv) Interactive Presentation Material, which will be reviewed for content and accuracy by Judicial Council's Project Manager.

2.1.1.6 Training, webinar, distance learning, and podcast length, date, and time may be changed by written agreement by both parties.

2.1.1.7 Prior to each regional or individual county trainings, distance learning, and webinars, the contractor will develop Legal Training Plan, Substantive Written Legal Materials, and Interactive Training Materials for the training topic. Draft Legal Training Plan, Substantive Written Legal Materials, and Interactive Training Materials must be completed and submitted to Judicial Council Project Manager for approval two (2) weeks prior to scheduled training event, and the final drafts must be completed and submitted to Judicial Council Project Manager for approval two (2) days prior to scheduled training. The final draft of Substantive Written Legal Materials must be sent to the training participants the day before the training event.

2.1.1.9.1 Legal Training Plan: A written, detailed lesson plan on each chosen topic that includes the agenda of the training, objectives of the training, and the training activities such as the content of the Curriculum. All Legal Training Plans should include materials used for the training.

2.1.1.9.2 Substantive Written Legal Materials: One or more document(s) that will be distributed to training participants that include substantive legal materials needed for continuing education credits, which include but are not limited to legal references such as text of statutes, case law opinions, and references to secondary sources.

2.1.1.9.3 Interactive Training Materials: PowerPoint or another interactive training aide will be used during the training, which will include relevant training curriculum content. Such materials may include materials from Legal Training Plan or Substantive Written Legal Materials or other relevant materials.

2.1.1.9.4 Video Recording: The audio-visual recording of the live training presentation of Presenter on the remote conferencing platform Zoom for Government, in a format supported by the Drupal platform.

2.1.1.18 Topic, length, date, and time of podcasts will be agreed upon by contractor and the Judicial Council. Tasks for podcasts include recording on a platform that is conducive to be uploaded on a Drupal supported platform, editing of podcasts, and review of podcast by the Judicial Council prior to posting.

2.1.2 Tasks and Deliverables for Year 1

2.1.2.1 **Deliverable 1**: Meet with Judicial Council staff to choose regional and individual, webinar, distance learning, and podcast topics and set expectations of Curriculum content and training, and to explain Service and Deliverable acceptance criteria to Contractor. At this meeting, the content of the training topics will be discussed, and the first training topic will be confirmed. Contractor Project Manager and key personnel identified to develop Curriculum must attend the meeting. Contractor must be prepared to discuss mandatory topics for California continuing legal education credits for attorneys. **Estimated Due Date: By March 15, 2024**

2.1.2.2 **Deliverable 2: Curriculum Outline**: Develop and complete Curriculum Outline for regional and individual, webinar, distance learning, and podcast topics and learning objectives in conjunction with Judicial Council staff. A written outline including the training topics shall include high-level overview of the content of the chosen topic; list of proposed faculty and subject matter experts; learning objectives; mode, method and format of delivering training content; and proposed materials to use for the training. **Estimated Due Date: By May 15, 2024**

2.1.2.3 **Deliverable 3 – Regional live or remote training 1 AND Webinar training on topic 1**. Development of curriculum and delivery of content. Development of curriculum will include the creation of: (i) Curriculum Outline; (ii) Legal Training Plan; (iii) Substantive Written Legal Material; and (iv) Interactive Presentation Material, which will be reviewed for content and accuracy by Judicial Council’s Project Manager. Delivery of curriculum is providing the developed curriculum to a live audience through a virtual platform. **Estimated Due Date: By July 31, 2024.**

2.1.2.4 **Deliverable 4 – Regional live or remote training 2 AND Webinar training on topic 2**. Development of curriculum and

delivery of content. Development of curriculum will include the creation of: (i) Curriculum Outline; (ii) Legal Training Plan; (iii) Substantive Written Legal Material; and (iv) Interactive Presentation Material, which will be reviewed for content and accuracy by Judicial Council's Project Manager. Delivery of curriculum is providing the developed curriculum to a live audience through a virtual platform. **Estimated Due Date: By October 31, 2024.**

2.1.2.5 Deliverable 5 – Regional live or remote training 3 AND Webinar training on topic 3. Development of curriculum and delivery of content. Development of curriculum will include the creation of: (i) Curriculum Outline; (ii) Legal Training Plan; (iii) Substantive Written Legal Material; and (iv) Interactive Presentation Material, which will be reviewed for content and accuracy by Judicial Council's Project Manager. Delivery of curriculum is providing the developed curriculum to a live audience through a virtual platform. **Estimated Due Date: By January 31, 2025.**

2.1.2.6 Deliverable 6 – Regional live or remote training 4 AND Webinar training on topic 4. Development of curriculum and delivery of content. Development of curriculum will include the creation of: (i) Curriculum Outline; (ii) Legal Training Plan; (iii) Substantive Written Legal Material; and (iv) Interactive Presentation Material, which will be reviewed for content and accuracy by Judicial Council's Project Manager. Delivery of curriculum is providing the developed curriculum to a live audience through a virtual platform. **Estimated Due Date: By April 30, 2025.**

2.1.2.7 Deliverable 7 – Regional live or remote training 5 AND Webinar training on topic 5. Development of curriculum and delivery of content. Development of curriculum will include the creation of: (i) Curriculum Outline; (ii) Legal Training Plan; (iii) Substantive Written Legal Material; and (iv) Interactive Presentation Material, which will be reviewed for content and accuracy by Judicial Council's Project Manager. Delivery of curriculum is providing the developed curriculum to a live audience through a virtual platform. **Estimated Due Date: By June 30, 2025.**

2.1.2.8 Deliverable 8 – Regional live or remote training 6 AND Webinar training on topic 6. Development of curriculum and delivery of content. Development of curriculum will include the creation of: (i) Curriculum Outline; (ii) Legal Training Plan; (iii) Substantive Written Legal Material; and (iv) Interactive

Presentation Material, which will be reviewed for content and accuracy by Judicial Council's Project Manager. Delivery of curriculum is providing the developed curriculum to a live audience through a virtual platform. **Estimated Due Date: By July 31, 2025.**

2.1.2.9 **Deliverable 9 – Podcast 1:** Development of outline and material, delivery of content, recording of podcast, editing of podcast, and posting of podcast on Drupel platform. **Estimated Due Date: By May 31, 2024.**

2.1.2.10 **Deliverable 10 – Podcast 2:** Development of outline and material, delivery of content, recording of podcast, editing of podcast, and posting of podcast on Drupel platform. **Estimated Due Date: By August 31, 2024.**

2.1.2.11 **Deliverable 11– Podcast 3:** Development of outline and material, delivery of content, recording of podcast, editing of podcast, and posting of podcast on Drupel platform. **Estimated Due Date: By December 30, 2024.**

2.1.2.12 **Deliverable 12– Podcast 4:** Development of outline and material, delivery of content, recording of podcast, editing of podcast, and posting of podcast on Drupel platform. **Estimated Due Date: By March 1, 2025.**

2.1.2.13 **Deliverable 13– Podcast 5:** Development of outline and material, delivery of content, recording of podcast, editing of podcast, and posting of podcast on Drupel platform. **Estimated Due Date: By June 30, 2025.**

2.1.2.14 **Deliverable 14– Podcast 6:** Development of outline and material, delivery of content, recording of podcast, editing of podcast, and posting of podcast on Drupel platform. **Estimated Due Date: By July 31, 2025.**

2.1.2.15 **Deliverable 15– Distance Learning Course:** Development and delivery of one (1) online learning module on curriculum for 90 minutes. Includes working with the Judicial Council on curriculum (i) Curriculum Outline; (ii) Legal Training Plan; (iii) Substantive Written Legal Material; and (iv) Interactive Presentation Material, which will be reviewed for content and accuracy by Judicial Council's Project Manager, (v) review of draft online module by Judicial Council, and (vi) Finalization of online module. **Estimated Due Date: By July 31, 2025.**

2.1.3 Tasks and Deliverables for Year 2, Year 3, and Year 4

2.1.3.1 General scope requirements and Deliverables 1 through 15 listed above will be required for each option term. Option terms will be executed based on performance of year 1 of the contract and available funding. The Judicial Council reserves the right to not extended option terms and modify the funding available for the projects. The Judicial Council also reserves the right to work with successful bidders on modifying contract terms in option years.

3.0 TIMELINE FOR THIS RFP

The Judicial Council has developed the following list of key events related to this RFP. All dates are subject to change at the discretion of the Judicial Council.

EVENT	DATE
RFP issued:	December 12, 2023
Deadline for written questions to solicitations@jud.ca.gov	December 18, 2023
Questions and answers posted (<i>estimate only</i>) www.courts.ca.gov/rfps.htm	December 19, 2023
Latest date and time proposal may be submitted. solicitations@jud.ca.gov	January 2, 2024
Evaluation of proposals (<i>estimate only</i>)	January 3 to 16, 2024
Notice of Intent to Award (<i>estimate only</i>) www.courts.ca.gov/rfps.htm	January 17, 2024
Negotiations and execution of contract (<i>estimate only</i>)	January 18 to 31, 2024
Contract start date. (<i>estimate only</i>)	February 1, 2024

4.0 RFP ATTACHMENTS

The following attachments are included as part of this RFP:

ATTACHMENT	DESCRIPTION
Attachment 1: Administrative Rules Governing RFPs (Non-IT Services)	These rules govern this solicitation.
Attachment 2: Standard Terms and Conditions	If selected, the person or entity submitting a proposal (the “Proposer”) must sign this Judicial Council Standard Form agreement containing these terms and conditions (the “Terms and Conditions”).
Attachment 3: Proposer’s Acceptance of Terms and Conditions	On this form, the Proposer must indicate acceptance of the Terms and Conditions or identify exceptions to the Terms and Conditions.
Attachment 4: General Certifications Form	The Proposer must complete the General Certifications Form and submit the completed form with its proposal.
Attachment 5: Darfur Contracting Act Certification	The Proposer must complete the Darfur Contracting Act Certification and submit the completed certification with its proposal.
Attachment 6A: Payee Data Record Form	This form contains information the Judicial Council requires in order to process payments and must be submitted with the proposal.
Attachment 6B: Payee Data Record Supplement (STD 205)	This form is optional. This form is used to provide remittance address information if different than the mailing address on the STD 204 – Payee Data Record. Use this form to provide additional remittance addresses and additional Authorized Representatives of the Payee not identified on the STD 204.
Attachment 7: Iran Certification	The Proposer must complete this Certification.
Attachment 8: Unruh and FEHA Certification	The Proposer must complete the Unruh Civil Rights Act and California Fair Employment and Housing Act Certification.
Attachment 9 Bidder Declaration	Complete this form only if the Proposer wishes to claim the DVBE incentive associated with this solicitation.
Attachment 10 DVBE Declaration	Complete this form only if the Proposer wishes to claim the DVBE incentive associated with this solicitation.

5.0 PAYMENT INFORMATION

- Subject to the terms in Attachment 2, Standard Terms and Conditions, Appendix B, Payment Provisions, the selected provider will be paid on a firm-fixed price per Deliverable basis.
- The resulting contract will be comprised of firm fixed pricing for satisfactory completion of each deliverable. The actual completion dates and firm fixed amounts will be based on the awarded proposal.

- Contractor shall submit invoices upon satisfactory completion of services.
- No other expenses including travel expenses will be reimbursed by the Judicial Council
- Payment will be made after completion and acceptance of deliverables.
- The payment term is Net 60 from date of acceptance of services.

6.0 SUBMISSIONS OF PROPOSALS

- 6.1 Proposals should provide straightforward, concise information that satisfies the requirements of the “Proposal Contents” section below. Emphasis should be placed on conformity to the RFP’s instructions and requirements, and completeness and clarity of content.
- 6.2 The Proposer must submit its proposal in two parts, the technical proposal and the cost proposal.
- a. The Proposer must submit **an electronic copy** of the technical proposal. The proposal must be signed by an authorized representative of the Proposer. The technical proposal must be submitted via email to Solicitations@jud.ca.gov. The Proposer must write the RFP title and number in the subject line of the email.
 - b. The Proposer must submit an electronic copy of the Cost Proposal. The proposal must be signed by an authorized representative of the Proposer. The Cost Proposal can be submitted in the same email as the Technical Proposal above via email sent to solicitations@jud.ca.gov, but should be a separate attachment marked “COST PROPOSAL,” from the technical proposal. The Proposer must write the RFP title and number in the subject line of the email.
- 6.3 Proposals must be delivered by the date and time listed on the coversheet of this RFP. For the purposes of this RFP, proposals shall be transmitted only by email.
- 6.4 Late proposals will not be accepted.
- 6.5 The Judicial Council reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, in whole or in part, as well as the right to issue similar RFPs in the future. This RFP is in no way an agreement, obligation, or contract and in no way is the Judicial Council or the State of California responsible for the cost of preparing the proposal. Submitted proposals may be retained for official files and may become a public record.

7.0 PROPOSAL CONTENTS

- 7.1 Technical Proposal. The following information must be included in the technical proposal. A proposal lacking any of the following information may be deemed non-responsive.
- a. A cover letter containing proposer's name, address, telephone and fax numbers, and federal tax identification number. Note that if the Proposer is a sole proprietor using his or her social security number, the social security number will be required before finalizing a contract.
 - b. Name, title, address, telephone number, and email address of the individual who will act as the Proposer's designated representative for purposes of this RFP.
 - c. Describe the organization of the key staff (including the dedicated program manager) that would service the contract. Provide a listing of the staff, including name, title, and length of service within the organization along with a resume for each staff member. Other staff should be identified by name and title; additional qualifications and experience on similar projects may be included.
 - d. A resume must be provided for each individual proposed for this Agreement. An acceptable resume shall include the person's education, any applicable credentials and/or certifications, current work history and a summary of experience and knowledge to support the qualifications of key personnel outlined in Section 2.1.1.2 as well as the individual's ability and experience in conducting the proposed activities. Sufficient detail must be included in each resume to allow the Judicial Council to verify the experience cited. A separate section covering the Proposer's background, Principal Officers, and Staff Qualifications and Experience.
 - e. A minimum of two (2) clients may be contacted for whom the Proposer has conducted similar services. References are to include names, addresses, telephone numbers and the email address of a contact person. The Judicial Council staff may contact referenced clients to verify the information provided. A reference must be external to a Respondent's organization and corporate structure.
 - f. Provide Work Plan based on description of Tasks and Deliverables as defined in Section 2.1.2. and the proposed method to complete the work.
 - i. Project plan that outlines the proposed approach, using the general deadlines specified within this RFP:
 - ii. Sample outline of curriculum development
 - iii. Sample learning objectives
 - iv. Sample evaluations, including any continuing education credits that will be given.

- v. Sample timeline for curriculum development, including any interactive and adult learning principles that will be used.
- g. Acceptance of the Terms and Conditions.
 - i. On Attachment 3, the Proposer must check the appropriate box and sign the form. If the Proposer marks the second box, it MUST provide the required additional materials as noted below. An “exception” includes any addition, deletion, or other modification.
 - ii. If exceptions are identified, the Proposer must also submit (i) a red-lined version of the Terms and Conditions that implements all proposed changes, and (ii) a written explanation or rationale for each exception and/or proposed change.

Note: A material exception, as determined by the Judicial Council in its absolute and sole discretion, to any of the terms and conditions (in Attachment 2) may render a proposal non-responsive.

- h. Certifications, Attachments, and other requirements.
 - i. The Proposer must complete the General Certifications Form (Attachment 4) and submit the completed form with its proposal.
 - ii. The Proposer must complete the Darfur Contracting Act Certification (Attachment 5) and submit the completed certification with its proposal.
 - iii. If Contractor is a California corporation, limited liability company (“LLC”), limited partnership (“LP”), or limited liability partnership (“LLP”), proof that Contractor is in good standing in California. If Contractor is a foreign corporation, LLC, LP, or LLP, and Contractor conducts or will conduct (if awarded the contract) intrastate business in California, proof that Contractor is qualified to do business and in good standing in California. The Contractor shall provide a copy of their Certificate of Status with the Secretary of State of California. The Judicial Council may verify by checking with California's Office of the Secretary of State. If Contractor is a foreign corporation, LLC, LP, or LLP, and Contractor does not (and will not if awarded the contract) conduct intrastate business in California, proof that Contractor is in good standing in its home jurisdiction.
 - iv. Copies of the Proposer’s (and any subcontractors’) current business licenses, professional certifications, or other credentials.

7.2 Cost Proposal

The following information must be included in the cost proposal:

- i. Proposer to provide a detailed line-item budget for each deliverable(s) described in Section 2.1.2 and the total costs for the entire project for year 1 should be within the range of \$100,000 and \$80,000 for each option term.

Deliverable(s) Description	Estimated Completion Date	<i>Proposed</i> Firm Fixed Amount
First Deliverable: Meet with Judicial Council staff about the project.	March 15, 2024	
Second Deliverable: Design and develop the Curriculum Outline	May 15, 2024	
Third Deliverable: Develop and Deliver Training on Topic 1	July 31, 2024	
Fourth Deliverable: Develop and Deliver Training on Topic 2	October 31, 2024	
Fifth Deliverable: Develop and Deliver Training on Topic 3	January 31, 2025	
Sixth Deliverable: Develop and Deliver Training on Topic 4	April 30, 2025	
Seventh Deliverable: Develop and Deliver Training on Topic 5.	June 30, 2025	
Eighth Deliverable: Develop and Deliver Training on Topic 6	July 31, 2025	
Ninth Deliverable: Podcast on Topic 1	May 30, 2024	
Tenth Deliverable: Podcast on Topic 2	July 31, 2024	
Eleventh Deliverable: Podcast on Topic 3	December 31, 2024	
Twelfth Deliverable: Podcast on Topic 4	March 1, 2025	
Thirteenth Deliverable: Podcast on Topic 5	June 30, 2024	
Fourteenth Deliverable: Podcast on Topic 6	July 31, 2025	
Fifteenth Deliverable: 90-minute E-Learning Course	July 31, 2025	

NOTE: It is unlawful for any person engaged in business within this state to sell or use any article or product as a “loss leader” as defined in Section 17030 of the Business Professions Code.

8.0 OFFER PERIOD

A Proposer's proposal is an irrevocable offer for ninety (90) days following the proposal due date. In the event a final contract has not been awarded within this period, the Judicial Council reserves the right to negotiate extensions to this period.

9.0 EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS

At the time proposals are opened, each proposal will be checked for the presence or absence of the required proposal contents.

The Judicial Council will evaluate the proposals on a 100-point scale using the criteria set forth in the table below. Award, if made, will be to the highest-scored proposal.

If a contract will be awarded, the Judicial Council will post an intent to award notice at solicitations@jud.ca.gov.

CRITERION	MAXIMUM NUMBER OF POINTS
Quality of work plan submitted	17
Experience on similar assignments	30
Cost	30
Qualifications of staff to be assigned to project based on resumes submitted including experience, background, expertise and credentials if any	10
Acceptance of the Terms and Conditions	5
Ability to meet timing requirements to complete the project	5
("DVBE") Incentive Disabled Veterans Business Enterprise incentive is available to qualified proposers. (Section 12.0)	3

10.0 INTERVIEWS

The Judicial Council may conduct interviews with Proposers to clarify aspects set forth in their proposals. The interviews will be conducted by phone. If there's a need to clarify any portion of the Proposers proposal, the Judicial Council will notify Proposer regarding interview arrangements.

11.0 CONFIDENTIAL OR PROPRIETARY INFORMATION

PROPOSALS ARE SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE TO THIRD PARTIES AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO APPLICABLE LAWS, INCLUDING PUBLIC DISCLOSURE PURSUANT TO RULE 10.500 OF THE CALIFORNIA RULES OF COURT. Except as required by law, the Judicial Council will not disclose (i) social security numbers, or (ii) balance sheets or income statements submitted by a Proposer that is not a publicly traded corporation. All other information in proposals may be disclosed in response to applicable public records requests, or as otherwise required by law. Such disclosure may be made regardless of whether the proposal (or portions thereof) is marked “confidential,” “proprietary,” “copyright ©,” or otherwise, and regardless of any statement in the proposal (a) purporting to limit the Judicial Council’s right to disclose information in the proposal, or (b) requiring the Judicial Council to inform or obtain the consent of the Proposer prior to the disclosure of the proposal (or portions thereof). Any proposal that is password protected, or contains portions that are password protected, may be rejected. Submission of any proposal pursuant to this RFP constitutes acknowledgment and consent by the Proposer to the potential public disclosure of its proposal content, as set forth in this Section 11. Proposers are accordingly cautioned not to include confidential, proprietary, or privileged information in proposals.

12.0 DISABLED VETERAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE INCENTIVE

Qualification for the DVBE incentive is not mandatory. Failure to qualify for the DVBE incentive will not render a proposal non-responsive.

Eligibility for and application of the DVBE incentive is governed by the Judicial Council’s DVBE Rules and Procedures. Proposer will receive a DVBE incentive if, in the Judicial Council’s sole determination, Proposer has met all applicable requirements. If Proposer receives the DVBE incentive, a number of points will be added to the score assigned to Proposer’s proposal. The number of points that will be added is specified in Section 9.0 above.

To receive the DVBE incentive, at least 3% of the contract goods and/or services must be provided by a DVBE performing a commercially useful function. Or, for solicitations of non-IT goods and IT goods and services, Proposer may have an approved Business Utilization Plan (“BUP”) on file with the California Department of General Services (“DGS”).

If Proposer wishes to seek the DVBE incentive:

1. Proposer must complete and submit with its proposal the Bidder Declaration (Attachment 9). Proposer must submit with the Bidder Declaration all materials required in the Bidder Declaration.

2. Proposer must submit with its proposal a DVBE Declaration (Attachment 10) completed and signed by each DVBE that will provide goods and/or services in connection with the contract. If Proposer is itself a DVBE, it must complete and sign the DVBE Declaration. If Proposer will use DVBE subcontractors, each DVBE subcontractor must complete and sign a DVBE Declaration. **NOTE:** The DVBE Declaration is not required if Proposer will qualify for the DVBE incentive using a BUP on file with DGS.

Failure to complete and submit these forms as required will result in Proposer not receiving the DVBE incentive. In addition, the Judicial Council may request additional written clarifying information. Failure to provide this information as requested will result in Proposer not receiving the DVBE incentive.

If this solicitation is for IT goods and services, the application of the DVBE incentive may be affected by application of the small business preference. For additional information, see the Judicial Council's Small Business Preference Procedures for the Procurement of Information Technology Goods and Services.

If Proposer receives the DVBE incentive: (i) Proposer will be required to complete a post-contract DVBE certification if DVBE subcontractors are used; (ii) Proposer must use any DVBE subcontractor(s) identified in its proposal unless the Judicial Council approves in writing the substitution of another DVBE; and (iii) failure to meet the DVBE commitment set forth in its proposal will constitute a breach of contract.

If using DVBE subcontractors, the Proposer must complete and return to the Judicial Council a copy of the post-contract certification form (<https://www.courts.ca.gov/documents/JBCM-Post-Contract-Certification-Form.docx>), promptly upon completion of the awarded contract, and by no later than the date of submission of Proposer's final invoice to the Judicial Council. If the Proposer fails to do so, the Judicial Council will withhold \$10,000 from the final payment, or withhold the full payment if it is less than \$10,000, until the Proposer submits a complete and accurate post-contract certification form.

When a Proposer fails to comply with the post-contract certification requirement in this section and a payment withhold is applied to a contract, the Judicial Council shall allow the Proposer to cure the deficiency after written notice. Notwithstanding the foregoing or any other law, if after at least 15 calendar days, but no more than 30 calendar days, from the date of the written notice the Proposer refuses to comply with the certification requirements, the Judicial Council shall permanently deduct \$10,000 from the final payment, or the full payment if less than \$10,000.

FRAUDULENT MISREPRETATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE DVBE INCENTIVE IS A MISDEMEANOR AND IS PUNISHABLE BY IMPRISONMENT OR FINE, AND VIOLATORS ARE LIABLE FOR CIVIL PENALTIES. SEE MVC 999.9.

13.0 PROTESTS

Any protests will be handled in accordance with Chapter 7 of the Judicial Branch Contracting Manual (see www.courts.ca.gov/documents/jbcl-manual.pdf). Failure of a Proposer to comply with the protest procedures set forth in that chapter will render a protest inadequate and non-responsive and will result in rejection of the protest.

The deadline for the Judicial Council to receive a solicitation specifications protest is the proposal due date.

Protests must be sent to solicitations@jud.ca.gov.

END OF RFP