

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES
(pursuant to section 16.0155 and/or Chapter 287, Florida Statutes)

The State of Florida, Department of Legal Affairs, Office of the Attorney General (the “Department”) is exploring the possibility of obtaining professional legal services from a private law firm or firms to serve as co-counsel to the Department in various potential legal matters relating to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. The Department is thus requesting proposals for the possible establishment of a contract in this context.

Proposals should identify: the firm’s experience with similar issues or cases; the individuals within the firm who would be authorized to work on the matter; whether those individuals are members of the Florida Bar; the firm’s experience with the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, Chapter 376, the Natural Resource Damage Assessment process, and maritime law; the firm’s trial and appellate experience; and the firm’s arrangements for large and complex litigation matters (including the adequacy of financial resources for such litigation).

Proposals need not include specific proposed rates or fees, but they should identify whether the fee arrangement would be hourly, contingency, some combination of hourly and contingency fees, or otherwise. Any contingency fee arrangement entered into by the Department would be subject to section 16.0155, Florida Statutes. The proposal should indicate whether the firm would bear the costs and expenses of any litigation. Finally, the proposal should include the names of and contact information for at least three (3) references.

The Department will accept proposals through the close of business on October 21, 2011, but reserves the right to reject any and all proposals in its absolute discretion. Pursuant to section 287.057(3)(f)(4), Florida Statutes, contracts for legal services are not subject to competitive-solicitation requirements. The Department’s decision relating to those services is not subject to protest under Chapter 120, Florida Statutes. All requests for further information and all proposals should be directed to Russell Kent, Special Counsel, The Capitol, PL-01, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050, (850) 414-3854.