

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 and the State of Florida, Department of Environmental Protection (collectively, the “State”) is exploring the possibility of obtaining professional legal services from a private law firm or firms to serve as co-counsel to the State in various potential legal matters relating to the discharge of Perfluorinated Alkyl Substances (“PFAS”), including, but not limited to Aqueous Film Forming Foam (“AFFF”) and its related chemicals which include perfluorooctanoic acid (“PFOA”) and perfluorooctane sulfonate (“PFOS”). The State 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 environmental matters, state consumer protection laws, damage and economic loss recovery; the firm’s trial and appellate experience; and the firm’s arrangements for large and complex litigation matters (including the adequacy of financial resources and staffing 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 State 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 State will accept proposals through the close of business on April 30, 2021, but reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals in its absolute discretion. Pursuant to section 287.057(3)(e)(4), Florida Statutes, contracts for legal services are not subject to competitive-solicitation requirements. The State’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 Chesterfield Smith, Jr., Associate Deputy Attorney General, The Capitol, PL-01, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0150, (850) 414-3623.