



County Historian Request for Qualifications #2024-02

Merced Community College District (MCCD) invites qualified and experienced individuals or firms to submit qualifications for the role of County Historian for North Valley THRIVE, a dynamic coalition comprising community organizations, government entities, educational institutions, and economic development agencies. The purpose of this initiative is to develop a tri-county proposal for the California Jobs First Fund (formerly known as the Community Economic Resilience Fund or CERF).

Background:

North Valley THRIVE is committed to fostering collaboration between community and industry stakeholders to address shared challenges and opportunities. As part of our efforts to secure funding through the California Jobs First Fund, we are seeking a County Historian for the Counties of Merced, Stanislaus, and San Joaquin, under the advisement of the Lead Historian, develop content that identifies the contributions made by the marginalized and immigrant communities to the economic/industrial activity of that respective County.

Scope of Work:

The work of the County Historian should include the following:

- Identification of key immigrant/minority business and community figures, or early entrepreneurs and their service to their respective communities, highlighting important establishments, stores, etc.
- Narrative/Presentation of historical information dating back to the earliest non-native arrivals to the County, and their contributions to major industries of the time, such as the development of railroads, agriculture, commerce and other industries, with an emphasis on contributions made through the mid-century..
- Narrative/Presentation of historical information about native communities in each County with an emphasis on the local economies, trade, and other models of sufficiency utilized by those nations or tribes.
- Key outputs as identified by project team.

Proposal Submission:

Interested parties are invited to submit their proposals by 10:00 A.M. January 26, 2024.

Proposals should include the following:

1. Overview of qualifications and relevant experience in identifying, documenting, and presenting historical information.
2. Proposed approach and strategies for achieving the outlined objectives.

3. Detailed timeline for the completion of the scope of work.
4. Budget estimate, including any associated costs.
5. Region for proposal – Merced County, Stanislaus County, San Joaquin County (choose one)

Submission Instructions:

Please submit your proposal electronically to Purchasingbids@mccd.edu by 10:00 A.M. January 26, 2024. Late submissions will not be considered.

Evaluation Criteria:

Proposals will be evaluated based on:

- Demonstrated experience in historical projects aligning to the current project.
- Strength and feasibility of the proposed approach.
- Alignment with the objectives of North Valley THRIVE and the California Jobs First Fund.
- Budgetary considerations.
- Contact information.

MCCD will review all proposals and reserves the right to select based on the best interest of District.

Additional Information:

Selected vendors will be required to meet all MCCD vendor requirements.

For additional information or clarification, please contact Yolanda Meraz at yolanda@northvalleythrive.org

Thank you for considering this request. We look forward to receiving your proposals and working together to strengthen community-industry collaboration through North Valley THRIVE.

Sincerely,

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