



Crook County School District

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Request for Proposal Bond Counsel

December 11, 2012

Crook County School District (CCSD), located in Prineville, Oregon, is soliciting statements of qualifications and fee proposals to provide bond counsel services in connection with a potential offering of general obligation school bonds. CCSD will use the responses to this proposal to select bond counsel for an initial issuance of general obligation bonds.

CCSD will seek voter approval in the May 2013 election, and hopes to issue bonds in the Fall of 2013. The exact structure of the bonds is currently being determined. CCSD anticipates an issue amount of approximately \$33 million and a term of 20-25 years, the proceeds of which will be used to build a new elementary school (including possible acquisition of land), and for capital renovations to other existing school and support buildings. The sources of repayment are installments of principal and interest to be paid on assessments of property tax on real property in the district. The counties will collect assessment revenues in each fiscal year through their respective property tax systems.

It is anticipated that in preparation for the proposed offering, CCSD will require legal analysis regarding SEC registration, priority of lien and other issues that may affect the legality, possible tax-exemption, structure of the bonds, and other related issues, if any.

It is also anticipated that bond counsel will also provide transaction-related services, including but not limited to, preparing all forms of legal documents including preparation of necessary School Board actions, providing input about the structuring of the bonds, participating in working group meetings, participating in discussions with the rating agencies (if applicable) and investors to the extent necessary, and providing all of the customary legal opinions required by regulatory agencies, investors, and the issuer, as well as any other services customary to bond counsel for similar bond offerings.

Please provide the following information to assist CCSD in selecting bond counsel.

1. Identify your firm's team members who are expected to have day-to-day responsibility for the CCSD engagement and the proposed financing.
2. Describe your firm's experience in public tax law, federal securities and regulations, and as bond counsel for Oregon school districts with financings of similar size and type.
3. Provide at least three relevant references, including school district names, contact names and phone numbers, and financings completed.
4. State your proposed fees and/or charges for the transaction.



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5. Discuss any potential conflicts of interest your firm may have regarding this scope of work.

CCSD reserves the right to: reject any and all responses; cancel, modify, or re-issue the RFP; negotiate with any, all or none of the respondents; and solicit best and final offers from any, all or none of the respondents. This RFP does not commit CCSD to negotiate a contract, nor does it obligate CCSD to pay for any costs incurred in the preparation and submission of your responses or in the anticipation of a contract. CCSD reserves the right to contract with any of the firms responding to this RFP based on CCSD's judgment in evaluating the firm's proposal, including but not limited to its qualifications, capabilities, and fee quote.

Please provide your response to me by email no later than 5:00p.m. on Monday, January 7, 2013. My email address is shown below.

Thank you,

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