

RESTORE NEIGHBORHOODS LA, INC.

Neighborhood Stabilization Program

REHABILITATION AND SALE OF FORECLOSED PROPERTIES FOR AFFORDABLE
HOMEOWNERSHIP AND RENTAL

**REQUEST
FOR
PROPOSALS
(RFP)**

LED Vendors

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RFP RESPONSE DUE DATE: Open ended

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RESTORE NEIGHBORHOODS LA, INC. (RNLA) is soliciting proposals from interested LED Vendors (Vendors) to supply LED (light emitting diode) fixtures for rehabilitated and newly constructed single-family and small multi-unit properties (typically between 2 – 16 units). The properties are located throughout South Los Angeles and the San Fernando Valley.

I. Program Overview

The City of Los Angeles' Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) is a program funded by grants from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Funds were awarded to local government and non-profit agencies to acquire and rehabilitate foreclosed or abandoned residential properties in order to stabilize neighborhoods and stem the decline of house values of neighboring homes. NSP will also create new jobs or help to retain existing jobs in home construction and rehabilitation, building supplies and materials, real estate sales, and property management in Los Angeles.

The primary purpose of this program is to restore foreclosed or abandoned properties to become "green," code-compliant assets to help stabilize neighborhoods. In special circumstances, vacant property may also be redeveloped. Only properties located in NSP target areas of greatest need are eligible.

RNLA will contract with Vendors who have submitted competitive bids through this Request for Proposals (RFP) and adhere to Program requirements.

II. Request For Proposals (RFP) Overview

Through this RFP, RNLA is soliciting competitive proposals for LED fixtures for rehabilitated or newly constructed single-family and small multi-unit properties (typically between 2 – 16 units).

Proposals should include evidence of the Vendor's previous experience with respect to supplying LED fixtures for residential and other applications and qualifications relative to provision of such products and demonstrate the Vendor's capacity and readiness to perform immediately upon execution of a contract with RNLA.

In order to meet programmatic goals, RNLA may, at its discretion select more than one vendor and reserves the option of selecting any of the top-rated vendors for contract award. RNLA also reserves the right to reduce and/or discontinue work at any time based on the changing needs of the program or availability of funding.

III. Products and Pricing

RNLA is soliciting proposals for the provision of low energy consumption LED fixtures for the following rooms in approximately 300 units of single-family and multi-family housing over a two to three year period:

- Kitchen
- Dining room
- Bedrooms – ceiling lighting
- Bathroom(s) – lighting over vanity
- Laundry room/utility closet
- Hallway
- Exterior porch and security lighting

The typical single family home and multi family units include either 2 bedrooms with 1 bathroom or 3 bedrooms with 2 bathrooms. In order to be considered, Vendors must submit cut sheets and detailed pricing in the format provided in the Application.

The selected Vendor(s) must comply with all applicable laws, codes, and other requirements related to the products being supplied

Attachment A contains cut sheets that illustrate the types of standard (non-LED) lighting fixtures currently being installed in RNLA properties. The responses to this RFP should assume that the LED fixtures would be of similar size and provide an equivalent amount of light as the products illustrated in Attachment A.

III. Proposals Evaluation and Selection Process

The evaluation and selection process will consist of the following steps:

1. **Qualifications Review:** All Applications will be reviewed and evaluated by a Selection Team – comprised of staff from RNLA and the City of Los Angeles Housing Department. RNLA reserves the right to reject any or all responses to this RFP.
2. **Evaluation Criteria:** The response to this RFP and references shall be evaluated on the following weighted factors:

	Points
Respondents will be awarded up to 20 points for experience in manufacturing and supplying LED fixtures.	20
Respondents will be awarded up to 20 points for their capacity to meet or exceed tight timelines.	20
Respondents will be awarded up to 30 points for Competitiveness of Pricing	30
Respondents will be awarded up to 30 points for the specific quality level and performance specifications of the proposed fixtures. RNLA is seeking fixtures that provide warm multi-directional lighting that is appropriate for residential applications.	30
Total	100

IV. RFP Submission Information

Required Submissions Items:

To respond to this RFP, Applicants must submit RNLA's Application and Reference Form ("Application"). This RFP and the Application and Reference Forms are posted on RNLA's website:

www.restoreneighborhoodsla.org.

RFP Submission Date and Location

RFQ Release Date: May 12, 2011

RFQ Due Date: Open Ended. On a rolling basis, RNLA will review completed Application and Reference forms that are submitted to the following address:

Restore Neighborhoods, LA, Inc.
315 West Ninth Street, Suite 808
Los Angeles, CA 90015

Attn: LED Vendors RFP Response

RNLA reserves the right to close the application process at any time for any reason.

Further submission requirements are detailed on the Application and Reference Form.

Please direct any questions to: info@restoreneighborhoodsla.org. All questions submitted by close of business Friday, May 20, 2011 will be addressed and posted on the RNLA website by close of business on May 24, 2011.

V. Terms and Conditions

This RFP is subject to the specific conditions, terms and limitations stated below:

1. The proposed Program shall conform to, and be subject to, the provisions of all applicable laws, rules, regulations and ordinances of all Federal, State, and City authorities having jurisdiction, as the same may be amended from time to time.
2. RNLA is not obligated to pay, nor shall in fact pay, any costs or losses incurred by any Contractor at any time including the cost of responding to the RFP or developing light fixtures.
3. All material and information presented in this RFP is general in nature and shall not be deemed to be inducements or representations to which the City is bound. Contractors are cautioned to make their own independent investigation of all factual, financial, and legal matters upon which their submittals may be based.

4. RNLA reserves the right to reject at any time any or all submissions and/or to withdraw this RFP in whole or in part, to negotiate with one or more Contractors. RNLA likewise reserves the right, at any time, to waive compliance with, or change any of the terms and conditions of this RFP, and to entertain modifications and additions to the selected submissions.

VI. Conflicts of Interest

Applicants should be aware that all Contractors deemed eligible will be required to adopt RNLA's Conflict of Interest Policy which is Included in Attachment B.

Attachments

Attachment A – Standard Fixture Cut Sheets (Lighting Samples) - RNLA is seeking LED fixtures that are equivalent to these standard fixtures

Attachment B - Conflict of Interest