

# REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

RFP ID# FBIC/D23AP00196-00

## FORT BELKNAP INDIAN COMMUNITY (FBIC) of the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation, Montana

January 05, 2024

### 1. Project Overview

The Project proposal is based on the FBIC Tribe Orphaned Well Program Development Grant, herein referenced as FBIC/OWPDG D23AP00196-00. This request for proposals does seek the services of a Professional Engineering/Management firm to provide assistance to the FBIC Tribes effort to devise full scale FBIC Tribal Orphaned Well Program on the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation. Principle work items, requested as part of this call for proposals, will include, assisting the tribe to carry out the following:

- Identify and characterize undocumented orphaned wells located on the FBIC Tribal Lands.
- Created an accurate inventory and database of orphaned wells located on FBIC Tribal Lands.
- Develop a methane monitoring program including surface and groundwater program development to include plans for monitoring methane emissions and environmental impacts.

### 2. Project Background

The Grand Award FBIC/OWPDG D23AP00196-00 originated from the “Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Public Law 117-58”. This once in a generation funding provides the FBIC Tribe with the opportunity to reinvest in the tribe’s infrastructure and economic competitiveness. Additionally, this funding intends to allow the tribe to further examine the climate change crisis, address legacy polluted sites, advance tribal environmental justice and drive for the creation of good paying tribal jobs on the FBIC Reservation.

In section 40601(d) of P.L. 117-58 there is specific language that articulates the requirements for implementing and reporting activities designed to plug, remediate, and reclaim orphaned wells on tribal land. This intent is the purpose of the Fort Belknap Orphaned Well Program Development Grant. Specific details will require to the offeror:

- Train FBIC Tribal Personnel in the running of an orphaned well program to build capacity in the area of environmental compliance and monitoring as well as program operation.
- Train and develop tribal staff members to conduct public outreach efforts and stakeholder engagement to sustain the program.
- Develop the required procedures and protocols to create a well-plugging program and abandonment restoration plan.
- Assist tribal stakeholders in the research and identification of well sites through proper assessment, including researching owner and operator information.

- Assess and characterize the number of orphaned wells on tribal properties, within the boundaries of the FBIC Reservation, especially those that include areas of cultural significance and/or culturally sensitive community resources.
- Developing reports for Grant compliance.
- Identifying, assessing, and preparing for proper permitting during the implementing process.

### 3. Statement of Qualifications

- a. Bidder Information – name, address, telephone, and website (if available). Include the name, title, and email address of the individual who will serve as the primary contact. Include a brief description and history of your firm.
- b. Project Approach – please explain your project approach, style, and process. If you have worked with the FBIC Tribe in the past, please specify which projects.
- c. Estimated Cost – must include cost for all work related to tasks and deliverables outlined in the schedule and timeline.
- d. Business License and TERO Fees – the firm must work with the FBIC TERO regarding business licensing and TERO fees.

**Each proposal must be submitted in a sealed envelope. Each sealed envelope containing a BID must be plainly marked on the outside as “BID for (Project Name)” and the envelope should bear on the outside the name of the BIDDER, his/her address, and his/her license number. If forwarded by mail, the sealed envelope containing the BID must be enclosed in another envelope addressed to the FBIC Procurement at 656 Agency Main Street, Harlem MT 59526.**

**The FBIC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any errors or corrections in the proposals or in the proposal process. The FBIC will award the contract based upon a review and analysis of the proposals that determines which proposal best meets the needs of the FBIC.**

### 4. Deadlines

Proposals must be submitted by **February 08, 2024** by **2:00 p.m.** For further information or questions, please contact **Delina Cuts The Rope** at [delina.cutstherope@ftbelknap.org](mailto:delina.cutstherope@ftbelknap.org). All proposals must be addressed to:

**Fort Belknap Indian Community  
Attn: PROCUEMENT  
656 Agency Main Street  
Harlem, MT 59526**

**Or Email:  
Shawn Drago at [sdrago@ftbelknap.org](mailto:sdrago@ftbelknap.org)**