

**Request for Qualifications (RFQ)  
Specialized Legal Services**

Proposals outlining qualifications will be received by the *The City of Orange Beach, Alabama* at 4099 Orange Beach Boulevard, P.O. Box 458, Orange Beach, Alabama 36561 until May 28, 2010, 2:00 p.m. local time for legal services to assist the City with any claims for damages incurred by the City occurring from the explosion and sinking of the BP / Transocean Deepwater Horizon oil rig and the resulting discharge of oil and other toxic materials and debris into the Gulf of Mexico, which occurred on or about April 20, 2010.

**1.0 Scope of Information / Qualifications:** The City of Orange Beach is requesting qualification information from law firms interested in assisting the City with its claims for damages, including but not limited to, expenses incurred in disaster preparedness and response, increased public services, loss of revenue, damage to natural resources. The City Attorney will recommend one or more firms for consideration by the City Council based on the following list of qualifications and documents.

**1.1 Litigation Experience:** Please provide information concerning your firm's litigation experience, including trial verdicts, appellate work, settlements, claims programs, etc.

**1.2 Specialized Experience:** Please provide information concerning your firm's experience in the following areas: complex litigation, environmental law, oil & gas law, maritime law. Please include information concerning any expertise or knowledge relating to claims made pursuant to the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, 33 U.S.C., § 2701, et seq. Does your firm have any specialized knowledge or experience on interrelationship between claims filed under the OPA, tort claims, or other statutes.

**1.3 Governmental Clients:** Please provide information concerning your firm's experience in the representation of governmental entities.

**1.4 Key Staff:** Please provide information concerning your firm's staffing resources. Please describe how your litigation teams are structured. Please include information concerning key staff who would be a part of the litigation team for the City.

**1.5 Expert Resources:** Please provide information concerning your firm's resources and ability to procure any necessary expert services required on behalf of the City.

**1.6 Financial Resources:** Please provide information concerning your firm's financial resources and its ability to provide legal services, including any costs of litigation, to the City for a matter of this magnitude.

**1.7 Fees:** Please provide information concerning your firm's proposed fee arrangement.

**1.8 Accessibility, Local Representation:** If your law firm does not have a permanent office locally (in either Mobile or Baldwin County, Alabama), please describe how your firm intends to assure that the City

has competent and knowledgeable representation by your firm available locally on short notice for meetings and consultations in person.

**2.0 Award & Terms:** The City will make its selection based on the qualifications that best meet the City's needs. Upon award, a mutually acceptable retainer agreement will be negotiated. The City reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to select the proposal that may not necessarily represent the lowest cost to the City, and to refuse any proposal that does not meet the information or timing requirement of this RFQ. The evaluation procedure shall occur solely at the discretion of the City and shall not be questioned, appealed or reviewed in any manner.

**3.0 RFQ Issuance Information:** Two copies of your proposal shall be delivered by mail, courier or hand delivery to:

Renee Smith, Legal Administrator  
Office of the City Attorney  
City of Orange Beach  
Post Office Box 458  
4099 Orange Beach Boulevard  
Orange Beach, Alabama, 36561

**Proposals must be received by the City on or before 2:00 p.m. on May 28, 2010.** Any questions concerning the issuance of this RFQ shall be directed to Renee Smith (251) 981-6779 and not to any other person at the City of Orange Beach. The City of Orange Beach will determine whether any addenda should be issued as a result of any question or other matters raised.