

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO COMMITTEE ON FEDERALISM

Subject:

The Committee on Federalism seeks information from firms engaged in technology focused appraisals of real property.

Closing Date and Submission Information:

Responses must be submitted to the Committee by _____ at the following address[WJ1]:

Co-chair Sen. Steve Vick and Co-chair Rep. Sage G. Dixon
c/o Katharine Gerrity, Legislative Services Staff
Idaho State Capitol, Room W 133
Boise, Idaho 83720.

Background:

The United States holds 63.2% of the property within Idaho's borders. As reflected in the attached map of Major Land Ownership produced by the Idaho Department of Lands, Federal real property is held by multiple Federal agencies and reflects the geographic diversity of Idaho. A copy of the map is also available at:

<https://www.idl.idaho.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/maps-land-records/3-statewide-ownership-03-2016.pdf>

The Committee on Federalism is tasked with studying the impact of the congressionally approved Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program's insufficient and inconsistent funding of education and other essential government services provided by Idaho government entities. The Committee is seeking information to develop a technology focused program to objectively appraise Federal real property within Idaho. The resulting appraisals must reflect current value of federal property and be capable of periodic updates as the Committee undertakes its work.

Information Requested:

The Committee desires information on the following:

1. Projects of similar scope.
2. Technology available to conduct appraisals of varied types and locations of real property.
3. The methods used to test the accuracy of appraisals and to update appraisals once issued.
4. The cost structure used by the vendor.

5. Additional information that can assist the Committee in soliciting bids for the appraisal program.

Submission Materials and Public Records:

Although there is no size limit to responses, please limit the amount of sales material and other supporting documents. All material submitted under the RFI becomes the property of the State and shall not be returned to the submitting party.

Pursuant to the Idaho Public Records Act, Idaho Code section 9-335 et seq., records, including documents in all forms, received under this RFI may be open to public inspection and copying unless exempt from disclosure. Vendors submitting records to the Committee or its staff shall clearly designate individual portions of records as “exempt” on each page of the record containing exempt portions and shall indicate the basis in the Idaho Public Records Act for such exemption. The Committee will not accept the marking of an entire record as exempt. In addition, the Committee will not accept a legend or statement on one (1) page that all, or substantially all, of the record is exempt from disclosure. Vendors submitting records shall indemnify and defend the State of Idaho against all liability, claims, damages, losses, expenses, actions, attorney fees and suits whatsoever for honoring the vendors’ designation of exemption or for the vendor’s failure to designate a record as exempt. A vendor’s failure to designate as exempt any record or portion of a record that is released by the Committee shall constitute a complete waiver of any and all claims for damages caused by any such release. If the Committee honors a claim of exemption by a vendor, the vendor shall provide the legal defense for such claim.