

KOOTENAI COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

INTRODUCTION

Kootenai County, Idaho is seeking to retain qualified planning professionals to assist County Staff in rewriting the Comprehensive Plan, specifically, the public participation element of the Plan.

BACKGROUND

Located in the panhandle of northern Idaho, Kootenai County covers 1,245 square miles of geographically diverse land. Combining scenic lakes and mountain landscapes with a rapidly increasing population makes developing a Comprehensive Plan a challenging endeavor. Kootenai County has experienced a sustained and substantial growth rate, resulting in a 55% population increase since 1990, primarily from in-migration. Population figures from 1990 indicate the population at 69,000; the current records indicate the population at 122,000 in 2004. The current Plan was adopted in 1994.

SCOPE OF WORK

The selected consultant will engage the public and government entities to develop a community vision which will be the foundation of the new Comprehensive Plan. The Consulting Team would be expected to participate on the project from June, 2006 to June 2007.

SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

The following items should be included as part of a submittal package:

- A statement of interest signed by a principal of the firm;
- Appropriate contact information;
- Demonstration of experience with areas of similar geographic and demographic characteristics;
- A description of consultant experience in three completed projects involving the following:
 - Comprehensive planning
 - Community visioning
 - Goal and objective setting
 - Public involvement
 - Community preference surveys or other forms of creative consensus-building.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Additional information on Kootenai County and to view the current Comprehensive Plan is available on the County web page at www.kcgov.us.

Questions may be answered by Mark Mussman, Planner III, mmussman@kcgov.us (208) 446-1082.