**Notice of Request for Proposals (RFP)**

**RFP No. P23/10056L**

**Federal Lobbyist Services**

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**Required Submittal Forms**

**Certification Form**

In response to **RFP No. P23/10056L Title: Federal Lobbyist Services** this proposal is submitted

by:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

(Company Name)

□ a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_;

□ a partnership, registered in the State of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and consisting of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_;

□ an individual trading as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

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The undersigned, as a duly authorized officer, hereby agrees to be bound by the content of this Proposal and agrees to comply with the terms, conditions and provisions of the referenced RFP and any addenda thereto in the event of an award. Exceptions are to be noted as stated in the RFP. The proposal will remain in effect for a period of ninety (90) calendar days as of the Due Date for proposals to the RFP.

The undersigned understands that the College reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals or to waive any formality or technicality, as determined by the College in its sole discretion, in any Proposal in the interest of the College.

The undersigned hereby acknowledges receipt of the following Addenda, if any:

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| Addendum No. | Date: |  | Addendum No. | Date: |
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The undersigned hereby certifies that this Proposal is genuine and not a sham or collusive, nor made in the interest or behalf of any person not herein named, and that the undersigned has not directly or indirectly induced or solicited any other Offeror to put in a sham proposal, or any other person or entity to refrain from submitting proposals, and that the Offeror has not in any manner sought by collusion to secure for itself an advantage over any other Offeror.

The undersigned further certifies that your firm (check the appropriate areas):

□ women-owned business; □ minority-owned business; □ labor surplus area firm

□ does ***or*** □ does not meet the Federal (S.B.A.) Small Business definition (FAR 19.001) and size standards (FAR 19.102). If it does, please “CHECK” one of the following:

□ small business; □ veteran-owned small business; □ service-disabled veteran-owned small business;

□ HUB Zone small business; □ small disadvantaged business; or □ women-owned small business.

The undersigned further certifies that as a duly authorized officer, he or she is authorized to negotiate in good faith on behalf of this firm for purposes of this RFP.

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| **Authorized Signature/Date** | |  | | |
| **Print Name** |  | | **Title** |  |
| **Email address** |  | | **Phone #** |  |

**Exceptions Requested Form/Vendor Order Form**

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| **Company Name** |  |

Any exceptions to the requirements of this RFP, including the Contract and Scope of Work, that the Offer requests the College to consider must be addressed on this form.

Each Exception or Alternate should be addressed separately with specific reference to the requirement, specification including the page number, paragraph, and sentence and section number. For each exception, the Offeror will provide all of the following information: (i) Name of the Document/Attachment; (ii) Agreement Page Number and Section Number; (iii) Exception; (iv) Justification for Exception. Blank, unjustified, or unsupported requests will be disregarded.

Any exceptions requested from the College’ Sample Agreement must be provided, using this Exception Form.

If there are **NO** proposed alternates or exceptions, a statement to that effect must be provided.

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(initial)** Contractor certifies this proposal has taken **NO** exceptions and does not propose alternates.

***Exceptions/Alternates*** *are noted in the space below or are included as an Attachment to this section.*

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***Order Form*: (initial only one)**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_(initial)** The firm utilizes an Order Form, Sales Form or similar document for placement of orders and has included a sample attached herein for College’s review and approval for subsequent use during the agreement’s term**.** The Order Form does not contain provisions contradicting or conflicting with the Pima Community College Contract.

**\_\_\_\_\_\_(initial)** Order Form, Sales Form or similar document is not applicable.

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| **Authorized Signature/Date** | |  | | |
| **Print Name** |  | | **Title** |  |

**Confidential and/or Proprietary Declaration Form**

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| **Company Name** |  |

In the event the Offeror elects to include in its proposal any information deemed "proprietary" or "protected," it will package such information separately from the balance of the proposal and clearly mark as to any proprietary claim.  Indicate in the space below specific reference to the requirement, specification including the page number, paragraph, and sentence and section number that which is deemed confidential or proprietary by the Respondent.

The College discourages the submission of such information and undertakes to provide no more than reasonable efforts to protect the proprietary nature of such information.  The College, as a public entity subject to Arizona public records law, cannot and does not warrant that proprietary information will not be disclosed.

The College will have the right to use any and all information included in the proposals submitted unless the information is expressly restricted by the Offeror.

If the proposal contains **NO** confidential/proprietary information, a statement to that effect must be provided.

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(initial)** Contractor certifies this proposal contains NO confidential and/or proprietary information.

***Confidential/Proprietary Information****. Contractor as indicated in the space below certifies the following pages, sections, paragraphs contain confidential and/or proprietary information****. If additional space is required, provide information on a separate page and submit as an attachment to this form.***

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| **Authorized Signature/Date** | |  | | |
| **Print Name** |  | | **Title** |  |

**Mandatory Certifications Form**

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| **Company Name** |  |

**A. Conflict of Interest Certification (initial only one)**

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| **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(*initial*)** The Offeror certifies that to the best of his/her knowledge there is no officer or employee of College who has, or whose relative has, a substantial interest in any contract resulting from this Request for Proposal. |
| **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(*initial*)** The names of all public officers or employees of College who have, or whose relative has, a substantial interest in any contract resulting from this Request for Proposal, and the nature of the substantial interest, are included as an attachment to this certification form. |

**B. Boycott of Israel Certification**

As required by the Arizona Revised Statutes § 35-393.01, College is prohibited from awarding a contract to any Contractor for delivery of services, supplies, information technology or construction unless the contract includes a written certification that the Contractor is not currently engaged in, and agrees for the duration of the contract to not engage in, a boycott of Israel.

A breach of the forgoing warranty certification will be deemed a material breach of the resulting contract. In addition to the legal rights and remedies available to College under the law. In the event of such breach, College will have the right to terminate the resulting agreement with the Offeror.

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| **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(*initial*)** Accordingly, the Offeror by initialing certifies Offeror is not currently engaged in boycott of Israel, and will not for the duration of the resulting contract with College under this RFP engage in a boycott of Israel. |

**C. Worker Eligibility Verification**

As required by the Arizona Revised Statues § 41-4401, College is prohibited from awarding a contract to any Contractor who fails, or whose subcontracts/subrecipients fail, to comply with A.R.S § 23-214 governing the employee verification requirements through the federal e-Verify program.

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| **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(*initial*)** Accordingly, by initialing certifies that Offeror (1) complies fully with all applicable federal immigration laws and regulations that relate to its employees; that it will, as applicable or required under A.R.S § 23-214, verify, through the e-Verify program as jointly administered by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and Social Security Administration or any of its successor programs, the employment eligibility of each employee hired to work on the resulting agreement with College; and (2) that it will, as applicable or required under A.R.S § 23-214, require its subcontractor and subrecipients to provide the same warranties to the Offeror.  A breach of the forgoing warranty certification will be deemed a material breach of the resulting contract. In addition to the legal rights and remedies available to College under the law. In the event of such breach, College will have the right to terminate the resulting agreement with the Offeror. Upon request, the College will have the right to inspect the papers of each Contractor, subcontractor or any employee of either who performs work hereunder for the purposes of ensuring that the Contractor or subcontractor is in compliance with the warranty certification set forth herein.  **D. The Proposer certifies**, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that the Proposer and/or any of its Principals or Owners  d.1 (check one) **have ( )** or **have not ( )**, within a three year period preceding this offer, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for: commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain or performing a public (federal, state or local) contract or subcontract; violation of federal or state antitrust statutes, rules or regulations relating to the submission of offers; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion; or receiving stolen property; and  d.2 (check one) **are ( )** or **are not ( )** presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity with, commission of any other of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (d.1) of this provision.  “Principals,” for the purposes of this Proposal, means officers, directors, owners, partners and persons having primary or substantial management or supervisory responsibilities within a business entity.  The certifications of this Proposal are material representations of fact upon which reliance will be placed when making an award. If it is later determined that the Proposer knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the College, the College may terminate the contract resulting from this solicitation for default. | | | | | |
| **Authorized Signature/Date** | | |  | | |
| **Print Name** | |  | | **Title** |  |

**Appendix Form**

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| **Company Name** |  |

In each space provided below, provide a detailed answer or indicate Not Applicable (N/A). If additional space is needed, answers may be provided on a separate document and be attached to this form.

* 1. **Litigation:** Details of any litigation your company or any of its subsidiaries or affiliates has had in the past five (5) years related to the performance of services provided by your firm.

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* 1. **Debarred,suspended:** If a firm has had any previous contracts canceled or is currently debarred, suspended, or proposed for debarment by any government entity, the current status must be documented in this section.

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* 1. **Prior Use:** If any customer has stopped using the product(s) or service(s) you are proposing, provide details including customer name, date when product was installed, date when product was discontinued (usage) and reason for discontinuation, including contact details of the customer.

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* 1. **Cooperative:** If the firm intends to use any cooperative, for the purposes of this proposal, the firm must submit a copy of the Cooperative Contract.
  2. **Subcontract, third party agreement**, or the like to perform under their proposal: the firm must supply the name, address, qualifications, and criteria used by the firm for selection of any third party, and the intended services to be performed. **The services provided under the Scope of Work proposed, in part or in whole, shall not be subcontracted without prior written permission of the College.**

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| **Authorized Signature/Date** | |  | | |
| **Print Name** |  | | **Title** |  |

**Affidavit of Non-Collusion Form**

**AFFIDAVIT BY CONTRACTOR**

**CERTIFYING THAT THERE WAS NO**

**COLLUSION IN BIDDING**

**FOR CONTRACT**

**STATE OF: )**

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**COUNTY OF: ) ss**

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(Name of Individual)

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That he is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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(Name of Company, Firm, or Corporation)

that, pursuant to Subsection 112(c) of Title 23, United States Code and Title 44, Chapter 10, Article 1, and Title 34, Chapter 2, Article 4 of the Arizona Revised Statutes, he certifies that neither he nor anyone associated with the company, firm, or corporation mentioned above has, either directly or indirectly, entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action in restraint of full competitive bidding in connection with the associated project:

Subscribed and sworn to before me \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2023. (Signature)

If by a Corporation

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Seal)

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Notary Public

**Proposal Forms**

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| **Company Name** |  |

**Firm Experience Proposal Form (40 points maximum)**

*Instructions: Responses to the questions may be noted in the space provided below and included as an Attachment to this form. (Note: Space for responses contained in this form will automatically expand as responses are typed. When responding to this form as an attachment, clearly identify in your proposal response the title of the form, each question number shown below and your response to that question. This form and all attachments must be submitted as a part of your proposal*.)

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| 1. **Company Background Information:** |
| **Company legal name:** |

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| **Web address:** |

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| **Headquarters and facility (supporting College): address, phone number & email address:** |

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| **Years in Federal Lobbyist business:** | **Total Number of Lobbyist employed by Company:** |

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| 1. **What do you believe will be the most important areas of focus for institutions of higher education for the next few years?** Response should not exceed three (3) pages |
| **Response:** |

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| 1. **How do you go about developing a positive relationship with a member of Congress who may not be friendly to your client’s issue?** Response should not exceed three (3) pages: |
| **Response:** |

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| **4. Describe (but not name) the worst client you’ve ever represented. How did you resolve or attempt to resolve the issues with this client.** Response should not exceed three (3) pages: |
| **Response:** |

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| **5. Describe a specific example of a lobbying effort undertaken on behalf of a higher-education client, including the issue, your lobbying strategy, and the outcome.** Response should not exceed three (3) pages: |
| **Response:** |

**Staff Expertise Proposal Form (30 points maximum)**

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| **Company Name:** |  |

*Instructions: Responses to the questions may be noted in the space provided below and included as an Attachment to this form. (Note: Space for responses contained in this form will automatically expand as responses are typed. When responding to this form as an attachment, clearly identify in your proposal response the title of the form, each question number shown below and your response to that question. This form and all attachments must be submitted as a part of your proposal*.)

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| **1. Lead Lobbyist Background Information:** | |
| Name (first, last): |  |

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| Years in Federal Lobbyist business: |  |

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| Work address, phone number & email address: |  |

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| ***Attach*** (to this form) resume of Lead Lobbyist demonstrating at least (5) years of experience in overseeing a client account for federal government relations work. |

*Questions 2 -7 should be answered by the Lead Lobbyist.*

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| **2. How will you (Lead Lobbyist) approach working with the Executive Branch; and how will that differ from your approach with Congress?** Response should not exceed three (3) pages. |
| **Response:** |

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| **3. Describe a specific example of a lobbying effort undertaken on behalf of a higher-education client, including the issue, your lobbying strategy, and the outcome.**  Response should not exceed three (3) pages. |
| **Response:** |

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| **4. Tell us what you know of the Tucson and Pima County region and how you will work on issues specific to this area.**  Response should not exceed three (3) pages. |
| **Response:** |

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| **5. Do you prefer to receive direction from your clients, or do you prefer to initiate actions?** Response should not exceed three (3) pages. |
| **Response:** |

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| **6. Do you have relationships with other clients that could provide synergy with PCC’s priorities?** Response should not exceed three (3) pages. |
| **Response:** |

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| **7. What is your agency’s strong point? What extra qualifications or attributes do you have that would set you ahead of other similar RFP applicants?** Response should not exceed three (3) pages. |
| **Response:** |

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| **8. Other Staff Background Information:** |

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| *Provide an organizational chart. List the name, position and role of each staff member that may provide services under this contract. Attach resume for each staff listed.* | |
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**Cost and Compensation Proposal Form (20 points maximum)**

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| **Company Name** |  |

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| **1. Not-to-exceed annual fee billed as a Flat Monthly Retainer** for services rendered, professional fees, expenses, printing, publications, phones, computerized legal research, faxes and other operating expenses. |
| **Base Retainer: $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/Year Monthly Retainer Fee: $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** |

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| **2. Billable Hourly Rates** (by classification or individual)  Provide a listing of all billable rates for its personnel or the personnel of any proposed sub-consultants. The rates provided here are for informational purposes only and may be the basis for arriving at a lump sum price for services that may be requested by the District in addition and related to those required in the Scope of Services. Example - Description: Billable Hourly Rate: Lead Lobbyist $350. | |
| **Description: (by classification or individual)** | **Billable Hourly Rate:** |
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| **3. Reimbursable Expenses**  Describe how Travel (to/from Tucson and Washington, DC) will be billed. Provide a listing any expenses to be billed, as incurred. Offeror shall be entitled to certain reimbursable expenses incurred during the performance of services under this contract. List shall include sufficient detail to clearly identify any and all items and/or services that are included in a particular line item. Individual items submitted on the schedule of reimbursables are subject to approval, disapproval or negotiation. Only items/services approved by the College and incorporated as part of the final contract shall be permitted for reimbursement under the contract. Reimbursables shall not include charges for expenses to attend national conferences; document duplication; shipping and postage; phone calls; research or publication expenses. | |
| **Description:** | **Rate:** |
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**References Form (10 points maximum)**

Evidence of ability to provide the requested services demonstrated by providing at least three (3) references of which you have performed Federal Lobbyist Services within the last five years. Three (3) independent references from three (3) different projects of similar scope, nature, and complexity to that requested by the College. The College prefers educational or governmental entity references. References will be scored. The College reserves the right to contact any reference to assist in the evaluation of the proposal, to verify, supplement and/or clarify information contained in the proposal and to discuss the vendor’s qualifications and the qualifications of any subcontractor identified in the proposal.

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| **REFERENCE 1** |
| Entity Name |
| Industry Type |
| Address, City, Province/State/Country |
| Contact Name, Title, Phone Number, and Email address |
| Year(s) service(s) provided |
| Brief description of contract services provided |

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| **REFERENCE 2** |
| Entity Name |
| Industry Type |
| Address, City, Province/State/Country |
| Contact Name, Title, Phone Number, and Email address |
| Year(s) service(s) provided |
| Brief description of contract services provided |

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| **REFERENCE 3** |
| Entity Name |
| Industry Type |
| Address, City, Province/State/Country |
| Contact Name, Title, Phone Number, and Email address |
| Year(s) service(s) provided |
| Brief description of contract services provided |