

Request for Interest

Alternative Dispute Resolution Program For Superior Court of California, County of Fresno

RFI 10-2019-DRPA

The Superior Court of California, County of Fresno, is seeking qualified vendors to provide Dispute Resolution Services (hereinafter "DRPA") as defined in the Dispute Resolution Programs Act (California Business and Profession Code §§ 465, et seq., hereinafter "**Act**") and its implementing regulations (Title 16 California Code of Regulations §§3600 et seq., hereinafter "**Regulations**") whose services assist parties in resolving disputes without the necessity of formal judicial proceedings. The Act and Regulations may be found as follows:

Act: http://www.dca.ca.gov/publications/drpa_statutes.shtml

Regulations:

[https://govt.westlaw.com/calregs/Browse/Home/California/CaliforniaCodeofRegulations?guid=I00F3AED0D49111DEBC02831C6D6C108E&originationContext=documenttoc&transitionType=Default&contextData=\(sc.Default\)](https://govt.westlaw.com/calregs/Browse/Home/California/CaliforniaCodeofRegulations?guid=I00F3AED0D49111DEBC02831C6D6C108E&originationContext=documenttoc&transitionType=Default&contextData=(sc.Default))

The Court seeks the services of a person(s) or entity(s) with expertise in mediating court cases in the areas of civil law, family law, and related cases. The successful vendor(s) will provide a Dispute Resolution Program that meets the Court's specific Goals, Objectives and Priorities as will be described in a following Request for Proposals, if solicited. Mediators will be trained in mediation according to the Act and Regulations and in any legal guidelines or processes related to the delivery of dispute resolution services for the Court. Mediations will be conducted at the B.F. Sisk courthouse as well as offices of the contracted provider(s).

The vendor(s) will provide the following deliverables, as directed by the Act, Regulations, and the Court:

- Dispute resolution services,
- General survey information collected from disputants served by the program, and
- Monthly activity reports including statistical data regarding the operating budget; the number of contacts for services; the source of the referrals; the number of mediation cases opened and/or in progress; the time expended on each case; the nature of the issues presented in mediation; the number of disputants served by the program; the number of partial and/or complete agreements reached in mediation; and the number of neutral persons providing services along with the time each spent providing services.

If yours is a business whose primary service is mediation, you are appropriately familiar with and trained in Act and Regulations services, and are interested in providing these services to the Superior Court of California, County of Fresno, please respond in an email to the following mailbox on or before **May 20, 2020 by 4 p.m.**

Solicitations@fresno.courts.ca.gov

Thank you.