



# PUEBLO OF POJOAQUE

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Re: REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR LEGAL REPRESENTATION IN OPIOID-RELATED LITIGATION

To Whom it May Concern:

I write at the direction of the Pueblo of Pojoaque Tribal Council to announce this Request for Proposals ("RFP") to represent the Pueblo of Pojoaque ("Pueblo") in opioid-related litigation against opioid manufacturers and distributors. The purpose of the litigation is to stop the public health and safety hazards within the Pueblo caused by the opioid epidemic, abate the nuisance caused thereby, and recover funds expended in response to the harms caused by the opioid industry's practices.

All qualifying proposals must be signed by an authorized representative of your Firm, and include the following information:

- Overview of the current status of opioid-related litigation by Tribal Nations and other governmental entities;
- Proposed litigation strategy, detailing the pros and cons of engaging in this litigation;
- Profile of your Firm or Consortium of Firms, including statement of Indian Ownership;
- Firm experience working on behalf of Indian Country;
- Firm experience working with the Pueblo of Pojoaque;
- Firm experience litigating healthcare and /or pharmaceutical-related lawsuits;
- Overview of proposed litigation team, with resumes for each team member;
- Proposed contingency fee arrangement and cost estimate;
- Statement on current workload, and firm's resulting ability to dedicate adequate time to representing the Pueblo's interests; and
- Disclosure of potential conflicts of interest.

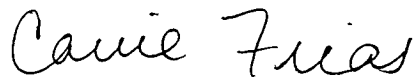
The Pueblo exercises Native American preference in employment. Your firm is solely responsible for all costs incurred in relation to your response to this RFP. The selected firm will be required to execute an attorney contract that expressly reserves the Pueblo's sovereign immunity. The attorney contract will be governed by Pojoaque law, and any disputes arising therefrom will be resolved in Pueblo of Pojoaque Tribal Court. The selected firm will be required to submit to Pueblo of Pojoaque Tribal Court jurisdiction for such purposes. The Pueblo of Pojoaque reserves the right to award or reject any proposal for any reason, or re-solicit for further proposals, as may be necessary to serve the Pueblo's best interest.

Please electronically submit your proposal in pdf format to [cfrias@pojoaque.org](mailto:cfrias@pojoaque.org) and [amartinez@pojoaque.org](mailto:amartinez@pojoaque.org) by 5:00 pm MST on July 20, 2018.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact the Pueblo of Pojoaque Legal Department at (505) 819-2253.

By submitting a proposal in response to this Request for Proposal, your Firm understands and agrees that the Pueblo of Pojoaque does not waive, alter, or otherwise diminish our sovereign immunity, whether expressed or implied, by virtue of this Request for Proposal.

Respectfully,



Carrie A. Frias  
Chief General Counsel