

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION
FOR
Legal Services

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSE ON RFQ

ISSUED BY:

WISCONSIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

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To:

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Question One: Could WEDC provide clarification on what work is included in the “Government and Public Administration” category?

2011 Wisconsin Act 7 created a new authority, known as the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC), to develop and implement economic programs to assist companies that are investing and creating jobs in Wisconsin and to support new business start-ups and business expansion and growth in this state. Act 7 exempted the WEDC from a number of statutory requirements, including, for example, those relating to state energy conservation, the state building program, DOA rules on employee surveillance, and required use of alternative fuels. As a quasi-governmental entity, WEDC may require legal guidance as to the scope of the laws that apply to the WEDC, particularly in areas that may require comparative analysis of laws governing Wisconsin state agencies or other quasi-governmental entities.

Question Two: Could WEDC provide historic/expected legal spend for each of the areas of law outlined in the RFQ?

The WEDC budget and ops plan allocates a budget line item for outside counsel spend that can be used for any legal needs that arise during the fiscal year (including but not limited to the various areas of law outlined in the RFQ).

The following identifies WEDC’s legal budget for the past three years:

- 2017: \$85,000*
- 2018: \$85,000
- 2019: \$100,000

* \$149,865.19 was specifically allocated by the WEDC Board for the legal fees associated with the Foxconn transaction.

Please note that the original schedule identified in the RFQ reserved June 28 for potential interviews with proposers. To the extent that interviews are required, they will be scheduled later in July.