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Request for Proposals (RFP)

Haisla Centre Masterplan in downtown Kitimat BC

August 19, 2024 -- yáqʷa Development Corporation is seeking proposals from qualified firms to develop a Master Plan for the Haisla Centre Project located in downtown Kitimat, BC.

Background

The Haisla Nation, through its economic development corporation, yáqʷa Development Corporation, is leading the development of the Haisla Centre Project, located at the site of the old Kitimat hospital. The land was acquired by the Haisla Nation from the Province of British Columbia and the development concept is supported by the District of Kitimat.

Haisla Centre envisions the construction of housing units, hotel complex, commercial and retail spaces, and other facilities. The first phase is complete and includes a 49-room building currently being leased to LNG Canada as housing for project employees. The vision for Phase 2 would see a broad range of residential and commercial spaces, and services and amenities for the community.

The Haisla Centre Master Plan is a significant development project which aims to identify land use and opportunities for a large parcel of fee simple land owned by the Haisla Nation. This Master Plan will play a crucial role in preserving and enhancing the economic, social and cultural well-being of the Haisla Nation through sustainable economic development in the industrial, commercial and retail spaces

The Master Plan will also serve as a guiding document for future development and economic growth in the region.

About yáqʷa

yáqʷa was established in 2024 as the economic development arm of the Haisla Nation. Our mandate is to develop, manage, and own the active businesses of the Haisla Nation, for the benefit of all members.

Our vision is to facilitate the education, employment, sustainability and multi-generational wealth that will empower the Haisla with the resources required to build a powerful and proud community, healthy in mind, body and spirit.





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Scope of Work

The successful firm will be responsible for the following tasks:

- Market review and ownership structure analysis
- Land use scenario planning
- Development of proposed land use plan and design strategy
- Site servicing implementation plan

Submission Requirements

Interested firms must provide the following information in their proposal:

1. Company profile and relevant experience in master planning projects.
2. Proposed timeline, approach, and methodology for completing the project.
3. Team composition with key personnel qualifications, roles, responsibilities, and relevant experience.
4. Detailed cost breakdown including all expenses such as project management fees, staff costs, travel expenses, and any other relevant expenses.
5. Three references from previous clients with contact information.

Evaluation Criteria

The proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Demonstrated experience and expertise in master planning projects
2. Proposed timeline and methodology for completing the project
3. Qualifications and relevant experience of key personnel
4. Overall cost of the proposed project plan

Selection Process

After reviewing all proposals, a shortlist of qualified firms will be selected for an interview with yáq'wa Development Corporation representatives. The final decision will be made based on the overall evaluation of the proposals and the interview.

Proposal Submission

Proposals must be submitted by **Sept. 30, 2024, at 3:00 PM PST** to the following email address: **lgrant@yaqwadevcorp.com**. Any proposal received after this deadline will not be considered.

Inquiries

Please direct any inquiries regarding this RFP in writing to:

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