

**Akwesasne Housing Authority Invitation for Indian-Owned Economic Enterprises to
Submit Statements of Intent to Respond to Upcoming Request for Proposals for
NYSERDA Certified Contractor**

The Akwesasne Housing Authority (AHA) has been awarded \$600,000.00 in funding from Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) to complete a high energy-efficiency housing rehabilitation project (AHA High Energy-Efficiency Initiative). The project will reduce energy costs for qualified SRMT community members by making their homes more energy efficient.

The AHA High Energy-Efficiency will likely cover approximately 20 elderly units located at 378 State Route 37, Hogansburg, NY and approximately 96 homes located at scattered sites within the boundaries of the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe (SRMT). Each unit will require varying degrees of rehabilitation, the general requirements of which have been previously determined by Home Energy Analysis Reports conducted in accordance with New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (“NYSERDA”) Residential Existing Homes Program (the “Program”) requirements for sample homes. However, Home Energy Analysis Reports will need to be conducted for the elderly housing units and other homes that have not yet received such reports.

AHA invites Indian-owned firms to submit a statement of intent to respond to an upcoming request for proposal for a NYSERDA-certified Contractor(s) to complete a high energy-efficient rehabilitation project for the above referenced project.

The AHA will receive such statements of intent until 2:00 p.m. local time on November 21, 2016 at the offices of AHA, 378 State Route 37, Suite A, Hogansburg, NY 13655. With its statement of intent, each Indian-owned firm must complete and submit the AHA’s Contractor’s Pre-Qualification Statement for the AHA High Energy-Efficiency Initiative that can be found on AHA’s website (www.aha-nsn.gov) and/or can be picked up at the offices of AHA.

Below is a partial list of the requirements that apply to the Project.

1. Because of the funding sources and requirements, the qualified RFP respondents must:
 - (a) Have BPI GoldStar Contractor status. See <http://www.bpi.org/goldstar.aspx> for information on BPI’s certification.
 - (b) Be in good standing as a BPI Goldstar Contractor with at least one employee holding either the BPI Building Analyst or BPI Energy Auditor certification and, to the extent applicable, have at least one employee holding the relevant specialty BPI certification(s) for the following activities:
 - (i) Air sealing;
 - (ii) Basement wall demo;
 - (iii) Duct sealing, installation, modification and balancing;
 - (iv) Furnace adjustment;

- (v) Installation of gable vents, bath fans, trap in bathroom plumbing;
- (vi) Attic insulation;
- (vii) Chimney removal;
- (viii) Basement window replacement;
- (ix) Gutter replacement;
- (x) Rim joist upgrades;
- (xi) Smoke & CO detector installation;
- (xii) Spray Foam application above grade basement walls, floor of overhang, overhangs, rim joists;
- (xiii) Venting bath fans, dryer and kitchen exhaust to exterior; and
- (xiv) Water heater replacement.

Please note that the certifications required under this requirement 1(b) may be held by the same individual.

- (c) Have a fully-executed and approved 2016-2017 NY Residential Existing Homes Program Contractor Participation Agreement (the “Agreement”) with NYSERDA. The Agreement must cover the service territory that includes all of the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe’s Reservation. Qualified RFP respondents must have full participation status under the Program and therefore cannot have a status of provisional, probationary, suspended, terminated or inactive.
- (d) Have a fully-executed and approved Low-Income Addendum (the “Addendum”) to 2016-2017 NY Residential Existing Homes Program Contractor Participation Agreement with NYSERDA.
- (e) Have commercial general liability insurance for bodily injury liability, including death, and property damage liability, incurred in connection with the performance of this Agreement, with minimum limits of \$1,000,000 in respect of claims arising out of personal injury or sickness or death of any one person, \$1,000,000 in respect of claims arising out of personal injury, sickness or death in any one accident or disaster, and \$1,000,000 in respect of claims arising out of property damage in any one accident or disaster.
- (f) Be willing to provide the homeowner a written warranty of labor and materials valid for a minimum of one (1) year from the date the service is performed. Equipment installed shall carry the manufacturer’s warranty, plus optional extended warranty coverage, if applicable. For installed measures not meeting Program requirements, as identified through a customer concern submission or confirmed through a quality assurance field inspection, the warranty shall, at the selected RFP respondent’s expense, be extended one year from the date the selected RFP respondent completed remediation to Program/manufacturer’s standards for all confirmed deficiencies.

2. Qualified RFP respondents must have obtained and maintain all required governmental licenses required for installing measures through the Program.
3. Qualified RFP respondents must have manufacturer's certifications for the installation of water heaters.
4. Qualified RFP respondents must have staff that has participated in the Spray Polyurethane Foam Alliance certification program for safe application of spray foam.
5. Qualified RFP respondents must agree to comply with the requirements of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 and the regulations in 24 C.F.R. Part 135 and Indian Preference laws in accordance with Section 101(k) of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act.
6. Qualified RFP respondents must agree to comply with and assist AHA in its compliance with 2 C.F.R. Part 200, 24 C.F.R. Parts 1000 (IHBG) and 24 C.F.R. Part 1003 (ICDBG).
7. Qualified RFP respondents must be registered with the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe's Compliance Division and will be required to comply with the Policy on Mohawk Preference.