



Below please find CCCERA's responses to questions submitted relating to the tax counsel and related legal services request for proposals.

Question:

Pursuant to Section II, Scope of Services, Item c) of the RFP, the Firm selected with have to demonstrate “[c]urrent Membership in the State Bar of California and admitted to practice in all Federal and State Courts in California.” Pursuant to Section V, Proposal Requirements, Item 6(a) of the RFP, the proposal must include a description of the qualifications of the persons proposed to work with CCCERA, including “[l]egal training, years of practice, area of specialization (include date of admittance to the California Bar).” Pursuant to the first paragraph of the RFP and Section II, Scope of Services of the RFP, CCCERA intends to select one or more attorneys and/or law firms as approved tax counsel and the attorneys and firms selected will have demonstrable qualifications as listed in the Scope of Services section. Pursuant to Section VI, Selection Process of the RFP, “[a]ny proposal that does not address all requested requirements or is incomplete will be rejected.”

In this regard, we want to confirm that we are not required to fully staff this matter with California-licensed lawyers. If we are required to fully staff this matter with California-licensed lawyers, we want to confirm whether CCCERA will consider a proposal to be complete that covers only federal tax law advice and that is staffed with an attorney who is a California-licensed lawyer, and attorneys which are in good standing to practice law in states other than California.

Answer:

CCCERA will accept and consider a proposal in response to CCCERA's RFP that at least includes a California-licensed attorney in good standing. Of course, in advising on federal tax law, lawyers in good standing with licensure in other states would be acceptable.