



Request for Proposal (RFP)
Michigan Department of Technology, Management and Budget (DTMB)
for
DEPARTMENT OF STATE (DOS) – FLINT, MI
SR #2015-0173

RFP Summary, Submission Requirements and Checklist

SUMMARY

Agency:	Department of State (DOS)
Location:	City of Flint
Square Footage/Use:	3,500-4000 sq. ft. /Office
Floor(s):	Ground
Parking Requirement:	50 spaces
Occupancy Date:	December 1, 2015
Broker:	The Miller Group of Saginaw, Inc.
Lease Agreement:	Standard form of state lease agreement is attached to this RFP.
Note:	The attached RFP and lease agreement contains energy efficiency requirements.
Other:	Proposals must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on July 17, 2015

SUBMISSION DOCUMENT CHECKLIST

- Written summary of proposal
- Complete Space Available Proposal (SAP) form
- Proof of ownership of property
- Proof of legal authority to enter into agreement (see attached "legal documentation and signature requirements checklist")
- Proposed floor plan
- Proposed site plan
- Proposed time line from executed date of agreement
- Proposed rendering
- Signed bidder's acknowledgement

SUBMISSION DUE DATE / PROCEDURES

Two (2) copies of each proposal, clearly indicating the appropriate proposal number SR #2015-0173, must be received by 5:00 p.m. E.S.T. on July 17, 2015 to: Robert M. Burns, Director, Real Estate Division, Michigan Department of Technology, Management and Budget, c/o Maureen S. Bailey, General Office Building, 7150 Harris Drive, Suite 3B, Dimondale, MI 48821 (or PO BOX 30026, Lansing, MI 48909).

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An electronic version of the proposal is also requested and should be submitted to dtmb-realestate@michigan.gov within 24 hours of the due date defined herein and please indicate the appropriate proposal number SR# 2015-0173 in the subject line.



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Introduction and Overview

The State of Michigan, by the Department of Technology, Management and Budget (DTMB/State or Lessee), for the Department of State (DOS) is evaluating their space alternatives in Flint, Michigan. The Miller Group of Saginaw Inc. is acting as agent for the State of Michigan. Please respond to the Request for Proposal (RFP) if you (Lessor or Bidder) have a potential location in the geographic boundaries set forth in this RFP. If you have more than one potential location, submit separate proposals for each location.

Please review and read this package thoroughly. Your proposal should be based on the sample documents and the requirements as detailed in this package.

Please be advised that State tax credits and incentives are administered by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC), who is the appropriate contact for resources and program information. The DTMB will not accept proposals contingent upon receiving credits, incentives or other project cost inducements.

The State reserves the right to waive any irregularities or defects in any submission; to request clarifications or additional information regarding proposals; to conduct a Best and Final Offer (BAFO); and to reject any and all proposals at its sole discretion. The submission of this RFP does not constitute an agreement to lease with the State. The State shall assume no liability whatsoever for any expense incurred by a Bidder in replying to this RFP. The State shall also assume no liability for any development risk of a successful bidder. A lease agreement, if completed, shall be with the proposal deemed to have offered the best value to the State of Michigan.

Pursuant to 1984 PA 431, as amended, ("The DMB Act"), the Department of Technology, Management and Budget is the only agency authorized to enter into lease agreements on behalf of the State of Michigan. No individual, employee or agent of the State of Michigan has authority to bind the State without proper authorization. Bidders are directed to section VI.4 Proposal Submission of this RFP for correct information on the submission of a proposal. Bidders are hereby notified that communications during the RFP process non-compliant with the Proposal Submission guidelines may result in disqualification of a proposal.

Any release to the public of information relating in any respect to the contemplated lease agreement or any other matters set forth (i.e. advertisement, ground breaking, press releases, etc.) must have prior written approval and be made only in the form approved by the DTMB Real Estate Division Director.

I. Space Requirements

- I.1. Location:** The space shall be located within the boundaries of E 2nd to the North, Court Street to the South, Harrison Street to the East, and Beach Street to the West. This includes properties on either side of the streets delineating the boundaries. Please identify the location of the space by street and mailing address.
- I.2. Space (Premises):** The State requires approximately 3,500-4,000 usable square feet of ground floor office space. The State reserves the right to increase or decrease the size of this requirement by up to 10%. Special circumstances may require more extensive program size changes.

Please verify that the Premises square footage is based upon the A.N.S.I. Z65.1 – 1996 method for calculating space.

- I.3. **Parking:** The State requires fifty (50) on site, paved, striped, illuminated parking spaces with handicap/special spaces as required. Please describe the parking provided at the site, including the total number of spaces available and provide detail as to how you will meet this parking requirement.
- I.4. **Occupancy/Commencement:** The Occupancy/Commencement Date is the latest date on which the improvements to the Premises are substantially complete and the Lessor secures a Certificate of Occupancy, or the Lessee begins beneficial use of the Premises. The Lessor will deliver the Premises to the Lessee no later than December 1, 2015.

II. Lease Term

- II.1. **Initial Lease Term:** The Initial Lease Term is for a minimum of Ten (10) years; however, the State will consider a longer lease term if economic benefits are deemed to be in the State's best interest.
- Please propose a fixed, or flat, rental rate for a Gross Lease: including all expenses – taxes, insurance, janitorial services, maintenance, etc.
- The State may elect to pay for utilities separately so please include a cost per square foot to reduce the rental rate if such occurs.
- II.2. **Renewal Option(s):** The State requires two (2) five (5) year options to renew with sixty (60) days advance written notice to the Lessor to exercise such option based on the terms and conditions defined in the Initial Lease. Please outline the rental rate for said option periods.
- II.3. **Adjustments/Escalations:** There will be no adjustments made to the rental consideration.
- II.4. **Allowances and Contributions:** Please include all allowances and contributions proposed with respect to design costs, construction, moving, and any allowance items (indicate a per square foot moving allowance in the space provided on the Space Available Proposal (SAP) form).
- II.5. **Concessions:** Given current market conditions, the State is very interested in acquiring market concessions for this transaction. Any concessions, especially the timing of such, will be a major factor in assessing proposals received. Concessions may include reduced rent, free rent, moving allowances or any other item you are willing to incorporate into the proposal. Clearly a combination of these items may be included also.
- II.6. **Cancellation:** Standard cancellation requiring 90 days written notice. All State leases for real property are required to contain a cancellation provision as established within the framework of the Michigan Constitution. The attached SAP form and sample lease contain this provision.
- II.7. **Security Deposit:** The State will not provide a security deposit.
- II.8. **Brokerage:** The Miller Group of Saginaw Inc. (Broker) is the assigned Broker for the State with respect to this transaction. A commission is due to The Miller Group of Saginaw Inc. (Broker) at a rate to be negotiated with the Lessor at the end of the project, but will not exceed five percent (5%) and can ONLY be applied to the first five years of any lease's Base Rent. The commission agreement will be solely between The Miller Group of Saginaw Inc. (Broker) and the successful Bidder. Contact information is provided in Section VI.4 and the commission agreement is included as part of this RFP package.

Mandatory Pricing Requirements

This contract has a set commission rate, not to exceed 5%.

All brokers performing services will permit their commission rate to be negotiated with the Lessor, but will not exceed five percent (5%) and can ONLY be applied to the first five years of any lease's Base Rent.

Base Rent is defined as the net rate of the lease and excludes adjustments, utilities, amortized tenant improvements, and any charge that is not rolled into the long term flat annual rate of the lease.

The Broker's portion of the project will be considered complete once a lease is executed by the Lessor and approved by the Michigan Office of the Attorney General. Lessors are not obligated to pay a commission until rent is authorized by the State.

Additional Commission Rate Provisions:

A. Final negotiated compensation to Broker shall be disclosed to the State prior to Lease award.

B. Broker is authorized to divide compensation with other brokers in any manner acceptable to Broker and Lessor.

C. In the event that the State elects not to lease Property during the term hereof or otherwise cancels this agreement, the State is under no obligation to pay a Broker fee or any other compensation.

- II.9. Alternative Terms:** The State may consider proposals with alternative lease terms and conditions if such are determined to be in the best financial interest of the State; however, bidders are encouraged to respond to the specific requirements listed in this RFP, as alternative proposals may or may not be considered. All proposed alterations from the standard form of lease agreement attached to this RFP must be clearly identified. The State must receive sufficient information to accurately assess all proposals. The State reserves the sole and exclusive right to consider alternative proposals, to seek proposal clarification, and to reject any and all proposals.

III. Building Standards and Systems

- III.1. Building and Tenant Improvements:** If you are submitting proposal(s) for either a build to suit or an existing building requiring remodeling work, reference the attached State of Michigan Minimum Design Standards for guidelines. The Lessor will be responsible for providing the Premises in a turnkey condition.

If your proposal is a new build requiring site approval, the final approved plan of the Premises must comply with your response to this RFP, including parking requirements.

Please provide a detailed description of the building and other material descriptions; for example, explain the HVAC system, the type of access and security system and procedures, and the telecommunications services available, barrier free design, etc. that will allow the State to understand the quality and appearance of the building.

- III.2. Construction Taxes, Permits and Fees:** The Lessor is responsible for all taxes, permits, fees, etc., required for any construction and/or remodeling. The Lessor is responsible for all necessary inspections by the architect/engineer during the construction and/or remodeling.
- III.3. Network and Telecommunication Services:** The State of Michigan requires state of the art infrastructure and telecommunication products to support voice, data and video systems. Telecommunication items incorporated in this building project shall adhere to ANSI/EIA/TIA and BICSI Standards. The detailed specification for telecommunications may override the ANSI/EIA/TIA and BICSI standards in some areas due to changes in technology. In addition to the ANSI/EIA/TIA and BICSI Standards, all applicable building standards and codes must be incorporated. Lease spaces shall meet or exceed current industry Standards relating to building spaces, pathways and equipment which will be required from the building owner in order to achieve compliance.
- III.4. Environmental Disclosure:** The Lessor covenants that he/she has undertaken a due diligence inquiry of the Premises. The Premises, and property on which the Premises is located, is free of any toxic, hazardous or injurious substances as defined under Federal and State laws and regulations. The attached sample lease contains environmental provisions that must be adhered to when entering into a lease with the State of Michigan. These provisions, as recited in the lease agreement, will not be altered. Proposers are directed to the attached lease agreement to review all environmental requirements.

IV. Forms and Documents

- IV.1. Enclosed Documents:** The enclosed documents (electronic copies only) are provided to assist you in establishing your rental rate:
- Sample Lease
 - State of Michigan Minimum Building Design Standards and Additional Standards, if applicable. These standards are to be used in determining the cost of remodeling and/or construction.
 - Floor plans, if applicable
 - Janitorial and Recycling Standards
 - Legal Documentation and Signature Requirements
 - Excerpt from PA 295 of 2008
 - ANSI Standards
 - Bidder's Acknowledgment

- IV.2. Space Available Proposal Form(s):** To be considered, your proposal shall be made on the enclosed Space Available Proposal form(s) and all blank spaces on the form(s) shall be filled in. Please note: Proposal forms not completely filled in may be rejected.

Your signature shall be in longhand, and no part of the proposal form shall be altered (except for your alternate proposals, if any).

- IV.3. Standard Lease Form:** All leases entered into by the State of Michigan are based on the Standard Lease form pre-approved by the Attorney General's office, which is enclosed with this RFP. Any requested exceptions or alterations to this Standard Lease form must accompany your proposal. However, the Attorney General's office must approve as to legal form any proposed revisions. Exceptions to the Standard Lease form may have an impact on the recommendation. The State of Michigan reserves the right to make further modifications to the Lease document to accurately reflect final business terms.

V. Required Approvals for State Leases

- V.1. Requirements for State Leases:** The proposed Lease shall not be binding or effective on either party until approved as to legal form by the Department of Attorney General; signed and notarized by the Lessor and the Lessee; approved by the State Administrative Board, and signed and notarized by the Department of Management and Budget. If the Lease or any subsequent amendments to it fall within the requirements of 1984 PA 431, as amended, MCL 18.1101 *et seq.* ("The DMB Act"), the Lease and any subsequent amendments to it shall also require approval of the Joint Capital Outlay Subcommittee of the Legislature. The effective date of the proposed Lease is the date the last State governmental approval is obtained as set forth on the signature page. At any time prior to the last State governmental approval, the State reserves the right to reject the proposal and terminate the Lease approval process.
- V.2. Legal Documentation:** Pursuant to The DMB Act (Public Act 431, as amended) all leases must be approved as to legal form by the Attorney General's office, which includes the submission of documentation necessary to evidence legal authority of Bidder to enter into the lease agreement, including the signatory's authority to bind. For your convenience, a guideline indicating necessary legal documentation is included with this RFP. Failure to provide appropriate legal documentation may result in your proposal being rejected.

VI. Selection Criteria and Submission

- VI.1. Selection Criteria:** The selection of the recommended proposal is based on, but is not limited to, the following criteria:
- A clear and concise proposal, particularly in terms of dates, numbers, dollars, and any other information requested in this RFP. Vague and/or general proposals may be rejected.
 - The ability to comply with Barrier Free Design
 - The ability to meet any build out specifications and timelines, and special needs of the Lessee
 - The overall condition of the building, including infrastructure, HVAC, property, etc. (existing space)
 - The overall cost, which is deemed in the best interest of the State
 - The type of accessibility (e.g. roads, public transportation, etc.)
 - The type of utilities available

VI.2. Required Documents: Please return the following documents for our review and consideration. Please note: Failure to provide the following may result in your proposal being rejected.

- Written Summary of Proposal
- Completed Space Available Proposal form(s)
- Proof of ownership of Property
- Proof of Legal authority to enter into the proposed agreement
- Proposed Floor Plan (you must show how the State's requirements, using State standards, will fit in your proposed site)
- Proposed Site Plan
- Project timeline from date of executed agreement
- Proposed Rendering
- Signed Bidder's Acknowledgement
- Signed Commission Agreement

VI.3. Lease Questions and Answers: Questions concerning clarifications or standards contained in this RFP are to be submitted by e-mail only (please indicate the appropriate proposal number in the subject line) no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 24, 2015 to dtmb-realestate@michigan.gov

All questions and answers will be posted to the website at www.michigan.gov/dtmb-realestate no later than June 30, 2015. Prospective Bidders should check the website for any updates, questions and answers.

The State or The Miller Group of Saginaw Inc. (Broker Name) will not respond to telephone inquiries or visits by Bidders or their representatives, or respond to questions after the due date.

VI.4. Proposal Due Date: Two (2) copies of each proposal, clearly indicating the appropriate proposal number SR 2015-0173, must be received by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on July 17, 2015 to:

Robert M. Burns, Director, DTMB Real Estate Division
c/o Maureen Bailey, Property Specialist
General Office Building, Suite 3B
7150 Harris Drive
Dimondale, MI 48821
OR
PO BOX 30026
Lansing, MI 48909

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All proposals shall be valid for one-hundred and twenty (120) days from the submission due date, unless mutually agreed to in writing by both parties.

VI.5. Best and Final Offer (BAFO): A BAFO may be requested at the sole and exclusive discretion of the DTMB or its agent. A BAFO or other alteration to original proposals submitted after the Proposal Due Date will not be accepted unless requested in writing by the DTMB or its agent.

A BAFO may be requested from one or more proposers during the review and evaluation process. If the evaluation process does not lead to a viable recommendation and there are alterations to the original RFP requirements, the requirements will be presented to all Bidders with a due date for submission.

Bidders will not be provided any information about other proposals, or where a Bidder stands in relation to others, at any time during the evaluation process.

VI.6. State Acceptance and Authority: After all proposals have been analyzed and the recommendation is made to and accepted by the Department, DTMB will notify all Bidders accordingly. Any proposals not meeting the minimum requirements of the enclosed sample lease and instructions may be rejected.

It is the State's practice to select the lowest most responsive bid in consideration of all factors set forth in this RFP. The lowest bid does not necessarily mean it will be selected.

The DMB Act (1984 Public Act 431, as amended) specifies that the DTMB is the only Department authorized to enter into lease agreements, subject to obtaining all necessary approvals. No individual, employee or agent of the State of Michigan has authority to bind the State without proper authorization.

In accordance with the above, oral and written promises or representations made regarding a lease agreement, existing or proposed, or transmittal of written documents that have not been approved by the State Administrative Board, shall not be binding on the State. You must receive a fully executed document, signed by an authorized representative of the DTMB, for an agreement to be valid.

Thank you for your interest in doing business with the State of Michigan.