

Redistricting Mapping Assistance and Expertise

SCHEDULE A STATEMENT OF WORK CONTRACT ACTIVITIES

BACKGROUND

Every 10 years following the U.S. Census, district lines for political offices must be redrawn in states across the country to accurately reflect their population. In Michigan, a randomly selected commission of citizens is responsible for drawing U.S. Congressional and Michigan State House and Senate district lines. Voters amended the state constitution in the November 2018 general election to make citizens — not legislators or special interests — responsible for drawing district lines (called “redistricting”). The commission is composed of 13 randomly selected Michigan registered voters: four who affiliate with the Democratic Party, four who affiliate with the Republican Party, and five who do not affiliate with either major political party. In September 2020, the randomly-selected Commission convened for the first time. The Redistricting Mapping Experts will assist the Commission in fulfilling their constitutional obligations as they embark on a new process involving new redistricting criteria and requiring transparency and public engagement throughout the map drawing process. Final maps must be completed and approved by November 1, 2021.

For additional information please visit: <http://www.redistrictingmichigan.org>

The Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (ICRC) in conjunction with the ICRC Executive Director is responsible for administering the redistricting process of this historic effort. The constitutional requirements for the redistricting process require redistricting assistance to complete. To that end, the ICRC and the ICRC Executive Director are seeking outside help to perform redistricting for the State of Michigan. Redistricting includes United States Congressional Districts as well as the State of Michigan Senatorial and Representative Districts.

Though the Michigan model is a first-of-its-kind effort, other states are likely to follow in the years ahead as voters enact similar measures tout the power to draw district lines in the hands of citizens.

SCOPE

The ICRC Commission and the ICRC Executive Director are seeking independent redistricting assistance and expertise in addressing these three constitutional requirements:

1. Perform redistrict mapping of Michigan United States Congressional Districts.
2. Perform redistrict mapping of Michigan State Senatorial Districts.
3. Perform redistrict mapping of Michigan State Representative Districts.

We are looking for experienced redistricting experts, who are well respected, independent, and trusted within their field. We are seeking a contractor or firm (hereafter, “firm”) with integrity and nonpartisan reputation, as well as ample experience ensuring redistricting processes are fair and consistent with the necessary requirements. The firm entrusted with this responsibility will be expected to work to perform and validate the redistricting processes in conjunction with the ICRC Commission and the ICRC Executive Director personnel complying with the constitutional requirements outlined above.

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It is expected that multiple drafts of each redistricting mapping requirement as well as the final deliverables will be required. Drafts will be revised with coordination between the ICRC Commissioners and the bidder.

REQUIREMENTS

1. General Requirements

1.1 Key Deliverable One

For the first constitutional requirement outlined in the scope above (United States Congressional Redistricting):

- (a) Provide a work plan to perform redistrict mapping of Michigan's United States Congressional Districts.
- (b) Detail how to demonstrate to the ICRC Commission and the public that the redistricting complies with Michigan constitutional requirements and the Voting Rights Act of 1965.
- (c) Identify all data resources that will be used in the redistricting. The ICRC Commission reserves the right to add additional electronic data resources as well as manual Communities of Interest data.
- (d) It is expected that the bidder will provide redistricting software for use in the redistricting process. Identify the software platform that is recommended to use, how it will be used among the bidders team and the ICRC in the work plan, and why this software is recommended above other alternatives.

1.2 Key Deliverable Two

For the second constitutional requirement outlined in the scope above (Michigan State Senatorial Redistricting):

- (a) Provide a work plan to provide redistrict mapping of Michigan's State Senatorial Redistricting.
- (b) Detail how to demonstrate to the ICRC Commission and the public that the redistricting complies with Michigan constitutional requirements and the Voting Rights Act of 1965.
- (c) Identify all data resources that will be used in the redistricting. The ICRC Commission reserves the right to add additional electronic data resources as well as manual Communities of Interest data.
- (d) It is expected that the bidder will provide redistricting software for use in the redistricting process. Identify the software platform that is recommended to use, how it will be used among the bidders team and the ICRC in the work plan, and why this software is recommended above other alternatives.

1.3 Key Deliverable Three

For the third constitutional requirement outlined in the scope above (Michigan State Representative Redistricting):

- (a) Provide a work plan to provide redistrict mapping of Michigan's State Representative Districts.
- (b) Detail how to demonstrate to the ICRC Commission and the public that the redistricting complies with Michigan constitutional requirements and the Voting Rights Act of 1965.
- (c) Identify all data resources that will be used in the redistricting. The ICRC Commission reserves the right to add additional electronic data resources as well as manual Communities of Interest data.
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