



# Oglala Lakota Housing Authority

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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS "In-House Legal Counsel Services 26,27,28."

Oglala Lakota Housing Authority ("OLHA"), a Tribally Designated Housing Entity (TDHE), is requesting proposals from qualified Attorney or Law Firms for legal counsel services relating to CY2026, CY2027 and CY2028:

### Scope of Work

Legal Counsel shall be retained for the purpose of providing legal counsel services for OLHA Planning and Administration, Maintenance, Development, Construction, Housing Services, OLHA – TDHE & LIHTC projects in addition to other projects assigned and related to OLHA grants and accounting management.

### Proposals shall include:

1. The name, address, phone, and fax number of the attorney or firm applying. If the applicant is a firm, the key personnel who will perform this work.
2. For each partner and associate of the firm who will perform this work should include: the name, law school degrees and their respective dates, bar memberships, licenses, other relevant education, and experience, with respective dates.
3. The names, addresses and telephone numbers of at least 3 references, preferably TDHE's, other tribal entities, or other non-tribal entities involved in similar public housing work.
4. A description of experience which is pertinent to the scope of work described above. Experience representing TDHE's, and related work should be emphasized.
5. A description of any prior work done for Oglala Lakota Housing Authority, including experience practicing in the OLHA Office of Eviction and Hearings ("OEH").
6. A statement of attesting whether or not the Firm has any legal services contract with the Oglala Sioux Tribe.
7. Hourly rates charged for each attorney in the firm and additional charges OLHA will incur.
8. A list of all disciplinary proceedings in any jurisdiction, including administrative, initiated against any of the attorneys employed by the firm, with a description of the facts and disposition of such proceedings.
9. Indian preference will be given in making this award. Any firm seeking such preference must provide a copy of their tribal ID/CDIB and provide evidence that it is not less than 51% Indian owned and controlled. Those that satisfy this requirement will be given up to 15 extra points.
10. All proposals must contain a commitment to provide Indian preference in (A) subcontracting, (B) training, and (C) employment, and must contain a statement describing the methods that will be used to provide such preferences. This statement will be evaluated as part of the submitted proposal, and up to 10 points of the total points available will be set aside for evaluation of this statement.



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### Selection Criteria:

Selection will be based on the following point system: *Up to 215 possible points.*

1. Experience in representing Oglala Lakota Housing Authority and TDHE's and Number of other Tribal housing programs that firm represented in the past and recently.  
(0 to 15 points)
2. Knowledge and experience in Federal Indian, Tribal and State Law.  
(0 to 10 points)
3. Knowledge and experience in HUD Publicly Assisted and Indian Housing Law, including the Native American Housing Assistance & Self Determination Act (NAHASDA)  
(0 to 10 points)
4. Knowledge and experience in Construction & Contracting processes and Construction Law.  
(0 to 10 points)
5. Knowledge and experience in land use Law and Conveyances.  
(0 to 10 points)
6. Knowledge and experience in personnel and employment law.  
(0 to 10 points)
7. Experience in landlord/tenant matters.  
(0 to 10 points)
8. Experience in eviction proceedings in the OLHA OEH.  
(0 to 10 points)
9. Proficient in the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit housing and all that LIHTC entails.  
( 0 to 10 Points)
10. Cost of Legal fees charged, based on hourly rates for each individual or Firm.  
(0 to 70 points)
11. No prior legal disciplinary action within any jurisdiction or administrative venue initiated against any of the attorneys employed by the firm.  
(0 to 25 points)
12. Evaluation of Indian Preference in Training Employment and Contracting  
(0 to 10 points)
13. Indian Preference for Indian Owned Firms  
(0 to 15 points)

Firms requesting additional information or the proposal process from OLHA may call (605) 867-6370, or e-mail Noah Holder at [noah.holder@oslh.org](mailto:noah.holder@oslh.org).

Firms/attorney wishing to submit proposals may submit their request to OLHA by mail to Oglala Lakota Housing Authority, Attn: Carrie Rowland, CEO, P.O. Box 603, East Hwy. 18, Pine Ridge, South Dakota 57770.

All proposals must be received no later than **Friday at 4:30 p.m. Mountain time, March 27, 2026**. Proposals shall be submitted in triplicate in a sealed envelope clearly marked "In-House Legal Counsel Services 26,27,28." OLHA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any or all deficiencies.