Request for Information on Lobbying Services

Purpose and Intent
The Alaska Library Association is soliciting information from experienced and qualified professionals who are interested in entering into a contract to work collaboratively to represent the Association as our State Lobbyist for the 2017 session of the Alaska Legislature. The selected lobbyist will enter into a term contract for the period of one year with an option for an additional year extension based upon a satisfactory review by the Executive Council of the Alaska Library Association.

Background
The Alaska Library Association (AkLA) is a nonprofit professional organization serving the employees, volunteers, and advocates at academic, public, school, and special libraries of all sizes in Alaska, as well as vendors of library products and services. The association represents all Alaska libraries and library personnel.

AkLA exists to bring the Alaska library community together through learning, advocacy, and collaborative action.

Scope of Work
The selected candidate will communicate directly with appropriate public officials for the purpose of influencing legislative or administrative action on behalf of the Alaska Library Association. The association will require the contractor to furnish all labor, materials, equipment, tools, supervision, communications, reproduction, and facilities necessary to perform the desired services.

In this regard, the selected candidate will receive guidance for lobbying efforts from AkLA through the President and the Advocacy Committee Chair and will work to promote, advocate, support, oppose, or delay any appropriate legislative action.

The selected candidate will be required to provide reports and professional advice to AkLA regarding lobbying efforts. In this regard the candidate will maintain regular contact with the President of AkLA and the Advocacy Committee Chair on the status of legislation or funding that directly effects, furthers, or harms libraries in Alaska; provide written reports to AkLA that include contacts, progress made on behalf of the Association, changes in the status of relevant legislation and anticipated problem areas; and travel to the Alaska Library Association annual conference to provide a report to the membership.
The work includes, but is not limited to, the following:

In accordance with standards and criteria of the Alaska Library Association, assist the Association in furthering its legislative priorities and securing state funding.

**Required Informational Content**

Information must include cover letter, resume, experience, deliverables, client list, State of Alaska Lobbying Ethics Training Certificate, proposed fee, and references.

Correspondence will be received by the President of the Alaska Library Association:

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