REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL: COMPREHENSIVE HOUSING MARKET ANALYSIS

City of Joplin, Missouri

2021

I. NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Invitation

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received before 5:00 p.m. CDT on Monday, February 8, 2021, at the Planning & Community Development Department, at City Hall, 602 S Main Street, Joplin, Missouri 64801 for Housing Market Analysis for the City of Joplin.

Description

The City is hereby requesting written proposals to provide a Comprehensive Housing Market Analysis for the City of Joplin.

The City will receive proposals from Respondents having specific experience and qualifications in the area identified in this solicitation. For consideration, proposals for this project must contain evidence of the Proposer's experience and abilities in the specified area and other disciplines directly related to the proposed service. Other information required by The City may be included elsewhere in this solicitation.

RFP timeline

Name of the Proposal	Comprehensive Housing Market Analysis
Date of Issuance	Sunday, January 17, 2021
Deadline for Proposal Submittal	Monday, February 8, 2021 before 5:00 p.m. CDT PROPOSALS TIME-STAMPED AT 5:00 P.M. OR AFTER ARE LATE.
Submit Proposal to: *Submit in a sealed envelope* *Address exactly as stated.*	City of Joplin Sealed Proposal: Comprehensive Housing Market Analysis Planning, Development & Neighborhood Services 602 S Main Street Joplin MO 64801
Point of Contact	Thomas Walters Community Development Planner twalters@joplinmo.org Phone: (417) 624-0820 Ext. 539 Fax: (417) 625-4738

Respondents shall restrict all contact with the City and direct all questions regarding this RFP, including questions regarding terms and conditions and technical specifications, to the Point of Contact.

II. FORMAT FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

General Instructions

Qualifications shall be prepared SIMPLY AND ECONOMICALLY, providing a straightforward, CONCISE description of the Respondent's ability to meet the requirements of this RFP. Emphasis shall be on the QUALITY, completeness, clarity of content, responsiveness to the requirements, and an understanding of the City's needs.

Responses shall be a maximum of twenty (20) printed pages. The cover, table of contents, divider sheets, work examples, Submission Form & Cost Summary Form do not count as printed pages. Respondents shall carefully read the information contained in this RFP and submit a complete response to all requirements and questions as directed. Incomplete qualifications will be considered non-responsive and subject to rejection. Responses and any other information submitted by Respondents in response to this RFP shall become the property of the City.

The City will not compensate Respondents for any expenses incurred in Response preparation or for any presentations that may be made, unless agreed to in writing in advance or required by law. Respondents submit the Proposal at their own risk and expense.

Responses that are qualified with conditional clauses, alterations, items not called for in the RFP documents, or irregularities of any kind are subject to rejection by the City, at the City's option.

The City makes no representations of any kind that an award will be made as a result of this RFP or subsequent interview or recommendation. The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Responses, waive any formalities or minor technical inconsistencies, or delete any item/requirements from this RFP when deemed to be in City's best interest.

Responses shall consist of answers to the questions asked in the RFP. It is not necessary to repeat the question in the Proposal; however, it is essential to reference the question number with the corresponding answer.

Failure to comply with requirements contained in this RFP may result in the rejection of the Proposal.

III. SUBMITTAL INSTRUCTIONS

Financial Proposal

This portion of the proposal shall include ONLY the proposed cost. The City is requesting two (2) prices. The first price is a lump sum price to create the initial Competitive Housing Market Analysis. The second price is a set fee to update the analysis at 6 months after the initial report and 1 year after the initial report. The second price should reflect a price per each update so that the City can determine whether or not to select a one, both, or none of the update options. This decision to elect to have the initial study updated will be solely made by the City of Joplin. The City of Joplin does not guarantee that the contract will include any update options. These prices are all-inclusive, including all expenses (personnel, office rent, copy work, mileage, etc.). The City of Joplin will not pay any other expenses.

Non-Financial Proposal

In order to facilitate the analysis of responses to this RFP, Consultants are required to prepare their proposals in accordance with the instructions outlined in this section. Consultants whose proposals deviate from these instructions may be considered nonresponsive and may be disqualified at the discretion of the City of Joplin.

Proposals shall be prepared as simply as possible and provide a straightforward, concise description of the Consultant's capabilities to satisfy the requirements of the RFP. Expensive bindings, color displays, promotional materials, etc., are not necessary or desired. Emphasis shall be concentrated on accuracy, completeness, and clarity of content.

A. Each of the eight (8) sections listed below shall be tabbed and labeled.

B. Each page shall be numbered on the bottom right hand corner.

C. Submit one (1) original proposal and five (5) copies and one Pdf. on CD or USB.

D. The proposal shall be organized as follows:

Proposed Tab Section	Title
1.0	Cover letter
2.0	Executive summary
3.0	Company background
4.0	Company prior experience
5.0	Responses to scope of services
6.0	Sample report document(s)
7.0	Signature page form
8.0	Proposal cost summary form

IV. SPECIFICATIONS OF SERVICES REQUESTED:

General Statement:

The City of Joplin is seeking a qualified consultant to perform market research and analysis for housing demands in the City of Joplin. The Consultant shall have significant experience in market research analysis, and include at least one (1) but no more than three (3) example(s) of previous analysis projects with their proposal. Examples should demonstrate that the Consultant has completed a full market analysis in the past and show what sources of data were used, methodology, recommendations, etc.

The selected Consultant shall be expected to use accepted professional standards and practices to develop an initial market research analysis based on the following criteria, and to consistently review and update the data related to housing demand in the area of the City of Joplin. Some items within the Scope of Service have items the Respondent is encouraged to respond to within the proposal but is not required. Response to these items will noted when reviewing the company responsiveness evaluation criteria.

Scope of Services:

1. Describe the explicit methodology that will be used for determining all items listed in this scope of services. A description of any models or similar approaches upon which final recommendations will be made will be considered.

2. Quantify current housing market conditions for owner-occupied and rental market sectors, utilizing primary and secondary research methods including but not limited to: one-on-one interviews with primary sources (major employers, developers, builders, realtors, City staff), housing vacancies, wait lists, MLS data, prospect traffic levels, Census data, assessor's data, building permit data and other appropriate measures.

3. Develop population and household estimates & projections for each of the affected urban neighborhood or blockgroup. The results of other housing studies that were performed before and after the 2011 tornado will be provided by request. A comparative index of neighborhood health indicators to the extent of data available is encouraged.

4. Required to identify information on the number of units, rental rates, sale prices, accessibility, unit and home size, features and amenities of current housing stock. A substantial portion of the area's rental stock is non-conventional single-family conversion rental properties. Survey and analysis of non-conventional rental stock is strongly encouraged.

5. Determine reasonable rates of absorption for replacement housing programs including short-, mid-, and long-term housing demand estimates by income levels and price point of housing stock.

6. Identify the number of units that have been, or potentially will be, removed and not replaced.

7. Identify strategies, approaches, and recommendations for satisfying the identified housing needs.

8. Estimate the demand for rental and owned units based on income including recommendations on how which type of developments/programs can meet this demand.

9. Identify specific areas of the City to focus redevelopment and housing replacement efforts.

10. Identify general location (Census Block Group level detail at minimum) where new housing developments may be appropriate.

11. The Consultant shall provide professional quality deliverables in an electronic format, including the use of readable and useful charts, graphics and tables.

12. Provide a minimum proposed timeline to complete scope of work.

V. Selection Timeline:

January 17th, 2021: Advertise RFP

February 8th, 2021 5pm: Sealed Bids Due

February 9th, 2021: Bid Opening

February 10th – February 16th, 2021: Proposal review and negotiation

February 17th, 2021: Notice of Selection

February 22rd, 2021: Deadline to finalize written agreement

March 1st, 2021: Contract taken to City Council by City Staff

April 5th, 2021: Ordinance effective, Notice to Proceed

VI. EVALUATION PROCEDURE AND FACTORS TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE EVALUATION PROCESS:

Qualifications of Proposers

The Proposer may be required before the award of any contract to show to the complete satisfaction of The City that it has the necessary facilities, ability, and financial resources to provide the services specified herein in a satisfactory manner. The Proposer may also be required to give a past history and references in order to satisfy The City in regard to the Proposer's qualifications. The City may make reasonable investigations deemed necessary and proper to determine the ability of the Proposer to perform the work, and the Proposer shall furnish to The City all information for this purpose that may be requested. The City reserves the right to reject any offer if the evidence submitted by, or investigation of, the Proposer fails to satisfy The City that the Proposer is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the contract and to complete the work described therein. Evaluation of the Proposer's qualifications shall include:

A. The ability, capacity, skill, financial and other necessary resources to perform the work or provide the service required;
B. The ability of the Proposers to perform the work or provide the service promptly or within the time specified, without delay or interference;
C. The character, integrity, reputation, judgment, experience, and efficiency of the Proposer, and;
D. The quality of performance of previous contracts or services.

A selection committee made up of qualified City staff shall review and evaluate all responses. The selection committee will have only the response to the solicitation to review for selection of finalists. It is therefore important that respondents emphasize specific information pertinent to the work.

In general, the proposals will be evaluated based on, but not limited to, the general evaluation criteria stated below and the completeness, clarity and content of the proposal.

Proposal Evaluation Criteria

Proposals, which the City determines in its sole discretion, that are deemed responsive to this RFP, will be reviewed and evaluated by the City. The City reserves the right to request Consultants to make one or more presentations to the City at the City's offices at the Consultant's sole cost and expense, addressing Consultants' ability to achieve the scope of the work of this RFP. Proposals will be evaluated, in part, according to whether the Consultant meets the minimum qualifications and submits a proposal complying with all the requirements of this RFP.

Evaluation of vendor proposals will be based on the following criteria:

20% Methodology – that the vendor will use to conduct work outlined in RFP and evidence of ability to perform the work described herein.
20% Experience – previous experience performing related projects of complex nature, including, but not limited to, similar size and type of organization.

20% Timeliness – will be based on minimum timeline included in the proposal to complete the scope of work.

30% Cost of proposal – must contain a cost for the requested scope of work in a "not to exceed" amount.

10% Staff – capability and availability of professional staff to serve the City of Joplin in a competent and timely manner.

*Note: length of timeline to conduct study is a criteria for selection. The response must a minimum time to complete the work as part of the proposal.

After the selection process, the Selection Committee shall negotiate on behalf of the City of Joplin, a contract based on the fees and fee structure as submitted in the proposal. The City of Joplin reserves the right to delete elements or expand the scope of the contract based on the negotiated fees at the time of contract letting.

VII. GENERAL INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS

Minimum Effective Period of Proposal

All proposals are required to remain in effect for at least 120 days from the date submitted to The City for review. This should be taken into account during budget preparations.

Public Information

All information, documentation, and other materials submitted in response to this solicitation are considered non-confidential and/or non-proprietary and are subject to public disclosure.

Type of Contract

The final contract form shall be negotiated between and be mutually acceptable to the parties. Any contract(s) resulting from this effort will be negotiated at the sole discretion of City of Joplin (the "City"), and/or their agents.

Clarifications and Interpretations

Any clarifications or interpretations of this RFP that materially affect or change its requirements will be provided by the City as an addendum. All such addenda issued by the City shall be issued before the proposals are due as part of the RFP, and all Respondents shall acknowledge receipt of and incorporate each addendum in its Responses.

Respondents shall consider only those clarifications and interpretations that the City issues by addenda five (5) days prior to the submittal deadline. Interpretations or clarifications in any other form, including oral statements, will not be binding on the City and should not be relied upon in preparing its Responses.

No Lobbying

Respondent acknowledges and accepts that from the Date of Issuance of the RFP until a final decision has been made by the City, it will not take any action, make any effort or support or engage others on its behalf to take actions or efforts with attempt to influence the decision making process for this RFP in the favor of the Respondent. This includes direct contact with the City Council, City Manager and City staff of the City of Joplin, board members of the Selection Committee, board members of the Joplin Chamber, board members of the Joplin School Board, and others who may be engaged in the process. Additionally, the Respondent acknowledges and accepts that it will not attempt to use public communication such as the news media, social media, etc. as a means of attempting to influence the RFP evaluation or decision making process. Any Respondent violating any of the aforementioned conditions is subject to immediate disqualification from consideration

Deadline for Submission of Interest

The Respondent will submit its Proposal at the time and location described below:

Time/Date: Received by 5:00 PM CDT on Monday, February 8, 2021. RFPs received after this time and date will not be accepted.

To: City of Joplin
Sealed Proposal: Competitive Housing Market Analysis
Planning, Development & Neighborhood Services
602 S. Main Street
Joplin, MO 64801

The Respondent shall submit one (1) original with five (5) identical copies of the Response in print and with one PDF copy provided on CD or USB drive. An original signature must be included on the "THE CITY OF JOPLIN REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORM" document submitted with original document.

Late received Responses will be returned to the Respondent unopened. Properly submitted Reponses by the Respondents will not be returned. Hard copies of RFP materials must be enclosed in a sealed envelope (box or container) addressed as noted above; the package must clearly identify the submittal deadline and that the response is for the Joplin Comprehensive Housing Market Analysis.

Evaluation of Qualifications

The evaluation of the Responses shall be based on the requirements described in this RFP. All properly submitted Responses will be reviewed, evaluated, and ranked by the City, with input from the Committee as noted above. The City will contact those Proposers with the top ranked proposals that best meet City's needs. The number of selected proposals will be determined by the selection committee. Each of these will be required to meet with the selection team at a time to be specified. The City reserves the right to contact only one company at this stage and to immediately proceed with contract negotiations if appropriate. The proposals will be reviewed in depth with the selection team at that time. The City will contact the Proposer that best meets The City's needs and attempt to negotiate an agreement that is acceptable to both parties. An anticipated decision is scheduled to occur by February 19, 2021.

City's Reservation of Rights

The City may evaluate the Responses based on the anticipated completion of all or any portion of the Project. The City reserves the right to reject any and all Responses and re-solicit for new Responses, or to reject any and all proposals and temporarily or permanently abandon the Project. The City makes no representations, written or oral, that it will enter into any form of agreement with any respondent to this RFP for any project and no such representation is intended or should be construed by the issuance of this RFP.

Acceptance of Evaluation Methodology

By submitting its Proposal to this RFP, Respondent accepts the evaluation process and acknowledges and accepts that the determination of the "most qualified" firm(s) will require subjective judgments by the City.

No Reimbursement for Costs

The Respondent acknowledges and accepts that any costs incurred from the Respondent's participation in this RFP shall be at the sole risk and responsibility of the Respondent.

Eligible Respondents

Only individual firms or lawfully formed business organizations may apply (this does not preclude a Respondent from using consultants). The City will contract only with the individual firm or formal organization that submits its Responses.

Reference Checks

Respondent acknowledges and accepts that through the RFP evaluation process reference checks and background investigation may be conducted as a part of the due-diligence process.

Disposition of Proposals

All submitted proposals become the property of The City.

Nonconforming Terms and Conditions

A proposal that includes terms and conditions that do not conform to the terms and conditions in the RFP is subject to rejection as non-responsive. The City reserves the right to permit the Proposer to withdraw nonconforming terms and conditions from its proposal prior to a determination by The City of non-responsiveness based on the submission of nonconforming terms and conditions.

Debarment

By submitting a proposal, the Proposer certifies that it is not currently debarred from submitting proposals for contracts issued by any political subdivision or agency of the State of Missouri or the Federal government and that it is not a person or entity that is currently debarred from submitting proposals for contracts issued by any political subdivision or agency of the State of Missouri or the Federal government.

Attachment A

THE CITY OF JOPLIN
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORM
RFP #

Company _____

Address _____

Contact Person_____

Telephone Number_____

Email_____

NOTE TO RESPONDENTS: SUBMIT ENTIRE SECTION WITH RESPONSE. THIS EXECUTION OF OFFER MUST BE COMPLETED, SIGNED, AND RETURNED WITH THE RESPONDENT'S QUALIFICATIONS. FAILURE TO COMPLETE, SIGN AND RETURN THIS EXECUTION OF OFFER WITH THE QUALIFICATIONS MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF THE QUALIFICATIONS.
SIGNING A FALSE STATEMENT MAY VOID THE SUBMITTED QUALIFICATIONS OR ANY AGREEMENTS OR OTHER CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS, WHICH MAY RESULT FROM THE SUBMISSION OF RESPONDENT'S QUALIFICATIONS, AND THE RESPONDENT MAY BE REMOVED FROM ALL PROPOSER LISTS. A FALSE CERTIFICATION SHALL BE DEEMED A MATERIAL BREACH OF CONTRACT AND, AT THE JRC'S OPTION, MAY RESULT IN TERMINATION OF ANY RESULTING CONTRACT.

By signature hereon, Respondent acknowledges and agrees that (1) this RFP is a solicitation for Interest and is not a contract or an offer to contract; (2) the submission of Responses by Respondent in response to this RFP will not create a contract between the City and Respondent; (3) Neither the City or the Committee, or any of their representatives, have made a representation or warranty, written or oral, that one or more contracts with the City will be awarded under this RFP; and (4) Respondent shall bear, as its sole risk and responsibility, any cost which arises from Respondent's preparation of a response to this RFP.

By signature hereon, Respondent offers and agrees to furnish to the City all of the products and/or services more particularly described in its Responses, and to comply with all terms, conditions and requirements set forth in the RFP documents and contained herein.

By signature hereon, Respondent affirms that they have not given, nor intends to give at any time hereafter, any economic opportunity, future employment, gift, loan, gratuity, special discount,

trip, favor or service to a public servant, elected officials, leadership or staff of the City or partner organizations in connection with the submitted Responses.

By signature hereon, the Respondent hereby certifies that neither the Respondent nor the firm, corporation, partnership or Developer represented by the Respondent, or anyone acting for such firm, corporation, or institution has violated the antitrust laws of this state, or the Federal antitrust laws, nor communicated directly or indirectly the Responses made to any competitor or any other person engaged in such line of business.

By signature hereon, Respondent represents and warrants that:
Respondent is a reputable company regularly engaged in providing products and/or services necessary to meet the terms, conditions and requirements of the RFP;
Respondent has the necessary experience, knowledge, abilities, skills, and resources to satisfactorily perform the terms, conditions and requirements of the RFP;

By signature hereon, Respondent certifies that the individual signing this document and the documents made part of the RFP is authorized to sign such documents on behalf of the company and to bind the company under any agreements or other contractual arrangements, which may result from the submission of the Response.

By signature hereon, Respondent affirms that no compensation has been received for participation in the preparation of the specifications for this RFP.

By signature hereon, Respondent affirms that it has not violated any of the noted No-Lobbying provisions or specification contained in this RFP.

By signature hereon, Respondent agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the City and the Committee, all of their officers, agents and employees from and against all claims, actions, suits, demands, proceedings, costs, damages, and liabilities, arising out of, connected with, or resulting from any acts or omissions of Respondent or any agent, employee, subcontractor, or supplier of Respondent in the execution or performance of any agreements or other contractual arrangements which may result from the submission of these Responses.

Submitted and certified this ___ day of _____.

BY:

Signature Date:_____

Name (Printed): _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

Attachment B

THE CITY OF JOPLIN
PROPOSAL COST SUMMARY FORM

The City is requesting two (2) prices. The first price is a lump sum price to create the initial market research analysis. The second price is a set fee to update the analysis at 6 months after the initial report and 1 year after the initial report. The second price should reflect a price per each update so that the City can determine whether or not to select one, both, or none of the update options. This decision to elect to have the initial study updated will be solely made by the City of Joplin. The City of Joplin does not guarantee that the contract will include any update options. Pricing is all-inclusive including all expenses (personnel, office rent, copy work, mileage, etc.). The City of Joplin will not pay any other expenses.

Description	Price
Lump sum price to create the initial market research analysis per the specifications provided in Section 4 (pages 4-5) of the Request for Proposal. The initial analysis shall be completed by December 31, 2013	$
Fee for Optional Update(s)	$

Name of Company: _____

Name (Printed): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____