



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

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Reference: ICMA Washington, D.C.

Subject: **Request for Proposal No. ICMAHO/2030 ICMA Annual Conference**

The International City/County Management Association (ICMA) is seeking proposals from eligible respondents for professional services in support of ICMA in Washington, D.C. ICMA anticipates awarding one (1) single award a result of this solicitation. ICMA reserves the right to award more or fewer awards than anticipated above.

Technical questions concerning this solicitation should be directed to Judy Day at jday@icma.org with a copy to workwithus@icma.org. All contractual questions relating to this solicitation must be submitted to Grants and Contracts Administration at the following email workwithus@icma.org.

All communications must include the solicitation title, **ICMAHO/2030 ICMA Annual Conference**, in the subject line.

No communication intended to influence this procurement is permitted except by contacting the designated contacts above. Contacting anyone other than the designated contacts (either directly by the Respondent or indirectly through a lobbyist or other person acting on the respondent's behalf) in an attempt to influence this procurement: (1) may result in a Respondent being deemed a non-responsive Respondent, and (2) may result in the Respondent not being awarded a contract.

This solicitation in no way obligates ICMA to award a contract nor does it commit ICMA to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of a proposal.

ICMA bears no responsibility for data errors resulting from transmission or conversion processes.

ICMA appreciates your responsiveness and look forward to a mutually beneficial business relationship.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Figoten, CAE
Director, Conferences and Sponsorships
ICMA

PURPOSE

ICMA hosts annual conferences at different destinations each year, to disseminate educational, information-sharing and networking tools to help local governments manage in today's complex environment. The ICMA Annual Conference is the largest annual event in the world for local government managers and staff. ICMA seeks to procure a destination for the 2030 annual conference.

ABOUT ICMA

ICMA advances professional local government worldwide. Our mission is to advance professional local government through leadership, management, innovation, and ethics. ICMA provides member support, data and information, peer and results-oriented technical assistance, and training and professional development to more than 11,000 ICMA members, city, town, and county experts and other individuals and organizations throughout the world. The management decisions made by ICMA's members affect millions of individuals living in thousands of communities, from small villages and towns to large metropolitan areas.

ICMA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded in 1914 that offers a wide range of services to its members and the local government community. The organization is an internationally recognized publisher of information resources ranging from textbooks and survey data to topical newsletters and e-publications. ICMA provides technical assistance to local governments in developing and decentralizing countries, helping them to develop professional practices and ethical, transparent governments. The organization performs a wide range of mission-driven grant and contract-funded work both in the U.S. and internationally, which is supported by federal government agencies, foundations, and corporations.

ICMA's Dun and Bradstreet number is 072631831. For more information regarding ICMA's programs and services, please go to www.icma.org.

Hotel Requirements

Event Name: 2030 ICMA Annual Conference

Date of Event: Mid-September to late-October avoiding national and religious holidays

Location: Chicago, Columbus, Cleveland, Des Moines, Detroit, Kansas City, St. Louis, Indianapolis, Milwaukee, Minneapolis

Peak Room Nights: 3,200

Total Room Nights: 13,000

ICMA requires a minimum bid of 50% of hotel rooms at overflow hotels and 70% at hotels deemed to serve as Primary Hotels.

The conference pattern is Saturday-Wednesday with the heaviest arrivals on Saturday/Sunday. The dates of national and religious holidays as well as other major conferences should be avoided so there are no conflicts.

Estimated Room Block

Day	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Total
Total	32	256	960	2,816	3,200	3,200	2,880	256	32	13,632

ICMA's normal double occupancy rate is about 30%.

Hotel Concessions:

- Flat hotel rates preferred
- Rates should include a rebate payable directly to ICMA for convention center costs or association subsidy.
- Rates are commissionable to a third party housing company TBD
- No charge to distribute hotel room key cards at all hotels
- One per 1/40 comp room ratio utilized or credited to ICMA's master account
- Three complimentary presidential type suites in the Primary Hotel arriving Wednesday pre-conference and departing Thursday post-conference
- Three one-bedrooms suites at group rate in Primary Hotel arriving Wednesday pre-conference and departing Thursday post-conference
- 35 upgrades to club level or preferred room categories for the Executive Board at the Primary Hotel arriving Wednesday pre-conference and departing Thursday post-conference
- Additional suites and/or upgrades at all overflow hotels arriving Wednesday pre-conference and departing Thursday post-conference
- Discounted rates for suites occupied by ICMA members
- One complimentary room at each hotel in the block for ICMA's housing company TBD
- Staff rated rooms at 50% off at each hotel in the block (minimum of 40 total)
- Complimentary rooms at each hotel in the block for two pre-planning visits
- Ten complimentary round-trip airport transfers at the Primary Hotel (may be split between the Primary Hotel and another hotel with a large room block)
- Three week cut-off date for hotel reservations
- Group rate three days pre- and post
- Group rate and name changes allowed after cut-off date
- No penalty for cancellations up to 48 hours in advance
- No deposits for master accounts upon ICMA's credit approval
- No charge for Primary Hotel meeting space
- Complimentary internet in all guest sleeping rooms and public space at all hotels
- Complimentary internet in Primary Hotel meeting space
- No surcharges for electric if the in-house AV company is not used
- 10% off of published menu prices in Primary Hotel
- 100 hours of complimentary registration assistance should be provided by the CVB. ICMA will pay invoice directly to temporary agency and CVB will refund with an invoice generated by ICMA.

History:

2017	San Antonio, TX	10,706 total rooms/2,738 on peak	4,754 Attendees
2018	Baltimore, MD	10,322 total rooms/2,693 on peak	4,545 Attendees
2019	Nashville, TN	11,235 total rooms/2,777 on peak	5,537 Attendees
2020	Digital Conference	N/A	
2021	Portland, OR	11,264 total rooms/2,603 on peak	3,171 Attendees
2022	Columbus, OH	10,085 total rooms/2,442 on peak	4,315 Attendees
2023	Austin, TX	13,665 total rooms/3,251 on peak	5,224 Attendees

Meeting Space Requirements Primary Hotel

Thursday

Board Meeting set	2,500 s.f. section of Ballroom
Board Reception	50 Reception

Friday

Board Meeting	2,500 s.f. section of Ballroom
Board Meals	50 rounds – same floor
2 Meeting Rooms	2,000 s.f.

Saturday

All space hold

Sunday

All space hold

Monday

All space hold

Tuesday

All space hold

Wednesday

All space hold until 12pm

Meeting Space Requirements Convention Center -All space to be on 24 hr. hold:

Wednesday

5 staff offices	1,200-2,000 s.f.
Exhibit Hall set	125,000-150,000 s.f.
Registration set	
General Session set	60,000 s.f.

Thursday

5 staff offices	1,200-2,000 s.f.
25 session/meeting rooms	1,500-4,700+ s.f.
Exhibit Hall set	125,000-150,000 s.f.
Registration set	
General Session set	60,000 s.f.

Friday

5 staff offices	1,200-2,000 s.f.
25 session/meeting rooms	1,500-4,700+ s.f.
Exhibit Hall set	125,000-150,000 s.f.
Registration set	
General Session set	60,000 s.f.

Saturday

5 staff offices	1,200-2,000 s.f.
25 session/meeting rooms	1,500-4,700+ s.f.
Exhibit Hall set	125,000-150,000 s.f.
Registration open	
General Session set	60,000 s.f.

Sunday

5 staff offices	1,200-2,000 s.f.
25 session/meeting rooms	1,500-4,700+ s.f.
Exhibit Hall open in PM	125,000-150,000 s.f.
Registration open	
General Session open in PM	60,000 s.f.

Monday

5 staff offices	1,200-2,000 s.f.
25 session/meeting rooms	1,500-4,700+ s.f.
Exhibit Hall open	125,000-150,000 s.f.
Registration open	
General Session open	60,000 s.f.

Tuesday

5 staff offices	1,200-2,000 s.f.
25 session/meeting rooms	1,500-4,700+ s.f.
Exhibit Hall open until 3:30pm	125,000-150,000 s.f.
Registration open	
General Session open	60,000 s.f.

Wednesday until 12pm

5 staff offices	1,200-2,000 s.f.
25 session/meeting rooms	1,500-4,700+ s.f.
Exhibit Hall dismantle	125,000-150,000 s.f.
Registration open until 12pm	
General Session open	60,000 s.f.
General Session dismantle until 12am	

Food and Beverage

There are a number of breakfasts, lunches, receptions and dinners that will be held in the convention center and Primary Hotel as well as affiliate and exhibitor hospitality functions. Food and beverage revenue is currently estimated at approximately \$350,000 in the convention center, exclusive of tax and gratuities.

Hotel food and beverage spend is approximately \$100,000 exclusive of affiliate events which are to be counted towards the F&B minimum. Hotel meeting space must be provided at no charge and ideally the convention center is also at no charge or heavily subsidized by hotel rebates, food and beverage revenue, discounts from the convention center, and contributions from the CVB

Financial Requirements

The financial commitment of the convention and visitors bureaus varies depending on location, but every site is expected to provide some financial support to the conference.

Expense reductions, such as complimentary facilities, subsidized shuttle busing, or donated clerical staff, plus actual cash contributions, help keep overall costs down for attendees. Cash contributions come from four major sources: the host local government, the host convention and visitors bureau, ICMA members in the state or region, and private sector sources.

In 2029, ICMA will be issuing an RFP for a conference sourcing, contracting and housing company. Therefore, all contracts issued before 2029 shall list the commissionable agent as TBD. ICMA may also have the option to select the city's Convention and Visitor Bureau (CVB) to handle conference housing, since it is typically offered on a complimentary basis. It is important for the CVB to share with the hotels the potential for ICMA to use either a private housing company or the CVB for their housing services so that the housing fees are covered by the hotels in the form of a housing rebate.

The new housing company will work closely with ICMA throughout the contract negotiation process.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. Describe the surrounding community including proximity to airport
2. Information on transportation to and from the airport including cost
3. Overview of convention center facilities and capacity including costs and clearly state additional charges as well as exclusive services
4. Description of housing accommodations and costs including services included (fitness center, business center, pool, etc.)
5. Brief overview of nearby venues for special off-site events
6. Brief overview of dining options in and nearby the surrounding area of the convention center
7. Commitment of city/CVB support for the conference

TYPE OF CONTRACT TO BE AWARDED

One year

ICMA reserves the right to award under this solicitation without further negotiations. The respondents are encouraged to offer their best terms and prices with the original submission.

Packages must be submitted electronically to Grants and Contracts Administration at workwithus@icma.org with a copy to jday@icma.org. Place “**ICMAHO/ICMA 2030 Annual Conference**” in the subject line. No phone calls please.

Applications received after the closing date stated on the top of page 1 will be rejected.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

Proposal Submission - Late proposals and proposals lacking the appropriate completed forms will be returned. Faxed proposals will not be accepted. Proposals will not be accepted at any other ICMA location other than the email address above. If changes are made to this solicitation, notifications will be sent to the Primary contact provided to ICMA from each Respondent. ICMA takes no responsibility for effective delivery of the electronic document. The vendor offer will be rejected, if the vendor modifies or alters the electronic solicitation documents.

Contract Award - ICMA anticipates making one award under this solicitation. It may award a contract based on initial applications without discussion, or following limited discussion or negotiations. Each offer should be submitted using the most favorable cost and technical terms. ICMA may request additional data or material to support applications. ICMA expects to notify Respondents in approximately one month from the proposal due date whether your proposal has been selected to receive an award.

Limitation - This solicitation does not commit ICMA to award a contract, pay any costs incurred in preparing a proposal, or to procure or contract for services or supplies. ICMA reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals received, to negotiate with all qualified sources, or to cancel in part or in its entirety the solicitation when it is in ICMA's best interest.

Disclosure Requirement - The Respondent shall disclose any indictment for any alleged felony, or any conviction for a felony within the past five years, under the laws of the United States or any state or territory of the United States, and shall describe circumstances for each.

When a Respondent is an association, partnership, corporation, or other organization, this disclosure requirement includes the organization and its officers, partners, and directors or members of any similarly governing body. If an indictment or conviction should come to the attention of ICMA after the award of a contract, ICMA may exercise its stop-work right pending further investigation, or terminate the agreement.

No Gifts - It is ICMA's Policy that no gifts of any kind and of any value be exchanged between respondents and ICMA personnel. Discovery of the same will be grounds for disqualification of the Respondent from participation in any ICMA's procurements and may result in disciplinary actions against ICMA personnel involved in such discovered transactions.

Equal Opportunity - In connection with the procurement of the specified services, the firm warrants that it shall not discriminate because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, political affiliation, non-disabling physical and mental disability, political status, matriculation, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, genetic information, status as a veteran, physical handicap, age, marital status or any other characteristic protected by law.

Small and Disadvantaged Businesses - ICMA shall use good faith efforts to provide contracting and procurement opportunities for SBD's. SDB categories include minority business enterprises (MBE), woman-owned business enterprises (WBE), small veteran and disabled veteran owned businesses, Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), predominantly Hispanic Universities (HACUs), small businesses in Historically Under-utilized Zones (HUBZones) and private voluntary organizations (PVOs) principally operated and managed by economically disadvantaged individuals.