

**Request for Qualifications (RFQ)**

**RFQ #2018-001**

**“Special Counsel for Jim Wells County- Opioid Litigation”**

**Due: March 2, 2018 at 5: 00 p.m.**

**Notice** is hereby given that Jim Wells County invites interested law firms to present their qualifications to be Special Counsel to Jim Wells County, and if selected, to investigate, and if appropriate, to initiate litigation against manufacturers and distributors of prescription opioids that have wrongfully caused opioid addiction in Jim Wells County.

Proposals responsive to this are due by or before 5:00 p.m. (Central Time) on March 2, 2018. RFQ proposals received after the due date and time will not be accepted. ALL RFQ proposals meeting the required deadline will be read publicly at the following location.

Please Mail or Hand Deliver RFQ Proposals to:

Jim Wells County Judge

200 N Almond, Suite 101

Alice, TX 78332

**Copies of the RFQ criteria are available at the Jim Wells County Judge’s Office.**

Please submit (1) original RFQ package and (5) copies in a sealed envelope clearly marked on the outer front lower left corner as follows:

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Jim Wells County reserves the right to reject any and all RFQ proposals, to waive informalities in the RFQ process, or to terminate the RFQ process at any time, if deemed in the best interest for Jim Wells County.

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**RFQ Guide for Employing Opioid Litigation Counsel**

- Please describe past experience and success has the law firm demonstrated in mass tort cases in the past?
- In the past, has your firm represented governmental entities? If yes, list past clients.
- Who will be responsible for communication with the county?
- What is the financial capacity of the law firm to provide representation over an extended period while covering the expenses, including fees for expert witnesses?
- Has the firm prepared a litigation budget and estimated timeline?
- Has the law firm been retained by other governmental entities in this matter?  
If yes, please list.
- What percentage fee structure are you proposing?
- How will case development expenses be paid and/or reimbursed?
- How will any recovery be divided among the governmental entities?
- Will the law firm affiliate with other law firms representing other plaintiffs in this matter? If yes, how will expenses, fees and recovery be divided among the law firms?
- What jurisdiction do you anticipate will this lawsuit be filed in?