



Public Entity Risk Institute Notice of Request for Proposals

In July 2011, the Public Entity Risk Institute (“PERI”) announced plans to develop a new operational model for the organization. The PERI Board of Directors met recently to determine the future direction of the refocused organization and will release a Request for Proposals (“RFP”) in January 2012. PERI seeks to identify a partner organization to advance risk management thought leadership in the public sector. Responses to the RFP must be submitted no later than March 30, 2012.

The restructured organization seeks to emphasize a holistic approach to risk management whereby the focus is on elevating community-wide understanding and application of risk management. The organization also seeks to increase awareness of the importance and value of a structured risk management approach through delivery and application of research, best practices evaluation, and identification of emerging risks. Promotion of risk management as a field of study is another objective of the organization in the future.

PERI seeks to support its mission by transferring its remaining assets to another public charity under a contractual arrangement. It is intended that PERI will act as a separate and distinct 501(c)(3) Type I supporting organization with the partner performing administrative functions and providing professional staff support. PERI will continue to be governed by a separate board of directors as defined by the federal tax code.

Only organizations that are designated as 501(c)(3), (c)(4) or (c)(6) under the federal tax code will be eligible to qualify for supported-entity partner status. Some of the important selection criteria for the prospective partner are: an understanding of PERI’s vision, demonstrated experience with the proposed approach, established collaborative relationships with and the ability to collaborate and communicate with stakeholder groups, established delivery mechanisms, a high-quality management infrastructure, financial and organizational stability, and a willingness to commit to the project for at least five years. PERI believes the following types or organizations could qualify:

- professional risk management associations
- other associations with a local-government focus
- colleges and universities with risk management programs
- other associations with an insurance or risk management focus
- insurers and reinsurers
- self insurance associations
- pooling organizations
- think tanks

Individuals receiving this Notice of Request for Proposals from PERI will automatically receive the RFP in January. Other organizations interested in receiving the RFP should send the name of a contact person, the name of the organization and an email address to PERI no later than December 30, 2012 at publicentityriskinstitute@gmail.com.

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