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Re: Appraisal contracts information for AI-Alaska Chapter Newsletter

Dear Bob,

The Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians – Appraisal Services is responsible for the appraisal of numerous properties held in trust for Alaskan Natives and American Indians. We typically contract a significant number of these appraisal reports to fee appraisers.

The appraisals are generally grouped according to the physical or market area and each bid packet will include several appraisals. While the majority of the appraisals are for large remote properties, there are also appraisals needed for complex industrial or commercial properties and for residential properties.

At this time, we are preparing to contract a large number of appraisals for the coming field season. Current regulations require that the bid packets be advertised on the Internet prior to final awarding of the contracts. The Requests for Quotes (RFQ) will be posted at www.fedbizopps.gov during the next several months. I would like to invite the Appraisal Institute membership here in Alaska to view the RFQ's online and make a bid for one or more of the packets.

Successful bidders must be current Certified General Appraisers licensed to appraise in Alaska and should have significant experience appraising remote and complex properties. The appraisals typically must be in a self contained narrative format and must comply with USPAP. Other requirements may apply, including special requirements mandated by Trust confidentiality issues.

For further information or for help navigating the website, please contact Teri Ferguson, National Business Center, DOI, in Denver, Colorado. The telephone number is (303) 969-5583.

Thank you for the opportunity to include this information in your spring newsletter.

Sincerely,

Jenness R. Burns, Regional Appraiser
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