



IIPAY NATION OF SANTA YSABEL

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Request for Proposal for Audit Services

REQUEST

Iipay Nation of Santa Ysabel is requesting the use of an independent certified public accounting firm to perform a financial and compliance audit in accordance with 2 CFR part 200, the Single Audit Act, Governmental Auditing Standards, and applicable federal, state, or tribal laws and regulations. The audit will cover the tribe's year ended 12/31/2024, with a tribal option to extend the contract for up to two additional years.

Proposals must be submitted to the Director of Operations via email at balthaus@iipaynation-nsn.gov and Consultant Candice Cushman at candice@cushmancpa.com no later than 3/14/2025, and Tribal Council expects to make a decision on 3/18/2025.

BACKGROUND

Santa Ysabel Reservation is located approximately 40 miles east of Escondido, on Highway 76. Iipay Nation of Santa Ysabel is part of the Kumeyaay Nation, which extends from San Diego and Imperial counties in California to 60 miles south of the Mexican border. The tribal government employs 36 employees on average and manages about 22 federal grants including (but not limited to) BIA Aid to Tribal Government, Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), Environmental Programs Office – General Assistance Program (GAP), Clean Water Act Section 106, and Indian Housing Block Grants. Further information can be found in the prior year audited financial statements (available upon request) or on the website: <https://www.iipaynationofsantaysabel-nsn.gov>.

SCOPE OF WORK

The tribe desires one audit report; meeting the minimum requirements of the Single Audit Act for submission to the Single Audit Clearinghouse, which should include only the tribe's Governmental Department (consisting only of the Special Revenue funds).

PROPOSAL PREPARATION

In order to expedite the review process, your proposal should include the following information:

1. **Contact information** (Name of proposer's firm, address, telephone and fax numbers, name of contact person, email, and date of submission)

2. **Engagement letter** (A summary stating the proposer’s understanding of the work to be done and expected time commitment)
3. **Firm background information** (Location of office(s), number of partners, managers, supervisors, seniors, and other professional staff. Describe the range of services provided by your firm, including extent of audit, tax, management consulting, IT, and other services. State whether the firm has been disciplined by the AICPA or any regulatory or licensing agency in the past five years, and detail the circumstances leading to the discipline and the sanctions imposed on the firm.)
4. **Qualifications and Experience of Firm** (Describe company experience that is relevant to the proposed services, such as recent experience with other tribal governments, including a list of tribal governments served by your firm in the last three years and types of services rendered to each)
5. **References** (Include references for three tribal governments or enterprises served by the firm in the last three years. The information should include the name of the tribal government and the key contact at the tribe (CFO, chair, treasurer, etc.), contact information (e-mail and phone) for the key contact, the services performed by your firm, and the period of time the reference has been a client of the firm.)
6. **Project Organization and Management** (Expected timeline of audit services and number of staff expected to be assigned for the audit)
7. **Cost Proposal** (We are requesting fixed fee proposals including a list of the assumptions upon which the fee may be based, if any. That is, identify any conditions that would cause the firm to request a change in the proposed fee.)

EVALUATION CRITERIA

The proposals will be evaluated by tribal council based on the following criteria and point ranges:

Responsiveness of the proposal in understanding the work to be performed:	0-25
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audit coverage and approach • Reasonableness of overall time estimates 	
Qualifications and experience of firm:	0-50
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recent experience of firm in auditing Indian tribes and related enterprises • Reputation of the firm and satisfaction of the firm’s services as expressed by current clients and references 	
Cost of audit:	0-25
TOTAL POINTS:	0-100

QUESTIONS

For questions on this RFP, please contact Bobby Sue Althaus, MSW at 760.803.8246 or Candice Cushman at 406.890.8925.