

## Position Announcement

**Title/ Position:** Spirit Lake Tribe Public Defender/ Public Defense Contract

**Salary/ contract price:**

negotiable based upon experience; education; contract bid

(note: this is a non-benefitted contract)

**Closing Date:** June 30, 2010 or until filled

### Description of Position:

The Tribal Public Defender shall represent persons accused of crimes in Tribal Court, with consent of the defendant, during all phases of criminal court proceedings in the Spirit Lake Tribal Court. Representation shall be provided at all stages of the proceeding following the filing of a complaint so long as the defendant requests public defense services and the defendant is found to be eligible for services based upon approved public defense policies and procedures. The Tribal Public Defender shall take all necessary steps to investigate the facts of any cases and shall have access to all tribal and BIA personnel and records as required and allowable by law.

**Term(s) of Contract:** The term of contract shall be for one year subject to renewal at the discretion of the Tribal Council. The successful applicant shall be expected to be on site at the Tribal Court a minimum of (3) three days per week for criminal court appearances and trials.

### **Minimum Qualifications for Successful Applicant:**

1. Be a member in good standing of the bar of any state or federal court.
2. Be at least (21) years of age.
3. Be of high moral character and integrity.
4. Have a juris doctorate degree in law from an accredited law school.
5. Prior experience providing legal representation in Tribal Court(s) or Tribal jurisdictions is a plus.
6. Prior experience providing criminal defense services in Tribal jurisdictions is a plus.

Please submit to Spirit Lake Tribe, P.O. Box 359, Fort Totten, ND 58335 or fax to (701) 766-4126:

- 1) cover letter; 2) resume/ vitae; and 3) short contract bid or cost estimate