

CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

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REQUEST FOR QUOTES

RFQ 2023-01

Title: Apiary Inspector – Cuyahoga County

Date Issued: January 4, 2023

Response Date: No later than 4:30 pm on Friday, January 20, 2023

Return To: Cuyahoga County Board of Health
Attn: Rick Novickis
5550 Venture Drive
Parma, Ohio 44130

Contact Information: Rick Novickis
Director of Environmental Public Health
(216)201-2000 ext. 1200
rnovickis@ccbh.net

Contract Initiation Date: March 1, 2023

Job Description:

The Applicant should have experience keeping honey bees and be able to recognize honey bee pests and diseases. The person should be professional and courteous and able to keep track of their time and inspections. They would represent the Cuyahoga County Board of Health, the State of Ohio and the Ohio Beekeeping Industry. The Applicant should be responsible and respectful of people, the bees and the environment. They should inspect the colonies in apiaries registered in Cuyahoga County and maintain records of the inspections. The law requires that each apiary be registered by June 1. Sometime that season, the inspector will inspect the apiaries and if necessary, make recommendations to improve the health of the colonies. Unless directed otherwise by the Ohio Department of Agriculture, the inspections should take place between April 1 and October 31 when the weather and temperature are favorable to open a hive for inspection.

The applicant must have a reliable and properly insured vehicle to travel throughout the County as they conduct apiary inspections. It is very important to continue this inspection program to stop the spread of American foulbrood, other serious diseases and pests that have been found in



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Ohio. Monitoring honey bee health within the state assures that crops and wild plants will be sufficiently pollinated. Fruit, vegetable, agricultural and seed crops depend upon pollination to set fruit.

Compensation:

The Board will pay the Apiary Inspector a sum not to exceed Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) for activities conducted pursuant to Chapter 909 of the Ohio Revised Code conducted between March 1, 2023 and February 28, 2024 (Contract Year 1). The Board will also pay the Apiary Inspector a sum not to exceed Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) for activities conducted pursuant to Chapter 909 of the Ohio Revised Code conducted between March 1, 2024 and February 28, 2025 (Contract Year 2).

Summary:

Anyone interested in contracting with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health (CCBH) as an Apiary Inspector must submit a cover letter and a resume via email or standard mail delivery to the address above. Only those submittals received by the response date and time listed above will be considered. This position is recognized as an Independent Contractor and is not an employee of the Cuyahoga County Board of Health.

Please contact Rick Novickis by phone at (216)201-2000 ext.1200 or by email at rnovickis@ccbh.net with any questions related to this posting.



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