

Tax Reform Consultant Services
Summary of Response to RFP

Evaluation Criteria:

Directly Related Experience:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• BKD has a group of employees designated as their State and Local Tax team (SALT) that “participate[s] in state committees and industry-specific groups . . .” and provides “guidance and comparative insight on what other states are doing from a state and local tax standpoint.”, p. 25 of proposal;• Assisted with legislation to clarify taxability of freight for sales and use tax purposes, p. 33 of proposal;• Participated in a working group of the economic impact on tax payers for legislation change for a local earnings tax, p. 33 of proposal.
Price:	See attached Official Proposal Price Sheet and Price Comparison Table. <u>Total Max Bid:</u> \$550,000
Plan/Schedule:	<u>Plan:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Phase 1: Planning;• Phase 2: Research/Information Gathering;• Phase 3: Preliminary Report and Communications Delivery (December 2017 report due by the Task Force);• Phase 4: Interim Period between preliminary and final report; and• Phase 5: Final Report and Communications Delivery (meeting the September 2018 deadline statutorily imposed on the Task Force).• See Executive Summary, pp. 25-26 of proposal, and further explanation of the phases at p. 32 of proposal. <u>Schedule:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Estimated completion dates for each phase at p. 33 of proposal.
Availability:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vendor states they will be available upon execution of the contract and don’t anticipate any scheduling conflicts, pp. 25 and 32 of proposal.• Offices located in Little Rock, AR

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Personnel:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kevin G. Horn, Partner – Lead Engagement Partner• See Personnel Listing, pp. 26-27 of proposal and Organizational Chart, p. 30 of proposal.• See also Job Descriptions and Staff Continuity at p. 31 of proposal.
Past Performance:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Providing professional CPA and advisory tax services for more than 90 years;• See Work Samples provided (attached to proposal).• See also attached References Table (all Reference information was redacted from proposal by Vendor)• Provided sample contract showing performed services for Arkansas Dept. of Health in the transition of In Home Services to the private sector.
Compliance with RFP Requirements:	See Attached Checklist.
Subcontractors:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• None listed.