

Information Item

California Student Aid Commission

EdFund Request for Proposal for Legal Services Immigration Matters

In 2001, EdFund made a business decision to sponsor eight non-United States citizens, through the H-1B visa process, to work within its Technology Solutions & Services Division (now called the Information Technology Services Division). The sponsored individuals had skill sets that were not readily available in the candidates applying during the regular recruitment process.

Out of the eight individuals sponsored:

- Six remain employed by EdFund
 - Four hold H-1B Visas
 - Two have received their Green Cards
- One individual had his position eliminated in 2007
- One individual voluntarily resigned and returned to his native country in 2007

As sponsor to these individuals, EdFund retained outside legal counsel specializing in immigration matters (Littler Mendelson, P.C.) to insure that all required documents and reports are filed with the United States and to assist these individuals in the obtaining of a Green Card. The Littler contract expired on September 1, 2008. As there appeared to be no critical filings required for several months, EdFund's General Counsel made the decision to seek Request for Proposals (RFP) from qualified firms rather than extending the existing contract. Pursuant to the requirements contained in the Commission's contract policy adopted on September 4, 2008, the RFP was submitted to CSAC staff for review and approval. Upon receiving approval the RFP was sent to qualifying firms. EdFund expects to award a contract for these services by December 1, 2008.

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