#### REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS/PROPOSAL

#### PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS TO BE AWARDED BY ESTABLISHED QUALIFICATION CRITERIA FOR

#### **RISK MANAGER CONSULTANT**

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals addressed to Borough Clerk, will be received up to **11:00 A.M. prevailing time on December 15, 2020** which time they will be publicly opened and read, at the Municipal Building, 42 Shore Drive, Conference Room, Highlands, New Jersey.

Proposal Forms, Instructions, Specifications and other documents may be examined or obtained on the Borough website www.highlandsborough.org. It is recommended that all vendors who have downloaded specifications re-check the website to ensure of any/all addenda issued. It is the sole responsibility of the person submitting the bid to be knowledgeable of all addenda related to this procurement. Copies of addenda or notice of the same will be made available on the Borough website www.highlandsborough.org.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-23c, addenda may be issued.

The Borough of Highlands is soliciting proposals through a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., P.L. 2004, Chapter 19 (as amended by P.L. 2005, c.51), Any vendor which enters in a contract or agreement with the Borough of Highlands or any department or agency thereof shall file a disclosure statement as set forth in the Ordinances prescribed by the Borough of Highlands identifying all reportable contributions to any Highlands Borough candidate for Mayor or Borough Council or officeholder of political committee required to be reported pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-1, et seq.

Responses to the following professional position should address the general criteria and mandatory minimum criteria for the position sought. All responses will be treated as confidential and reviewed only by the governing body, unless otherwise required by law.

The applicant/proposer shall submit one (1) original with original signatures marked 'ORIGINAL" and electronic copy on a CD or flash drive in PDF format. Emails to <u>clerk@highlandsborough.org</u> permitted but a hard copy must be received prior to the opening.

One (1) Risk Manager Consultant will be awarded a contract. Appointments shall be for the calendar year of 2021. Other factors considered. The Borough Council reserves the right to reject any or all proposals in whole or in part and to waive such informalities as may be permitted by law.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:27-1 et seq., Affirmative Action requirements, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., P.L. 2004, Chapter 19 (as amended by P.L. 2005, c.51)

Kimberly Gonzales Administrator, QPA November 15, 2020

# **INTRODUCTION**

The Borough of Highlands desires to appoint a Risk Manager for calendar year 2021 who will be responsible for assisting the Borough in identifying its insurable exposures and to recommend professional methods to reduce, assume or transfer the risk loss. The Consultant will review with the Borough any additional coverages that the Consultant feels should be carried but are not available from the Monmouth County Joint Insurance Fund (JIF) and subject to the Borough's authorization place such coverages outside the Fund. The Consultant shall assist the Borough in the preparation of applications, statements of value and similar documents requested by the Fund, it being understood that this does not include appraisal work by the Consultant. The Consultant shall review the Borough's assessment as proposed by the Fund and assist the Borough in the preparation of its annual insurance budget.

The Borough intends to award a professional services contract for the defined scope of work in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. (Fair and Open process) for the 2021 calendar year.

## ADMINISTRATIVE CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

The following items express the administrative conditions and requirements of this RFP/RFQ. Together with the other RFP/RFQ sections, they will apply to the RFP/RFQ process, the subsequent contract, and project production. Any proposed change, modification, or exception to these conditions and requirements may be the basis for the Borough, hereinafter referred to as Borough, to determine the proposal as non-responsive to the RFP/RFQ and will be a factor in the determination of an award of a contract. The contents of the proposal of the successful Respondent, as accepted by the owner, will become part of any contract awarded as a result of this RFP/RFQ.

#### 2.1 Proposal Submission Information

#### Submission Date and Time: December 15, 2020, 11:00 A.M. prevailing time.

The applicant/proposer shall submit one (1) original with original signatures marked 'ORIGINAL" and electronic copy on a CD or flash drive in PDF format. Emails to <u>clerk@highlandsborough.org</u> permitted but a hard copy must be received prior to the opening.

#### **Submission Office:**

Borough of Highlands/RFP Risk Manager 2021 Borough Clerk 42 Shore Drive Highlands, New Jersey 07732

Clearly mark the submittal package with the title of this RFP/RFQ Risk Manager 2021 and the name of the responding firm, addressed to the Borough Clerk. The original proposal shall be marked to distinguish it from the four copies. Only those RFP/RFQ responses received prior to or on the submission date will be considered. Any submission(s) received after the specified time and location will be returned unopened. Responses delivered before the submission date and time specified above may be withdrawn upon written application of the respondent who shall be required to produce evidence showing that the individual is or represents the principal or principals involved in the proposal. After the submission date and time specified above, responses must remain firm for a period of sixty (60) days.

## 2.2 Borough Representative for this Solicitation

Please direct all questions in writing to: Borough of Highlands 42 Shore Drive Highlands, New Jersey 08002

Email: clerk@highlandsborough.org

#### 2.3 Interpretations and Addenda

Respondents are expected to examine the RFP/RFQ with care and observe all its requirements. All questions about the meaning or intent of this RFP/RFQ, all interpretations and clarifications considered necessary by the Borough's representative in response to such comments and questions will be issued by Addenda. Only comments and questions responded to by formal written Addenda will be binding. If bidders obtain a Bid/RFP/RFQ from the website, it is the responsibility of the person submitting the bid to check prior to the bid opening to see if addenda have been issued. Copies of addenda or notice of same will be made available on the Borough website

#### 2.4 Assign, Sublet or Transfer Any Rights/Interests

Neither the Borough nor the Contractor shall assign, sublet, or transfer any rights or interests in this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other party. Unless specifically stated to the contrary, in writing, prior to any assignment, no assignment will release or discharge the assignor from any duty or responsibility under this Agreement. Nothing herein shall be construed to give any rights or benefits to any other than the Borough and the Contractor.

#### 2.5 Cost Liability and Additional Costs

The Borough assumes no responsibility and liability for costs incurred by the Respondents prior to the issuance of an agreement. The liability of the Borough shall be limited to the terms and conditions of the contract. Respondents will assume responsibility for all costs not stated in their proposals. All unit rates either stated in the proposal or used as a basis for its pricing are required to be all-inclusive. Additional charges, unless incurred for additional work performed by request of the Borough, are not to be billed and will not be paid.

## 2.6 Statutory and Other Requirements

#### a. Compliance with Laws

Any contract entered into between the contractor and the Borough must be in accordance with and subject to compliance by both parties with the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law. The contractor must agree to comply with the non-discrimination provisions and all other laws and regulations applicable to the performance of services there under. The respondent shall sign and acknowledge such forms and certificates as may be required by this section.

## **b.** Mandatory EEO/Affirmative Action Compliance

No firm shall be issued a contract unless it complies with the EEO/Affirmative Action requirements of P. L. 1975, C. 127 as identified in the documents attached hereto. The form shall be properly executed.

#### c. Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990

Discrimination on the basis of disability in contracting for the delivery of services is prohibited. Respondents are required to read American with Disabilities language that is part of the documents attached hereto and agree that the provisions of Title II of the Act are made part of the contract. The contractor is obligated to comply with the Act and hold the Borough harmless.

## d. Ownership Disclosure

No corporation or partnership shall be awarded any contract for the performance of any work or the furnishing of any goods, unless, with receipt of the proposal of said corporation or partnership, there is submitted to the Borough a statement setting forth the names and addresses of all stockholders in the corporation or partnership who own ten (10) percent or greater interest therein. The Respondent shall complete and submit the form of statement that is included in this RFP/RFQ.

#### e. Non-Collusion Affidavit

The Non-Collusion Affidavit, which is part of this RFP/RFQ, shall be properly executed and submitted with the RFP/RFQ response.

#### f. N.J. Business Registration Certificate

Certificate required pursuant to C57, PL2004; failure to be registered by time of contract award may be cause for rejection. Entities or individuals that need to file for a certificate may do so online through the NJ Division of Local Government Services at the following link: http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/revenue/busregcert.shtml .

#### g. Disclosure of Investment Activities in Iran

P.L. 2012, c.25 prohibits State and local public contracts with persons or entities engaging in certain investment activities in energy or finance sectors of Iran.

#### h. "Pay to Play" – Notice of Disclosure Requirement – P.L. 2005, Chapter 271, Section 3 Reporting (N.J.S.A. 19:44A – 20.27)

At a minimum, a list of all business entities that file an annual disclosure report will be listed on ELEC's website at www.elec.state.nj.us.

(4) If you have any questions please contact ELEC at: 1-888-313-ELEC (3532) (toll free in NJ) or 609-292-8700

#### i. Insurance and Indemnification

If it becomes necessary for the contractor, either as principal or by agent or employee, to enter upon the premises or property of the Borough in order to construct, erect, inspect, make delivery or remove property hereunder, the contractor hereby covenants and agrees to take use, provide and make all proper, necessary and sufficient precautions, safeguards, and protection against the occurrence of happenings of any accident, injuries, damages, or hurt to person or property during the course of the work herein covered and be his/her sole responsibility.

The contractor further covenants and agrees to indemnify and save harmless the Borough from the payment of all sums of money or any other consideration(s) by reason of any, or all, such accidents, injuries, damages, or hurt that may happen or occur upon or about such work and all fines, penalties and loss incurred for or by reason of the violation of any Borough regulation, ordinance or the laws of the State, or the United States while said work is in progress. The contractor shall maintain sufficient insurance to protect against all claims under Workers Compensation, General Liability and Automobile and shall be subject to approval for adequacy of protection and certificates of such insurance shall be provided.

The contractor, by execution of the contract, shall thereby indemnify and hold the Borough harmless from any and all liabilities, claims, actions, costs and penalties which may be incurred as the result of the failure of the contractor to comply with the requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) or any other statute or case law protecting the privacy of persons using its services.

Successful bidder will indemnify and hold harmless the Borough from all claims, suits or actions and damages or costs of every name and description to which the Borough may be subjected or put by reason of injury to the person or property of another, or the property of the Borough, resulting from negligent acts or omissions on the part of the bidder, the bidder's agents, servants or subcontractors in the delivery of materials and supplies, or in the performance of the work under this agreement.

#### **Certificates of the Required Insurance**

Certificates as listed above shall be submitted along with the contract as evidence covering Comprehensive General Liability, Comprehensive Automobile Liability, and where applicable, necessary Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance. Such coverage shall be with acceptable insurance companies operating on an admitted basis in the State of New Jersey and shall name the Borough as an additional insured.

#### **Insurance/Background Checks**

The Consultant is responsible to conduct adequate background checks on all employees and/or sub-contractors working at Borough facilities. Consultants and/or sub-contractors must be bonded, show proof of insurance coverage naming the Borough as an additional insured, and workers' compensation insurance.

#### **Insurance Requirements**

The Consultant shall maintain during the life of the contract, insurance policies of the type and with the minimum limits indicated below and in a form satisfactory to the municipality. The Consultant shall provide a certified copy of the policies and/or certificates of insurance satisfactory to the municipality prior to commencement of work.

#### 1. Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance

This insurance shall be maintained in force during the life of this contract by the bidder covering all employees engaged in performance of this contract in accordance with the applicable statute. Minimum Employer's Liability is \$500,000.00.

#### 2. General Liability Insurance

This insurance shall have limits of not less than \$1,000,000.00 any one person and \$1,000,000.00 any one accident for bodily injury and \$3,000,000.00 aggregate for property damage and shall be maintained in force during the life of this contract by the bidder.

#### 3. Automobile Liability Insurance

This insurance covering bidder for claims arising from owned, hired and nonowned vehicles with limits of not less than \$1,000,000.00 any one person and \$1,000,000.00 any one accident for bodily injury and \$1,000,000.00 each accident for property damage, shall be maintained in force during the life of this contract by the bidder.

#### 4. Professional Liability

\$1,000,000.00 errors and omissions/malpractice for occurrence.

#### j. HIPAA (if applicable)

Both parties agree to comply with all requirements of the Federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ('HIPAA") as may be amended from time to time and the corresponding HIPAA regulations for the confidentiality and security of medical information

The contractor shall:

- Not use or disclose protected health information other than as permitted or required by law
- Use appropriate safeguards to protect the confidentiality of the information
- Report any use or disclosure not permitted

The contractor, by execution of the contract, shall thereby indemnify and hold the Borough harmless from any and all liabilities, claims, actions, costs and penalties which may be incurred as the result of the failure of the contractor to comply with the requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) or any other statute or case law protecting the privacy of persons using its services.

#### k. Proof of Licensure

Proof of licensure for providing Professional Services in the State of New Jersey, for either the firm or the person responsible for the work, shall be provided as required.

## **I. Public Emergency**

In the event of a Public Emergency declared at the Local, State or Federal Level, if the Borough opts to extend terms and conditions of this RFP/RFQ, the contractor agrees to extend the terms and conditions of this RFP/RFQ, whether existing, expiring or expired no longer than six months, for goods and/or services for the duration of the emergency. In the event the original contractor cannot meet this requirement, the Borough may solicit the goods and/or services from any respondent on this contract.

## m. Multiple Proposals Not Accepted

More than one proposal from an individual, a firm or partnership, a corporation or association under the same or different names shall not be considered.

#### n. Failure to Enter Contract

Should the respondent, to whom the contract is awarded, fail to enter into a contract within twenty-one (21) days, Sundays and holidays excepted, the Borough may then, at its option, accept the proposal of another respondent.

#### o. Commencement of Work

The contractor agrees to commence work after the date of award by the Borough and upon notice from the using department.

## p. Termination of Contract

If, through any cause, the contractor shall fail to fulfill in a timely and proper manner obligations under the Contract or if the contractor violates any requirements of the Contract, the Borough shall thereupon have the right to terminate the Contract by giving written notice to the contractor of such termination at least thirty (30) days prior to the proposed effective date of the termination. Such termination shall relieve the Borough of any obligation for the balances to the contractor of any sum or sums set forth in the Contract.

The contractor agrees to indemnify and hold the Borough harmless from any liability to subcontractors/suppliers concerning payment for work performed or goods supplied arising out of the lawful termination of the Contract by the Borough under this provision. In case of default by the contractor, the Borough may procure the articles or services from other sources and hold the contractor responsible for any excess cost occasioned thereby.

## q. Non-Allocation of Funding Termination

Each calendar year payment obligation of the Borough is conditioned upon the availability of Borough funds appropriated or allocated for the payment of such an obligation. If funds are not allocated and available for the continuance of any services performed by the Contractor hereunder, whether in whole or in part, the Borough at the end of any particular fiscal year may terminate such services. The Borough will notify the Contractor in writing immediately of any services that will be affected by a shortage of appropriated funds. This provision shall not be construed so as to permit the Borough to terminate this Agreement during the term, or any service hereunder, merely in order to acquire identical services from a third-party contractor.

## r. Challenge of Specifications

Any respondent who wishes to challenge a specification shall file such challenge in writing with the Purchasing Agent no less than three (3) business days prior to the opening of the RFP/RFQ's. Challenges filed after that time shall be considered void and having no impact on the Borough or the award of contract.

#### s. Payment

Risk Management Consultant shall be paid directly from the Monmouth County Joint Insurance Fund. Unless it is work otherwise specified from the contract.

## t. Non-payment of Penalties and Interest on Overdue Bills

Public funds may be used to pay only for goods delivered or services rendered. The Borough will not pay penalties and/or interest on overdue bills. No employee is authorized to sign a letter of credit or any other document that represents a legal commitment on the part of the Borough to pay additional fees.

#### u. Availability of Funds

Pursuant to statutory requirements, any contract resulting from this bid shall be subject to the availability and appropriation of sufficient funds annually.

## v. Ownership of Material

The Borough shall retain all of its rights and interest in any and all documents and property both hard copy and digital furnished by the Borough to the contractor for the purpose of assisting the contractor in the performance of this contract. All such items shall be returned immediately to the Borough at the expiration or termination of the contract or completion of any related services, pursuant thereto, whichever comes first. None of the documents and/or property shall, without the written consent of the Borough, be disclosed to others or used by the contractor or permitted by the contractor to be used by their parties at any time except in the performance of the resulting contract.

Ownership of all data, materials and documentation originated and prepared for the Borough pursuant to this contract shall belong exclusively to the Borough. All data, reports, computerized information, programs and materials related to this project shall be delivered

and become the property of the Borough upon completion of the project. The contractor shall not have the right to use, sell, or disclose the total of the interim or final work products, or make available to third parties, without the prior written consent of the Borough. All information supplied to the Borough may be required to be supplied on CD-ROM media compatible with the Borough's computer operating system, windows based, Microsoft Office Suite 2007 or greater.

## w. Altering Official Document

Respondents shall not write in any margins or alter the official content of Borough's document.

#### x. W-9

Successful bidder/respondent shall complete W-9 Form and submit to Purchasing prior to contract award. The form is available at the following link: <u>http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf</u>

#### y. Conflict of Interest

Indicate and disclose below any potential conflicts of interest the Professional may have in performing these services for the Borough of Highlands.

Conflict of Interest Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_

*If answered "yes", please explain below or on separate sheet(s)* 

#### 2.7 Representations

The Vendor hereby represents as follows:

1. The Vendor is financially solvent, able to pay its debts as they become due and possessed of sufficient working capital to complete the services required and perform its obligations under this Agreement.

2. The Vendor is able to furnish the workplace, tools, materials, supplies, equipment and labor necessary to complete the Services and perform all of its obligations under the Contractual Documents, and has sufficient experience and competence to do so.

3. The Vendor is authorized to do business in the State of New Jersey and is properly licensed by all necessary governmental and public and quasi-public authorities having jurisdiction over the Vendor and the Services it will be performing.

4. The Vendor's execution of and performance under this Agreement are within its duly authorized powers.

5. The Vendor certifies that it has satisfied itself, from its own investigation, of the conditions to be met, and that it fully understands its obligations and agrees that it will not make any Claim for, or have right to, cancellation or relief from the Contractual Documents without penalty because of its misunderstanding or lack of information.

6. The Vendor certifies that all representations made by it in any of the Contractual Documents are true, subject to penalty of law. The Vendor understands and agrees that its knowing or intentional violation of any statute or regulation related to public contracts and/or its misrepresentation or concealment of any material fact may be cause for termination of this Agreement. The Vendor understands and agrees that the Vendor's violation of any statute or regulation related to public contracts and/or its misrepresentation or concealment of any material fact shall serve as a legal bar to the Vendor's enforcement of its rights under the Contractual Documents, including any and all Claims at law or equity.

7. The Vendor and any firm it has subcontracted has provided to the Authority proof of valid business registration with the Division of Revenue of the New Jersey Department of the Treasury, pursuant to L. 2001, c. 134, as set forth in Appendix E, and the Vendor shall not enter into any subcontract with a firm that has not provided it and the Borough with proof of such valid business registration.

# I. INTRODUCTION

These contracts are to furnish and deliver professional services for the Borough of Highlands through a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. as follows:

Any persons or firms interested in providing professional services to the Borough of Highlands as defined in the New Jersey Statutes, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(6).

## **II. SCOPE OF WORK**

## **RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT SERVICES**

**GENERAL CRITERIA:** Highlands Borough desires to appoint an individual or firm for the purpose of providing risk management consultant services to include property and general liabilities (excluding medical insurance).

The consultant will be required to have superior knowledge and experience in all aspects of identifying property and casualty exposures and have a strong knowledge of various insurance coverages within the Monmouth County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund (JIF) and in the outside traditional market. **Familiarity with a Joint Insurance Fund (JIF) procedures and documentation is essential as required under the bylaws of the JIF.** If selected, vendor must be pre- qualified/pre-approved by JIF prior to bid submission.

The Risk Management Consultant shall be a New Jersey licensed property/casualty insurance agent or broker with demonstrated prior experience in the management of public insurance risks. The Risk Management Consultant shall be an "Insurance Producer", pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:22-A, but shall not be a Fund Commissioner.

#### **DUTIES:**

The Risk Management Consultant (hereinafter the "Consultant") shall:

A Assist the Borough in identifying its insurable exposures and to recommend professional methods to reduce, assume or transfer the risk loss.

B. Assist the Borough in understanding and selecting the various coverages available from the Joint Insurance Fund (JIF) - (hereinafter referred to as "Fund")

C. Review with the Borough any additional coverages that the Consultant feels should be carried but are not available from the Fund and subject to the Borough's authorization place such coverages outside the fund.

D. Assist the Borough in the preparation of applications, statements of values and similar documents requested by the Fund, it being understood that this agreement does not include any appraisal work by the Consultant.

E. Review the Borough's assessment as prepared by the Fund and assist the Borough in the preparation of its annual insurance budget.

F. Review losses of reports and generally assist the safety Council in its loss containment and liability objectives.

G. Assist where needed in the settlement of claims, with the understanding that the scope of the Consultant's involvement does not include the work normally done by a public adjustor.

H. Attendance at the majority of meetings of the Fund and the Borough's JIF Safety Committee, and the performance of such other services as required by the Borough or the Fund.

I. Loss/Run Reports are to be received on a monthly basis along with any other requested associated reports to the Borough Risk Manager.

J. Organize quarterly claims review meetings with all appropriate parties.

K. Any other services required by the Fund's Bylaws.

#### SUBMISSIONS MUST INCLUDE:

1. Evidence of licensure or certifications as required by law.

- 2. List of current and past municipal clients served by the firm.
- 3. Resumes of partners and managers in the firm expected to act on this assignment.

4. Description of the staff employed by the firm including partners, managers, and other staff including numbers employed for each category.

5. Please provide address(es) of office(s).

6. Description of any other factors the proposing party believes is relevant to its ability to provide the Borough with superior service.

7. Valid State of New Jersey Business Registration Certificate.

8. Signed Vendor Certification.

9. Completed "Required Evidence Affirmative Action Regulations".

## TERM:

Appointments shall be for the calendar year of 2021 (January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021).

# **III. Proposal Requirements**

## FEE PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES OUTLINED ABOVE

This fair and open process proposal is for the Request for Proposal/Request for Qualifications. Contract award shall be made with reasonable promptness by written notice to that responsible bidder, whose bid proposal, conforming to this RFP/RFQ, is most advantageous to the Borough.

#### **Qualification Statement and Proposal**

Respondents are requested to submit a Qualification Statement. The Qualification Statement and Proposal must contain all requirements of the RFP/RFQ and the following information.

- 1. A statement that your firm is interested in performing the work described in this RFP/RFQ.
- 2. The address of the office in which the work will be performed.
- 3. The name and title of the individuals who will be assigned to the project(s).

4. A narrative demonstrating your understanding of all work necessary. The narrative must detail your firm's particular ability to perform the type of work. The narrative must indicate the experience of your firm/staff for the type of work involved for the categories your firm is preparing a response. The narrative should address the ability of your firm to complete the required work in a professional and cost-effective manner.

## Additional Attachments (Required)

Resumes with titles of key personnel who will be assigned to project must be submitted along with your firms' proposals. Each resume shall be a maximum of two, single sided, 8 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> "x 11" sheets in length and must highlight education, professional credentials, and work performance on projects similar to that described in this RFP/RFQ. A resume of the primary partner, as well as the resume(s) of key personnel must be included.

#### **Basis for Award of Contract/Agreement for Professional Services**

The Borough shall award all professional service contracts or agreements based on qualifications, knowledge and technical competence, experience performing similar work and other factors considered

## **Fee Schedule**

Risk management consultant fee is set at six (6%) percent of the assessment by the Joint Insurance Fund for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

#### References

Please provide a list of (3) three clients for whom similar risk management services have been provided. Include the following in your response:

- 1. Name of Client
- 2. Address of Client
- 3. Contact Person's Name
- 4. Contact Person's Title

- 5. Telephone Number 6. E-mail address
- 7. Dates Worked (time period worked with client)
- 8. Experience with JIF

# IV. BASIS FOR AWARD OF CONTRACT/AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

The Borough of Highlands shall award all professional service contracts or agreements based on qualification, merit and experience. Selection criteria will include:

1. Qualifications of the individual or firms who will perform the service or activity.

2. Experience and references with a JIF and current insurance workplace.

3. Ability to perform the service or activity in a timely fashion, including staffing and the staff's familiarity of the service or activity.

4. Cost Competitiveness, if applicable.

5. The Borough reserves the right to conduct an interview or interviews with the prospective professional to discuss the scope of the professional services as outlined in the applicant's/proposer's proposal.

6. All awards will be by resolution acted on by the Borough Council at a Council meeting.

- 7. All awards are subject to availability of funds.
- 8. Any other information that the Borough deems relevant.

## **V. Evaluation, Review and Selection Process**

#### **Proposals to Remain Subject to Acceptance**

RFP/RFQ responses shall remain open for a period of sixty (60) calendar days from the stated submittal date. The Borough will either award the Contract within the applicable time period or reject all proposals. The Borough may extend the decision to award or reject all proposals beyond the sixty (60) calendar days when the proposals of any respondents who consent thereto may, at the request of the Borough, be held for consideration for such longer period as may be agreed.

## **Rejection of Proposals**

The Borough reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to reject any proposals if the evidence submitted by, or investigation of such respondent fails to satisfy the Borough that such respondent is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the RFP/RFQ and to complete the work contemplated therein. The Borough reserves the right to waive any minor informality in the RFP/RFQ. In the event that all proposals are rejected, the Borough reserves the right to start the process over from the beginning and re-solicit proposals.

#### If No Proposals Are Received

If no proposals are received after conducting the Fair and Open Process, the Committee will make a recommendation for the appointment of a professional to the governing body as permitted in N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6.1(a)(b). Notwithstanding the above, all professionals receiving awards based on this subsection must comply with the limitations on contributions improved in the Borough's Pay to Pay Ordinances.

#### **Evaluation Process**

An evaluation team will review all proposals to determine if they satisfy the Proposal Requirements, determine if a proposal should be rejected and evaluate the proposals based upon the Evaluation Criteria. The highest-ranking respondent will then be recommended to the governing body for award of contract.

#### **Evaluation Criteria**

The criteria considered in the evaluation of each proposal follows. The arrangement of the criteria is not meant to imply order of importance in the selection process. All criteria will be used to select the successful respondent.

- 1. Understanding of the Requested Work
  - Completeness & responsiveness to the RFP/RFQ
  - **Gompliance** with instructions & requests
  - 4 Demonstrates clear understanding of Scope of Work

## 2. Knowledge and Technical Competence

- Education & training of employees
- Suitability to perform the required tasks
- Experience with JIF and/or MEL
- Process(es) used to measure & assure the quality of service

## 3. Management, Experience and Personnel Qualifications

- Froject management team & their qualifications
- ✤ Additional resources available
- **4** Record of reliability & quality of service
- Experience performing similar work
- ♣ References as required in RFP

## 4. Cost

Consistent a JIF, the fee will be six (6%) percent. This is inclusive of all costs (travel, fax, etc.) Hourly rates and schedules of fees for additional services will be submitted with the proposal. Any services not included as part of any resulting contract scope of services must be approved and authorized by the Borough before such work is initiated. The Borough shall pay for such approved services at the rate or cost agreed upon between the Borough and contractor, provided the respondent has provided a schedule of fees for additional services with this RFP/RFQ.

# VI. Award

The Borough reserves the right to conduct an interview or interviews with the prospective professional to discuss the scope of the professional services as outlined in the proposer's submission.

Term of Contract: January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021.

The Professional Services Committee will select the vendor(s) deemed most advantageous to the Borough, price and other factors considered. The Professional Services Committee's selection is subject to the Mayor's approval. Thereafter, the Mayor's recommendation shall be forwarded to the governing body for approval. Once approved by the governing body by resolution, the contract between the Borough and the selected vendor(s) shall be prepared.

All awards are subject to availability of funds.

#### Notice of Award

The successful respondent will be notified of the award of contract upon a favorable decision by the governing body. The Purchasing Agent may then send a Purchase Order/Voucher to the contractor.

#### Payment

Payment shall be made to the Consultant directly from the Joint Insurance Fund.

#### **Open Public Records Act (OPRA)**

All documents/information, except for OPRA's Exemptions from Disclosure, submitted in response to this solicitation shall be available to the general public as required by the New Jersey Open Public Records Act N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq.

#### COST DETAILS/SIGNATURE PAGE

NAME AND TITLE OF EMPLOYEE WHO WILL PERFORM SERVICES **	RATES	EXPENSES
	Total six (6%) percent       of assessment for	
	contract	
Other: please specify Other: please specify		

Please use additional sheet(s) if necessary.

Please provide rates for any additional services that may be requested. Any fee or cost not specified in your proposal is to be included within the hourly fee proposed.

Six (6%) Percent of Assessment	Agree:	Yes	No
	(please initial a	appropriate answer)	

\*\*Please include on a separate sheet for every title referenced, the definition of the title used. The definition should reference the level of experience, licensing, and/or parameters of the job function.

Contract will be awarded other factors considered.

The undersigned hereby declares that they have carefully examined the requirements of the specifications contained herein and propose the above for the Risk Manager bid and if awarded the contract, he/she will provide services as specified by the Specifications.

SIGNATURE	
NAME PRINTED	
COMPANY	
ADDRESS	
TELEPHONE	FAX
EMAIL	
DATE	

#### FEE PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES OUTLINED ABOVE

This fair and open process proposal is for the Request for Proposal/Request for Qualifications. Contract award shall be made with reasonable promptness by written notice to that responsible bidder, whose bid proposal, conforming to this RFP/RFQ, is most advantageous to the Borough, price and other factors considered.

#### **OFFICE LOCATION – Please list complete address of servicing location:**

REFERENCES: Please provide a minimum of three (3) references below of other public entities for which you provide or have provided services *or* you may use separate sheet(s). Please include contact name, title, client name and address, telephone number, email address and dates worked. You may also include additional references if desired.

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## **BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS BID DOCUMENT CHECKLIST**

# FAILURE TO SUBMIT AND ACKNOWLEDGE (initial) ANY OF THE TWO (2) "CHECKED" REQUIRED STATUTORY ITEMS (N.J.S.A. 40a:11-23.2) WILL **RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR BID**

#### Required with Bid

Read, Signed & **Submitted Bidder's initial** 

**Ownership Disclosure Certification - Statutory** 

Acknowledgement of Receipt of Addenda (complete enclosed form AND enclose signed copies of any/all Addenda with bid submission – Statutory

The following checklist is for your reference only and is strictly to guide vendors with required documentation; however, it may not include all specification requirements and does not relieve the bidder of the need to read and comply with the specifications.

- Non-Collusion Affidavit
- Required Evidence EEO/Affirmative Action Regulations Certificate of Questionnaire
- Certificate of Insurance naming Borough as additionally insured (from awarded vendor with executed contracts)
- Business Entity Disclosure Certification completed & signed (Pay-to-Play)
- License(s) and/or Certification(s) if required by the specifications
- Past and present public entities represented
- Price Proposal
- Office Location
- State of New Jersey Business Registration Certificate -with bid submission OR prior to award
- CD with PDF of Bid Response along with Printed Copied (reference Notice to Bidders)
- Disclosure of Investment Activities in Iran
- C. **READ ONLY**
- \_\\_ American with Disability Act of 1990 Language

#### **BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS** MONMOUTH COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF ADDENDA

The undersigned Bidder hereby acknowledges receipt of the following Addenda:

Addendum Number	Dated	Acknowledge Receipt (initial)

# $\Box$ No Addenda were received

Acknowledged for:

(Name of Bidder)

By:\_\_\_\_\_

(Signature of Authorized Representative)

Printed Name:

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date:

#### REQUIRED EVIDENCE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION REGULATIONS

N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 and N.J.A.C. 17:27

#### <u>GOODS AND SERVICES CONTRACT</u> (INCLUDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES)

This form is a summary of the successful bidder's requirement to comply with the requirement of comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 and N.J.A.C. 17:27 et seq.

The successful bidder shall submit to the public agency, after notification of award but prior to execution of this contract, one of the following three documents as forms of evidence;

1. A photocopy of a valid letter from the U.S. Department of Labor that the contractor has an existing federally-approved or sanctioned Affirmative Action Plan (good for one year from the date of the letter).

OR

2. A photocopy of approved Certificate of Employee Information Report issued in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-4;

OR

3. An Employee information Report (Form AA302) completed with a copy to the N.J. Department of the Treasury with the appropriate fee.

# NO FIRM MAY BE ISSUED A CONTRACT UNLESS IT COMPLIES WITH THE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION REGULATIONS OF N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:27-1.

The following questions must be answered by all bidders:

1. Do you have a federally-approved or sanctioned Affirmative Action Program?

\_\_\_\_\_

YES\_\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_\_ If yes, please submit a copy of such approval.

2. Do you have a Certificate of Employee Information Report Approval?

YES\_\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_\_ If yes, please submit a copy of such certificate.

The undersigned contractor certifies that he is aware of the commitment to comply with the requirements of P.L.1975, c.127 and agrees to furnish the required documentation pursuant to the law.

COMPANY:\_\_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE:\_\_\_\_\_

TITLE:\_\_\_\_\_

Note: A professional's bid must be rejected as non-responsive if a contractor fails to comply with requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:27, within the time frame.

NOTE: The professional must submit with their proposal an Employee Information Report Certificate. If the professional does not have an Employee Information Report Certificate as provided by the NJ Department of the Treasury and this is your first AA302 form report, the professional must submit a copy of the original AA302 form to the Public Agency awarding the contract (Borough of Highlands) and forward one copy with a check in the amount of \$150.00 payable to the Treasurer, State of New Jersey (fee is non-refundable) to:

NJ Department of the Treasury Division of Public Contracts Equal Employment Opportunity Compliance P.O. Box 206 Trenton, NJ 08525-0206

Telephone 609-292-5473

Upon receipt of the Employee Information Report Certificate, the professional MUST forward a photo copy of this certificate to the Borough for our files.

*Note:* If the Borough has received this AA302 form with a previous proposal, the Borough is unable to accept the proposal from the professional without the Employee Information Report Certificate.

## EXHIBIT A MANDATORY EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY LANGUAGE N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. (P.L.1975, c.127) N.J.A.C. 17:27 et seq.

#### GOODS, GENERAL SERVICES, AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS

During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex. Except with respect to affectional or sexual orientation and gender identity or expression, the contractor will ensure that equal employment opportunity is afforded to such applicants in recruitment and employment, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex. Such equal employment opportunity shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprentice-ship. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the Public Agency Compliance Officer setting forth provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex.

The contractor or subcontractor will send to each labor union, with which it has a collective bargaining agreement, a notice, to be provided by the agency contracting officer, advising the labor union of the contractor's commitments under this chapter and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, agrees to comply with any regulations prom-ulgated by the Treasurer pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq., as amended and supplemented from time to time and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The contractor or subcontractor agrees to make good faith efforts to meet targeted county employment goals established in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-5.2.

The contractor or subcontractor agrees to inform in writing its appropriate recruitment agencies including, but not limited to, employment agencies, placement bureaus, colleges, universities, and labor unions, that it does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex, and that it will discontinue the use of any recruitment agency which engages in direct or indirect discriminatory practices.

The contractor or subcontractor agrees to revise any of its testing procedures, if necessary, to assure that all personnel testing conforms with the principles of job related testing, as established by the statutes and court decisions of the State of New Jersey and as established by applicable Federal law and applicable Federal court decisions.

In conforming with the targeted employment goals, the contractor or subcontractor agrees to review all procedures relating to transfer, upgrading, downgrading and layoff to ensure that all such actions are taken without regard to age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual

orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex, consistent with the statutes and court decisions of the State of New Jersey, and applicable Federal law and applicable Federal court decisions.

The contractor shall submit to the public agency, after notification of award but prior to execution of a goods and services contract, one of the following three documents:

Letter of Federal Affirmative Action Plan Approval;

Certificate of Employee Information Report; or

Employee Information Report Form AA-302 (electronically provided by the Division and distributed to the public agency through the Division's website at: http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/contract\_compliance/.

The contractor and its subcontractors shall furnish such reports or other documents to the Division of Purchase & Property, CCAU, EEO Monitoring Program as may be requested by the office from time to time in order to carry out the purposes of these regulations, and public agencies shall furnish such information as may be requested by the Division of Purchase & Property, CCAU, EEO Monitoring Program for conducting a compliance investigation pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:27-1.1 et seq.

(2016)

## APPENDIX A AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990 Equal Opportunity for Individuals with Disability

The contractor and the Borough of Highlands of Highlands, NJ, (hereafter "Borough") do hereby agree that the provisions of Title 11 of the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990 (the "Act") (42 U.S.C. S121 01 et seq.), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability by public entities in all services, programs, and activities provided or made available by public entities, and the rules and regulations promulgated pursuant there unto, are made a part of this contract. In providing any aid, benefit, or service on behalf of the Borough pursuant to this contract, the contractor agrees that the performance shall be in strict compliance with the Act. In the event that the contractor, its agents, servants, employees, or subcontractors violate or are alleged to have violated the Act during the performance of this contract, the contractor shall defend the Borough in any action or administrative proceeding commenced pursuant to this Act. The contractor shall indemnify, protect, and save harmless the Borough, its agents, servants, and employees from and against any and all suits, claims, losses, demands, or damages, of whatever kind or nature arising out of or claimed to arise out of the alleged violation. The contractor shall, at its own expense, appear, defend, and pay any and all charges for legal services and any and all costs and other expenses arising from such action or administrative proceeding or incurred in connection therewith. In any and all complaints brought pursuant to the Borough's grievance procedure, the contractor agrees to abide by any decision of the Borough which is rendered pursuant to said grievance procedure. If any action or administrative proceeding results in an award of damages against the Borough, or if the Borough incurs any expense to cure a violation of the ADA which has been brought pursuant to its grievance procedure, the contractor shall satisfy and discharge the same at its own expense.

The Borough shall, as soon as practicable after a claim has been made against it, give written notice thereof to the contractor along with full and complete particulars of the claim, If any action or administrative proceeding is brought against the Borough or any of its agents, servants, and employees, the *Borough shall* expeditiously forward or have forwarded to the contractor every demand, complaint, notice, summons, pleading, or other process received by the Borough or its representatives.

It is expressly agreed and understood that any approval by the Borough of the services provided by the contractor pursuant to this contract will not relieve the contractor of the obligation to comply with the Act and to defend, indemnify, protect, and save harmless the Borough pursuant to this paragraph.

It is further agreed and understood that the Borough assumes no obligation to indemnify or save harmless the contractor, its agents, servants, employees and subcontractors for any claim which may arise out of their performance of this Agreement. Furthermore, the contractor expressly understands and agrees that the provisions of this indemnification clause shall in no way limit the contractor's obligations assumed in this Agreement, nor shall they be construed to relieve the contractor from any liability, nor preclude the Borough from taking any other actions available to it under any other provisions of the Agreement or otherwise at law.

## STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP (OWNERSHIP DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATION) N.J.S.A. 52:25-24 (P.L. 1977, c.33, as amended by P.O. 2016, c.43) THIS

#### STATEMENT SHALL BE INCLUDED WITH ALL SUBMISSIONS

#### Failure of the bidder/proposer to submit the required information is cause for automatic rejection of the bid or proposal

Name of Business:

Address of Business:

Name of person completing this form:

#### N.J.S.A. 52:25-24.2:

"No corporation, partnership or limited liability company shall be awarded any contract nor shall any agreement be entered into for the performance of any work or the furnishing of any materials or supplies, unless prior to the receipt of the bid or proposal or accompanying the bid or proposal of said corporation, said partnership or said limited liability company there is submitted a statement setting forth the names and addresses of all stockholders in the corporation who own 10 percent or more of its stock, of any class, or of all members in the limited liability company who own a 10 percent or greater interest therein, as the case may be.

If one or more such stockholder or partner or member is itself a corporation or partnership or limited liability company, the stockholders holding 10 percent or more of that corporation's stock or the individual partners owning 10 percent or greater interest in that partnership or the members owning 10 percent or greater interest in that partnership or the members owning 10 percent or greater interest in that partnership or the members owning 10 percent or greater interest in that limited liability company, as the case may be, shall also be listed. The disclosure shall be continued until names and addresses of every non-corporate stockholder, and individual partner and ember, exceeding the 10 percent ownership criteria established in this act, has been listed.

To comply with this section, a bidder with any direct or indirect parent entity which is publicly traded may submit the name and address of each publicly traded entity and the name and address of each person that holds a 10 percent or greater beneficial interest in the publicly traded entity as of the last annual filing with the Federal Securities and Exchange Commission or the foreign equivalent, and, if there is any person that holds a 10 or greater beneficial interest, also shall submit links to the websites containing the last annual filings with the federal Securities and Exchange Commission or the foreign equivalent and the relevant page numbers or the filings that contain the information one each person that holds a 10 percent or greater beneficial interest."

The Attorney General has advised that the provisions of N.J.S.A. 52:25-24.2, which refer to corporations and partnerships apply to limited partnerships, limited liability partnerships and Subchapter S Corporations.

# THIS OWNERSHIP DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATION FORM SHALL BE COMPLETED, SIGNED AND NOTARIZED.

#### <u>Part 1</u>

#### Check the box that represents the type of business organization: Sole

Proprietorship (skip Parts II and III, sign and notarize at the end) Non-Profit

Corporation (skip Parts II and III, sign and notarize at the end)

Partnership	Limited Partnership	Limited Liability Partnership
Limited Liability Company	For profit Corporation (including Subchapters C & S or Professional Corporation	
Other (be specific):		

#### <u>Part II</u>

I certify that the list below contains the names and addresses of all stockholders in the corporation who own 10 percent or more of its stock, of any class, or of all individual partners in the partnership who own a 10 percent or greater interest therein or of all members in the limited liability company who own a 10 percent of greater interest therein, as the case may be.

OR

I certify that no one stockholder in the corporation owns 10 percent or more of its stock, of any class, or no individual partner in the partnership owns a 10 percent or greater interest therein or that no member in the limited liability company owns a 10 percent or greater interest therein, as the case may be.

Sign and notarize the form below, and, if necessary, complete the list below.

Name:	Name:	
Address:	Address:	
Name:	Name:	
Address:		
Name:	Name:	
Address:	Address:	

#### Part III – Any Direct or Indirect Parent Entity Which is Publicly Traded:

"To comply with this section, a bidder either any direct or indirect parent entity which is publicly traded may submit the name and address of each publicly traded entity and the name and address of each person that holds a 10 percent or greater beneficial interest in the publicly traded entity as of the last annual filing with the Federal Securities and Exchange Commission or the foreign equivalent, and, if there is any person that holds a 10 percent or greater beneficial interest, also shall submit links to the websites containing the last annual filings with the Federal Securities and Exchange Commission or the foreign equivalent and the relevant page numbers of the filings that contain the information on each person that holds a 10 percent or greater beneficial interest."

Pages attached with name and address of each publicly traded entity as well as the name and address of each person that holds a 10 percent or greater beneficial interest.

OR

Submit here the links to the Websites (URLs) containing the last annual filings with the federal Securities and Exchange Commission or the foreign equivalent.

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CORPORATE SEAL,

#### BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS MONMOUTHCOUNTY, NEW JERSEY

#### NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

State of New Jersey County of \_\_\_\_\_ ss:

	residing in	
(na	ame of affiant)	(name of municipality)
in the County of	and State of	of full age, being duly sworn
according to law on m	y oath depose and say that:	
I am	of the firm of	
	(title or position)	(name of firm)
the bidder making this	s Proposal for the bid proposal entitled	
		(title of bid proposal)
and that I executed the	e said Proposal with full authority to do so tha	t said bidder had not, directly or indirectly entered
into any agreement(s),	participated in any collusion, or otherwise ta	ken any action in restraint of free, competitive
bidding in connection	with the above named project; and that all sta	tements contained in said Proposal and in this
affidavit are true and c	correct, and made with full knowledge that the	
	relies upon the truth of the stateme	ents contained in said Proposal and in this
(name of contracting u	unit)	-
affidavit in awarding t	he contract for the said Project.	

I further warrant that no person or selling agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure such contract upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee, except bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial or selling agencies maintained by

(Signature)

Type or print name of affiant under signature

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

Notary Public Signature Notary Public of \_\_\_\_\_

My Commission expires \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_.

#### BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS MONMOUTHCOUNTY, NEW JERSEY Division of Purchasing DISCLOSURE OF INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES IN IRAN

Proposal Title:

Respondent:

Pursuant to Public Law 2012, c. 25, any person or entity that submits a bid or proposal or otherwise proposes to enter into or renew a contract must complete the certification below to attest, under penalty of perjury, that the person or entity, or one of the person or entity's parents, subsidiaries, or affiliates, is not identified on a list created and maintained by the Department of the Treasury as a person or entity engaging in investment activities in Iran. If the Director finds a person or entity to be in violation of the principles which are the subject of this law, s/he shall take action as may be appropriate and provided by law, rule or contract, including but not limited to, imposing sanctions, seeking compliance, recovering damages, declaring the party in default and seeking debarment or suspension of the person or entity.

#### I certify, pursuant to Public Law 2012, c. 25, that the person or entity listed above for which I am authorized to submit a response/renew:

is not providing goods or services of \$20,000,000 or more in the energy sector of Iran, including a person or entity that provides oil or liquefied natural gas tankers, or products used to construct or maintain pipelines used to transport oil or liquefied natural gas, for the energy sector of Iran,

# AND

is not a financial institution that extends \$20,000,000 or more in credit to another person or entity, for 45 days or more, if that person or entity will use the credit to provide goods or services in the energy sector in Iran.

In the event that a person or entity is unable to make the above certification because it or one of its parents, subsidiaries, or affiliates has engaged in the above-referenced activities, a detailed, accurate and precise description of the activities must be provided in part 2 below to the Division of Purchasing under penalty of perjury. Failure to provide such will result in the proposal being rendered as non-responsive and appropriate penalties, fines and./or sanctions will be assessed as provided by law.

PART 2: PLEASE PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION RELATED TO INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES IN IRAN

You must provide, accurate and precise description of the activities of the bidding person/entity, or one of its parents, subsidiaries or affiliates, engaging in the investment activities in Iran outlined above by completing the information below. Relationship to Respondent: Name:

Description of Activities:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Anticipated Cessation Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Respondent/Offeror Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone Number:

Certification: I, being duly sworn upon my oath, hereby represent and state that the foregoing information and any attachments thereto to the best of my knowledge are true and complete. I attest that I am authorized to execute this certification on behalf of the above-referenced person or entity. I acknowledge that the Borough of Highlands is relying on the information contained herein and thereby acknowledge that I am under a continuing obligation from the date of this certification through the completion of any contracts with the Borough to notify the Borough in writing of any changes to the answers of information contained herein. I acknowledge that I am aware that it is a criminal offense to make a false statement or misrepresentation in this certification, and if I do so, I recognize that I am subject to criminal prosecution under the law and that it will also constitute a material breach of my agreement(s) with the Borough of Highlands, and that the Borough at its option may declare any contract(s) resulting from this certification void and unenforceable.

Full Name (Print):	Signature:	
Title:	Date:	
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## BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS MONMOUTHCOUNTY, NEW JERSEY

#### BUSINESS REGISTRATION OF PUBLIC CONTRACTORS BUSINESS REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

The New Jersey State Contractor Business Registration Program to local government contracts requires any "Business Organization" (meaning individual, partnership, association, joint stock company, trust, corporation, or other legal business entity or successor thereof) to submit a copy of their Business Registration Certificate when submitting a bid or proposal OR prior to award.

# FAILURE TO DO SO IS A FATAL DEFECT THAT CANNOT BE CURED

#### GOODS AND SERVICES CONTRACTS

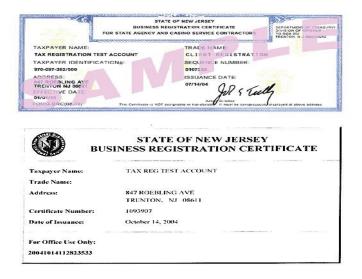
N.J.S.A. 52:32-44 imposes the following requirements on contractors and all subcontractors that knowingly provide goods or perform services for a contractor fulfilling this contract:

1. the contractor shall provide written notice to its subcontractors to submit proof of business registration to the contractor;

2. prior to receipt of final payment from a contracting agency, a contractor must submit to the contracting agency an accurate list of all subcontractors or attest that none was used;

3. during the term of this contract, the contractor and its affiliates shall collect and remit, and shall notify all subcontractors and their affiliates that they must collect and remit to the Director, New Jersey Division of Taxation, the use tax due pursuant to the Sales and Use Tax Act, (N.J.S.A. 54:32B-1 et seq.) on all sales of tangible personal property delivered into this State.

A contractor, subcontractor or supplier who fails to provide proof of business registration or provides false business registration information shall be liable to a penalty of \$25 for each day of violation, not to exceed \$50,000 for each business registration not properly provided or maintained under a contract with a contracting agency. Information on the law and its requirements is available by calling (609) 292-9292.



## SAMPLES OF BUSINESS REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

EITHER CERTIFICATE IS ACCEPTABLE AND RESPONSIVE

#### DEBARRED, SUSPENDED AND DISQUALIFIED CONSULTANT AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF NEW JERSEY	)
	)
COUNTY OF	)

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_of the Borough of \_\_\_\_\_\_, in the County of \_\_\_\_\_\_ and the State of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_being of full age, being duly sworn according to law on my oath depose and say:

I am \_\_\_\_\_, an officer of the firm(s) of \_\_\_\_\_

, the Professional making the proposal for the above named work; I executed the said proposal with full authority to do so; said Professional at the time of making this proposal {as applicable, insert "is" or "is not"} included on the State of New Jersey, State Treasurer's List of Debarred, Suspended and Disqualified Professionals; and all statements contained in said proposal and in this affidavit are true and correct and made with the full knowledge that the Borough of Highlands as the Local Unit relies upon the truth of the statements contained in said proposal and in this affidavit in awarding the contract for said work:

- I. Has not been suspended, debarred, voluntarily excluded or determined ineligible by any Federal, state or local government agency within the past 3 years;
- II. Does not have a proposed debarment pending; and
- III. Has not been indicted, convicted, or had a civil judgment rendered against (it) by a court of competent jurisdiction in any matter involving fraud or official misconduct within the past 3 years.

The undersigned further warrants that should the name of the firm making this proposal appear on the State Treasurer's List of Debarred, Suspended and Disqualified Consultants at any time prior to, and during the life of the contract, including the Guaranteed Period, that the Local Unit shall be immediately so notified by the signatory of this Eligibility Affidavit.

(Insert Exceptions - For any exception noted, indicate to whom it applies, initiating agency, and dates of action. Providing false information may result in criminal prosecution or administrative sanctions. If no exceptions, insert "None".)

Subscribed and Sworn	
Before me this day	
of, 20	
	Name and address of Consultant
Notary Public	
My commission expires:	Name and Title of Affiant
	Signed:

Signature of Officer or Individual

## **BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS**

#### **BUSINESS ENTITY DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATION** "PAY TO PLAY"

#### BUSINESS ENTITY DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATION Required Pursuant To Borough of Highlands N.J.S.A. 19:44A-1, et seq. BOROUGH OF CHERRYHILL

#### Part I-Vendor Affirmation

The undersigned, being authorized and knowledgeable of the circumstances, does hereby certify that the professional business entity named below is in compliance with all terms conditions, requirements and/or other obligations .

Any vendor which enters in a contract or agreement with the Borough of Highlands or any department or agency thereof shall file a disclosure statement follows prescribed by the Borough of Highlands identifying all reportable contributions to any Highlands Borough candidate for Mayor or Borough Council or officeholder or political committee required to be reported pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-1, et seq. Please continue on an additional sheet if necessary. If no reportable contributions have been made, please print "NONE" below.

TO WHOM	BY WHOM	AMOUNT	DATE

#### Part II-Signature and Attestation:

By signing below, I understand and certify to the above and am aware that if I have misrepresented in whole or in part of this certification, I and/or the business entity, will be liable for any penalty permitted under the law.

Name of Business Entity:

Signature of Affiant:

Printed Name of Affiant:

Date:

Date:

Subscribed and sworn before me this

day of

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(Witnessed or attested by)
My Commission expires:

(Seal)