

2022 REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS
TO BE AWARDED BY ESTABLISHED QUALIFICATION CRITERIA FOR
BOND COUNSEL

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals addressed to Michelle Hutchinson, Borough Clerk, will be received up to **Friday, December 17, 2021, at 11:00a.m. prevailing local time** at which time they will be publicly opened and read by the Purchasing Agent of the Borough of Highlands, at the Municipal Building, 42 Shore Drive, Conference Room, Highlands, New Jersey 07732.

Proposal Forms, Instructions to Bidders, Specifications and other Bidding documents may be examined or obtained at the office of the Borough Purchasing Agent, during the regular business hours of 8:30am – 4:30p.m. at the above address, or may be reviewed and obtained on the Borough website www.highlandsborough.org. It is recommended that all Bidders who have downloaded specifications register recheck the website to ensure if any/all addenda issued.

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

It is the sole responsibility of the person submitting the bid to be knowledgeable of all addenda related to this procurement. 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.

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), Resolutions 2006-1-51 and 2008-10-10, and Highlands Ordinance 2007-21 entitled “Public Contracting (“Pay-to-Play”) Reform Ordinance” and Ordinance 2008-9 entitled “The Highlands Transparency Reform Act”, Highlands Borough is soliciting Requests for Proposal/Statements of Qualification for Bidders for professional service position appointments. Any Bidder which enters into a contract or agreement with the Borough of Highlands or any department or agency thereof shall file a disclosure statement as set forth 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 above referenced professional attorney position should address the general criteria and mandatory minimum criteria. 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 two (2) flash drives containing exact copies of the original.

Appointments shall be for the calendar year of 2022. Price and other factors considered.

As used herein, the term Borough shall include all Highlands Borough Departments, Boards, Commissions and affiliated agencies.

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).

Michael F. Muscillo
Borough Administrator
Borough of Highlands
December 2, 2021

INTRODUCTION

The Borough of Highlands (hereinafter the “Borough”) is soliciting proposals from qualified firms interested in performing the duties and functions for the enclosed Attorney specialty and 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).

Appointments shall be for the calendar year of 2022. Price and other factors considered.

As used herein, the term “Borough” shall include all Highlands Borough Departments, Boards, Commissions and affiliated.

2. 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 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 Borough, will become part of any contract awarded as a result of this RFP/RFQ.

2.1 Proposal Submission Information

Submission Date and Time: Friday, December 17, 2021, at 11:00a.m. prevailing local time

The Respondent shall submit one (1) original with original signatures marked “ORIGINAL” and should submit two (2) flash drives containing exact copies of the original.

Submission Office:

Borough of Highlands/ RPF Bond Counsel
Borough Clerk
42 Shore Drive
Highlands, New Jersey 07732

Clearly mark the submittal package with the title of this RFP/RFQ Bond Counsel and the name of the responding firm, addressed to the Borough Clerk. The original proposal shall be marked. Only those RFQ responses received prior to or on the submission date and time as specified on the Notice to Bidders 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, 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:
Michael F. Muscillo, Borough Administrator
Email: mmuscillo@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. **Questions may be emailed to mmuscillo@highlandsborough.org**

2.4 Assign, Sublet or Transfer Any Rights/Interests

Neither the Borough nor the Respondent 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 Respondent 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 Respondent is obligated to comply with the Act and hold the Borough harmless.

d. Ownership Disclosure

No corporation, partnership, etc. 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, partnership, etc. there is submitted to the Borough a statement setting forth the names and addresses of all stockholders OR owners in the corporation, partnership, etc. 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> .



Either certificate is acceptable

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.

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)

- (1) Any business entity that has received \$50,000 or more in contracts from government entities in a calendar year is required to file an annual disclosure report with ELEC. The instructions and form are available on the ELEC website.
- (2) Annual Disclosures require submission by March 30th of each year covering contracts and contributions for the prior calendar year.
- (3) 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 Respondent, 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 Respondent 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 Respondent 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 Respondent 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 Respondent, 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 Respondent 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 Respondent 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 Respondent, the Respondent's agents, servants or sub-contractors 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 Respondent 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 Respondent.

3. Automobile Liability Insurance

This insurance covering Respondent for claims arising from owned, hired and non-owned 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 Respondent.

4. Professional Liability

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

Per GFOA, level of malpractice insurance carried, including deductible amount to cover Errors & Omissions (E&O) improper judgments and negligence.

SELF INSURED CONTRACTORS shall submit an affidavit attesting to their self-insured coverage and shall name Borough of Highlands as additional insured.

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 Respondent 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 Respondent, 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 Respondent 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.

l. 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 Respondent 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 Respondent 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 Respondent agrees to commence work on January 1, 2022.

p. Termination of Contract

If, through any cause, the Respondent shall fail to fulfill in a timely and proper manner obligations under the Contract or if the Respondent violates any requirements of the Contract, the Borough shall thereupon have the right to terminate the Contract by giving written notice to the Respondent 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 Respondent of any sum or sums set forth in the Contract.

The Respondent agrees to indemnify and hold the Borough harmless from any liability to sub-contractors/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 Respondent, the Borough may procure the articles or services from other sources and hold the Respondent 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 Respondent hereunder, whether in whole or in part, the Borough at the end of any particular calendar year

may terminate such services. The Borough will notify the Respondent 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 Respondent.

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

Invoices shall specify, in detail, the period for which payment is claimed, the services performed during the prescribed period, the amount claimed and correlation between the services claimed and the Proposal Cost Forms.

Payment will be made within sixty (60) days or less provided the Contractor returns signed purchase order with original signature and original invoice within specified time period. The Borough will not be charged interest or penalties.

The Borough may withhold all or partial payments on account of subsequently discovered evidence including, but not limited to, the following:

1. Deliverables not complying with the project specification;
2. Claims filed or responsible evidence indicating probability of filing claims;
3. A reasonable doubt that the Contract can be completed for the balance then unpaid.

When the above grounds are removed, payment shall be made for amounts withheld because of them.

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.

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 Respondent or permitted by the Respondent 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 to 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 Contractor shall complete W-9 Form and submit to the Purchasing Department prior to contract award. The form is available at the following link: <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf>

y. Best Practices

The awarded attorney will adhere to the best practices described in the Office of the Comptroller's Report of June 25, 2013 on municipal legal services.

z. Conflict of Interest

Indicate and disclose below any potential conflicts of interest that the Attorney(s) 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 Respondent hereby represents as follows:

1. The Respondent 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 Respondent 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 Respondent 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 Respondent and the Services it will be performing.
4. The Respondent's execution of and performance under this Agreement are within its duly authorized powers.
5. The Respondent 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 Contractor certifies that all representations made by it in any of the Contractual Documents are true, subject to penalty of law. The Respondent 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 Respondent understands and agrees that the Respondent'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 Respondent's enforcement of its rights under the Contractual Documents, including any and all Claims at law or equity.
7. The Contractor and any firm it has subcontracted has provided to the Borough 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 Respondent shall not enter into any subcontract with a firm that has not provided it and the Borough with proof of such valid business registration.
8. Disclosure of Investment Activities in Iran – Pursuant of P.L. 2012 c.25 prohibits state and local public contracts with persons or entities engaging in certain investment activities in energy or financial sectors of Iran.

BOND COUNSEL

I. INTRODUCTION

This contract is 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:

II. SCOPE OF WORK

PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS & FEE PROPOSAL

PERIOD OF CONTRACT:

This contract shall be for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

DESCRIPTION OF REQUIRED SERVICES – BOND COUNSEL:

The Borough of Highlands is seeking request for Proposals for Bond Counsel for any issuance of debt for the calendar year 2022 and legal matters regarding any and all Borough financing in the past, present and future, including but not limited to, compliance with continuing disclosure requirements. The following required information is to be addressed in the Request for Proposal/Request for Qualifications. Please add separate sheets.

Any experience or knowledge of matters that directly affect the Borough of Highlands should be addressed.

III. MANDATORY MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

1. Licensed to practice law in the State of New Jersey for a minimum of ten (10) years.
2. Must have ten (10) years' experience representing municipal entities in connection with the approval of bond ordinances and the issuance of municipal bonds and/or notes.
3. Must have experience in advising and representing public entities regarding SEC matters.
4. Must maintain a bona fide office in the State of New Jersey. Please list office address.
5. Must have sufficient support staff to provide all services required by the Borough including, but not limited to, the preparation of all documents necessary and incidental to the issuance of bonds, bond anticipation notes, emergency notes, refunding and/or refinancing and other municipal obligations as well as any legal matters pertaining to such issuances.
6. List of all present public entities represented as Bond Counsel.
7. Schedule of proposed fee(s).

IV. 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 Respondent, whose bid proposal, conforming to this RFP/RFQ, is most advantageous to the Borough, price, and other factors considered.

QUALIFICATION STATEMENT AND PROPOSAL

Respondents are requested to submit a Qualification Statement and Proposal for each category. 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.
5. Resumes of key personnel must be submitted along with your firms’ proposals. Each resume shall be a maximum of two, single sided, 8 ½ “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.
6. It is anticipated that the Borough will require monthly itemized statements for all services and will subject these statements to audit at least annually. Describe how your firm would provide for this reporting.
7. Please submit an example of a typical invoice your firm provides to a public agency.

Fee Schedule

Respondents shall submit a proposed hourly rate fee schedule and schedule of fees for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

Any fee or cost not specified in your proposal is to be included within the hourly fee proposed.

The fee proposal at the end of this section must be completed as outlined or the proposal will be rejected.

References

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

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| 1. Name of Client | 3. Contact Person’s Name | 5. Telephone Number | 7. Days Worked |
| 2. Address of Client | 4. Contact Person’s Title | 6. E-mail address | |

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 approved 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, based on price and other factors.

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
 - ✚ Compliance with instructions & requests
 - ✚ Demonstrates clear understanding of Scope of Work

- 2. Knowledge and Technical Competence**
 - ✚ Education & training of employees
 - ✚ Suitability to perform the required tasks

- 3. Management, Experience and Personnel Qualifications**
 - ✚ Project management team & their qualifications
 - ✚ Record of reliability & quality of service
 - ✚ Experience performing similar work
 - ✚ References-as required in RFP

- 4. Cost**
 - ✚ Explanation of costs (on Cost Sheet)
 - ✚ Cost comparison
 - ✚ Miscellaneous additional services costs

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 Respondent's submission.

Term of Contract: January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022.

The Professional Services Committee will select the Respondent 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 Respondent 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 Respondent.

Payment

Payment will be made after a properly executed Borough voucher has been received and formally approved on the voucher list by the Borough Council at its subsequent regular meeting. The voucher will be certified correct by the department/division head who received the goods or services.

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3. A reasonable doubt that the Contract can be completed for the balance then unpaid.

When the above grounds are removed, payment shall be made for amounts withheld because of them.

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 **	HOURLY RATES	EXPENSES	TIME ESTIMATE, IF APPLICABLE
Travel Time			
Fax			
Postage			
Copies			
Other: <i>please specify</i>			
Other: <i>please specify</i>			

Please use additional sheet(s) if necessary.

Any fee or cost not specified in your proposal is to be included within the hourly fee proposed.

TOTAL COST, where appropriate, total cost “not to exceed” amount:

\$ _____

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

	<i>Minimum Fees</i>	<i>Estimated Hours</i>
New Money Bond Issues:		
Refunding Bond Issues:		
Temporary Financing (Bond Anticipation Notes, Tax Anticipation Notes, Special Emergency Notes, Emergency Notes):		
Bond Ordinance Review or Preparation (Single/Multiple Purpose):		
Special Tax Counsel Services:		
New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Financing:		

Please indicate any additional charges not listed above.

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

SIGNATURE: _____

NAME PRINTED: _____

FIRM: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ 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 Respondent, 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:

Please provide a list of three (3) municipal clients for whom similar services have been provided.

Name: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____

Contact Name: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Dates Worked: _____

_____ Email: _____

Name: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____

Contact Name: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Dates Worked: _____

_____ Email: _____

Name: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____

Contact Name: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Dates Worked: _____

_____ Email: _____

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 initials
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ownership Disclosure Certification - Statutory	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 Respondents with required documentation; however, it may not include all specification requirements and does not relieve the Respondent 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 Respondent 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 Respondents)
 - Disclosure of Investment Activities in Iran
- C. READ ONLY
- American with Disability Act of 1990 Language

BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS
MONMOUTH COUNTY, 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.

Name: _____ Relationship to Respondent: _____

Description of Activities: _____

Duration of Engagement: _____ 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: _____

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

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF ADDENDA

The undersigned Respondent hereby acknowledges receipt of the following Addenda:

Addendum Number	Dated	Acknowledge Receipt (initial)
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

No Addenda were received

Acknowledged for: _____
(Name of Respondent)

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**

**GOODS AND SERVICES CONTRACT
(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 Bidder 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 Bidder 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 Bidder 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.

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, up-grading, 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 promulgated 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.

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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 "owner") do hereby agree that the provisions of Title 11 of the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990 (the "Act") (*42 U.S.C. §12101 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 owner 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 owner in any action or administrative proceeding commenced pursuant to this Act. The contractor shall indemnify, protect, and save harmless the owner, 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 owner's grievance procedure, the contractor agrees to abide by any decision of the owner which is rendered pursuant to said grievance procedure. If any action or administrative proceeding results in an award of damages against the owner, or if the owner 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 owner 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 owner or any of its agents, servants, and employees, the *owner shall* expeditiously forward or have forwarded to the contractor every demand, complaint, notice, summons, pleading, or other process received by the owner or its representatives.

It is expressly agreed and understood that any approval by the owner 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 owner pursuant to this paragraph.

It is further agreed and understood that the owner 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 owner 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 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.**

Part 1

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): _____

Part II

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: _____ 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.

AND

Submit here the relevant page numbers of the filings containing the information on each person holding a 10 percent or greater beneficial interest.

(Affiant)

(Print name of affiant and title, if applicable)

Subscribed and sworn before me this _____ of
_____, 20_____.

(Notary Public)

CORPORATE SEAL,
IF CORPORATION

My Commission expires: _____

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

NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

State of New Jersey County of _____ ss:

I _____ residing in _____
(name of affiant) (name of municipality)
in the County of _____ and State of _____ of full age, being duly sworn
according to law on my oath depose and say that:

I am _____ of the firm of _____,
(title or position) (name of firm)
the bidder making this Proposal for the bid proposal entitled _____,
(title of bid proposal)

and that I executed the said Proposal with full authority to do so that said bidder had not, directly or indirectly entered into any agreement(s), participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free, competitive bidding in connection with the above named project; and that all statements contained in said Proposal and in this affidavit are true and correct, and made with full knowledge that the _____
_____ relies upon the truth of the statements contained in said Proposal and in this
(name of contracting unit)
affidavit in awarding the 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____ .

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 the statements contained 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”**

Please review Executive Order 117. Documents may be downloaded in addition to the bid documents. Please complete and enclose the following “Business Entity Disclosure Certification” page.

