

**TOWNSHIP OF NORTH BERGEN  
County of Hudson  
State of New Jersey**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)**

**FAIR & OPEN PUBLIC SOLICITATION PROCESS**

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE: VARIOUS (SEE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES  
SOLICITED SECTION)**

**Submission Date:  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2023  
10:00 A.M. prevailing time**

**TOWNSHIP OF NORTH BERGEN  
HUDSON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

**PUBLIC NOTICE FOR THE SOLICITATION OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR  
VARIOUS PROFESSIONAL SERVICES  
THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that sealed request for proposal submissions will be received by the Township of North Bergen Purchasing Agent for the services set forth below in accordance with the “fair and open process” pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5, et seq.:

<u>RFP#</u>	<u>PROFESSIONAL SERVICE</u>
➤ RFP2024-01	Professional Property Appraisal Services
➤ RFP2024-02	Professional Planning Services
➤ RFP2024-03	General Engineering Services
➤ RFP2024-04	Special Engineering Services
➤ RFP2024-05	Energy Agent and Procurement Consultant
➤ RFP2024-06	Professional Appraiser and Tax Appeal Representation Services
➤ RFP2024-07	Animal Control Services
➤ RFP2024-08	Risk Management Consultant
➤ RFP2024-09	Maintenance and Hosting of Township’s Official Website
➤ RFP2024-10	General Architectural Services
➤ RFP2024-11	Consultant for Community Development Block Grant
➤ RFP2024-12	On-Call Traffic Engineering, Transportation Planning and Parking Utilization Consultant Services
➤ RFP2024-13	Hispanic Media Consultant

Submission package may be examined or obtained at the Township Purchasing Office, Township of North Bergen, 4233 Kennedy Boulevard, Lower Level, North Bergen, NJ, 07047 (phone 201-392-2040), Monday through Friday during business hours, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. or downloadable on the Township’s website [www.northbergen.org/notices](http://www.northbergen.org/notices).

Request for proposals (“RFP”) responses shall be submitted to Suzanne Taylor, Purchasing Agent, Township of North Bergen, 4233 Kennedy Boulevard, North Bergen, NJ, 07047, on or before Wednesday, December 13, 2023, at 10:00 am prevailing time, at which time said responses will be publicly opened and read in the Municipal Chambers.

Responses must be enclosed in a sealed envelope. The service provider must indicate the following on the outside of the envelope: (1) the name and address of the service provider; (2) the RFP# and Title of the Professional Service for which the response is submitted; and (3) “**Sealed RFP Response**”. Responses may be delivered by hand, overnight courier or mail. The envelope containing the response must be received by the Township of North Bergen by the date and time set forth above. No late responses will be accepted.

All professional service contractors are required to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 52:32-44 (Business Registration of Public Contractors), N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:27 (Contract Compliance and Equal Employment Opportunities in Public Contracts).

Contracts will be awarded based on the most advantageous responses. The Township of North Bergen reserves the right to reject any or all responses.

Suzanne Taylor  
Purchasing Agent

## INVITATION TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS

Proposals are being solicited through a fair and open process in accordance with *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20, et seq.*

Copies of Request for Proposals (RFP) will be available at the Township Purchasing Office, located at 4233 Kennedy Boulevard, Lower Level, North Bergen, NJ.

Sealed RFP responses must be received by the Purchasing Agent no later than 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 13, 2023. Proposals (one original and one copy) shall be submitted in a sealed envelope to:

Suzanne Taylor, Purchasing Agent  
Township of North Bergen  
4233 Kennedy Boulevard  
North Bergen, NJ 07047

Respondent will be selected based upon an evaluation of the most advantageous proposal, price, and other factors.

Respondents are expected to examine the RFP with care and observe all its requirements. All questions about the meaning or intent of this RFP shall be submitted in writing no less than 7 days prior to the due date of the proposal. All interpretations and clarifications considered necessary by the Township's representative in response to such comments and questions shall be responded to no less than 5 days prior to the due date of the proposal and will be posted online at [www.northbergen.org/notices](http://www.northbergen.org/notices).

The Township assumes no responsibility and liability for costs incurred by the Respondents prior to the issuance of an agreement. The liability of the Township 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 Township, are not to be billed and will not be paid.

Any contract entered into between the Respondent and the Township 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 nondiscrimination 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.

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 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.

The right to reject any or all proposals and to waive immaterial formalities is reserved by the Township.

## **SCOPE OF SERVICES & EVALUATION CRITERIA**

The Township of North Bergen (“Township”) is soliciting proposals to provide for the following Professional Services:

### **RFP2024-01: Professional Property Appraisal Services**

#### **Scope of Services:**

Provide the Township of North Bergen with appraisal services based on the following types of property:

- Properties which have an equalized assessment of \$500,000 and under
- Properties which have an equalized assessment between \$500,001 - \$2,500,000
- Properties which have an equalized assessment between \$2,500,001 - \$5,000,000
- Properties which have an equalized assessment between \$5,000,001 - \$7,500,000
- Properties which have an equalizes assessment over \$7,500,000

Proposals will be evaluated by the Township of North Bergen on the basis of the most advantageous, price and other factors considered. The evaluation will consider:

- a. Licensure, experience and reputation in the field;
- b. Ability to provide professional appraisal services;
- c. Knowledge of the Township of North Bergen and the subject matter to be addressed under the contract;
- d. Availability to accommodate any required meetings of the Township;
- e. Other factors to be demonstrated to be in the best interest of the Township of North Bergen;
- f. Compensation Proposal

Note: Compensation Proposal should include estimated fees based on the following criteria:

<b>Appraisal Fee Summary</b>
Properties which have an equalized assessment value of \$500,000 and under
Properties which have an equalized assessment value between \$500,001 and \$1,000,000
Properties which have an equalized assessment value between \$1,000,001 and \$2,500,000
Properties which have an equalized assessment value between \$2,500,001 and \$5,000,000
Properties which have an equalized assessment value between \$5,000,001 and \$7,500,000
Properties which have an equalized assessment value over \$7,500,000

Also, compensation proposal should include an hourly rate for items not included in appraisal fee.

### **RFP2024-02 Professional Planning Services**

#### **Scope of Services:**

The work shall consist of providing consulting Planning Services with respect to the implementation of suggested revisions to the Township Zoning Regulations and review of specific study areas as set forth in the Periodic Master Plan Re-examination Report and consulting on an as-needed basis regarding proposed redevelopment or development projects.

Services shall include, but not be limited to the investigation of various areas as identified in the Periodic Master Plan Re-examination Report and the preparation of appropriate planning reports regarding same. In addition, the Planner will provide review recommendations and reports related to proposed development and re-development projects and assist the Township in revising various development regulations.

Proposals will be evaluated by the Township of North Bergen on the basis of the most advantageous, price and other factors considered. The evaluation will consider:

- a. Licensure, experience and reputation in the field;
- b. Ability to address, complete, and facilitate all items stated in the above scope of services;
- c. Knowledge of the Township of North Bergen and the subject matter to be addressed under the contract;
- d. Availability to accommodate any required meetings of the Township and the Township's Planning Board;
- e. Other factors to be demonstrated to be in the best interest of the Township of North Bergen;
- f. Compensation proposal

### **RFP2024-03 General Engineering Services**

#### **Scope of Services:**

The Engineer shall be an engineering firm with a licensed New Jersey Professional Engineer and is responsible for the preparation and supervision of project plans for the Township and the coordination with other professionals when such projects require specialized training and experience. The Engineer is the advisor to the Township on engineering matters.

Proposals will be evaluated by the Township of North Bergen on the basis of the most advantageous, price and other factors considered. The evaluation will consider:

- a. Experience and reputation in the field;
- b. Knowledge of the Township of North Bergen and the subject matter to be addressed under the contract;
- c. Availability to accommodate any required meetings of the authority;
- d. Familiarity with North Bergen's topography and physical infrastructure;
- e. Other factors to be demonstrated to be in the best interest of the Township of North Bergen;
- f. Compensation proposal must reflect and include the following components:
  1. An annual fee for the provision of a qualified representative and necessary and appropriate support personnel for the performance of field inspections, office engineering work as required by the Township, weekly engineering meetings to be held at Town Hall, responses to inquiries both by telephone and in person concerning sewers, utilities, tax maps, and other engineering questions, incidental sketches and reports as requested by Township Officials, and necessary services in connection with litigation involving the Township other than court appearances, appearances at depositions and preparation for same.
  2. Design fees: Fees provided for design services should be based on a percentage of construction costs for work involving new construction and/or the rehabilitation of existing facilities. Additionally, if a topographic or a utility survey is required for a project the design fee provided should be based on a percentage of the construction cost of the project.
  3. In addition to the above-mentioned design fees, provide fees for inspection and supervision of construction. Such fees should be based on a percentage of construction costs for jobs involving resurfacing of roads, emergency sewer repairs, facility projects, and other projects. Note: On NJDOT projects the fee for inspection and related services shall be to the extent permitted by and eligible for reimbursement by the NJDOT.
  4. Fees for any work which is not within the scope of work described above should be provided based on an hourly rate schedule not to exceed \$174.00/hour.

This contract will begin on January 1, 2024 and expire on December 31, 2024. However, design and construction administration projects may be for the length of the project, if the project extends past the annual contract completion date.

The Township reserves the right to approve additional engineering firms for design and construction administration (supervision and inspection) as set forth in items 2, 3 and 4 of this RFP.

#### **RFP2024-04 Special Engineering Services**

##### **Scope of Services:**

The successful firm will provide the Township with special engineering services relating to but not limited to the planning, designing, and construction oversight of capital improvements to and for public buildings and areas, parks, and recreational facilities and areas. Additionally, the successful firm will provide engineering services, including civil and structural engineering for any other projects deemed to be in the best interest of the Township.

Proposals will be evaluated by the Township of North Bergen on the basis of the most advantageous, price and other factors considered. The evaluation will consider:

- a. Experience and reputation in the field;
- b. Knowledge of the Township of North Bergen and the subject matter to be addressed under the contract;
- c. Availability to accommodate any required meetings of the authority;
- d. Familiarity with North Bergen's topography and physical infrastructure;
- e. Other factors to be demonstrated to be in the best interest of the Township of North Bergen;
- f. Compensation proposal must reflect and include the following components:
  1. Design fees: Fees provided for design services should be based on a percentage of construction costs for work involving new construction and/or the rehabilitation of existing facilities. Additionally, if a topographic or a utility survey is required for a project the design fee provided should be based on a percentage of the construction cost of the project.
  2. In addition to the above-mentioned design fees, provide fees for inspection and supervision of construction. Such fees should be based on a percentage of construction costs for jobs involving resurfacing of roads, emergency sewer repairs, facility projects, and other projects. Note: On NJDOT projects the fee for inspection and related services shall be to the extent permitted by and eligible for reimbursement by the NJDOT.
  3. Fees for any work which is not within the scope of work described above should be provided based on an hourly rate schedule not to exceed \$174.00/hour.

This contract will begin on January 1, 2024 and expire on December 31, 2024. However, design and construction administration projects may be for the length of the project, if the project extends past the annual contract completion date. The Township of North Bergen reserves the right to reject any and or all responses.

The Township reserves the right to approve additional engineering firms for design and construction administration (supervision and inspection) as set forth in the scope of services within this RFQ.

#### **RFP2024-05 Energy Agent and Procurement Consultant**

##### **Scope of Services:**

The work shall consist of providing consulting services related to publicly owned electricity and gas accounts located within the corporate boundaries of the Township of North Bergen.

Services shall include, but not be limited to assistance with and/or execution of purchase of energy generation services for utility accounts, retrofits, incentives, utility tariff/invoice review and other energy-related projects for public facilities. Consultant should be able to provide electronic data interchange platforms to assist with the following services:

1. Municipal Energy Procurement and Management:

- Review current supply contracts and ensure smooth transition from current supply contract to new supply contract or back to utility company
- Assist with energy budgeting and management
- Analyze account profile and generate procurement strategies
- Compile request for bids, generate online auction and facilitate execution of supply contracts
- Correspond with suppliers and/or utility company as required in order to assist with contractual issues that may arise
- Perform spot tariff reviews if/when anomalies with utility bills arise and assist the Township in rectifying issues
- Track and show energy cost, consumption and savings of procured supply rates on at a minimum on a quarterly basis

2. Energy Incentives & Special Projects:

- Assist with review and application process for incentive programs offered by the State of New Jersey and/or the utility company
- Analyze impact of installed retrofitting projects
- Assist in the review of renewable energy and other energy related sustainability projects
- Provide consultation regarding Sustainable Jersey offerings, programs and initiatives
- Review and/or solicit proposals for energy/weather related projects such as solar, energy cost fixing and weather expense cost fixing

Consultant must be registered with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities as an Energy Agent, Energy Consultant and Private Aggregator and must be fully equipped with industry experience and technological capabilities unique to the NJDCA's approved providers of online reverse auctions for the purchase of energy generation services.

Compensation: The Consultant shall not invoice the customer for any of the services outlined herein. All services rendered by the Consultant shall be covered by the fees remitted from the Energy Service Providers that win the bids issued over the course of the term of service. Even in the event that no supply contract is ever executed, the Consultant agrees to perform all tasks outlined herein and shall not charge for services rendered.

In the event that Consultant's work leads to the execution of an energy supply contract(s) for Township facilities, the Consultant shall earn a transactional commission fee per kWh for consumed electricity volume and a transaction fee per therm for consumed natural gas volume. **These fees shall be stated in respondent's proposal.**

Proposals will be evaluated by the Township of North Bergen on the basis of the most advantageous, price and other factors considered. The evaluation will consider:

- a. Licensure, experience and reputation in the field;
- b. Ability to address, complete, and facilitate all items stated in the above scope of services;

- c. Knowledge of the Township of North Bergen and the subject matter to be addressed under the contract;
- d. Availability to accommodate any required meetings of the Township;
- e. Other factors to be demonstrated to be in the best interest of the Township of North Bergen;
- f. Compensation proposal (Transactional commission fees)

**RFP2024-06 Professional Appraiser and Tax Appeal Representation Services**

**Scope of Services:**

- Professional appraisal services, inspecting and representation on all tax appeals before the New Jersey State Tax Court.

Proposals will be evaluated by the Township of North Bergen on the basis of the most advantageous, price and other factors considered. The evaluation will consider:

- a. Licensure, experience and reputation in the field;
- b. Ability to address, complete, and facilitate all items stated in the above scope of services;
- c. Knowledge of the Township of North Bergen and the subject matter to be addressed under the contract;
- d. Availability to accommodate any required meetings of the Township;
- e. Other factors to be demonstrated to be in the best interest of the Township of North Bergen;
- f. Compensation proposal.

**RFP2024-07 Animal Control Services**

**Scope of Services:**

Animal Control Services performed within the borders of the Township of North Bergen. Full services to include all parks including Braddock Park. Services must be performed by NJ licensed Animal Control Officers for mainly five (5) days a week, 8:00am to 4:00pm, but also as needed on Saturday, Sunday, holidays, nights, and emergencies. Emergency services are defined as the care of injured animals, trapped animals, sick animals, animals whose lives are endangered or animals that are providing a danger to humans. For the purposes of these services crocodiles, alligators, whales, porpoises, narwhals, and dead deer are specifically excluded from the category of animals.

The services shall also include the transportation, control and sheltering of animals as needed. The contractor shall be responsible for providing his/her own transportation for animals that are taken to a licensed and or approved shelter, or for veterinarian services. The contractor must have an existing contract with a licensed shelter, or have an approved shelter. Contractor shall have access to emergency veterinary services as needed.

Services shall also include facilitation of the Township’s TNR (trap, neuter, return) program for feral cats. Contractor shall furnish TNR reports, of which the form, content, accounting, and frequency of such will be provided to the Contractor prior to this contract award.

Contractor shall issue summonses to owners when possible, for animal control violations. When called upon by the Township, contractor shall impound or attempt to impound any stray dog or cat, or any animals posing potential danger to humans or other animals. Such animals must be humanely disposed of in accordance with New Jersey Law. Contractor shall be responsible for rabies quarantine and compliance with those procedures. Any services provided by the contractor for private owners shall not be paid for by the Township, but shall be subject to an agreement between those parties.

The successful candidate will be required to comply with the following insurance requirements:

- a) The Contractor shall be required to carry full insurance including comprehensive general liability; workman’s compensation insurance; which shall cover all operations of the Contractor, its

employees, agents and servants hereunder, and; motor vehicle and equipment used by the Contractor in connection with the Contractor's operations under the Contract; Contractor shall provide professional liability (errors & omissions) insurance for claims arising from any negligent performance of contractors' services pursuant to the agreement in the amount of \$1,000,000 per claim. Said insurance, by endorsement, shall fully protect the Township of North Bergen from liability.

b) Certificates naming the Township of North Bergen as an additional named insured, and evidencing such insurance coverage, shall be filed with the Township Clerk prior to the commencement of operations hereunder by the Contractor.

The following Certificates of Insurance must be furnished:

- Worker's Compensation;  
Part Two – Statutory
- Comprehensive General Liability:
  - a.i.1.i. Minimum limits: \$1,000,000.00; Combined Single Limit Coverage to include: Premise / Operations; Independent Contractors; Product / Completed Operations; Contractual; Personal Injury; Broad Form Property Damage; Township of North Bergen as additional insured.
  - a.i.1.ii. Comprehensive General Liability must be maintained for at least one year after completion of the contract and its acceptance by the Township of North Bergen.

The certificate of insurance shall designate the Township of North Bergen as an additional insured and shall contain a thirty (30) day notice of cancellation whereby the Township Clerk will be provided with a written notification of cancellation. Said insurance must be paid for a minimum of six (6) months into the contract period at the time of the contract.

It is understood and agreed that the Contractor is an independent Contractor and not an employee of the Township of North Bergen.

The Contractor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Township of North Bergen, the Board of Commissioners of the Township of North Bergen, and all of its officers, agents and employees of and from any and all liability for damages for injury to person and property, including death and against and from all suits and actions and all costs, damages and change of whatsoever kind of nature, including attorneys' fees to which the Township of North Bergen maybe put for or on account of any injury or alleged injury to person, including death, or property, resulting from the performance of the Contractor's operations under this Contract, or by or in consequence of any neglect or omission on the part of the Contractor in the performance of operations under the Contract, whether such operations, or in the absence thereof, be by the Contractor or anyone directly or indirectly employed by the Contractor.

The Contractor shall hold the Township of North Bergen harmless for damages to the Contractor's Equipment utilized during the term of this Contract.

Programs of self-insurance are not acceptable.

Proposals will be evaluated by the Township of North Bergen on the basis of the most advantageous, price and other factors considered. The evaluation will consider:

- a. New Jersey State licensure, experience, references and reputation in the field;
- b. Qualifications of the individuals who will perform the tasks outlined in the scope of services, and the degree of their respective participation;
- c. Ability to address, complete, and facilitate all items stated in the above scope of services;
- d. Knowledge of the Township of North Bergen and the candidate's ability to provide such services in a timely manner (including staffing, familiarity and location of key staff);
- e. Availability to accommodate any required meetings of the Township and or Health Department;
- f. Other factors to be demonstrated to be in the best interest of the Township of North Bergen;
- g. Compensation proposal (including proposed compensation on Saturdays, Sundays, Holidays, nights and emergencies).

Professional information required to be submitted with proposals:

1. Name of firm or individual.
2. Copy of Candidate's current contract with NJ licensed animal shelters or qualified organization where stray animals are to be placed by candidate.
3. Address of principal place of business and all other offices and corresponding telephone and fax numbers.
4. Names of personnel that will be assigned to perform the work outlined in the scope of services.
5. Description of candidate's and staff's education, experience, qualifications, number of years with the firm, and a description of their experience with providing such services for other municipalities.
6. References indicating experience with municipalities.
7. Compensation details, including the hourly rates of each of the individuals who will perform such services and the time estimates for each individual, all expenses, and where appropriate, total cost of "not to exceed" amount.
8. Any other information that the candidate deems relevant.

#### **RFP2024-08 Risk Management Consultant**

##### **Scope of Services:**

- The Risk Management Consultant shall assist the Township in identifying its insurable exposures and to recommend professional methods to reduce, assume or transfer the risk or loss.
- Assist the Township in understanding and selecting the various coverages available from the Garden State Municipal Joint Insurance Fund.
- Review with the Township any additional coverages that the Risk Management Consultant feels should be carried but are not available from the Fund, and subject to the Township's authorization, place such coverages outside the Fund.
- Assist the Township in the preparation of the application, statements of values and similar documents requested by the Fund. This does not include any appraisal work by the Risk Management Consultant.
- Review the Township's assessment as prepared by the Fund and assist in the preparation of its annual insurance budget.
- Review the loss and engineering reports and generally assist the Safety Committee in its loss containment objectives.
- Assist where needed in the settlement of the claims, not including work normally done by a public adjuster.
- Any other services required by the Fund's Bylaws.

Proposals will be evaluated by the Township of North Bergen on the basis of the most advantageous, price and other factors considered. The evaluation will consider:

- a. Experience and reputation in the field;
- b. Knowledge of the Township of North Bergen and the subject matter to be addressed under the contract;
- c. Availability to accommodate any required meetings of the Township;
- d. Experience in Municipal Self Insurance Programs, Joint Insurance Funds, by-laws of Joint Insurance Funds, and compensation procedures of Joint Insurance Funds;
- e. Other factors to be demonstrated to be in the best interest of the Township of North Bergen;
- f. Compensation proposal.

**RFP2024-09 Maintenance and Hosting of Township’s Official Website**

**Scope of Services:**

The work shall consist of maintaining and hosting the Township’s and the Police Department’s official websites. Such maintenance and hosting tasks must include, but not be limited to: Maintaining easily updated on-line functionality including photos, forms, and content submitted by Township staff members; creating new pages upon request; maintaining broad ADA accessibility across all platforms; providing 24/7 service in critical situations; implementing system and service updates and upgrades; search function for easily finding information on the website; menus that allow for easy navigation; calendar of events functionality and the posting of breaking news; on-demand website usage reports; any required data processing; security to protect website from hacking and/or alterations by unauthorized parties and protection from cookies, spyware and pop-ups; maintenance of a complete and current copy of the website on a server located at a remote location; hosting website and providing back-up services and statistics; provision of trouble-shooting and technical assistance to Township staff; posting changes as needed; special event photography upon request and website posting; maintaining availability of website to users 99% of the time; maintaining of bandwidth for website’s connection to the internet to be sufficient such that operating at peak capacity shall not be compromised more than 60 minutes in any one month period; provision of telephone help desk support for Township staff; revisions to content and formatting on website upon request; providing graphics and illustrations as appropriate to accompany posts; light proofreading to ensure content is consistent and error-free; host and maintain the Township’s Facebook and X pages; post items on Facebook and X including links back to the website.

Proposals will be evaluated by the Township of North Bergen on the basis of the most advantageous, price and other factors considered. The evaluation will consider:

- a. Licensure, experience and reputation in the field;
- b. Ability to address, complete, and facilitate all items stated in the above scope of services;
- c. Knowledge of the Township of North Bergen and the subject matter to be addressed under the contract;
- d. Availability to accommodate any required meetings of the Township;
- e. Compensation proposal (please also include an hourly rate of compensation for any work that might occur outside of the referenced scope of services);
- f. Other factors to be demonstrated to be in the best interest of the Township of North Bergen.

**RFP2024-10 General Architectural Services**

**Scope of Services:**

The successful firm will provide the Township with architectural services relating to but not limited to the planning, designing, bidding and construction oversight phases of various projects deemed to be in the best interest of the Township. Additionally, the successful firm will provide architectural services for the Township’s Abandoned Properties Program which conforms to the Abandoned Property Rehabilitation Act (N.J.S.A. 55:19-78 et seq). Such services will include but not be limited to the development of property

conditions reports, bidding specifications for property rehabilitation and/or demolition contracts, bidding oversight, and property rehabilitation oversight.

Proposals will be evaluated by the Township of North Bergen on the basis of the most advantageous, price and other factors considered. The evaluation will consider:

- a. Experience and reputation in the field;
- b. Knowledge of the Township of North Bergen and the subject matter to be addressed under the contract;
- c. Availability to accommodate any required meetings of the Township;
- d. Familiarity with North Bergen's topography and physical infrastructure;
- e. Familiarity and experience with abandoned properties conditions reports and rehabilitation projects that are guided by the provisions of N.J.S.A. 55:19-78 et seq;
- f. Compensation proposal must reflect and include the following components:
  1. Design fees: Fees provided for design services should be based on a percentage of construction costs for work involving new construction and/or the rehabilitation of existing facilities. Additionally, if a topographic or a utility survey is required for a project the design fee provided should be based on a percentage of the construction cost of the project. (Please provide a range of percentages based on various ranges of estimated construction costs.)
  2. In addition to the above-mentioned design fees, provide fees for inspection and supervision of construction. Such fees should be based on a percentage of construction costs for such facility projects, and other projects. (Please provide a range of percentages based on various ranges of estimated construction costs.)
  3. Fees for any work which is not within the scope of work described above should be provided based on an hourly rate schedule.
  4. **State fees for property inspections and conditions reports with a fixed rate for residential properties and a fixed rate for commercial properties.**
- g. Other factors to be demonstrated to be in the best interest of the Township of North Bergen.

This contract will begin on January 1, 2024 and expire on December 31, 2024. However, design and construction administration projects may be for the length of the project, if the project extends past the annual contract completion date.

The Township reserves the right to approve additional architectural firms for design and construction administration (supervision and inspection) as set forth in items f1, f2, and f3 and f4 of this RFP.

### **RFP2024-11 Consultant for Community Development Block Grant**

#### **Scope of Services:**

Consultant shall execute all necessary facets of the CDBG process for entitlement communities including: preparation of the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report; coordination with Hudson County in development of Township plan as part of consortium; preparation of Environmental Review Record, assistance with the Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS) relating to all Township Projects.

Proposals will be evaluated by the Township of North Bergen on the basis of the most advantageous, price and other factors considered. The evaluation will consider:

- a. Experience and reputation in the field;
- b. Knowledge of the Township of North Bergen and the subject matter to be addressed under the contract;
- c. Availability to accommodate any required meetings of the Township;
- d. Other factors to be demonstrated to be in the best interest of the Township of North Bergen;

- e. Experience and knowledge of the following: Preparation of Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report, knowledge and preparation of the annual action plan, coordination with Hudson County in development of Township plan as part of consortium, knowledge and preparation of required documentation for entitlement funding and amendments, knowledge and preparation of Environmental Review Record, knowledge and assistance with the Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS) relating to all Township projects and knowledge of HUD rules, requirements and U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) requirements for an entitlement community.

**RFP2024-12 On-Call Traffic Engineering, Transportation Planning and Parking Utilization Consultant Services**

**Scope of Services:**

The work shall consist of performing services related to Traffic Engineering, Transportation Planning and Parking Utilization as necessary to accomplish individual tasks ("task assignment") issued by the Township of North Bergen. The Engineering Consultant shall furnish all services and labor necessary to accomplish these tasks, and shall provide all materials, supplies, equipment, and incidentals, except as designated elsewhere by the Township, necessary to prepare and deliver to the Township of North Bergen the studies, plans, specifications, estimates, and other deliverable item(s) requested by the Township of North Bergen.

General Consulting services may be required to provide a variety of task-oriented work assignments of various lengths and scopes. It is anticipated that the following types of studies and work assignments will be initiated:

- Traffic Safety and Roadway Improvements
- Transportation Planning and Modeling
- Congestion Management
- Intelligent Transportation Systems (Parking and Traffic Signals)
- Parking Utilization / Circulation Studies
- Feasibility Studies for New Facilities

The Township of North Bergen may require the Engineering Consultant to perform all work on a project, or act as part of a team by performing only a portion of the project work. Engineering Consultant shall provide the necessary personnel, equipment, transportation, and main office facilities to facilitate in every way the performance of such work.

Consulting services will be required to provide a variety of task-oriented work assignments of various lengths and scopes during the period of engagement, subject to the availability of funding. The services comprising each of the individual task assignments often need to be performed on short notice and completed within a short time frame. The Consultant must be able to devote the necessary resources to satisfy the needs in this regard.

Upon notification from the Township of North Bergen of a need for services, the Consultant shall prepare a proposal describing the scope of work and staffing required for a particular assignment. It is expected that the Consultant's proposal will be received by the Township of North Bergen within five (5) days of receipt of the notification.

The Consultant services shall include all field and office work required for all aspects of the work as described herein. The services furnished may include, but not necessarily be limited to, the following types of work:

- Provide general advisory services on transportation planning, parking and traffic engineering related matters.
- Provide assistance in the development of short and long-range planning of improvements, including preliminary studies and development of preliminary project scopes and costs thereof.
- Collect and assess traffic data and perform traffic studies.
- Perform traffic modeling analysis.
- Perform and analyze the results of parking circulation studies, parking utilization studies and parking surveys.
- Provide studies for traffic safety related matters.
- Provide assistance in the planning and development of new parking and traffic related technologies.
- Attend meeting and make formal presentations of Consultant's findings and recommendations to Township of North Bergen.
- Conducting traffic studies at various locations on roadways and/or other facilities in response to operational inquiries.
- Conduct field investigations at unsignalized and signalized intersections as well as along roadways in response to operational inquiries.
- Conducting traffic warrant analyses and developing graphics using the current edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).
- Preparing specific letters, design packages and other documentation for traffic control devices and regulations submission by the Township of North Bergen to the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) for approval.
- Developing traffic signal timing schedules and directives.
- Conducting level of service (LOS) analyses for both before and after improvements implementation utilizing Synchro/SIM Traffic, HCS and other software following Highway Capacity Manual procedures.
- Developing schemes and conceptual designs for intersection and alignment improvements for simple as well as complex traffic operational and safety related issues.
- Designing both new installations and modifications to the existing traffic control devices such as traffic signals, signs, and pavement markings.
- Conducting all types of drafting activities associated with the design of new and/or modified traffic control devices.
- Reviewing and commenting on Traffic Impact Studies prepared by others.
- Resolving intersection and corridor longstanding operational issues.
- Designing and/or reviewing of detour routes.
- Legislature directed services, studies, and projects
- Impact Studies and Traffic Plans for Township of North Bergen residents as a result of various road development projects.
- PS&E services for low cost enhancements and "traffic design" project elements.
- Incident Response Team coordination and support services.
- Traffic design training (e.g. signing, work zones, signal systems, etc.).
- Performance measurement for traffic services – develop, refine and implement.
- Freeway modeling/simulation (e.g. ramp metering, Transit 7F, Passer, etc.).
- Data collection/accident analysis.

- Safety research/traffic studies/inventory based application reviews; Safety investment tracking and evaluation.
- Electrical/electronic inspection services.
- Policy development; Specification development; Software development.
- Outdoor Advertising Control/Motorist Information Signing support services.
- Inventories.
- Safety Management System public information and training; HOV public information and coordination; Public surveys/information for operational changes.
- Other related work as requested by the Township of North Bergen.

Planning/Zoning Board Reviews:

At the direction of the Township of North Bergen or appointed representative, the Consultant will review material submitted to the North Bergen Planning or Zoning Board such as plan, traffic impact studies, etc. in an effort to determine the anticipated impacts that proposed ingress and egress to/from the development will have on the safety and/or congestion along the roadway network. Reviews may involve the following:

- a) A review of all locations in the field to estimate the existing and/or proposed sight distance to be available to motorists with the proposed development.
- b) Advise as to the need for a traffic signal impact study and what elements need to be included in that study.
- c) A review of Traffic Impact Studies to identify the relative impacts to the roadway network and evaluate the proposal for appropriate mitigation.
- d) A review of the plans submitted to identify compliance with County, State, and/or Federal Regulations and guidelines regarding Traffic Operations and Safety.
- e) Attending, when directed, meetings with applicants and/or representatives.

Project Coordination:

- a) The Consultant shall coordinate its activities with Township of North Bergen personnel throughout the course of the contract agreement. Early on the Consultant will establish a means of coordinating and reporting its activities with the Township of North Bergen's designated liaison to ensure an expeditious exchange of information
- b) All correspondence, invoices and transmittals for the project shall be referenced by the Township of North Bergen project number and the task assignment number.
- c) The Consultant will be responsible to prepare and submit to the liaison a separate monthly progress report and progress schedule indicating percent complete by task, corresponding to the monthly invoice. The progress reports shall include all active and completed work assignments, and shall indicate by task assignment the percent of work complete, work submittals completed in the last month, work and submittals to be performed, actions/decisions required by the Township of North Bergen, out-of-scope work performed and the status of each assignment's schedule and budget.

Proposals will be evaluated by the Township of North Bergen on the basis of the most advantageous, price and other factors considered. The evaluation will consider:

- a. Licensure, experience and reputation in the field;
- b. Ability to address, complete, and facilitate all items stated in the above scope of services;
- c. Knowledge of the Township of North Bergen and the subject matter to be addressed under the contract;
- d. Availability to accommodate any required meetings of the Township;
- e. Other factors to be demonstrated to be in the best interest of the Township of North Bergen.

Payment Proposal Terms:

- The successful proposer shall provide a rate schedule with hourly rates for typical job classifications of personnel. The Proposer shall provide with its statement of qualifications a list of all persons anticipated to provide work on the contract and their job classification. Any contract awarded will not exceed \$25,000.00
- Expenses - Firm personnel may incur reimbursable project expenses while engaged on a project. Such expenses will be billed at direct cost and billed in addition to any quoted fee estimates for professional services.
- A summary of any other miscellaneous reimbursable expenses and their associated costs should also be provided.

This contract will begin on January 1, 2024 and expire on December 31, 2024. However, design and construction administration projects may be for the length of the project, if the project extends past the annual contract completion date.

**RFP2024-13 Hispanic Media Consultant**

**Scope of Services:**

The work shall consist of providing outreach to the Hispanic community and media outlets.

Services shall include, but not be limited to, providing content and updating Spanish social media pages; interfacing with Hispanic media outlets; create short video content targeted toward the Hispanic community; draft and distribute press releases in Spanish; report relevant trends and issues to Township; assist with branding of outreach messaging; translation services, assist with outreach to Hispanic community, and promote Township’s outreach services to the community.

Proposals will be evaluated by the Township of North Bergen on the basis of the most advantageous, price and other factors considered. The evaluation will consider:

- a. Licensure, experience and reputation in the field;
- b. Ability to address, complete, and facilitate all items stated in the above scope of services;
- c. Knowledge of the Township of North Bergen and the subject matter to be addressed under the contract;
- d. Availability to accommodate any required meetings of the Township;
- e. Other factors to be demonstrated to be in the best interest of the Township of North Bergen;
- f. Compensation proposal

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>DATE</b>
<b>RFP Issue Date</b> .....	11/29/23
<b>RFP Response Due Date</b> .....	12/13/23

## SECTION 1: PROJECT OVERVIEW AND INSTRUCTIONS

### 1.0 PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Township seeks Proposals to provide the professional services listed herein.

### 1.1 CONTRACT TERM

The contract term is for a period beginning on the January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

### 1.2 SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT

From the date this RFP is issued until a proposer is selected and the selection is announced by the procurement officer, **proposers may not communicate with any Township staff, commissioners or officials regarding this procurement, except at the direction of Suzanne Taylor**, the procurement officer in charge of the solicitation. Any unauthorized contact may disqualify the proposer from further consideration. Contact information for the single point of contact is as follows:

Procurement Officer: Suzanne Taylor,  
Township of North Bergen  
4233 Kennedy Boulevard, North Bergen, NJ 07047  
Phone: 201-392-2040 Fax: 201-392-7694 E-mail: STaylor@northbergen.org

### 1.3 REQUIRED REVIEW

**1.3.1 Review RFP.** Proposers should carefully review all instructions, mandatory requirements, specifications, standard terms and conditions set out in this RFP and promptly notify the procurement officer identified above in writing, fax or via e-mail of any ambiguity, inconsistency, unduly restrictive specifications, or error which they discover upon examination of this RFP. This should include any terms or requirements within the RFP that either preclude the proposer from responding to the RFP or add unnecessary cost.

This notification must be accompanied by an explanation and suggested modification and be received by the deadline for receipt of inquiries set forth below. The Township will make any final determination of changes to the RFP.

**1.3.2 Form of Questions.** Proposers with questions or requiring clarification or interpretation of any section within this RFP must address these questions in writing, via e-mail, to the procurement officer referenced above on or before 12/07/22. Each question must provide clear reference to the section, page, and item in question. Questions received after the deadline may not be considered.

**1.3.3 Township Response.** The Township will provide written answers to proposers' questions. Any other form of interpretation, correction, or change to this RFP will not be binding. Proposers must sign and return any addendum with their RFP response. Responses will be posted online at [www.northbergen.org/notices](http://www.northbergen.org/notices).

**1.4 PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE** - No pre-proposal conference is scheduled.

### 1.5 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

**1.5.1 Acceptance of Standard Terms and Conditions/Contract.** By submitting a response to this RFP, proposer agrees to acceptance of the standard terms and conditions as set out in this RFP. Much of the language included in the standard terms and conditions reflects requirements of New Jersey law. Requests for additions or exceptions to the standard terms and conditions including any necessary licenses, or any added provisions must be submitted to the procurement officer referenced above by the date for receipt of written/e-mailed questions and must be accompanied by an explanation of why the exception is being sought and what specific effect it will have on the proposer's ability to respond to the RFP or perform the contract. Any material exceptions requested and granted to the

standard terms and conditions language will be addressed in any formal written addendum issued for this RFP and will apply to all proposers submitting a response to this RFP. The Township will make any final determination of changes to the standard terms and conditions.

**1.5.2 Resulting Contract.** This RFP and any addenda, the proposer's RFP response, including any amendments and any clarification question responses, shall be included in any resulting contract. The Township's contract contains the contract terms and conditions which will form the basis of any contract between the Township and the selected proposer. In the event of a dispute as to the duties and responsibilities of the parties under this contract, the contract, along with any attachments prepared by the Township, will govern in the same order of precedence as listed in the contract.

**1.5.3 Mandatory Requirements.** To be eligible for consideration, a proposer *must* meet the intent of all mandatory requirements. The Township will determine whether a proposer's RFP response complies with the intent of the requirements. RFP responses that do not meet the full intent of all requirements listed in this RFP may be subject to point reductions during the evaluation process or may be deemed non-responsive.

**1.5.4 Understanding of Specifications and Requirements.** By submitting a response to this RFP, proposer agrees to an understanding of and compliance with the specifications and requirements described in this RFP.

**1.5.5 Proposer's Signature.** The proposals must be signed in ink by an individual authorized to legally bind the business submitting the proposal. The proposer's signature on a proposal in response to this RFP guarantees that the offer has been established without collusion and without effort to preclude the Township from obtaining the best possible supply or service. Proof of authority of the person signing the RFP response must be furnished upon request.

**1.5.6 Offer in Effect for 60 Days.** A proposal may not be modified, withdrawn or canceled by the proposer for a 60-day period following the deadline for proposal submission as defined in the Schedule of Events and proposer so agrees in submitting the proposal.

## **1.6 SUBMITTING A PROPOSAL**

**1.6.1 Content of Proposal.** Proposers should address all requests for information and qualifications set forth in this RFP.

**1.6.2 Failure to Comply with Instructions.** Proposers failing to comply with the instructions in this RFP may be subject to point deductions.

**1.6.3 Copies Required and Deadline for Receipt of Proposals.** Proposers must submit one (1) original proposal, one (1) copy to the Township. Proposals must be sealed and labeled on the outside of the package. The service provider must indicate the following on the outside of the envelope: (1) the name and address of the service provider; (2) the RFP# and Title of the Professional Service for which the response is submitted; and (3) "**Sealed RFP Response**". *Proposals must be received by Suzanne Taylor, Purchasing Agent, prior to 10:00 AM, local time, December 13, 2023.*

**Forward proposals to: Township of North Bergen  
Suzanne Taylor, Purchasing Agent  
4233 Kennedy Boulevard  
North Bergen, NJ 07047**

**1.6.4 Late Proposals.** *Regardless of cause, late proposals will not be accepted and will automatically be disqualified from further consideration.* It shall be the proposer's sole risk to assure delivery at the designated office by the designated time. Late proposals will not be opened and will be returned to the proposer at the expense of the proposer or destroyed if requested.

## 1.7 COST OF PREPARING A PROPOSAL

**1.7.1 Township Not Responsible for Preparation Costs.** The costs for developing and delivering responses to this RFP and any subsequent presentations of the proposal as requested by the Township are entirely the responsibility of the proposer. The Township is not liable for any expense incurred by the proposer in the preparation and presentation of their proposal or any other costs incurred by the proposer prior to execution of a contract.

**1.7.2 All Timely Submitted Materials Become Township Property.** All materials submitted in response to this RFP become the property of the Township.

## SECTION 2: RFP STANDARD INFORMATION

### 2.0 AUTHORITY

This RFP is issued under the authority of the Township of North Bergen. The RFP process is a procurement option allowing the award to be based on stated evaluation criteria. No other evaluation criteria, other than as outlined in the RFP, will be used.

### 2.1 PROPOSER COMPETITION

The Township encourages free and open competition among proposers. Whenever possible, the Township will design specifications, proposal requests, and conditions to accomplish this objective, consistent with the necessity to satisfy the Township's need to procure technically sound, cost-effective services and supplies.

### 2.2 RECEIPT OF PROPOSALS AND PUBLIC INSPECTION

**2.2.1 Public Information.** All information received in response to this RFP, including copyrighted material, is subject to public disclosure and may be made available for public viewing after the time for receipt of proposals has passed with the following four exceptions: (1) bona fide trade secrets meeting the requirements of the Uniform Trade Secrets Act, Title 30, chapter 14, part 4, MCA, that have been properly marked, separated, and documented; (2) matters involving individual safety as determined by the Township; (3) any company financial information requested by the Township to determine vendor responsibility, unless prior written consent has been given by the proposer and (4) other constitutional protections, or as otherwise not subject to disclosure according to OPRA guidelines.

**2.2.2 Procurement Officer Review of Proposals.** Upon opening the proposals received in response to this RFP, the procurement officer in charge of the solicitation will review the proposals and separate out any information that meets the referenced exceptions in Section 2.2.1 above, providing the following conditions have been met:

- Confidential information is clearly marked and separated from the rest of the proposal.
- The proposal does not contain confidential material in the cost or price section.
- An affidavit from a proposer's legal counsel attesting to and explaining the validity of any trade secret claim asserted by the proposer.

Information separated out under this process will be available for review only by the procurement officer, the evaluation committee members, and limited other designees. Proposers must be prepared to pay all legal costs and fees associated with defending a claim for confidentiality in the event of an open public records request from another party.

### 2.3 CLASSIFICATION AND EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS

**2.3.1 Initial Classification of Proposals as Responsive or Non responsive.** All proposals will initially be classified as either "responsive" or "non responsive". Proposals may be found nonresponsive any time during the evaluation process if any of the required information is not provided; the submitted price is found to be excessive or

inadequate as measured by criteria stated in the RFP; or the proposal is not within the plans and specifications described and required in the RFP. If a proposal is found to be nonresponsive, it may be subject to point deductions.

**2.3.2 Determination of Responsibility.** The Township will determine whether a proposer has met the standards of responsibility. Such a determination may be made at any time during the evaluation process if information surfaces that would result in a determination of non-responsibility. If a proposer is found non-responsive, the determination must be in writing, made a part of the procurement file and mailed to the affected proposer.

**2.3.3 Evaluation of Proposals.** The Township will evaluate the proposals and recommend whether to award the contract to the firm determined to best meet the needs of the Township or, if necessary, to seek discussion in order to determine the firm to be selected. All responsive proposals will be evaluated based on stated evaluation criteria. The Township may consider such factors as accepted industry standards and a comparative evaluation of all other qualified RFP responses in terms of differing quality and contractual factors. These will be used to determine the most advantageous offering to the Township.

**2.3.4 Completeness of Proposals.** Selection and award will be based on the proposer's proposal and other items outlined in this RFP. Submitted responses may not include references to information located elsewhere, such as Internet websites or libraries, unless specifically requested. Information or materials presented by proposers outside the formal response or subsequent discussion may not be considered.

**2.3.5 Opportunity for Discussion and/or Oral Presentation/Product Demonstration.** After receipt of all proposals and prior to the determination of the award, the Township may initiate discussions with one or more proposers should clarification be necessary. Proposers may also be required to make an oral presentation and/or product demonstration to clarify their RFP response or to further define their offer. In either case, proposers should be prepared to send qualified personnel to the Township of North Bergen to discuss technical and contractual aspects of the proposal. Oral presentations/demonstrations, if requested, shall be at the proposer's expense.

**2.3.6 Contract Award.** Contract awards, if any, will be made to the proposer who the Township determines who best can provide the services required and provides all required documents. Formal contracts incorporating this RFP, including the attachments and the selected proposals, will be executed by all parties.

## **2.4 TOWNSHIP'S RIGHTS RESERVED**

While the Township has every intention to award contracts as a result of this RFP, issuance of the RFP in no way constitutes a commitment by the Township to award and execute any contract. Upon a determination that such action would be in its best interest, the Township, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to cancel or terminate this RFP; reject any or all proposals received in response to this RFP; waive any undesirable, inconsequential, or inconsistent provisions of this RFP which would not have significant impact on any proposal; not award if it is in the best interest of the Township not to proceed with contract execution; or if awarded, terminate any contract if the Township determines adequate funds are not available.

## **SECTION 3: PROPOSER QUALIFICATIONS**

### **3.0 REFERENCES**

Proposers shall provide a minimum of three (3) references that are using services of the type proposed in this RFP. The references may include county government, municipalities or universities where the proposer, preferably within the last three years, has successfully completed three contracts of this type. At a minimum, the proposer shall provide the entities name, the location where the services were provided, contact person(s), contact's position, customer's telephone number, a complete description of the service type, dates the services were provided, and cost of services. These references may be contacted to verify proposer's ability to perform the contract. The Township reserves the right to use any information or additional references deemed necessary to establish the ability of the proposer to perform the conditions of the contract.

### **3.1 RESUMES/COMPANY PROFILE and EXPERIENCE**

Proposer shall specify how long the individual/company submitting the proposal has been in the business of providing services similar to those requested in this RFP and under what company name. A resume or summary of qualifications, work experience, education, skills, etc., which emphasizes previous experience in this area should be provided for all key personnel who will be involved with any aspects of the contract.

### **3.2 DETAIL AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

Proposer will provide sufficient detail, information, supporting documentation or examples of the following:

- 3.2.1 Name of Individual assigned primary responsibility for the project.
- 3.2.2 Names, addresses and telephone numbers of anticipated sub-contractors
- 3.2.3 Firm's experience with governmental agencies: Federal, State, County and Local.
- 3.2.4 Detail experience in administering similar projects. Explain the extent of your experience, how each element is addressed and whether the service is done in-house or contracted out.
- 3.2.5 Describe how your firm ensures good communication with clients (client report mechanisms, etc.).
- 3.2.6 Has proposer worked with New Jersey counties or municipalities on previous projects?

### **3.3 GENERAL ABILITIES/METHOD OF PROVIDING SERVICES**

Proposer should provide a description of the work plan and the methods to be used that will convincingly demonstrate to the Township what the proposer intends to do, the ability to accomplish the work, and how the work will be accomplished.

- 3.3.1 The proposal submitted in response to the RFP may be used as an example of a professional document produced by the contractor.
- 3.3.2 The contractor should have experience in all aspects of administering similar projects. Contractor and staff must be familiar with Federal and State statutes, regulations and procedures.
- 3.3.3 The contractor must have the ability to work with the government agencies at various levels, Federal, State and Local. History of good working relationships with counties and municipalities, specifically in New Jersey is helpful.

## **SECTION 4: PAYMENT TERMS**

Although total contract costs will not be the determining factor, budget or allocations of funds will be considered.

**4.0** Bidder must provide itemized invoices to the Township. A Purchase Order will be processed and sent to you for signature. Payment will only be made following the formal approval on the claims list by the Township of North Bergen at its subsequent regular meeting.

## **SECTION 5: EVALUATION CRITERIA**

### **5.0 EVALUATION CRITERIA**

The Township will review all proposals to determine if they satisfy the RFP requirements and evaluate the proposals based upon the Evaluation Criteria. The respondent determined to best meet the Township needs will then be recommended to the governing body for award of contract, based on price and other factors.

### **5.1 EVALUATION PROCEDURE**

The evaluation committee will evaluate the proposals and determine whether to award the contract to the best proposal or to seek discussions before awarding a contract. Selection and award will be based on the contractor's proposal and other items outlined in this RFP. Responses must be complete and address all the criteria listed. Information or materials presented by contractors outside the formal response or subsequent discussion will not be considered.

## 5.2 EVALUATION CRITERIA

The evaluation committee will review and evaluate the offers as specified in the “Scope of Services and Evaluation Criteria” section as well as the following criteria:

**5.2.1. Qualifications/General Abilities.** Proposer shall demonstrate the ability to provide the capacity and personnel to provide those services required by specifications in the RFP. Demonstrate ability to deliver work products on time and on-budget.

Experience and training of proposer employees shall meet the specific needs of the RFP. Identify staff assigned to the project; staff can provide a wide range of professional training, certification, education and experience specific to the needs of the Township. Numbers of personnel available to service the contract are sufficient.

Proposal provides sufficient detail to establish expertise the required services. References and work experience are sufficient, demonstrating that the contractor has the experience and the ability to provide services at the required level for the duration of the contract. Specific experience with Federal, County and local government agencies is preferred.

Proposal is professional in appearance. Information is organized, complete and meets RFP requirements for content and format.

**5.2.2 Understanding of Project Scope/Proposed Methods/Procedures.** Proposer’s analysis of the needs detailed in the RFP and proposed actions are thorough and demonstrate proposer’s ability to evaluate data and develop a reasonable response.

**5.2.3 Prior Experience and Familiarity.** Expertise of the firm shall be demonstrated by past contract successes providing government agencies with similar services. Respondent will be evaluated on knowledge, experience, prior collaboration and successful completion of projects/services similar to that requested in this RFP. In addition to relevant experience, respondents shall provide personnel qualifications in their proposal. Contractor response addresses experience, training, preferred methods, and perspectives which provide unique advantage to the firm.

**5.2.4 Management/Organization/Accessibility.** Proposer provides general compliance and responsiveness to the Township’s needs and requests issued in the RFP.

Proposer presents procedures that ensure sufficient personnel are available to respond to unusual or unanticipated circumstances Contractor personnel are available for discussions and review. One or more methods of contacting proposer personnel are identified and a clear detail is provided for notification of a responsible individual.

## **PROOF OF BUSINESS REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE (BRC)**

N.J.S.A. 52:32-44 requires that each bidder (contractor) submit proof of business registration with the bid proposal. Proof of registration shall be a copy of the bidder's Business Registration Certificate (BRC). A BRC is obtained from the New Jersey Division of Revenue. Information on obtaining a BRC is available on the internet at [www.nj.gov/njbgs](http://www.nj.gov/njbgs) or by phone at (609) 292-1730. 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 and suppliers 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) 292-1730.

**STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP DISCLOSURE**

N.J.S.A. 52:25-24.2 (P.L. 1977, c.33, as amended by P.L. 2016, c.43)

This statement shall be completed, certified to, and included with all bid and proposal submissions. Failure to submit the required information is cause for automatic rejection of the bid or proposal.

**Name of Organization:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Organization Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Part I** Check the box that represents the type of business organization:

- Sole Proprietorship (skip Parts II and III, execute certification in Part IV)
- Non-Profit Corporation (skip Parts II and III, execute certification in Part IV)
- For-Profit Corporation (any type)     Limited Liability Company (LLC)
- Partnership     Limited Partnership     Limited Liability Partnership (LLP)
- Other (be specific): \_\_\_\_\_

**Part II**

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 or greater interest therein, as the case may be. **(COMPLETE THE LIST BELOW IN THIS SECTION)**

**OR**

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 no member in the limited liability company owns a 10 percent or greater interest therein, as the case may be. **(SKIP TO PART IV)**

(Please attach additional sheets if more space is needed):

Name of Individual or Business Entity	Address

**Part III DISCLOSURE OF 10% OR GREATER OWNERSHIP IN THE STOCKHOLDERS, PARTNERS OR LLC MEMBERS LISTED IN PART II**

If a bidder has a direct or indirect parent entity which is publicly traded, and any person holds a 10 percent or greater beneficial interest in the publicly traded parent entity as of the last annual federal Security and Exchange Commission (SEC) or foreign equivalent filing, ownership disclosure can be met by providing links to the website(s) containing the last annual filing(s) with the federal Securities and Exchange Commission (or foreign equivalent) that contain the name and address of each person holding a 10% or greater beneficial interest in the publicly traded parent entity, along with the relevant page numbers of the filing(s) that contain the information on each such person. **Attach additional sheets if more space is needed.**

Website (URL) containing the last annual SEC (or foreign equivalent) filing	Page #'s

**Please list** the names and addresses of each stockholder, partner or member owning a 10 percent or greater interest in any corresponding corporation, partnership and/or limited liability company (LLC) listed in Part II **other than for any publicly traded parent entities referenced above**. The disclosure shall be continued until names and addresses of every noncorporate stockholder, and individual partner, and member exceeding the 10 percent ownership criteria established pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:25-24.2 has been listed. **Attach additional sheets if more space is needed.**

Stockholder/Partner/Member and Corresponding Entity Listed in Part II	Address

**Part IV Certification**

I, being duly sworn upon my oath, hereby represent that the foregoing information and any attachments thereto to the best of my knowledge are true and complete. I acknowledge: that I am authorized to execute this certification on behalf of the bidder/proposer; that the **Township of North Bergen** is relying on the information contained herein and that I am under a continuing obligation from the date of this certification through the completion of any contracts with **Township of North Bergen** to notify the **Township of North Bergen** in writing of any changes to the information contained herein; 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 am subject to criminal prosecution under the law and that it will constitute a material breach of my agreement(s) with the, permitting the **Township of North Bergen** to declare any contract(s) resulting from this certification void and unenforceable.

Full Name (Print):		Title:	
Signature:		Date:	



**EEO/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION COMPLIANCE NOTICE**  
**N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 AND N.J.A.C. 17:27**  
**GOODS, PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND GENERAL SERVICE CONTRACTS**

All goods, professional service and general service contracts are required to submit evidence of appropriate affirmative action compliance to the Township of North Bergen and Division of Public Contracts Equal Employment Opportunity Compliance. During a review, Division representatives will review the Township files to determine whether the affirmative action evidence has been submitted by the vendor/contractor. Specifically, each vendor/contractor shall submit to the Township of North Bergen, prior to the execution of the contract, one of the following documents:

**Goods and General Service Vendors**

1. Letter of Federal Approval indicating that the vendor is under an existing Federally approved or sanctioned affirmative action program. A copy of the approval letter is to be provided by the vendor to the Township of North Bergen and the Division. This approval letter is valid for one year from the date of issuance.

**Do you have a federally approved or sanctioned EEO/AA program?**                      Yes  No   
**If yes, please submit a copy of such approval.**

**-OR-**

2. A Certificate of Employee Information Report (hereafter "Certificate"), issued in accordance with N.J.A.C 17:27-4 or 4.3 The vendor must provide a copy of the Certificate to the Township of North Bergen as evidence of its compliance with the regulations. The Certificate represents the review and approval of the vendor's Employee Information Report, Form AA-302 by the Division. The period of validity of the Certificate is indicated on its face. Certificate must be renewed prior to their expiration date in order to remain valid.

**Do you have a State Certificate of Employee Information Report Approval?**                      Yes  No   
**If yes, please submit a copy of such certificate.**

**-OR-**

3. The successful vendor shall complete an Initial Employee Report, Form AA-302 and submit it to the Division with \$150.00 Fee and forward a copy of the Form to the Township of North Bergen. Upon submission and review by the Division, this report shall constitute evidence of compliance with the regulations. Prior to execution of the contract, the EEO/AA evidence must be submitted.

The successful vendor may obtain the Affirmative Action Employee Information Report (AA302) on the Division website [http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/contract\\_compliance/](http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/contract_compliance/).

The successful vendor(s) must submit the AA302 Report to the Division of Public Contracts Equal Employment Opportunity Compliance, with a copy to the Public Agency.

The undersigned vendor certifies that he/she is aware of the commitment to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 and N.J.A.C. 17:27 and agrees to furnish the required forms of evidence.

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

PRINT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

## **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 apprenticeship. 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 or 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/](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.

Township of North Bergen  
Division of Purchasing  
DISCLOSURE OF INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES IN IRAN

Solicitation Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Respondent/Bidder: \_\_\_\_\_

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 identified on the Department of the Treasury's Chapter 25 list as a person or entity engaging in investment activities in Iran. The Chapter 25 list is found of the Division's website at <https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/pdf/Chapter25List.pdf>. Bidders must review this list prior to completing the below certification. **Failure to complete the certification will render a bidder's proposal non-responsive.** If the Director finds a person or entity to be in violation of 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 party.

**PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX:**

I certify, pursuant to Public Law 2012, C. 25, that neither the bidder listed above nor any of the bidder's parents, subsidiaries, or affiliates is listed on the N.J. Department of Treasury's list of entities determined to be engaged in prohibited activities in Iran pursuant to P.L. 2012, c. 25 ("Chapter 25 List"). I further certify that I am the person listed above, or I am an officer or representative of the entity listed above and am authorized to make this certification on its behalf. **I will skip Part 2 and sign and complete the Certification below.**

**OR**

I am unable to certify as above because the bidder and/or one or more of its parents, subsidiaries, or affiliates is listed on the Department's Chapter 25 list. I will provide a detailed, accurate and precise description of the activities in Part 2 below and sign and complete the Certification below. Failure to provide such will result in 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 a detailed, accurate and precise description of the activities of the bidding person/entity, or one if its parents, subsidiaries or affiliates, engaging in the investment activities in Iran outlined above by completing the boxes below.

**EACH BOX WILL PROMPT YOU TO PROVIDE INFORMATION RELATIVE TO THE ABOVE QUESTIONS. PLEASE PROVIDE THOROUGH ANSWERS TO EACH QUESTION. IF YOU NEED TO MAKE ADDITIONAL ENTRIES, PLEASE PHOTOCOPY THIS FORM.**

Name _____	Relationship to Bidder/Offeror _____
Description of Activities _____ _____	
Duration of Engagement _____	Anticipated Cessation Date _____
Bidder/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 Township of North Bergen 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 Township to notify the Township 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 Township of North Bergen and that the Township 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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The following list represents entities determined, based on credible information available to the public, to be engaged in prohibited activities in Iran pursuant to P.L. 2012, c. 25 ("Chapter 25"):

1. AK Makina Ltd.
2. Amona
3. Bank Markazi Iran (Central Bank of Iran)
4. Bank Mellat
5. Bank Melli Iran
6. Bank Saderat PLC
7. Bank Sepah
8. Bank Tejarat
9. China International United Petroleum & Chemicals Co., Ltd. (Unipech)
10. China National Offshore Oil Corporation (CNOOC)
11. China National Petroleum Corporation (CNPC)
12. China National United Oil Corporation (ChinaOil)
13. China Oilfield Services Limited
14. China Petroleum & Chemical Corporation (Sinopec)
15. China Precision Machinery Import-Export Corp. (CPMIEC)
16. Indian Oil Corporation
17. Kingdream PLC
18. Naftiran Intertrade Company (NICO)
19. National Iranian Tanker Company (NITC)
20. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)
21. Oil India Limited
22. Persia International Bank
23. Petroleos de Venezuela (PDVSA Petróleo, SA)
24. PetroChina Company, Ltd.
25. Sameh Afzar Tajak Co. (SATCO)
26. Shandong Fin Cnc Machine Company, Ltd.
27. Sinohydro Co., Ltd.
28. SK Energy Co. Ltd.
29. SKS Ventures
30. Som Petrol AS
31. Zhuhai Zhenrong Company

List Date: July 1, 2023