

TOWNSHIP OF NORTH BERGEN

County of Hudson

State of New Jersey

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)
FAIR & OPEN PUBLIC SOLICITATION PROCESS**

PREPARATION OF 5-YEAR URBAN ENTERPRISE ZONE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

RFP 2025-15

Submission Date

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

2:00 P.M. prevailing time

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE FOR THE SOLICITATION OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR
PREPARATION OF 5-YEAR URBAN ENTERPRISE ZONE DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

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.:

RFP# PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

➤ **RFP 2025-15** Preparation Of 5-Year Urban Enterprise Zone Development Plan

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, hours 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. or downloadable on the Township’s website www.northbergen.org/notices.

Request for proposals (“RFP”) responses shall be submitted to Carmen Borrell, Purchasing Agent, Township of North Bergen, 4233 Kennedy Boulevard, North Bergen, NJ, 07047, on or before Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. 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), N.J.S.A. 52:32-60.1 Certification of Non-Involvement in prohibited activities in Russia or Belarus.

Contracts will be awarded based on the most advantageous responses, price and other factors considered. The Township of North Bergen reserves the right to reject any or all responses.

Carmen M. Borrell
Purchasing Agent

INVITATION TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS

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.

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.

This contract will be evaluated and awarded as an extraordinary unspecifiable service, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(6) & -5(1)(a)(ii).

SCOPE OF SERVICES

RFP 2025-13 PREPARATION OF 5-YEAR URBAN ENTERPRISE ZONE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

A. General Overview

The Township of North Bergen is municipality located in Hudson County, New Jersey, which has Urban Enterprise Zone's within its boundaries. The map of zones within North Bergen can be viewed at:

<https://njdca.maps.arcgis.com/apps/InformationLookup/index.html?appid=0db472ac220a419d938e9060574d2f21>

North Bergen is a highly diverse, urban municipality located in northern Hudson County, surrounded by several other urban municipalities and the NJ Meadowlands to the west. It has good access to major State and County roads, such as Kennedy Boulevard, Tonnelle Avenue, Route 1 & 9, Paterson Plank Road, River Road, the 495 viaduct into the Lincoln Tunnel, Route 3, and the New Jersey Turnpike.

North Bergen has several commercial zones concentrated along River Road, Kennedy Boulevard, Bergenline Avenue, Broadway, and Tonnelle Avenue. Like all municipalities, and especially urban municipalities, attracting and keeping retail business is a challenge. Making the business/commercial districts in North Bergen more functionally appealing and accessible, as well as more visually appealing is important to attract and keep retail, but also restaurants which have become an important part of North Bergen's commercial environment.

The Township has a population of approximately 63,000 people as of 2020.

Some recent UEZ projects in North Bergen have been the FY25 UEZ Holiday Décor Project; the UEZ Bergenline Avenue Streetscape Project (just about to commence work); UEZ CCTV Cameras, and UEZ Patrol Vehicles.

The Township is required to develop a five (5) year Urban Enterprise Zone Development Plan ("UEZ Plan"), in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:27H-68 (P.L. 2021, c. 197, § 4). The Township seeks proposals from qualified consultants to prepare the UEZ Plan in accordance with NJ law, any controlling regulations, and any Department of Community Affairs guidance and checklists.

The services the consultant will be required to provide in preparing the UEZ Plan include the following:

1. Consulting with representatives of diverse Statewide or regional business organizations that represent the interests of minority businesses, as defined in section 2 of P.L.1986, c. 195 (N.J.S.A. 52:27H-21.18).
2. Considering, evaluating and consulting with the Township regarding any comments submitted by said businesses regarding a preliminary zone development plan.
3. Each preliminary zone development plan shall set forth the boundaries of the enterprise zone and include findings of fact concerning the economic and social conditions existing in the enterprise zone, and the municipality's policy and intentions for addressing these conditions, and may include proposals respecting:
 - a. Utilizing the powers conferred on the Township by law for the purpose of stimulating investment in and economic development of the zone;
 - b. Utilizing State assistance through the provisions of P.L.1983, c.303 (N.J.S.A. 52:27H-60, et seq.) relating to State tax benefits and enterprise zone assistance funds;

- c. Securing the involvement in, and commitment to, zone economic development by private entities, including zone neighborhood associations, voluntary community organizations supported by residents and businesses in the zone;
- d. Utilizing the powers conferred by law to revise municipal planning and zoning ordinances and other land use regulations as they pertain to the zone, in order to enhance the attraction of the zone to prospective developers; and
- e. Increasing the availability and efficiency of support services, public and private, generally used by and necessary to the efficient functioning of commercial and industrial facilities in the area, and the extent to which the increase or improvement is to be provided and financed by the municipal government or by other entities.

B. The bidder's proposal should include the following:

- 1. The bidder's approach to accomplishing the scope of work;
- 2. Information about the company including assigned team members, and their qualifications to work on this project and the scope of work;
- 3. A schedule, including key target dates;
- 4. Itemized fees for the entire scope of services: and
- 5. A total "not to exceed" amount.

C. The plan to be developed should contain to following elements:

- 1. Introduction, community overview, and plan development process
 - a. Introduction of the UEZ Community;
 - b. Regional and Township Setting/Location of the existing UEZ with Map;
 - c. Economic and social conditions in the enterprise zone, including the following;
 - (1) Unemployment;
 - (2) Economic conditions such as:
 - (a) municipal Distress Index; and
 - (b) supply and demand market analysis;
 - (3) Income and poverty statistics;
 - (4) Educational attainment statistics;
 - (5) Housing characteristics; and
 - (6) Workforce characteristics;
 - d. Process of plan development, including:
 - (1) Community organization outreach (including minority outreach);

- (2) Business outreach (including minority outreach); and
- (3) Survey of residents and business on what they would like to see in the UEZ.

2. UEZ milestones, accomplishments, and benefits

- a. Description of the Township's previous UEZ Projects;
- b. Impacts from Zone Sales Tax Act; and
- c. Summary of UEZ Zone benefits and uses from past projects.

3. UEZ economic development vision, goals and objectives

- a. Vision for the UEZ; and
- b. Economic goals and objectives.
- c. Coordination with other plans and programs, such as
 - (1) County and regional plans and programs;
 - (2) Municipal programs and special development designations (opportunity zones, areas in need of redevelopment, main street, empowerment zones, etc.); and
 - (3) State agencies (NJEDA, NIRA, etc.).
- d. Proposed changes to UEZ boundaries w/justification
 - (1) Expansion and Deletion of Area (zero net gain).
- e. Major initiatives for next 5 years for the Township, such as:
 - (1) Loan programs for construction or rehabilitation;
 - (2) Redevelopment initiatives/projects;
 - (3) Façade grants;
 - (4) Improvement of public infrastructure;
 - (5) Training programs;
 - (6) Special events;
 - (7) Cleaning and maintenance of commercial corridors; and
 - (8) Planning and professional services.

4. Marketing and implementation

- a. Existing and proposed partnerships and their roles in marketing and implementation;
- b. Other funding and implementation resources;

- c. Proposed UEZ program structure and budget outline for each municipality, including
 - (1) Proposed operational structure with program controls; and
 - (2) Preliminary budget framework, including:
 - (a) Proposed projects with total budget;
 - (b) Public safety (not to exceed 25% of funding); and
 - (c) Administration expenses (not to exceed 10% of funding)
 - d. Timeline for implementation; and
 - e. Outline of proposed metrics and measurements of success.
5. Summary and next steps, such as
- a. Local and municipal approvals as needed;
 - b. Approvals by NJ DCA/Zone Authority; and
 - c. Authorization and implementation

D. Project Subject To Grant Funding

Contract award may be subject to the receipt of grant funding from the State.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

EVENT	DATE
RFP Issue Date	05/22/25
RFP Response Due Date	06/11/25

SECTION 1: GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1.0 PROJECT OVERVIEW

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

1.1 CONTRACT TERM

The contract term will be determined based on the schedule submitted by the bidder, and with input from the Township, but shall be in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law.

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 Carmen Borrell**, 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: Carmen M. Borrell,
Township of North Bergen
4233 Kennedy Boulevard, North Bergen, NJ 07047
Phone: 201-392-2040
E-mail: Cborrell@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 06/05/25. 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.

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, 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 their bids in accordance with the Public Notice restated above.

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-responsible, the determination must be in writing, made a part of the procurement file and mailed to the affected proposer. Any hearing on responsibility, as required by law, will be undertaken to determine responsibility.

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.

The evaluation committee will consist of the Purchasing Agent, Township Administrator & Assistant CFO.

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 for 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.

5.2.5 Evaluation Rating System

All proposals shall be evaluated using the following criteria:

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| 1. The consultant's approach to accomplishing the scope of work: | 20 points |
| 2. The demonstrated experience and qualifications of the consultant firm: | 20 points |
| 3. The demonstrated experience and qualifications of project manager & team: | 20 points |
| 4. The schedule with key target dates: | 20 points |
| 5. The competitiveness of the cost proposal with an itemized fee schedule, hourly rates, amounts by task and for the entire scope of services, and, a total not to exceed amount: | 20 Points |
| Total Possible Points: | 100 Points |

PROOF OF BUSINESS REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE (BRC)

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:32-44, the Township (“Contracting Agency”) is prohibited from entering into a contract with an entity unless the bidder/proposer/contractor, and each subcontractor that is required by law to be named in a bid/proposal/contract has a valid Business Registration Certificate on file with the Division of Revenue and Enterprise Services within the Department of the Treasury.

Prior to contract award or authorization, the contractor shall provide the Contracting Agency with its proof of business registration and that of any named subcontractor(s).

Subcontractors named in a bid or other proposal shall provide proof of business registration to the bidder, who in turn, shall provide it to the Contracting Agency prior to the time a contract, purchase order, or other contracting document is awarded or authorized.

During the course of contract performance:

- (1) the contractor shall not enter into a contract with a subcontractor unless the subcontractor first provides the contractor with a valid proof of business registration.
- (2) the contractor shall maintain and submit to the Contracting Agency a list of subcontractors and their addresses that may be updated from time to time.
- (3) the contractor and any subcontractor providing goods or performing services under the contract, and each of their affiliates, shall collect and remit to the Director of the Division of Taxation in the Department of the Treasury, 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 the State. Any questions in this regard can be directed to the Division of Taxation at (609)292-6400. Form NJ-REG can be filed online at <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/revenue/busregcert.shtml>.

Before final payment is made under the contract, the contractor shall submit to the Contracting Agency a complete and accurate list of all subcontractors used and their addresses.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:49-4.1, a business organization that fails to provide a copy of a business registration as required, or that provides false business registration information, shall be liable for a penalty of \$25 for each day of violation, not to exceed \$50,000, for each proof of business registration not properly provided under a contract with a contracting agency.

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:	

SCHEDULE 3
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/.

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: _____

SCHEDULE 4

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/.

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.

SCHEDULE 5

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/Offerer _____
Description of Activities _____	

Duration of Engagement _____	Anticipated Cessation Date _____
Bidder/Offerer 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. (Unipecc)
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. Nafiran 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



SCHEDULE 6

CERTIFICATION OF NON-INVOLVEMENT IN PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES IN RUSSIA OR BELARUS

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:32-60.1, et seq. (L. 2022, c. 3) any person or entity (hereinafter “Vendorⁱ”) that seeks to enter into or renew a contract with a State agency for the provision of goods or services, or the purchase of bonds or other obligations, must complete the certification below indicating whether or not the Vendor is identified on the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons list, available here: <https://sanctionssearch.ofac.treas.gov/>. If the Department of the Treasury finds that a Vendor has made a certification in violation of the law, it shall take any 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.

I, the undersigned, certify that I have read the definition of “Vendor” below, and have reviewed the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons list, and having done so certify:

(Check the Appropriate Box)

A. That the Vendor is not identified on the OFAC Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons list on account of activity related to Russia and/or Belarus.

OR

B. That I am unable to certify as to “A” above, because the Vendor is identified on the OFAC Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons list on account of activity related to Russia and/or Belarus.

OR

C. That I am unable to certify as to “A” above, because the Vendor is identified on the OFAC Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons list. However, the Vendor is engaged in activity related to Russia and/or Belarus consistent with federal law, regulation, license or exemption. A detailed description of how the Vendor’s activity related to Russia and/or Belarus is consistent with federal law is set forth below.

(Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary.)

Signature of Vendor’s Authorized Representative

Date

Print Name and Title of Vendor’s Authorized Representative

Vendor’s FEIN

Vendor’s Name

Vendor’s Phone Number

Vendor’s Address (Street Address)

Vendor’s Fax Number

Vendor’s Address (City/State/Zip Code)

Vendor’s Email Address

ⁱ Vendor means: (1) A natural person, corporation, company, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, limited liability company, business association, sole proprietorship, joint venture, partnership, society, trust, or any other nongovernmental entity, organization, or group; (2) Any governmental entity or instrumentality of a government, including a multilateral development institution, as defined in Section 1701(c)(3) of the International Financial Institutions Act, 22 U.S.C. 262r(c)(3); or (3) Any parent, successor, subunit, direct or indirect subsidiary, or any entity under common ownership or control with, any entity described in paragraph (1) or (2).