TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY COUNTY OF UNION

PUBLIC NOTICE

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NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR

Engineering Services

The Township of Cranford is soliciting proposals through a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.

Beginning on Thursday, October 21, 2021, submission packages may be obtained at the Township Clerk's Office, (908) 709-7210, during regular business hours, 8:30 A.M. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, or by downloading the documents on the Township's website: https://www.cranfordnj.org/bids. Registration on the Township's website is required.

Sealed Request for Proposals (RFP's) shall contain: one original; one hard copy and one digital copy (i.e., USB stick or thumb drive) of the submission. Such RFP responses should be enclosed in an opaque sealed envelope, plainly marked, "Engineering Services" and shall show the name and address of the bidder. RFP's may be hand delivered to the Clerk's Office in the Township Building or may be forwarded by personal service, certified mail, U.S. Post and other mail delivery services. The sealed envelope containing the proposal and marked as directed above, must be enclosed in another envelope properly addressed as follows:

Patricia Donahue, c/o November 10th RFP Opening – **Engineering Services** Township Clerk Township of Cranford Municipal Building 8 Springfield Avenue Cranford, NJ 07016

Notice is hereby given that sealed RFP responses will be received by the Township Clerk of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey, at the Municipal Building, located at 8 Springfield Avenue, 2nd Floor, Cranford, New Jersey, 07016, on Wednesday, November 10, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, and publicly opened with the contents of same publicly announced for 2022 Engineering Services.

Respondents shall comply with the requirements of <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 10:5-31 et seq. and <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 17:27. A copy of a New Jersey Business Registration Certificate shall be included with the RFP.

By order of the Township Committee: Kathleen Prunty, Mayor Jamie Cryan, Township Administrator Patricia Donahue, Township Clerk

GENERAL INFORMATION & SUMMARY

Organization Requesting Proposal

Township of Cranford 8 Springfield Avenue Cranford, New Jersey 07016

Contact Person

Jamie Cryan Township Administrator 908-709-7205

Purpose of Request

The Township of Cranford is requesting proposals from qualified individuals and firms ("contractor(s)" or "proposer(s)") to provide general engineering services to the Township for the contract period of January 1st through December 31st, 2022. Proposals will be evaluated in accordance with the criteria set forth in this RFP. One or more individuals/firms may be selected to provide services.

Defined Terms

The following definitions shall apply to and are used in this Request for Qualifications:

"Township" – refers to the Township of Cranford.

"Proposal" - refers to the complete responses to this RFP submitted by the respondents.

"Qualified Respondent" – refers to a respondent who (in the sole and absolute discretion of the Township) has satisfied the qualification criteria set forth in this RFP.

"RFP" – refers to this Request for Proposal, including any amendments thereof or supplements thereto.

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"Respondent" or "Responders" – refers to the interested persons and/or firm(s) that submit a Proposal.

Period of Contract

January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

Contract Form

The successful proposer shall be required to execute the Township's form contract, which includes the indemnification, insurance, termination and licensing provisions. A complete copy of a draft Township form contract is available upon request.

It is also agreed and understood that the acceptance of the final payment by contractor shall be considered a release in full of all claims against the Township arising out of, or by reason of, the work done and materials furnished under this contract.

DETAILED REQUIREMENTS OF THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

1. Township of Cranford Facts and Figures

The Township of Cranford is a legal, governmental entity. The Township was incorporated in 1871 and operates under N.J.S.A. 40A:63-1 et seq., the Township form of government. The Township is governed by a Township Committee. The Township Committee sets policy, adopts the operating and capital budgets for the Township, enacts ordinances and sets the direction of how the township of Cranford will provide government services. The Township Administrator carries out the policies adopted by the Township Committee.

The Township's population is approximately 23,600 and it consists of approximately 4.9 square miles of area. The Township provides a full range of municipal services.

The Township's operating budget is approximately \$34 million.

2. Nature/Scope of Services

The Township of Cranford is requesting proposals for consulting engineering services. The engineering firm may have a close working relationship with any of the following offices: The Office of the Township Administrator, the Department of Engineering and Public Works, the Department of Recreation and Parks and the Office of the Township Attorney.

The Township of Cranford utilizes a number of services to be provided by outside consulting engineering firms. Contracts are generally awarded on a project-by-project basis. The Township is seeking proposals from firms to be prequalified on a fair and open basis to perform such outside consulting engineering services. Firms may submit proposals or qualifications to perform some or all of the following types of work:

- A. Surveying services;
- B. Site, land use and environmental engineering;

- C. Facility, infrastructure and project design, construction, and operation, including roadway improvements, culverts, traffic studies, signalized and un-signalized intersection improvements, parks, drainage improvements, flood control improvements, sanitary sewer improvements, landscape architecture and planning, surveying/GIS/mapping, and environmental/cultural investigation, evaluation and remediation projects;
- D. Building systems evaluations, including but not limited to:
 - 1) conducting on site investigations of heating, ventilation, air conditioning, electrical, plumbing, fire protection and control systems and making recommendations for any necessary modifications;
 - 2) conducting onsite Structural Systems Inspections of double tee floor members, floor and roof deck member's beams, columns and spandrels, stair and elevator tower, exposed steel, bearing parts, sealers and deck coatings, joint sealants, drainage and tripping hazards for parking garages;
 - 3) assessing building systems for functionality, energy efficiency, environmental compliance, comfort and air quality;
 - 4) performing safety and code audits;
- E. Mechanical design services including but not limited to:

Preparation of plans, specifications, conceptual design, cost estimates and project manuals for various types of building mechanical systems;

- E. Prepare and submit permit applications, Green Acres Grant Applications, General Grant Applications, correspondence, and the like to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and any other applicable state or federal regulatory agency as well as any other private entity, as required;
- F. Provide Construction Administration/Inspection Services for all types of Civil Engineering Infrastructure projects including roadway improvements, flood control and drainage projects, sanitary sewer projects, culverts, signalized intersection improvements, parks, and environmental remediation projects;
- G. Provide Material Testing and Geotechnical Services including the field collection, field compaction testing and laboratory reporting for concrete, bituminous concrete, steel as well as soil and other types of construction materials as may be required.
- H. Environmental Testing and Monitoring including the sampling of storm sewer system outflows for NJPDES permits and installation of monitoring wells, geo-probe and test pit investigations associated with: underground storage tank sites, landfills on other types of suspected sub-surface impoundments.

Please provide qualifications for any or all of the areas listed above that your firm is interested in being considered for.

3. Standard Requirements of Technical Proposal

Proposers should submit a technical proposal which contains the following:

- A. The name of the proposer, the principal place of business and, if different, the place where the services will be provided;
- B. Outline the specific type services to be provided from the listing in Section 2 above;
- C. Proposer must have a minimum of ten (10) years of experience in providing engineering type services and a minimum of five (5) years servicing municipalities and other local governmental entities;
- D. The education, qualifications, experience, and training of all persons who would be assigned to provide services along with their names and titles. The proposer <u>MUST</u> possess a valid P.E. license in the State of New Jersey as appropriate with the type of services being offered, and any other licenses or certificates necessary for the type of work proposed.
- E. A cost proposal which lists the hourly rates by title for each employee classification anticipated to be used and any other anticipated costs which may be associated with a contract awarded under this RFP throughout the year. The cost proposal should include flat hourly rates commensurate with the degree of experience of the personnel associated with each title. This RFP provides that the Consultant selected because of this solicitation, employ qualified, competent, and experienced personnel to provide the required services and that these services be commensurate with (1) the prevalent methodologies used by consultants practicing within the subject area of work and (2) the magnitude and intricacy of the work under consideration. Please note that employee classifications and rates which are not included in the cost proposal submitted with this RFP will not be eligible for reimbursement under the individual contracts awarded throughout the year.

Other anticipated costs should include mileage rates, printing costs, etc. General costs which in the opinion of the Township should have been reasonably anticipated by the consultant at the time of the RFP will not be eligible for reimbursement under the individual contracts awarded throughout the year.

- F. A listing of all other engagements where services of the types being proposed were provided in the past five (5) years. This should include other municipal governments and other levels of government. Contact information for the recipients of the similar services must be provided. The Township may obtain references from any of the parties listed. Service as the municipal engineer of and municipality shall be stated separately. Where contracted on a project basis, details of the project and the services rendered shall be detailed.
- G. A description of all other areas of engineering services provided by the proposer, with emphasis on a description of those services of interest to a municipal government client;

- H. A statement that neither the firm nor any individuals assigned to this engagement are disbarred, suspended, or otherwise prohibited from professional practice by any federal, state or local agency;
- I. Affirmative Action Compliance;
- J. A completed Non-Collusion Affidavit (copy of form attached);
- K. A completed Owner Disclosure Statement (copy of form attached);
- L. A statement that the proposer will comply with the General Terms and Conditions required by Township and enter into the Township's standard Professional Services Contract;
- M. A copy of the proposer's W9 & Business Registration Certificate;

4. Proposal Evaluation

The Township will select the most advantageous proposals based on all of the evaluation factors set forth at the end of this RFP, price and other factors considered. The Township will make the award(s) that is in the best interest of the Township. The Township may award individual projects to those deemed qualified.

Each proposal must satisfy the objectives and requirements detailed in this RFP. The successful proposer shall be determined by an evaluation of the total content of the proposal submitted. Each proposer that meets the requirements set forth (in the sole judgment of the Township) will be designated as a Qualified proposer and may be given the opportunity to submit a detailed proposal in response to subsequent requests for quotations issued by the Township of Cranford throughout the year.

The Township reserves the right to:

- A. Not select any of the proposals;
- B. Select only portions of a particular proposer's proposal for further consideration; (However, proposers may specify portions of the proposal that they consider "bundled").
- C. Award a contract for the requested services at any time during the calendar year. Every proposal must be valid through this time period. Additionally, the rate or price for any project begun during the calendar year shall remain in effect for the life of the project.

The Township shall not be obligated to explain the results of the evaluation process to any proposer. The Township may require proposers to provide samples of their work prior to award.

5. Proposal Limitations

This RFP is not intended to be an offer, order or contract and should not be regarded as such, nor shall any obligation or liability be imposed on the Township by issuance of this RFP. The Township reserves the right at the Township's sole discretion to refuse any proposal submitted. Furthermore, this document does not commit the Township to award any contract.

6. Use of Information

Any specifications, drawings, sketches, models, samples, data, computer programs, documentation, technical or business information and the like ("Information") furnished or disclosed by the Township to the proposer in connection with this RFP shall remain the property of the Township. When in tangible form, all copies of such information shall be returned to the Township upon request. Unless such information was previously known to the proposer, free of any obligation to keep it confidential, or has been or is subsequently made public by the Township or a third party, it shall be held in confidence by the proposer, shall be used only for the purposes of this RFP, and may not be used for other purposes except upon such terms and conditions as may be mutually agreed upon in writing.

7. General Terms and Conditions

- A. A certificate of insurance evidencing the respondent's Errors and Omissions Insurance with a limit of liability of an amount not less than \$2 million each claim and aggregate if respondent is a corporation or limited liability partnership; or no less than \$1,000,000.00 each claim and aggregate if respondent is an individual, sole-proprietor, or single-member limited liability company.
- B. The Township reserves the right to reject any or all Qualification Statement in whole or in part, or to waive any informalities in the Qualification Statement, and, unless otherwise specified by the Respondent, to accept any item, items or services in the proposals should it be deemed in the best interest of the Township to do so.
- C. In case of failure by the successful Respondent, the Township of Cranford may procure the articles or services from other sources, deduct the cost of the replacement from money due to the Respondent under the contract and hold the Respondent responsible for any excess cost occasioned thereby.
- D. The Respondent shall maintain sufficient insurance to protect against all claims under Workmen's Compensation, General, Professional and Automobile Liability.
- E. Each Qualification Statement must be signed by the person authorized to do so.
- F. Proposers shall submit one (1) original copy with signatures, (1) hard copy, and one (1) portable document file ("pdf") via non-returnable, pc compatible data storage (CD, flash drive) and may be hand delivered or mailed consistent with the provisions of the RFP procedures outlined herein. In the case of mailed proposals, the Township assumes no responsibility for Proposals received after the designated date and time and will return late Request for Proposals unopened. Proposals will not be accepted by facsimile or e-

mail. Proposals shall be in a sealed opaque envelope clearly marked "Engineering Services". To be considered, proposals shall be delivered to or received by the Township Clerk no later than 10:00 AM on Wednesday, November 10th, 2021. RFP's may be hand delivered to the Clerk's Office in the Township Building or may be forwarded by personal service, certified mail, U.S. Post and other mail delivery services. The sealed envelope containing the proposal and marked as directed above, must be enclosed in another envelope properly addressed as follows:

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- G. Respondents are required to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:27. See Exhibit A.
- H. By submission of a Proposal, the Respondent certifies that the service to be furnished will not infringe upon any valid patent, trademark or copyright and the successful Respondent shall, at its expense, defend any and all actions or suits charging such infringement, and will save the Township harmless in any case of any such infringement.
- I. No Respondent shall influence, or attempt to influence, or cause to be influenced, any Township officer or employee to use his/her official capacity in any manner which might tend to impair the objectivity or independence of judgment of said officer or employee.
- J. No Respondent shall cause or influence, or attempt to cause or influence, any Township officer or employee to use his/her official capacity to secure unwarranted privileges or advantages for the respondent or any other person.
- K. Should any difference arise between the contracting parties as to the meaning or intent of these instructions or specifications, the Township Counsel's decision shall be final and conclusive.
- L. All costs incurred by the Respondent in connection with responding to this RFP shall be borne solely by the respondent. The Township of Cranford shall not be responsible for any expenditure of monies or other expenses incurred by the Respondent.
- M. The checklist, affidavits, notices and the like presented at the end of this RFP are a part of this RFP and shall be completed and submitted as part of the Qualification Statement.
- N. All Request for Proposals shall become the property of the Township and will not be returned.

- O. All Proposals will be made available to the public at the appropriate time, as determined by the Township (in the exercise of its sole and absolute discretion) and in accordance with law.
- P. Neither the Township, nor their respective staffs, consultants or advisors (including, but not limited to, the Review Team) shall be liable for any claims or damages resulting from the solicitation or preparation of the Proposal, nor will there by any reimbursement to respondents for the cost of preparing and submitting a Proposal or for participant in this procurement process.

BASIS OF AWARD

The contract shall be awarded based upon the following evaluation factors:

- A. Relevance and extent of qualifications, experience, reputation and training of personnel to be assigned
- B. Knowledge of the Township of Cranford and the subject matter to be addressed under this engagement
- C. Relevance and extent of similar engagements performed
- D. Technical proposal contains all required information
- E. Reasonableness of cost proposal

QUALIFICATION STATEMENT CHECKLIST

THIS CHECKLIST MUST BE COMPLETED, INITIALED, SIGNED AND SUBMITTED WITH YOUR PROPOSAL. A PROPOSAL SUBMITTED WITHOUT THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS IS CAUSE FOR REFUSAL.

	IN	ITIAL BELOW
A.	One (1) original and One (1) hard copy of a printed signed complete proposal	
B.	One (1) PDF file delivered on PC compatible data storage (CD, flash drive)	
C.	Non-Collusion Affidavit properly notarized	
D.	Owners Disclosure Information Form, properly notarized, listing the names of all persons owning ten percent (10%) or more of the proposing entity	
E.	Authorized signatures on all forms	
F.	Business Registration Certificate(s) & W9	
G.	Disclosure Statement	
Н.	Affirmative Action Statement	
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THE U	INDERSIGNED HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGES THE ABOVE LISTED RI	<u>EQUIREMENTS</u>
Name	of Proposer:	
Firm o	r Corporation	
Print N	Name	
Signat	ure Title	

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 GOODS, PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND GENERAL SERVICE 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.

EXHIBIT A (Cont)

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

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

In conforming with the targeted employment goals, the contractor or subcontractor agrees to review all procedures relating to transfer, upgrading, downgrading and layoff to ensure that all such actions are taken without regard to age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex, consistent with the statutes and court decisions of the State of New Jersey, and applicable Federal law and applicable Federal court decisions.

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

Letter of Federal Affirmative Action Plan Approval

Certificate of Employee Information Report

Employee Information Report Form AA302 (electronically provided by the Division and distributed to the public agency through the Division's website at 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 **Subchapter 10 of the Administrative Code at N.J.A.C. 17:27**

COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS

In conforming with the applicable 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, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation or sex, consistent with the statutes and court decisions of the State of New Jersey, and applicable Federal law and applicable Federal court decisions.

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The contractor and its subcontractors shall furnish such reports or other documents to the Division of Contract Compliance and EEO as may be requested by the Division 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 Contract Compliance & EEO for conducting a compliance investigation pursuant to Subchapter 10 of the Administrative Code at N.J.A.C. 17:27.

NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

COUN	NTY OF UNION ss:		
	of the firm, named in roposal. Upon my oath, I do depose and say that I executed the said proposal with full rity so to do, and:		
1.	That this proposer has not, directly or indirectly entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action in restraint of fair and open competition in connection with this engagement;		
2.	That all statements contained in said proposal and in this affidavit are true and correct and made with full knowledge that the Township of Cranford relies upon the truth of the statements contained in said proposal and in the statements contained in this affidavit is awarding the contract for the said engagement; and		
3.	That no person or selling agency has been employed to solicit or secure this engageme agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fe except bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial selling agencies of the proposer. (N.J.S.A.52: 34-25)		
	(type or print name of affiant under signature)		
	ribed and Sworn to before me this day of, 2021		
	ARY PUBLIC OF OMMISSION EXPIRES, 20		

OWNER DISCLOSURE INFORMATION

Set forth below are the names and addresses of all owners of 10% or more of the proposing business entity.

Name:	Name:	
Address:	Address:	
Name:	Name:	
Address:	Address:	
Name:	Name:	
Address:	Address:	
Name:	Name:	
Address:	Address:	
Name of Business Entity		
Signature	Title	
Subscribed and Sworn to before m day of		
Notary Public Of My Commission Expires	, 20	