

**BOROUGH OF WOODBINE
COUNTY OF CAPE MAY
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

RESOLUTION No. 11-122-2023

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODBINE IMPLEMENTING A FAIR AND OPEN
PROCESS FOR THE SELECTION OF BOROUGH SPECIAL PROJECTS ENGINEER, SOLICITOR,
AUDITOR, GRANT APPLICATION AND MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT SERVICES, AIRPORT
ENGINEER, AND SPECIAL ENVIRONMENTAL LEGAL COUNSEL**

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Woodbine acknowledges the need for professional services to be provided to the borough; and

WHEREAS, the borough council recognizes the need to implement the requirements of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 so as to have a fair and open procedure for awarding professional service agreements which would otherwise be exempt from public bidding in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5; and

WHEREAS, the borough council believes it is in the best interest of the borough to select professionals to provide services to the borough primarily on the basis of their qualifications, including qualifications uniquely suited to the needs of the Borough of Woodbine; and

WHEREAS, to receive statements of qualifications in a manner that fosters a fair and open process, it is necessary and advisable to establish advance general criteria and specific minimum requirements; and

WHEREAS, the borough council has determined that a fair and open process requires public advertisement of professional services required in a manner and with sufficient time to provide notice in advance of the contemplation of retaining services of a professional and the criteria to be considered in determining the best professional for the position; and

WHEREAS, a fair and open process requires that all responses be publicly opened and announced and thereafter that all appointments be made at a public meeting of the Borough of Woodbine as follows:

1. All appointments for professional services contained on Schedule "A" attached to and made a part hereof shall be subject to a fair and open process as set forth below.
2. The borough clerk shall cause all legal notices stating that a full listing of the professional service appointments subject to a fair and open process together with the criteria established for the consideration of qualification, will be posted on the Borough of Woodbine's internet website beginning no later than December 4, 2023.
3. The criteria for each position contained on Schedule "A" follows immediately subsequent to the listing on Schedule "A". The criteria shall be disclosed together with the posting of the listed positions on the Borough of Woodbine's internet website as set forth above.
4. The website posting shall inform potential applicants that all submissions must be made to the Clerk of the Borough of Woodbine and received no later than 3:00 p.m. December 27, 2023 at the Woodbine Municipal Building, 501 Washington Avenue, Woodbine, NJ 08270.

5. Commencing 3:01 p.m. on December 27, 2023, or as soon thereafter as may be available, the Clerk of the Borough of Woodbine or designee shall publicly open and announce all submissions in the borough council chambers, Woodbine Municipal Building, 501 Washington Avenue, Woodbine, New Jersey, 08270.
6. Appointments shall thereafter be made at a public meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Woodbine.
7. Subsequent to appointments, appropriate notices shall be published in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Woodbine has determined that the terms of this Resolution constitute a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20, et seq., and that the decision by the Borough of Woodbine as to what constitutes a fair and open process shall be final.

SCHEDULE "A"

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS TO BE AWARDED BY ESTABLISHED QUALIFICATION CRITERIA

The Borough of Woodbine solicits statements of qualifications for applicants for appointments to the following professional positions. Responses should address the general criteria and submission requirements for the position sought. Responses must be received in the Office of the Borough Clerk, 501 Washington Avenue, Woodbine, New Jersey 08270, no later than 3:00 p.m., December 27, 2023. All responses shall be opened and announced publicly immediately thereafter by the Borough Clerk of the Borough of Woodbine or designee. The applicant/proposer shall submit eight (8) copies of his/her proposal in a sealed envelope designating the position to the Borough Clerk. All appointments will be announced at a public meeting. Unless otherwise noticed, appointments shall be for the calendar year of 2023 and subject to the execution of an appropriate contract.

**BOROUGH OF WOODBINE
NOTICE OF SOLICITATION
REQUESTS FOR QUALIFICATIONS**

Notice of Solicitation

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq. New Jersey Pay to Play, New Jersey Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Reporting Act, the Borough of Woodbine located at 501 Washington Avenue, Woodbine, New Jersey 08270 is seeking RFQs for professional services to be provide to the Borough of Woodbine as listed below for the 2023 term.

Borough Solicitor,
Borough Auditor,
Borough Special Projects Engineer,
Borough Airport Engineer,
Borough Grant Application and Management Consultant Services,
Special Environmental Legal Counsel

Requests for qualifications are on file at the Borough Clerk's Office at 501 Washington Avenue, Woodbine New Jersey 08270 and may also be downloaded from the Borough's website.

All RFQs must be received by the Borough Clerk on or before December 27, 2023 by 3:00 p.m. at the Borough Clerk's office located at 501 Washington Avenue, Woodbine, New Jersey 08270. All questions concerning this notice should be addressed to the Borough Clerk at 609-861-2153.

All statements of qualifications for professional service contracts shall include as a minimum the following information.

1. Names of individuals who will perform required tasks as well as the listing of their licenses.
 - A. Identify the person who will be primarily responsible for the services required by the Borough of Woodbine and provide a description of the experience of the primary person with projects and issues similar to those more specifically set forth in the proposal and on behalf of the Borough of Woodbine.
 - B. Identify persons who will serve as back up to the primary person including resumes of all parties.
2. Describe ability to provide services in a timely fashion including a description of your staffing and a description of your familiarity with the services required by the Borough of Woodbine.

Special Projects Engineer

Scope of Services:

The Borough of Woodbine desires to appoint one multi-disciplined consulting engineering company, to serve as Special Projects Engineer providing comprehensive engineering services to the borough. The selected consultant shall work in cooperation with the borough and/or the in-house borough engineer to provide consulting services related to capital improvement projects, planning board matters, tax map maintenance, and/or other matters as identified and authorized by the borough. The selected firm may also be required to have their designated representative attend regular meetings of the mayor and council and/or the borough planning board at the direction and discretion of the chairperson.

Applicants should demonstrate knowledge and experience as well as documenting staff capabilities with respect to all aspects of consulting engineering services typically required by a municipality including, but not limited to, roadways; transportation; storm sewer systems; wastewater collection and treatment systems; water distribution and water treatment systems; surveying; tax map preparation and maintenance; site and master planning; planning board matters including site plans, subdivisions and variances; environmental and permitting services; lead-based paint inspections as needed; and/or construction observation.

The anticipated fees for the professional services associated with the above work shall be negotiated and established on a project or case-by-case basis prior to the work being performed. Applicants must however submit with their proposal a copy of their hourly billing rates for the various classes of employees who would typically be involved. In addition, the applicant must submit a suggested lump sum annual retainer fee to cover the cost of attendance at borough council and borough planning board meetings.

Any experience or knowledge of matters specifically relating the Borough of Woodbine should be addressed in the proposal.

Minimum Qualifications:

1. Must be licensed to provide engineering services in the State of New Jersey.
2. Must have a minimum of twenty (20) years of experience in providing engineering services to municipalities and must demonstrate expertise in the disciplines listed in the Scope of Services above.
3. Must be experienced in obtaining permits and approvals from various federal, state, county and local regulatory agencies.
4. Must maintain a principal office location in close proximity to the Borough of Woodbine so as to be able to respond to emergent matters promptly.
5. Must be experienced in planning and zoning and have served as a consultant to a planning and/or zoning board if applying to perform special project engineer work for the borough planning and/or zoning board.
6. Must be experienced in the preparation of grant applications and dealing with funding agency programs.
7. Must list other past and present government engineering positions.

BOROUGH SOLICITOR

Scope of Services:

Specialized services required – The selected professional (solicitor) will be expected to provide specialized professional services to the Borough of Woodbine during the entire year. Various issues arise during the normal course of business involving the need for professional service matters that will require guidance and advice from the aforesaid professional. Because such services, at times, represent emergency situations, the solicitor will be expected to return a phone call to the Borough of Woodbine on the same day. The professional will also be expected to be available to provide advice to the Borough of Woodbine during non-business hours including the attendance at meetings, formal and informal. The Solicitor will be required, as needed, to engage in litigation services on behalf of the Borough.

Minimum Qualifications

1. The solicitor shall have at least fifteen (15) consecutive years experience in representing public entities.
2. This individual shall represent the interest of the Borough of Woodbine and have been admitted and/or licensed in his/her profession and be in good standing.
3. The Solicitor's firm and individuals assigned to work with the Borough shall be well versed in all aspects of the Borough's operations.

Auditor

Scope of Services

The Borough of Woodbine desires to appoint a firm of certified public accountants to act as auditors for the Borough of Woodbine. Applicant should demonstrate knowledge of municipal auditing laws and regulations and experience in providing advice to municipalities on records compliance issues. Any experience or knowledge of matters that directly affect the Borough of Woodbine should be addressed.

Minimum Requirements

1. The firm must employ a minimum of five (5) certified public accountants who have been licensed in that capacity for a period of not less than five (5) years each prior to the date of appointment.
2. The firm must employ a minimum of three (3) registered municipal accountants licensed and qualified in that capacity for a minimum of three (3) years each prior to the appointment.
3. Must have a minimum of twenty-five (25) years experience in providing auditing services to municipalities within the State of New Jersey.
4. Must maintain a current principal office within the State of New Jersey.
5. Must describe any special services available to municipal clients.
6. Must list all past and present municipal clients.

Grant Application and Management Consultant Services

Scope of Services:

The Borough of Woodbine desires to appoint a firm to provide grant services to the Borough. Applicants should demonstrate knowledge and experience with respect to all aspects of grant services required by a municipality. Any experience or knowledge of matter that directly affect the Borough of Woodbine should be addressed.

Minimum Requirements

1. The grants Application and Management Consultant shall have at least 25 years experience in a wide field of grant subject areas including but not limited to federal, state, county and private grant programs, the application therefore and the management thereof, with a minimum of ten (10) years experience in municipal grant writing, application and management field. At least ten (10) years experience working grant programs offered by the State of New Jersey.
2. Must list all past and present municipal clients.

Borough Airport Engineer

Scope of Services:

The Borough of Woodbine desires to appoint an individual, affiliated with a multi-disciplined Consulting Airport Engineering Company, to serve as Borough Airport Engineer and provide comprehensive airport engineering services to the Borough. Applicants should demonstrate knowledge and experience as well as documenting staff capabilities with respect to all aspects of consulting airport engineering services typically required by an airport including but not limited to airside/landside design, drainage and lighting, planning and environmental services, and construction related services.

Minimum Qualifications/Evaluation Criteria:

1. Must be licensed to provide airport engineering service in the State of New Jersey.
2. Must have a minimum of twenty (20) years of experience in providing airport engineering services to municipal airports and must demonstrate expertise in the disciplines listed in the Scope of Services above.
3. Must list past and present Airport Engineering positions.

Special Environmental Legal Counsel

Scope of Services:

Specialized services required - The selected professional (counsel) will be expected to provide special professional services in the field of Environmental Law to the Borough of Woodbine during the entire year. Assessment and legal analysis of the relevant environmental laws and regulations concerning remediation and redevelopment is required. The ability to handle negotiations as to financial responsibility and related liability, and preparation of potential litigation. Because such services, at time, represent emergency situations, the Special Environmental Legal Counsel will be expected to return a phone call to the Borough of Woodbine on the same day. The professional will also be expected to provide advice to the Borough of Woodbine during non-business hours including the attendance at meeting, formal and informal. The Special Environmental Legal Counsel will be required, as needed, to engage in litigation services on behalf of the Borough.

Minimum Qualifications:

1. The Special Environmental Legal Counsel shall have at least fifteen (15) consecutive years experience in representing public entities in environmental matters.
2. This individual shall represent the interest of the Borough of Woodbine and have been admitted and/or licensed in his/her profession and be in good standing.
3. The Counsel's firm and individuals assigned to work with the Borough shall be well versed in all aspects of the Borough's operations.

Submission

Proposing firms shall provide evidence that the minimum qualifications are met. Proposals should include a list delineating the numbers and types of public clients represented by the professional and/or firm.

Evaluation of Proposals

The Borough of Woodbine intends to award a professional services contract for the defined scope of work under the Fair and Open Process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. The decision by the Borough of Woodbine as to what constitutes a fair and open process shall be final.

The proposals will be evaluated by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Woodbine based upon information supplied by each Proposer in response to this RFQ and the following criteria:

Ability to meet all minimum qualifications.

Overall knowledge and familiarity with the operations of the Borough of Woodbine.

Experience of the firm in providing similar services to other public bodies, with special emphasis on experience in New Jersey.

Qualifications and experience of the professional.

Qualifications and experience of the other members of the professional's firm.

Any questions regarding this Request for Qualifications should be directed to the Borough Clerk of the Borough of Woodbine.

Please submit eight (8) copies of the proposal to:

**Borough of Woodbine
c/o Borough Clerk
501 Washington Avenue
Woodbine, New Jersey 08270
609-861-2153**

Prior to the award of contract, the selected consultant must submit copies of their New Jersey Business Registration Certificate, a completed IRS Form W-9, and a certificate of insurance documenting available insurance coverage limits for general liability minimum of \$2,000,000, automobile liability minimum of \$1,000,000, property damage minimum of \$1,000,000 and professional liability minimum of \$2,000,000.

All submissions must be received at the Borough Clerk's office on or before December 27, 2023, at 3:00 p.m, located at Woodbine Municipal Building, 501 Washington Avenue, Woodbine, NJ 08270.