

Contract No.	Contract Name	School District
GP-0258-R01	Legal Services	N/A

## **ADVERTISEMENT**

The New Jersey Schools Development Authority ("NJSDA") is seeking to engage a number of Firms to provide Legal Services to the NJSDA in seven legal specialty areas: (1) Bankruptcy and Insolvency Proceedings; (2) Environmental Law; (3) Employment Law; (4) Government Contracting, Bid Protests and Procurement; (5) Professional Errors and Omissions and Cost Recovery; (6) Construction Litigation; and (7) Real Estate. For each of the four legal specialty areas of (1) Bankruptcy and Insolvency Proceedings, (2) Environmental Law, (3) Employment Law, and (4) Government Contracting, Bid Protests and Procurement, three Firms will be engaged to assist the NJSDA's Division of Chief Counsel and to provide legal advice, consultative services, and, when required, formal representation of the NJSDA. For each of the three legal specialty areas of (5) Professional Errors and Omissions and Cost Recovery, (6) Construction Litigation and (7) Real Estate, six Firms will be engaged to assist the NJSDA's Division of Chief Counsel and to provide legal advice, consultative services, and, when required, formal representation of the NJSDA. An interested Firm may submit a Technical Proposal to be considered for engagement in any or all of these legal specialty areas.

**Request for Proposals ("RFP"):** A complete copy of the RFP, which outlines the steps required for participation in this procurement, may be obtained at <u>click here to view RFP</u>. Technical Proposals must be submitted in compliance with and subject to all terms set forth in the RFP.

**DPMC & NJSDA Prequalification Requirements:** Not applicable; however, to be selected, a Firm must be approved for moral integrity, pursuant to a review by the New Jersey State Police, as set forth in the RFP.

**Notice of Intent to Participate:** The NJSDA will not hold a traditional pre-proposal conference for this procurement. Any Firm wishing to submit a Technical Proposal must sign-in electronically by sending a mandatory e-mail notice of intent to participate to Dave Kutch at <a href="mailto:dkutch@njsda.gov">dkutch@njsda.gov</a> no later than <a href="mailto:2:00">2:00</a> PM Eastern Time on June 17, 2019.

**Questions from Interested Firms:** Firms may submit written questions regarding this procurement to the NJSDA by sending them by e-mail to Dave Kutch at <a href="mailto:dkutch@njsda.gov">dkutch@njsda.gov</a> no later than <a href="mailto:2:00 PM Eastern">2:00 PM Eastern</a> <a href="mailto:Time on June 17">Time on June 17</a>, <a href="mailto:2019">2019</a>. The questions and NJSDA answers will be provided via an addendum to the RFP to each Firm that submitted a timely e-mail notice of intent to participate.

**Proposal Due Date:** Technical Proposals must be received by the NJSDA no later than <u>2:00 PM Eastern</u> <u>Time on July 9, 2019</u> and may be mailed or hand delivered as set forth in the RFP.

**Evaluation Criteria:** Submissions that are not responsive will be rejected without evaluation. Responsive Technical Proposals will be scored pursuant to the following evaluation criteria:

- 1. Firm Capabilities and Experience (20 points);
- 2. Team Structure / Key Team Members Experience and Qualifications (65 points); and
- 3. Approach to Providing the Scope of Services / Control of Schedule (15 points).

Following the scoring of the Technical Proposals, all responsive Firms will participate in interviews with the Selection Committee and will be separately scored on the basis of the interviews using the same criteria and point values used to evaluate the Technical Proposals.

The Technical Proposal Score and the Interview Score assigned each Firm will be added together to obtain the Firm's Final Combined Score. For each legal specialty area, as discussed above, the Firms with the three (3) or six (6) highest Final Combined Scores will be awarded the engagement. In the event of a tie in Final Combined Scores for the final (third or sixth) Firm to be selected, all Firms with the tie Final Combined Scores will be awarded the engagement.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of  $\underline{\text{N.J.S.A.}}$  10:5-31  $\underline{\text{et}}$   $\underline{\text{seq.}}$  and  $\underline{\text{N.J.A.C.}}$  17:27  $\underline{\text{et}}$   $\underline{\text{seq.}}$ 

Date Advertised: June 3, 2019