



Township of Wantage

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Requests for Proposals for 2027 Township Attorney Services Township of Wantage

Purpose & Scope:

The following general requirements must be met in order for any firm to be considered to provide professional or other services, exempt from public bidding pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5, with the Township. The process is designed to find qualified service providers in an open and fair manner in order to have the most qualified service provider for the Township. The scope of this policy covers any persons or firms interested in providing professional or other exempt services, as defined in the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law and specifically N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2 and 5, to the Township of Wantage. The Township reserves the right to extend the submission deadline at any time prior to opening of the sealed submissions, to reject all submissions without the need for cause or prior notice, to reject particular submissions due to defects in mandatory items, to waive nonmandatory items and to accept any submissions that in their judgment will be in the best interest of Wantage Township.

General Requirements:

1. The Request for Proposal ("RFP") shall be used to determine what companies, firms, or individuals offer the municipality the best opportunity to secure the highest quality professional or other exempt services. 2. The Request for Proposals ("RFP") shall be used to determine whether the costs or fees proposed to provide the services are fair and reasonable, both in terms of the Township's budgetary interests, the general market rates for the services, and the level of experience, breadth of services, reputation, and expertise of the candidate. 3. Advertising of the RFP, at a minimum, includes the Township website and on the NJ Secretary of State's legal notices webpage and any other sources deemed appropriate by the Township for the specific service at least twenty (20) days before the submission deadline. 4. The RFP shall list the minimum

requirements of the service being sought. Where the Request for Proposal lists separate experience requirements for firms and for individuals appointed, candidates in solo practice shall meet the experience requirements for a firm. 5. Candidates shall include with the submission a copy of their Business Registration Certificate (P.L. 2004, c. 57), Valid Certificate of Employee Information Reporting with all requirements for Affirmative Action, pursuant to P.L. 1975, C.127 (N.J.A.C.17:27) Certificate of Insurance and Disclosure of Investment Activities with Iran, P.L. 2012, C.25. 6. Submissions will be required by 4:00 PM October 20th, 2026. 7. All RFP's will be available via email mike@wantagetwp-nj.org. Submittals must be made by providing one (1) unbound original paper document containing all required submission documents and supporting information in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Submission of Proposal for Township Attorney to the Township of Wantage, Attn: Township Administrator, 888 Route 23 Wantage, NJ 07461.

Requirements to qualify the requirements listed below are the minimum levels expected from the professional indicated. The Township Attorney shall be either (a) at least five (5) years of personal experience representing municipalities in all aspects of municipal law including but not limited to general municipal government law; or (b) two and a half (2 ½) minimum years of experience, provided they are a member of or employed by a multi-discipline firm of New Jersey licensed attorneys, which firm has an attorney or attorneys who individually have at least eight (8) years of municipal law experience. including but not limited to general municipal government law; tort claims act, municipal litigation and appeals; Fair Housing Act, COAH, and affordable housing issues; NJ employment and personnel law; municipal finance; real estate issues; OPRA, OPMA, municipal land use law including state regulations affecting the same; working knowledge of and familiarity with the TDR Statutes; NJ redevelopment and rehabilitation statutes and developer negotiations regarding same; municipal utilities law; Green Acres and open space law; NJDEP legislation and regulations; and familiarity with Titles 40 & 40A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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