

# Requests for Qualifications / Proposals for 2024 Professional Services

## TOWNSHIP OF CHESTERFIELD

### 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 Chesterfield.

### General Requirements:

1. The Request for Qualifications (“RFQ”) 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 RFQ/RFP, at a minimum, includes the official paper(s) of the Township and any other sources deemed appropriate by the Township for the specific service at least twenty (20) days before the submission deadline.
4. The RFQ shall list the minimum requirements of the service being sought. Where the Request for Qualifications 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 11:00 AM November 30, 2023.
7. All RFQ’s/RFP’s will be available at [www.chesterfieldtwpnj.gov](http://www.chesterfieldtwpnj.gov). Submittals must be made by forwarding **six (6) thumb drives containing all required submission documents and any support information in PDF format and one (1) original paper document submittal** in a sealed envelope clearly marked “Submission of Qualifications/Proposal for [Name of Position]” to the Township of Chesterfield, Attn: Township Clerk, 295 Bordentown-Chesterfield Road, Chesterfield, NJ 08515.

## **Requirements to Qualify**

The requirements listed below are the minimum levels expected from the professional indicated.

### **For Planning Board Attorney**

The Planning Board attorney shall be either (a) a member of or employed by a firm of attorneys with at least eight (8) years' experience or (b) an individual attorney, with at least five (5) years' experience as a joint land use board attorney, planning board attorney, or zoning board attorney, or shall have appeared on behalf of at least seven (7) applicants before such boards over a period of at least five (5) years, with experience in the all aspects of planning, zoning, and municipal land use law including a working knowledge of and familiarity with the TDR Statutes. Extensive work and knowledge of the MLUL, experience in devising Master Plans, and some COAH experience is required. The individual attorney shall have at least five (5) years' experience as a municipal, planning, or zoning board attorney or shall demonstrate five (5) years of experience in a practice devoted significantly to zoning, planning, and development law in New Jersey. The Planning Board Attorney may, in his/her discretion be assisted by employees of the Attorney's firm with lesser levels of experience.

Please explain how you or your firm meets the minimum requirements; provide at least three (3) local government references; and identify the individual expected to provide legal services to the Township from your firm if you are selected. (Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

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Received by Township on \_\_\_\_\_

Meets Minimum Qualifications

Does Not Meet Minimum Qualifications

### **PROPOSAL**

The undersigned individual, firm, or corporation, hereby proposes to serve as Township Planning Board Attorney based upon the following compensation:

*[Please outline your fees proposed, fee schedule, or other basis for compensation that you seek. Please, where applicable, indicate hourly rates, monthly or other retainers, per project fees, or such other manner of compensation you deem appropriate to the services to be provided.]*