

**REVISED REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR VENDOR TO
CONDUCT
AN EVALUATION OF THE CURRENT INFRASTRUCTURE
AND RECOMMENDING INNOVATIVE
SOLUTIONS THROUGH MONETIZATION**

CUMBERLAND COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

JULY 16, 2021

2:00 P.M.

ADDRESS ALL PROPOSALS TO:

Gregg L. Zeff, Esq.

R. Todd Edwards

CUMBERLAND COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY

ATTN:

333 Water Street

Bridgeton, NJ 08302

LEGAL NOTICE

SOLICITATION OF RESPONSES TO REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR VENDOR TO CONDUCT AN EVALUATION OF THE CURRENT INFRASTRUCTURE AND RECOMMENDING INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS THROUGH MONETIZATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the New Jersey Public Contracts Law competitive contracting process, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq., sealed proposals will be received by the **Cumberland County Utilities Authority (“CCUA”)** for a **Vendor to Conduct** an evaluation of the current infrastructure and recommending innovative solutions through monetization. The CCUA is undertaking this review and study in consideration of entering into important contracts to support funding and implementation of a long-term comprehensive program to improve its infrastructure and potential expansion of services as provided under law. Copies of the Request for Qualifications are available at the Cumberland County Utilities Authority, 333 Water Street, Bridgeton, New Jersey 08302 or on-line at <https://ccua.info/>.

Proposals must be submitted to the Executive Director’s Office, 333 Water Street, Bridgeton, New Jersey 08302. The deadline for receipt of proposals is **2:00 p.m. on July 16, 2021**. Any proposals received after said deadline, whether by mail or otherwise, will be returned unopened. No proposals will be accepted after the above referenced date. Proposals must be submitted in sealed envelopes with the name of the RFQ clearly marked on the outside of the envelope. Proposals may not be faxed or transmitted over the telephone.

Responses shall consist of one original, ten (10) paper copies, and two flash drives, each containing a single file in PDF format of the Request for Qualifications (“RFQ”). All responses are to be clearly marked labeled with the Respondent’s name, address, project name and date of response. The CCUA takes no responsibility for the expenses of developing, submitting, and presenting the Respondent’s proposal.

The CCUA assumes no responsibility for delays in any form of carrier, mail or delivery service causing the proposal to be received by the CCUA later than the above referenced scheduled deadline.

Nothing herein is intended to exclude any responsible firm or in any way restrain or restrict competition. All responsible firms are encouraged to submit proposals. Final selection of firm(s) shall be made by formal resolution of the Commissioners of the CCUA.

The CCUA reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals submitted in the best interest of the CCUA. The CCUA further reserves the right to waive any defect or informality in any proposal should it be in the best interest of the CCUA. Proposers are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, c. 127 (N.J.A.C. 17:27) and P.L. 77, c. 33.

This Request for Qualifications is a fair and open process to obtain competitive proposals from which the CCUA may choose contractors that best meet the CCUA’s needs based on

GENERAL INFORMATION & SUMMARY

ORGANIZATION REQUESTING PROPOSAL

CUMBERLAND COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY
333 Water Street
Bridgeton, NJ 08302

CONTACT PERSON (S)

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1.0. PURPOSE

The Cumberland County Utilities Authority is considering entering into one or more innovative delivery contracts to support the funding and implementation of a comprehensive program to improve its infrastructure. To be considered for evaluation, Respondent shall adhere to the RFQ specific instructions provided herein and below. This solicitation may or may not be part of a multi-step procurement process that has not been fully defined at this time.

The CCUA is contemplating entertaining the potential for the Private Sector to assess the current Water and Sewer Systems utilities and financial health via a long-term concession or purchase or a combination of both. Currently, there is a desire to ensure the CCUA has the financial resources to address future capital needs County-wide.

This RFQ seeks responses from local and national private sector service providers that offer innovative solutions for funding and implementing an affordable and sustainable asset management program for the County infrastructure. Responses to this RFQ may be used by the CCUA to formulate an implementation program that will commence in late 2021 or early 2022.

2.0. RFQ PROCUREMENT SCHEDULE

The anticipated timetable for this request for qualifications process is as follows. These dates are subject to change.

| Activity | Estimated Date |
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| RFQ Released | 5/26/21 |
| RFQ Deadline | 7/16/21 |
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| Notice of Proposed Award | 8/19/21 |

3.0. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

The CCUA is established under authority of the State of New Jersey.

The successful firm(s) shall comply will all applicable federal, state, and local statutes, rules, and regulations. The successful firm shall also obtain all necessary permits, inspections and approvals from all local, state, and federal agencies as may be required by law.

4.0. SCOPE OF SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED

The CCUA solicits proposals from qualified vendors/firms to undertake an extensive study and evaluation of current services provided for the implementation of a comprehensive infrastructure improvement program and for the future funding of these programs. Through this process the CCUA is seeking a vendor/firm that will provide the following services:

- A. The scope of work will include a team of experts in the industry that will work with the CCUA representatives to design a program to allow the CCUA to leverage private sector expertise to plan, engineer, finance, construct, and operate water and wastewater infrastructure improvements.
- B. The identification and selection of the most critical projects and to establish a sustainable long-term asset management program.
- C. Perform the necessary analysis to accelerate the delivery of work in efficient time frames rather than the delays that are a result of the design-bid-build approach.
- D. The creation to establish of a more efficient and streamlined permanent process.
- E. Describe any policies or programs that are available or would be implemented that would assist homeowners in any areas that are economically challenged.
- F. The ability to establish a program in order to secure the necessary maintenance of the programs and supplies and future expansion with a minimal impact upon the environment and communities affected.
- G. Provide policy review and institute programs that would assist in providing the CCUA services to homeowners and individuals in economically challenged areas.
- H. Provide the best method of compensation for the Authority, taking into account as part of the evaluation the following:
 - (1) Balance approach taking into consideration the needs of the CCUA, its rate

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If an addendum is necessary, one will be compiled and disseminated to all agencies at a date to be determined. No additional information of a proprietary or competitive nature will be made available prior to the RFQ deadline. Addenda/revisions to the RFQ shall be provided to all firms who have received this RFQ and shall be placed on the CCUA website.

10.2 Proposals forwarded through the mail

Must contain the following statement on the envelope:

“THIS IS A SEALED RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS AND SHALL NOT BE OPENED AND READ UNTIL JULY 16, 2021 AT 2:00 P.M.BY THE CCUA.”

The CCUA will not assume responsibility for proposals not delivered in person to the CCUA at the opening.

10.3 Receipt of Proposals

Incomplete proposals or proposals submitted after the above specified date and time will be rejected. Oral, facsimile, telegraphic, or electronic proposals will not be accepted as fulfilling the requirements.

10.4 Multiple Proposals not Accepted

More than one proposal from an individual, a firm or partnership, a corporation or association under the same or different names shall not be considered.

10.5 Optional Pre-Proposal Conference

A pre-proposal conference may be held at the option of the CCUA. If a pre-proposal conference is scheduled the CCUA will provide a date and time to be determined.

10.6 Addenda/Revisions to Request for Qualifications

Addenda/revisions to the Request for Qualifications shall be provided to all firms who have received this RFQ and shall be placed on the CCUA’s website.