



REQUEST FOR SEALED PROPOSALS

FOR

SERVICES UNDER A FAIR

AND OPEN PROCESS FOR

**GRANT WRITING, MANAGEMENT &
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

SOUTH JERSEY PORT CORPORATION

101 Joseph A. Balzano Boulevard

Camden, NJ 08103

Proposal Due Date: Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. EST

INFORMATION TO RESPONDENTS

Sealed proposals shall be received in accordance with Public Advertisement as required by law, a copy of said notice being attached hereto and made part of these specifications.

Submission of Proposals

All proposals must be submitted in sealed envelopes bearing on the outside the name of the proposer, address and the name of the professional service for which the proposal is submitted. Proposals must be addressed to the attention of:

SOUTH JERSEY PORT
CORPORATION c/o Patrick Boyle,
Senior Purchasing Agent
101 Joseph A. Balzano Boulevard
(formerly Beckett Street), B-Building,
Camden, NJ 08103

Proposals Forwarded through the Mail

In order to be considered, five (5) hard copies of the Proposal must be received by the SJPC prior to Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at 11:00 A.M. EST, in a sealed envelope marked:

“THIS IS A SEALED PROPOSAL AND SHALL NOT BE OPENED AND
READ UNTIL TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2021 AT 11:00 A.M. BY PATRICK
BOYLE OR HIS DESIGNEE: SJPC-GW-8242021”

The South Jersey Port Corporation (hereinafter “SJPC”) will not assume responsibility for proposals not delivered in person to the above address.

The sealed proposals will be opened and recorded at the Balzano Marine Terminal, 101 Joseph A. Balzano Boulevard (formerly Beckett Street), Camden, New Jersey 08103

Receipt of Proposals

All proposals must be received by Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. EST. No proposal will be received after the specified time.

Reservations

The SJPC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive irregularities and technicalities, to request re-submissions, and to award proposals as the SJPC deems will best serve the interest of the SJPC.

Questions regarding this Request for Proposals may be directed to Patrick Boyle, Senior Purchasing Agent, in writing at pboyle@southjerseyport.com. No questions will be answered after 5:00pm EST on August 12, 2021.

Bid Advertisement

South Jersey Port Corporation Request for Sealed Proposals for Grant Writing, Management, and Administrative Services

Notice is hereby given that sealed Proposals for Grant Writing, Management, and Administrative Services, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7, will be received by the South Jersey Port Corporation (herein after "SJPC"). Five (5) original sealed copies of each firm's proposals shall be submitted to Patrick Boyle, Senior Purchasing Agent, South Jersey Port Corporation, 101 Joseph A. Balzano Boulevard (formerly Beckett Street), Camden, NJ 08103, by August 24, 2021 on 11:00am EST at which time the sealed proposals will be opened and recorded.

Each submission to be considered shall comport to the criteria set forth in the proposal packets. The proposal packets may be obtained from SJPC at <http://www.southjerseyport.com> or upon request to: South Jersey Port Corporation, Attention: Patrick Boyle, Senior Purchasing Agent, 101 Joseph A. Balzano Boulevard (formerly Beckett Street), Camden, NJ 08103 or by calling 856-757-4950.

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

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Grant Writing, Management and Administrative Services

1.0 Overview

The South Jersey Port Corporation (SJPC) is an agency of the State of New Jersey with a mission to develop, maintain and operate marine terminals and related intermodal transportation infrastructure within the South Jersey Port District. The agency has primary offices and port operations in Camden, New Jersey at the Balzano Marine Terminal and the Broadway Terminal. The agency also has facilities in Salem and Paulsboro. SJPC is grantee of Foreign Trade Zone #142.

2.0 Purpose of Proposal – Scope of Work

SJPC is accepting proposals for the services of a recognized and experienced consultant to provide grant writing, implementation, and administrative services that will serve SJPC's goal to increase and diversify funding for the agency's strategic plan, as well as operational and infrastructure needs, as an organizational priority. The term of the contract shall be for one (1) year with the possibility of two (2), one year extension options, at the discretion of South Jersey Port Corporation.

The services would include:

- Consultant shall conduct research to identify all grant and funding resources/opportunities available to the SJPC to address SJPC priorities.

- Consultant shall advise the SJPC Executive Director of salient issues regarding grants acquired by the SJPC.
- Consultant shall develop a schedule in an effort to monitor, track and take action on all grants acquired and/or submitted on behalf of the SJPC.
- Consultant shall file all required compliance reports on time and with a degree of accuracy commensurate with industry standards.
- Consultant shall coordinate and manage in-house meetings with appropriate staff and stakeholders (if any), project managers and other interested parties in order to manage the progress for all assigned grants.
- Consultant shall close out grants when appropriate.
- Consultant shall keep detailed financial and programmatic records on activities, apprise the Executive Director of all its activities and invoice hourly for its activities.
- Consultant shall, on a regular basis, provide summaries of potential grants and funding resources/opportunities it has identified. Summaries should include, but not limited to: name of agency, due date for applications, eligibility, program summary and level of funding available.
- Consultant shall issue status reports when requested or required.
- Consultant shall perform other duties related to the management and administration of grants acquired by the SJPC.

3.0 Submission/Proposal Request

3.1 The proposal should include:

1. Letter of Transmittal – The letter is not intended to be a summary of the proposal itself and must contain the following statements and information:
 - a. Company name, address, and telephone number(s) of the firm submitting the proposal.
 - b. Name, title, address, e-mail address, and telephone number of the person or persons to contact who are authorized to represent the firm and to whom correspondence should be directed.
 - c. Federal and state taxpayer identification numbers of the firm.
 - d. Briefly state your understanding of the services to be performed and make a positive commitment to provide the services as specified.
 - e. The letter must be signed by a corporate officer or other individual who is legally authorized to bind the applicant to both its proposal and cost schedule.
 - f. Statement which indicated “proposal and cost schedule (see #7) shall be valid and binding for ninety (90) days following proposal due date and

will become part of the contract that is negotiated with the SJPC.”

g. General Vendor Information – Please provide the following information:

- i. Length of time in business
- ii. Length of time in business of providing proposed services
- iii. Total number of clients
- iv. Total number of public sector clients
- v. Number of full-time personnel in:
 - vi. Consulting
 - vii. Installation and training
 - viii. Sales, marketing and administrative support
- ix. Location of headquarters and any field offices
- x. Location of office which would service this account

2. Describe how your firm is positioned to provide the services listed above and provide a history of experience on providing similar services.

3. Describe your approach to providing these services and your methodology for providing ongoing support.

4. Provide the name, title, address and telephone number of three references for clients whom you have provided similar services. Please provide information referencing the actual services provided, customer size (number of users), and the length of tenure providing services to this client.

5. Staff Resources – Identify names of principals and key personnel who will and their qualifications to perform the work.

6. Provide a narrative that addresses how the Scope of Work, as outlined herein to this Request, will be accomplished, including a schedule and benchmarks, meetings, status and project reports to accomplish the tasks associate with the engagement.

7. The SJPC facilities are federally regulated under the Maritime Transportation Security Act and onsite vendor representatives must possess a Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) issued by the Transportation Security Administration.

8. Cost Schedule: Provide a cost schedule for the scope of work identified under Section 2.0 and a project schedule.

4.0 Additional Applicant Responsibilities In Responding To The

Request for Proposals

4.1 The applicant/proposer shall, in response to the SJPC's Request for Proposal, also include the following information:

- a) Insurance. The proposer shall provide documentation of insurance for liability coverage with limits as to liability of not less than \$1,000,000.
- b). Small Business Enterprise Questionnaire. The applicant/proposer shall submit a completed form (exhibit Q1).
- c) Mandatory Equal Opportunity. The applicant/proposer shall submit a completed form (exhibit Q2 and Q3).
- d) Stockholder Disclosure Certificate. The applicant/proposer shall submit a completed form (exhibit Q4).
- e) Non-Collusion Affidavit. The applicant/proposer shall submit a completed form (exhibit Q5).
- f) Debarred List Affidavit. The applicant/proposer shall submit a completed form (exhibit Q6).
- g) Affirmative Action Evidence for Procurement. The applicant/proposer shall submit a completed form (exhibit Q7).
- h) Business Registration Certificate. The applicant/proposer shall submit a completed form (exhibit Q8).
- i) Set-Off State Tax. The applicant/proposer shall submit a completed form (exhibit Q9).
- j) Acknowledgement of Receipt of Addenda Form. The applicant/proposer shall submit a completed form (exhibit Q10).
- k) Executive Order #129 Vendor Disclosure Form. The applicant/proposer shall submit a completed form (exhibit Q11).
- l) Executive Order #189 Vendor Code of Ethics Affidavit. The applicant/proposer shall submit a completed form (exhibit Q12).
- m) Executive Order #117 Two Year Chapter 51/ Vendor Certification and Disclosure of Political Contributions. The applicant/proposer shall submit a completed form (exhibit Q13).

- n) Executive Order #151 Contract Compliance. The applicant/proposer complete and submit form AA302 (exhibit Q14).
- o) Employee Information Report. The applicant/proposer shall submit a completed form AA302 (exhibit Q15).
- p) Ownership Disclosure Form. The applicant/proposer shall submit a completed form (exhibit Q16).
- q) Prevailing Wage Notification. The applicant/proposer shall submit a completed form (exhibit Q17).
- r) Public Workers Contract Registration. The applicant/proposer shall submit a completed form (exhibit Q18).
- s) Buy American Notice. In the performance of the work under this contract, the contractor and all subcontractors shall use only domestic materials. (exhibit Q19).
- t) Executive Order #117 Pay-to-Play Restrictions. The applicant/proposer shall submit a completed form (exhibit Q20).

5.0 Insurance Requirements

A. General Insurance Requirements

1. The Professional Services shall not commence until the Professional Service Contractor has obtained, at their own expense, all of the insurance as required hereunder and such insurance has been approved by the South Jersey Port Corporation; nor shall the Professional Service Contractor allow any Subcontractor to commence work on any South Jersey Port Corporation projects until all insurance required of the Subcontractor has been so obtained and approved by the Contractor. Approval of insurance required of the Professional Service Contractor will be granted only after submission to the South Jersey Port Corporation, original certificates of insurance signed by authorized representatives of the insurers or, at the South Jersey Port Corporation request, certified copies of the required insurance policies.
2. The Professional Service Contractor shall require all Subcontractors to maintain during the term of the Contract commercial general liability insurance, business auto liability insurance, and workers compensation and employer's liability insurance at the same limits required of Professional Service Contractor.
3. All insurance policies required hereunder shall be endorsed to provide that the policy is

not subject to cancellation and non-renewal until thirty (30) days prior written notice has been given to the Owner by the Professional Service Contractor.

4. No acceptance and/or approval of any insurance by the South Jersey Port Corporation shall be construed as relieving or excusing the Professional Service Contractor (or the Professional Service Contractor's Surety, if applicable) from any liability or obligation imposed upon either or both of them by provisions of this Contract.
5. Any deductibles or retention's of (\$5,000) or greater shall be disclosed by the Professional Service Contractor, and are subject to South Jersey Port Corporation's written approval. Any deductible or retention amounts elected by the Professional Service Contractor or imposed by the Professional Service Contractor's insurer(s) shall be the sole responsibility of the Professional Service Contractor.
6. All insurance coverage shall be with AM Best Rating A-, VIII or better insurance companies licensed to do business in the State of New Jersey.
7. Insurance provided to the South Jersey Port Corporation as specified herein shall be primary, and any other insurance, self-insurance, coverage or indemnity available to the Owner and Owner's shall be excess of and non-contributory with insurance provided.
8. Contractor shall name South Jersey Port Corporation as Additional Insured on all liability policies (except Workers' Compensation and Professional Liability Policy, where applicable), for ongoing operations and completed operations (using ISO Endorsements CG 2010 and CG 2037, or their equivalents) on a primary noncontributory basis. Coverage to include ongoing and completed operations. Each of the Additional Insured's respective directors, officers, partners, mebers, employees, agents and representative shall also be afforded coverage as an Additional Insured. Coverage should be provided for a period of three years subsequent to the completion of work/final payment.
9. Waiver of Rights of Subrogation: Contractor shall waive all rights of recovery against South Jersey Port Corporation for loss or damage covered by any of the insurance maintained by the Contractor.

B. Professional Service Contractor Liability Insurance Requirements

The Professional Service Contractor shall purchase the following:

1. Commercial General Liability insurance for bodily injury, personal injury, and property damage including loss of use, with minimum limits of:

\$1,000,000 each occurrence;

\$1,000,000 personal and advertising injury;

\$2,000,000 general aggregate; and

\$1,000,000 products/completed operation aggregate.

This insurance shall include coverage for all of the following:

- General aggregate limit;
 - Liability arising from premises and operations;
 - Liability arising from the actions of independent contractors;
 - Contractual liability including protection for the Professional Service Contractor from bodily injury and property damage claims arising out of liability assumed under this Contract.
2. Business auto liability insurance with a minimum limit of \$1,000,000 per accident and including coverage for all of the following:
- Liability arising out of the ownership, maintenance or use of any auto;
 - Auto non-ownership and hired car coverage.
3. Workers' Compensation insurance with statutory benefits as required by any state or Federal law, including standard "other states" coverage; Employers Liability insurance with minimum limits of:
- \$1,000,000 each accident for bodily injury by accident;
 - \$1,000,000 each employee for bodily injury by disease; and
 - \$1,000,000 policy limit for bodily injury by disease.
4. Professional Liability: Professional Service Contractors (such as, but not limited to Architects, Engineers, Attorneys, Physicians, and Risk Management Consultants) shall provide the South Jersey Port Corporation with a certificate of insurance evidencing Professional Liability and/or Malpractice Insurance with minimum limits of \$1,000,000 combined single limit.
5. Umbrella / Excess liability insurance with minimum limits of:
- \$5,000,000 per occurrence;
 - \$5,000,000 aggregate for other than products/completed operations and auto liability; and
 - \$5,000,000 products/completed operations aggregate.

C. Indemnification

1. The Contractor will protect, defend, indemnify and hold harmless the South Jersey Port Corporation from and against any and all losses, penalties, damages, settlements, costs, charges, professional fees or other expenses or liabilities arising out of or resulting from the performance of the work or the completed operations provided that any such claims, damage, loss or expense is attributable to bodily injury, sickness, disease, or death, or to injury to or destruction of the tangible property including the loss of the use resulting there from; and is caused in whole or in part by any negligent or willful act or omission of the Contractor, Subcontractor(s), Sub-subcontractor(s), and anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable.

In any and all claims against the South Jersey Port Corporation or any of their agents or employees, by an employee of the Contractor, Subcontractor, or any Sub-subcontractor, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them, or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable, the indemnification obligation shall not be limited in any way by any limitation on the amount or type of damages, compensation or benefits payable by or for any Contractor, Subcontractor or any Sub-subcontractor under Workmen's Compensation Acts, Disability Benefits Acts, or other Employee.

Financial Disclosure

The Applicant/Proposer shall file all Financial Disclosure Statements as required by Law.

6.0 Evaluation of Responses

6.1 Evaluation Criteria

It is the policy of the SJPC that the selection of vendors shall be on the basis of demonstrated competence and on the professional qualifications necessary for the satisfactory performance of the services required. The SJPC will put each proposal submitted through a process of evaluation to determine responsiveness to all administrative and technical requirements of the RFP.

The evaluation criteria are intended to be used to make a recommendation to the SJPC Board of Directors, who will award the contract, but who is not bound to use the criteria or to award to Respondent on the basis of the recommendation. Furthermore, the SJPC reserves the right to vary from this procedure as it determines to be in the SJPC's best interest.

6.2 Evaluation Method

6.2.1 Compliance Check: All Proposals will be reviewed to verify that minimum requirements have been met. Proposals that have not followed the requirements in this RFP or do not meet minimum content and quality standards may be eliminated from further consideration.

6.2.2 Analysis: The proposal review team will consist of individuals from the SJPC who will independently analyze each proposal. The evaluation team will analyze how the Respondents qualifications, experience, professional content and proposed methodology meet the SJPC's needs. Points will be assigned by each committee member using the evaluation criteria below as a guideline. Proposals should be prepared simply and economically, providing straightforward, concise description of the Vendor's capabilities to satisfy the requirements of this request.

6.2.3 Evaluation Criteria

Qualifications will be evaluated using the following criteria:

1. Respondent's Qualification and Experience

Verifiable technical capacity, experience on similar projects and an outstanding record of successfully completed projects. Documentation of these projects should be provided. Past performance on similar projects may be included.

2. Project Approach and Methodology

Respondent's familiarity with and understanding of the project opportunities and challenges/constraints. Demonstrate processes that will highlight Respondent's ability to provide innovative solutions and complete the work as outlines in the RFP. Respondents should provide a detailed methodology for accomplishing the project goals.

3. Cost/Cost Effectiveness

The extent to which the total cost present to complete the project provides benefits worth the expense.

The SJPC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive informalities and minor irregularities in proposals received if deemed in the best interest of the SJPC to do so. A final decision will be made only after all proposals have been received and evaluated and presented to the SJPC Board of Directors for consideration. The SJPC's evaluation process is designed to identify the vendor that provides the most advantageous

solution to the SJPC by including an evaluation of each vendor's technical capabilities, past performance, and overall cost of the proposal to the SJPC.

The SJPC reserves the right to make any and all decisions regarding the selection of the Professional Team and to waive any formality and to take any action that the SJPC determines, in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of the SJPC. The provisions of the RFP are made for the benefit of the SJPC, and no right shall be deemed to accrue to any person submitting a state of qualifications or proposal by reason of the submission of any statement of qualification or proposal, or by the waiver or non-enforcement of any provisions or requirements of the RFP or by reason of any term or terms thereof.