

CITY OF LINDEN

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR TECHNOLOGY UPGRADE EVALUATION

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Contract Term

June, 2020 through December 31, 2020

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

11:00 A.M

JUNE 10, 2020

PURCHASING 3RD FLOOR

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ADDRESS ALL PROPOSALS TO:

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
CITY HALL, 301 NORTH WOOD AVENUE
LINDEN, NEW JERSEY 07036

ATTN: ANN MARIE WHELAN, PURCHASING AGENT

GENERAL INFORMATION & SUMMARY

ORGANIZATION REQUESTING PROPOSAL

CITY OF LINDEN
301 NORTH WOOD AVENUE
LINDEN, NJ 07036

CONTACT PERSON

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PURPOSE OF REQUEST

The City of Linden is requesting proposals from qualified individuals and firms to do a Technology Upgrade Evaluation. Proposals will be evaluated in accordance with the criteria set forth in this RFQ. One or more individuals/firms may be selected to provide services.

PERIOD OF CONTRACT

June, 2020 through December 31, 2020

CONTRACT FORM

The successful proposer shall be required to execute the City's form contract, which includes the indemnification, insurance, termination and licensing provisions.

It is also agreed and understood that the acceptance of the final payment by Contractor shall be considered a release in full of all claims against the City arising out of, or by reason of, the work done and materials furnished under any Contract awarded.

DETAILED REQUIREMENTS OF THE REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR TECHNOLOGY UPGRADE EVALUATION

1. CITY OF LINDEN FACTS AND FIGURES – The City of Linden is a municipal governmental entity. The City was incorporated in 1925 and operates under N.J.S.A 40:41A-1 et seq. The legislative authority and responsibilities of the City of Linden is vested in the elected eleven-member Council. The Governing Body sets policy, adopts the operating and capital budgets for the City, enacts ordinances and sets the direction of how the City of Linden will provide government services. The Mayor is the City’s chief executive officer and carries out the policies adopted by the Council.

The City’s population is approximately 40,499 and it consists of approximately 11 square miles of area. The City employs approximately 651 people in about 25 departments and agencies. It owns administration buildings, courthouse buildings, and parks and recreation facilities.

The City’s operating budget is approximately \$110,463,333.40. It provides significant and diverse services to its residents, including those in the senior, disabled, veterans and other communities.

2. NATURE/ SCOPE OF SERVICES –

PURPOSE OF REQUEST

The City of Linden is requesting proposals from qualified individuals and firms to perform an evaluation of the City of Linden’s technology systems to determine how best to upgrade its infrastructure to be best-suited to increase and promote productivity, remote working (when necessary), and in-office working. Proposals will be evaluated in accordance with the criteria set forth in this RFQ. One of more individuals/firms may be selected to provide services.

FUNCTIONAL UNITS TO EVALUATE

The City of Linden includes many departments, boards, commissions and functioning groups, such as City Hall, Police fire, OEM and others. At this time the City of Linden is only seeking to evaluate all departments, boards and commissions that operate as a segment of City Hall, which include (but may not be limited to) the following:

City Hall Departments

- *Buildings & Grounds
- *Day Camp & Playgrounds
- *Division of Public Works
 - ~Recycling
 - ~Sanitation

~Streets & Roads

- *Law Department
- *Linden TV
- *Mayor's Complex
- *Parks & Recreation
- *Public Affairs
 - ~City Clerk's Office
 - ~Construction Code
 - ~Engineering Department
 - ~Board of Health
 - ~Linden Economic Development Authority
 - ~Municipal Court
 - ~Personnel Department
 - ~Social Services

- *Revenue & Finance
 - ~Finance
 - ~Purchasing
 - ~Tax Assessor's Office
 - ~Tax Collector's Office

- *Social Services
- *Trans & Parking

City of Linden Boards

- *Alcoholic Beverage Control Board
- *Local Assistance Board
- *Planning Board
- *Zoning Board of Adjustment

City of Linden Commissions

- *Environmental Commission
- *Insurance Commission
- *Municipal Alliance
- *Shade Tree Commission

City of Linden Committees

- *Cultural & Heritage Committee
- *Special Improvement District Committee

The selected firm must review the current operating principles, methods and techniques and tools by functional unit and/or subset in order to effectively assess the potential value and purpose of an upgrade.

DELIVERABLES

Adaptable technology infrastructure that enables productive remote working and conventional working from within City Hall is a high priority for the City of Linden. Deliverables of this Technology upgrade Evaluation include a professional technology upgrade recommendation for the City of Linden evaluate and consider that includes certain areas of interest, listed below. Any cloud-computing solution recommendation, if one is to be recommended, must also include the areas of interest listed below.

AREAS OF INTEREST

- *Department-specific infrastructure (for example, some departments may require different hardware or software than others, thus their requirements may differ depending on the nature of their job description).

 - *Computer Hardware (desktops and laptops)

 - *Computer Software (subscription based and/or licensed software and non-subscription based software).

 - *Internet and WiFi within City Hall

 - *Internet and Wifi requirements for productive at-home working

 - *Wireless Internet/Network access (including enabling selected City personnel to make quick and easy adjustments to settings).

 - *Easy access to creating and retrieving digital files/data (easy searching for digital files, organizing digital files with easy hierarchy structure, enabling shared folder storage for member within a department).

 - *Easy access to send, receive and retrieve emails (searching for emails, accessing emails from computers, smartphones and tablets).

 - *File digitization that takes into account semi-automated save and deletion procedures that comply with current recordkeeping requirements of the State of New Jersey.

 - *If possible, transition planning for those City employees leaving, especially those departments with few employees.

VENDOR QUALIFICATIONS

- *Vendor's primary business focus is technology and has the related knowledgebase and relevant experience appropriate for this evaluation.

 - *Vendor must be in business for at least five (5) years.

 - *Vendor's headquarters and support staff must be located in New Jersey.

 - *All work will be performed by vendor's full time employees and not subcontractors.

 - *Vendor has never declared bankruptcy.

 - *Vendor has a system in place to provide the City of Linden with periodic detailed audit reports of all time billed with dates, time spent and issues addresses. The City of Linden may request these audit reports at any time.

3. STANDARD REQUIREMENTS OF TECHNICAL PROPOSAL - Proposers should submit a technical proposal which contains the following:

- A. The name of the proposer, the principal place of business and, if different, the place where the services will be provided.
- B. The education, qualifications, experience, and training of all persons who would be assigned to provide services along with their names and titles.
- C. Please provide a description of any particular area(s) of expertise you or your firm may possess that have not been included in the response provided above.
- D. An Affirmative Action Statement (copy of form attached).
- E. A completed Non-Collusion Affidavit (copy of form attached).
- F. A statement that the proposer will comply with the General Terms and Conditions required by the City and enter into the City's standard Professional Services Contract.
- G. A copy of the proposer's Business Registration Certificate.

4. COST PROPOSAL –

To be submitted with RFQ

Vendor will be required to provide credentials and certifications for above upon request. Yes/No

5. PROPOSAL EVALUATION – The City will select the most advantageous proposals based on all of the evaluation factors set forth at the end of this RFQ. The City will make the award(s) that is in the best interest of the City.

Each proposal must satisfy the objectives and requirements detailed in this RFQ. The

successful proposer shall be determined by an evaluation of the total content of the proposal submitted. The City reserves the right to:

- a. Not select any of the proposals.
- b. Select only portions of a particular proposer's proposal for further consideration
(However, proposers may specify portions of the proposal that they consider "bundled".)
- c. Award a contract for the requested services at any time within the calendar year after review of the Qualifications and approval of same by the City. Every proposal should be valid through this time period.

The City shall not be obligated to explain the results of the evaluation process to any proposer.

6. PROPOSAL LIMITATIONS - This RFQ is not intended to be an offer, order or contract and should not be regarded as such, nor shall any obligation or liability be imposed on the City by issuance of this RFQ. The City reserves the right at the City's sole discretion to refuse any proposal submitted.

7. USE OF INFORMATION - Any specifications, drawings, sketches, models, samples, data, computer programs, documentation, technical or business information and the like ("Information") furnished or disclosed by the City to the proposer in connection with this RFQ shall remain the property of the City. When in tangible form, all copies of such information shall be returned to the City upon request. Unless such information was previously known to the proposer, free of any obligation to keep it confidential, or has been or is subsequently made public by the City or a third party, it shall be held in confidence by the proposer, shall be used only for the purposes of this RFQ, and may not be used for other purposes except upon such terms and conditions as may be mutually agreed upon in writing.

8. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS –

- A. The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, if necessary, or to waive any informalities in the proposals, and, unless otherwise specified by the proposer, to accept any item, items or services in the proposals should it be deemed in the best interest of the City to do so.
- B. In case of failure by the successful proposer, the City of Linden may procure the articles or services from other sources, deduct the cost of the replacement from money due to the proposer under the contract and hold the proposer responsible for any excess cost occasioned thereby.
- C. The proposer shall maintain sufficient insurance to protect against all claims under Workmen's Compensation, General, Professional and Automobile Liability.

- D.** Each proposal must be signed by the person authorized to do so.
- E.** The contract shall be in effect through December 31, 2020 unless otherwise stated.
- F.** Proposals may be hand delivered or mailed consistent with the provisions of the legal notice to proposers. In the case of mailed proposals, the City assumes no responsibility for proposals received after the designated date and time and will return late proposals unopened. Proposals will not be accepted by facsimile or e-mail.
- G.** In accordance with Affirmative Action Law, P.L. 1975, c.127 (N.J.A.C. 17:27) with implementation of July 10, 1978, successful proposers must agree to submit individual employer certifications and numbers or complete Affirmative Action employee information report (form AA-302). Also, during the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows: (a) The contractor or subcontractor where applicable, will not discriminate against any employee because of age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status or affectional or sexual orientation. The contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that such applicants are recruited and employed and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, sex or handicap. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and section for training, including apprenticeship. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notice to be provided by the Public Agency Compliance Officer setting forth provisions of this non-discrimination clause: (b) the contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, will in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, sex or handicap; (c) the contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, will send to each labor union or representative or workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice, to be provided by the agency contracting officer advising the labor union or worker's representative of the contractor's commitments under this act and shall post copies of the notice; (d) the contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, agrees to comply with any regulations promulgated by the treasurer pursuant to the P.L. 1975, c.127, as amended and supplemented from time to time.
- H.** By submission of the proposal, the proposer certifies that the service to be furnished will not infringe upon any valid patent, trademark or copyright and the successful proposer shall, at its expense, defend any and all actions or suits charging such infringement, and will save the City harmless in any case of any such infringement.
- I.** No proposer shall influence, or attempt to influence, or cause to be influenced, any county officer or employee to use his/her official capacity in any manner which

might tend to impair the objectivity or independence of judgment of said officer or employee.

- J.** No proposer shall cause or influence, or attempt to cause or influence, any City officer or employee to use his/her official capacity to secure unwarranted privileges or advantages for the proposer or any other person.
- K.** Should any difference arise between the contracting parties as to the meaning or intent of these instructions or specifications, the City Law Department's decision shall be final and conclusive.
- L.** The City of Linden shall not be responsible for any expenditure of monies or other expenses incurred by the proposer in making its proposal.
- M.** The checklist, affidavits, notices and the like presented at the end of this Request for Qualifications are a part of this Request for Qualifications and shall be completed and submitted as part of this proposal.

END OF GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

BASIS OF AWARD
(To be completed by City evaluation committee)

EVALUATION FACTORS

- A. **Relevance and Extent of Qualifications, Experience, Reputation and Training of Personnel to be assigned**
- B. **Knowledge of the subject matter to be addressed under this engagement**
- C. **Relevance and Extent of Similar Engagements performed**
- D. **Technical Proposal contains all required information**

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS CHECKLIST

THIS CHECKLIST MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED WITH YOUR PROPOSAL:

**Please initial below, indicating that your proposal includes the itemized document.
A PROPOSAL SUBMITTED WITHOUT THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS IS CAUSE FOR REFUSAL.**

INITIAL BELOW

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| A. An original and six (6) signed copies of your complete proposal. | _____ |
| B. Non-Collusion Affidavit properly notarized. | _____ |
| C. Authorized signatures on all forms. | _____ |
| D. Business Registration Certificate(s). | _____ |
| E. Affirmative Action Statement. | _____ |
| F. Stockholder Disclosure Form | _____ |

Note: N.J.S.A 52:32-44 provides that the City shall not enter into a contract for goods or services unless the other party to the contract provides a copy of its business registration certificate and the business registration certificate of any subcontractors at the time that it submits its proposal. The contracting party must also collect the state use tax where applicable.

**THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGES
THE ABOVE LISTED REQUIREMENTS.**

NAME OF PROPOSER:

Person, Firm or Corporation

BY: (NAME) (TITLE)

EXHIBIT A
N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 and N.J.A.C. 17:27
MANDATORY EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY LANGUAGE
Goods, Professional Services and General Service Contracts
(Mandatory Affirmative Action Language)

During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation or sex. Except with respect to affectional or sexual orientation, the contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that such applicants are recruited and employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation or sex. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the Public Agency Compliance Officer setting for the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation or sex.

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, will send to each labor union or representative or workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice, to be provided by the agency contracting officer, advising the labor union or workers' representative of the contractor's commitments under this act and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, agrees to comply with any regulations promulgated by the Treasurer pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq., as amended and supplemented from time to time and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The contractor or subcontractor agrees to make good faith efforts to employ minority and women workers consistent with the applicable county employment goals established in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-5.2 or a binding determination of the applicable city employment goals determined by the Division, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:27-5.2.

The contractor or subcontractor agrees to inform in writing its appropriate recruitment agencies including, but not limited to, employment agencies, placement bureaus, colleges, universities, labor unions, that it does not discriminate on the basis of age, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation or sex, and that it will discontinue the use of any recruitment agency which engages in direct or indirect discriminatory practices.

The contractor or subcontractor agrees to revise any of its testing procedures, if necessary, to assure that all

personnel testing conforms with the principles of job-related testing, as established by the statutes and court decisions of the State of New Jersey and as established by applicable Federal law and applicable Federal court decisions.

Exhibit A (Continued)

In conforming with the applicable employment goals, the contractor or subcontractor agrees to review all procedures relating to transfer, upgrading, downgrading and layoff to ensure that all such actions are taken without regard to age, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation or sex, consistent with the statutes and court decisions of the State of New Jersey, and applicable Federal law and applicable Federal court decisions.

The contractor shall submit to the public agency, after notification of award but prior to execution of a goods and services contract, one of the following three documents:

- ' Letter of Federal Affirmative Action Plan Approval
- ' Certificate of Employee Information Report
- ' Employee Information Report Form AA302

The contractor and its subcontractors shall furnish such reports or other documents to the Division of Contract Compliance and EEO as may be requested by the Division from time to time in order to carry out the purposes of these regulations, and public agencies shall furnish such information as may be requested by the Division of Contract Compliance & EEO for conducting a compliance investigation pursuant to Subchapter 10 of the Administrative Code at N.J.A.C. 17:27.

NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
COUNTY OF UNION

ss:

I AM

OF THE FIRM OF

UPON MY OATH, I DEPOSE AND SAY:

1. THAT I EXECUTED THE SAID PROPOSAL WITH FULL AUTHORITY SO TO DO;

2. THAT THIS PROPOSER HAS NOT, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ENTERED INTO ANY AGREEMENT, PARTICIPATED IN ANY COLLUSION, OR OTHERWISE TAKEN ANY ACTION IN RESTRAINT OF FAIR AND OPEN COMPETITION IN CONNECTION WITH THIS ENGAGEMENT;

3. THAT ALL STATEMENTS CONTAINED IN SAID PROPOSAL AND IN THIS AFFIDAVIT ARE TRUE AND CORRECT, AND MADE WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE THAT THE CITY OF LINDEN RELIES UPON THE TRUTH OF THE STATEMENTS CONTAINED IN SAID PROPOSAL AND IN THE STATEMENTS CONTAINED IN THIS AFFIDAVIT IN AWARDING THE CONTRACT FOR THE SAID ENGAGEMENT; AND

4. THAT NO PERSON OR SELLING AGENCY HAS BEEN EMPLOYED TO SOLICIT OR SECURE THIS ENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT OR UNDERSTANDING FOR A COMMISSION, PERCENTAGE, BROKERAGE OR CONTINGENT FEE, EXCEPT BONA FIDE EMPLOYEES OR BONA FIDE ESTABLISHED COMMERCIAL SELLING AGENCIES OF THE PROPOSER. (N.J.S.A.52: 34-25)

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO

BEFORE ME THIS DAY

OF _____ 20 ____.

(TYPE OR PRINT NAME OF
AFFIANT UNDER SIGNATURE)

NOTARY PUBLIC OF

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: _____, 20 ____.

STOCKHOLDER DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATION

_____ I certify that the list below contains the names and home addresses of all stockholders holding 10% or more of the issued and outstanding stock of the undersigned.

_____ I certify that no one stockholder owns 10% or more of issued and outstanding stock of the undersigned.

_____ Partnership _____ Corporation _____ Sole Proprietorship

PLEASE CHECK APPROPRIATE BOXES ABOVE AND SIGN BELOW

Stockholders:

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

THIS STATEMENT MUST BE INCLUDED WITH BID SUBMISSION.

(Signature)

(Name & Title)

Subscribed and sworn before me this _____ Day of _____, 200

(Notary Public)

My commission expires:

"Corporate bidders not incorporated in the state of New Jersey may submit with their proposal or shall submit prior to award. A certificate from the office of the Secretary of State of New Jersey certifying that the said corporation is authorized to transact business in the State of New Jersey."

STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP DISCLOSURE

N.J.S.A. 52:25-24.2 (P.L. 1977, c.33, as amended by P.L. 2016, c.43)

This statement shall be completed, certified to, and included with all bid and proposal submissions. Failure to submit the required information is cause for automatic rejection of the bid or proposal.

Name of Organization: _____

Organization Address: _____

Part I Check the box that represents the type of business organization:

- Sole Proprietorship (skip Parts II and III, execute certification in Part IV)
- Non-Profit Corporation (skip Parts II and III, execute certification in Part IV)
- For-Profit Corporation (any type) Limited Liability Company (LLC)
- Partnership Limited Partnership Limited Liability Partnership (LLP)
- Other (be specific): _____

Part II

The list below contains the names and addresses of all stockholders in the corporation who own 10 percent or more of its stock, of any class, or of all individual partners in the partnership who own a 10 percent or greater interest therein, or of all members in the limited liability company who own a 10 percent or greater interest therein, as the case may be. **(COMPLETE THE LIST BELOW IN THIS SECTION)**

OR

No one stockholder in the corporation owns 10 percent or more of its stock, of any class, or no individual partner in the partnership owns a 10 percent or greater interest therein, or no member in the limited liability company owns a 10 percent or greater interest therein, as the case may be. **(SKIP TO PART IV)**

(Please attach additional sheets if more space is needed):

Name of Individual or Business Entity	Home Address (for Individuals) or Business Address

Part III DISCLOSURE OF 10% OR GREATER OWNERSHIP IN THE STOCKHOLDERS, PARTNERS OR LLC MEMBERS LISTED IN PART II

If a bidder has a direct or indirect parent entity which is publicly traded, and any person holds a 10 percent or greater beneficial interest in the publicly traded parent entity as of the last annual federal Security and Exchange Commission (SEC) or foreign equivalent filing, ownership disclosure can be met by providing links to the website(s) containing the last annual filing(s) with the federal Securities and Exchange Commission (or foreign equivalent) that contain the name and address of each person holding a 10% or greater beneficial interest in the publicly traded parent entity, along with the relevant page numbers of the filing(s) that contain the information on each such person. **Attach additional sheets if more space is needed.**

Website (URL) containing the last annual SEC (or foreign equivalent) filing	Page #'s

Please list the names and addresses of each stockholder, partner or member owning a 10 percent or greater interest in any corresponding corporation, partnership and/or limited liability company (LLC) listed in Part II **other than for any publicly traded parent entities referenced above.** The disclosure shall be continued until names and addresses of every noncorporate stockholder, and individual partner, and member exceeding the 10 percent ownership criteria established pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:25-24.2 has been listed. **Attach additional sheets if more space is needed.**

Stockholder/Partner/Member and Corresponding Entity Listed in Part II	Home Address (for Individuals) or Business Address

Part IV Certification

I, being duly sworn upon my oath, hereby represent that the foregoing information and any attachments thereto to the best of my knowledge are true and complete. I acknowledge: that I am authorized to execute this certification on behalf of the bidder/proposer; that the *<name of*

contracting unit> is relying on the information contained herein and that I am under a continuing obligation from the date of this certification through the completion of any contracts with <***type of contracting unit***> to notify the <***type of contracting unit***> in writing of any changes to the information contained herein; that I am aware that it is a criminal offense to make a false statement or misrepresentation in this certification, and if I do so, I am subject to criminal prosecution under the law and that it will constitute a material breach of my agreement(s) with the, permitting the <***type of contracting unit***> to declare any contract(s) resulting from this certification void and unenforceable.

Full Name (Print):		Title:	
Signature:		Date:	