

**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR
PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTING AND EXPERT
FINANCIAL ADVISORY SERVICES**

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Jersey City Municipal Utilities Authority (“JCMUA”) will be issuing a Request for Qualifications (“RFQ”) for purpose of receiving sealed Qualification Statements from qualified firms or individuals for the provision of professional accounting and financial advisory services related to the Professional Operations Services Agreement with United Water Jersey City, Inc. entered into by JCMUA pursuant to and in accordance with New Jersey Public/Private Water Supply Contracting Act, N.J.S.A. 58:26-19 et seq., for the management, administration, operation and maintenance of the Jersey City Water System.

All Qualification Statements will be publicly opened and read on **October 16, 2015 at 11:00 A.M.** prevailing time at the JCMUA’s Administrative Offices, at 555 Route 440, Jersey City, New Jersey 07305, in the Anthony J. Fiola Memorial Conference Room.

To be considered for the award of a contract to perform the services, one original one copy and a CD ROM in a PDF format, of a Qualification Statement must be submitted to JCMUA. Any Qualification Statement received after the date and time above will be rejected. Qualifications Statements may be submitted in person, by U.S. Mail certified mail return receipt requested, or private courier services. JCMUA will not be responsible for the loss, non-delivery or physical condition of Qualifications Statements sent by mail or courier service. Qualification Statements must be submitted individually in a sealed envelope addressed to the Purchasing Agent. Qualification Statements will be evaluated by the Authority’s Staff and General Counsel.

JCMUA is issuing the RFQ pursuant to the professional services exception to public bidding in the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. and intends to enter into an agreement for the analysis of the Professional Operations Services Agreement with United Water Jersey City, Inc. on the basis of a “fair and open” process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq. A Respondent must certify that it has not made and will not make any contributions in violation of the City of Jersey City’s Contractor Pay-to-Play Regulations, codified at Section 3-51.1 et seq. of the City Code, and has not made and will not make any reportable contributions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-1 et seq. that, pursuant to P.L. 2004, c. 19, would bar the award of this contract in the one-year period preceding (date of award tentatively scheduled for approval of the contract by JCMUA on October 28, 2015) to any named candidate committee, joint candidates committee, or political party committee representing the elected officials of the City of Jersey City as set forth in Section 3-51.1 et seq. of the City of Jersey City Code or as defined pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-3(p), (q) and (r).

During the evaluation process, JCMUA reserves the right, where it may serve the JCMUA's best interests (in its sole discretion), to request additional information or clarifications regarding Qualification Statements, to waive any technical error, to reject any Qualification Statement, or any part thereof, for any reason whatsoever or to reject all Qualification Statements and abandon the process.

The cost of the preparation and submittal of a Qualification Statement is the responsibility of each Respondent. JCMUA will not, under any circumstances, be responsible for payment of any of the costs or expenses associated with the preparation or submission of a Qualifications Statement.

An entity responding to this RFQ is required to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:27-1.1 et seq. in compliance with the requirements of the Affirmative Action Laws of the State of New Jersey and must indicate the type of business organization under which it operates, e.g. corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, or non-profit organization. If an entity is a subsidiary or direct or indirect affiliate of any other organization, it must indicate in the Qualification Statement the name of the related organization and the relationship. If it is a partnership, it shall list the name of all partners and. if it is a corporation, it shall list the names of those stockholders 10% or more of the outstanding stock. See Ownership Disclosure Form.

Also, an entity responding to this RFQ must comply with the requirements of P.L. 2004, c. 57 Business Registration of Public Contracts. A Respondent must provide a copy of its New Jersey Business Registration Certificate with its Qualification Statement.

Requests for Qualifications are available from the Jersey City Municipal Utilities Authority, 555 Route 440, Jersey City, New Jersey 07305, Kevin J. Carr, Purchasing Agent (201) 432-0845 or k.carr@jcmua.com or Lisa Domingues (201) 432-1150 at l.domingues@jcmua.com.

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