BOROUGH OF ROSELLE

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
FOR ACTING PUBLIC DEFENDER

BOROUGH OF ROSELLE

Contract Term

January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017

<u>SUBMISSION DEADLINE</u>

10:00 A.M.
DECEMBER 8, 2016
BACKER CONFERENCE ROOM

ADDRESS ALL PROPOSALS TO:

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION
PURCHASING DIVISION
BOROUGH HALL, 210 CHESTNUT ST
ROSELLE, NEW JERSEY 07203

ATTN: BRYAN A. RUSSELL, PURCHASING AGENT

GENERAL INFORMATION & SUMMARY

ORGANIZATION REQUESTING PROPOSAL

BOROUGH OF ROSELLE
201CHESTNUT STREET
ROSELLE, NJ 07203

CONTACT PERSON

BRYAN A. RUSSELL
PURCHASING AGENT
PURCHASING DIVISION – 2ND FLOOR
(908) 259-3028

PURPOSE OF REQUEST

The Borough of Roselle is requesting legal proposals from qualified individuals and firms to provide ("contractor(s)" or "proposer(s)") to provide Legal Services of a specialized nature to the Borough as "Acting Public Defender". 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

January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

CONTRACT FORM

The successful proposer shall be required to execute the Borough's form contract, which includes the indemnification, insurance, termination and licensing provisions. A complete copy of a draft Borough form contract is available upon request.

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 Borough 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 ACTING PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES

1. **BOROUGH OF ROSELLE FACTS AND FIGURES** –

2.The Borough of Roselle is a municipal governmental entity. The Borough was incorporated in 1894. The legislative authority and responsibilities of the Borough of Roselle is vested in the elected six-member Council. The Governing Body sets policy, adopts the operating and capital budgets for the Borough, enacts ordinances and sets the direction of how the Borough of Roselle will provide government services. The Mayor is the Borough's chief executive officer and carries out the policies adopted by the Council.

The Borough's population is in excess of 21,415 and it consists of approximately 2.5 square miles of area. The Borough employs approximately 235 full time employees in 12 departments. It owns Borough Hall, administrative buildings, and parks and recreation facilities. The Borough's operating budget is over $40,000,000. It provides significant and diverse services to its residents, including those in the senior, disabled, veterans and other communities.

2. NATURE/ SCOPE OF SERVICES – The Borough of Roselle is requesting proposals for Legal Services as Acting Public Defender.

The Borough of Roselle provides a Public Defender for defendants in Municipal Court, and occasionally, due to conflicts or other reasons, the Borough requires the service of an Acting or Substitute Municipal Public Defender.

The Borough of Roselle is requesting proposals for Legal Services as Acting Public Defender. Counsel will, on an "as needed" basis, be assigned and required to provide representation in all aspects of Municipal Court defense matters.

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. Proposer must have been licensed to practice law for a minimum of five (5) years, maintain a general practice of law, and have a minimum of three (3) years experience handling Municipal Court matters

C. The education, qualifications, experience, and training of all persons who would be assigned to provide services along with their names and titles.

D. 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.

E. A statement that neither the firm nor any individuals assigned to this engagement are disbarred, suspended, or otherwise prohibited from professional practice by any federal, state, or local agency.

F. An Affirmative Action Statement (copy of form attached).

G. A completed Non-Collusion Affidavit (copy of form attached).

H. A statement that the proposer will comply with the General Terms and Conditions required by the Borough and enter into the Borough's standard Professional Services Contract.

I. A copy of the proposer's Business Registration Certificate.

4. <u>COST PROPOSAL</u> – The Borough of Roselle has established the following fee schedule, and shall pay the fee of not to exceed $300 per appearance for such services, depending upon the nature of the case, to be determined by the Law Department.

By submission of a proposal, proposer acknowledges and agrees to adhere to the fee schedule set forth above.

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

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 Borough 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 Borough. Every proposal should be valid through this time period.

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

6. <u>PROPOSAL LIMITATIONS</u> - 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 Borough by issuance of this RFQ. The Borough reserves the right at the Borough's sole discretion to refuse any proposal submitted.

7. <u>USE OF INFORMATION</u> - Any specifications, drawings, sketches, models, samples, data, computer programs, documentation, technical or business information and the like ("Information") furnished or disclosed by the Borough to the proposer in connection with this RFQ shall remain the property of the Borough. When in tangible form, all copies of such information shall be returned to the Borough 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 Borough 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 Borough 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 Borough to do so.

B. In case of failure by the successful proposer, the Borough of Roselle 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, 2017 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 Borough 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 Borough 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 Borough 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 Borough Law Department’s decision shall be final and conclusive.

L. The Borough of Roselle 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 Borough 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

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. _____

Note: N.J.S.A 52:32-44 provides that the Borough 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 Borough 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 BOROUGH OF ROSELLE 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_____.

STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP
(OWNERSHIP DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATION)
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 Included with
All Bid and Proposal Submissions

Name of Business:_____

Address of Business:_____

Name of person completing this form:_____

N.J.S.A. 52:25-24.2:

"No corporation, partnership, or limited liability company shall be awarded any contract nor shall any agreement be entered into for the performance of any work or the furnishing of any materials or supplies, unless prior to the receipt of the bid or proposal, or accompanying the bid or proposal of said corporation, said partnership, or said limited liability company there is submitted a statement setting forth 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.

If one or more such stockholder or partner or member is itself a corporation or partnership or limited liability company, the stockholders holding 10 percent or more of that corporation's stock, or the individual partners owning 10 percent or greater interest in that partnership, or the members owning 10 percent or greater interest in that limited liability company, as the case may be, shall also be listed. 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 in this act, has been listed.

To comply with this section, a bidder with any direct or indirect parent entity which is publicly traded may submit the name and address of each publicly traded entity and the name and address of each person that holds a 10 percent or greater beneficial interest in the publicly traded entity as of the last annual filing with the federal Securities and Exchange Commission or the foreign equivalent, and, if there is any person that holds a 10 percent or greater beneficial interest, also shall submit links to the websites containing the last annual filings with the federal Securities and Exchange Commission or the foreign equivalent and the relevant page numbers of the filings that contain the information on each person that holds a 10 percent or greater beneficial interest."

The Attorney General has advised that the provisions of N.J.S.A. 52:25-24.2, which refer to corporations and partnerships apply to limited partnerships, limited liability partnerships, and Subchapter S corporations.

This Ownership Disclosure Certification form shall be completed, signed and notarized.

Failure of the bidder/proposer to submit the required information is cause for automatic rejection of the bid or proposal

Part I

Check the box that represents the type of business organization:

☐ Sole Proprietorship (skip Parts II and III, sign and notarize at the end)

☐ Non-Profit Corporation (skip Parts II and III, sign and notarize at the end)

☐ Partnership ☐ Limited Partnership ☐ Limited Liability Partnership

☐ Limited Liability Company

☐ For-profit Corporation (including Subchapters C and S or Professional Corporation)

☐ Other (be specific): _____

Part II

☐ I certify that 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.

OR

☐ I certify that 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 that no member in the limited liability company owns a 10 percent or greater interest therein, as the case may be.

Sign and notarize the form below, and, if necessary, complete the list below. (Please attach additional sheets if more space is needed):

Name: _____

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<u>Part III -</u> Any Direct or Indirect Parent Entity Which is Publicly Traded:

"To comply with this section, a bidder with any direct or indirect parent entity which is publicly traded may submit the name and address of each publicly traded entity and the name and address of each person that holds a 10 percent or greater beneficial interest in the publicly traded entity as of the last annual filing with the federal Securities and Exchange Commission or the foreign equivalent, and, if there is any person that holds a 10 percent or greater beneficial interest, also shall submit links to the websites containing the last annual filings with the federal Securities and Exchange Commission or the foreign equivalent and the relevant page numbers of the filings that contain the information on each person that holds a 10 percent or greater beneficial interest."

☐ Pages attached with name and address of each publicly traded entity as well as the name and address of each person that holds a 10 percent or greater beneficial interest.

OR

☐ Submit here the links to the Websites (URLs) containing the last annual filings with the federal Securities and Exchange Commission or the foreign equivalent.

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_____

AND

☐ Submit here the relevant page numbers of the filings containing the information on each person holding a 10 percent or greater beneficial interest.

_____

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Subscribed and sworn before me this ___ day of _____ , 2 _____.

(Notary Public)

My Commission expires:

_____
(Affiant)

_____
(Print name of affiant and title if applicable)

(Corporate Seal if a Corporation)