

RESOLUTION NO. 17-19

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF
A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR
GENERAL ENGINEERING CONSULTING SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust (Trust) is authorized to make and enter all contracts necessary or incidental to the performance of its duties pursuant to N.J.S.A. 58:11B-5(d); and

WHEREAS, the NJEIT and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection have together administered the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Financing Program for over 30 year to enhance and protect water quality and public health through low interest clean water and drinking water loans to local government units and public water systems; and

WHEREAS, the Trust and NJDEP both share the responsibility of ensuring projects funded through the NJEIFP comport with NJEIFP standards pertaining to loan applications, environmental planning, cultural resources, permitting, credit worthiness, engineering design and contract specifications, construction management, the disbursement of funds, and all other activities necessary for the construction and financing of eligible projects by eligible borrowers; and

WHEREAS, the efficient review and approval of loan applications to expedite construction of critical environmental infrastructure projects is central to the NJEIFP's mission of enhancing and protecting water quality and public health; and

WHEREAS, in the event of a limitation of resources, utilization of engineering consulting services to assist in the review and approval of applications, construction design, requisition, and site inspection of NJEIFP funded projects (Project Assistance), will aid the DEP and Trust in ensuring the efficient review of loan applications;

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Trust to issue a request for qualifications to establish a pool of qualified engineering firms, from which one or more firms will be selected for Project Assistance pursuant to a subsequent solicitation of proposals; and

WHEREAS, the pool to be procured pursuant to this resolution is independent of a pool of pre-qualified firms to provide engineering services for loan applications pertaining to redevelopment projects, and combined sewer overflow projects and projects arising in natural disasters, was established by the Trust on December 15, 2015 pursuant to Resolution No. 15-49.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Executive Director of the Trust is authorized to prepare and distribute a Request for Proposal (RFQ) for the purposes of establishing a pre-qualified pool of consulting engineers pursuant to Policy and Procedure No. 4.00 (Procurement Policy).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the procurement authorized in this resolution shall exclude engineering services for loan applications pertaining to redevelopment projects, combined sewer overflow projects and projects arising in natural disasters for the duration of Resolution No. 15-49.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Executive Director is further authorized to designate a procurement committee pursuant to the Procurement Policy to independently review all proposals

received and provide a written recommendation to the Executive Director as to the firms which qualify for participation in the pool; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Executive Director shall present the Board with a recommendation for contract award to establish the pool of Consulting Engineers for a contract period of two (2) fiscal years with an option to extend one-year upon approval by the Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Executive Director is authorized to take all other actions consistent with the Procurement Policy to procure the services of an Investment Advisor.

Adopted Date: March 9, 2017

Motion Made By: Tim Cunningham

Motion Seconded By: Mark Longo

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0