

PROCUREMENT NOTICE
(Professional Goods and Services)
Of a Request for Qualifications

Notice is hereby given that proposals will be received by the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank (the "I-Bank"), electronically via email to procurement@njib.gov until **12:00 PM EST, February 27, 2026**. The Request for Qualifications ("RFQ") is being released by the I-Bank to obtain proposals to pre-qualify two pools of consultants to provide technical assistance services to support communities and water systems seeking financial assistance through the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Financing Program ("Water Bank") for the design and construction of environmental capital projects (collectively, the "Engineering Consulting Pools"). One pool will assist public water systems with technical and operational oversight and the second pool will provide comprehensive fiscal and governance assessments of water and wastewater systems to project sponsors.

Any interested firm may obtain a copy of the RFQ and associated attachments by e-mailing the I-Bank at procurement@njib.gov. Bidding documents may also be examined and/or obtained at the office of the I-Bank, 3131 Princeton Pike, Building 4, Suite 216, Lawrenceville, New Jersey 08648 on or after February 2, 2026, by appointment only by calling (609) 219-8600 in advance to coordinate a date and time. The I-Bank will not be responsible for full or partial sets of bidding documents, including any addenda, obtained from any other source.

SCOPE OF SERVICES FOR THE I-BANK

The objective of the RFQ is to select no more than five (5) qualified engineering firms for inclusion in each of the Engineering Consulting Pools. Appointment to either of the Engineering Consulting Pools will commence on or about April 1, 2026, and continue until March 31, 2029.

Pool #1: Technical and Operational Services

The services to be performed by the selected firm(s) include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 1) Conduct comprehensive asset management planning;
- 2) Develop multi-year capital improvement or investment plans with preliminary project scopes, schedules, and cost estimates;
- 3) Support communities through the Water Bank's H₂LOans portal and the State Revolving Fund application process;
- 4) Develop and implement public outreach and engagement campaigns; and
- 5) Assist in the preparation of requests for proposals for planning and design engineering services in accordance with Water Bank requirements.

Pool #2: Fiscal Services

The services to be performed by the selected firm(s) include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 1) Conduct comprehensive assessments of a public water or utility entity's fiscal condition;
- 2) Develop long-term funding and capital strategies that support sustainable utility operations, regulatory compliance, and ongoing reinvestment infrastructure;
- 3) Analyze and evaluate alternative enterprise and governance structures for revenue-generating assets;
- 4) Perform in-depth affordability analyses, including rate impact assessments and different financing scenarios; and
- 5) Translate long-term funding and capital strategies into detailed, implementation-ready financial and capital execution plans that support sustained operations and long-term fiscal resilience.

Future Selection of Pre-qualified Firms from the Engineering Consulting Pools

Upon establishment of the Engineering Consulting Pools, a firm will be selected on a case-by-case basis for each specific assignment in accordance with the criteria set forth in the RFQ.

EVALUATION PROCEDURE AND CRITERIA

The I-Bank has appointed a review committee to review the proposals submitted in response to this RFQ. The committee members will individually review all proposals considering the following major evaluation criteria, ranking each firm on a scale of 1 to 10 and assigning the designated weights for each such criterion:

- Experience, ability and resources of the firm (7);
- Personnel assigned to a project (project team) (7);
- Understanding of the Scope of Work (4);
- Firm’s presence in New Jersey (1);
- Overall quality of the response to this RFQ (3); and
- At the I-Bank’s discretion: A bidder may be required to give an oral presentation to the review committee concerning its proposal (3).

NOTE: The review committee may also require a bidder to submit written responses to questions regarding its proposal.

SOLICITATION SCHEDULE/PROCUREMENT SCHEDULE (subject to change)

RFQ published and distributed:	February 2, 2026
RFQ Question submission cut-off date:	12:00 PM EST, February 12, 2026
I-Bank response to RFQ Questions:	5:00 PM EST, February 18, 2026
Proposals due:	12:00 PM EST, February 27, 2026
Finalists’ interviews (if applicable) in person or via conference call:	Week of March 2, 2026
Board of Directors’ approval:	March 12, 2026
Pool term:	On or about April 1, 2026 – March 31, 2029, with two additional one-year terms upon Board approval

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

In order to be considered for appointment to the Engineering Consulting Pool(s), a firm must submit an electronic copy (via e-mail) of its proposal, including all required appendices and forms, to:

procurement@njib.gov

Attn: RFQ for Technical Assistance Pools

All proposals must be received by 12:00 PM EST, Friday, February 27, 2026.