

**WATERFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
1106 Old White Horse Pike
Waterford, New Jersey 08089**

**REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS
SOLICITOR/AUDITOR/ARCHITECT/
NOTICE OF SOLICITATION**

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20, New Jersey Pay to Play, and other legislative enactments, more specifically Chapter 271 of the laws of the State of New Jersey, the Waterford Township Board of Education located at 1106 Old White Horse Pike, Waterford, New Jersey 08089 is seeking RFP's for professional services to be provided to the Board of Education as listed below for the period July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 with options for the 2027-2028 and 2028-2029 school years.

- ◆ Solicitor
- ◆ Auditor
- ◆ Architect

Requests for Proposals are on file at the Board Secretary/Business Administrator's office at 1106 Old White Horse Pike, Waterford, New Jersey 08089 and may also be downloaded from the Board of Education's website at <https://www.wtsd.org/>

All RFP's must be received by the Board of Education Board Secretary/Business Administrator no later than 10:30 am on Wednesday, May 6, 2026 at the Board of Education office located at 1106 Old White Horse Pike, Waterford, New Jersey 08089. All questions concerning this notice should be addressed to Christopher Eberly, Business Administrator/Board Secretary at 856-767-8293 ext. 5012.

MINIMUM REQUIRED INFORMATION/DOCUMENTATION

All RFP's for professional service contracts shall include at a minimum the following information/documentation.

1. Names of individuals who will perform required tasks as well as the listing of their licenses.
 - a. Identify the person who will be primarily responsible for the services required by the Board of Education and provide a description of the experience of the primary person with projects and issues similar to those more specifically set forth in this proposal and on behalf of the Board of Education of Waterford Township.

- b. Identify persons who will serve as back up to the primary person including resumes of all parties.
2. Describe ability to provide services in a timely fashion including a description of your staffing and a description of your familiarity with the services required by the Board of Education of Waterford Township.
3. Professional Liability Insurance: The professional is to provide, at own expense, a comprehensive general liability insurance policy including professional liability, insuring against any and all claims for bodily injury or death resulting from performance and services by the professional, professionals employees, staff and agents. The insurance shall provide not less than \$1,000,000 with respect to injury or aggregate, or may be in such other form as provided by the New Jersey Tort Claims Act, NJSA 59:1-1 et. seq., which shall govern the terms and conditions of any such program. The school district shall be listed as additional insured on the policy.
4. New Jersey Business Registration Certificate and W9
5. Must provide Disclosure of Investment Activities in Iran

https://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dfd/info/standard/fdc/disclosure_investmentact.pdf

6. C. 271 Political Contribution Disclosure Form (See below)
7. Combined Certification: Prohibited Activities in Russia and Belarus & Investment Activities in Iran 9See below)
8. Responders must comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, Chapter 127, NJAC 17:27 Laws Against Discrimination. (See Exhibit A and attachments.)

BOARD OF EDUCATION SOLICITOR

Scope of Services:

Specialized services required - The selected solicitor be expected to provide specialized professional services to the Waterford Township Board of Education during the entire year on an as needed basis. Various issues arise during the normal course of business involving the need for professional services on matters that will require guidance and advice from the aforesaid professional. Because such services, at times, represent emergency situations, the solicitor will be expected to return a phone call to the Board of Education on the same day. The professional will also be expected to be available to provide advice to the Board of Education during non-business hours including the attendance at meetings when requested.

Minimum Qualifications:

1. Solicitor's firm shall have three (3) or more licensed professionals on staff whose major focus and work has been and remains providing professional services to and advising public entities.

2. The firm shall have at least ten (10) years experience in representing

public entities.

3. The firm shall designate one (1) professional within the firm who will be assigned to represent the interest of the School District. This individual shall have been admitted and/or licensed in his/her profession and be in good standing.

4. The firm and individuals assigned to work with the School District shall be well versed in all aspects of the School District's operations.

BOARD OF EDUCATION AUDITOR

Scope of Services:

Specialized services required - The Waterford Township Board of Education desires to appoint a firm of certified public accountants to act as auditors for the board. Applicant should demonstrate knowledge of board of education auditing laws and regulations and experience in providing advice to boards of education on records compliance issues. Any experience or knowledge of matters that directly affect the Waterford Township Board of Education should be addressed.

Minimum Qualifications:

1. The firm must employ a minimum of two (2) certified public accountants who have been licensed in that capacity for a period of not less than seven (7) years each prior to the date of appointment.

2. The firm must employ a minimum of two (2) registered school board accountants licensed and qualified in that capacity for a minimum of five (5) years each prior to the appointment.

3. Must have a minimum of ten (10) years' experience in providing auditing services to boards of education within the State of New Jersey.

4. Must maintain a current principal office within the State of New Jersey.

5. Must describe any special services available to school board clients.

6. Must list all past and present school board clients.

7. Must provide hourly billing rates for employees possibly assigned to service the Board of Education.

8. Must provide fee to prepare the annual CAFR of the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Fee must include the cost to prepare the annual secondary disclosure statement.

BOARD OF EDUCATION ARCHITECTURAL FIRM

Scope of Services:

The Waterford Township Board of Education desires to appoint a firm to provide architectural services to the board. Applicants should demonstrate knowledge and experience with respect to all aspects of architectural services required by a school board. Any experience or knowledge of matters that directly affect the Board of Education should be addressed.

Minimum Qualifications:

1. Must be certified to provide architectural services in the State of New Jersey.
2. Must have a minimum of five (5) years experience in providing consulting services to boards of education.
3. Must be experienced in obtaining permits and approvals from various state, county and local regulatory agencies.
4. Must maintain a staff of New Jersey licensed or certified professionals sufficient to service the Board of Education including, but not limited to civil engineers, land surveyors, planners, environmental scientists and construction clerks.
5. Must maintain a principal office location in close proximity to the Board of Education so as to be able to respond to emergent matters promptly.
6. Must be experienced in the preparation of grant applications.
7. Must have project managers with at least five (5) years of school board experience.
8. Must list past and present school boards served as architect.
9. Must provide hourly billing rates for employees possibly assigned to service the Board of Education.

EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS

The School District intends to award a professional services contract for solicitor, auditor, architect and occupational therapist under the Fair and Open Process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.

The proposals will be evaluated by an administrative team who will recommend appointment to the Board of Education based upon information supplied by each Responder to this RFP and the following criteria:

- Ability to meet all minimum qualifications.
- Overall knowledge and familiarity with the operations of the School District.
- Experience of the firm in providing similar services to other public bodies, with special emphasis on experience in New Jersey.
- Qualifications and experience of the professional.
- Qualifications and experience of the other members of the professional's firm.
- The hourly rates and/or fee proposed. The proposal shall identify whether clerical and other overhead costs will be billed separately or included in the hourly labor rate for the attorneys.

SUBMISSION

Proposing firms shall provide evidence that the minimum qualifications are met. Proposal should also include cost details including hourly rates of the individuals who perform services and a list delineating the numbers and types of public clients represented by the solicitor and firm.

Please submit one (1) copy of the proposal to:

**Christopher Eberly, School Business Administrator
Waterford Township Board of Education
1106 Old White Horse Pike
Waterford, New Jersey 08089**

All Submissions must be received at the School District's Business Office by 10:30 AM on Wednesday, May 6, 2026 at which time they will be publicly opened.

Any questions regarding this Request for Proposals should be directed to Christopher Eberly, School Business Administrator of the Waterford Township School District.

EXHIBIT A

MANDATORY EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY LANGUAGE

N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq., N.J.A.C. 17:27 14

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, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality 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 personal testing conforms to 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.

In conforming with the targeted 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, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality 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 subcontractor shall furnish such reports or other documents to the Division of Public Contracts Equal Employment Opportunity Compliance 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 Public Contracts Equal Employment Opportunity Compliance for conducting a compliance investigation pursuant **to Subchapter 10 of the Administrative Code at N.J.A.C.17:27.**

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Our company has a federal Affirmative Action Plan approval.

_____ Yes

_____ No

If YES, a copy of said approval shall be submitted to the Board of Education within seven (7) working days of the notice of intent to award the contract or the signing of the contract.

2. Our company has a New Jersey State Certificate of Approval.

_____ Yes

_____ No

If YES, a copy of the New Jersey State Certificate shall be submitted to the Board of Education within seven (7) working days of the notice of intent to award the contract or the signing of the contract.

If you answered NO to both questions above, an Affirmative Action Employee Information Report (AA-302) will be mailed to you. Complete the form and forward it to the Affirmative Action Office, Department of Treasury, CN 209, Trenton, NJ 08625. A copy shall be submitted to the Board of Education within seven (7) days of the notice of the intent to award the contract or signing of the contract.

I hereby certify that the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge.

(Name of Contractor)

(Signature)

(Title)

(Date)

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION AFFIDAVIT

(To be completed by firms with less than 50 employees)

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

COUNTY OF _____

I, _____ of the (City, Town, and Borough) of _____ in the County of _____, State of New Jersey, of full age, being duly sworn according to law on my oath depose and say that:

1. I am _____ of the firm _____ a contractor making a proposal upon the above named service.
2. _____ does not have 50 or more employees inclusive of all officers and employees of every type.
3. I am familiar with the Affirmative Action requirements of P.L. 1975, c. 127 and rules and regulations issued by the Treasurer, State of New Jersey, pursuant thereto.
4. _____ has complied with all the affirmative action requirements of the State of New Jersey, including those required by P. L. 1975, c. 127 and the rules and regulations issued by the Treasurer, State of New Jersey, pursuant thereto.
5. I am aware that if _____ does not comply with P.L. 1975, c. 127 and the rules and regulations issued pursuant thereto, that no monies will be paid by the State of New Jersey, County of _____, until an affirmative action plan is approved. I am also aware that the contract may be terminated and _____ may be barred from all public contracts, for a period of up to five (5) years.
6. In the event my workforce increases to 50 employees, I must contact the State Affirmative Action Office and complete an Employee Information report.

Signature of Authorized Representative

Name and Title

Subscribed and sworn to
Before me this _____ day of _____, 20____

(Seal) Notary Public of New Jersey
My Commission expires _____, 20____

C. 271 POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION DISCLOSURE FORM

Public Agency Instructions

This page provides guidance to public agencies entering into contracts with business entities that are required to file Political Contribution Disclosure forms with the agency. **It is not intended to be provided to contractors.** What follows are instructions on the use of form local units can provide to contractors that are required to disclose political contributions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26 (P.L. 2005, c. 271, s.2). Additional information on the process is available in Local Finance Notice 2006-1 (http://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/dlgs/resources/lfns_2006.html). Please refer back to these instructions for the appropriate links, as the Local Finance Notices include links that are no longer operational.

1. The disclosure is required for all contracts in excess of \$17,500 that are **not awarded** pursuant to a “fair and open” process (N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7).
2. Due to the potential length of some contractor submissions, the public agency should consider allowing data to be submitted in electronic form (i.e., spreadsheet, pdf file, etc.). Submissions must be kept with the contract documents or in an appropriate computer file and be available for public access. **The form is worded to accept this alternate submission.** The text should be amended if electronic submission will not be allowed.
3. The submission must be **received from the contractor and** on file at least 10 days prior to award of the contract. Resolutions of award should reflect that the disclosure has been received and is on file.
4. The contractor must disclose contributions made to candidate and party committees covering a wide range of public agencies, including all public agencies that have elected officials in the county of the public agency, state legislative positions, and various state entities. The Division of Local Government Services recommends that contractors be provided a list of the affected agencies. This will assist contractors in determining the campaign and political committees of the officials and candidates affected by the disclosure.
 - a. The Division has prepared model disclosure forms for each county. They can be downloaded from the “County PCD Forms” link on the Pay-to-Play web site at <http://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/dlgs/programs/lpcl.html#12>. They will be updated from time-to-time as necessary.
 - b. A public agency using these forms **should edit them to properly reflect the correct legislative district(s)**. As the forms are county-based, **they list all legislative districts** in each county. **Districts that do not represent the public agency should be removed from the lists.**
 - c. Some contractors may find it easier to provide a single list that covers all contributions, regardless of the county. These submissions are appropriate and should be accepted.
 - d. The form may be used “as-is”, subject to edits as described herein.
 - e. The “Contractor Instructions” sheet is intended to be provided with the form. It is recommended that the Instructions and the form be printed on the same piece of paper. The form notes that the Instructions are printed on the back of the form; where that is not the case, the text should be edited accordingly.
 - f. The form is a Word document and can be edited to meet local needs, and posted for download on web sites, used as an e-mail attachment, or provided as a printed document.
5. It is recommended that the contractor also complete a “Stockholder Disclosure Certification.” This will assist the local unit in its obligation to ensure that contractor did not make any prohibited contributions to the committees listed on the Business Entity Disclosure Certification in the 12 months prior to the contract. (See Local Finance Notice 2006-7 for additional information on this obligation at http://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/dlgs/resources/lfns_2006.html) A sample Certification form is part of this package and the instruction to complete it is included in the Contractor Instructions. **NOTE: This section is not applicable to Boards of Education.**

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Contractor Instructions

Business entities (contractors) receiving contracts from a public agency that are NOT awarded pursuant to a “fair and open” process (defined at N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7) are subject to the provisions of P.L. 2005, c. 271, s.2 (N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26). This law provides that 10 days prior to the award of such a contract, the contractor shall disclose contributions to:

- any State, county, or municipal committee of a political party
- any legislative leadership committee*
- any continuing political committee (a.k.a., political action committee)
- any candidate committee of a candidate for, or holder of, an elective office:
 - of the public entity awarding the contract
 - of that county in which that public entity is located
 - of another public entity within that county
 - or of a legislative district in which that public entity is located or, when the public entity is a county, of any legislative district which includes all or part of the county

The disclosure must list reportable contributions to any of the committees that exceed \$300 per election cycle that were made during the 12 months prior to award of the contract. See N.J.S.A. 19:44A-8 and 19:44A-16 for more details on reportable contributions.

N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26 itemizes the parties from whom contributions must be disclosed when a business entity is not a natural person. This includes the following:

- individuals with an “interest” ownership or control of more than 10% of the profits or assets of a business entity or 10% of the stock in the case of a business entity that is a corporation for profit
- all principals, partners, officers, or directors of the business entity or their spouses
- any subsidiaries directly or indirectly controlled by the business entity
- IRS Code Section 527 New Jersey based organizations, directly or indirectly controlled by the business entity and filing as continuing political committees, (PACs).

When the business entity is a natural person, “a contribution by that person’s spouse or child, residing therewith, shall be deemed to be a contribution by the business entity.” [N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26(b)] The contributor must be listed on the disclosure.

Any business entity that fails to comply with the disclosure provisions shall be subject to a fine imposed by ELEC in an amount to be determined by the Commission which may be based upon the amount that the business entity failed to report.

The enclosed list of agencies is provided to assist the contractor in identifying those public agencies whose elected official and/or candidate campaign committees are affected by the disclosure requirement. It is the contractor’s responsibility to identify the specific committees to which contributions may have been made and need to be disclosed. The disclosed information may exceed the minimum requirement.

The enclosed form, a content-consistent facsimile, or an electronic data file containing the required details (along with a signed cover sheet) may be used as the contractor’s submission and is disclosable to the public under the Open Public Records Act.

The contractor must also complete the attached Stockholder Disclosure Certification. This will assist the agency in meeting its obligations under the law. **NOTE: This section does not apply to Board of Education contracts.**

* N.J.S.A. 19:44A-3(s): “The term “legislative leadership committee” means a committee established, authorized to be established, or designated by the President of the Senate, the Minority Leader of the Senate, the Speaker of the General Assembly or the Minority Leader of the General Assembly pursuant to section 16 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.

C. 271 POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION DISCLOSURE FORM

Required Pursuant To N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26

**This form or its permitted facsimile must be submitted to the local unit
no later than 10 days prior to the award of the contract.**

Part I – Vendor Information

Vendor Name:			
Address:			
City:		State:	Zip:

The undersigned being authorized to certify, hereby certifies that the submission provided herein represents compliance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26 and as represented by the Instructions accompanying this form.

Signature

Printed Name

Title

Part II – Contribution Disclosure

Disclosure requirement: Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26 this disclosure must include all reportable political contributions (more than \$300 per election cycle) over the 12 months prior to submission to the committees of the government entities listed on the form provided by the local unit.

☐ Check here if disclosure is provided in electronic form.

Contributor Name	Recipient Name	Date	Dollar Amount
			\$

☐ Check here if the information is continued on subsequent page(s)

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Vendor Name:

List of Agencies with Elected Officials Required for Political Contribution Disclosure

N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26

County Name:

State: Governor, and Legislative Leadership Committees

Legislative District #s:

State Senator and two members of the General Assembly per district.

County:

Freeholders

{ County Executive }

County Clerk

Surrogate

Sheriff

Municipalities (Mayor and members of governing body, regardless of title):

**USERS SHOULD CREATE THEIR OWN FORM, OR
DOWNLOAD FROM [the Pay to Play section](#) OF THE DLGS
WEBSITE A COUNTY-BASED, CUSTOMIZABLE FORM.**

STOCKHOLDER DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATION

Name of Business:

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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.

OR

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

Check the box that represents the type of business organization:

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Partnership

☐

Corporation

☐

Sole Proprietorship

☐

Limited Partnership

☐

Limited Liability Corporation

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Limited Liability Partnership

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Subchapter S Corporation

Sign and notarize the form below, and, if necessary, complete the stockholder list below.

Stockholders:

Name:	Name:
Home Address:	Home Address:
Name:	Name:
Home Address:	Home Address:
Name:	Name:
Home Address:	Home Address:

Subscribed and sworn before me this ____ day of _____, 2____.	_____ (Affiant)
(Notary Public)	_____ (Print name & title of affiant)
My Commission expires:	_____ (Corporate Seal)

**CERTIFICATION OF NON-INVOLVEMENT IN PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES IN RUSSIA OR
BELARUS**

**WATERFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
WATERFORD, NEW JERSEY 08089**

N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-49.5

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:32-60.1, et seq. ([L. 2022, c. 3](#)) any person or entity (hereinafter "Vendor") that seeks to enter into or renew a contract with a State agency for the provision of goods or services, or the purchase of bonds or other obligations, must complete the certification below indicating whether or not the Vendor is identified on the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons list, available here: <https://sanctionssearch.ofac.treas.gov/>. If the Department of the Treasury finds that a Vendor has made a certification in violation of the law, it shall take any action as may be appropriate and provided by law, rule, or contract, including but not limited to, imposing sanctions, seeking compliance, recovering damages, declaring the party in default and seeking debarment or suspension of the party.

I, the undersigned, certify that I have read the definition of "Vendor" below, and have reviewed the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons list, and having done so certify:

(Check the Appropriate Box)

- ☐ A. That the Vendor is not identified on the [OFAC Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons list on account of activity related to Russia and/or Belarus](#).

OR

- ☐ B. That I am unable to certify as to "A" above, because the Vendor is identified on the [OFAC Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons list on account of activity related to Russia and/or Belarus](#).

OR

- ☐ C. That I am unable to certify as to "A" above, because the Vendor is identified on the [OFAC Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons list](#). However, the Vendor is engaged in activity related to Russia and/or Belarus consistent with federal law, regulation, license or exemption. A detailed description of how the Vendor's activity related to Russia and/or Belarus is consistent with federal law is set forth below.

Necessary.)

(Attach Additional Sheets If

Signature of Vendor's Authorized Representative

Date

Print Name and Title of Vendor's Authorized Representative

Vendor's FEIN

Vendor's Name	Vendor's Phone Number
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Vendor's Address (Street Address)	Vendor's Fax Number
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Vendor's Address (City/State/Zip Code)	Vendor's Email Address
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ⁱ Vendor means: (1) A natural person, corporation, company, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, limited liability company, business association, sole proprietorship, joint venture, partnership, society, trust, or any other nongovernmental entity, organization, or group; (2) Any governmental entity or instrumentality of a government, including a multilateral development institution, as defined in Section 1701(c)(3) of the International Financial Institutions Act, 22 U.S.C. 262r(c)(3); or (3) Any parent, successor, subunit, direct or indirect subsidiary, or any entity under common ownership or control with, any entity described in paragraph (1) or (2). NJ Rev. 1.22.2024