

GUTTENBERG HOUSING AUTHORITY

NOTICE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR FEE ACCOUNTING SERVICES

Under a Fair and Open Process in Accordance
with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et. seq.

PROPOSALS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY

11:00 A.M. on February 18, 2021 to:

MR. RUDDYS ANDRADE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
GUTTENBERG HOUSING AUTHORITY
6900 BROADWAY
GUTTENBERG, NEW JERSEY

Please note that this year's opening of proposals will be done via web and audio conference. The opening will take place on February 18, 2021 at 11:00am. You may access the opening at the following link or by calling in at the number below:

Meeting Website URL: <https://www.gomeet.com/741-579-566>

Optional Dial-In Number: 571-748-4021

PIN: 741-579-566#

Quick dial (mobile): +15717484021,,741-579-566#

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1. PURPOSE

The Housing Authority of the Town of Guttenberg (hereinafter called “Housing Authority” or “GHA”) is a public housing authority with administrative offices located at 6900 Broadway, Guttenberg, New Jersey 07093. The GHA provides quality, affordable housing to low-income families and seniors through its Public Housing and Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Programs.

In accordance with applicable Federal and State of New Jersey requirements, the Housing Authority is currently accepting proposals for **Fee Accounting Services** for a term of one year beginning April 1, 2021. It is the Housing Authority’s desire to retain and employ a duly qualified accountant or accounting firm to act as its Accountant in all financial matters which may arise in connection with the business and management of its various housing programs. All accounting services must be provided in accordance with the existing rules, orders, directives and regulations promulgated by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and New Jersey State Law.

2. SCOPE OF ACCOUNTING SERVICES

The scope of accounting services being requested will relate to all of the Housing Authority’s programs (including but not limited to Public Housing, Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher, and Capital Fund programs) and shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- A. Establish and maintain the accounting books and records, including monthly postings to the general ledger. The books must be maintained in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and the classification and description of accounts as prescribed by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”).
- B. Prepare and file budgets, reports, financial statements and forms as required by New Jersey State law, HUD, the Department of Community Affairs (“DCA”), and the GHA.
- C. Prepare and electronically submit all requisitions and financial reports as needed.
- D. Review weekly payroll reports and post to general ledger.
- E. Attend meetings with the GHA Board of Commissioners (“Board”), GHA staff, HUD, HUD Auditors, and Independent Auditors as requested by the Executive Director.
- F. Maintain income and expense ledgers showing actual amounts for the fiscal year to date and provide to GHA at the end of each month.
- G. Complete monthly reconciliations of all bank accounts promptly upon receipt of GHA bank statements.
- H. Prepare reconciliation of balances of tenants’ accounts whenever the summary of transaction with tenants (as furnished by GHA) does not agree with the accountant’s control records.

- I. Prepare audit work papers for independent audit.
- J. Prepare monthly financial reports for GHA Board meetings.

3. QUALIFICATIONS

In addition to the ability to perform all of the above, all respondents shall meet the following minimum requirements:

- A. Must be a Certified Public Accountant (C.P.A.) licensed in the State of New Jersey who has never, at any time, been sanctioned or suspended from practice.
- B. Must have experience representing New Jersey Public Housing Authorities and knowledge of relevant State and federal regulations.
- C. Has never, at any time, been suspended, debarred, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Department of Justice, the General Services Administration, the Internal Revenue Service, or any other federal agency or the Federal Government, and/or the New Jersey Department of Labor or any other state agency or the State of New Jersey.
- D. Must be approval-able by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Failure to meet any of the foregoing qualifications is considered a material defect and shall result in the disqualification of the Respondent.

4. SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

All Proposals must be sealed and received by the GHA (via mail or hand-delivery only) no later than 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 18, 2021 at the following address:

Mr. Ruddys Andrade
Executive Director
Guttenberg Housing Authority
6900 Broadway, Guttenberg, NJ 07093

The sealed envelope must be marked “Proposals for Fee Accounting Services”.

5. PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

- A. Proposals shall be submitted on the company letterhead, and signed by the owner or an executive officer of the firm. Interested firms should have at least five (5) years' experience.
- B. **Executive Summary:** Provide a brief non-technical overview of the Respondent's business including the range of services offered. Respondents should demonstrate how and why their services meet GHA's needs and qualification requirements.
- C. **Company Profile:** Provide a history of the business and resumes of key staff to be involved in all aspects of the accounting services. This shall include both the company's history providing fee accounting services as well as its experience providing such services to public housing authorities.
- D. **Fee Accounting Service:** Describe in detail each aspect of the fee accounting service proposed, including the establishment and maintenance of accounting books and records, the preparation and filing of budgets and forms required by applicable law, and the preparation of monthly reports for GHA Board meetings.
- E. **References:** Respondents are required to submit a minimum of three (3) housing authority references.
- F. **Proposed Costs-** Provide a flat fee for the performance of the services described herein and an hourly rate for any additional services outside the scope of services described herein.
- G. **Required Documentation:** Each respondent shall execute and submit the following documents as part of their formal proposal:
 - a) Two (2) Copies of Proposal
 - b) HUD-5369C – Certification and Representations of Offerors
 - c) Certification Non-Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion
 - d) Non-Collusion Affidavit
 - e) Statement of Corporate Ownership
 - f) Affirmative Action Compliance Notice and Documentation
 - g) Completed Proposal Document Checklist

Failure to provide any of the above documentation at the time of submission may be considered a fatal defect warranting rejection of the proposal.

All respondents shall further supply a copy of the organization's New Jersey Business Registration Certificate issued by the Division of Revenue, and a Certificate of Insurance demonstrating adequate Professional Liability coverage in effect in order to be eligible for award consideration.

6. PROPOSAL REVIEW

- A. All proposals will be reviewed in accordance with the “Competitive Proposal” process outlined in the HUD Procurement Handbook 7460.8 Rev-2 and HUD Notice PIH-90-47, as well as the Housing Authority’s professional services evaluation criteria.
- B. The Housing Authority reserves the right to waive any informality and to reject any and all proposals. No Proposal may be withdrawn after the due date. Proposals may be withdrawn prior to the due date either in person or by mail.

**COMPETITIVE PROPOSAL EVALUATION SYSTEM
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES (FEE ACCOUNTANT)**

Name/Address of Respondent _____

- 1) Demonstrated experience and competence in GAAP Accounting (0-10 points) _____
- 2) Demonstrated experience with New Jersey PHAs (0-20 points) _____
- 3) Familiarity with HUD rules and regulations and New Jersey rules and regulations applicable to PHA Accounting (0-20 points) _____
- 4) Capability and capacity to accomplish quality work within the required time period (0-20 points) _____
- 6) References from current or former clients, particularly Housing Authorities (0-10 points) _____
- 7) Price (0-20 points) _____

TOTAL POINT SCORE: _____
(0-100 points)

Name of Scorer: _____

Date of Scoring: _____

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990
Equal Opportunity for Individuals with Disability

The contractor and the Housing Authority of the Town of Guttenberg, (hereafter "owner") do hereby agree that the provisions of Title 11 of the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990 (the "Act") (42 *U.S.C.* *SI21 01* et seq.), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability by public entities in all services, programs, and activities provided or made available by public entities, and the rules and regulations promulgated pursuant there unto, are made a part of this contract. In providing any aid, benefit, or service on behalf of the owner pursuant to this contract, the contractor agrees that the performance shall be in strict compliance with the Act. In the event that the contractor, its agents, servants, employees, or subcontractors violate or are alleged to have violated the Act during the performance of this contract, the contractor shall defend the owner in any action or administrative proceeding commenced pursuant to this Act. The contractor shall indemnify, protect, and save harmless the owner, its agents, servants, and employees from and against any and all suits, claims, losses, demands, or damages, of whatever kind or nature arising out of or claimed to arise out of the alleged violation. The contractor shall, at its own expense, appear, defend, and pay any and all charges for legal services and any and all costs and other expenses arising from such action or administrative proceeding or incurred in connection therewith. In any and all complaints brought pursuant to the owner's grievance procedure, the contractor agrees to abide by any decision of the owner which is rendered pursuant to said grievance procedure. If any action or administrative proceeding results in an award of damages against the owner, or if the owner incurs any expense to cure a violation of the ADA which has been brought pursuant to its grievance procedure, the contractor shall satisfy and discharge the same at its own expense.

The owner shall, as soon as practicable after a claim has been made against it, give written notice thereof to the contractor along with full and complete particulars of the claim. If any action or administrative proceeding is brought against the owner or any of its agents, servants, and employees, the *owner shall* expeditiously forward or have forwarded to the contractor every demand, complaint, notice, summons, pleading, or other process received by the owner or its representatives.

It is expressly agreed and understood that any approval by the owner of the services provided by the contractor pursuant to this contract will not relieve the contractor of the obligation to comply with the Act and to defend, indemnify, protect, and save harmless the owner pursuant to this paragraph.

It is further agreed and understood that the owner assumes no obligation to indemnify or save harmless the contractor, its agents, servants, employees and subcontractors for any claim which may arise out of their performance of this Agreement. Furthermore, the contractor expressly understands and agrees that the provisions of this indemnification clause shall in no way limit the contractor's obligations assumed in this Agreement, nor shall they be construed to relieve the contractor from any liability, nor preclude the owner from taking any other actions available to it under any other provisions of the Agreement or otherwise at law.

MANDATORY AFFIRMATIVE ACTION LANGUAGE
N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 and N.J.A.C. 17:27
(MANDATORY EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY LANGUAGE)
Goods, Professional Service and General Service Contracts

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 county 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.

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 and its subcontractors shall furnish such reports or other documents to the Division of Contract Compliance and EEO as may be requested by the office 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 _____

I, _____ residing in _____
(name of affiant) (name of municipality)
in the County of _____ and State of _____ of
full age, being duly sworn according to law on my oath depose and say that:

I am _____ of the firm of _____,
(title or position) (name of firm)
the respondent submitting this Proposal in response to the Request for Proposals entitled
_____, and that I execute said proposal with full authority
(title of Request for Proposal)

to do so, that said respondent has not, directly or indirectly entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free, competitive contracting in connection with the above named project; and that all statements contained in said proposal and in this affidavit are true and correct, and made with full knowledge that the Guttenberg Housing Authority 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 project.

I further warrant that no person or selling agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure such contract upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee, except bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial or selling agencies maintained by _____.

Signature of Respondent: _____ Date: _____

Subscribed and sworn before me this ____ day of
_____, 2021

(Notary Public)

STATEMENT OF CORPORATE OWNERSHIP

Name of Business _____

- 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

- 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:

- Partnership Limited Liability Corporation Corporation Sole Proprietorship
 Limited Partnership Limited Liability Partnership Subchapter S Corporation

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

Stockholders:

Name: _____
Home Address: _____

% of Ownership: _____

Name: _____
Home Address: _____

% of Ownership: _____

Name: _____
Home Address: _____

% of Ownership: _____

Name: _____
Home Address: _____

% of Ownership: _____

Signature of Respondent: _____ Date: _____

Subscribed and sworn before me this ____ day of _____, 2021

(Notary Public)

**CERTIFICATION REGARDING NON-DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION,
INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION**

- (1) The prospective primary participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:
- (a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or Voluntarily excluded by any Federal department or agency;
 - (b) Have not within a three year period preceding the effective date of this contract been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against me or _____
(Company Name)
for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
 - (c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a Government entity (Federal, State or Local) with commission of any of the offenses Enumerated in paragraph (1) (b) of this certification; and
 - (d) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State or local) terminated for cause or default.
- (2) Where the prospective primary participant is unable to certify to any of these statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

Signature of Respondent: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name/Title: _____

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION COMPLIANCE NOTICE
N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 AND N.J.A.C. 17:27

GOODS AND SERVICES CONTRACTS
(INCLUDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES)

This form is a summary of the successful respondent's requirement to comply with the requirements of
N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 and N.J.A.C. 17:27-1 et seq.

The successful respondent shall submit to the public agency, after notification of award but prior to execution of this contract, one of the following three documents as forms of evidence:

- (a) A photocopy of a valid letter that the contractor is operating under and existing Federally approved or sanctioned affirmative action program (good for one year from the date of the letter);

OR

- (b) A photocopy of a Certificate of Employee Information Report approval, issued in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-4;

OR

- (c) A photocopy of an Employee Information Report (Form AA302) provided by Division and distributed to the public agency to be completed by the contractor in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-4.

The successful vendor may obtain the Affirmative Action Employee Information Report (AA302) from the contracting unit during normal business hours.

The successor vendor(s) must submit the copies of the AA 302 Report to the Division of Contract Compliance and Equal Employment Opportunity in Public Contracts (Division). The Public Agency copy is submitted to the public agency, and the vendor copy is retained by the vendor.

The undersigned vendor certifies that he/she is aware of the commitment to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 and N.J.A.C. 17:27.1 et seq. and agrees to furnish the required forms of evidence.

The undersigned vendor further understands that his/her proposal shall be rejected as non-responsive if said contractor fails to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 and N.J.A.C. 17:27-1, et seq.

COMPANY: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

PRINT NAME: _____ TITLE: _____

DATE: _____

PROPOSAL DOCUMENT CHECKLIST

Submission Requirement	Initial each required entry and if required submit the item
Two Originals of Entire Proposal	
Support for Qualifications	
Support for Evaluation Factors	
References and Resumes	
Statement of Corporate Ownership	
Non-Collusion Affidavit	
Certification Regarding Non-Debarment	
Form HUD-5369-C	
Affirmative Action Compliance Notice and Documentation	
Valid State of NJ Business Registration Certificate	
Certificate of Insurance	

AGREEMENT FOR FEE ACCOUNTING SERVICES

This agreement made and entered into the _____ day of _____, 2021 by and between the Guttenberg Housing Authority, hereafter called "GHA" and _____, C.P.A. hereafter called the "Accountant",

Whereas, the GHA desires to retain and employ said Accountant in matters connected to the establishment and maintenance of the accounting books and records;

Whereas, said Accountant desires to accept the position of accountant for the GHA in matters connected to the establishment and maintenance of the accounting books and records for the one year period beginning April 1, 2021 and ending March 31, 2022;

Now, therefore, in consideration of the foregoing, it is mutually agreed between the parties hereto as follows:

1. That the Guttenberg Housing Authority hereby retains the Accountant in matters concerning the establishment and maintenance of the accounting books and records, including the monthly postings to the general ledger. The books will be maintained in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and the classification and description of accounts as prescribed by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD").
2. That the said Accountant shall:
 - a. Attend meetings of GHA when requested.
 - b. Prepare the operating budgets and revisions, if applicable, of GHA.
 - c. Prepare year-end financial statements.
 - d. Prepare COMP Grant ledger as required.
 - e. Prepare monthly reconciliations of bank accounts.
 - f. Prepare applicable work papers for independent audit.
 - g. Prepare monthly financial reports for Board meeting as directed.
 - h. Prepare quarterly and year-end payroll tax returns.
 - I. Review monthly tenant analytical reports and reconcile them to the general ledger.
 - j. Meet and advise staff on HUD rules and regulations.
 - k. Perform other accounting work as directed.
3. That the said GHA shall pay the Accountant for the services listed above in the sum of \$ _____ for the period covering _____ through _____. Said compensation will be paid monthly at a fee of \$ _____.
4. The parties hereto expressly agree that this Contract shall not be deemed to create an employer-employee relationship between GHA and the Firm respectively, and no rights or privileges of an employee of GHA shall inure to the Firm.

5. The Contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of New Jersey.
6. The GHA can cancel this contract with four (4) weeks' notice.
7. This instrument contains the entire agreement of the parties. This instrument may not be changed orally, but only by an agreement in writing signed by the party against whom enforcement of any waiver, change, modification, extension or discharge is sought.

THIS AGREEMENT shall extend to and be binding upon the successors and assigns of the Housing Authority of the Town of Guttenberg.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto set their hands and seals this _____ day of _____, _____.

Ruddys Andrade, Executive Director
Guttenberg Housing Authority

(Accountant)