

City of Union City

Request for Proposals from Individuals Interested in Providing Recording and Transcription Services for the Union City Boards for the Period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018

Introduction

Pursuant to the Fair and Open Process described under N.J.S.A. 19:44A-1, et seq., the City seeks proposals from individuals who wish to provide recording and transcription services, as directed by the Corporation Counsel, the Board of Commissioners or other appropriate official within the City for a contract period beginning on or after July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018. The position may also be subject to Department of Community approval. The successful applicant must have significant experience with recording and transcription services. If awarded a contract, the individual/company shall be required to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:27. The successful applicant will engage in/be responsible for, but not be limited to, the following activities:

1. Shall record and transcribe regularly scheduled sessions and special meetings as scheduled of the Union City Board of Commissioners, Union City Zoning Board, Union City Planning Board and Union City Redevelopment Agency. A list of the regularly scheduled meetings is attached. The schedule of these meetings is subject to change.

The aforesaid times are approximate and may change subject to the board calendar. The recording monitor must attend the complete meeting.

In the event of vacation or unavailability, the recording monitor is permitted to utilize a substitute for a limited period, with the approval of the appropriate board.

The Recording monitor SHALL:

1. Set up and record of each meeting. The recording monitor shall provide equipment necessary to record each meeting. This equipment shall use multi track recorders, or its equivalent, four channels with independent microphones and recording tapes provided by the Consultant. The Consultant shall provide the transcript of the meeting as requested by the specific Board.
2. Any other service necessary to record and transcribe the meetings for the City of Union City.

3. The Consultant shall be required to travel to the various locations throughout the City of Union City as set by the annual meeting schedule, as amended, and accommodate any changes in venue or schedule as may be required by the City.
4. Proceedings shall be logged for speaker identification and changes.
5. Condition of recording environment and sound recording quality shall be monitored throughout proceedings.
6. The Consultant shall have the ability to transcribe tape recorded on a Sony BM 246 Recorder with four channel, independent microphones or Liberty Court Recorder (Version 6.3) Digital Recording System or equivalent. Consultant shall supply recording tapes.
7. The Consultant shall produce the verbatim transcript from current and previous years meeting tapes with the provision that the contract amount not be exceeded.
8. The Consultant shall provide the City with copies of recording as requested and verify that all tapes are kept in compliance with New Jersey Division of Archival Record Standards.
9. The vendor shall provide monthly billing statements that include a brief statement showing the original amount of the Contract, any increases established by amendment to the Contract, the amount previously billed under the Contract, and the total amount of unbilled funds remaining available under the Contract, and the total amount of unbilled funds remaining available under the Contract after deduction of the most recent amount billed. A copy of each billing statement shall be made available to the State Fiscal Oversight Officer upon request.

Professional Information and Qualifications

Copies of this standardized submission requirements and selection criteria are on file and available from the Office of the City Clerk. Each interested candidate shall submit the following information:

1. Name of firm or individual;
2. Address of principal place of business and all other offices and corresponding telephone and fax numbers. Please note specifically which recording monitor will be assigned to work with the City;

3. Description of candidate's education, experience, qualifications, number of years with the firm and a description of their experience with projects similar to those described above;
4. Experience related to providing recording and transcription services for other public entities;
5. At least four (4) references, three (3) of which must have knowledge of your service to public entities;
6. The candidate's ability to provide the services in a timely fashion (including staffing, familiarity and location of key staff);
7. Cost details of attendance of a monitor at each meeting for three (3) hours including set up time and overtime per hour, verbatim transcript per page(regular turnaround), expedited transcription per page, daily copy turnaround per page, electronic disc, duplication of tapes per tape, reformatting of tapes per tape and any other cost associated with the performance of this service in its entirety; and
8. Any other information which the interested firm deems relevant;
9. Statement of corporate ownership (c.52:25-24.2);
10. Each candidate shall submit proof of business registration with the New Jersey Division of Taxation (P.L.2004 c. 57);
11. Disclosure of Investment Activities in Iran Form (c. 52:32-55, et seq.); and
12. Statement, see attached, executed by a corporate officer, member, partner, or sole proprietor, certifying that there are no prior or pending ethics complaints against them or their company.

Selection Criteria

The selection criteria used in awarding a contract for professional services as described herein shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Education, as described in the recording and transcription services.
2. Experience, as described in the recording and transcription services job description.
3. Professional and personal references.
4. Requested costs for services.

Submission Requirements

Sealed proposals and a list of references will be publically opened by the Union City Clerk in his offices at Union City Hall, 3715 Palisade Ave., Union City at 11:15 a.m. on June 20, 2017. Proposals must be received no later than 3:45 p.m. on June 19, 2017 by:

Erin Knoedler, Deputy City Clerk
City of Union City
3715 Palisade Avenue
Union City, New Jersey 07087

Please submit one original and two (2) copies of your proposal on white 8 ½ "x 11" paper and one list of your references.

STATEMENT CONCERNING ETHICS COMPLAINTS

I, _____, of full age and to the best of my knowledge and belief, as of the date of this Certification, hereby certify as follows:

1. I am the _____ in connection with the firm, entity, partnership, sole proprietorship which entity is submitting this proposal to the City of Union City.

2. I am aware of no prior or pending ethics complaints against myself or any firm or entity.

I hereby certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

Dated: _____

By: _____

Print Name: _____

STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP DISCLOSURE

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 completed, certified to, and included with all bid and proposal submissions. Failure to submit the required information is cause for automatic rejection of the bid or proposal.

Name of Organization: _____

Organization

Address: _____

Part I Check the box that represents the type of business organization:

- Sole Proprietorship (skip Parts II and III, execute certification in Part IV)
- Non-Profit Corporation (skip Parts II and III, execute certification in Part IV)
- For-Profit Corporation (any type) Limited Liability Company (LLC)
- Partnership Limited Partnership Limited Liability Partnership (LLP)
- Other (be specific): _____

Part II

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. **(COMPLETE THE LIST BELOW IN THIS SECTION)**

OR

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 no member in the limited liability company owns a 10 percent or greater interest therein, as the case may be. **(SKIP TO PART IV)**

(Please attach additional sheets if more space is needed):

Name of Individual or Business Entity	Home Address (for Individuals) or Business Address

Part III DISCLOSURE OF 10% OR GREATER OWNERSHIP IN THE STOCKHOLDERS, PARTNERS OR LLC MEMBERS LISTED IN PART II

If a bidder has a direct or indirect parent entity which is publicly traded, and any person holds a 10 percent or greater beneficial interest in the publicly traded parent entity as of the last annual federal Security and Exchange Commission (SEC) or foreign equivalent filing, ownership disclosure can be met by providing links to the website(s) containing the last annual filing(s) with the federal Securities and Exchange Commission (or foreign equivalent) that contain the name and address of each person holding a 10% or greater beneficial interest in the publicly traded parent entity, along with the relevant page numbers of the filing(s) that contain the information on each such person. **Attach additional sheets if more space is needed.**

Website (URL) containing the last annual SEC (or foreign equivalent) filing	Page #'s

Please list the names and addresses of each stockholder, partner or member owning a 10 percent or greater interest in any corresponding corporation, partnership and/or limited liability company (LLC) listed in Part II **other than for any publicly traded parent entities referenced above.** 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 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:25-24.2 has been listed. **Attach additional sheets if more space is needed.**

Stockholder/Partner/Member and Corresponding Entity Listed in Part II	Home Address (for Individuals) or Business Address

Part IV Certification

I, being duly sworn upon my oath, hereby represent that the foregoing information and any attachments thereto to the best of my knowledge are true and complete. I acknowledge: that I am authorized to execute this certification on behalf of the bidder/proposer; that the City of Union City is relying on the information contained herein and that I am under a continuing obligation from the date of this certification through the completion of any contracts with City to notify City in writing of any changes to the information contained herein; that I am aware that it is a criminal offense to make a false statement or misrepresentation in this certification, and if I do so, I am subject to criminal prosecution under the law and that it will constitute a material breach of my agreement(s) with the, permitting the City of Union City to declare any contract(s) resulting from this certification void and unenforceable.

Full Name (Print):		Title:	
Signature:		Date:	

**THE
DISCLOSURE OF INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES IN IRAN
PART 1: CERTIFICATION
BIDDERS MUST COMPLETE PART 1 BY CHECKING EITHER BOX.**

FAILURE TO CHECK EITHER BOX WILL RENDER THE PROPOSAL NON-RESPONSIVE.

Pursuant to Public Law 2012, c. 25, any person or entity that submits a bid or proposal or otherwise proposes to enter into or renew a contract must complete the certification below to attest, under penalty of perjury, that neither the person or entity, nor any of its parents, subsidiaries, or affiliates, is identified on the Department of Treasury's Chapter 25 list as a person or entity engaging in investment activities in Iran. The Chapter 25 list is found on the Division's website at <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/pdf/Chapter25List.pdf>. Bidders **must** review this list prior to completing the below certification. **Failure to complete the certification will render a bidder's proposal non-responsive.** If the Director finds a person or entity to be in violation of law, s/he shall take 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.

PLEASE CHECK EITHER BOX:

I certify, pursuant to Public Law 2012, c. 25, that neither the person/entity listed above nor any of the entity's parents, subsidiaries, or affiliates is listed on the N.J. Department of the Treasury's list of entities determined to be engaged in prohibited activities in Iran pursuant to P.L. 2012, c. 25 ("Chapter 25 List"). I further certify that I am the person listed above, or I am an officer or representative of the entity listed above and am authorized to make this certification on its behalf. **I will skip Part 2 and sign and complete the Certification**

OR

I am unable to certify as above because I or the bidding entity and/or one or more of its parents, subsidiaries, or affiliates is listed on the Department's Chapter 25 list. I will provide a detailed, accurate and precise description of the activities in Part 2 below and sign and complete the Certification below. Failure to provide such will result in the proposal being rendered as non-responsive and appropriate penalties, fines and/or sanctions will be assessed as provided by law.

Part 2

PLEASE PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION RELATED TO INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES IN IRAN

You must provide a detailed, accurate and precise description of the activities of the bidding person/entity, or one of its parents, subsidiaries or affiliates, engaging in the investment activities in Iran outlined above by completing the boxes below.

PROVIDE INFORMATION RELATIVE TO THE ABOVE QUESTIONS. PLEASE PROVIDE THOROUGH ANSWERS TO EACH QUESTION. IF YOU NEED TO MAKE ADDITIONAL ENTRIES, USE ADDITIONAL PAGES

Name: _____

Relationship to
Bidder/Vendor: _____

Description of Activities:

Duration of Engagement: _____ Anticipated Cessation Date _____

Bidder/Vendor _____

Contact Name: _____ Contact Phone Number: _____

Certification: I, being duly sworn upon my oath, hereby represent and state that the foregoing information and any attachments thereto to the best of my knowledge are true and complete. I attest that I am authorized to execute this certification on behalf of the below-referenced person or entity. I acknowledge that the City of Union City is relying on the information contained herein and thereby acknowledge that I am under a continuing obligation from the date of this certification through the completion of contracts with the City to notify the City in writing of any changes to the answers of information contained herein. I acknowledge that I am aware that it is a criminal offense to make a false statement or misrepresentation in this certification, and if I do so, I recognize that I am subject to criminal prosecution under the law and that it will also constitute a material breach of

my agreements(s) with the City of Union City and that the City at its option may declare any contract(s) resulting from this certification void and unenforceable.

Full Name (Print): _____ Signature: _____

Title: _____ Date: _____

Bidder/Vendor: _____