

November 15, 2024

To: ALL QUALIFIED FIRMS

Subject: REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
MULTI-PROJECT SOLICITATION

ORDER FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES No. A4128
2025-2028 INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE AUTHORITY BRIDGE INSPECTION PROGRAM
MAJOR BRIDGES – GROUP 1

And

ORDER FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES No. A4129
2025-2028 INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE AUTHORITY BRIDGE INSPECTION PROGRAM
MAJOR BRIDGES – GROUP 2

AND

ORDER FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES No. T4130
2025-2028 INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE AUTHORITY BRIDGE INSPECTION PROGRAM
MAJOR BRIDGES – GROUP 3

Enclosed herewith is a Multi-project Request for Expressions of Interest ("RFEOI") by the New Jersey Turnpike Authority ("Authority") for professional engineering services required for three (3) Orders for Professional Services Agreements. OPS Nos. A4128, A4129, and T4130 will consist of condition inspection and evaluation; report preparation; FHWA Element Level Inspection data collection; FHWA Structure Inventory and Appraisal Form updates; use of Bentley's AssetWise Inspections proprietary software for inspection report/format; and other related work for 12 major bridges located in the central/southern region of both the Turnpike and Parkway roadways (Major Bridge Group 1), 11 major bridges located in the central/northern region of both the Turnpike and Parkway roadways (Major Bridge Group 2), and 14 major bridges located in the northern region of the Turnpike (Major Bridge Group 3) as required to comply with National Bridge Inspection Standards (NBIS) mandates, and other related work defined in the RFEOI's Scope of Services. This multi-project solicitation is being procured in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:9-2.8(b), these Order for Professional Services ("OPS") are considered Complex procurements.

It is the Authority's intent to engage the services of three (3) firms through this multi-project solicitation, one for OPS No. A4128, one for OPS No. A4129, and one for OPS No. T4130. **The Qualified Firms shall convey their understanding of the Authority's needs, scope of work and express their approach and provide staffing estimates for all OPS assignments (see Page 4 Firm Selection).**

To be considered as eligible and qualified to submit an Expression of Interest ("EOI") for the professional engineering services being solicited in this multi-project RFEOI, a Firm must be prequalified in the following Profile Code:

Profile Code	Description
D280C	Bridges – NBIS Program, Complex

A Qualified Firm, eligible to submit an EOI for this multi-project RFEOI solicitation, is one that has a **current approved** "Professional Service Prequalification Questionnaire" ("PSPQ") package on file with the Authority at the time of EOI submission. A current PSPQ is one that has been approved and on file with the Authority for no more than 24 months, or in certain cases for no more than 12 months.

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Prequalification is not required for subconsultants. Prequalification is required for Joint Ventures.

A list of Qualified Firms eligible to submit an EOI for the above referenced assignments is attached (See Attachment B(B4)). *Joint Ventures (*Qualified Firms interested in submitting an EOI as a Joint Venture **must be prequalified as a Joint Venture** with the Authority) that meet all Profile Code requirements are also eligible to submit an EOI.

The Authority is seeking participation of Small Business Enterprises (SBEs) as subconsultants to the Successful Qualified Firm ("Firm") that is awarded a contract under this RFEOI. The SBE project goal is 25%. The Authority has also adopted a Disabled Veteran Owned Business (DVOB) Enterprise Program (the "DVOB Program") pursuant to which the Successful Qualified Firm must make a good faith effort to award at least three (3) percent of the assignment to DVOBs, all as more fully described in this RFEOI. See Attachment C(C12), "Small Business Enterprise/Disabled Veteran-Owned Business Programs".

All submittals required pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.13 to 20.25 (P.L. 2005, c.51), N.J.S.A. 19:44-20.26 (P.L. 2005, c.271s.2), P.L. 2023, c.30 (The Elections Transparency Act) and Executive Order 333 (2023 Murphy) will be requested from the Firms only. The relevant forms will be transmitted to each Firm by the Authority and are to be returned to the Authority within five (5) business days from receipt.

The following attachments are incorporated into and made part of the RFEOI:

- ATTACHMENT A: Expression of Interest Submission Requirements (A1)
- ATTACHMENT B: Standard Information (B1 through B4).
- ATTACHMENT C: Standard Supplemental Information and Forms (C1 through C13(m)).
- ATTACHMENT D: N.J.A.C. 19:9-2.8 Procedures for Prequalification and Award of Contracts for Architectural, Engineering and Land Surveying Services.

STAFF QUALIFICATIONS

It will be the Firm's responsibility to ensure that the project is fully and adequately staffed for the successful completion of the project.

Key project personnel shall possess relevant training and experience demonstrating successful completion of effective scheduling for National Bridge Inspection Standard (NBIS) inspection of large groups of routine bridges and/or ancillary highways structures and report submittals. Project Managers, Team Leaders, Assistant Team Leaders, Load Rating Engineers, Load Rating Reviewers, and Quality Control Engineers must meet the requirements outlined in the "Qualifications of Key Bridge Inspection Personnel" document on the Authority's website at <http://www.njta.com/doing-business/njta-bridge-inspect-program> under the heading "Bridge Inspection Program" and as summarized on the NJTA Bridge Inspection Qualification Summary Form and the Consultant Qualification Form (QAF3 Form). The QAF3 form is included within Appendix A of the NJTA Bridge Inspection Program Quality Management Plan. These factors will be critical elements in the selection process.

A completed NJTA Bridge Inspection Qualification Summary Form detailing certifications of proposed staff shall be submitted within the EOI. A copy of this form will be available via the Authority's Secure File Sharing Site.

A description of services being solicited by this RFEOI can be found in Attachment B(B2), "Scope of Services".

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MULTI-PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The scope of work encompasses the New Jersey Turnpike Authority's Major Bridge Inspection Program which involves biennial inspection of 25 major bridges on the New Jersey Turnpike and 12 major bridges on the Garden State Parkway. Since the previous cycle inspection assignments, these 37 bridges have been reallocated in Major Bridge Groups 1, 2, and 3. The 12 structures comprising Major Bridge Group 1 are largely located in the central/southern region of both the Turnpike and Parkway roadways, and the 11 structures comprising Major Bridge Group 2 are located in the central/northern region of both the Turnpike and Parkway roadways, and the 14 structures comprising Major Group 3 are largely located in the northern region of the Turnpike. This Request for Expressions of Interest (RFEOI) is for Major Bridge Groups 1, 2, and 3.

These OPS' require the preparation of draft and final inspection reports, data collection and input by using Bentley's proprietary software for FHWA element level inspection, updating of FHWA Specifications for the National Bridge Inventory (SNBI) Forms, and other related work defined in the Scope of Services. See Attachment B, Subsection B2 for the lists and schedules of bridges to be inspected for each Group.

The Authority will utilize a Secure File Sharing site ("Kiteworks") to share with and receive information from the Qualified Firms. Access to Kiteworks will be provided to the Qualified Firms via e-mail. Reference materials (*preliminary plans, studies, reports, etc.*) for this RFEOI will be made available for review in the "Reference Materials" folder.

If there are any questions or issues related to Kiteworks, please contact Jennifer Romero via e-mail at jromero@njta.com. The subject line should read "OPS Nos. A4128, A4129 and T4130, Kiteworks Information".

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Qualified Firms that are interested in being considered to perform these services as specified in the Multi-Project RFEOI, must submit a total of **five (5)** copies of their EOIs no later than **10:00 AM on Thursday, December 5, 2024** as follows: **One (1) PDF** copy uploaded to the "EOI" folder in Kiteworks and in accordance with the following naming convention: "OPS Nos. A4128, A4129, and T4130-EOI-[Firm Name]"; and **four (4) hard copies** (one (1) original with cover clearly marked "**Original**" and three (3) copies) of the EOI shall be delivered to the Authority's Headquarters with the package clearly labeled with the Qualified Firm's name and the words, "EOI - OPS Nos. A4128, A4129, and T4130", no later than the date and time referenced above. **Late submissions will not be considered** and will be returned unopened.

Expressions of Interest received by the date and time specified above, will be publicly opened by conference call only. Conference call details will be made available on the Authority's website at <https://www.njta.com/doing-business/current-solicitations>.

For anyone who wishes to participate, conference call access shall be open five (5) minutes prior to the time specified and shall remain open until all submitted proposer firm names have been read.

Expressions of Interest shall be delivered/addressed as follows:

Hand or Overnight Delivery

New Jersey Turnpike Authority
1 Turnpike Plaza
Woodbridge, NJ 07095
Attn: Engineering Department
Structures Section
Oleem O'Garro, P.E., Project Engineer

U.S. Mail

New Jersey Turnpike Authority
P.O. Box 5042
Woodbridge, NJ 07095-5042
Attn: Engineering Department
Structures Section
Oleem O'Garro, P.E., Project Engineer

INQUIRIES

Inquiries pertaining to this multi-project RFEOI are to be directed in writing to Oleem O'Garro, P.E., via e-mail at ogarro@njta.com with a copy to Maria Santiago via email to santiago@njta.com. The subject line should read "OPS Nos. A4128, A4129, and T4130 - EOI Inquiry". **The deadline for inquiries is Thursday, November 21, 2024.** The Authority will respond to all written inquiries received by the deadline. Each inquiry will be stated, and a written response provided. **Responses will be posted on the Authority's website under Doing Business/Current Solicitations on or before November 25, 2024.**

Qualified Firms will be responsible for submitting its EOI in accordance with this RFEOI and any modifications, revisions, and/or clarifications to this RFEOI, as may be issued by the Authority.

Professional services are required from three (3) eligible firms, one for OPS No. A4128, one for OPS No. A4129, and one for OPS No. T4130.

FIRM SELECTION

Upon receipt of the EOIs for this multi-project solicitation, and in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:9-2.8(e), the Authority will review each Qualified Firm's submission for completeness and shall reject those EOIs that are incomplete. The Authority shall notify all Firms whose EOIs are determined to be incomplete in writing.

Once the EOIs have been evaluated for completeness, the Authority will create a list of Firms that shall receive the Request for Technical and Sealed Fee Proposals. ("RFP") for each OPS identified in this multi-project solicitation. A Review Committee will evaluate the technical qualifications and experience of each Firm and its project team and will rank the Firms. The evaluation and ranking of the EOIs will serve as a method by which to create a list of Firms most highly qualified to perform the project, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:9-2.8(e), who will receive an RFP.

Negotiations will commence with the highest technically ranked firm for OPS No. T4130 and once complete, negotiations will commence with the second highest technically ranked firm for OPS No. A4129 and once complete, negotiations will commence with the third highest technically ranked firm for OPS No. A4128 in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:9-2(g).

The EOIs will be evaluated and ranked on the basis of numerical scores resulting from pre-established weighted factors. For this project, the rating factors and their relative weights are:

	RATING FACTORS	WEIGHT (%)	POINTS
1.	Experience of the Qualified Firm and its Subconsultants on Similar Projects	15	45
2.	Experience of the Project Manager on Similar Projects	15	45
3.	Key Personnel's Qualifications and Relevant Experience	15	45
4.	Understanding of the Project and the Authority's Needs, and Reasonableness of Staffing Estimate	15	45
5.	Approach and Methodology in Performing the Services Required	15	45
6.	Commitment and Ability to Perform the Project and Outstanding Work	10	30
7.	Commitment to Quality Management	10	30
8.	Attainment of DVOB and SBE Participation Goals	5	15
		100%	300

RATING FACTORS (to be summarized in the Letter of Interest):

1. Experience of the Qualified Firm and its Subconsultants on Similar Projects

The Qualified Firm shall provide information on past projects that demonstrates its performance of services similar to those required for this assignment. Each project listed shall include a brief description of the project scope performed by the Qualified Firm and its relevance to the proposed assignment. It shall identify the Qualified Firm's office(s) from which the work was performed, the date (time frame) the services were performed, magnitude and cost of the project, as well as contact/reference information for each project listed.

The Qualified Firm is required to submit a completed Recent Project Experience Form listing all projects, with the Authority as well as referenced clients provided in the letter of interest, on which the Qualified Firm is currently working, or that have been completed (closed out) within the previous three (3) year period. A separate form shall be provided for the Qualified Firm and for each subconsultant.

2. Experience of the Project Manager on Similar Projects

The Qualified Firm shall identify the Project Manager that will be assigned to the project and identify the individual's education, credentials, and work experience. The Qualified Firm should discuss the proposed Project Manager's experience and its application to the assignment. The Qualified Firm shall review the criteria set forth by the Authority in the RFEI in consideration of the person proposed for the assignment. If the Qualified Firm is proposing an individual with credentials considerably different than those identified by the Authority, the Qualified Firm must explain its rationale and identify/demonstrate the benefit the individual brings to the assignment.

The submitted resume of the proposed Project Manager, shall be clear, dated and detailed to the related assignment experience. References shall be furnished for each project listed (include date when work performed and relevance to subject assignment and at least one contact name and phone number for each project). Unless otherwise noted, the Project Manager shall be a licensed Professional Engineer.

3. Key Personnel's Qualifications and Relevant Experience

The Qualified Firm shall identify the Team Leaders and/or other key personnel that will be assigned to the project and their role and responsibilities specific to the assignment. Information concerning their education, credentials and work experience should be provided along with contact/reference information. The Qualified Firm shall discuss the individuals proposed for the assignment and identify how their education, credentials and work experience are applicable to their role on the assignment.

The submitted resumes of proposed key personnel shall be clear, dated and detailed to the related assignment experience. References shall be furnished for each project listed (include at least one contact name and phone number for each project).

A completed NJTA Bridge Inspection Qualification Summary form detailing certifications of proposed staff shall be submitted. A copy of this form will be available via the Authority's Secure File Sharing Site.

4. Understanding of the Project and the Authority's Needs, and Reasonableness of Staffing Estimate

Provide an explanation of the Qualified Firm's understanding of the project and Authority's needs required for the successful completion of the assignment. Provide a summary of the Qualified Firm's qualifications, and state how they relate to the Qualified Firm's ability to provide the requested services. Through a submitted organizational chart and resumes, identify the person(s), or subconsultant(s), responsible for each division of the assignment and their relevant experience.

a. Understanding of the Projects

The Qualified Firm shall provide information to demonstrate that it fully understands the overall objective of the project and why the Authority is undertaking the assignment. This may include discussions providing background information on the need for the project, its effect on the Authority's facilities, and impact on the overall transportation network. Qualified Firms should demonstrate specific first-hand knowledge of the location affected by the project and the long-term effects the project has on the Authority, its patrons, or other relevant issues.

b. Understanding of the Authority's Needs

The Qualified Firm shall demonstrate that it fully understands the needs of the Authority as it relates to the specific scope-of-work identified in the RFEOI. The Qualified Firm must confirm the deliverables and the schedule for design and construction associated with project specific deliverables. The Qualified Firm should also discuss project management items, including deliverables such as submittal of wage rate approvals and invoicing.

c. Reasonableness of Staffing Estimate

The Qualified Firm shall demonstrate through an attached Staffing Estimate the workhours required for this assignment, including any work anticipated to be performed by subconsultants. The staffing schedule shall follow the guidelines set forth herein and sample in Attachment B(B3).

5. Approach and Methodology in Performing the Services Required

The Qualified Firm shall identify the major tasks comprising the project and describe in detail how they will be accomplished. Provide an explanation of the process the Qualified Firm will use to schedule, manage, and perform the required tasks within the scope of services and identify the key milestones and the project's critical path. The Qualified Firm shall identify key issues and potential problems and discuss alternatives and options which would lead to resolution. The Qualified Firm should discuss innovative concepts with cost benefits and/or accelerated project delivery, where applicable. The subconsultant roles, value to the team/project, and reporting relationship shall be clearly identified.

6. Commitment and Ability to Perform the Project and Outstanding Work with the Authority

The Qualified Firm shall identify its commitment and ability to complete the proposed work as well as any outstanding work they currently have with the Authority. The Qualified Firm shall provide an explanation of the anticipated project schedule and demonstrate that the Qualified Firm can commit the required staff resources and management to perform the assignment. A listing of the Qualified Firm's facilities, including the address of the office where the project will be performed, and how they relate to the Qualified Firm's ability to provide the requested services shall be provided.

a. Commitment and Ability to Perform the Project

The Qualified Firm shall discuss its commitment and availability of required staff for the assignment as shown on the completed "Commitments of Proposed Project Staff" and "Certification of Staff Availability" forms.

b. Outstanding Work

The Qualified Firm shall discuss its outstanding work as shown on the completed Disclosure Forms for the prime and all subconsultants. Information should be provided to demonstrate how this project may be impacted or affected by the existing workload of the Qualified Firms or its subconsultants. Outstanding Work shall be considered the sum of the Outstanding Work of the prime and subconsultants. No factors/weighting will be applied based on the percent of work assigned to the prime or subconsultants.

7. Commitment to Quality Management

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The Qualified Firm shall discuss its Commitment to Quality Management and Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC). The Qualified Firm shall provide a written narrative that describes the Qualified Firm's quality assurance policy and how it intends to implement a quality assurance program specifically for this assignment. The Qualified Firm shall identify credentialed QA/QC staff and the roles and working relationship with other staff members as part of the design process or construction phase.

8. Attainment of DVOB and SBE Participation Goals

The Qualified Firms agree to make a good faith effort to award at least three (3) percent of the assignment to those businesses that meet the requirements and have been registered by the Division of Revenue and Enterprise Services/Department of Treasury as a Disabled Veteran Owned Business Enterprise. Qualified Firms shall demonstrate how they will utilize DVOB Qualified Firms to achieve the 3% goal and add value to the project team.

The Qualified Firms also agree to make a good faith effort to award at least twenty-five (25) percent of the assignment to those businesses that meet the requirements and have been registered by the Division of Revenue and Enterprise Services/Department of the Treasury as a Small Business Enterprise.

Qualified Firms shall demonstrate how they will utilize SBE Qualified Firms to achieve the 25% goal and add value to the project team.

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The final OPS Agreement to be awarded and issued to each Successful Qualified Firm shall be in a form consistent with the Authority's Standard OPS Agreement for Complex projects (which is available on the Authority's website at: <https://www.njta.com/doing-business/ps-supplemental-forms>).

Very truly yours,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

Daniel L. Hesslein
Acting Chief Engineer

DH:OO:ms
Attachments

c: L. T. Malak
W. Wilson
Review Committee
File

ATTACHMENT A
Expressions of Interest Submission Requirements

Subsection No. and Title

A1. Expressions of Interest Submission Requirements

Subsection A1
Expression of Interest Submission Requirements

The EOI submission is limited to a maximum of **twelve (12)** pages. This page limitation does not include the documents listed in Items 3-8 below. Only 8.5X11 letter-sized pages are permitted unless otherwise noted below.

To be considered for these services, each Qualified Firm, must submit the following:

1. **Letter of Interest (5 pages):** Letter of Interest shall be limited to a total of five (5) single-sided, pages with 1-inch borders and a minimum 11-pt font size. The letter should state the Qualified Firm's interest, ability, and its commitment to complete the requested professional services listed in Attachment B(B2), "Scope of Services". Additionally, it should detail, in order, the Qualified Firm's ability to meet the eight (8) rating factors in the above-referenced "Firm Selection" section.

A brief transmittal letter is **excluded** from the above referenced page count.

2. **Resumes (up to 7 pages):** Each resume for the Project Manager, Key Personnel team members, and proposed subconsultants should be on one (1) single-sided page. Resumes should detail relevant experience, professional/technical qualifications, and include dates for each project listed.
3. **Organizational Chart:** An organizational chart displaying key project team members for all primary tasks, including subconsultants. Provide names, titles, and reporting relationships for all team members. An 11X17 fold out page is permitted.
4. A completed **NJTA Bridge Inspection Qualification Summary form** detailing certifications of proposed staff shall be submitted. A copy of this form will be available via the Authority's Secure File Sharing Site.
5. **Staffing Estimate:** The detailed staffing estimate for the work described herein shall include each task, by ASCE Grade/ Classification, along with an estimate of total hours. An 11x17 fold out page is permitted.
6. **Project Schedule:** A project schedule for this solicitation shall address the various tasks defined by the scope of services for this assignment. An 11X17 fold out page is permitted.
7. **Proposed Staff:** When proposing the same staff in multiple EOIs, the Qualified Firm must disclose one of the following:
 - a. A statement that all projects utilizing same staff will be completed on time and include the plan for how that will be accomplished;
 - b. A statement that the Qualified Firm voluntarily withdraws from consideration for one of the EOIs if the Authority is giving serious consideration to more than one EOI, or
 - c. Alternate staff resumes to be used by the Authority in evaluating EOIs if the Authority is giving serious consideration to more than one EOI.

The additional pages allowed shall include:

- i. An alternate Organizational Chart as permitted above showing key personnel names, position, title, and reporting relationships (Note: Organizational Chart is not included in the page count).
- ii. One (1) single-sided, letter-sized page resume for up to seven (7) alternative key project personnel stating relevant experience including dates of assignments and professional qualifications.

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- iii. Allowance for one (1) single-sided, letter-sized page, if necessary, to explain the Qualified Firm's modified approach to the project if it would be handled differently as a result of utilizing the alternate personnel.

Choosing option 7(c) above will add an additional eight (8) single-sided, letter-sized pages for alternate staff, thus increasing the maximum page allowance to twenty (20) pages (not including Items 3-6 above).

The Qualified Firm shall not include alternate staffing in their EOI unless they are required to do so in accordance with option 7(c) above. When appropriately included in the EOI, the proposed alternate staffing information shall be contained in a separate attachment of the EOI. It shall only be considered by the Authority in the scoring of the EOI, **if required**.

- 8. Completed **Required Forms** as set forth in Attachment C(C13), "Forms Required to be Submitted".

Pages in excess of the stated page limitations for each of the EOI criteria above will not be read or considered. If the EOI submitted is not in accordance with the specific provisions defined above, it shall be considered, non-responsive, incomplete and may be rejected.

ATTACHMENT B
Supplemental Information

Subsection No. and Title

- B1. OPS Procurement Schedule and Anticipated Project Schedule
- B2. Scope of Services
- B3. Staffing Estimate
- B4. Compensation Basis
- B5. Qualified and Eligible Firms

Subsection B1
OPS Procurement and Project Schedule

Request for Expressions of Interest Posted.....	November 15, 2024
Deadline for Written Inquiries.....	November 21, 2024
Posted Responses to Inquiries	November 25, 2024
Deadline for Submittal of Expressions of Interest	December 5, 2024
Request for Technical and Sealed Fee Proposals.....	December 19, 2024
Notice of Scheduled Oral Presentations	January 16, 2025
Oral Presentation, If Required.....	January 21, 2025
Recommendation to Award OPS	February 25, 2025

Anticipated OPS Schedule

Notice to Proceed for OPS Nos. A4128, A4129, and T4130.....	March 2025
Completion of Services for OPS Nos. A4128, A4129, and T4130	October 2029
Administration Project Closeout	November 2029

Subsection B2

Scope of Work

INTRODUCTION

New Jersey Turnpike Authority's Major Bridge Inspection Program involves biennial inspection of 25 major bridges on the New Jersey Turnpike (Turnpike) and 12 major bridges on the Garden State Parkway (Parkway). These 37 major bridges have been divided into Major Bridge Groups 1, 2, and 3. This Request for Expressions of Interest (RFEI) is for the bridges that are due for inspection in 2025 through 2028 in Major Bridge Groups 1, 2 and 3. The 12 bridges in Major Bridge Group 1 are located in the central/southern regions of both roadways, the 11 bridges in Major Bridge Group 2 are located in the central/northern regions of both roadways and consist primarily of Turnpike Bridges, and the 14 bridges in Major Bridge Group 3 are located in the northern region of the Turnpike.

GENERAL

1. All services provided by the Successful Qualified Firm shall be in strict conformance with Authority requirements and standards of quality as may be found in the Procedures Manual, Design Manual, Standard Drawings, Sample Design Plans, CADD Standards, and Standard and Supplemental Specifications, all of which are available on the Authority's website at www.njta.com.
2. The Successful Qualified Firm shall be responsible for the thorough understanding of the project requirements, including all applicable codes, environmental permits, and regulations for all aspects of this project. All design elements must be in full compliance with all applicable codes, regulations, and standards, and shall consider all technical guidelines available.
3. Any documents required to be submitted to the Authority for review and comment, in performance of the services, will not relieve the Successful Qualified Firm from its obligation to perform all services in accordance with proper engineering criteria and sound professional engineering in accordance with the relevant standard of care. The Authority's review and comment shall not be construed as a comprehensive or detailed review for purposes of verifying or validating such submissions or the Successful Qualified Firm's work product. The Successful Qualified Firm shall be solely responsible for all documents it prepares and shall remain responsible to ensure the integrity of its work, including that of its subconsultants.
4. Regulations and Guidelines to be followed, not limited to:
 - a. **New Jersey Turnpike Authority (NJTA)**
 - NJTA Standard Specifications 2016
 - Design Manual
 - Standard Drawings
 - Structural Repair Programs
 - Category A Repair Procedures
 - Authority Deficiency Category Definitions
 - Bridge Inspection Security Measures
 - AssetWise Inspections Help System
 - Manual for Traffic Control in Work Zones
 - NJTA Parapet Stenciling Procedures (current version).
 - LRFR Load Rating Manual (current version)
 - NJTA Bridge Inspection Program Quality Management Plan (current version)

b. Structure Nomenclature/Inspection Methodology

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

Culvert Inspection Manual, 1986, FHWA-IP-86-2

Bridge Inspector's Reference Manual BIRM (2022 NBIS)

Guidelines for the Installation, Inspection, Maintenance and Repair of Structural Supports for Highway Signs, Luminaries and Traffic Signals, March 2005

Inspection of Fracture Critical Bridge Members, 1986, FHWA-IP-86-26

National Bridge Inspection Standards, 23 CFR Part 650, January 2005

Specifications for the National Bridge Inventory, Publication No. FHWA-HIF-22-017, March 2022

American Association of State Highway/Transportation Officials (AASHTO)

Manual for Bridge Evaluation, 3rd Edition with 2019 Interims

Manual for Bridge Element Inspection

Roadside Design Guide, 1996

Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)

Commercial Diving Operations Standards, 29CFR Part 1910 Subpart T

New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT)

Bridge Element Inspection Manual, Revision 1, February 2015.

Underwater Inspection and Evaluation of NJ Bridges Guidelines Manual, June 1994 Edition with August 2008 Revisions.

c. Concrete Deficiencies

American Concrete Institute (ACI)

Guide for Conducting a Visual Inspection of Concrete in Service, 2008, ACI 201.1R-08

d. Steelwork/Paint Deficiencies

Steel Structures Painting Council (SSPC)

e. Structure Inventory and Appraisal

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

Specifications for the National Bridge Inventory, Publication No. FHWA-HIF-22-017, March 2022 w/ errata#1 03/24

New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT)

Recording and Coding Guide for Structure Inventory and Appraisal of New Jersey Bridges, 2003 Edition with May 2008 Interim Revisions

5. General Requirements and Conditions

- a. The Successful Qualified Firm shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Authority, its Commissioners, Directors, officers, employees and agents from liability of any nature or kind arising out of any act or omission of the Successful Qualified Firm or any person, firm or corporation employed by the Successful Qualified Firm in connection with the work.
- b. The Successful Qualified Firm shall not assign this OPS, sublet, or transfer any part of the work or obligations hereunder, without the prior written approval of the Authority.
- c. The Successful Qualified Firm shall comply with all Federal and State laws applicable for the work to be performed under this OPS.

- d. The Successful Qualified Firm shall obtain a traffic permit prior to performing any work on the Authority's Right of Way.
- e. The Successful Qualified Firm shall provide traffic control in accordance with the current edition of the New Jersey Turnpike Authority Manual for Traffic Control in Work Zones, for bridge inspection work along the New Jersey Turnpike and Garden State Parkway. The Successful Qualified Firm shall also provide traffic control on local and state roads in accordance with the governing agency's requirements. **The Successful Qualified Firm shall not rely exclusively on State Police-assisted slowdowns, and instead shall assume that availability for slowdowns will be limited. Under the Approach to the Project Section of the Expression of Interest, the Successful Qualified Firm shall include an estimate for the duration and quantity of shoulder and lane closings for this OPS.** No shoulder or lane closings on the Garden State Parkway or New Jersey Turnpike will be approved until the Successful Qualified Firm, its subconsultants, and its subcontractors view the "Traffic Control Safety Class Power Point Presentation" in lieu of the Traffic Safety Video that has been phased out and sign the Attendance Sheet. Reimbursement for furnishing traffic control devices and shoulder/lane closings will be made as a direct expense.

Traffic Control Coordinator (TCC) shall be required where lane and half ramp closings are to be installed by the Successful Qualified Firm, subconsultant or subcontractor as part of design or bridge inspection. A TCC will not be required for shoulder closings installed by the Successful Qualified Firm, vendor or the Authorities Maintenance Division of the Operations Department. Refer to Specifications Subparagraph 801.03(A)(6) for TCC requirements and certification which shall apply to design and bridge inspection tasks involving lane and half ramp closings.

- f. For bridge inspection work over active railroad lines (NJ Transit, Amtrak, PATH, Conrail, CSX, Norfolk Southern, Shared Assets, etc.) the Successful Qualified Firm shall have their Team Leaders and Inspectors complete safety training as required by the respective outside agency. The Successful Qualified Firm shall obtain railroad permits and flagging services necessary to access and perform inspections. For purposes of estimating the costs for permits, flagging, and inspection services, **the Successful Qualified Firm shall assume a value of \$80,000 for Group 2 and \$80,000 for Group 3**, unless upon review of all requirements it is expected to exceed these values. The estimated expense shall be listed separately in the Fee Proposal.
- g. Lane closings and daily shoulder closings necessary for the inspection work shall be provided and maintained by the Successful Qualified Firm, and shall conform to applicable Standard Drawings. Lane and shoulder closings may not be possible at all times due to conflicts with ongoing higher priority construction or maintenance work in certain areas. The Successful Qualified Firm shall utilize all available Maintenance and Contractor installed closings, where possible. This will require close coordination and contact with the Authority's Operations Department. Lane and shoulder closing requests, as well as slowdown requests, shall be submitted via the web-based application to the Authority (instructions will be provided to the Successful Qualified Firms at the kick-off meeting) one week in advance of the desired closings (by Monday, 12:00 PM), and shall conform to the Authority's Lane and Shoulder Closure Tables in the Manual for Traffic Control in Work Zones.
- h. Short duration shoulder closings necessary for the inspection work shall be provided and maintained by the Successful Qualified Firm. **Short duration shoulder closings shall be installed for a maximum duration of 60 minutes within a two-hour window, and are restricted to cursory top of deck surveys and underdeck and pier top inspections requiring a TMA.** Short duration shoulder closings shall conform to Standard Drawing No. TP-7.
- i. All inspection work shall be performed behind guide rail or other existing roadside barriers, where feasible. Where work must be conducted in a closed lane or shoulder, a truck mounted attenuator (TMA) shall be provided and placed preceding the work area in accordance with the current AASHTO Roadside Design Guide. For moving inspection operations which do not require the setup of equipment (ladders, snooters, etc.), TMAs will also be required. **The truck mounted attenuator shall be approved for Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware, Test Level 3 (MASH TL-3).** The truck shall be in excellent operating condition and have a minimum gross weight as required by its MASH TL-3 certification. The truck shall also be equipped with two large conspicuous overhead flashing lights. If supplied with an arrow board, only the "CAUTION" bar shall be illuminated. The top of the arrow board must be 13 feet 6 inches from the ground for either standalone arrow boards or TMA attached arrow boards. TMAs shall be provided by the Successful Qualified

Firm. A separate line item shall be provided in the Fee Proposal for the cost associated with furnishing the TMAs for the project and for fueling of the TMAs. For moving inspection operations, the TMA must be fitted with a "Shoulder Closed" sign that will not be obstructed or obstruct any oscillating lights or the arrow board panel. The Successful Qualified Firm will be required to provide a letter from the proposed rental company, which states that the TMAs supplied meet or exceed MASH TL-3 compliance to be qualified for reimbursement. In addition, the Successful Qualified Firm will be required to take photos of the TMA, specifically for review of the placement of the TMA mounted "Shoulder Closed" sign.

- j. The Successful Qualified Firm shall furnish specialized equipment as needed to perform bridge inspections. Reimbursement for special inspection equipment will be made as a direct expense.
- k. Reimbursement for any additional cost incurred by the Successful Qualified Firm due to circumstances beyond the control of the Successful Qualified Firm, such as down time for bad weather, shall be approved by the Authority's Liaison Engineer. The Authority's Liaison Engineer will have sole discretion in determining if circumstances, and therefore compensation for additional work and expenses, are beyond the control of the Successful Qualified Firm.
- l. The Successful Qualified Firm shall retain legal responsibility for all inspection work, which shall in general follow the latest standards including all the applicable codes and regulations governing the inspection and practices of the Authority.
- m. Miscellaneous Work

The Successful Qualified Firm shall provide in the EOI and Fee Proposal an **additional 2,000 hours for each OPS for unforeseen emergency inspection, load rating, repair design services and/or extra work as directed by the Authority (Miscellaneous Work)**. In addition, **\$50,000.00 in direct expenses for each OPS for this work shall be included as a separate line item in the Fee Proposal**. 400 hours of the 2,000 hours shall be set aside specifically for load rating updates (not new load ratings) based on as-inspected conditions, primarily due to section loss. Section loss tables shall be created for bridges that require load rating updates as specified in the Authority's Section Loss Workbook (current version). **As the biennial inspections are completed**, the Successful Qualified Firm shall assess the as-inspected conditions (if any) and submit a recommendation if the load ratings are to be updated for each structure for Authority review and approval. The updates shall be made using existing load rating files, by key personnel meeting the requirements of the NJTA LRFR Load Rating Manual. Timely completion of load ratings is important to understand the live load carrying limits of a bridge and maintain the safety of the traveling public. Therefore, **FHWA requires completion load ratings within 3 months from the time the need for a load rating is identified** (Inspection Completion Date). This requirement is aligned with the NTIS. In the rare and unusual circumstance that certain bridges, such as those with especially complex features, may require more than 3 months to complete a load rating, Successful Qualified Firms should notify the Authorities Liaison Engineer promptly.

For bridges that can be modeled in AASHTOWare's Bridge Rating (BrR) software, initial LRFR load ratings or LRFR load rating updates shall utilize the most current version of BrR which has been approved for use in Appendix A1 of the Authority's current Load Rating Manual. For bridges that cannot be modeled in BrR, LRFR load ratings shall utilize other appropriate software specified in the NJTA LRFR Load Rating Manual. The load ratings shall also include Emergency Vehicles EV2 and EV3, as needed and in accordance with the NJTA LRFR Load Rating Manual.

Following Notice to Proceed, a meeting may be held to discuss the Authority's guidelines for section loss documentation and repair recommendations, and to provide guidance for this load rating task. All available electronic load rating files will be made available to the Successful Qualified Firm for updating.

Proposers are advised that since 2015, the costs associated with obtaining BrR and any other LRFR load rating software licenses will no longer be reimbursed by the Authority as a direct expense. Proposers are further advised that the Authority currently licenses the BrR Unlimited Option as a Member Agency, which allows consultants to obtain single copies of BrR at the current Special Consultant / Agency Option license fee of \$6,500 per workstation for use performing load ratings of the Authority's bridges.

The Authority's Liaison Engineer may require additional information with regard to a reported deficiency by the Successful Qualified Firm, the Authority's Maintenance Department and/or another party. The required information may consist of a survey or sketch with photographs and recommendations for corrective action. Depending on the deficiency, the Successful Qualified Firm may be required to provide design services. The design services may consist of preparing calculations, providing details and specifications, and developing cost estimates.

Explicit written authorization must be received from the Authority's Liaison Engineer in order to charge time to each task, prior to commencement of the work. The Successful Qualified Firm will be requested to provide an estimate of hours and cost, in writing, related to each special assignment under consideration for prior approval.

- n. All team leaders shall notify the Authority and BIPTM of their location via email on a daily basis. Email template shall be provided to each Successful Qualified Firm and subconsultant at the kick-off meeting.

DETAILED SCOPE OF WORK

The Successful Qualified Firm is responsible to undertake any and all activities required to prepare deliverables and all ancillary activities to effectuate the assignment requirements. As such, the Successful Qualified Firm shall perform, at a minimum, the services outlined below. However, the Successful Qualified Firm shall be responsible to account for any and all work activities necessary for the complete performance of this assignment, whether or not such activities are identified below. The Successful Qualified Firm shall account for all work activities required for this project and shall identify any additional services that will be required for the complete performance of this assignment.

Bridge Inspection Scope

The services to be furnished by the Successful Qualified Firm shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, the following items of work:

1. For each major bridge listed in Attachment B, Subsection B2, the Successful Qualified Firm shall begin the routine biennial inspection on or prior to the previous inspection date and finish the inspection prior to the previous inspection completion date.
2. Successful Qualified Firms who have been awarded a group of major bridges included in the last cycle inspections (2023 to 2024) shall include a list of proposed Team Leaders assigned to each of the bridges whereby a different Team Leader shall perform the next inspection of the bridge. This will promote having a different set of eyes look at the same bridge two cycles in a row.
3. The major bridge biennial inspection requires full observation all parts of each structure with hands-on capability. All vantage points shall be utilized to access the structure, including ground level, boat access, pier top level and roadway level, with full utilization of available catwalks and safety cables, over-the-side inspection vehicles, ground-up inspection vehicles, superstructure rigging, large ladders, and tethered climbing on overhead truss members.
4. The hands-on visual superstructure inspection shall cover all truss and girder elements and their connections, floorbeam and stringer elements and their connections, bearings (including cantilevered piggyback arrangements), diaphragms, bracing and secondary members, catwalk assemblies, and expansion joints. Special attention shall be paid to Nonredundant Steel Tension Members (NSTMs), fatigue-sensitive details, normally inaccessible connections and member areas, and members with known or potential cracks.
5. The biennial inspection shall also include a visual detailed inspection of the top of deck, underdeck and underdeck joint assemblies, substructure units including bearing seat areas, fenders, parapet median joints, drainage system, electrical facilities, bridge lighting, navigation and aviation warning light assemblies and appurtenances.

Estimates are made of visible surface spalls and underdeck checkerboard cracking areas (in square feet) and their above/below deck relationship for the purpose of monitoring deck conditions based on visible inspection only. Other deficiencies are noted with approximate measurements for the sole purpose of establishing degree of magnitude/importance.

Bearings are observed at documented air and steel temperatures for position and function. Individual bearing measurements are not taken as part of this inspection; rather only those measurements deemed appropriate at abnormal or deficient bearings.

With the exception of inspections following major reconstruction, the Successful Qualified Firm shall use the Authority's latest bearing matrix coded with defects (uploaded to the last cycle inspection files as "File" file type) during the current inspection. This file will be used to collect current defects and then uploaded as a working file for use in future inspections.

6. The biennial inspection shall also cover bridge appurtenances including but not limited to, right-of-way and security fencing, substructure protection guide rail and barriers, utilities and supports attached to the structure, approaches, and approach protection features within 50 feet of the bridge abutments.
7. Non-redundant Steel Tension member (NSTM) inspections are required for five (5) bridges in Major Bridge Group 1 (Bridge Nos. 49.0S, 51.9S, 127.2N, 84.24N and 84.24S), eight (8) bridges in Major Bridge Group 2 (Bridge Nos. 158.2, 158.2X, P0.00, N2.01, N3.73, N6.49, N7.90E and N7.93W, and eight (8) bridges in Major Bridge Group 3 (E106.15A, E106.20A, W106.26AR, E107.88, W107.87, E116.72AN, E116.74AS and E109.83). The Successful Qualified Firm shall perform an inspection of NSTMs. The inspection of NSTMs shall be in accordance with the below and shall be performed at the time of the routine biennial inspections. The NSTM inspections are in addition to the requirements of the routine biennial inspections (not in place of) and NSTM inspection begin and completion dates shall be included in the SNBI (Item ID B.IE.02 and B.IE.03)

Proposers are advised that the majority of NJTA's major bridges have major NSTM elements. These include but are not limited to the following: Extensive use of non-redundant girder systems; floorbeams, box girders and pin and hanger assemblies on Structure No. E107.88 and W107.87; a complex three-span continuous, cantilever through truss/tied arch unit with suspenders on Structure No. N2.01; and a continuous through truss arch unit with suspenders comprising the main span over the navigation channel on Structure No. P0.00, with continuous deck truss units on the New Jersey and Pennsylvania approaches. Special attention shall also be paid to all welding and fatigue sensitive details, both in terms of stress category and known damage, on all major structures.

NSTM inspections include but are not limited to bridges with box girders, plate girders, two or three-girder girder systems, floorbeams, or other non-redundant structural members. The NSTM inspection requires full hands-on inspection of all surfaces and weldments of the box girders (interior and exterior), plate girders in the tension zones, including their major bearings and critical uplift anchor bolt assemblies and floorbeams. Also included are bearing, joint, and structural steel conditions for span ends supported by the box girders or framed integral therewith. For welded construction, tension and stress reversal zones shall be examined for presence of tack welds; welded erection aids; groove weld backup bars; plug welded holes; and other weld details. Special attention shall be paid to any AASHTO Fatigue Category D, E, or E' weld details. Pin and hanger or hinge pin conditions, clearances, and positions shall also be documented on sketches. Paint shall be removed from areas if applicable (inside and outside the box) of suspected cracks to perform non-destructive testing if deemed necessary. The areas where paint has been removed and cleaned shall be spray coated by the inspector with a rust inhibitor. The locations and number of such details shall be identified, delineated and documented by the Successful Qualified Firm and coded consistently with SNBI Item ID B.IR.02. Prior to any non-destructive testing, a recommended list of locations shall be submitted to the Authority's Liaison Engineer for approval. The estimated expense for non-destructive testing shall be listed separately in the Fee Proposal.

NSTM inspections shall cover the detailed inspection of pin and hanger assemblies and include the following information: Sketch elevations of each face of each hanger assembly plotting clearances and conditions of individual components, relative suspended girder positions, rotation monitoring, and any redundant support and disc bearing conditions. Drainage and catwalk conditions relative to pin and hanger assemblies shall also be included.

An update to 23 CFR part 650 Subpart C, National Bridge Inspection Standards (NBIS), was published on May 6, 2022. Section 650.311 establishes the standards for risk-based bridge inspection intervals for routine, underwater, and NSTM inspections. Per § 650.311, bridges with NSTMs rated in poor or worse condition, as recorded by the NSTM Inspection Condition Item (SNBI ID B.C.14 coded 4 or less) require reduced interval inspections. Bridge No. W107.87 requires an NSTM inspection at a 12-month frequency for the NSTM members rated in poor condition.

The major pin & hanger assemblies at Turnpike Bridge No. E107.88 hinges 2S and 2N, installed by Contract No. T100.436, were fabricated with lubrication zerk fittings at the top and bottom of each hanger plate. The Successful Qualified Firm shall grease these assemblies using the lubrication zerk fittings on a yearly basis and document each visit using the table provided in the Report Subsection entitled "Historical Record of Annual Greasing and Biennial Fuse Bolt Monitoring for Major Pin & Hangers". In addition, each girder bearing at Piers 3S and 3N have longitudinal restraint systems with fuse bolts that allow the thermal forces to bypass the seismic isolations bearings under normal service conditions. The system is designed such that during an earthquake, the fuse bolt will fail allowing the seismic isolation bearings to be engaged. Inspection of these assemblies during biennial NBIS bridge inspections, particularly the fuse bolts for detection of cracks in the bolt shaft and/or sheared/missing bolts are to be performed and documented using the table provided in the Report Subsection entitled "Historical Record of Annual Greasing and Biennial Fuse Bolt Monitoring for Major Pin & Hangers". For locations where the fuse bolt cannot be removed (tight / unable to be moved) for inspection, UT testing of the fuse bolts shall be used to confirm they are not sheared. If any fuse bolts are found damaged/missing the Authority Liaison is to be notified immediately. If any fuse bolt is broken, the associated hinge shall be greased immediately by the Successful Qualified Firm and the fuse bolt shall be replaced as soon as possible. Spare fuse bolts were furnished under Contract No. T100.436 and are stored within the webs of the brackets for the longitudinal restraint systems that are attached to the girder bottom flanges (one (1) spare fuse bolt per system).

The team leader for NSTM inspections shall have taken NHI Course No. FHWA-NHI-130078 within the last 5 years and be able to provide documentation of the successful completion of the course.

Confined Space Entry Requirements:

- a. The Team Leader and Inspector shall attend a training course for confined space inspections and submit evidence of training certification to the Authority. Firms such as Leading Edge Safety and Health, LLC, (732) 223-7800, offer training course on safety of confined space entry.
 - b. During the NSTM inspection of the interior of the box girder, interior air shall be monitored from the outside by a person certified for first aid from a firm certified for the interior air monitoring.
 - c. A second inspector shall be at the entry opening with a two-way radio to stay in contact with the entrants inside the confined space.
8. The Successful Qualified Firm shall review and adhere to the Authority's Category A Repair Procedures, for the reporting of potential Category A deficiencies.
 9. For bridges over waterways, the Successful Qualified Firm shall probe and check for possible scour and footing undermining conditions along the face of each abutment and pier. The Successful Qualified Firm shall also take soundings at ten (10) foot intervals along both fascias and along the longitudinal centerline of the bridge. Provide a streambed cross-section showing the streambed below both fascias and the longitudinal centerline of the bridge for structures carrying more than 4 lanes/shoulders. Water level, at the time of inspection, shall be shown on the cross-section relative to a reusable known reference elevation. Baseline streambed profiles shall be shown on the drawings to

assess long term movement. If tidal flow is present, both mean high and low water level shall be shown. The Successful Qualified Firm shall provide Sounding sketches using the template provided by the Authority; the sounding sketches are to be an update of the soundings from the last underwater inspection report. For bridges that require Type II underwater inspections, a Diver may be used to perform the off-cycle soundings/fathometric surveys.

Underwater inspections are required at all twelve (12) bridges in Group 1, four (4) bridges in Group 2 (158.2, 158.2X, P0.00 and N2.01) and four (4) bridges in Group 3 (E107.88, W107.87, W115.36 and E109.83). The underwater inspection shall be a hands-on inspection performed by a qualified dive team. A Professional Engineer, licensed in the State of New Jersey, shall be present when the underwater inspection is performed. A diving report containing observations of noted conditions shall be submitted. The inspection shall be a Type 2 classification in accordance with NJDOT's Underwater Inspection Evaluation of New Jersey Bridges Guideline Manual, June 1994, and all associated revisions. The underwater inspections are in addition to the requirements of the routine biennial inspections (not in place of) and shall be performed at the time of the initial routine bridge inspection. Underwater inspection begin and completion dates shall be included in the SNBI (Item ID B.IE.02 and B.IE.03). A complete underwater inspection is required for all substructure units and fender elements that are below mean low water.

The minimum size of a dive team shall be three (3) as follows:

Commercial Scuba Air Diving:

- a. Designate Person-in-Charge (DPIC)
- b. Standby Diver
- c. Diver (line tended)

Commercial Surface – Supplied Air Diving:

- a. DPIC
- b. Diver
- c. Tender

The requirements for diver and dive team training are as follows:

The diver shall have successfully completed NHI Course No. FHWA-NHI-130091 – Underwater Bridge Inspection, within the last 5 years. The diver shall be commercially trained at an Association of Commercial Diving Educators (ACDE) accredited school complying with the requirements of ANSI/ACDE-01-1993, "Commercial Diver Training – Minimum Standard". A military diving school meeting the same standards is also acceptable training.

In lieu of meeting the above requirements, a diver may be trained through either field experience or a combination of formal diving training and field experience. The OSHA diving standard (29-CFR 1910.410) specifies that all dive team members (i.e., divers and support employees involved in diving operations including the DPIC) must have experience or training in the use of tools, equipment, systems, techniques, diving operations and emergency procedures which pertain to their assigned tasks and diving modes (i.e., scuba diving on air, surface supplied diving on air or mixed gas diving). Additionally, dive team members who are exposed to hyperbaric conditions (e.g., diver) or control the exposure of others to hyperbaric conditions (e.g., DPIC or decompression chamber operator) must be trained in diving related physics or physiology. The level of training required by the standard depends upon the particular experience or function an employee fulfills on a dive team; the specific underwater operational tasks being performed and the diving mode to which the employee is assigned.

Records of all diver or dive team training shall be maintained by the diving company and shall be available for inspection.

All dive team members shall be trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and standard first aid (American Red Cross Standard).

Firms performing underwater inspection services under the Qualified Firm shall be considered as Subconsultants for all services within the Bridge Inspection Program. All subconsultant submission requirements and quantities shall apply, and underwater inspection firms shall not be solely listed as vendors.

10. This assignment includes condition inspection of bridge security features installed at the Turnpike and Parkway major bridges. These features include ground and structure mounted security fencing, catwalk gates, secured manholes and hatches, secured box girders, and other items specific to each bridge. The Successful Qualified Firm shall record the inspection findings for each bridge in an input form via AssetWise Inspections (AWI). The Authority has a formal procedure for performing work within secured areas and will provide details to the Successful Qualified Firm at the kickoff meeting.

The Successful Qualified Firm shall coordinate with the designated New Jersey Turnpike Authority Key Custodian or Security Liaison to obtain security keys necessary to open the locks at locations where security fence is present. A representative of the Successful Qualified Firm who will require access at the bridge(s) shall obtain the security key in person at the Authority's headquarters.

11. For bridges that have stenciled barrier parapets, the Successful Qualified Firm shall notify the Authority if the paint needs reapplication. If the stenciling requires any update, it shall be performed at the time of the routine biennial inspections in accordance with the NJTA Parapet Stenciling Procedures (current version).
12. **For bridges with MSE wingwalls or abutments, the Successful Qualified Firm shall record limited field and inventory data in the new Substructure 3 form in AssetWise (AWI). The Technical Manager shall populate select inventory data fields for this form. This form is added to the provided Sample Bridge Inspection Report.**
13. For inspections following major reconstruction, the Successful Qualified Firm shall provide vertical underclearance measurements and photos for any spans over active roadways and railroads. Features should be framed by both substructure units. Photos shall be annotated using photo software or MS Word to include roadway names, structure milepost and name, date photo taken, and minimum vertical clearances at each safely accessible shoulder and lane line citing near fascia (NF) or far fascia (FF) to denote which fascia the minimum clearance is located. The Successful Qualified Firm shall provide clearance sketches using the template provided by NJTA and clearly denote SNBI IDs B.G.13, B.H.12, B.H.13, B.H.14, B.H.15, and B.H.16, as applicable, B.H.18 for multi-level crossings, as well as any vertical underclearance postings present. The Clearance Summary form will be used to collect information for all roadway and railroad crossings.

For second cycle inspections and later, elevation photos are already available in AWI, the Successful Qualified Firm shall update the vertical clearances as follows.

- a. Structures over Turnpike/Parkway Mainline and Ramps – Underclearance measurements obtained by Lidar have been uploaded to AWI. The Successful Qualified Firm shall update the clearance photos and code the SNBI data as necessary. The Successful Qualified Firm shall notify the Technical Manager if Lidar data is missing. If Lidar data is not available, the Successful Qualified Firm shall take minimum vertical clearances at each safely accessible shoulder and lane line and provide a clearance sketch as noted above.
- b. Turnpike/Parkway Mainline over Roads, Railroads, Etc. – The Successful Qualified Firm shall field verify the elevations, update the clearance photos, and code the SNBI data as necessary. The Successful Qualified Firm shall provide clearance sketches using the template provided by NJTA and clearly denote SNBI IDs B.G.13, B.H.12, B.H.13, B.H.14, B.H.15, and B.H.16, as applicable, B.H.18 for multi-level crossings, as well as any vertical underclearance postings present.

14. Successful Qualified Firm shall conduct nocturnal inspections of their assigned bridges spanning navigable waterways with span or fender mounted navigation lighting. This will be required on an annual basis for each assigned bridge, both as part of the biennial inspection and as part of the off-cycle inspection. When part of the NBIS biennial inspection, a sketch (plan) of the location of the lighting and its condition (functional/non-functional) shall be included in the report. For off-cycle (non-NBIS) inspections, the Interim report shall be used to document the findings from the inspection. Special inspection begin and completion dates shall be included in the SNBI (Item ID B.IE.02 and B.IE.03). Category A2 reports shall be created/updated as necessary for both current cycle and off-cycle inspections.
15. The Successful Qualified Firm shall notify the Authority's Liaison Engineer and Technical Manager whenever a new Category A deficiency is detected, via an email with photos. Following the Authority's concurrence of the new Category A deficiency, the Successful Qualified Firm shall create and submit the Category A notification through InspectTech. For previously reported Category A deficiencies to be monitored under this assignment, if the condition has worsened or if new defects of similar type have been found, the Successful Qualified Firm shall create a new Category A Report. However, if the condition has not worsened and no additional defects of that type have been found, the Successful Qualified Firm shall update the existing report description with the date of their inspection, firm name, and a note stating, "the condition remains unchanged." The Successful Qualified Firm shall attach supporting photos/sketches to the report. The procedure to issue or update Category A reports is available on the Authority's website at <https://www.njta.com/inspecttech/bridge-inspection-program-notifications> under No. 2019-2.0 Category A Procedure Changes.
16. Qualified Firms are advised that the NBIS anniversary dates for the next biennial inspection of Structure No. 120.46 in Major Group 2, and Structure Nos. 105.18NO, 105.18SO, E106.15A, E106.20A, W106.26AR, W116.10, W116.72AN, and W116.74AS in Major Group 3 are in February and March 2025. In anticipation that the Successful Qualified Firms for OPS Nos. A4129 and T4130 will receive Notice to Proceed in late March 2025, the Authority has arranged for another consultant to commence the biennial inspection of these 9 structures as an interim measure to ensure NBIS compliance. Once OPS Nos. A4129 and T4130 are issued, the Successful Qualified Firms shall immediately proceed with and complete the subject 2025 biennial inspections as the Authority's bridge inspection consultant of record. Regardless of actual timing, the Staffing Estimate shall assume an appropriate level of effort to perform the complete, NBIS-compliant biennial inspection of these 9 structures in 2025.

Bridge Inspection Reports

The Successful Qualified Firm shall provide a list of users that will require access to AWI software to the Authority at the kick off meeting. This includes all users that require email notifications regarding procedures and clarifications. All users are required to submit all questions and issues related to AWI via email to NJTABridgesHelp@njta.com. All latest directives and clarifications are available via <https://www.njta.com/doing-business/njta-bridge-inspect-program> under Bridge Inspection Program Notifications.

The Successful Qualified Firm will be responsible for becoming proficient with AWI, including updates. The Authority will provide training and assistance to all bridge inspection consultants as needed. The Successful Qualified Firm shall include the costs associated with a full day training session for key staff and any other effort associated with using AWI in their Fee Proposal. The Successful Qualified Firm will be responsible for achieving proficiency with AWI and maintaining that proficiency throughout the duration of the assignment while accommodating ongoing revisions to report forms and software updates.

1. Report Format

The Successful Qualified Firm shall submit a draft report for each major bridge to the Technical Manager. **Major Bridge Inspection reports are expected to be submitted within three months of completion of the inspections.** All of the draft reports from each Group will be reviewed by the Technical Manager. The typical comments from the reviewed draft

reports shall be incorporated to all final reports as applicable. **Final reports are to be submitted one month after receipt of comments and concurrence from the Authority's liaison engineer.**

A sample major bridge inspection report and sample input forms have been posted to the Authority's Secure File sharing site along with other project reference and materials. The majority of the document pages shall be generated in AWI through the standard forms and report sections. Other pages (Load Rating Summary Sheet, Section Loss Documentation, Clearance, Soundings, NSTM Location Plan, Underwater Inspection Report) shall be generated outside the program or pulled from previous cycles and inserted as additional sections. Category A reports for Type A1, A2, A3, Inadequate Clearance, Guide Rail and Utility shall be included.

a. Report Sections

The report shall have the following sections. All are generated in AWI unless otherwise noted*:

- Cover
- Table of Contents
- Bridge Description
- Contract History
- Load Rating Summary Sheets*
- Section Loss Workbook (SLW) Tables*
- General Information/Inspection Information
- Conclusions
- Recommendations
- Repairable Deficiencies
- Photographs
- Approach/Roadway (Sheets 1 through 4)
- Deck 1 (General 1)
- Deck 1 (General 2)
- Lighting Standard General
- Lighting Standard - Arm
- Lighting Standard – Base and Pole
- Deck 2 (Joints)
- Deck 3 (Top of Deck)
- Deck 4 (Underdeck)
- Superstructure 1 (General 1)
- Superstructure 1 (General 2)
- NSTM Member Summary*
- Superstructure 2 (Superstructure)
- Section Loss Sheet*
- Bearing Matrix (Inventory Information Only)
- Superstructure 3 (Bearings)
- Substructure 1 (General)
- Substructure 2 (Abutment and Piers)
- **Substructure 3 (MSE Wall Data)**
- Underwater Inspection Report/Sounding Survey*
- Waterway/Channel
- Fender/Navigation Lighting
- Navigation Lighting Status Sketch*

- Bridge Security Features
- Summary of Clearances Form
- Underclearance Sketches*
- Bridge Element Inspection Forms
- **SNBI Forms**
- Category A Reports

Field notes are organized into checkbox groupings taken from the former bullet forms. For each grouping, there are up to six different defects. Each defect is classifiable as N/A, Category A, or B/C (Contract). Fields include notes, contract repair quantities and photo references for recommended repairs. Repeatable information such as spans and joints are collected in repeater groups which are limited to 200 rows.

b. Report Section Descriptions

A description of the information per report section is listed below:

Bridge Description – includes a description of the structural elements including deck, superstructure, and substructure. Includes original construction and changes due to widening / major rehabilitation. This field form is read only and does not require update unless work has been performed to change the structure type.

Contract History – Type, Contract Number, Description of Work, Year. This form has been populated by prior Consultants through review of card files, and available contract information to collect data for all contract work competed from construction to the most recent repair contract. This information has been entered into the Inventory Information form in AWI. Information will need to be updated as necessary and obtained by the Successful Qualified Firm through review of the contract information provided by the Technical Manager and review of As-Built plans after the last inspection.

Load Rating Summary Sheets – For any new structures or structures with rating updates based on changes to the structure geometry or condition, the AWI form shall be used to generate this report section and shall include Emergency Vehicle ratings. There is also an AWI form available for LFR ratings. For all other structures the existing/current PDF shall be included. Refer to the Load Rating Manual.

Section Loss Workbook Tables -This file shall be utilized to document primary structural steel member section loss if LRFR load rating updates are required and will generate this report section. Refer to the New Jersey Turnpike Authority Section Loss Workbook (current version).

General Information/Inspection Information – Bridge Date (**SNBI** and other fields), Superstructure, Substructure and Inspection Information including Team Leader, Assistant Team Leader, Inspector(s), equipment, MPT, temperature.

Conclusions – Overall Condition, Upgrade/Downgrade Statement, Load Rating, Scheduled/Ongoing/Completed Work, NSTM (type and condition), Type 2 Underwater Inspection Statements. Description of conditions of the Deck, Approach, Superstructure, Substructure, **Bridge Railing, Bridge Railing Transition, Bearings, Joints, Waterway (Channel, Channel Protection and Scour)**, Safety Features, Other and Category E to supplement **SNBI IDs B.C.01 through B.C.11**.

Recommendations: Repeatable Field Group (RFG) form including a description of recommended repairs, with quantity and photo references. Quantities are summary of items noted in the Repairable Deficiencies report section.

Repairable Deficiencies: Summary of defects included in the field notes warranting repair by future contract. This summary is used to generate the quantity of defects included in the Recommendations report section.

Approach/Roadway 1 – Roadway, Guide Rail, Embankment.

Approach/Roadway 2 – Sidewalk/Safetywalk/Curb, Barrier, Other, Noise Barriers.

Approach/Roadway 3 – Median, Parapet Protective Fencing, Drainage Inlets, Lighting Standards and Junction Boxes.

Approach/Roadway 4 – Safety Features

Deck 1 (General 1) – Median, Sidewalk/Safetywalk/Curb, Bridge Rail, Parapet Protective Fencing, Drainage Inlets.

Deck 1 (General 2) – Noise Barriers, Lighting Standards and Junction boxes.

Lighting Standard General – Inventory information for bridge mounted lighting standards

Lighting Standard Arm - Repeating Field Group by span and roadway for Lighting Standard Arm Defects, Dampener, Date of Removal and Replacement

Lighting Standard Base and Pole - Repeating Field Group by span and roadway for Lighting Standard Base and Pole Defects, Dampener, Date of Removal and Replacement.

Deck 2 (Joints) – Repeater Group for Deck Joints per substructure unit.

Deck 3 (Top of Deck) – Rideability, Overlay Type, Overlay Appraisal, Repeater Group for Top of Deck Defects per Span.

Deck 4 (Underdeck) – Deck Type, Percent SIP, Repeater Group for Underdeck/Fascia Defects per Span.

Superstructure 1 (General 1) – Coating Condition, Drainage Utility Lines / Support, Catwalks / Ladders / Hatches, Structural Connections (Read Only).

Superstructure 1 (General 2) – Underbridge Lighting, Bridge Mounted Sign Structures.

NSTM Member Summary - Includes an NSTM In-Depth Inspection Plan, Location Plan, Box Girder Inventory Forms, and Detail Plates. The Inspection Plan includes a description of the bridge and fracture critical members, inspection methods, and special inspection needs. The Location Plan is a framing plan highlighting the NSTM members. The NSTM location plan shall clearly identify all NSTM members on each individual bridge. The Box Girder Inventory Forms are repeater field groups for each box girder and include data related to the box girder type, size, anchor bolts, bearings, connections, stiffeners and weldments. All notes regarding inspection findings shall be included on the Superstructure 2 (Superstructure) Form. Detail Plates include diagrams depicting the plan and elevation views and the cross section of the NSTM members.

Superstructure 2 (Superstructure) – Repeater Group for Span to include all notes for NSTM member inspection when considered superstructure element.

Bearing Matrix (Inventory Information Only) – The bearing deficiency matrix is included for inventory information only.

Superstructure 3 (Bearing) – Repeater Group for Bearing Lines.

Substructure 1 (General) – Abutment Slope, Substructure Protection Features, Right of Way Security, Drainage.

Substructure 2 (Abutments and Piers) – Repeater group for Abutment/Wingwalls and Piers. To include all notes for NSTM member inspection when considered substructure element.

Substructure 3 (MSE Wall Data) – General information specific to MSE Walls used as bridge abutments and wingwalls includes inventory and contract information and field measurements.

Underwater Inspection Report / Soundings Survey – For Structures crossing waterways where a Type 2 Underwater Inspection is performed during the NBIS inspection a PDF of the report in its entirety will be uploaded and added as

a report section. For all other cases Soundings Surveys will be provided as described above.

Waterway/Channel – Countermeasures and Waterway/Channel.

Fender/Navigation Lighting – Fender System, Navigation Lighting: Span Mounted, Navigation Lighting: Fender Mounted.

Navigation Lighting Status Sketch – plan view of the fender and span lighting documenting the findings from the nocturnal navigation lighting survey.

Bridge Security Features – Security Fencing, Box Girder Access, Major Bridge Security Features.

c) Photographs

GENERAL: Elevation (2 minimum; include photograph of Main Span for bridges with different superstructure type), Approach (All; in the direction of traffic approaching the bridge), Top of Deck (Each Type), Superstructure (Each Type), Waterway (2; looking away from the bridge), NSTM members (superstructure or substructure).

UTILITY: (if not shown in General Photos). Specify type and location in description.

CATEGORY A: Defect Photos associated with Category A Reports (A1, A2, A3, Guide Rail, Inadequate Clearance, Utility).

DEFECT: Approach, Deck, Superstructure, Bearings, Substructure, Misc. (Utilities) in order of the field notes. Category D repairs are no longer be recommended in the reports, however, the corresponding defect photos should be included in the Photographs Section of the reports, and uploaded to the Pics/Files page as described below.

WORK DONE: Work done photos shall be included within the defect photos by element.

EQUIPMENT AND MPT: Special equipment or MPT **in use during the inspection**.

Photographs: Typical defect photos (include most severe deterioration if similar defects exist throughout the bridge) shall be included in the report with reference to other similar locations included in the description. References to the defect photos are required in the field forms for any and all defects with Category A, or B/C repairs recommended in the "PHOTO" field.

Deficiency quantities (e.g. 20 SF of concrete is hollow sounding), location and direction photo was taken shall be included in the caption. The photo date shall be recorded upon upload and reflect the actual date the photograph was taken.

Although not all photos will be included in the Inspection Report, the Successful Qualified Firm shall take photos of every location with a repairable (A, B/C or D) defect as well as typical conditions (which may not warrant repair) and upload to AWI. Photos not included in the Inspection Report may be useful for scoping of bridge repair contracts and the description shall contain the element and defect shown at a minimum. A zip file of all photos taken may be uploaded in lieu of the individual photos with a photo log included for reference.

Utility Photos are required to show all utilities on a bridge. Photographs shall be clear enough to identify utility lines, casing, and supports, and be at a distance that shows the relative location of the utilities on the structure. Captions shall include direction and orientation of the photo stating location and type of lines. A separate photo is not necessary if above criteria are met in an existing photo. **If utility is not clearly captured within existing general, work done or defect photos, include a separate photograph at the end.**

Note that photo references are not linkable to fields. Photo number references should therefore be manually entered after the photographs are numbered.

Deficiencies noted in reports shall be cross referenced to photos taken which depict that deficiency.

When improvements are underway at a structure, the Successful Qualified Firm shall provide photos of the areas under construction. This will require early familiarization with the Authority's planned and ongoing bridge repair contracts for years 2024 through 2028.

The digital camera to be used shall have a minimum resolution of four (4) mega

d) Specifications for the National Bridge Inventory

The Specifications for the National Bridge Inventory (SNBI) were developed in coordination with the National Bridge Inspection Standards (NBIS) regulation (23 CFR 650, Subpart C), the AASHTO Manual for Bridge Evaluation (MBE), the AASHTO Manual for Bridge Element Inspection (MBEI), and the FHWA Bridge Inspector's Reference Manual (BIRM). The SNBI is incorporated by reference in the NBIS regulation and provides the specifications for reporting data for highway bridges, open to the public, to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for inclusion in the National Bridge Inventory (NBI).

Starting in 2025, Successful Qualified Firms shall code the Item IDs on the new SNBI input forms in AWI and include the applicable report sections in the output Inspection Report PDF. Existing NBI data which has been transitioned to SNBI utilizing the FHWA Transition Tool (web-based application for transitioning data from Coding Guide to SNBI) shall be checked for accuracy by the Successful Qualified Firm, in addition to coding any and all applicable new items.

All SNBI data required by the Authority will be submitted to NJDOT. The Authority will transmit SNBI data directly to NJDOT's CombIS system utilizing AWI.

The Successful Qualified Firm shall notify the Authority of coding downgrades from above a four (4) to a four (4) or below; or for any upgrades from less than or equal to a four (4) to five (5) or above for SNBI Item IDs B.C.01, B.C.02, B.C.03 or B.C.04.

e) NJDOT SI&A Coding

All fields associated with State specific inventory and appraisal items including, but not limited to the following, shall be coded by the Successful Qualified Firm:

(State SI&A Item CI) Cycle Number
(State SI&A Item CM) Consultant
(State SI&A Item CP) Federal Report
(State SI&A Item FV) Route Milepost

f) Bridge Element Level Inspection

Element-level data for National Highway System (NHS) bridges, as required by Title 23 U.S.C.§144, have been reported by the Authority to FHWA since April 2015. The 2014 FHWA Specification for the National Bridge Inventory Bridge Elements (SNBIBE) addressed the reporting of element-level data to FHWA. The SNBIBE has been merged with the SNBI to be inclusive of bridge data reported to FHWA for inclusion in the NBI. Similar to SNBI and NJDOT specific inventory data, the Authority will transmit Bridge Element Level inspection data directly to NJDOT's CombIS system utilizing AWI.

The Successful Qualified Firm shall perform the element level inspection concurrently with the routine NBIS inspection for each bridge within the scope of this assignment. The Successful Qualified Firm shall refer to the AASHTO Manual for Bridge Element Inspection and NJDOT Bridge Element Inspection Manual for element descriptions, quantity calculations, and condition state definitions. The Successful Qualified Firm shall cross check inputs for condition states and quantities for a particular element with its corresponding input in the bridge inspection forms **including the new SNBI** to ensure consistent inputs.

2. Draft Report Submission

The Successful Qualified Firm shall submit a draft report for each major bridge in electronic format (PDF) which includes updated field forms, FHWA Element Level bridge inspection coding forms and SNBI output reports. The Technical Manager will establish FTP sites to upload the reports. Prior to their submission, draft reports shall receive an independent review by the Successful Qualified Firm's structural staff not directly involved in the bridge inspection assignment, for technical concurrence of repair recommendations and prioritization. Each major bridge inspection report shall be submitted first in draft form to the Technical Manager for review and conformance with established Authority standards. The Authority's Liaison

Engineer will then review the red-lined draft reports before returning to the Successful Qualified Firm for comment resolution and report finalization. Any red-lined comments shall be addressed and incorporated in the final report, or responded to accordingly in the draft reports which will serve as the record for comment resolution. The final report shall then be submitted to the Authority's Liaison Engineer and Technical Manager

3. Deliverables for Final Reports

The Successful Qualified Firm shall also submit one (1) hard copy of each final major bridge inspection report. All final reports shall be bound in 3-ring binders with a spine thickness of no more than 3 inches. Reports shall be broken into two or more volumes, as needed, in order to remain within the thickness limit. Tabs and/or heavy card stock sheets shall be used to delineate between sections and appendices of the report.

Bridge inspection report files shall also be provided as PDF files on CDs, DVD, flash drive or other acceptable media. Each of the reports shall be named (GSP or TPK)_BridgeInspectionReport_Structure Number.file extension. Examples include "GSP_ BridgeInspectionReport _28.0S.pdf", and "TPK_ BridgeInspectionReport _W106.26AR.pdf". All reports shall be placed together in one folder or subfolder set up specifically for bridge inspection reports only. Working files for Underwater Inspection Reports, Section Loss Sheets, etc. shall also be included under a separate folder titled "Working Files". Final Report PDFs and all working files shall also be uploaded to AssetWise under the applicable file type.

4. Authority Deficiency Category Definitions

To identify the severity of the deficiencies and prioritize the necessary repairs to help in planning for future Maintenance Force and Contract improvements, the deficiencies and conditions noted in the bridge and ancillary structure inspection reports shall be identified within one of the following Authority stipulated repair categories:

CATEGORY A "Priority Work"

Deficiencies that require prioritized attention with prompt notification given to the Authority. For such findings, a Category A report is prepared and issued with one of the below subcategories based on urgency and criticality.

A1 (Emergency)

Critical findings in the bridge deck, superstructure or substructure which, if not repaired immediately, may require closing the

bridge, or a portion thereof, and could lead to a total collapse of the structure; or, a defect found at any ancillary structural asset determined as an immediate safety hazard to the traveling public.

A2 (Priority)

Major defects noted which are recommended for necessary repair in the near future as they pose a potential safety concern to the travelling public, or could lead to significant load restriction or partial collapse of the structure.

A3 (Non-Structural)

Issues noted which are recommended for repair before or within the next regularly scheduled contract as they pose a potential safety concern to the travelling public.

Guide Rail

Damage or significant corrosion noted to guide rail elements including attachments to bridges, rail and posts at approach roadway or substructure protection runs, and end terminals at Turnpike and Parkway structures, which require repair in the near future are reported by the issuance of a Guide Rail Type Category A Report.

Utility

Damage or significant corrosion noted to Authority and outside agency utility supports, pipes/conduits and connections at Turnpike and Parkway structures, which require repair in the near future are reported by the issuance of a Utility Type Category A Report.

Inadequate Clearance

Vertical bridge under clearances which are incorrectly posted or measured to be less than the following minimum thresholds established for New Jersey Turnpike and Garden State Parkway crossings, are reported by the issuance of an Inadequate Clearance Type Category A Report.

Bridges over State Roads	14' - 9" minimum
Bridges over Non-State (County and Local) Roads	14' - 6" minimum
Bridges over New Jersey Turnpike and Garden State Parkway Roads	14' - 0" minimum

Through AWI, a Category A Report is issued for each item and distributed to Engineering and Maintenance as required. Further information can be found in the Category A Repair Procedures.

For loose concrete found over traffic, the Consultant shall remove loose material if fractured areas are reachable and removable by hand tools. The Consultant shall mark the fractured area with spray paint and take two photos of the area, one close-up, and one backed up to indicate the location of fracture relative to span framing.

CATEGORY B / C **"Contract / Deck Work"**

Deficiencies noted that are recommended for repair by an annual Bridge Repair Contract or Specialized Repair Contract as part of the Authority's Capital Budget Program.

CATEGORY D **"Maintenance Work"**

Deficiencies noted which can be repaired most expeditiously by the Authority's Maintenance Department.

CATEGORY E **"Monitor"**

Noted deficiencies or conditions that are considered actively developing and may be recommended for contract work, but require monitoring until the condition has been remedied. This monitoring would involve an increased inspection frequency and/or level of detail through routine or interim inspections.

Further information can be found in the Authority Deficiency Category Definitions on the Authority's website at: https://www.njta.com/media/4595/njta_deficiency_category_definitions_v61219.pdf.

ADMINISTRATIVE

1. Project Coordination – The Successful Qualified Firm shall coordinate its activities with Authority personnel throughout the course of this project. Upon commencement of services under the OPS, the Successful Qualified Firm shall establish a means of coordinating and reporting its activities with the Authority's representative to ensure an expeditious exchange of information. The Authority shall be informed of all meetings with other agencies, government officials and/or groups so that Authority personnel can attend if necessary.

Throughout the duration of the project, the Successful Qualified Firm shall maintain a document control system recording the disposition of all documents associated with the project. The Successful Qualified Firm shall also prepare a detailed project schedule using Primavera software for activities to be completed. The schedule shall identify all submission dates, review times, major activities, durations, critical path items, interdependencies, etc., to complete the scope of services required for the project.

The Successful Qualified Firm shall work in harmony with any and all entities that have been and may be retained by the Authority for this project.

The Successful Qualified Firm may be required to meet with representatives from appropriate federal, State, County, Municipal, Utility, and other private or public organizations or agencies, as necessary, to effectuate the completion of work items. The Successful Qualified Firm shall give adequate notification of all meetings to the Authority through the Authority's Liaison Engineer. High level meetings will be attended by the Authority as required. Other meetings for the purpose of discussing typical design related issues are anticipated to be attended solely by the Successful Qualified Firm. The Successful Qualified Firm will prepare, in a timely manner, all minutes of meetings attended with copies to the Authority, and others as appropriate. Draft meeting minutes will be shared with the Authority's Liaison Engineer for review before they are issued to the attendees. The Successful Qualified Firm is responsible for the preparation of all necessary displays, exhibits and like material as needed for the meetings.

The Successful Qualified Firm is responsible to the Authority for the work of its subconsultants. As such, it is expected that the Successful Qualified Firm shall perform Quality Reviews of its subconsultant's work prior to providing copies/submittals to the Authority. If extensive errors/omissions are found during reviews, the work shall be rejected, and shall be revised and resubmitted at no additional cost to the Authority.

2. Management Requirements – The Successful Qualified Firm's Managing Principal and the Successful Qualified Firm's Project Manager shall possess a valid New Jersey Professional Engineer's license and shall not be removed from the OPS and replaced with another Project Manager without prior written approval from the Authority's Chief Engineer or his representative.

It is expected that the Project Manager will actively manage the project and will lead/participate in all project-related meetings. The Project Manager will serve as the primary point of contact for the team and be available for project-related matters.

3. Progress Reports – The Successful Qualified Firm will be responsible to prepare and submit monthly progress reports indicating percent of work completed by task, work completed in the last month, work to be performed, actions/decisions required by the Authority, and the status of the project's schedule and budget. Reports shall be submitted on a monthly basis and coincide with the invoice submitted for the same time period.

Progress reports shall contain monthly updates of the approved schedule. Progress reports shall also include an estimate of the Authority's financial spending plan for the project. This spending plan will be detailed for the OPS, construction contract(s),

Utility Order(s), and any other costs to be paid by the Authority.

4. Submission Schedule – The Successful Qualified Firm shall submit a inspection and report submission schedule which includes but may not be limited to the following fields: Inspection Date, Firm / Team Leader, Draft Report Submission, Final Report Submission, and Comments.
5. Status Meeting - It is anticipated that the Successful Qualified Firm will be required to conduct monthly project status meetings throughout the duration of the project. These meetings shall typically occur at the Authority's Administrative offices but can be held virtually at the Authority's discretion. Other meetings may be scheduled based on project needs.
6. Invoicing Requirements – All invoices shall be consecutively numbered and shall contain the words, "Order for Professional Services No. A4128", "Order for Professional Services No. A4129" or "Order for Professional Services No. T4130". Invoices will not be processed before the progress report for that month's activities have been submitted.

Invoices are **required** to be submitted (electronically to *EngineeringOPSInvoices@njta.com*) on a **monthly** basis. They shall be submitted to the Authority within 15 business days of the cutoff date. The Successful Qualified Firm will also be responsible for preparing and submitting, as part of this invoice, projected billings associated with the OPS, monthly projections for two years and quarterly billing projections for the duration of the OPS.

The Successful Qualified Firm shall submit time sheet summaries. Individual employees' time sheets are not required, unless specifically requested by the Authority.

The Successful Qualified Firm shall immediately notify the Authority's representative in writing if the percentage of fee earned exceeds the percentage of services completed. The Successful Qualified Firm shall immediately implement the necessary adjustments and/or make recommendations on how to alleviate this condition. Failure to do so may result in the Successful Qualified Firm being required to absorb any costs beyond the authorized fee.

The Successful Qualified Firm shall be responsible to submit to the Authority for approval the wage rates of personnel that will be working on the project.

7. All correspondence, invoices and transmittals for the project shall be referenced by the Authority's Order for Professional Services Number.
8. The Successful Qualified Firm shall submit the names of the personnel in the inspection teams, along with their resumes and NHI training certificates, for approval by the Authority. The Successful Qualified Firm shall complete the QAF-3 forms. The Authority's Liaison Engineer shall have the right to approve the number, qualifications, and performance of the Successful Qualified Firm's personnel and to have the Successful Qualified Firm remove any such personnel from the project who are not approved or licensed/certified as required, or who fail to perform satisfactorily. The Successful Qualified Firm shall not remove approved personnel assigned to the project without the written approval from the Authority. Certificates shall be in PDF format with the following naming convention: "Firm Last First # year" ("ABC Smith Jane 130092 2012.pdf"). For acceptable non-NHI courses such as the PennDOT thirteen (13) day bridge inspection course, use "Firm Last First #Equiv year" ("Bridge Associates Johnson Edward 130055Equiv 1999.pdf"). All files shall be submitted in one general folder or directory, not broken up into folders/subfolders. Certificates and completed QAF forms shall be submitted at the kickoff meeting.
9. Quality Management and Coordination with BIPTM:

Immediately following Notice to Proceed, the Successful Qualified Firm shall submit a Project-Specific Quality Control/Quality Assurance (QA/QC) Plan for Authority's approval which clearly explains how its firm-wide Quality Management Program translates into the quality process for this assignment. The QA/QC Plan shall identify credentialed QA/QC personnel and their roles, and explicitly outline measures to be followed throughout the duration of the assignment, including the management of subconsultants and their work. The submittal shall include the forms used by the Successful Qualified Firm to document the QA/QC process for review and approval by the Authority. If the forms are not found acceptable or the Successful Qualified Firm does not have forms available, then use of the Authority's QCF-4 form detailed in the current New

Jersey Turnpike Authority Bridge Inspection Program Quality Management Plan shall be used. The completed forms should be retained by the Successful Qualified Firm and available for review upon the Authority's request. The Successful Qualified Firm is entirely responsible for the quality of submittals in this inspection assignment and will be monitored by the Authority on a continued basis for adherence to the approved QA/QC Plan. Should it be determined that incomplete or erroneous reports are being submitted, then the Successful Qualified Firm will be required to convene a meeting with the Authority to review the deficiencies and propose an action plan to bring the reports to established standards.

It is noted that general overview of the 2025 NJTA Bridge Inspection Program for Major Group 1, Major Group 2, and Major Group 3 Bridges will be performed by the Authority's Bridge Inspection Program Technical Manager (BIPTM) to ensure accuracy, consistency and completeness in inspection data collection and entry, SNBI and FHWA Element Level bridge inspection coding interpretation, inspection report format and content. The BIPTM will be responsible for unscheduled field audits for compliance of inspection personnel and procedures, independent inspections comparing Successful Qualified Firm inspection report findings to field findings, review of sample draft inspection reports and limited audits of Bentley AssetWise Inspections (AWI) data entry, SNBI updates and FHWA Element Level bridge inspection coding. A kickoff meeting will be scheduled with the Successful Qualified Firm, the Authority's Liaison Engineer and the BIPTM to discuss inspection procedures, personnel, report format, schedule, and submittals.

The Authority's Liaison Engineer and the BIPTM will arrange coordination meetings with all 2025 NJTA Bridge Inspection Successful Qualified Firms to establish consistent inspection procedures, coding guidelines, and report format. The Successful Qualified Firm shall include two (2) half day coordination meetings at the Authority's Administration Building in the estimate of work hours in the EOI and Fee Proposal.

10. Other Agency/Entity Coordination

The Successful Qualified Firm will be required to contact and/or meet with representatives of state and/or other agencies/entities (e.g., New Jersey Department of Transportation, Conrail, Norfolk Southern, CSX, NJ Transit, Amtrak, etc.), to review and determine all necessary project requirements and permits. It is noted that other agencies/entities may have security requirements such as obtaining of TWIC (Transportation Worker Identification Credentials) cards or supervision of inspection work by a security firm. The Successful Qualified Firm shall notify the Authority immediately if it is revealed during initial contact that the railroad ownership has changed. The Authority's Liaison Engineer will establish correct channel of communication with the new railroad company for the Successful Qualified Firm in this case. Various regional agencies will be affected by this project and should be kept informed as to the status of this project. US Coast Guard shall be notified at least 30 days prior to the inspection of any bridge over a navigable waterway.

REFERENCE MATERIALS:

The contract documents are available for review electronically through the Authority's Secure File Sharing Site. Access to the secure workspace will be provided to all prequalified and eligible Qualified Firms via e-mail as part of the RFEIO notification process. If there are any questions or issues related to the Secure File Sharing Site, please contact Oleem O'Garro, P.E. at ogarro@njta.com. The subject line should read, "OPS Nos. A4128, A4129, and T4130 Secure File Sharing Site Information". The following reference material is available for review:

- a) Major Group 1 Prior Inspection Reports
- b) Major Group 2 Prior Inspection Reports
- c) Major Group 3 Prior Inspection Reports
- d) Sample Bridge Inspection Report

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BRIDGE LISTS

Major Bridge Group 1 – OPS No. A4128								
No.	Bridge No.	Bridge Description	Length (ft.)	Span	NSTM	Next UW	Inspection Begin Date	Inspection Completion Date
1	MP 28.0N	Parkway N over Great Egg Harbor and Harbor Road	3669	47		2026	10/18/2026	11/1/2026
2	MP 28.0SR	Parkway S over Great Egg Harbor and Harbor Road	3840	21		2028	9/13/2026	10/31/2026
3	MP 28.5N	Parkway N over Drag Channel	766	19		2026	10/17/2026	11/1/2026
4	MP 28.5SR	Parkway S over Drag Channel	773	10		2028	9/8/2026	11/1/2026
5	MP 49.0N	Parkway N over Mullica River	1230	6		2025	6/19/2025	8/18/2025
6	MP 49.0S	Parkway S over Mullica River	979	12	Y	2025	6/19/2025	8/18/2025
7	MP 51.9N	Parkway N over Bass River, US Route 9, West Greenbush Road, and Allens Dock Road	988	6		2025	6/14/2025	9/11/2025
8	MP 51.9S	Parkway S over Bass River, US Route 9, West Greenbush Road, and Allens Dock Road	890	8	Y	2025	6/19/2025	9/11/2025
9	MP 127.2N	Parkway NBI/NBO over Raritan River and Smith Street	4391	29	Y	2025	7/14/2025	4/18/2026
10	MP 127.2S	Parkway S over Raritan River and Smith Street	4376	27		2025	7/14/2025	4/16/2026
11	MP 84.24N	Turnpike SNO/SNI over Raritan River	812	5	Y	2028	4/4/2026	9/8/2026
12	MP 84.24S	Turnpike NSO/NSI over Raritan River	814	5	Y	2028	4/4/2026	9/8/2026

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Major Bridge Group 2 – OPS No. A4129								
No.	Bridge No.	Bridge Description	Length (ft.)	Span	NSTM	UW	Inspection Begin Date	Inspection Completion Date
1	MP 158.2	Parkway N/S over Passaic River, US 46 and River Drive	969	8	Y	2025	8/18/2025	3/9/2026
2	MP 158.2X	Parkway S over Passaic River, US 46 and River Drive	983	20	Y	2027	10/31/2025	6/17/2026
3	MP P0.00	Turnpike PEW/PWE over Delaware River, AMTRAK, US 13, and Local Roads	6571	31	Y	2028	7/17/2026	10/31/2026
4	MP N2.01	Turnpike HEW/HWE over Newark Bay and NJ Route 440	6170	33	Y	2025	6/17/2025	11/27/2025
5	MP N3.73	Turnpike HWE/HEW over Turnpike Int. 14A Ramps ET/TW, NJ440, HBLR, and Conrail	2279	28	Y		6/17/2026	10/31/2026
6	MP N6.49	Turnpike HWE/HEW over Jersey City Streets, Hudson Bergen Light Rail, and Former Railroad Yards	4269	44	Y		6/14/2026	11/17/2026
7	MP N7.13	Turnpike HWE/HEW over Jersey City Streets and PATH	2355	26			6/13/2026	8/2/2026
8	MP N7.52	Turnpike HWE/HEW over Jersey City Streets, Conrail, and Railroad Yards	2042	27			5/27/2026	6/28/2026
9	MP N7.90E	Turnpike HWE over Jersey City Streets, Conrail, and Railroad Yards	2003	25	Y		5/9/2026	6/28/2026
10	MP N7.93W	Turnpike HEW over Coles Street, Conrail, and Railroad Yards	2387	27	Y		6/28/2026	9/14/2026
11	MP 120.46	Turnpike NS95L/NS95X/SN95X/SN95L over NJ Route 93 (Grand Avenue), CSX, and Flat Rock Creek	1608	19			3/10/2025	11/23/2025

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Major Bridge Group 3 – OPS No. T4130								
No.	Bridge No.	Bridge Description	Length (ft.)	Span	NSTM	UW	Inspection Begin Date	Inspection Completion Date
1	MP 105.18	Turnpike NSI/SNI over Turnpike Int. 14 Ramps SIT/HLT/SOT, Conrail, and Interport and Conrail Access Roads	1934	21			4/28/2026	1/16/2027
2	MP 105.18NO	Turnpike SNO and Ramp TN-14 over Turnpike Int. 14 Ramps SIT/HLT/SOT, Conrail, and Interport and Conrail Access Roads	1946	16			2/22/2025	1/30/2026
3	MP 105.18SO	Turnpike NSO and Ramp NT-14 over Turnpike Int. 14 Ramps SIT/HLT/SOT, Conrail, and Interport and Conrail Access Roads	1890	16			2/22/2025	8/28/2025
4	MP E106.15A	Turnpike SNW over Turnpike Ramps NSE-I/SNI-E	760	5	Y		3/9/2025	2/5/2026
5	MP E106.20A	Turnpike Ramp TNW-14 over Turnpike Ramps SNO-E/SNI-E/NSE-I/TNE-14	1616	12	Y		2/22/2025	12/28/2025
6	MP W106.26AR	Turnpike Ramp NSE-O over Turnpike SNW and Ramps NSW-O/NSW-I/TNW-14	1490	9	Y		3/9/2025	11/2/2025
12	MP E107.88	Turnpike NSE/SNE over Passaic River, Raymond Blvd., Harrison Ave., Turnpike Ramps and Railroads	6941	48	Y	2026	6/28/2026	3/8/2027
7	MP W107.87	Turnpike NSW/SNW over Passaic River, Raymond Blvd., Harrison Ave., Ramps, and Railroads	7294	51	Y	2027	4/11/2025	2/16/2026
8	MP W115.36	Turnpike NSW/SNW over Hackensack River	3603	30		2026	3/8/2026	8/28/2026
9	MP W116.10	Turnpike NSW/SNW over Turnpike Ramps SESA/SWSA, CSX, NYSW, Fletcher Creamer Ridgefield Yard, And Victoria Terrace	1198	9			2/22/2025	9/21/2025
10	MP E116.72AN	Turnpike SNW over Turnpike NSE and SNE80	1007	7	Y		3/9/2025	9/15/2025
11	MP E116.74AS	Turnpike NSW over Turnpike NSE	1255	9	Y		3/9/2025	11/2/2025
13	MP E109.83	Turnpike NSE/SNE over Hackensack River and Abandoned Railroad	5617	38	Y	2026	5/12/2026	10/13/2026
14	MP E111.15	Turnpike NSE/SNE over Erie Viaduct (Norfolk Southern), Seaview Drive, County Road (CR 653), Access Roads, and Turnpike UTU (at MP 111)	1350	14			5/16/2026	2/10/2027

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Subsection B3**Staffing Estimate****2025-2028 Inspection Services for the New Jersey Turnpike Authority Bridge Inspection Program****OPS No. A4128****Major Bridges – Group 1**

Classification (ASCE-Grade)	Mobilization	Bridge Inspection	Bridge Reports	NBE / SNBI	Miscellaneous	Total Hours
Project Manager ()						0
QA Officer ()						0
Team Leader ()						0
Inspector/Engineer ()						0
Junior Engineer ()						0
Drafter ()						0
Structural Engineer ()						0
Total Hours	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Major Bridges – Group 2

Classification (ASCE-Grade)	Mobilization	Bridge Inspection	Bridge Reports	NBE / SNBI	Miscellaneous	Total Hours
Project Manager ()						0
QA Officer ()						0
Team Leader ()						0
Inspector/Engineer ()						0
Junior Engineer ()						0
Drafter ()						0
Structural Engineer ()						0
Total Hours	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Major Bridges – Group 3

Classification (ASCE-Grade)	Mobilization	Bridge Inspection	Bridge Reports	NBE / SNBI	Miscellaneous	Total Hours
Project Manager ()						0
QA Officer ()						0
Team Leader ()						0
Inspector/Engineer ()						0
Junior Engineer ()						0
Drafter ()						0
Structural Engineer ()						0
Total Hours	0	0	0	0	0	0

Subsection B4
Qualified and Eligible Firms

1. AECOM Technical Services
2. Arora and Associates, P.C.
3. ATANE Engineers, Architects and Land Surveyors, P.C.
4. Boswell Engineering
6. CDM Smith Inc.
7. Churchill Consulting Engineers, P.C.
8. CME Associates
9. Gannett Fleming, Inc.
10. Greenman-Pedersen, Inc.
11. Hardesty & Hanover, LLC
12. IH Engineers, P.C.
13. Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, Inc.
14. KS Engineers, P.C.
15. LS Engineering Associates Corporation
16. MAKs Engineers, PC
17. Michael Baker International, Inc.
18. Modjeski & Masters, Inc.
19. Mott MacDonald LLC
20. MP Engineers, P.C.
21. Parsons Transportation Group, Inc.
22. Pennoni Associates, Inc.
23. Pickering, Corts & Summerson, Inc.
24. PKB Engineering Corporation
25. Popli, Architecture + Engineering & LS, DPC, dba Popli Design Group
26. Remington & Vernick Engineers
27. SI Engineering, PC
28. SJH Engineering, P.C.
29. Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.
29. STV Incorporated
30. T.Y. Lin International
31. Traffic Planning and Design, Inc.
32. Transystems Corporation
33. Van Cleef Engineering Associates, LLC
34. WSP USA Inc.

ATTACHMENT C

Standard Supplemental Information and Forms

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- C1. Administrative and Agreement Information
- C2. Mandatory Equal Employment Opportunity Language, *N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. (P.L. 1975, c.127) and N.J.A.C. 17:27 et seq.*
- C3. State Consultant Political Contributions Compliance, *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.13 to 20.25 (P.L. 2005, c.51), N.J.S.A. 19:44-20.26 (P.L. 2005, c.271s.2), P.L. 2023, c.30 (The Elections Transparency Act) and Executive Order 333 (2023 Murphy)*
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- C13. Forms Required to be Submitted:
 - a. Affidavit of Eligibility/Disclosure of Material Litigation
 - b. Small Business Enterprise/Disabled Veteran Owned Business
 - c. Disclosure of Investment Activities in Iran
 - d. Prohibited Activities in Russia or Belarus
 - e. Source Disclosure Certification
 - f. Ownership Disclosure
 - g. Business Registration Act
 - h. Set-Off for State Sales Tax
 - i. Affidavit of Moral Integrity
 - j. Disclosure of Outstanding Work
 - k. Recent Project Experience
 - l. Commitment of Proposed Project Staff
 - m. Certification of Staff Availability

Subsection C1

Administrative and Agreement Information

Professional Corporation

Incorporated Firms that have not filed a copy of a Certificate of Authorization, with the Authority must include a copy of the Certificate with the EOI. Professional service corporations established pursuant to the "Professional Service Corporation Act," N.J.S.A. 14A:17-1 et seq. (P.L. 1969, c. 232), are exempt from this requirement.

Signatures

Expressions of Interest must be signed by an officer of the Firm authorized to make a binding commitment.

Incurring Costs

The Authority shall not be liable for any costs incurred by any Firm in the preparation of their Expression of Interest or Fee Proposal.

Addendum to EOI Solicitations

If, at any time prior to the Authority receiving responses to this RFEOI, it becomes necessary to revise any part of this RFEOI, or if additional information is necessary to enable firms to adequately interpret the provisions of this RFEOI, an addendum to the RFEOI will be made available on the Authority's web-site, www.njta.com, as described herein.

Acceptance and Rejection of EOIs and Fee Proposals

Any award of this OPS will be made in accordance with N.J.A.C.19:9-2.8. The issuance of this RFEOI soliciting Expressions of Interest and Fee Proposals does not, in any manner or form, commit the Authority to award any OPS. The contents of the RFEOI, EOI, and a final negotiated Fee Proposal may become a contractual obligation, if an EOI submitted in response to the RFEOI is accepted, and an OPS is entered into with the Authority. Failure of a firm to adhere to and/or honor any or all of obligations of its response to the RFEOI, including its EOI, may result in rescission of any OPS awarded by the Authority. The Authority shall not be obligated at any time to award any OPS. The Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals or to negotiate with any proposer, to waive minor noncompliance, amend or supplement the RFEOI, re-advertise the RFEOI, or abandon a procurement, and/or take such other steps deemed necessary and in the best interest of the Authority, in accordance with applicable law.

Errors or Omissions in RFEOI

It is the firm's responsibility to bring to the attention of the Authority during the RFEOI any errors, omissions, or non-compliance discovered in the RFEOI. By neglecting to do so, the firm will be responsible to make any resulting changes without additional compensation if awarded the OPS.

Dissemination of Information

Information included in this RFEOI or in any way associated with this project is intended for use only by the firms submitting an EOI and the Authority and is to remain the property of the Authority. Under no circumstances shall any of said information be published, copied, or used by any firm, except in replying to this RFEOI solicitation.

News Releases

No news releases pertaining to this RFEOI or the project to which it relates shall be made without Authority approval and then only in coordination with the issuing office and the Authority's Media Relations Coordinator.

Public Records

This RFEIOI, and any response to the RFEIOI, including an EOI and Fee Proposal submitted by a firm in response to the RFEIOI, shall constitute a public document subject to disclosure in accordance with New Jersey's Open Public Records Act, N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq. (OPRA). Any firm responding to the RFEIOI may request that the Authority's Director of Law deem certain information contained in its response to be personal, financial, or proprietary information that is exempt from disclosure under OPRA.

The Authority reserves the right to make the determination regarding what is proprietary or confidential and will advise the winning bidder/proposer accordingly. The Authority will not honor any attempt by a winning bidder/proposer to designate its entire proposal as proprietary or confidential and will not honor a claim of copyright protection for an entire proposal. In the event of any challenge to the winning bidder's/proposer's assertion of confidentiality with which the Authority does not concur, the bidder /proposer shall be solely responsible for defending its designation.

Subsection C2

Mandatory Equal Employment Opportunity Language

N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. (P.L. 1975, c. 127)

N.J.A.C. 17:27 et seq.

Goods, General Services, and Professional Services Contracts

The consultant or subconsultant, 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, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality, or sex. Except with respect to affectional or sexual orientation and gender identity or expression, the consultant will ensure that equal employment opportunity is afforded to such applicants in recruitment and employment, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affection-al or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality, or sex. Such equal employment opportunity shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, up-grading, 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 consultant agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the Public Agency Compliance Officer setting forth provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

The consultant or subconsultant, where applicable will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the consultant, 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, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex.

The consultant or subconsultant will send to each labor union, with which it has a collective bargaining agreement, a notice, to be provided by the agency contracting officer, advising the labor union of the consultant's commitments under this chapter and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

The consultant or subconsultant, 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 consultant or subconsultant agrees to make good faith efforts to meet targeted county employment goals established in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-5.2.

The consultant or subconsultant agrees to inform in writing its appropriate recruitment agencies including, but not limited to, employment agencies, placement bureaus, colleges, universities, and labor unions, that it does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, creed, col-or, 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 consultant or subconsultant 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 targeted employment goals, the consultant or subconsultant agrees to review all procedures relating to transfer, upgrading, downgrading and layoff to ensure that all such actions are taken without regard to age, race, 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 consultant 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; or

Employee Information Report Form AA-302 (electronically provided by the Division and distributed to the public agency through the Division's website at: http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/contract_compliance).

The consultant and its subconsultants shall furnish such reports or other documents to the Division of Purchase & Property, CCAU, EEO Monitoring Program as may be request-ed 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 Purchase & Property, CCAU, EEO Monitoring Program for conducting a compliance investigation pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:27-1.1 et seq.

Subsection C3

State Consultant Political Contributions Compliance

*N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.25 (P.L. 2005, c.51) superseding Executive Order 134 (2004),
The Elections Transparency Act," P.L. 2023, c.30,
and Executive Order 333 (2023 Murphy)*

Election Transparency Act, P.L. 2023, c. 30; Fair and Open Exception

In accordance with the Elections Transparency Act, P.L. 2023, c. 30 (the "Act"), effective January 1, 2023, all contracts awarded by the Authority pursuant to a fair and open process as defined in the Act are no longer subject to the political contributions proscription that prohibited a contract award if certain reportable contributions were solicited or made by a potential contract awardee. The Authority has determined that this procurement meets the requirements of a fair and open process and, accordingly, any such solicited or reportable contributions made by any proposer submitting a proposal will not prohibit any contract award thereto if such proposer is deemed the successful proposer.

Annual Report of Contributions to the Election Law Enforcement Commission

All Business entities are advised of their responsibility to file an annual disclosure statement of political contributions with the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission (ELEC) pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.27 if they receive contracts in excess of \$50,000.00 from public entities in a calendar year. Business entities are responsible for determining if filing is necessary. Additional information on this requirement is available from ELEC at 888-313-3532 or at www.elec.state.nj.us

Breach of Terms of Government Contract

It shall be a breach of the terms of the OPS for the Business Entity to (i) make or solicit a contribution in violation of the Act, (ii) knowingly conceal or misrepresent a contribution given or received; (iii) make or solicit contributions (through intermediaries for the purpose of concealing or misrepresenting the source of the contribution; (iv) make or solicit any contribution on the condition

or with the agreement that it will be contributed to a campaign committee of any candidate or holder of the public office of Governor or Lieutenant Governor; (v) engage or employ a lobbyist or consultant with the intent or understanding that such lobbyist or consultant would make or solicit any contribution, which if made or solicited by the Business Entity itself, would subject that entity to the restrictions of the Act; (vi) fund contributions made by third parties, including consultants, attorneys, family members, and employees; (vii) engage in any exchange of contributions to circumvent the intent of the Act; or (viii) directly or indirectly, through or by any other person or means, do any act which would subject that entity to the restrictions of the Act.

Subsection C4

Right to Audit

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:44-2.2, the New Jersey Office of the State Comptroller (OSC) has the authority to audit or review contract records, as follows:

- a. Relevant records of private vendors or other persons entering into contracts with covered entities, including the Authority, are subject to review by the OSC pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:15C-14(d).
- b. Any Consultant awarded a contract shall maintain all documentation related to products, transactions or services under this contract for a period of five (5) years from the date of final payment. Such records shall be made available to the OSC upon request.

Subsection C5

Antidiscrimination Provisions

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:2-1 every contract for or on behalf of the State or any county or municipality or other political subdivision of the State, or any agency of or authority created by any of the foregoing, for the construction, alteration or repair of any public building or public work or for the acquisition of materials, equipment, supplies or services shall contain provisions by which the contractor agrees that:

- a. In the hiring of persons for the performance of work under this contract or any subcontract hereunder, or for the procurement, manufacture, assembling or furnishing of any such materials, equipment, supplies or services to be acquired under this contract, no consultant, nor any person acting on behalf of such consultant or subconsultant, shall, by reason of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, gender identity or expression, affectional or sexual orientation or sex, discriminate against any person who is qualified and available to perform the work to which the employment relates;
- b. No consultant, subconsultant, nor any person on his behalf shall, in any manner, discriminate against or intimidate any employee engaged in the performance of work under this contract or any subcontract hereunder, or engaged in the procurement, manufacture, assembling or furnishing of any such materials, equipment, supplies or services to be acquired under such contract, on account of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, gender identity or expression, affectional or sexual orientation or sex;
- c. There may be deducted from the amount payable to the consultant by the contracting public agency, under this contract, a penalty of \$50.00 for each person for each calendar day during which such person is discriminated against or intimidated in violation of the provisions of the contract; and

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- d. This contract may be canceled or terminated by the contracting public agency, and all money due or to become due hereunder may be forfeited, for any violation of this attachment of the contract occurring after notice to the consultant from the contracting public agency of any prior violation of this attachment of the contract.

Subsection C6

Standards Prohibiting Conflicts of Interest

Executive Order 189 (1988 - Kean)

Pursuant to N.J.S.A.52:34-19 and Executive Order 134 (1976 - Byrne), Executive Order 189 (1988 - Kean) includes the following prohibitions on any vendor which provides or offers or proposes to provide goods or services to or perform any contract for the State of new Jersey or any State agency.

- a. No vendor shall pay, offer to pay, or agree to pay, either directly or indirectly, any fee, commission, compensation, gift, gratuity, or other thing of value of any kind to any State officer or employee or special State officer or employee, as defined by N.J.S.A. 52:13D-13b. and e., in the Department of the Treasury or any other agency with which such vendor transacts or offers or proposes to transact business, or to any member of the immediate family, as defined by N.J.S.A. 52:13D-13i., of any such officer or employee, or any partnership, Firm, or corporation with which they are employed or associated, or in which such officer or employee has an interest within the meaning of N.J.S.A. 52:13D-13g.
- b. The solicitation of any fee, commission, compensation, gift, gratuity, or other thing of value by any State officer or employee or special State officer or employee from any State vendor shall be reported in writing forthwith by the vendor to the Attorney General and the Executive Commission on Ethical Standards.
- c. No vendor may, directly or indirectly, undertake any private business, commercial or entrepreneurial relationship with, whether or not pursuant to employment, contract or other agreement, express or implied, or sell any interest in such vendor to, any State officer or employee or special State officer or employee having any duties or responsibilities in connection with the purchase, acquisition or sale of any property or services by or to any State agency or any instrumentality thereof, or with any person, Qualified Firm or entity with which he is employed or associated or in which he has an interest within the meaning of N.J.S.A. 52:13D-13g. Any relationships subject to this provision shall be reported in writing forthwith to the Executive Commission on Ethical Standards, which may grant a waiver of this restriction upon application of the State officer or employee or special State officer or employee upon a finding that the present or proposed relationship does not present the potential, actuality, or appearance of a conflict of interest.
- d. No vendor shall influence, or attempt to influence or cause to be influenced, any State officer or employee or special State officer or employee in his official capacity in any manner which might tend to impair the objectivity or independence of judgment of said officer or employee.
- e. No vendor shall cause or influence, or attempt to cause or influence, any State officer or employee or special State officer or employee to use, or attempt to use, his official position to secure unwarranted privileges or advantages for the vendor or any other person.
- f. The provisions cited above in paragraph 3a. through 3e. shall not be construed to prohibit a State officer or employee or special State officer or employee from receiving gifts from or contracting with vendors under the same terms and conditions as are offered or made available to members of the general public subject to any guidelines the Executive Commission on Ethical Standards may promulgate under paragraph 3c.

Subsection C7

ADA Indemnification Act

The provisions of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (the "Act") (42 U.S.C. §12101 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 thereunto, shall be a part of any OPS awarded under pursuant to this RFEI. In providing any aid, benefit, or service on behalf of the Authority pursuant to any such OPS, the consultant agrees

that the performance shall be in strict compliance with the Act. In the event that the consultant, its agents, servants, employees, or subconsultants violate or are alleged to have violated the Act during the performance of any OPS awarded pursuant to this

RFEI, the consultant shall defend the Authority in any action or administrative proceeding commenced pursuant to this Act. The consultant shall indemnify, protect, and save harmless the Authority, its agents, servants, and employees from and against any and all suits, claims, losses demands, or damages, or whatever kind or nature arising out of or claimed to arise out of the alleged violation. The consultant 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 Authority grievance procedure, the consultant agrees to abide by any decision of the Authority that is rendered pursuant to said grievance procedure. If any action or administrative proceeding results in an award of damages against the Authority or if the Authority incurs any expense to cure a violation of the Act which has been brought pursuant to its grievance procedure, the consultant shall satisfy and discharge the same at its own expense.

The Authority shall, as soon as practicable after a claim has been made against it, give written notice thereof to the consultant along with full and complete particulars of the claim. If any action or administrative proceedings is brought against the Authority or any of its agents, servants, and employees, the Authority shall expeditiously forward or have forwarded to the consultant every demand, complaint, notice, summons, pleading, or other process received by the Authority or its representatives. It is expressly agreed and understood that any approval by the Authority of the services provided by the consultant pursuant to any contract awarded pursuant to this RFEI will not relieve the consultant of the obligation to comply with the Act and to defend, indemnify, protect, and save harmless the Authority pursuant to this attachment. It is further agreed and understood that the Authority assumes no obligation to indemnify or save harmless the consultant, its agents, servants, employees and subconsultants for any claim that may arise out of their performance of any OPS awarded pursuant to this RFEI. Furthermore, the consultant expressly understands and agrees that the provisions of this indemnification clause shall in no way limit the consultant's obligations assumed in any OPS awarded pursuant to this RFEI, nor shall it be construed to relieve the consultant from any liability, nor preclude the Authority from taking any other actions available to it under any other provisions of any OPS awarded pursuant to this RFEI or otherwise at law.

Subsection C8

Diane B. Allen Equal Pay Act

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.1 et seq. (P.L. 2018, c. 9), also known as the Diane B. Allen Equal Pay Act, which was signed in to law by Governor Phil Murphy on April 24, 2018, a consultant performing "qualifying services" or "public work" to the State or any agency or instrumentality of the State shall provide the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development a report regarding the compensation and hours worked by employees categorized by gender, race, ethnicity, and job category. For more information and report templates see <https://nj.gov/labor/equalpay/equalpay.html>

Subsection C9

Warranty by Contractor of No Solicitation on Commission or Contingent Fee Basis

N.J.S.A. 52:34-15 (P.L. 1954, c. 48, § 10)

Every contract or agreement negotiated, awarded or made pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:34-15 shall contain a suitable warranty by the contractor 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 the contractor for the purpose of securing business, for the breach or violation of which warranty the State shall have the right to annul such contract without liability or in its discretion to deduct from the contract price or consideration the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee.

Subsection C10
Prompt Payment Act
N.J.S.A. 2A:30A

Pursuant to the New Jersey Prompt Payment Act, N.J.S.A. 2A:30A-1 et seq., payment to the Successful Qualified Firm under any contract awarded pursuant to this RFEI shall be processed and paid as follows:

1. All consultant bills shall be deemed approved and certified for payment 20 days after the receipt unless before the end of the 20-day period a written statement of the amount withheld and the reason for withholding payment is provided.
2. If the billing is approved, the bill shall be paid in the Authority's subsequent payment cycle.

Subsection C11
Code of Ethical Standards

The Authority has promulgated a Code of Ethical Standards pursuant to the laws of the State of New Jersey, a copy of which is available on the State of New Jersey website at <https://www.state.nj.us/ethics/docs/ethics/uniformcode.pdf>. By submitting an Expression of Interest and Fee Proposals, the Successful Firm will be subject to the intent and purpose of said the Code and to the requirements of the State Ethics Commission.

Subsection C12
Small Business Enterprise and Disabled Veteran-Owned Business Programs

Small Business Enterprise Program

It is the policy of the New Jersey Turnpike Authority (the "Authority") that Small Business Enterprises ("SBE"), as determined and defined by the Division of Revenue and Enterprise Services ("Division") and the Department of the Treasury ("Treasury") in N.J.A.C. 17:13-1.1, have the opportunity to compete for and participate in the performance of consultant services. The Authority seeks participation of these SBEs in the performance of certain Orders for Professional Services (OPS). At the time of submission of its Expression of Interest, the firm must include either (1) evidence of the use subconsultants who are registered with the Division as an SBE and whose collective participation in performance of subconsultant services meets or exceeds the goal of at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the total value of any OPS awarded pursuant to this RFEI, or (2) demonstration of a good faith effort to meet the goal of awarding at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the total value of the OPS to subconsultants who are registered with the Division as an SBE.

During this procurement, as part of the fee negotiation process, firms must submit proof of their subconsultants' SBE registration(s). In the event that, prior to the time of award, a firm has not demonstrated to the Authority's satisfaction, that good faith effort was made to accomplish the above stated goal, the Authority is precluded from awarding the firm the OPS in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:13-4.2.

After award of the OPS, in order for the Authority to monitor and report SBE participation during the course of the OPS pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:13-1.1 et seq., the selected firm (the "Consultant") shall submit evidence of SBE participation in a form acceptable to the Authority, with each invoice for payment. Invoices for payment submitted without the completed SBE Form will not be processed.

If a Consultant, at any time during the course of an OPS, and for any reason, intends to make any additions, deletions, or substitutions of the SBE subconsultants listed on the SBE/DVOB Utilization form submitted to the Authority, the Consultant shall

submit such proposed changes for approval. Any such proposed changes must comply with the requirements and procedures set forth herein.

A firm submitting a proposal shall take the following action, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:13-4.3, in establishing a “good faith effort” to solicit and award subconsultant contracts to eligible SBEs:

1. Firm shall attempt to locate qualified potential SBE subconsultants.
2. Firm shall request a listing of small businesses from the Division and the Authority, if none are known to the firm submitting a proposal.
3. Firm shall keep specific records of its efforts, including the names of businesses contacted and the means and results of such contacts, including receipts from certified mail and telephone records.
4. Firm shall provide all potential SBE subconsultants with detailed information regarding the solicitation, project description and specifications, including proof of advertisements in general circulation media, professional service publications and minority and women focus media.
5. Firm shall attempt, wherever possible, to negotiate lower prices with potential SBE subconsultants that submit higher than acceptable fee estimates.
6. Firm shall provide evidence of efforts made to identify work categories capable of being performed by SBEs; and
7. Firm shall provide evidence of efforts made to use the services of available community organizations, consultant groups, and local, State, and federal agencies that provide assistance in the recruitment and placement of SBEs.

The Successful Qualified Firm shall maintain adequate records to document its efforts and shall provide same to the Authority upon request.

Disabled Veteran Owned Business Enterprise Program

It is the policy of the New Jersey Turnpike Authority (“Authority”) that Disabled Veteran Owned Business Enterprises (DVOBs), as determined and defined by the Division of Revenue and Enterprise Services (“Division”) and the Department of Treasury (“Treasury”) in N.J.A.C. 17:14-1.1, have the opportunity to compete for and participate in the performance of consultant services. The Authority seeks participation of these DVOBs in the performance of certain Orders for Professional Services (OPS). The firm’s Expression of Interest must include either (1) evidence of the use of subconsultants who are registered with the Division as a DVOB, and whose collective participation in performance of subconsultant services meets or exceeds the goal of at least three per cent (3%) of the total value of any OPS awarded pursuant to this RFEI or (2) demonstration of a good faith effort to meet the goal of awarding at least three per cent (3%) of the total value of the OPS to subconsultants who are registered with the Division as a DVOB.

During the Expression of Interest portion of this procurement, as part of the fee negotiation process, firms must submit proof of their subconsultants DVOB registrations. In the event that, prior to the time of award, a firm has not demonstrated, to the Authority’s satisfaction, that a good faith effort was made to accomplish the above stated goal, the Authority is precluded from awarding the firm the OPS in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:14-4.2.

After award of the OPS, in order for the Authority to monitor and report DVOB participation during the course of the OPS pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:14-1 et seq., the selected firm (the “Consultant”) shall submit evidence of DVOB participation in a form acceptable to the Authority, with each invoice for payment. Invoices for payment submitted without the completed DVOB Form will not be processed.

If a Consultant, at any time during the course of an OPS, and for any reason, intends to make any additions, deletions, or substitutions of the DVOB subconsultants listed on the SBE/DVOB Utilization form submitted to the Authority, the Consultant shall submit such proposed changes for approval. Any such proposed changes must comply with the requirements and procedures set forth herein.

A firm submitting a proposal shall take the following action, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:14-4.3, in establishing a “good faith effort” to solicit and award subconsultant contracts to eligible DVOBs:

1. Firm shall attempt to locate qualified potential DVOBs.
2. Firm shall consult the DVOB Database if no DVOBs are known to the firm.
3. Firm shall keep all documentation of its efforts, including the names of businesses contacted and the means and results of such contacts; and
4. Firm shall provide all potential subconsultants with detailed information regarding the specifications.

The Successful Qualified Firm shall maintain adequate records to document its efforts and shall provide same to the Authority upon request.

Subsection C13

Forms Required to be Submitted

Qualified Firms shall submit the following completed, executed forms at the time of submission of their Expression of Interest. The following forms are available at www.njta.com under *Doing Business, Engineering Professional Services, PS Supplemental Forms*.

a. Affidavit of Eligibility/Disclosure of Material Litigation

A completed Affidavit of Eligibility/Disclosure of Material Litigation form for review by the Authority’s legal counsel shall be submitted by firms at the time of submission of their Expression of Interest for each firm, each member of a joint venture and all subconsultants. Each firm, each member of a joint venture and all subconsultants shall certify that it is not suspended, disbarred, or disqualified from bidding on any state or federal contracts. Furthermore, no litigation shall be pending or brought against the firm that could materially affect its ability to perform the OPS described herein. Each firm shall submit a description of all litigation pending, threatened, or brought against it, including any litigation against its owners and/or principals; and shall also submit a description of any enforcement actions or penalties pending or assessed by any regulatory agency having jurisdiction over permit compliance, worker health and safety, or labor laws.

b. Small Business Enterprise/Disabled Veteran Owned Business

Firms shall submit a Small Business Enterprise/Disabled Veteran Owned Business (SBE/DVOB) Utilization form at the time of submission of their Technical and Fee Proposals In accordance with the Authority’s SBE/DVOB Programs.

c. Disclosure of Investment Activities in Iran, *N.J.S.A. 52:32-58*

A State agency shall require a person or entity that submits a bid or proposal or otherwise proposes to enter into or renew a contract to certify, prior to the time a contract is awarded and at the time the contract is renewed, that the person or entity is not identified on the Department of Treasury’s List of Persons or Entities Engaging in Prohibited Investment Activities in Iran and that neither is involved in any of the investment activities set forth in N.J.S.A. 52:32-56(f).

The Department of Treasury's Chapter 25 list is found on the State of New Jersey, Department of Treasury, Division of Purchase and Property website at <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/pdf/Chapter25List.pdf>. Proposers must review this list prior to completing the certification. If the Authority finds a person or entity to be in violation of the law, such person or entity 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.

*Note: While the Authority acknowledges that, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:32-58 et seq. this certification is required prior to award of any contract, the Authority requests that Qualified Firms complete and submit the form entitled "Disclosure of Investment Activities in Iran" at the time of submission of their Expression of Interest.

d. Prohibited Activities in Russia or Belarus

N.J.S.A. 52:32-60.1 et seq. (P.L. 2022, C.3) (the "Act") states that prior to contract award, the awardee must certify that neither the awardee, nor any of its parents, subsidiaries, or affiliates, have engaged in prohibited activities in Russia or Belarus. However, the enforceability of N.J.S.A. 52:32-60.1 et seq. was challenged in the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey. On December 22, 2023, a company obtained a permanent injunction from the United States District Court, which enjoined the State from enforcing N.J.S.A. 52:32-60.1 on the ground that it would conflict with the existing federal sanctions regime and the United States Constitution's Supremacy Clause.

N.J.S.A. 52:32-60.4 provides that the Act "shall not apply in circumstances when its application would violate federal law." Accordingly, to enforce the Act in a manner consistent with the District Court's decision and federal law, New Jersey deems its list of persons and entities engaging in prohibited activities in Russia or Belarus to consist of all persons and entities appearing on the list of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons promulgated by the United States Department of Treasury, Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC), on account of activity relating to Russia or Belarus. A searchable database of OFAC-listed persons and entities is available here: <https://sanctionssearch.ofac.treas.gov/>.

Consistent with the District Court's decision, the New Jersey Turnpike Authority has revised its *Certification of Non-Involvement In Prohibited Activities in Russia or Belarus* form. Accordingly, prior to entering into any Agreement(s) hereunder, Successful Proposer(s) shall be required to complete and submit to the Authority the revised *Certification of Non-Involvement In Prohibited Activities in Russia or Belarus* form.

e. Source Disclosure Certification

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:34-13.2 (Executive Order 129 (2004)), the Authority must consider the requirements of New Jersey's contracting laws, the best interests of the State of New Jersey and its citizens, as well as applicable federal and international requirements.

The Authority shall insure that all Firms seeking to enter into any contract in which services are procured on its behalf must disclose:

- i. The location by country where the services under contract will be performed.
- ii. Any subcontracting of services under the contract and the location by country where the subcontracted services will be performed.

This information must be disclosed on the Vendor Source Disclosure Form – N.J.S.A. 52:34-13.2 (Executive Order 129 (2004)), which is available on the Authority's website and returned with your Firm's Expression of Interest (EOI).

f. Ownership Disclosure

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:25-24.2, prior to the receipt of the proposal or accompanying the proposal, every corporation or partnership or limited liability company submitting a proposal shall submit a statement setting forth 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. If one or more such stockholder or partner or member is itself a corporation or partnership or limited liability company, the stockholders holding 10 percent or more of that corporation's stock, or the individual partners owning 10 percent or greater interest in that partnership, or the members owning 10 percent or greater interest in that limited liability company, as the case may be, shall also be listed. 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 in this act, has been listed.

To comply with this section, a bidder with any direct or indirect parent entity which is publicly traded may submit the name and address of each publicly traded entity and the name and address of each person that holds a 10 percent or greater beneficial interest in the publicly traded entity as of the last annual filing with the federal Securities and Exchange Commission or the foreign equivalent, and, if there is any person that holds a 10 percent or greater beneficial interest, also shall submit links to the websites containing the last annual filings with the federal Securities and Exchange Commission or the foreign equivalent and the relevant page numbers of the filings that contain the information on each person that holds a 10 percent or greater beneficial interest

Each Qualified Firm shall submit a completed Ownership Disclosure form with the Technical and Fee Proposals.

g. Business Registration Act***

Proof of valid business registration with the State of New Jersey Department of the Treasury, Division of Revenue and Enterprise Services, shall be submitted by the Successful Qualified Firm prior to award of any OPS pursuant to this RFEOL in the form of a valid Business Registration Certificate (BRC) in compliance with N.J.S.A. 52:32-44, as amended. No OPS shall be awarded without proof of business registration with the Division of Revenue and Enterprise Services. Proposers who are registered can go to https://www1.state.nj.us/TYTR_BRC/jsp/BRCLoginJsp.jsp to obtain a copy of their BRC. If a Proposer is not registered, it can obtain information for registering its business with the New Jersey Division of Revenue by visiting the following link: <https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/revenue/busreqcert.shtml>. Questions regarding this requirement should be referred to the Division of Revenue hotline @ 609-292- 9292.

A business organization that fails to provide a copy of a business registration as required pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:32-44 et seq. or that provides false information of business registration, shall be liable for a penalty of \$25 for each day of violation, not to exceed \$50,000 for each business registration copy not properly provided under a contract with a contracting agency.

*****Note:** While the Authority acknowledges that, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:32-44 et seq., a BRC is required prior to award of any contract, the Authority requests that Qualified Firms submit their BRCs at the time of submission of their Expression of Interest.

h. Set-Off for State Sales Tax

Pursuant to P.L. 1995, c. 159, effective January 1, 1996 and codified at N.J.S.A. 59:49-19 and N.J.S.A. 59:49-20, and notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, whenever any taxpayer, partnership or S corporation under contract to provide goods or services or construction projects to the State of New Jersey or its agencies or instrumentalities, including the legislative and judicial branches of State government, is entitled to payment for those goods and services or construction projects, at the same time a taxpayer, partner or shareholder of that entity is indebted for any State tax,

Request for Expressions of Interest

Multi-Project Solicitation

2025-2028 Inspection Services for the New Jersey Turnpike Authority Bridge Inspection Program

OPS No. A4128 – Major Bridges Group 1, and

OPS No. A4129 – Major Bridges Group 2, and

OPS No. T4130 – Major Bridges Group 3

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the Director of the Division of Taxation shall seek to set off that taxpayer's, partner's or shareholder's share of the payment of that indebtedness. The amount set off shall not allow for the deduction of any expenses or other deductions that might be attributable to the taxpayer, partner or shareholder subject to set-off.

The Division of Taxation may initiate procedures to set off the tax debt of a specific vendor upon the expiration of ninety (90) days after either the issuance by the Division of a notice and demand for payment of any state tax owed by the taxpayer or the issuance by the Division of a final determination on any protest filed by the taxpayer against an assessment or final audit determination. A set-off reduces the contract payment due to a vendor by the amount of that vendor's state tax indebtedness or, in the case of a vendor-partnership or vendor-S corporation, by the amount of state tax indebtedness of any member-partner or shareholder of the partnership or S corporation, respectively. N.J.A.C. 18:2-8.3.

The Director of the Division of Taxation shall give notice of the set-off to the taxpayer, partner or shareholder and shall provide an opportunity for a hearing within thirty (30) days of such notice under the procedures for protests established under N.J.S.A. 54:49-18. No requests for conference, protest, or subsequent appeal to the Tax Court from any protest permitted under N.J.S.A. 59:49-19 shall stay the collection of the indebtedness. Interest that may be payable by the State to the taxpayer, pursuant to L.1987, c. 184 (N.J.S.A. 52:32-35), shall be stayed.

Qualified Firms are requested to complete and submit a State Tax Set-Off form.

i. Affidavit of Moral Integrity

Qualified Firms shall complete, sign, and submit a notarized Affidavit of Moral Integrity form together with submission of their Expression of Interest.

j. Disclosure of Outstanding Work

Qualified Firms shall complete and submit the Disclosure Forms for the prime and all subconsultants indicating outstanding work with the Authority with their Expression of Interest.

k. Recent Project Experience

Qualified Firms shall complete and submit with their EOI, a Recent Project Experience form for the prime Qualified Firm and for each subconsultant.

l. Commitment of Proposed Project Staff

Qualified Firms shall complete and submit with their EOI, a Commitment of Proposed Project Staff form stating the percentage of time each member, including subconsultant staff, is available to commit to this assignment.

m. Certification of Staff Availability

Qualified Firms shall complete and submit with their EOI, a Certification of Staff Availability form wherein the Qualified Firm shall certify that the staff proposed in its EOI will be used in the performance of the project.

ATTACHMENT D

**N.J.A.C. 19:9-2.8 Procedures for Prequalification and Award of Contracts for
Architectural, Engineering and Land Surveying Services**

- (a) This section shall apply to contracts for architectural, engineering, and land surveying services that are not subject to N.J.A.C. 19:9-2.2(d), 2.3, or 2.5. The Authority may choose to apply this section to contracts below the public bidding threshold as set forth in N.J.S.A. 27:23-6.1.b in its sole discretion. The Authority may use procurement processes other than those prescribed in this section if those processes have been approved by the Federal government or other State statute, rule, or executive order, or if an emergency has been declared by the Executive Director. Where a procurement involves the proposed use of Federal funds, and Federal law, regulations, or guidelines require a procurement procedure other than those prescribed in this section, the Authority shall follow the Federal procedures. All procedures provided for herein that are consistent with Federal requirements shall be followed.
- (b) The following words and terms, when used in this section, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

"Complex projects" means projects other than "simple projects," and includes most projects involving transportation, planning or complex design, or any project having an estimated fee over \$ 2,000,000.

"Director" means either the Chief Engineer, Director of Operations, or Director of Maintenance, depending on whether the contract emanates from the Engineering Department, Operations Department, or the Maintenance Department.

"EOI" means an expression of interest from firms interested in performing professional architectural, engineering and land surveying services for the Authority.

"Firm" means any individual, firm, partnership, corporation, association, joint venture or other legal entity permitted by law to provide professional architectural, engineering or land surveying services in this State.

"Professional architectural, engineering, and land surveying services" means those services, including, but not limited to, planning, design, environmental, and construction inspection services required for the development and construction of projects, within the scope of the practice of architecture, professional engineering, or professional land surveying as defined by the laws of this State or those services performed by an architect, professional engineer, or professional land surveyor in connection with his or her professional employment practice, and which are subject to N.J.S.A. 52:34-9.1 et seq.

"Review committee" means the committee assigned to review a contract for professional architectural, engineering and land surveying services, which shall include at least three persons designated by the Director and approved by the Executive Director.

"Simple projects" means projects or other engineering services where the scope can be clearly defined and is not likely to change during the course of the project where the estimated fee is \$ 2,000,000 or less. Simple projects include, but are not limited to, bridge inspection projects, supervision of construction projects and highway and bridge design projects with an estimated fee of \$ 2,000,000 or less.

"Technical Review Committee" means the committee assigned to review a contract for professional architectural, engineering, and land surveying services, which shall include at least three persons designated by the Director and approved by the Executive Director.

(c) Professional services prequalification requirements shall be as follows:

1. A firm interested in a contract for professional architectural, engineering, or land surveying services shall complete and file a "Professional Service Prequalification Questionnaire" ("PSPQ") with the Authority. Firms qualified for a particular type of project based on the Authority's evaluation of the PSPQs will be eligible for consideration when such projects are being contracted for by the Authority without having to present their qualifications on a project-specific basis.
2. For the procurement of general consultants, rather than a project-specific procurement, the procedures relating to prequalification of firms may be modified to address the needs and requirements of the Authority.
3. Each firm shall identify on the PSPQ each type of work for which the firm desires prequalification. All PSPQs shall contain the following information:
 - i. Current and past projects undertaken by the firm;
 - ii. The nature of services provided on each project;
 - iii. The qualifications of the professionals employed by the firm; and
 - iv. Other information which the Authority may determine necessary to assess the firm's qualifications.
4. A firm shall notify the Authority in writing of any substantial change in the information on its PSPQ when such change occurs. A firm shall have a current PSPQ on file with the Authority on the date of the EOI submittal in order to be considered for a project. For purposes of this section, a current PSPQ is one which has been on file with the Authority for no more than 24 months.

(d) Expression of interest (EOI) solicitation and/or advertisement shall be as follows:

1. A Request for EOIs (RFEOI) shall be advertised in an appropriate newspaper or journal, having a large circulation in the State and/or advertised on the Authority's website, www.nj.gov/turnpike, or through other electronic means. Such advertisements shall be published not less than seven calendar days preceding the date upon which the EOIs are to be received. The RFEOI shall identify the scope of services required from the prequalified firms and the evaluation process to be used for the project. When the Authority seeks to engage more than one firm through a single RFEOI, the number of firms that the Authority intends to engage shall be identified in the RFEOI.
2. When general consultant services are needed, the Authority shall establish a list of criteria that firms must meet in order to be sent an RFEOI for the general consultant contract. Firms that meet such criteria shall be sent an RFEOI.

(e) Evaluation of EOIs shall be as follows:

1. Upon receipt of the EOIs, the Authority shall review the EOIs for completeness and shall reject those EOIs which are incomplete. The Authority shall notify all firms whose EOIs are determined to be incomplete in writing. For all projects, if fewer than three EOIs are deemed complete, the EOI solicitation may be rewritten and/or re-solicited, or the procurement may continue with fewer than three firms, as determined by the Executive Director, in consultation with the Director.
2. For simple projects, the technical evaluation process shall consist of the evaluation of EOIs in accordance with the procedures set forth in this section.
3. For complex projects, the evaluation of EOIs shall serve as a method by which to create a list of firms that shall receive the requests for proposals (RFP) for the project. If only three or four EOIs have been deemed complete by the Authority, these firms shall receive the RFP and the Technical Review Committee will not conduct an evaluation of the EOIs as set

forth below. If more than four EOIs have been deemed complete, the EOIs shall be submitted to the Technical Review Committee for review as set forth in (e)4 below.

4. The EOIs shall be ranked by the Technical Review Committee on the basis of numerical scores resulting from weighted rating factors. These factors will be weighted in proportion to their relative importance on a project-by-project basis. The relative weight attributed to each rating factor for a particular project and the ranking methodology shall be set forth in the RFEOI. In ranking the EOIs, the Technical Review Committee may consider criteria contained in the RFEOI, including, but not limited to:

- i. Experience of the firm on similar projects;
- ii. Experience of the Project Manager or Resident Engineer on similar projects;
- iii. Key personnel's qualifications and relevant experience;
- iv. Understanding of the project and the Authority's needs;
- v. Approach to the project;
- vi. Commitment and ability to perform the proposed work and outstanding work with the Authority;
- vii. Commitment to quality management;
- viii. Attainment of Small Business Enterprise goals; and
- ix. Any other factors specified in the Authority's EOI solicitation.

5. For simple projects, once the Technical Review Committee has ranked the EOIs, it shall require the top three or more technically ranked firms, which number of firms shall be at the discretion of the Director, to provide their proposed fees in a separate envelope. The firms shall not be told of their ranking position at this time. The selection process shall continue in the manner described in (g) below. If a particular simple project warrants, the Director may elect to issue an RFP and the selection process shall proceed in accordance with the process for complex projects.

6. For complex projects, after the evaluation and ranking of the EOIs, no fewer than the top three ranked firms shall receive an RFP. All firms that are not to receive the RFP shall be notified.

7. When the Authority is seeking to engage more than one firm through a single solicitation of EOIs, following the Technical Review Committee's evaluation of the EOIs, it shall prepare a list of a sufficient number of technically qualified firms to enable the Authority to engage the number of firms identified in the RFEOI. If the Technical Review Committee is unable to prepare a list of technically qualified firms in a sufficient number to negotiate with and engage the number of firms identified in the RFEOI, the Authority shall reduce the number of firms it is seeking to engage through the EOI, and/or reissue the RFEOI in whole or in part. The Technical Review Committee shall negotiate with firms in the same manner as described in (g) below.

(f) Requests for Proposals (RFPs) shall be evaluated as follows:

1. Responses to the RFP shall be comprised of the technical proposal and fee proposal. The firms receiving the RFP shall be directed to submit a detailed fee proposal in a separate sealed envelope at the time of submission of the technical proposal.
2. The Technical Review Committee shall evaluate the technical proposals submitted to the Authority. The Technical Review Committee shall rank the technical proposals on the basis of numerical scores using the rating criteria specified in the RFP. The relative weight attributed to each rating factor and the methodology for ranking firms shall be set forth in the RFP.
3. The Technical Review Committee may require an interview and/or presentation by the firms with the highest ranked proposals. The Director, in his or her discretion, may waive this requirement for a particular project. Subsequent to the interview

and/or presentation, the Technical Review Committee shall revisit its technical ranking of the firms, re-score as appropriate and shall thereupon recommend the highest ranked firms to the Director, or the Executive Director if the Director was a member of the Technical Review Committee.

(g) Cost negotiation and final selection shall be as follows:

1. For all projects, upon reviewing the Technical Review Committee's recommendation, the Director or the Executive Director shall either concur with the selections or direct the Technical Review Committee to pursue additional evaluation measures, consistent with the EOI solicitation or RFP, which shall be specified in writing by the Director or the Executive Director.
2. Once the selections are approved, the selected firms' fee proposals will be reviewed by the Technical Review Committee. The Executive Director may add one or more persons to the Technical Review Committee to assist in the negotiation process. Using all fee proposals and the engineer's estimate as a guideline, the Technical Review Committee shall negotiate a fair and reasonable fee with the highest technically ranked firm, taking into consideration all relevant factors, including, but not limited to, the estimated value of the services to be rendered and the scope, complexity, and professional nature thereof. If the Technical Review Committee is unable to negotiate a fair and reasonable fee with the highest technically ranked firm, it shall formally terminate negotiations and undertake negotiations with the second highest technically ranked firm. Failing accord with the second highest technically ranked firm, the Technical Review Committee shall formally terminate negotiations and undertake negotiations with the third highest technically ranked firm. If the Technical Review Committee is unable to negotiate successfully with any of the three highest technically ranked firms, it shall select additional professional firms in order of their competence and qualifications and it shall continue negotiations in accordance with the procedure set forth herein until an agreement is reached. The Executive Director, upon consultation with the Director, may direct the Technical Review Committee to re-solicit the contract. Once a final fee is agreed upon, the Technical Review Committee shall make its recommendation to the Director.
3. The Technical Review Committee in consultation with the Director shall prepare a written report outlining its recommendations and activities in reviewing, negotiating, and selecting the recommended firm. The Director shall submit the Technical Review Committee's report to the Executive Director.
4. If the Executive Director concurs with the recommendation, the Executive Director shall recommend to the Board, in writing, that the firm be issued an Order for Professional Service.
5. If the Executive Director is not satisfied with the recommendation, he or she may:
 - i. Instruct the Technical Review Committee to submit further support for its recommendation;
 - ii. Direct the Technical Review Committee to re-negotiate the fee; or
 - iii. Instruct the Director to re-solicit the contract.