

CITY OF LONG BRANCH
MONMOUTH COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT

**BROKER INSURANCE SERVICES FOR PROPERTY & CASUALTY
INSURANCE PROGRAM**



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PROPOSAL DUE DATE: DECEMBER 5, 2024 @11AM

City of Long Branch
Request for Qualifications

Notice is hereby given that the City of Long Branch will receive Qualifications on Thursday December 5, 2024 at 11:00 A.M. in City of Long Branch, City Hall, 344 Broadway Avenue, Long Branch, New Jersey for the following professional services:

• INSURANCE BROKER SERVICES FOR PROPERTY CASUALTY PROGRAM

Qualifications are being solicited through a Fair and Open process in accordance with **N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5** et seq, and the Municipal Code of the City of Long Branch Requests for Qualifications (RFQ) may be obtained at the City of Long Branch 344 Broadway Avenue, Long Branch, New Jersey 07740, Attn: David Spaulding, Purchasing Agent, between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. Monday through Friday or www.longbranch.org the City of Long Branch's website. Qualification submissions may be mailed upon request by calling the Purchasing Agent's office (732) 571-5656. All questions regarding the RFQ must be made in writing and directed to the Purchasing Agent. Questions may be faxed to (732) 222-1516. Submissions must be made in the form required by the specifications and one (1) original and one (1) electronic format (flash drive) copy must be delivered to reach the City Clerk prior to the time for the receipt of Qualification(s). All information requested in the Request for Qualifications must be provided or the submission may be disqualified. Submissions must be sealed and plainly marked on the outside of the sealed envelope to the services for which the Qualification is submitted.

****Any Addenda will be issued on the web-site. Therefore, all interested respondents should check the web-site from now through bid opening. It is the sole responsibility of the respondent to be knowledgeable of all addenda related to this procurement.** City of Long Branch reserves the right to reject any and all submissions, to waive any informality in the RFQ process, and to accept any submissions which, in their judgment, are most advantageous, price and other factors considered, and will best serve the interest of the City of Long Branch. Submitters are required to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq., N.J.A.C. 17:27, and the **"Pay to Play" ordinance of the City of Long Branch.**

David Spaulding
Purchasing Agent
City of Long Branch
County of Monmouth

GENERAL INFORMATION & SUMMARY

ORGANIZATION REQUESTING QUALIFICATIONS

CITY OF LONG BRANCH
344 BROADWAY
LONG BRANCH, NEW JERSEY 07740

CONTACT PERSON

DAVID SPAULDING, PURCHASING AGENT
CITY HALL
344 BROADWAY
LONG BRANCH, NEW JERSEY 07740
(732) 571-5655

PURPOSE OF REQUEST

The City of Long Branch is requesting submissions from qualified individuals and firms to provide insurance brokerage and other services of a specialized nature to the City of Long Branch, which shall include, but not be limited to the provisions of insurance policies with the Property and Casualty Insurance programs placed with a Joint Insurance Fund.

Submissions will be evaluated in accordance with the criteria set forth in this RFQ. One or more individuals/firms may be selected to provide services.

PERIOD OF CONTRACT

January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025

CONTRACT FORM

The successful submitter shall be required to execute the City's form contract, which includes the Indemnification, insurance, termination and licensing provisions. A complete copy of a draft City form contract is available upon request.

It is also agreed and understood that the acceptance of the final payment by Contractor shall be considered a release in full of all claims against the City arising out of, or by reason of, the work done and materials furnished under this Contract.

1. **NATURE/ SCOPE OF SERVICES** – The City of Long Branch is requesting submissions for insurance brokerage services for aspects of the City’s Property and Casualty Insurance Program under the Business Administrator as assigned. Insurance brokers will have a close working relationship with the Business Administrator, City Finance Director and City Attorney.

The insurance consultant/broker will be required to perform, as applicable, but not limited to, the following services:

- a. Assistance with the development of long-range insurance strategies;
- b. Management of aspects of Long Branch City’s insurance program for which the broker is retained;
- c. Review of insurance policies and contracts to ensure adequate coverage for which the broker is retained;
- d. Recommendations and assistance in the procurement of insurance coverage, including preparation of any required RFP’s;
- e. Analysis of proposals in connection with insurance procurement, including, but not limited to, establishing selection criteria, recommending marketplaces, evaluation of proposals and involvement in the selection process;
- f. Identification and analysis of risks arising out of current and future operations;
- g. Preparation of specifications for quotations every three (3) years or sooner, as required by the City;
- h. Loss Control and Safety Review Services as applicable;
- i. Coordination of appraisals of physical assets to determine proper insurable values, limits required and special terms required by the City as required;
- j. Continuous review and analysis of loss information from current and prior insurance companies and presentation of findings to the City;
- k. Review of contracts for insurance compliance;
- l. Acting as liaison between the City and insurance carriers, brokers, providers, or claimants;
- m. Monitoring, review and presentation of data to help manage claims on all current and future policies;
- n. Review and analysis of rating classifications on various insurance contracts to determine the most beneficial ones to utilize;
- o. Continuous review and analysis of insurance coverage and policies to keep up with industry changes, continuing operations and growth;
- p. Research and analysis of alternatives to current risk funding mechanisms to meet the changing needs of the City;
- q. Preparation of all certificates of insurance, automobile identification cards and other required documents within 24 hours of the City’s request;
- r. Notification of City staff as to local, state and federal regulations and recommendations for compliance as required;
- s. Participation in on-going meetings with City staff to review losses, safety recommendations, government regulations, insurance requirements, etc.;

- t. Review of audits of current and previous policies for accuracy and potential premium savings;
- u. Performance of self-insurance feasibility studies where applicable and recommendations to City staff;
- v. Identification of areas of risk and the associated strengths and weaknesses of the City to manage those risks;
- w. Assistance in the development of alternative strategies to reduce risk to assets and resources;
- x. Consultation as to the probable impact of strategies elected by the City;
- y. Provision of monitoring feedback via loss runs and associated analysis to verify the adequacy of the controls selected as well as checks for negative trends which may require corrective action;

3. STANDARD REQUIREMENTS OF TECHNICAL QUALIFICATIONS - Submitters should submit technical qualifications which contain the following:

- a. The name of the submitter, the principal place of business and, if different, the place where the services will be provided;
- b. Submitter must have a minimum of fifteen (15) years of experience in insurance consulting/brokerage and a minimum of five (5) years servicing the Municipalities End Joint Insurance Funds.
- c. The education, qualifications, experience, and training of all persons who would be assigned to provide services along with their names and titles. The submitter MUST possess both an Agency License and Individual Licenses for those persons who would be assigned to provide services to the City from the New Jersey Department of Banking Insurance.
- d. A listing of all other engagements where services of the types being proposed were provided in the past five (5) years. This should include other City governments and other levels of government. Contact information for the recipients of the similar services must be provided. The City may obtain references from any of the parties listed;
- e. A description of all other areas of insurance consulting/brokerage of the submitter, with emphasis on a description of those services of interest to a government client;
- f. A statement that neither the firm nor any individuals assigned to this engagement are disbarred, suspended, or otherwise prohibited from professional practice by any federal, state, or local agency;
- g. An Affirmative Action Statement
- h. A completed Non-Collusion Affidavit

- i. A statement that the submitter will comply with the General Terms and Conditions required by City and enter into the City's standard Professional Services Contract;
- j. A copy of the proposer's Business Registration Statement.
- k. A completed Partnership Disclosure Statement

4. **COST ANALYSIS** - Submitters should submit a cost analysis which would include any proposed retainer, the services to be provided for the retainer, if services will be provided at a flat rate, if all or any services will be billed through hourly rates and what are the established rate(s). The City does not provide payment for or reimbursement for travel expenses.

5. **SUBMISSION EVALUATION** – The City will select the most advantageous submissions based on all of the evaluation factors set forth at the end of this RFQ. The City will make the award(s) that is in the best interest of the City.

Each submission must satisfy the objectives and requirements detailed in this RFQ. The successful submitter shall be determined by an evaluation of the total contents of the qualifications submitted. The City reserves the right to:

- a. Not select any of the submissions;
- b. Select only portions of a particular submitter's qualifications for further consideration; (However, submitters may specify portions of the qualification submission they consider "bundled".)
- c. Award a contract for the requested services at any time within 90 days of the selection of the most advantageous proposal; every submission should be valid through this time period.

The City shall not be obligated to explain the results of the evaluation process to any submitter.

The City may require submitters to demonstrate any services described in their submission prior to award.

6. **SUBMISSION LIMITATIONS** - This RFQ is not intended to be an offer, order or contract and should not be regarded as such, nor shall any obligation or liability be imposed on the City by issuance of this RFQ. The City reserves the right at the City's sole discretion to refuse any proposal submitted.

7. **USE OF INFORMATION** - Any specifications, drawings, sketches, models, samples, data, computer programs, documentation, technical or business information and the like ("Information") furnished or disclosed by the City to the submitter in connection with this RFQ shall remain the property of the City. When in tangible form, all copies of such information shall be returned to the City upon request. Unless such information was previously known to the submitter, free of any obligation to keep it confidential, or has been or is subsequently made

public by the City or a third party, it shall be held in confidence by the submitter, shall be used only for the purposes of this RFQ, and may not be used for other purposes except upon such terms and conditions as may be mutually agreed upon in writing.

8. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS –

- a. The City reserves the right to reject any or all submissions, if necessary, or to waive any informalities in the submissions, and, unless otherwise specified by the submitter, to accept any item, items or services in the submissions should it be deemed in the best interest of the City to do so.
- b. In case of failure by the successful submitter, the City of Long Branch may procure the articles or services from other sources, deduct the cost of the replacement from money due to the submitter under the contract and hold the submitter responsible for any excess cost occasioned thereby.
- c. The submitter shall maintain sufficient insurance to protect against all claims under Workmen's Compensation, General, Professional and Automobile Liability. The submitter shall also maintain Errors & Omissions insurance.
- d. Each submission must be signed by the person authorized to do so.
- e. The contract shall be in effect through December 31, 2025, unless otherwise stated.
- f. Sealed submissions may be hand delivered or mailed consistent with the provisions of the legal notice to submissions. In the case of mailed submissions, the City assumes no responsibility for submissions received after the designated date and time and will return late submissions unopened. Submissions will not be accepted by facsimile or e-mail.
- g. In accordance with Affirmative Action Law, P.L. 1975, c.127 (N.J.A.C. 17:27) with implementation of July 10, 1978, successful submitters must agree to submit individual employer certifications and number or complete Affirmative Action employee information report (form AA-302). Also, during the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows: (a) The contractor or subcontractor where applicable, will not discriminate against any employee because of age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status or affectional or sexual orientation. The contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that such applicants are recruited and employed and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, sex or handicap. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and section for training, including apprenticeship. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notice to be provided by the Public Agency Compliance Officer setting forth provisions of this non-discrimination clause: (b) the contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, will in all solicitations or advertisements

for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, sex or handicap; (c) the contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, will send to each labor Long Branch or representative or workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice, to be provided by the agency contracting officer advising the labor Long Branch or worker's representative of the contractor's commitments under this act and shall post copies of the notice; (d) the contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, agrees to comply with any regulations promulgated by the treasurer pursuant to the P.L. 1975, c.127, as amended and supplemented from time to time.

- h. By submission of qualifications, the submitter certifies that the service to be furnished will not infringe upon any valid patent, trademark or copyright and the successful submitter shall, at its expense, defend any and all actions or suits charging such infringement, and will save the City harmless in any case of any such infringement.
- i. No submitter shall influence, or attempt to influence, or cause to be influenced, any City officer or employee to use his/her official capacity in any manner which might tend to impair the objectivity or independence of judgment of said officer or employee.
- j. No submitter shall cause or influence, or attempt to cause or influence, any City officer or employee to use his/her official capacity to secure unwarranted privileges or advantages for the submitter or any other person.
- k. Should any difference arise between the contracting parties as to the meaning or intent of these instructions or specifications, the City's Attorney decision shall be final and conclusive.
- l. The City of Long Branch shall not be responsible for any expenditure of monies or other expenses incurred by the proposer in making its submission.
- m. The checklist, affidavits, notices and the like presented at the end of this Request for Qualifications are a part of this Request for Qualifications and shall be completed and submitted as part of this submission.

END OF GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

BASIS OF AWARD
(To be completed by City evaluation committee)

EVALUATION FACTORS

- A. Relevance and Extent of Qualifications, Experience, Reputation and Training of Personnel to be assigned (20 Points)
- B. Knowledge of the City of Long Branch and the subject matter to be addressed under this engagement (20 Points)
- C. Relevance and Extent of Similar Engagements performed (20 Points)
- D. Technical Qualifications contains all required information (20 points)
- E. Reasonableness of Cost Analysis (20 Points)

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS CHECKLIST

THIS CHECKLIST MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED WITH YOUR
QUALIFICATION PACKAGE:

Please initial below, indicating that your proposal includes the itemized document.

INITIAL BELOW

- A. An original signed copy and digital of your complete qualifications. _____
- B. Non-Collusion Affidavit properly notarized _____
- C. Authorized signatures on all forms. _____
- D. Business Registration Certificate(s) _____
- E. Affirmative Action Statement _____
- F. Statement of Ownership _____
- G. Iran Disclosure _____

THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGES
THE ABOVE LISTED REQUIREMENTS.

NAME OF SUBMITTER:

Person, Firm or Corporation

BY:

(NAME)

(TITLE)

EXHIBIT A
N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 and N.J.A.C. 17:27
MANDATORY EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY LANGUAGE
Goods, Professional Services and General Service Contracts
(Mandatory Affirmative Action Language)

During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation or sex. Except with respect to affectional or sexual orientation, the contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that such applicants are recruited and employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation or sex. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the Public Agency Compliance Officer setting for the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation or sex.

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, will send to each labor Long Branch or representative or workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice, to be provided by the agency contracting officer, advising the labor Long Branch or workers' representative of the contractor's commitments under this act and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, agrees to comply with any regulations promulgated by the Treasurer pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq., as amended and supplemented from time to time and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The contractor or subcontractor agrees to make good faith efforts to employ minority and women workers consistent with the applicable City employment goals established in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-5.2 or a binding determination of the applicable City employment goals determined by the Division, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:27-5.2.

The contractor or subcontractor agrees to inform in writing its appropriate recruitment agencies including, but not limited to, employment agencies, placement bureaus, colleges, universities, labor unions, that it does not discriminate on the basis of age, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation or sex, and that it will discontinue the use of any recruitment agency which engages in direct or indirect discriminatory practices.

The contractor or subcontractor agrees to revise any of its testing procedures, if necessary, to assure that all personnel testing conforms with the principles of job-related testing, as established by the statutes and court decisions of the State of New Jersey and as established by applicable Federal law and applicable Federal court decisions.

In conforming with the applicable employment goals, the contractor or subcontractor agrees to review all procedures relating to transfer, upgrading, downgrading and layoff to ensure that all such actions are taken without regard to age, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation or sex, consistent with the statutes and court decisions of the State of New Jersey, and applicable Federal law and applicable Federal court decisions.

The contractor shall submit to the public agency, after notification of award but prior to execution of a goods and services contract, one of the following three documents:

Letter of Federal Affirmative Action Plan Approval

Certificate of Employee Information Report

Employee Information Report Form AA302

The contractor and its subcontractors shall furnish such reports or other documents to the Division of Contract Compliance and EEO as may be requested by the Division from time to time in order to carry out the purposes of these regulations, and public agencies shall furnish such information as may be requested by the Division of Contract Compliance & EEO for conducting a compliance investigation pursuant to Subchapter 10 of the Administrative Code at N.J.A.C. 17:27.

NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
COUNTY OF

ss:

I AM _____

OF THE FIRM OF _____

UPON MY OATH, I DEPOSE AND SAY:

1. THAT I EXECUTED THE SAID SUBMISSION WITH FULL AUTHORITY SO TO DO;
2. THAT THIS SUBMITTER HAS NOT, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ENTERED INTO ANY AGREEMENT, PARTICIPATED IN ANY COLLUSION, OR OTHERWISE TAKEN ANY ACTION IN RESTRAINT OF FAIR AND OPEN COMPETITION IN CONNECTION WITH THIS ENGAGEMENT;
3. THAT ALL STATEMENTS CONTAINED IN SAID PROPOSAL AND IN THIS AFFIDAVIT ARE TRUE AND CORRECT, AND MADE WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE THAT THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH RELIES UPON THE TRUTH OF THE STATEMENTS CONTAINED IN SAID PROPOSAL AND IN THE STATEMENTS CONTAINED IN THIS AFFIDAVIT IN AWARDING THE CONTRACT FOR THE SAID ENGAGEMENT; AND
4. THAT NO PERSON OR SELLING AGENCY HAS BEEN EMPLOYED TO SOLICIT OR SECURE THIS ENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT OR UNDERSTANDING FOR A COMMISSION, PERCENTAGE, BROKERAGE OR CONTINGENT FEE, EXCEPT BONA FIDE EMPLOYEES OR BONA FIDE ESTABLISHED COMMERCIAL SELLING AGENCIES OF THE SUBMITTER. (N.J.S.A.52: 34-25)

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO
BEFORE ME THIS _____ DAY
OF _____ 200 .

(Type or Print Name of Affiant Under Signature)

Notary Public of

My Commission Expires: _____, 20_____.

STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP
(OWNERSHIP DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATION)
N.J.S.A. 52:25-24.2 (P.L. 1977, c.33, as amended by P.L. 2016, c.43)

**This Statement Shall Be Included with
All Bid and Proposal Submissions**

Name of Business: _____

Address of Business: _____

Name of person completing this form: _____

N.J.S.A. 52:25-24.2:

"No corporation, partnership, or limited liability company shall be awarded any contract nor shall any agreement be entered into for the performance of any work or the furnishing of any materials or supplies, unless prior to the receipt of the bid or proposal, or accompanying the bid or proposal of said corporation, said partnership, or said limited liability company there is submitted 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."

The Attorney General has advised that the provisions of N.J.S.A. 52:25-24.2, which refer to corporations and partnerships apply to limited partnerships, limited liability partnerships, and Subchapter S corporations.

This Ownership Disclosure Certification form shall be completed, signed and notarized.

Failure of the bidder/proposer to submit the required information is cause for automatic rejection of the bid or proposal

Part I

Check the box that represents the type of business organization:

- Sole Proprietorship (skip Parts II and III, sign and notarize at the end)
- Non-Profit Corporation (skip Parts II and III, sign and notarize at the end)
- Partnership Limited Partnership Limited Liability Partnership
- Limited Liability Company
- For-profit Corporation (including Subchapters C and S or Professional Corporation)
- Other (be specific): _____

Part II

- I certify that the list below contains the names and addresses of all stockholders in the corporation who own 10 percent or more of its stock, of any class, or of all individual partners in the partnership who own a 10 percent or greater interest therein, or of all members in the limited liability company who own a 10 percent or greater interest therein, as the case may be.

OR

- I certify that no one stockholder in the corporation owns 10 percent or more of its stock, of any class, or no individual partner in the partnership owns a 10 percent or greater interest therein, or that no member in the limited liability company owns a 10 percent or greater interest therein, as the case may be.

Sign and notarize the form below, and, if necessary, complete the list below. (Please attach additional sheets if more space is needed):

Name: _____

Address: _____

Part III - Any Direct or Indirect Parent Entity Which is Publicly Traded:

“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.”

Pages attached with name and address of each publicly traded entity as well as the name and address of each person that holds a 10 percent or greater beneficial interest.

OR

Submit here the links to the Websites (URLs) containing the last annual filings with the federal Securities and Exchange Commission or the foreign equivalent.

AND

Submit here the relevant page numbers of the filings containing the information on each person holding a 10 percent or greater beneficial interest.

Subscribed and sworn before me this _____ day of _____, 2 _____.

(Affiant)

(Notary Public)

My Commission expires:

(Print name of affiant and title if applicable)

(Corporate Seal if a Corporation)

DISCLOSURE OF INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES IN IRAN

OPS Number: _____ **Proposer:** _____

Pursuant to Public Law 2012, c. 25, any person or entity that submits a bid or proposal or otherwise proposes to enter into or renew a contract must complete the certification below to attest, under penalty of perjury, that the person or entity, or one of the person or entity's parents, subsidiaries, or affiliates, is not identified on a list created and maintained by the New Jersey Department of the Treasury as a person or entity engaging in investment activities in Iran. If the Director finds a person or entity to be in violation of the principles which are the subject of this law, s/he shall take action as may be appropriate and provided by law, rule or contract, including but not limited to, imposing sanctions, seeking compliance, recovering damages, declaring the party in default and seeking debarment or suspension of the person or entity.

I certify, pursuant to Public Law 2012, c. 25, that the person or entity listed above for which I am authorized to submit a proposal:

is not providing goods or services of \$20,000,000 or more in the energy sector of Iran, including a person or entity that provides oil or liquefied natural gas tankers, or products used to construct or maintain pipelines used to transport oil or liquefied natural gas, for the energy sector of Iran,

AND

is not a financial institution that extends \$20,000,000 or more in credit to another person or entity, for 45 days or more, if that person or entity will use the credit to provide goods or services in the energy sector in Iran.

In the event that a person or entity is unable to make the above certification because it or one of its parents, subsidiaries, or affiliates has engaged in the above-referenced activities, a detailed, accurate and precise description of the activities must be provided in part 2 below to the New Jersey Turnpike Authority under penalty of perjury. Failure to provide such will result in the proposal being rendered as non-responsive and appropriate penalties, fines and/or sanctions will be assessed as provided by law.

PART 2: PLEASE PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION RELATED TO INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES IN IRAN

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

Name: _____ Relationship to Proposer: _____

Description of Activities: _____

Duration of Engagement: _____ Anticipated Cessation Date: _____

Proposer Contact Name: _____ Contact Phone Number: _____

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

Full Name (Print): _____ Signature: _____

Title: _____ Date: _____

**Long Branch, New Jersey
ORDINANCE NO. 18-05**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT ORDINANCE NO. 13-05, KNOWN AS “AN
ORDINANCE REQUIRING PUBLIC CONTRACTING REFORM, AND AMENDING AND
SUPPLEMENTING THE ‘REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LONG
BRANCH, NEW JERSEY’ ACCORDINGLY,” AS ADOPTED ON MAY 10, 2005.**

WHEREAS, on May 10, 2005, the City of Long Branch adopted Ordinance No. 13-05, known as “An Ordinance Requiring Public Contracting Reform, and Amending and Supplementing the ‘Revised General Ordinances of the City of Long Branch, New Jersey’ Accordingly” (the “Ordinance”); and

WHEREAS, the Ordinance places certain limitations upon the annual amount(s) of contributions that professionals may make to the political campaigns of the local elected officials who are ultimately responsible for the award of discretionary no-bid contracts for municipal professional services; and

WHEREAS, the intention of the Ordinance is to ensure trust in the process of local government, if not the quality or cost of services received, and to minimize any perceptions or concerns on the part of the public that discretionary no-bid contracts for municipal professional services are being awarded to professionals as a reward for having made substantial political contributions, or that the award of such contracts was influenced, even to a minor degree, by the payment of such contributions; and

WHEREAS, it is hereby found and declared that the practice of “wheeling,” whereby one political organization channels campaign donations to another political organization with the intention to conceal or misrepresent the source of the contribution, may be utilized as a loophole to circumvent the proscriptions contained within the Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Long Branch, in a continuing effort to ensure the integrity of the award of public professional service contracts, has therefore determined that it would be in the best interests of the City, and its residents, to amend the Ordinance in an attempt to curb the practice known as “wheeling;” and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Long Branch also wishes to take this opportunity to clarify the “arbitration” provision referenced in Section 3(c) thereof; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Long Branch finds that it is in the best interest of the City and its residents to require that a contribution of more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) received by a candidate be reported in the manner set forth by the laws and regulations of the State of New Jersey.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED, that Ordinance No. 13-05, known as “An Ordinance Requiring Public Contracting Reform, and Amending and Supplementing the ‘Revised General Ordinances of the City of Long Branch, New Jersey’ Accordingly,” which was adopted on May 10, 2005, is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

SECTION 1

Prohibition on Awarding Professional Contracts to Certain Contributors

(a) The City of Long Branch shall not enter into an agreement for professional services with any individual and/or professional business entity if that individual or entity has solicited or made any contribution of money or pledge of a contribution including in-kind contributions, to a campaign of any City of Long Branch candidate for Council or Mayor, in excess of the threshold specified in subsection (d) of this Section within one calendar year immediately preceding the date of the contract or agreement unless cured pursuant to Section 3. The prohibition set forth in this Paragraph shall also apply to any solicitation or contribution of money or pledge of a contribution including in-kind contributions made during the applicable time period to any City of Long Branch or Monmouth County Party Committee, or to any political action committee (PAC) that is organized for the primary purpose of promoting or supporting City of Long Branch candidates for Council or Mayor, so long as the

solicitation or contribution was made with the intention on the part of the contributor to conceal or misrepresent the source of the contribution.

(b) No professional business entity which enters into negotiations for, or agrees to, any contact or agreement with the municipality or any department or agency thereof or any of its independent authorities for the rendition of professional services shall knowingly solicit or make any contribution of money, or pledge of a contribution, including in-kind contributions, to any City of Long Branch candidate or holder of public office having ultimate responsibility for the award of the contract, in excess of the amount set forth herein. This Section is to include any and all professionals who provide political contributions to any candidate for an office whether or not that candidate is presently in office or seeks office. The prohibition set forth in this Paragraph shall also apply to any solicitation or contribution of money or pledge of a contribution including in-kind contributions to any City of Long Branch or Monmouth County Party Committee, or to any political action committee (PAC) that is organized for the primary purpose of promoting or supporting City of Long Branch candidates for Council or Mayor, so long as the solicitation or contribution was made with the intention on the part of the contributor to conceal or misrepresent the source of the contribution.

(c) For purpose of this ordinance, a “professional business entity” seeking a public contract means an individual including the individual’s spouse, if any, and any child living at home; person; firm; corporation, professional corporation; partnership; organization; or association. The definition of a business entity includes all principals who own ten percent (10%) or more of the equity in the corporation or business trust, partners, and officers in the aggregate employed by the entity as well as any subsidiaries directly controlled by the business entity.

(d) Any individual meeting the definition of “professional business entity” under this section may annually contribute a maximum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per candidate for Mayor and/or Council Member on an annual basis whether or not that individual has a professional services contract in place or not to the maximum extent of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) per annum per business entity. This section shall apply to any presently sitting Councilperson and/or the Mayor of the City of Long Branch and shall also apply to any individual who seeks to run for the office of Council person and/or Mayor of the City of Long Branch.

(i) Any individual that owns less than ten (10%) percent of a professional business entity which contracts with the City of Long Branch shall not be treated as a part of that entity.

(e) For purposes of this section, the office that is considered to have ultimate responsibility for the award of the contract shall be:

- (1) The City of Long Branch, if the contract requires approval or appropriation from the Council.
- (2) The Mayor of the City of Long Branch, if the contract requires approval of the Mayor, or if a public officer who is responsible for the award of a contract is appointed by the Mayor.

SECTION 2

Contributions Made Prior to Effective Date

No contribution of money or any other thing of value, including in-kind contributions, made by a professional business entity to any municipal candidate for Mayor or Council, or to any municipal or county party committee, or to any political action committee (PAC) that is organized for the primary purpose of promoting or supporting City of Long Branch candidates for Council or Mayor, shall be deemed a violation of this section, nor shall an agreement for property, good or services, of any kind whatsoever, be disqualified thereby, if that contribution was made by the professional business entity prior to the effective date of this section.

SECTION 3

Penalty

(a) All City of Long Branch professional service agreements shall provide that it shall be a breach of the terms of the government contract for a professional business entity as defined in Section 1(c) to violate Section 1(b) or to knowingly conceal or misrepresent contributions given or received, or to make or solicit contributions through intermediaries for the purpose of concealing or misrepresenting the source of the contribution.

(b) Any professional business entity as defined in Section 1(c) and (d) who knowingly fails to reveal a contribution made in violation of this Act, or who knowingly makes or solicits contributions through intermediaries for the purpose of concealing or misrepresenting the source of the contribution, shall be subjected to a fine in the sum of \$2,500 so far as the first offense and for any second offense, shall be disqualified from eligibility for future City of Long Branch contracts for a period of four calendar years from the date of the violation.

(c) There shall be no breach of contract in the event a contribution is questioned and as a result of the questioning of the contribution the individual and/or business entity who makes the contribution requests that the contribution be returned by the campaign committee, the candidate or the political action committee to whom such contribution was made. In the event of any disputes as to whether or not a campaign contribution is proper the matter shall be submitted to arbitration before a retired Judge of the Superior Court of New Jersey.

SECTION 4

Reporting Requirements

Any contribution received by a candidate committee, joint candidates committee, or political committee, during an election fund report period of more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) or aggregate contributions received by such a committee in an election from a contributor totaling more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) during such a report period shall be reported by providing the information set forth in N.J.A.C. 19:25-10.2

SECTION 5

Severability

If any provision of this law, or the application of any such provision to any person or circumstances, shall be held invalid, the remainder of this law to the extent it can be given effect, or the application of such provision to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid, shall not be affected thereby, and to this extent the provisions of this law are severable.

SECTION 6

Effective Date

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication in accordance with the law.

SECTION 7

Repealer

All other Ordinance or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Introduced: 6/14/05

Adopted: 6/28/05