



New Britain Borough

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Request for Proposals For Certified Consulting Arborist (Release Date: June 25, 2018)

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

New Britain Borough, a Pennsylvania municipality located in Bucks County (pop. 3,037), is requesting written proposals to serve as the Borough's Certified Consulting Arborist through December 31, 2019.

The selected Arborist will be required to enter into an agreement pursuant to the terms of this Request for Proposal.

Interested parties should submit five (5) copies of their proposal. Include qualifications and background of the key personnel, relevant experience, and 3-5 references from similar consulting experiences as required in the RFP, along with other required documents. New Britain Borough will review the Proposals.

Interviews on the Proposals may be necessary. In that event, selected proposals will be notified, with at least 5 days advance notice, of the date, time and location of the interviews.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

One electronic copy and three (3) paper copies of the proposal shall be submitted by 12PM (EDT) July 13, 2018 to:

Sam Bryant
Borough Manager
New Britain Borough
45 Keeley Ave
New Britain, PA 18901
manager@newbritainboro.com

Proposals may be hand delivered, delivered by U. S. Postal Service, or by private carrier/courier. Proposals that are faxed will not be accepted. Proposals

submitted or received after the deadline or proposals that are non-responsive to the requirements of this RFP will not be considered.

SCOPE OF WORK

The Consultant is expected, at a minimum, to complete the Scope of Work which follows. The Scope is not necessarily all-inclusive and the Borough may add any additional tasks or services related to tree management as needed.

Assist in the development and implementation of the Borough's Tree Protection Standards identified by Ordinance #379, which includes but not limited to:

- Review tree survey plans and landscape plans associated with permit applications that require review of the Shade Tree Commission
- Conduct site visits as required to perform a tree survey review
- Provide reports of each review and site visit to the Borough

Upon request, attend monthly Shade Tree Commission, Parks and Recreation Committee, Facilities Committee, and Nature Preserve Committee meetings to advise members. Advance notice of at least five (5) days would be given before the meeting, and attendance would be required at no more than five (5) total public meetings in a calendar year.

Work with staff liaison to the Shade Tree Commission to review plans and prepare for monthly public meetings

Conduct inspections and site visits for review of existing trees at the Borough's request, as needed, and provide report of each site visit.

Assist and advise the Borough on landscape plans throughout the Borough as needed.

Assist the Borough with other duties that may be requested, related to tree protection and management.

Assist with updates to the Borough's ordinance related to tree protection.

QUALIFICATIONS

The desired qualifications of the individual performing services under this RFP must include:

- Certified arborist with a minimum of 5 years of experience and a minimum of Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college or university in Urban Forestry or similar forestry major.
- Has a thorough technical understanding of:
 - tree identification including common and botanical names

- native trees to Southeast Pennsylvania
- tree physiology including the function and parts of trees and their interrelationships
- proper tree planting procedures and theories
- soil characteristics, including factors such as fertilizer, lime, soil components, pH and soil organisms that affect the health of trees
- general tree maintenance, including insect and disease identification and both chemical and non-chemical control
- structured repairs, such as cabling, bracing, bark tracing, root aeration, drainage and grade changes and construction damages
- proper pruning methods and theories
- root protection zones
- Working knowledge of municipal policies, operation, procedures, ordinances, and functions
- Has effective communication skills, both written and oral, with staff, governmental officials, and members of the public.
- Ability to prepare routine reports and correspondences with a maximum of forty-eight (48)-hour turn-around period.
- Ability to read and interpret technical documents, regulations, procedure manuals, and plans.

PROPOSAL CONTENT

The following is the minimum content required for response to this RFP. The precise format for the proposal is up to the responding Consultant. Brevity is encouraged.

Scope of Work

This shall demonstrate the approach the Consultant intends to take in performance of the tasks outlined in the 'Scope of Work' section of this RFP. Any adjustments or additions proposed to the Scope of Work should be fully explained and justified.

Consultant Qualifications

The qualifications of the Consultant/Consultant Team should be documented in narrative form. Résumés (two-page maximum length) shall be included for the professional expected to serve as the Consulting Arborist. At least three (3) references, two (2) of which must have knowledge of the Consultant's work as an arborist in a municipality, must also be included.

Cost Proposal

A cost proposal for the hourly rate of the Consultant to render the list of services identified in the Scope of Work in addition to any retainer fees that may be

required. Travel costs from the Consultant location to the Borough should not be charged.

Proof of Insurance

The Consultant is required to secure and maintain Workers' Compensation Insurance and General Liability Insurance to protect themselves, their Employees and agents from claims for bodily injury, death or property damage, which may arise from the performance of services rendered. The limits of said Liability Insurance shall not be less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence, and \$2,000,000 excess liability coverage. The Consultant is also required to provide and maintain Professional Liability (Errors & Omissions) Insurance for claims that arise from any negligent performance of the Consultant for services rendered. The limits of the Consultant's Professional Liability insurance shall be at least \$2,000,000 per claim. The proof of insurance must be included in the proposal, shall be kept current and up-to-date, and shall not expire without at least 30-day written notice of such expiration or cancellation being provided to the Borough.

Sample Contract

A proposed contract covering scope of work, name(s) of consultant authorized to provide services, and obligations of the consultant and Borough.

Sample Invoice

A copy of a sample monthly invoice with details outlining work covered in the invoice period.

PROPOSAL EVALUATION

The Appointment Advisory Committee will review and evaluate all proposals. Interviews will be held at the discretion of the Committee. The decision of the Committee shall be referred to Borough Council who has the ultimate authority to award a contract pursuant to this RFP.

The following are the Evaluation Criteria to be used by the Committee for all proposals:

- Responsiveness to RFP
- Proposed Scope of Work/Innovative approaches to tasks and/or public engagement
- Applicability and quality of previous work
- Qualifications of staff
- Feedback from references
- Budget

The Borough reserves the right to waive any inconsistencies in any proposal, and reserves the right to reject all proposals at the Borough's sole discretion.

QUESTIONS

All questions concerning this RFP shall be directed to Sam Bryant via e-mail at manager@newbritainboro.com no later than noon, the day before the proposal due date.

TIMETABLE SUMMARY

RFP Issued and placed on website: July 3, 2018

Deadline for Submission of Proposals: July 20, 2018 (by 4 PM EST)

Interviews (if deemed necessary): Week of July 23, 2018

Approval of recommended consultant by Borough Council: August 14, 2018

Contract Execution and start of work: August 15, 2018