

SOMERSET RARITAN VALLEY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS & PROPOSAL PROFESSIONAL BOND COUNSEL

The Somerset Raritan Valley Sewerage Authority (SRVSA) is issuing a Request for Qualifications & Proposal (RFQ/RFP) from bond counsels licensed to practice in the State of New Jersey who specialize in bonding/public financing to provide professional legal services, to give routine legal advice and opinions, to examine and draft pertinent legal documents, to attend meetings as requested, to be available as needed for consultation with the SRVSA and staff and, in general, to handle all requested legal work pertaining to bonding/public financing in the interest of the SRVSA from **February 1, 2021 to February 7, 2022**.

Proposals are being solicited through a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.

Proposals will be evaluated by SRVSA on the basis of the most advantageous, price and other factors considered. The evaluation will consider:

- a. Experience and reputation in the field;
- b. Knowledge of the SRVSA and the subject matter to be addressed under the contract;
- c. Availability to accommodate any required meetings of the agency;
- d. Designated professional and support staff and location of firm's offices;
- e. References in general; please note any experience in financing through the NJIB (New Jersey Infrastructure Bank) Program
- f. Compensation proposal;
- g. Other factors if demonstrated to be in the best interest of the SRVSA.

Selection of Bond Counsel shall be based solely on the SRVSA's evaluation of the submitted material and the criteria set forth in this document. The SRVSA reserves the right to negotiate the terms and conditions of the contract with the successful firm or firms to obtain the most advantageous outcome for the SRVSA.

Proposals (three copies) shall be submitted in writing in a sealed envelope bearing the name and address of the Proposer and the words "Bond Counsel". Proposals shall be sent to the Somerset Raritan Valley Sewerage Authority, 50 Polhemus Lane, Bridgewater, NJ 08807 no later than **Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 2:00 P.M.**, at which time all proposals shall be opened.

Ronald S. Anastasio, P.E.
Executive Director