REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER (SEO) SERVICES



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Hamilton Township, Adams County, is soliciting proposals from qualified individuals or firms to serve as the Township's **Sewage Enforcement Officer (SEO)**. The SEO will provide enforcement and administration of on-lot sewage disposal regulations, ensuring compliance with the Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act (Act 537).

RFP SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

Proposals must demonstrate the applicant's qualifications, experience, and understanding of the SEO's role in enforcing Pennsylvania's sewage regulations. Submissions should be well-organized and must include the following:

A. Transmittal Letter:

• A brief statement of the firm or individual's understanding of the required services, a commitment to perform the work, and an explanation of why the firm or individual is qualified to perform the duties of an SEO.

B. Qualifications and Experience:

- 1. A brief history of the firm or individual, including the number of years performing SEO duties.
- 2. Current certification from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP) as a Sewage Enforcement Officer.
- 3. Relevant experience in sewage planning, on-lot system inspections, and Act 537 compliance.
- 4. A list of municipalities served as an SEO and references from at least three (3) municipalities, including contact names and phone numbers.

C. Fee Schedule:

• Provide a detailed schedule of fees, including rates for on-lot system inspections, percolation tests, plan reviews, and other related services.

D. Insurance:

• Provide details of liability insurance coverage.

E. Submission Instructions:

• Six (6) copies of the proposal must be submitted by **5:00 PM on November 30, 2024**:

Hamilton Township, Adams County

Attn: Board of Supervisors

272 Mummerts Church Road

Abbottstown, PA 17301

BASIS FOR SELECTION:

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

A. Qualifications:

• Experience and certification as required by Pennsylvania's Sewage Facilities Act.

B. Performance Record:

• A record of satisfactory performance for other municipalities.

C. Responsiveness:

• The firm or individual's ability to meet the Township's needs in a timely manner.

D. Conflicts of Interest:

• Absence of conflicts of interest.

E. Cost:

• Reasonableness of the proposed fee schedule.

SCOPE OF SERVICES:

The SEO will be responsible for providing the following services:

A. Basic SEO Services:

- 1. Administer and enforce the Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act (Act 537) within Hamilton Township.
- 2. Conduct on-lot sewage system site investigations, percolation testing, and soil evaluations.
- 3. Review and approve sewage permit applications for compliance with local and state regulations.
- 4. Investigate complaints related to malfunctioning or illegal sewage systems.
- 5. Provide written reports to the Township, documenting findings and actions.
- 6. Attend Township meetings as requested by the Board of Supervisors to discuss sewage enforcement matters.
- 7. Respond to inquiries from the public regarding on-lot sewage disposal systems and regulations.

B. Additional Services (Upon Request):

- 1. Assist with the development and implementation of sewage management programs.
- 2. Participate in Township sewage planning efforts and Act 537 plan updates.
- 3. Provide recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on sewage-related issues.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TOWNSHIP:

- 1. Provide the SEO with access to Township maps, plans, and existing sewage data as necessary.
- 2. Assist with public notices, correspondence, and other administrative support related to sewage enforcement.

TERM OF AGREEMENT:

The agreement will be for one year, with an option to renew on an annual basis. Either party may terminate the agreement with thirty (30) days written notice.

COMPENSATION:

- 1. **Basic SEO Services:** Compensation will be based on the agreed-upon fee schedule submitted with the proposal.
- 2. Additional Services: Compensation for additional services requested by the Township will be negotiated based on the nature of the assignment.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE:

All proposals must be received by **5:00 PM on November 30, 2024.** For more information, please contact the Township Secretary at **717-259-7237** or via email at **secretary@twphamilton.com**.