

State of New Jersey

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Greetings,

The New Jersey Department of Community Affairs invites the submission of proposals for assistance in developing a housing opportunity program. The program will assist Housing Choice Voucher clients residing in high poverty areas to relocate to housing in areas offering more economic opportunity and a better quality of life.

In its 2015-2019 Analysis of Impediments (AI), the State identified a concentration of subsidized housing in certain neighborhoods with relatively high levels of poverty. The Department seeks to expand upon its current efforts to improve access to housing opportunities outside areas of concentrated poverty by establishing intensive counseling and incentive components to its Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program. This will more strongly encourage and make it easier for voucher holders to locate affordable housing in communities that better reflect the racial and economic diversity of the State. The Department is requesting proposals from organizations experienced in delivering such housing opportunity programs to develop an effective program uniquely tailored to the needs of the State. A more complete scope of services is outlined in the following pages.

The selected consultant will directly contract with the Department of Community Affairs under delegated purchasing authority granted by the Division of Purchase and Property.

The deadline for submitting proposals is July 26th, 2016 at 12:00 PM. The projected date for contract commencement is no later than September 6, 2016.

All correspondence pertaining to this proposal should be directed to my attention:

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Sincerely,

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