



## GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF STORM RECOVERY INFRASTRUCTURE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROGRAM

### NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NOFA) TIER 1—REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS

#### REBUILD BY DESIGN (RBD) SOCIAL RESILIENCY PROGRAM PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION SERVICES

The Governor's Office of Storm Recovery (GOSR) announces this Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) through the Infrastructure and Local Government Program to seek Statements of Qualifications (SOQ) from eligible participants to provide program implementation and administration services required in the implementation of the Rebuild by Design Living with the Bay and Living Breakwaters Programs (the Program).

It is the intent of the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery to provide the needed funding to implement programs, including, but not limited to:

- Development of academic research opportunities for University and College students to support long term monitoring of stormwater resiliency interventions
- Development of continuing education curriculum and certificate programs for subrecipients and local governments to learn how to incorporate green and grey infrastructure techniques, utilize best practice methods, and ensure long term operations and maintenance of RBD related projects elements
- Development of curriculum and job training program(s) that lead to "restoration economy" jobs that support RBD green and grey infrastructure project elements. Job training programs should focus on high school students, who do not wish to pursue a four year degree programs, or be designed to assist residents located in RBD project areas. Job programs must result in skills and/or trades that can be used to assist with construction and building of RBD projects and/or ensure that long term maintenance and replacement of natural project elements can take place.
- Development of curriculum plans and teacher training opportunities in the science and ecology fields, for students in grades Pre-K-12, that allow teachers and schools to learn about RBD projects and develop "hands on" and "on-site" learning opportunities. Curriculums can be proposed for specific grades and/or school levels.
- Creation and maintenance of a data warehouse as related to the Programs

Up to \$2,000,000 in funding is available to administer this program. This program is funded through the State of New York's Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Program. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) CDBG-DR funds are being made available through the Infrastructure and Local Government Program, which is a program of the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery.

It is expected that the administrator of the Program will leverage other funds and/or resources to implement the RBD Program.



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The overall purpose of the Rebuild by Design Social Resiliency Program is to provide multiple Staten Island and Long Island communities impacted by Superstorm Sandy, with opportunities for the various educational programs listed above.

The respondent selected through this NOFA process will be expected to provide program implementation and CDBG-DR administrative services required in fulfilling the objectives of the program.

Statements submitted in response to this NOFA must be filed electronically in a Portable Document Format (.pdf) file that is compatible with Adobe Reader XI, version 11.0.4. Unless otherwise noted, respondents must complete and submit all forms, information, and other documentation listed herein as part of their electronic proposal submissions. Only complete statements will be evaluated. In all instances, GOSR's determination regarding the completeness of any statement shall be final. See accompanying "Tier 1 -- Request for Statements of Qualifications" for further clarification.

Statements of Qualifications must be delivered by e-mail to [NYRisingNOFA@stormrecovery.ny.gov](mailto:NYRisingNOFA@stormrecovery.ny.gov) no later than: **Thursday, June 2, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. (EDT)**. Any statement delivered after 6:00 p.m. (EDT) will not be considered.

Delivery delays shall not excuse late submissions. The respondent is responsible for ensuring that e-mails and attachments are delivered on time in a legible format. Complete statements, including all multiple parts, must be received by the deadline in order for a statement to be considered submitted on time. Those submitting a statement assume all risks associated with delivery. The determination of whether any statement was received on time is at the sole discretion of GOSR.

On **Thursday, May 19, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. (EST)** GOSR will conduct a conference for potential respondents to discuss this NOFA, accept questions, and provide preliminary responses. Any changes to the date and time of the conference will be posted on the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery "Notice of Funding Availability" webpage: <http://stormrecovery.ny.gov/doing-business-with-gosr/nofas>

GOSR strongly encourages interested respondents to check the Notice of Funding Availability webpage (<http://stormrecovery.ny.gov/doing-business-with-gosr/nofas>) frequently for updates and additional information pertaining to this NOFA.

Respondents may also submit questions outside of the conference by e-mail to [NYRisingNOFA@stormrecovery.ny.gov](mailto:NYRisingNOFA@stormrecovery.ny.gov). Any correspondence or questions sent to any other e-mail address regarding this NOFA will not be answered. All questions must reference this specific NOFA in the subject line of the e-mail. For Example, the subject line for questions related to this NOFA should read *RE: NOFA Question – Rebuild by Design (RBD) Social Resiliency Program*. All substantive questions and answers, including any substantive questions arising from the respondents' conference, will be posted on the GOSR "Notice of Funding Availability" webpage listed above as soon as practical following the deadline for question submission.



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The following are anticipated target dates for each event or deadline related to this NOFA. Please note that the NOFA timeline includes target dates, which may change:

TARGET DATE	EVENT
May 2, 2016	Release of NOFA
May 19, 2016	Anticipated Respondents’ Conference – 2:00 p.m. (EST)
May 25, 2016	<b>Last Day to Submit Questions – 6:00 p.m. (EST)</b>
May 27, 2016	Issuance of Answers to Questions
June 2, 2016	<b>SOQ Submission Deadline – 6:00 p.m. (EST)</b>
June, 2016*	Tier 1 Finalist Interviews (if applicable)
June, 2016*	Target Date for Tier 2 Selection

\*Specific dates to be determined

It is the responsibility of respondents to periodically review the GOSR website for regular updates to the NOFA timeline and other important information, which may alter the terms or requirements of these NOFAs.

Statements of Qualifications shall be submitted by e-mail to:

**E-mail:** Governor’s Office of Storm Recovery  
[NYRisingNOFA@stormrecovery.ny.gov](mailto:NYRisingNOFA@stormrecovery.ny.gov)

E-mail Subject Title: *Rebuild by Design (RBD) Social Resiliency Program—Submission of Statement of Qualifications*

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Individuals requiring reasonable accommodation to respond to this NOFA are requested to contact Shilpa Muralidaran, Governor’s Office of Storm Recovery at [shilpa.muralidaran@stormrecovery.ny.gov](mailto:shilpa.muralidaran@stormrecovery.ny.gov).