



**Housing Trust Fund Corporation / Governor's Office of Storm Recovery
Planning, Technical and Professional Services for the
Howard Beach Comprehensive Coastal Protection Study and Drainage Improvements
Request for Expression of Interest (RFEI)**

1. Invitation and Terms

The Governor's Office of Storm Recovery ("GOSR") of the Housing Trust Fund Corporation ("HTFC") invites submissions of Expression of Interest ("EOI") for planning, technical and professional services. This Request for Expression of Interest ("RFEI") is intended to determine whether there is sufficient market interest to proceed to a competitive bidding process. In the event there is sufficient interest in this requirement, GOSR may, but is not obligated to, initiate a competitive bidding opportunity through a subsequent Request for Proposal ("RFP") or authorized procurement method in accordance with the Procurement and Contract Guidelines of GOSR and in compliance with [Section 2879a of the New York Public Authorities Law](#).

Information that any interested party wishes to submit as part of an EOI will be submitted voluntarily, and with the understanding that this RFEI is for information gathering purposes only; it is not an offer. No contractual relationship will be automatically generated between the respondent and GOSR or the State of New York by responding to this request. GOSR, in its sole discretion, reserves the right, without liability, to modify and/or to cancel this RFEI at any time without explanation, and/or to modify or waive any requirements contained in the RFEI, if it determines that doing so is in the best interest of the State of New York.

2. Who May be Interested

GOSR encourages a broad range of respondents to submit EOIs. Potential respondents or joint venture partnerships to this RFEI may include providers of design, engineering, surveying, and specialty construction services.

3. Purpose

The purpose of this RFEI is to identify architectural or engineering firms with interest and capacity to develop a design that will facilitate the development of a Comprehensive Coastal Protection and Drainage Improvements strategy for Howard Beach, Queens, a Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery ("CDBG-DR") funded project.

Project Overview

The edge of Howard Beach comprises four (4) sections: Upper Spring Creek; Lower Spring Creek; Shellbank and Hawtree Basins; and Hawtree Point ("Hamilton Beach Park"). Three (3) sections—Hawtree Point, Spring Creek North and Spring Creek South—are currently progressing towards implementation through various studies being undertaken as part of the larger Jamaica Bay Comprehensive Restoration Plan ("CRP"). Without protection that includes the Hawtree and Shellbank Basin, much of the Community will continue to be susceptible to flooding from future storm events.

The project has two components. The first component involves conducting a feasibility study that would analyze the steps needed to supplement the flood protection addressed by the Spring Creek South, Spring Creek North, and Hawtree Point projects. The second component would involve determination of targeted protection strategies and drainage improvements along the northern edge of Hawtree Basin and in Coleman Square to limit the flooding impact of full-moon tides that plague the Community of Howard Beach.

Respondents to this RFEI should review the New York State Action Plan for CDBG-DR and all amendments

thereto, as well as all Federal Register notices related to the CDBG-DR funds. The Action Plan and all amendments are located on the GOSR website at <http://stormrecovery.ny.gov/funding/action-plans-amendments>. Respondents should also review the NY Rising Community Reconstruction Plan for Howard Beach which is also located on the GOSR website at <http://stormrecovery.ny.gov/regional-communities/howard-beach>.

4. EOI Submission Requirements

4.1. Content

- 4.1.1. Contact information, including the legal name of the respondent, business address, phone number, email address, and point of contact
- 4.1.2. A brief letter of introduction, including a capability statement and three (3) examples of comparable previous or current projects

4.2. Submission Details

- 4.2.1. Any inquiries related to this RFEI must be sent electronically, with the subject line “RFEI – Howard Beach Comprehensive Coastal Protection Study and Drainage Improvements” to GOSRprocurement@stormrecovery.ny.gov
- 4.2.2. EOI submission must be in pdf file and sent electronically to GOSRprocurement@stormrecovery.ny.gov

4.3. Submission Deadline

- 4.3.1. EOI submission must be received by October 5, 2017 at 4PM EST.