



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF STORM RECOVERY NY RISING COMMUNITY RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

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

DISASTER RECOVERY WORKFORCE TRAINING PROGRAM PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION SERVICES

The Governor's Office of Storm Recovery (GOSR) announces this Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA), through the NY Rising Community Reconstruction (NYRCR) Program and GOSR Monitoring and Compliance, to provide program implementation and administration services required for the Disaster Recovery Workforce Training Program (the Program) to be conducted within New York City. This Program was recommended by the NYRCR Gravesend and Bensonhurst Planning Committee and is included in their NYRCR Plan available here: http://stormrecovery.ny.gov/sites/default/files/crp/community/documents/gravesend_and_bensonhurst_nyrcr_plan_54mb.pdf (titled: "Create a Community Disaster Recovery Training and Workforce Development Program")

GOSR has allotted up to \$200,000 to fund this program through the State of New York's Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Program administered by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The overall purpose of the Program is to create an on the job training program for very low to low income New Yorkers – with the primary focus on serving individuals who are section 3¹ residents - through the salvaging and deconstruction of vacant homes in NY Rising Buyout and Acquisition Program, primarily located in Staten Island, New York.

The selected Program Administrator or Administrators' will be expected to conduct disaster recovery training workshops in the Gravesend and Bensonhurst Community, and on the job training in the salvaging of salable appliances, fixtures, woodwork, cabinetry and other items within vacant State-owned homes prior to demolition. The Program Administrator/s will be allowed to repurpose this waste stream in facilitation of funding the program past the one-year program period in which Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funding will be provided.

The respondent or respondents selected through this NOFA process will be expected to provide all 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 Portable Document Format (.pdf) file format, compatible with Adobe Reader XI, version 11.0.4. Unless otherwise noted,

¹ A section 3 resident is: 1) a public housing resident; or 2) a low- or very low-income person residing in the metropolitan area or non-metropolitan county where the Section 3 covered assistance is expended. (http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/fair_housing_equal_opp/section3/section3)

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 must be delivered by e-mail no later than: **Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at 6:00 p. m. (Eastern)**. Any statement delivered after 6:00 pm (Eastern) 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 **Wednesday, May 6, 2015 (time to be announced)** 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 “Procurement Opportunities” webpage:

<http://stormrecovery.ny.gov/procurement-opportunities>

GOSR strongly encourages interested respondents to check the Procurement Opportunities webpage <http://stormrecovery.ny.gov/procurement-opportunities> 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. 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 – Disaster Recovery Workforce Training Program*. All substantive questions and answers, including those arising from the respondents’ conference, will be posted on the GOSR “Procurement Opportunities” webpage listed above as soon as practical following the deadline for question submission.

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

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TARGET DATE	EVENT
April 22, 2015	Release of NOFA
May 6, 2015	Anticipated Respondents’ Conference (time TBA)
May 7, 2015	Last Day to Submit Questions – 6:00 p.m. (Eastern)

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TARGET DATE	EVENT
May 8, 2015	Issuance of Answers to Questions
May 19, 2015	SOQ Submission Deadline – 6:00 p.m. (Eastern)
May, 2015	Tier 1 Finalist Interviews (if applicable)
June, 2015	Target Date for Tier 2 Selection

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 the NOFA.

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

NYRisingNOFA@stormrecovery.ny.gov

E-mail Subject Title:

Disaster Recovery Workforce Training Program — Submission of Statement of Qualifications

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Individuals requiring reasonable accommodation to respond to this NOFA are requested to contact Alex Zablocki at the Governor’s Office of Storm Recovery at azablocki@stormrecovery.ny.gov.