

OFFICE OF THE TOWN ATTORNEY  
TOWN OF OYSTER BAY  
NASSAU COUNTY, NEW YORK

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS  
FOR  
SPECIAL COUNSEL SERVICES

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NOTES:

1. ISSUANCE DATE: May 13, 2017
  2. THIS RESPONSE IS DUE BY: May 19, 2017  
[Consideration will only be given to responses received on or before the close of business]
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PROJECT NAME: **SPECIAL COUNSEL TO THE TOWN ATTORNEY**

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**AUTHORIZED CONTACT PERSON:** Prospective firms are advised that the authorized Town of Oyster Bay contact person for all matters concerning this RFP is:

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Town Hall  
54 Audrey Avenue  
Oyster Bay, NY 11771  
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**INTRODUCTION:** In accordance with the General Municipal Law §104-b and the Town of Oyster Bay’s qualification based procurement policy, the Office of the Town Attorney of the Town of Oyster Bay (hereinafter referred to as “Town”) is seeking proposals from qualified individuals or law firms interested in serving as special counsel with respect to providing counsel relative to telecommunications and land use and zoning matters..

Counsel must be admitted to the New York State courts and the United States District Court, Eastern District of New York.

The scope of the anticipated services and experience and knowledge required are more fully described below.

**FORM OF PROPOSAL:** Firms must submit three (3) copies of their resumes, individual credentials, and proposed fee schedules.

**QUALIFICATION BASED SELECTION PROCESS:** The Town, after receipt and review of responses to this RFP, reserves the right to reject all proposals based upon the information provided by the firm(s) in their proposal(s) and based upon subsequent negotiations between the Town and the firm(s). The review process of the responses submitted is based on the qualifications of the firm for the nature of the services. The Town also reserves the right to subdivide individual items and award one or more portions to one firm and other portions to one or more other firms.

**CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION:** It is expressly acknowledged that the quality of the services to be rendered is of paramount importance to the Town. However, it is further expressly acknowledged that the cost of the services to be rendered is a substantial concern because the Town seeks effective representation at reasonable rates.

Following its review, the Town may notify the firms of their standing. The top ranked firm(s) may be invited to submit a retainer, which will be subject to negotiation. If a satisfactory agreement cannot be negotiated with such firm(s) at a fee determined by the Town to be fair and reasonable, then negotiations with such firm(s) will be terminated and negotiations will continue with the suitably ranked firm(s). The Town may also notify the firms to determine whether any conflict of interest exists with the firm and any parties involved in the matter.

USE OF SUBCONSULTANTS AND OTHER SUBORDINATE ENTITIES: Prospective firms are advised that the Town will entertain proposals that include the use of sub-consultants and/or other subordinate entities, i.e. experts. In such event, the proposal must clearly state the extent and nature of the work proposed to be delegated to the other entity and the cost reasonably estimated to be passed on to the Town in connection with the service.

FAMILIARIZATION WITH CURRENT PROGRAMS, FACILITIES AND DOCUMENTS: It is the sole responsibility of the prospective firms to familiarize themselves with the Town's current programs, facilities, documents and any other information which is necessary and relevant to the scope of this RFP. Upon sufficient and reasonable advance notice to the contact person named above, arrangements may be made to visit and inspect any involved Town facilities and/or to view applicable documents. Any and all costs borne by the prospective proposer in familiarizing themselves with the above are to be borne solely by the prospective proposer. In the event that the prospective proposer is ultimately awarded a retainer pursuant to this RFP, the Town will not allow any claims for payment which include billable time for such familiarization and travel costs, regardless of whether they were incurred prior to or following the submission of the proposer's proposal.

PAYMENTS AND CLAIMS: Payments to the successful proposer will be made in accordance with the terms agreed to between the Town and the successful proposer; however, typically billing shall be computed on one-tenth of an hour basis, and must be submitted monthly with a Town of Oyster Bay claim form.

**\* Note: The Town makes no representation of the actual value of the work. Further, as part of the award process, a maximum dollar amount may be determined and may be incorporated into the agreement that is awarded pursuant to this Request for Proposals. The Town further states that it also makes no representation that actual services required will be for the full maximum dollar amount incorporated into the agreement.**

**Kindly note that consideration will only be given to the responses received in this office on or before 4:45 p.m., on May 19, 2017.**

SCOPE OF SERVICES: The Town seeks qualified legal counsel to provide legal services relating to telecommunication and land use and zoning matters. Such services may include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Review and analyze existing local ordinances relating to the installation of telecommunications equipment
- Drafting and enactment of local land use and zoning ordinances as they relate to telecommunications matters, including the installation of cellular, broadband and fiber optic equipment upon municipal right-of-ways and/or utility strips
- Handle the prosecution and/or defense of litigation involving telecommunication, land use and zoning and SEQRA matters in relation to the installation of telecommunication equipment upon municipal right-of-ways
- Provide general advice and counsel to the Town regarding the current status of the laws, rules and regulations related to the installation of telecommunication equipment upon municipal right-of-ways

- Perform such other legal functions as the Town may require.

EXPERIENCE AND SPECIAL KNOWLEDGE REQUIRED:

- Telecommunications Act of 1996 and other statutory and case law authority related to the installation of telecommunication equipment upon municipal owned land and right-of-ways
- State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA)
- Land use and zoning and municipal law
- Drafting and enactment of local land use and zoning ordinances on behalf of municipalities as they relate to telecommunications matters, including the installation of cellular, wireless, broadband and fiber optic equipment upon municipal right-of-ways and/or utility strips
- Representation of municipal clients in New York State and Federal Courts regarding telecommunications matters, including the enforcement of local ordinances regulating the placement of telecommunication equipment upon municipal right-of-ways





8. That in the event there is any change in the matters set forth herein prior to the award of the contract, deponent(s) will file with the Town of Oyster Bay a supplemental affidavit indicating the details of such change within 48 hours of such change.

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(signed)

Sworn to before me this  
\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 201\_

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NOTARY PUBLIC