

**COUNTY OF MONMOUTH
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

**CONTRACT FOR THE OPERATION OF FERRY SERVICES TO AND FROM THE
BELFORD FERRY TERMINAL PROPERTY FOR A PERIOD OF
TWO (2) YEARS WITH THE OPTION FOR TWO (2) ONE-YEAR RENEWALS**

RFP #CC-6-2025

The County of Monmouth (the “County”) invites the submission of written proposals to operate ferry services between the Belford Ferry Terminal Property and Manhattan and other approved locations. Proposals will be evaluated and a contract will be awarded under the competitive contracting provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law and related regulations. The contract shall be for a two-year period with the option for two (2) one-year renewals in the sole discretion of the County.

Proposals must be delivered to the Monmouth County Division of Purchasing, Hall of Records, 3rd Floor, 1 East Main St., Freehold, New Jersey 07728, **by 10:30 a.m., on Tuesday, March 24, 2026** at which time the proposals will be opened and read in public, in the Commissioners Meeting Room, 2nd Floor, Hall of Records. Late proposals will not be accepted.

The Division of Purchasing will post any addenda to this Request for Proposals (the “RFP”) on the County website. The Division of Purchasing will also notify those potential vendors who received the proposal documentation of any changes in writing, but it will remain their responsibility to monitor the website for any addenda and to acknowledge receipt of the addenda in their proposals.

Proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope, labeled with the project name, project number and the name and address of the proposed ferry operator seeking to enter into a contract for these services with the County. Proposal packets are available by downloading the specifications at www.visitmonmouth.com/purchasing under “Upcoming Competitive Contracts”. Potential Operators must download the Request for Proposals. Questions concerning the Request for Proposals shall be directed to the County’s Purchasing Division at ProposalQuestions@co.monmouth.nj.us **by noon on Friday, March 6, 2026.**

Proposals must be accompanied by an agreement of surety furnished by only those sureties who meet the requirements set forth in N.J.S.A 2A:44-143, wherein the surety company agrees to post a performance bond, if the contract is awarded in principal, of in an amount equal to \$2,000,000, which shall be maintained at such amount for the first four (4) months of the Ferry Service operation. Thereafter, so long as the Operator is not in breach or default of its obligations under this Agreement, the amount of the Performance Bond shall be reduced by \$100,000 for each calendar month of Ferry Service operation.

The Operator will be required to comply with the current requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:2-1 (Anti-Discrimination in Employment), N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 *et seq.* and N.J.A.C. 17:27 *et seq.* (Equal Employment Opportunity), 42 U.S.C. § 12101 *et seq.* (Americans with Disabilities Act), N.J.S.A.

52:32-44 *et seq.* (New Jersey Business Registration) and N.J.S.A. 52:15C-14(d) (N.J.A.C. 19: 70-2.2) (Records Retention).

The County reserves the right to reject all proposals for any of the reasons set forth within N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2.

By Order of the Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners.

THOMAS A. ARNONE, Director
TAMARA BROWN, Clerk of the Board
HELEN P. FIORE, Director of Purchasing