

NEW JERSEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR Aspire Program Application Support

(Reference RFP #2026-RFP-276)

ADDENDUM #1

Date: July 14th, 2026

The following constitutes an Addendum, which can be a Clarification and/or Modification to the above-referenced solicitation. This Addendum is divided as follows:

- Part 1: Answers to Questions Submitted
- Part 2: Additions, Deletions, Clarifications and Modifications to the RFP

Part 1: Answers to Questions Submitted		
No.	Question	Answer
1.	Why has NJEDA released this RFP when the scope of services (as detailed on pages 17-18) is already included in NJEDA's # 2024-RERFQ-221, which has been contracted?	NJEDA has determined that the Aspire Program's specialized requirements, anticipated workload, and ongoing operational needs warrant a dedicated contract vehicle. Accordingly, this RFP is being issued to procure services specifically tailored to support the Aspire Program and its application review process.
2.	Pg. 6, Section 1.3.1.1: Regarding the Authority's Contract for Professional Services, we would require the following edits to proceed. These exactly match language previously approved for past contracts with NJEDA. a. Add language in Sec 6, Indemnification: The Vendor shall be liable to the Authority for any reasonable costs incurred by the Authority to correct, modify, or redesign any technical information, reports, findings, analyses, surveys or drawings generated or produced by Vendor or any Work performed by the Vendor or its subcontractor(s) that is found to be materially defective or not in accordance with the provisions of the Contract as a result of any grossly negligent act, error, or omission on the part of the Vendor, its officers, agents, servants, employees and subcontractors. The Vendor shall be given a reasonable opportunity to correct any deficiency. b. Strike Sec 10, Time for Completion and Damages, in its entirety	A. Respectfully, the Authority will not make the proposed revision. B. Respectfully, the Authority will not make the proposed revision.

3.	Pg. 17, Section 3.2: The scope of work includes “Comple[ing] market and feasibility analyses of commercial and residential projects,” and “provid[ing] reporting support as needed.” Elsewhere, the SOW is described as “review[ing] and validat[ing] market studies” (or reports) submitted by an applicant. Please confirm whether the consultant is expected to produce its own market and feasibility reports, separately from those submitted.	The Authority anticipates that both scenarios may occur, depending on the scale, scope, and complexity of the project. In some instances, the consultant will be engaged to prepare an independent third-party market and feasibility study. In other cases, the consultant will be asked to review and validate a market study submitted by an applicant to assess the reasonableness of its assumptions, methodology, and conclusions and to determine whether the findings are adequately supported. The specific scope of work will be determined on a project-by-project basis and issued through the TOR process based on the Authority's needs.
4.	Pg. 18, Section 3.3: Approximately what share of Aspire applications typically require a consultant site visit?	The Authority is unable to estimate the percentage of Aspire applications that may require a consultant site visit. Site visits are not a standard requirement and will be requested by the Authority only on an as-needed basis, depending on the nature, scale, and complexity of the project and the specific scope of the task order.
5.	Pg. 30-31, Section 5.1.1: Can you confirm the evaluation criteria for award of each TOR, if price and timeline have already been set via this RFP?	Please see Section 5.1.1. for the evaluation criteria for each TOR. Sec 5.1.1. states that the DCM will “review and evaluate Awarded Vendor(s)/Qualified Firm(s)’ responses based upon the strength of the underlying TOR Response/TOR Proposal in relation to the requested services and required expertise.” Each project assigned will be unique and therefore have unique needs and priorities on which they will be evaluated.
Part 2: Additions, Deletions, Clarifications & Modifications to the RFQ		
No.	Description	Clarification/Modification

1.	Revised Proposal submission due date	Proposals are due Monday, July 27th, 2026, by 2:00 PM ET July 21st 2026.
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