

Questions and Answers
RFP for Hudson River Park Trust's
On-Call Legal Services R5280

1. Where should proposal responses be sent?
 - A. Proposals should be emailed to LegalRFP@hrpt.ny.gov. The RFP posted on the Trust website has been corrected to eliminate the email address LegalServicesRFP@hrpt.ny.gov.

All proposals are due on or before November 26, 2024 at 3:00 PM to email address LegalRFP@hrpt.ny.gov
2. Must Attorneys proposed to provide services to the Trust be admitted to practice in New York?
 - A. While the law firm must have an office in New York, there may be areas of law in which attorneys are not admitted to practice in New York that would be acceptable to the Trust, particularly as related to federal law matters such as copyright and trademark.
3. Does the Trust have any estimate, parameters or historical information regarding how many hours each week or month firms will be engaged on regulatory compliance and litigation matters?
 - A. The amount of legal services needed by the Trust varies year to year. For instance, one year may require substantial legal services related to a litigation, and then there could be no litigation for the next four years of the contract term. The Trust has needed more real estate services these past few years as compared to other legal areas. Providing stand-alone regulatory advice involves less than 40 hours each year based on past experience.
4. Would the Trust consider regulatory experience in multiple states beyond or in addition to New York, including compliance and litigation involving federal agencies and federal regulation?
 - A. Yes.
5. Can the Trust elaborate on RFP selection criteria for willingness to minimize costs?

- A. Firms that reduce their attorneys' normal hourly billing rates for government service or are willing to cap all attorney fees at a particular hourly rate would be rated higher than firms charging high hourly rates. For instance, many firms on the Trust's on-call list for the past year capped the attorney rate to no higher than \$550 per hour.
6. Does the employment work include immigration counsel and how much volume of work is there for immigration counsel?
- A. Firms with an employment practice are encouraged to describe whether they also provide immigration legal services. However, immigration-related service represents a very small amount of the Trust's legal needs for employment counsel and the Trust is not seeking firms that only provide immigration services.