

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
FOR PROFESSIONAL
ENGINEERING SERVICES
ASSOCIATED WITH COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
ACTIVITIES DURING CALENDAR YEARS
2026, 2027, 2028**



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Borough of Berwick is requesting proposals for professional Engineering services. These services include all necessary design and specifications for the bidding of and contracting for projects initiated with the Borough of Berwick's annual Community Development Block Grant allocations from October 2026 through September 2028. The Borough of Berwick intends to award engineering services contracts on an individual project basis based on financial terms provided in proposals submitted through this solicitation effort. Any engineering services contracts awarded during this period of performance are expected to be fulfilled through individual project completion regardless of if an individual project's timeline extends beyond September 2028. Complete proposal details, including the required proposal format, may be obtained by contacting:

Leslie Hosterman, Project Coordinator
SEDA-COG
201 Furnace Road
Lewisburg, PA 17837
lhosterman@seda-cog.org
(570)524-4491 ext. 7325

Proposal details are also available at www.seda-cog.org – News, Notices, Publications.

Proposals will be accepted until 1:00 PM prevailing time, September 25, 2026, at which time they will be publicly opened at Berwick City Hall. Proposals shall be on the forms required, sealed and clearly marked on the outside, "Berwick Borough Engineering Services Proposal," and submitted to:

Damien Scoblink
Berwick Borough
1800 North Market Street
Berwick, PA 18603

Proposals that are faxed or e-mailed to SEDA-COG or Berwick Borough cannot be accepted.

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The Borough of Berwick anticipates using an estimated \$695,000 in Community Development Block Grant allocations during the period from October 2026 through September 2028 to undertake infrastructure projects. Any project initiated and funded under these CDBG allocations during this period will utilize the engineering services contract awarded through this RFP for design, bidding, and construction oversight. Additional funding sources may be pursued for selected projects as needed.

The following narrative outlines the major responsibilities of the proposers. These responsibilities will encompass the full scope of each project initiated during the contract period, including design, bidding assistance, and construction management. Services may also include grant writing support and residential inspection as required. All projects initiated during the contract term must be completed, even if their timelines extend beyond September 2028. Proposers should note that the Scope of Services described herein may exclude minor, incidental engineering tasks not currently identifiable.

Proposals shall include the attached "Standard Engineering Estimate" and be submitted to Damien Scoblink, Borough Manager, Berwick Borough, 1800 North Market Street, Berwick, PA 18603. All proposals shall be sealed and clearly marked on the outside, "Berwick Borough Engineering Services Proposal," and must be received by 1:00 PM, prevailing time, September 25, 2026, at which time they will be publicly opened at Berwick City Hall.

Questions regarding this proposal should be directed to:

Leslie Hosterman, Project Coordinator
SEDA-COG
201 Furnace Road
Lewisburg, PA 17801
570-524-4491
lhosterman@seda-cog.org

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Borough of Berwick anticipates receiving approximately \$695,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding during the period from October 2026 through September 2028 to support community development projects. It is anticipated that any project initiated and funded under these CDBG allocations during this period will utilize the engineering services contract awarded through this RFP for design, bidding, and construction oversight. The Borough of Berwick may also pursue additional grant sources during this timeframe to undertake pending projects. As projects are selected and funded, the Engineer will be expected to provide the services outlined in this request. All proposers should note that any project initiated during the contract term must be completed, even if its timeline extends beyond September 2028.

Currently, the Borough of Berwick is funding the Warren Street Reconstruction and Removal of Blighted Structures, Phase V projects with CDBG allocations. Other projects may be added to the Borough of Berwick's community development efforts at a later date.

The provision of engineering services shall be based on the rates provided in the attached Standard Engineering Estimate form. Individually awarded engineering services contracts shall be awarded and not to exceed compensation amount.

PROJECT DESIGN

The Engineer shall prepare all necessary design plans, drawings and specifications to be used for the construction of the improvements and should therefore be complete in detail and contain all necessary information. Drawings shall conform with standard professional practice and consist of all architectural and engineering drawings, including profiles and sections, plot and site plans, and all else necessary to illustrate the interest and scope of the work. Working drawings shall be prepared for structural, hydraulic, mechanical, electrical, and all other branches of the construction work.

The Engineer shall investigate any existing systems affected by the proposed project, identifying options, and advising the Borough of Berwick in the most appropriate method of modifying the systems as part of the design of this project. Plans and specifications shall be developed in such a manner to delete and add segments should the project costs be over or under budget.

1. All permits, plans, or surveys which may be necessary to define the scope of the work or for the performance of the project shall be the responsibility of the Engineer. As necessary, the Engineer shall consider the potential for hazardous materials in existing buildings and facilities and shall advise the Borough of Berwick of any known or suspected conditions that may necessitate further investigation. Recommendations for additional investigation or specialty consulting services shall be provided as appropriate.

The quotation shall include a list of those permits currently anticipated as necessary, identifying actual permit fees which shall be paid by the Engineer as a component of their project quotation. Survey work required for easements/rights-of-way is not a part of this quotation. Federal Environmental Reviews, State Historic Preservation Office Review, and Archaeological Reviews are not a part of this quotation.

Assistance from the Engineer is necessary for SEDA-COG and the Borough of Berwick to fully understand the project, and therefore, meeting attendance is of high importance. Accordingly, this proposal shall include four (4) design phase meetings, as well as four (4) preconstruction meetings (as noted below), at which the Engineer is expected to be in attendance. These meetings shall be conducted during the design and construction specifications phase at the convenience of the Borough of Berwick, and shall include the following:

- Design phase meetings
 - o A kick-off meeting
 - o Development meetings
 - o A meeting to present the final design and receive approval to advertise
 - Preconstruction meeting(s) – (Engineer will coordinate and prepare meeting agenda w/ minutes.)
 - o Pre-bid meeting (optional)
 - o Bid Opening (Engineer will prepare bid tabulation form)
 - o Award – (Engineer will make formal recommendation to award)
2. The Borough of Berwick may request, and the Engineer may suggest additional meetings. Accordingly, proposers should indicate their intention to do so in the narrative of their proposal. Any cost associated with additional meetings shall be included on the standard Engineers Estimate form.
 3. A project design schedule must be included as part of this proposal indicating key milestones and dates of completion. All final plans and specifications must be submitted for approval by the Borough of Berwick. In addition, the Engineer must provide a list of sub consultants, if applicable, for approval by the Borough of Berwick.
 4. Upon completion of the preliminary design, and again when requesting approval of the final design, the Engineer shall prepare and provide to the Borough of Berwick an opinion of probable construction costs, either as a lump sum or utilizing the itemized bid schedule if a line-item construction bid is proposed.

PREPARATION OF DOCUMENTS AND COORDINATION OF BIDDING

The Engineer shall prepare all construction contract documents, including but not limited to bid schedule, bond forms (bid, performance, payment), construction specifications, notices and agreements and compliance forms. The Engineer shall be responsible for coordinating the bidding process, including printing, and distributing up to ten (10) sets of bid documents, publishing the required advertisements, issuing notices and management of any required deposits or payments. Costs for this portion of the work shall be borne by the Engineer except that the actual costs for legal advertisements will be reimbursed by the Borough of Berwick. Insofar as federal CDBG monies are being used in the project, forms and procedures meeting the requirements of the PA Department of Community and Economic Development shall be used in the contracting documents. The Borough of Berwick shall facilitate this process by providing model bidding documents for use by the Engineer.

In addition, the Engineer will assist the solicitor throughout each project including, but not limited to, the preparation of documents involving engineering matters and preparation of contract documents for the

solicitor's opinion, a review of the bid documents, conformity with the specifications, and requirements, as well as a formal recommendation of bid award. The Engineer is also responsible for managing the construction contract award process, including issuance of the Notice of Intent to Award, execution of the agreements, Award, Notice of Start of Construction, Substantial Completion, Final Inspection, and Completion.

CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISION

The Engineer is expected to furnish customary engineering advice and assistance necessary to enable the Borough of Berwick to readily understand the project. The Engineer shall visit the construction site to observe progress and quality of work, to determine if work is proceeding in accordance with contract documents, to keep the Borough of Berwick informed of progress, to guard against defects and deficiencies, and to disapprove work not in conformance with contract documents. The Engineer shall serve as the Borough of Berwick's representative at the project site, issuing all instructions to the contractors and preparing any change orders.

The Engineer will check and approve samples, schedules, shop drawings, catalogue data, laboratory, shop and mill tests of materials and equipment, and other data which contractors are required to submit to ensure conformity with project design, concept, and requirements. The Engineer, in accordance with accepted professional standards and practice, shall review contractors' payment requests and approve, in writing, payment to the contractors in such amounts. The Engineer will also conduct, in the company of the owner and the contractor, a final inspection of the project for conformity with design, concept, and contract documents. When the project is complete, the Engineer will correct all drawings to show construction and installation as actually accomplished and will furnish one set of full size "As Built" prints and one electronic copy to the Borough of Berwick.

These services, to be provided by the Engineer, do not infer resident inspection services. The Engineer is expected to visit the project site during construction and conduct a final inspection at project completion. Site visit frequency shall be determined on an individual project basis. Comprehensive design, inspection of work and compliance with specifications is of utmost importance to a successful and timely project completion. Accordingly, the Engineer shall indicate with what frequency field visits will be provided. As a part of this proposal, it is the Engineer's responsibility to estimate the project duration in order to calculate the number of construction supervision site visits. Should the project take less or more time than anticipated, no adjustment to the costs for project supervision will be considered.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES OF ENGINEER

Where participating state and/or federal agencies require reports relating to construction, the Engineer shall prepare and submit such reports and shall assist in any negotiations with these or other agencies as is necessary for final approval.

TERMS OF PAYMENT

The Engineer will be required to enter into a written Professional Engineering Services Agreement with the Borough of Berwick which will incorporate much of the information contained in this RFP. Through this RFP process, the Engineer will agree to hourly rates as reflected by the Standard Engineering

Estimate, which shall include all costs associated with the services outlined herein. Before the start of each project, the Engineer shall prepare and issue to the Borough of Berwick an estimate of the cost for engineering services for the project. The Borough of Berwick will then authorize the work. Costs sometimes separately billed as reimbursable costs shall be declared in this proposal. Payment shall be made to the Engineer on a monthly basis.

Invoices shall be provided setting forth the project, hours worked, date and establishing the amount due based on the hourly rate as of the date of the invoice. Payment shall be expressly contingent upon receipt of funds from the Department of Community and Economic Development.

MBE/WBE GOALS

It is the public policy of the Borough of Berwick to promote the opportunity for full participation by minority and women's business enterprises ("MBE's" and "WBE's") and Section 3 business concerns in all projects receiving federal funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development which are administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development.

The Borough of Berwick has established a Minimum Participation Level (MPL) of five percent (5%) for Minority Business Enterprises and three percent (3%) for Women Business Enterprises participation on projects with CDBG, ESG, and/or HOME funding.

SECTION 3 GOALS

Section 3 24 CFR Part 135 has been updated to the New Rule, 24 CFR Part 75. The New Rule for Section 3, 24 CFR Part 75, is applicable for projects for which the total amount of federal assistance is greater than \$300,000. Section 3 does not apply to professional services; however, you are still encouraged to follow the Borough of Berwick's Section 3 Action Plan for Section 3 and Targeted Section 3 Labor Hours. The new 24 CFR Part 75 rule does apply to construction contracts and the professional service provider is expected to assist with facilitation of these efforts for compliance. Professional Service firms who hire Section 3 or Targeted Section 3 workers can count those labor hours as Section 3, or Targeted Section 3, but should be excluded from the total number of labor hours. Benchmarks are only qualified as being met if Section 3 Laborer Hours = 25%, *and* Targeted Section 3 Labor Hours = 5% of the total number of labor hours.

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION AND EVALUATION

Three (3) copies of the proposal must be submitted to:

Damien Scoblink, Borough Manager
Borough of Berwick
1800 North Market Street
Berwick, PA 18603

Proposals must be received no later than 1:00 PM, September 25, 2026.

Proposals that are faxed or e-mailed to the Borough of Berwick or SEDA-COG cannot be accepted.

Proposals will be reviewed and evaluated by SEDA-COG and the Borough of Berwick. The evaluation will include the following areas in order of relative importance:

- Adequacy of proposal in the terms of addressing the needs that are set forth in the Request for Proposals.
- Relevant experience and past performance.
- Quality of previous work.
- Adequacy of resources/record of completing projects on time.
- Cost.
- Proposer's commitment to the obligations of the Borough of Berwick's Minority Owned Business Enterprises and Women Owned Business Enterprises Action Plan.

Note: Cost is only one of several criteria to be considered in evaluating proposals. Accordingly, the Borough of Berwick will not publish proposal cost summaries. Proposers are, however, invited to attend the opening.

REQUIRED INFORMATION

Each proposer shall provide all information herein requested. Further, no proposal will be considered unless the attached Standard Form is completed in its entirety.

Each proposer shall provide a minimum of two references where similar engineering services have been performed during the past three years. These projects should be similar in design and scope. If the proposer is an MBE/WBE, a certification form shall be submitted with the bid attesting to the firms' status as such. Firms may be requested to sit for interviews and/or negotiation of contract terms and fees prior to contract award.

If any part of the project is subcontracted, requires purchases for services, or requires hiring of additional employees, the proposers must submit documentary evidence of MBE/WBE business concerns who have been contacted and/or to whom commitments have been made. If no solicitation was made to MBE/WBE's business concerns, please indicate the reason(s). If there is no need for additional employees or trainees, or no need to contract for work, then the MBE/WBE requirements are not triggered.

The Borough of Berwick reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals or to waive any irregularities.

Professional Liability Insurance is required for this project. Please indicate the level of coverage provided.

STANDARD ENGINEERING ESTIMATE

FIRM NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

REPRESENTATIVE: _____

The following rates shall be in effect beginning **October, 2026, until September, 2028**, for CDBG projects undertaken by the Borough of Berwick.

**PLEASE SUBMIT ONLY ONE HOURLY RATE.
THAT RATE SHOULD APPLY TO ONLY ONE EMPLOYEE**

ACTIVITIES

Field Survey Work and Mapping _____ per hour

Engineering Advice and Guidance to the Borough of Berwick Staff, including meeting attendance
..... _____ per hour

Design, Development of Plans, Specifications, Bid Documents, Permit
Applications, and other Written Documents _____ per hour

Other Technical Engineering Services _____ per hour

Construction Management and Supervision, including inspection to ensure compliance with technical
specifications and regulatory requirements _____ per hour

Resident Inspection Services _____ per hour

I, _____, a licensed professional Engineer in the
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and an authorized representative of the above-indicated firm, have
reviewed and understand the Borough of Berwick Request for Proposals, and I/we am/are prepared to
provide the required services for the above rates of reimbursement.

Signature

ATTACH A MINIMUM OF TWO (2) PROJECT REFERENCES, SIMILAR IN DESIGN AND SCOPE.
ATTACH LIMITS OF COVERAGE FOR PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE.

**MBE/WBE CONTRACT SOLICITATION AND COMMITMENT STATEMENT
TO BE SUBMITTED WITH THE BID**

Goals of **5%** for minority business enterprise and **3%** for women business enterprise participation have been established.

Name of Bidder:	Project Name:
Address:	Bid Opening Date:
Email Address:	
Telephone Number:	Contact Person:

List those minority/women owned businesses from which you solicited quotes and/or received quotes in regard to this invitation for bid.

Company Name & Telephone Number	MBE* (enter code from below)	WBE (X)	Type of Construction, Equipment, Services, and/or supplies to be provided to the Project	Total Dollar Amount of Quote Received (Please mark NR If no response was received)	Total Dollar Amount Awarded (If not awarded indicate reason)
Prepared By:			Title:		

*Ethnic Code: A- Asian-Pacific Americans; B-African Americans; H-Hispanic Americans; N- Native Americans

MINORITY AND WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE BIDDER CERTIFICATION

The submittals of each bidder are subject to review to determine whether the bidder has discriminated in the selection of manufacturers, subcontractors and suppliers. If a bidder has met the goals for MBE/WBE participation, the bidder will be presumed not to have discriminated in their selections.

Where the goals are not met, the below statements, if accurate, shall be certified by the bidder:

1. The limited number or no commitment to MBEs/WBEs was not motivated by consideration of race or gender.
2. MBEs/WBEs were not treated less favorably than other businesses in the contract solicitation and commitment process.
3. Solicitation and commitment decisions were not based upon policies which disparately affect MBEs/WBEs.

By signing below, I certify that the above statements are true and accurate.

Company Name

Signature

Date

SECTION 3 CONTRACT SOLICITATION AND COMMITMENT STATEMENT

Minimum Participation Levels (MPL): Section 3 – 25% or more of the total number of labor hours worked by all workers on a Section 3 project are Section 3 workers.

5% or more of the total number of labor hours worked by all workers on a Section 3 project are Targeted Section 3 workers

Name of Bidder:	Project Name:
Address:	Bid Opening Date:
E-Mail Address:	
Telephone Number:	Contact Person:

List those Section 3 business concerns from which you solicited quotes, or which contacted you and gave you quotes in regard to this invitation for bid.

Company Name & Telephone Number	Type of Construction and/or Services, to be provided to the Project	Total Dollar Amount of Quote Received (Please mark NR if no response was received)	Total Dollar Amount Awarded (If not awarded indicate the reason)	IF NO COMMITMENT WAS MADE TO A SECTION 3 BUSINESS- EXPLAIN
Preparers Signature:			Title	

1. Indicate whether Section 3 Business Concerns were solicited for each type of work the bidder expects to subcontract for and for all materials which the bidder expects to procure and, if not, the reason(s) why no such solicitation was made;
2. Indicate the reason a Section 3 Business Concern has not been committed to for a type of subcontract work or materials in any area where a quote was received from a Section 3 Business Concern, and;

3. In any case where no quotations are received or commitments made to a Section 3 Business Concern, indicate that no quotes were received, and if there is another reason for no commitments being made, the reason for the lack of commitments.