

**Competitive Contracting Report
Recommendation of an Award
for a Provider to Furnish Renewable Energy Consultant Services
for Morris County Improvement Authority**

Morris County Improvement Authority

Dated: March 13, 2026

This report is being prepared in accordance with the requirements of competitive contracting under the “Local Public Contracts Law,” *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.1 et seq.*, for the reasons explained herein.

The Morris County Improvement Authority (the “Authority”), with the assistance of other Morris County Purchasing staff, undertook the solicitation of competitive proposals for the provision of Renewable Energy Consultant Services (the “Services”) from a Renewable Energy Consultant, including, but not limited to, (i) monitoring, reviewing and advising on the operations, management, budget and decommissioning of renewable energy projects; (ii) consulting on current and future New Jersey solar renewable energy credits (“SRECs”) pricing; and (iii) evaluating and making recommendations to the Authority on timing of the SREC sales. The requirements for these Services were outlined in the Authority’s request for proposals (the “RFP”) entitled, “REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL USING COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING PURSUANT TO P.L. 1999 c. 440 40A:11-1.(m) RENEWABLE ENERGY CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR THE MORRIS COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY SOLAR ENERGY PROGRAMS CC#26-30.” The solicitation was done in conformance with the competitive contracting process, pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.1 et seq.*

The RFP was duly advertised and also placed on the Morris County website (utilizing BidNet, the County’s online procurement platform). Proposals were received from entity(ies) (each, a “Respondent”) on February 13, 2026 at 11:00AM, by the Purchasing Agent of the Authority, in the office of the Morris County Purchasing Division, Suite 517, 5th Floor, Administration & Records Building, Court Street, Morristown, New Jersey 07963. Proposals were received from two Respondents: Gabel Associates, Inc. and Ecological Systems by Water Wizard, LLC.

The Authority established four evaluation categories for the review of the proposals, and to award the proposal to the Respondent that best met the requirements of these criteria, and the weight assigned to each. The evaluation categories, and a short description of each along with the points assigned are as follows:

1. PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS: (30 Points)

- a. The background, qualifications, skills and experience of the Respondent and its staff in the disciplines covered by this RFP for the Services; and
- b. The Respondent’s references; and
- c. Proven track record of providing the Services to other governmental units and others; and
- d. Interviews with qualified Respondents, if requested by the Authority (may impact Parts 1 and/or 2 of Evaluation).

2. UNDERSTANDING OF PROJECT SCOPE OF WORK: (30 Points)

- a. The Respondent’s proposed approach to provide the Services; and
- b. The Respondent’s understanding of its objectives; and
- c. The degree of completeness of the Respondent’s response to the specific requirements of this RFP.

3. PRIOR EXPERIENCE: (30 Points)

- a. The Authority’s prior experience with the Respondent and the Respondent’s familiarity with the work, requirements, and systems of the Authority, if any; and

4. COST PROPOSAL: (10 Points)

Respondents shall provide a price quote to perform the Services as listed in the RFP.

Based on the criteria, the aggregate scores for the Respondents were as follows:

<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Maximum Pts. Allowed</u>
Professional Qualifications	90
Understanding of Project Scope of Work	90
Prior Experience	90
Cost Proposal	30
<u>Maximum Total:</u>	300

Gabel Associates, Inc: 276

**Ecological Systems by
Water Wizard LLC: 167**

Gabel Associates, Inc. (“Gabel”) received the highest aggregate score. The Authority is recommending the appointment of Gabel Associates, Inc. as the provider of the Services sought by the RFP, commensurate with the requirements of the RFP, and Gabel’s response thereto. Located in Highland Park, NJ, Gabel Associates has provided renewable energy consulting services to the Morris County Improvement Authority (the “MCIA”) for many of the years that the county has been engaged in solar energy production. Gabel is currently providing the services to Morris County that are sought through this procurement effort. The firm has served public entities at all levels of government and has similarly served improvement authorities in the counties of Somerset, Mercer, and Union. Gabel is experienced in the areas for which the MCIA is seeking professional assistance

For all of those reasons, the Authority recommends an award of this contract to Gabel Associates, Inc.

This recommendation will be made to the Board of Commissioners of the Morris County Improvement Authority at its regular meeting of March 18, 2026, scheduled to occur in the Knox Conference Room, 5th Floor, Morris County Administration Building, Morristown New Jersey at 5:00 p.m. A copy of Gabel Associates Inc.’s proposal, along with a copy of this Report, is available for public inspection in the office of the Morris County Purchasing Agent, during normal business hours:

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This Report was prepared with the assistance of general counsel to the Morris County Improvement Authority, McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC.

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