



DIVISION OF FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

ADDENDUM #3

Request for Information # 2456

Date: March 16th, 2021
Subject: Extension of Due Date for Response
Title: Establishing New York's First State-Owned Veterans Cemetery
Original Bid Due Date: Thursday, March 18th, 2021 by 2:00 PM
Revised Bid Due Date: Thursday, April 1st, 2021 by 2:00 PM
Address Bids to: Joel Evans at Joel.Evans@veterans.ny.gov and Paige Corning at Paige.Corning@ogs.ny.gov With "RFI # 2456 - Respondent's Name" in the subject line

Responses are due no later than April 1st, 2021 by 2:00 PM

All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.

\*If submitting a response, this Addendum #3 for RFI #2456 must contain a signature, be dated, attached to, and made a part of your response.

Company Name: Town of Smithtown
Address (include City, State, Zip): 99 West Main St Smithtown, NY 11787
Respondents Name (please print): Eileen Tropea
Title: Special Projects Coordinator
Signature: Eileen Tropea
Date: 3/25/21

## **Attachment 1**

### **RFI # 2456 - Respondent Response & Information Form**

*Please complete all questions herein. Do not leave blanks.*

#### **Section 1.1: Respondent Information**

Respondent Name: TOWN OF SMITHTOWN

Respondent Address: 99 WEST MAIN STREET, SMITHTOWN, NY 11787

New York State Vendor ID Number (if none, write "none"): NONE

Name of Respondent's Primary Point of Contact: Eileen Tropea

Address of Respondent's Primary Point of Contact: 99 W. Main St. Smithtown, NY

Telephone Number of Respondent's Primary Point of Contact: 631-360-7600

E-mail Address of Respondent's Primary Point of Contact: etropea@smithtownny.gov

#### **Section 1.2: Respondent Information — Specific to Solicitation**

Size of the land available for purchase (in acres):

We are proposing a 50 acre site on the grounds of the former Kings Park Psychiatric Center. The proposed site is adjacent to an existing 8.9 acre cemetery that is owned and maintained by the NYS Department of Mental Health.

Number of gravesites that could be established upon this property:

A traditional cemetery holds about 1250 plots per acre. If two people are buried per plot, the potential is 2500 per acre. That would equate to 62,500 to 125,000 on a 50 acre parcel, not including roadways and other amenities typical of a cemetery.

Number of interments that could occur annually upon this property:

UNKNOWN

Describe the types of interments that could occur upon this property (e.g., whether the site would be open for the interment of urns as well as caskets):  
THE SITE COULD BE DEVELOPED FOR THE INTERMENT OF BOTH CASKETS AS WELL AS URNS.

Describe the transportation accessibility to the cemetery by Veterans, their families, and members of the public:

READILY ACCESSIBLE FROM ALL MAJOR ROADWAYS. KINGS PARK IS THE NORTHERN TERMINUS OF THE SUNKEN MEADOW PARKWAY THAT EXTENDS FROM THE SOUTH SHORE TO THE NORTH SHORE OF LONG ISLAND, WITH EXITS FOR THE SOUTHERN STATE PARKWAY, LONG ISLAND EXPRESSWAY, AND THE NORTHERN STATE PARKWAY. IN ADDITION, THERE IS A LONG ISLAND RAILROAD STATION IN KINGS PARK

State the estimated cost to New York State for acquiring this land, if any, and describe the rationale that was used to provide this cost estimate:

THERE IS NO COST TO ACQUIRE THE LAND, AS IT IS ALREADY OWNED BY THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

State the estimated cost to New York State for constructing a cemetery upon this property and describe the rationale that was used to provide this cost estimate:

COSTS UNKNOWN: FUNDING NEEDED FOR THE REMOVAL OF ABANDONED WATER TOWER, REMOVAL OF TREES, CONSTRUCTION OF MAINTENANCE BUILDING AND INTERNAL ROADWAY AND AMENITIES TYPICAL OF A CEMETERY.

State the estimated annual cost to New York State for operating a cemetery upon this property, including but not limited to all maintenance costs and staffing costs, and describe the rationale that was used to provide the cost estimate:

UNKNOWN

**Describe the scalability of a cemetery upon this site for future growth and expansion:**

EXPANSION POSSIBLE IN OTHER PORTIONS OF THE FORMER STATE HOSPITAL. OTHER AREAS OF SITE WERE NOT CHOSEN DUE TO CONSTRAINTS OF REMOVING ABANDONED BUILDINGS AND BURIED FOUNDATIONS.

**Describe the realistic potential for funding for a cemetery upon this site from federal, State, local, and private sector sources:**

UNKNOWN

**Discuss the population of Veterans and family members of Veterans who would be best served by this site, including but not limited to data about the average population age within a 75-mile radius of the site:**

Suffolk County is home to the largest population of veterans in the state, and one of the largest populations in the country. Numbers compiled in 2017 reflect that more than 112,000 veterans live on Long Island: approximately 45,148 in Nassau County and 66,867 in Suffolk County. Suffolk, and especially Nassau, have higher percentage of veterans in the older age groups.

**Describe the mortality rate of the Veteran population for the area:**

Figures compiled in 2017 reflect that at 10.4%, Nassau County has more than double the percentage of WWII veterans in its overall veteran population compared to the US, of which 4.2% of veterans served during WWII. In Suffolk County, 6.7% of veterans served in WWII. Both counties' percentage of Korean War veterans also surpassed that of the nations' 8.9% with 14.6% in Nassau and 13.3% in Suffolk.

**Describe the current use and projected future use of any lands, public or private, surrounding the site:**

THE SITE IS A FORMER STATE PSYCHIATRIC CENTER THAT IS CLOSED AND UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE NYS OFFICE OF PARKS, RECREATION AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION. A MASTER PLAN FOR THE ENTIRE 560 ACRE SITE IS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY AND IS BEING FUNDED BY THE STATE.

THERE ARE CURRENTLY EXISTING SINGLE FAMILY HOMES TO THE NORTH AND WEST OF THE SITE, AND A PUBLIC SCHOOL TO THE SOUTH. THESE USES ARE ANTICIPATED TO REMAIN LONG INTO THE FUTURE.

Describe the topography of the land on which the cemetery would sit, including but not limited to geographic survey data of the proposed cemetery site:  
SEE ATTACHED MAP NAMED "CONTOURS"

Describe the proximity of this site to any existing cemeteries including but not limited to national Veterans cemeteries, county Veterans cemeteries, cemeteries that have plots devoted to Veterans, not-for-profit cemeteries and any other burial ground devoted to Veterans and any other type of burial grounds devoted to the interment of human remains that is of public record :

Saint Johnland Cemetery: 0.8 miles, Indian Head Road Cemetery: 1.2 miles, Holy Cross Cemetery: 2.3 miles, Commack Cemetery: 4 miles, Smithtown Cemetery: 4 miles, Hauppauge Rural Cemetery: 5.3 miles, St. James Episcopal Church Cemetery: 4 miles, Landing Ave Methodist Church Cemetery: 2.7 miles, St. Patrick's Cemetery: 5 miles, Long Island National Cemetery: 20 miles, Calverton National Cemetery: 30 miles

Discuss the ability of this site to conform to the operating requirements established and enforced by the National Cemetery Administration of the United States:

This would require a design professional to ensure compliance.

The realistic timeline from the date when the State acquires the land to the date when a functioning State Veterans Cemetery can open on the site, in compliance with all National Cemetery Administration requirements and all New York State requirements governing cemetery operations:

The timeline would be determined by the State of New York as they currently own the property.

***In addition to answering all of the questions stated above, a complete RFI submission responding to this query must include the following items:***

- (1) A detailed map of the site where the Respondent proposes to locate the State's first State-Owned Veterans Cemetery, including all potential transportation routes to, from, and within the proposed site;*
- (2) A detailed historical description of the site, including all prior known uses of the land; and*
- (3) The most recent Environmental Impact Assessment conducted for the proposed site, together with any information that has changed in the period since that Environmental Impact Assessment took place.*

**Section 1. 3: Respondent Information — Other Comments**

Please provide any additional information deemed necessary for the State to know about the proposed site. This is not a section to reiterate information already provided. The only information that should be provided here is information that is not listed or described in any of the responses provided above. Please confine responses to a maximum of 2,000 words. Any response beyond this word limit will not be considered.

A detailed map of the site has been attached.

A description of prior buildings and uses has been attached.

An EIS will be conducted as part of the on-going Nissequogue River State Park Master Plan.





Proposed Cemetery  
50.3 Acres

Existing OMH  
Cemetery  
8.9 Acres







# PROPOSED VETERAN'S CEMETERY

SUBJECT AREA  
OUTLINED IN RED



## FORMER AND EXISTING STRUCTURES WITHIN SUBJECT AREA

BLDG #	YEAR BLT	NAME	USE	STATUS
27	1921	RESERV VALVE SHED	1.5 MIL GAL CAP	DEMOLISHED
45	1957	WATER TOWER	WATER TOWER	ABANDONED
46	1917	ROOT CELLAR	DAIRY FARM/ OT	DEMOLISHED
46	1940	SLAUGHTER HOUSE	FARM/ OT	DEMOLISHED
47	1940	DAIRY BARN	DAIRY FARM/OT	DEMOLISHED
48	1940	HORSE BARNS	DAIRY FARM/OT	DEMOLISHED