**Better Connections Request for Proposals (RFP) Advertisement Guidance**

*Below is information where the municipality can advertise the RFP to consultants*

Municipalities must publicize their RFP widely through various media outlets and websites to reach out to as many qualified professional consultants working in Vermont and New England as possible. ACCD maintains a [Consultant Directory](http://accd.vermont.gov/sites/accdnew/files/documents/CD/CPR/MPG/CPR-MPG-Directory-PlanningConsultants.xls) that can be used to contact consultants directly, but the list is not comprehensive so other avenues should be pursued as well. Municipalities should consider advertising their RFPs through the following outlets. Some outlets are free others charge a fee.

**RFP advertisement for Free:**

* [**VT Business Registry and Bid System**](http://www.vermontbidsystem.com/) - [Click here](http://www.vermontbusinessregistry.com/Vermont_Business_Registry_USER_GUIDE_BIDS_03162015.pdf) for instructions on how to post your RFP to the Bid System. [ <http://www.vermontbidsystem.com/> ]
* [**Northern New England Chapter of the American Planning Association**](http://nnecapa.org/) - This [NNECAPA RFP listing](http://nnecapa.org/blog/category/jobrfp-listings/) was developed to help communities search for the right consultant for a new project. To post a RPF to the NNECAPA listing simply send a WORD document to Ben Frost, Public Information Officer at: [nnecapa.pio@gmail.com](mailto:nnecapa.pio@gmail.com) [ <http://nnecapa.org/blog/category/jobrfp-listings/> ]
* [**Vermont Planners Association (VPA)**](http://www.vermontplanners.org/) - VPA members can publicize RFPs on their list serve that reaches out to professional planners and consultants in Vermont. Feel free to email [Richard.amore@vermont.gov](mailto:Richard.amore@vermont.gov) and I will post your municipality’s RFP to the VPA list serve. [ <http://www.vermontplanners.org/> ]
* [**New York Upstate Chapter of the American Planning Association**](http://www.nyupstateplanning.org/rfps-rfqs/) – The New York Upstate Chapter of the American Planning Association provides free postings of RFPs to their website. To submit a job or RFP posting request, please email the information to [nyupstate.apa@gmail.com](mailto:nyupstate.apa@gmail.com).
* [**Connecticut Chapter of the American Planning Association**](http://www.ccapa.org/jobs-information/rfp-rfq/) – The Connecticut Chapter of the American Planning Association provides free postings of RFPs to their website. To submit a job or RFP posting request, please email the information to [employment@ccapa.org](mailto:employment@ccapa.org) [ <http://www.ccapa.org/jobs-information/rfp-rfq/> ]
* [**American Planning Association (APA)**](https://www.planning.org/consultants/)  – APA posts RFPs as a free service to the public. Post your RPF to APA website [here.](https://www.planning.org/consultants/)  [ <https://www.planning.org/consultants/> ]
* [**American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA)**](https://www.asla.org/OpportunitiesAndEventsListing.aspx) – The American Society of Landscape Architects is national professional association representing landscape architects. Post a RFP to the ASLA website for free here. [ <https://www.asla.org/SubmitEvent.aspx> ]

**RFP advertisement for a Fee:**

* [**Local and Regional Newspaper in Vermont and surrounding New England States**](http://www.onlinenewspapers.com/usstate/usvermon.htm) **–** a listing of newspapers in Vermont. [ <http://www.onlinenewspapers.com/usstate/usvermon.htm> ]
* [**Planetizen**](http://www.planetizen.com/announce/submit) – is a national public-interest information exchange for the community planning and design community. Planetizen provides a forum to advertise your RFP to reach thousands of professionals across the nation. Planetizen charges $100.00 to advertise your RFP and rates can be found [here.](http://www.planetizen.com/announce/submit) [ <http://www.planetizen.com/announce/submit> ]
* [**Congress for New Urbanism (CNU)**](https://www.cnu.org/resources/jobs-rfps) – The Congress for New Ubanism is a national nonprofit that helps create vibrant, walkable cities, towns, and neighborhoods. Post a RFP to the CNU website for $50.00. [ <https://www.cnu.org/resources/jobs-rfps> ]