

**RFP#2023-01:**

**New Jersey Test Sites for Allelopathic Plants in Unmaintained Sites Along the Roadway**

**Questions & Answers:**

1. Who will provide roadway safety, NJDOT or Researcher?  
Researcher, as part of the highway occupancy permit process.
2. Is the required signage fabricated and provided by NJDOT?  
NJDOT can fabricate and provide signage.
3. Who will provide the materials, equipment, and labor for the site preparation (including vegetation removal and management), purchase, installation, establishment, and maintenance of planting?  
Researcher
4. How many additional guiderail sites are expected to be studied and in what geographical area(s)?
  - Site 5 – Route 287 NB to Route 78 WB, 40°38'30.7"N 74°38'53.9"W
  - Site 6 – Route 195 EB MP 22 Left Shoulder, 40°09'20.3"N 74°19'43.2"W
5. What are the length and size limits of each site to be studied? Can we assume that guide rail locations will be limited to the same locations and not exceeding 200 linear feet at each location?  
Each guiderail location can be 200 feet long, including all 6 guiderail locations listed.
6. Is an "Implementation and Training Plan" required and necessary?
  - An Implementation Plan is required for all RFPs. The PI will provide a PowerPoint presentation to present the findings and recommendations, with regards to the potential steps to implementing the recommendations and possible implementation impediments, resulting from this research endeavor.
  - A separate Implementation report and Performance Measurement report may be required, if appropriate.
  - This project will be included in the Research Bureau's Annual Implementation Report and implementation must be initiated at the RFP stage (<https://www.njdottechtransfer.net/research/implementation-reports/>)
7. How many meetings are expected in the field and in the office?  
6 field meetings estimated at this time. Office meetings will be conducted through MS Teams.
8. Does the Principal Investigator/Researcher have to be from the University, or can it be the Consultant partner?
  - The PI must be from a University and that University must have the bulk of the work. If the staff hours of PI's University are less than the total hours of all the subconsultants combined, an off-campus overhead rate must be used. Consultants should not include additional fees and their overhead rates must be equal to or lower than the Prime-Universities' overhead rate.
  - A good faith effort to meet the Department's 12.44% DBE goal (<https://njucp.dbesystem.com/>) of 12.44% of the total contract dollar amount must be included in the budget justification section of the Proposal.
  - Due to P.L. 2019, c. 196, the New Jersey Department of Transportation cannot award research grants to PRIVATE and/or OUT OF STATE institutes of higher education.