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### **State Seeks Bids for Motor Vehicle Inspection Program**

TRENTON – A Request for Proposal (RFP), seeking bids from vendors for a five-year contract to continue operations for the State's motor vehicle inspection program, was formally issued today, the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission, the Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of the Treasury announced today.

The RFP is the result of a lengthy and comprehensive series of due diligence and evaluation steps taken over the last two years designed to effectively position New Jersey's vehicle inspection processes. These steps included the posting of a draft RFP on the Treasury Department's web site for the purpose of eliciting electronic comments and feedback. The comments resulted in clarifications to and simplifications of specifications to help ensure that as many bidders as possible could understand and be able to respond to the RFP.

The specifications in the RFP were developed primarily by the Motor Vehicle Commission, which is responsible for vehicle safety and emission inspections, and the Department of Environmental Protection, which establishes the emission control standards for the enhanced motor vehicle Inspection/Maintenance (I/M) system. Due to the high level of automation inherent in the State's vehicle inspection processes, the specifications also contain a significant level of computer technology, which were developed with the assistance of the State Office of Information Technology.

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The RFP incorporates findings and recommendations by MACTEC Federal Programs Incorporated. MACTEC conducted a national and international review of existing inspection programs and assessed emerging technologies in developing its recommendations.

New Jersey's inspection program is an integral part of the State's plan to comply with the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). The program is designed to attain and maintain the health-based NAAQS for ozone, fine particulate matter, and carbon monoxide, in order to improve air quality and protect the health and welfare of the State's residents.

The State began its vehicle safety inspection program in 1938. The federal Clean Air Act of 1970 required New Jersey to initiate an emission testing program as a way to improve air quality.

More than 3.2 million vehicles per year are required to meet safety and emission standards.

The RFP for the Enhanced Motor Vehicle Inspection / Maintenance System is available online at <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/bid/summary/08x39078.shtml>. The link provides all required forms and instructions for vendors interested in bidding.

The current contract for the State's vehicle inspection program, which is scheduled to expire in August 2008, is with Parsons Infrastructure & Technology Group Inc. of Pasadena, California.

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