



# Request for Proposal 07-X-37952

## For: Fire Extinguisher Maintenance Statewide

Event	Date	Time
<b>Bidder's Electronic Question Due Date</b> (Refer to <a href="#">RFP Section 1.3.1</a> for more information.)	16 MAY 2006	5:00 pm
<b>Mandatory Pre-bid Conference</b> (Refer to <a href="#">RFP Section 1.3.3</a> for important details about the new electronic bid option.)	Not Applicable	N/A
<b>Mandatory Site Visit</b> (Refer to <a href="#">RFP Section 1.3.3</a> for more information.)	Not Applicable	N/A
<b>Bid Submission Due Date</b> (Refer to <a href="#">RFP Section 1.3.2</a> for more information.)	1 JUNE 2006	2:00 PM

Dates are subject to change. All changes will be reflected in Addenda to the RFP posted on the Division of Purchase and Property website.

<b>Small Business Set-Aside</b> (Refer to <a href="#">RFP Section 4.4.2.2</a> for more information.)	<b>Status</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable	<b>Category</b> x I
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## 1.0 INFORMATION FOR BIDDERS

### 1.1 PURPOSE AND INTENT

This Request for Proposal (RFP) is issued by the Purchase Bureau, Division of Purchase and Property, Department of the Treasury on behalf of the State of New Jersey and its cooperative purchasing members. The purpose of this RFP is to solicit bid proposals for Fire Extinguisher Maintenance State Wide.

The intent of this RFP is to award (a) contract(s) to that (those) responsible bidder(s) whose bid proposals, conforming to this RFP is (are) most advantageous to the State, price and other factors considered. However, the State reserves the right to separately procure individual requirements that are the subject of the contract during the contract term, when deemed by the Director to be in the State's best interest.

The NJ Standard Terms & Conditions will apply to all contracts or purchase agreements made with the State of New Jersey. These terms are in addition to the terms and conditions set forth in this RFP and should be read in conjunction with them unless the RFP specifically indicates otherwise.

### 1.2 BACKGROUND

For purposes of this RFP the State of New Jersey will be divided into three zones as below:

NORTH (ZONE 1)	CENTRAL (ZONE 2)	SOUTH (ZONE 3)
Bergen Essex Hudson Morris Passaic Somerset Sussex Union Warren	Burlington Hunterdon Mercer Middlesex Monmouth Ocean	Atlantic Camden Cape May Cumberland Gloucester Salem

Bidders will be allowed to bid on all zones. The resulting goal is to award contract(s) to assure that a contractor is designated for each zone.

The requirement to provide these services to State and cooperative purchasing members is a critical safety issue. As such, all vendors are cautioned that once they are awarded a contract, they must adhere to all provisions contained within this RFP. Vendors are cautioned to not bid on a Zone unless they can fulfill all the service requirements when awarded that price line. For information purposes only, approximately 145,000 total inspections (Zone 1 – 30,000/Zone 2 – 87,000/Zone 3 – 28,000) have been completed during the current contract period for the State. This data does not include cooperative purchasing members or any State authorities or commissions.

This is a re-procurement of the fire extinguisher maintenance state wide term contract, presently due to expire on 30 June 2006. Bidders who are interested in the current contract specifications and pricing information may review the current contract T-0576 at <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/contracts.htm>.

### 1.3 KEY EVENTS

#### 1.3.1 ELECTRONIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

The Purchase Bureau will accept questions and inquiries from all potential bidders electronically via web form. To submit a question, please go to Current Bid Opportunities webpage or to <http://ebid.nj.gov/QA.aspx>

Questions should be directly tied to the RFP and asked in consecutive order, from beginning to end, following the organization of the RFP. Each question should begin by referencing the RFP page number and section number to which it relates.

Bidders are not to contact the Using Agency directly, in person, by telephone or by email, concerning this RFP.

The cut-off date for electronic questions and inquiries relating to this RFP is indicated on the cover sheet. Addenda to this RFP, if any, will be posted on the Purchase Bureau website after the cut-off date (see Section 1.4.1. of this RFP for further information.)

### **1.3.2 SUBMISSION OF BID PROPOSAL**

In order to be considered for award, the bid proposal must be received by the Purchase Bureau of the Division of Purchase and Property at the appropriate location by the required time. **ANY BID PROPOSAL NOT RECEIVED ON TIME AT THE LOCATION INDICATED BELOW WILL BE REJECTED. THE DATE AND TIME IS INDICATED ON THE COVER SHEET. THE LOCATION IS AS FOLLOWS:**

**BID RECEIVING ROOM - 9TH FLOOR  
PURCHASE BUREAU  
DIVISION OF PURCHASE AND PROPERTY  
DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY  
33 WEST STATE STREET, P.O. BOX 230  
TRENTON, NJ 08625-0230**

**Directions to the Purchase Bureau can be found at the following web address:**

<http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/directions.shtml>

Note: Bidders using USPS Regular or Express mail services should allow additional time since USPS mail deliveries are not delivered directly to the Purchase Bureau.

### **1.4 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

#### **1.4.1 ADDENDA: REVISIONS TO THIS RFP**

In the event that it becomes necessary to clarify or revise this RFP, such clarification or revision will be by addendum. Any addendum to this RFP will become part of this RFP and part of any contract awarded as a result of this RFP.

**ALL RFP ADDENDA WILL BE ISSUED ON THE DIVISION OF PURCHASE AND PROPERTY WEB SITE. TO ACCESS ADDENDA, SELECT THE BID NUMBER ON THE BIDDING OPPORTUNITIES WEB PAGE AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:**

<HTTP://WWW.STATE.NJ.US/TREASURY/PURCHASE/BID/SUMMARY/BID.SHTML>.

**There are no designated dates for release of addenda. Therefore interested bidders should check the Purchase Bureau "Bidding Opportunities" website on a daily basis from time of RFP issuance through bid opening.**

**It is the sole responsibility of the bidder to be knowledgeable of all addenda related to this procurement.**

#### **1.4.2 BIDDER RESPONSIBILITY**

The bidder assumes sole responsibility for the complete effort required in submitting a bid proposal in response to this RFP. No special consideration will be given after bid proposals are opened because of a bidder's failure to be knowledgeable as to all of the requirements of this RFP.

#### **1.4.3 COST LIABILITY**

The State assumes no responsibility and bears no liability for costs incurred by a bidder in the preparation and submittal of a bid proposal in response to this RFP.

#### 1.4.4 CONTENTS OF BID PROPOSAL

Subsequent to bid opening, all information submitted by bidders in response to the bid solicitation is considered public information, except as may be exempted from public disclosure by the Open Public Records Act, N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq., and the common law. A bidder may designate specific information as not subject to disclosure when the bidder has a good faith legal/factual basis for such assertion. The State reserves the right to make the determination and will advise the bidder accordingly. The location in the bid proposal of any such designation should be clearly stated in a cover letter. **The State will not honor any attempt by a bidder either to designate its entire bid proposal as proprietary and/or to claim copyright protection for its entire proposal.**

All bid proposals, with the exception of information determined by the State to be proprietary, are available for public inspection.

Interested parties can make an appointment with the Purchase Bureau to inspect bid proposals received in response to this RFP.

#### 1.4.5 PRICE ALTERATION

Bid prices must be typed or written in ink. Any price change (including "white-outs") must be initialed. Failure to initial price changes shall preclude a contract award from being made to the bidder.

#### 1.4.6 JOINT VENTURE

If a joint venture is submitting a bid proposal, the agreement between the parties relating to such joint venture should be submitted with the joint venture's bid proposal. Authorized signatories from each party comprising the joint venture must sign the bid proposal. A separate Ownership Disclosure Form, Disclosure of Investigations and Actions Involving Bidder, Affirmative Action Employee Information Report, MacBride Principles Certification, and Business Registration or Interim Registration must be supplied for each party to a joint venture.

### 2.0 DEFINITIONS

#### 2.1 GENERAL DEFINITIONS

The following definitions will be part of any contract awarded or order placed as result of this RFP.

**Addendum** – Written clarification or revision to this RFP issued by the Purchase Bureau.

**All-Inclusive Hourly Rate** – An hourly rate comprised of all direct and indirect costs including, but not limited to: overhead, fee or profit, clerical support, travel expenses, per diem, safety equipment, materials, supplies, managerial support and all documents, forms, and reproductions thereof. This rate also includes portal-to-portal expenses as well as per diem expenses such as food.

**Amendment** – A change in the scope of work to be performed by the contractor. An amendment is not effective until it is signed by the Director, Division of Purchase and Property.

**Bidder** – An individual or business entity submitting a bid proposal in response to this RFP.

**Contract** – This RFP, any addendum to this RFP, and the bidder's proposal submitted in response to this RFP, as accepted by the State.

**Contractor** – The bidder awarded a contract resulting from this RFP. Also referred to as the Implementation Contractor.

**Director** – Director, Division of Purchase and Property, Department of the Treasury. By statutory authority, the Director is the chief contracting officer for the State of New Jersey.

**Division** – The Division of Purchase and Property

**Evaluation Committee** – A committee established by the Director to review and evaluate bid proposals submitted in response to this RFP and to recommend a contract award to the Director.

**Firm Fixed Price** – A price that is all-inclusive of direct cost and indirect costs, including, but not limited to, direct labor costs, overhead, fee or profit, clerical support, equipment, materials, supplies, managerial (administrative) support, all documents, reports, forms, travel, reproduction and any other costs. No additional fees or costs shall be paid by the State unless there is a change in the scope of work.

**Joint Venture** – A business undertaking by two or more entities to share risk and responsibility for a specific project.

**May** – Denotes that which is permissible, not mandatory.

**Project** – The undertaking or services that are the subject of this RFP.

**Request for Proposal (RFP)** – This document which establishes the bidding and contract requirements and solicits bid proposals to meet the purchase needs of the using Agencies as identified herein.

**Shall or Must** – Denotes that which is a mandatory requirement. Failure to meet a mandatory requirement will result in the rejection of a bid proposal as materially non-responsive.

**Should** – Denotes that which is recommended, not mandatory.

**State Contract Manager** – The individual responsible for the approval of all deliverables, i.e., tasks, sub-tasks or other work elements in the Scope of Work as set forth in Sections 5.2, 5.2.1, 5.2.2 and 5.2.3.

**Subtasks** – Detailed activities that comprise the actual performance of a task.

**State** – State of New Jersey.

**Subcontractor** – An entity having an arrangement with a State contractor, where the State contractor uses the products and/or services of that entity to fulfill some of its obligations under its State contract, while retaining full responsibility for the performance of all of its [the contractor's] obligations under the contract, including payment to the subcontractor. The subcontractor has no legal relationship with the State, only with the contractor.

**Task** – A discrete unit of work to be performed.

**Using Agency[ies]** – The entity[ies] for which the Division has issued this RFP and will enter into a contract.

### **3.0 SCOPE OF WORK**

The scope of work entails the inspection, recharging, testing and repair of individual fire extinguishers located throughout various facilities in the State and its cooperative purchasing members. Fire Extinguishers located in vehicles are included. Included are water type, halon, carbon dioxide and dry chemical extinguisher types. Not covered are fire suppression systems or any units connected to them.

#### **3.1 INSPECTION AND TESTING OF EQUIPMENT**

All inspection, testing, maintenance and/or recharging of portable fire extinguishers shall be carried out in complete compliance with the New Jersey Uniform Fire Code and all other applicable reference standards.

The contractor will carefully check all the fire extinguishers and recharge them as required.

At fixed facilities, such as hospital, office buildings and other State buildings where the portable fire extinguishers are mounted throughout the building at designated locations, the contractor shall prepare and submit a floor by floor fire extinguisher inventory to the building manager.

Necessary hydrostatic testing of portable fire extinguishers shall be made according to NFPA Pamphlet 10 – Portable Fire Extinguishers. Each extinguisher hydrostatically tested shall be marked with month and year of test.

### **3.2 REQUIREMENTS**

If at all possible, all equipment will be serviced on site.

When extinguishers are serviced by the vendor, an agency representative will check and indicate by signing the vendor's charge sheet as to the number of extinguishers recharged or serviced.

All CO2 extinguishers shall be weighed. They shall be recharged if found underweight or empty.

The worksheet shall be submitted to the agency at least in duplicate, one copy of which will be retained by the contractor, the other copy signed by the agency representative will be forwarded with the contractor's invoice for payment.

All billings by the contractor will identify each extinguisher serviced as to type, size, and state identification tag number.

Six year maintenance of extinguishers requiring such shall be done in compliance with NFPA Pamphlet 10. The facility shall not be charged for a recharge of the extinguisher if it is not needed at the time of the six year maintenance.

Hydrostatic testing not performed at the facility location shall be performed by the vendor in compliance with NFPA Pamphlet 10 and any other applicable standards.

If any fire extinguishers are removed from the site an exact replacement loaner must be located in the same area as the one being repaired free of charge. Failure to do so will expose the contractor to full liability and may be considered non complainant.

### **3.3 MATERIALS TO BE USED**

Only first class materials shall be used, sample of chemical recharges may be requested to be submitted for inspection and approval.

In each instance, the sample shall indicate the manufacturer's name as well as the brand name of the product.

All recharges and parts must be of type and quality to meet with the approval of underwriters' laboratories and factory mutual.

All parts used or replaced shall be itemized on the vendor invoice.

Parts will be paid for upon presentation of vendor's invoice showing cost for part.

All parts replaced must be verified by the return of the defective parts to the facility.

Extinguishers must meet all specified standards, performance capabilities, and pertinent State and Federal codes and regulations.

### **3.4 MARKUP FOR MATERIAL AND REPAIR PARTS**

The contractor is responsible for the repair or replacement of all parts related to the Portable Fire Extinguishers. All bidders are reminded that the State may, at its discretion, provide the required repair parts. There will be **no** markup on parts. Reimbursement will be made only on the submission of a suppliers invoice. All shipping costs are considered to be part of the overall cost.

Bidders are reminded that an audit of their supply invoices may be undertaken not only during the contract period, but also upon completion of the contract for a period of up to five years.

### **3.5 MSDS SHEETS**

MSDS sheets for all products used must be provided to each site at time recharging is done.

### **3.6 COMMENCEMENT AND COMPLETION OF WORK**

The contractor shall complete inspections, tag and recharging within five work days after date of receipt of notice to proceed.

Should a violation of the contract be reported to the Division of Purchase and Property the contractor will be notified and corrective action will be taken.

### **3.7 COMPANY AND PERSONNEL CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

The vendor must be licensed by the New Jersey State Department of Community Affairs Division of Fire Safety with a Fire Protection Equipment Contractor Business Permit in the classification of Portable Fire Extinguisher or higher.

The vendor shall employ technicians who will perform work as required by the contract that are currently certified by the National Association of Fire Equipment Distributors (NAEFD) with a minimum classification as a Portable Fire Extinguisher Technician.

All personnel must observe all regulations in effect at the State agency. While on State property employees shall be subject to control of the State, but under no circumstances shall such persons be deemed to be employees of the State. Contractor or his personnel shall not represent themselves as employees of the State.

All technicians upon arrival must report to the individual responsible for the fire extinguishers for that facility.

All technicians are responsible to show that individual exactly what is being removed for repair and that a replacement is in that same location.

## **4.0 BID PROPOSAL PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION**

### **4.1 GENERAL**

The bidder is advised to thoroughly read and follow all instructions contained in this RFP, including the instructions on the RFP's signatory page, in preparing and submitting its bid proposal.

### **4.2 BID PROPOSAL DELIVERY AND IDENTIFICATION**

In order to be considered, a bid proposal must arrive at the Purchase Bureau in accordance with the instructions on the RFP signatory page <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/bid/summary/07X37952.shtml>. Bidders are cautioned to allow adequate delivery time to ensure timely delivery of bid proposals. **State regulation mandates that late bid proposals are ineligible for consideration. THE EXTERIOR OF ALL BID PROPOSAL**

**PACKAGES ARE TO BE LABELED WITH THE BID IDENTIFICATION NUMBER AND THE FINAL BID OPENING DATE OR RISK NOT BEING RECEIVED IN TIME.**

**4.3 NUMBER OF BID PROPOSAL COPIES**

The bidder must submit **one (1) complete ORIGINAL bid proposal**, clearly marked as the “ORIGINAL” bid proposal. The bidder should submit **three (3) full, complete and exact copies** of the original. The copies requested are necessary in the evaluation of the bid proposal. A bidder failing to provide the requested number of copies will be charged the cost incurred by the State in producing the requested number of copies. It is suggested that the bidder make and retain a copy of its bid proposal.

**4.4 BID PROPOSAL CONTENT**

**4.4.1 FORMS THAT MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH BID PROPOSAL**

**4.4.1.1 SIGNATORY PAGE**

The bidder shall complete and submit the Signatory page provided on the Advertised Solicitation, Current Bid Opportunities webpage <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/bid/summary/07X37952.shtml>. The Signatory page shall be signed by an authorized representative of the bidder. If the bidder is a limited partnership, the Signatory page must be signed by a general partner. If the bidder is a joint venture, the Signatory page must be signed by a principal of each party to the joint venture. Failure to comply will result in rejection of the bid proposal.

**4.4.1.2 OWNERSHIP DISCLOSURE FORM**

In the event the bidder is a corporation, partnership or sole proprietorship, the bidder must complete the attached Ownership Disclosure Form. A current completed Ownership Disclosure Form must be received prior to or accompany the bid proposal. Failure to do so will preclude the award of a contract.

The Ownership Disclosure Form is located on the Advertised Solicitation, Current Bid Opportunities webpage <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/bid/summary/07X37952.shtml>.

**4.4.1.3 DISCLOSURE OF INVESTIGATIONS/ACTIONS INVOLVING BIDDER**

The bidder shall provide a detailed description of any investigation, litigation, including administrative complaints or other administrative proceedings, involving any public sector clients during the past five years including the nature and status of the investigation, and, for any litigation, the caption of the action, a brief description of the action, the date of inception, current status, and, if applicable, disposition. The bidder shall use the Disclosure of Investigations and Actions Involving Bidder form located on the Advertised Solicitation, Current Bid Opportunities webpage <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/bid/summary/07X37952.shtml>.

**4.4.1.4 NOTICE OF INTENT TO SUBCONTRACT FORM**

All bidders shall complete the attached Notice of Intent to Subcontract Form <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/bid/summary/07X37952.shtml> to advise the State as to whether or not a subcontractor will be utilized to provide any goods or services under the contract. If this is a Small Business Subcontracting set-aside contract, the bidder must comply with the Procedures for Small Business Participation as Subcontractors set forth in <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/bid/summary/07X37952.shtml>.

**4.4.1.5 SUBCONTRACTOR UTILIZATION FORM**

If the bidder intends to utilize a subcontractor, the Subcontractor Utilization Form <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/bid/summary/07X37952.shtml> must be completed and submitted with the bid proposal.

#### **4.4.2 PROOF OF REGISTRATIONS THAT MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THE BID PROPOSAL**

The below listed certificates and/or documents must be included with the bid submission.

##### **4.4.2.1 BUSINESS REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE FROM THE DIVISION OF REVENUE**

**FAILURE TO SUBMIT A COPY OF THE BIDDER'S BUSINESS REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE (OR INTERIM REGISTRATION) FROM THE DIVISION OF REVENUE WITH THE BID PROPOSAL MAY BE CAUSE FOR REJECTION OF THE BID PROPOSAL.**

The bidder may go to [www.nj.gov/njbgs](http://www.nj.gov/njbgs) to register with the New Jersey Division of Revenue or to obtain a copy of an existing Business Registration Certificate.

Refer to Section 1.1. of the NJ Standard Terms and Conditions located on the Advertised Solicitation, Current Bid Opportunities webpage <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/bid/summary/07X37952.shtml>

##### **4.4.2.2 FIRE PROTECTION EQUIPMENT CONTRACTOR BUSINESS PERMIT**

The vendor must be licensed by the New Jersey State Department of Community Affairs Division of Fire Safety with a Fire Protection Equipment Contractor Business Permit in the classification of Portable Fire Extinguisher or higher.

#### **4.4.3 FORMS THAT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED WITH THE BID PROPOSAL**

The following forms are required to be completed prior to any contract award. They are available at the web site listed herein.

##### **4.4.3.1 MACBRIDE PRINCIPLES CERTIFICATION**

The bidder is required to complete the attached MacBride Principles Certification evidencing compliance with the MacBride Principles. The requirement is a precondition to entering into a State contract. The MacBride Principles Certification Form is located on the Advertised Solicitation, Current Bid Opportunities webpage: <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/bid/summary/07X37952.shtml>.

##### **4.4.3.2 AFFIRMATIVE ACTION**

The bidder is required to complete the attached Affirmative Action Employee Information Report, or, in the alternative, supply either a New Jersey Affirmative Action Certificate or evidence that the bidder is operating under a federally approved or sanctioned affirmative action program. The requirement is a precondition to entering into a State contract. The Affirmative Action Forms are located on the Advertised Solicitation, Current Bid Opportunities webpage <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/bid/summary/07X37952.shtml>.

##### **4.4.3.3 SERVICES SOURCE DISCLOSURE FORM**

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:34-13.2, the bidder is required to submit with its bid proposal a completed source disclosure form. <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/bid/summary/07X37952.shtml>. Refer to section 7.1.2 of this RFP.

#### **4.4.4 TECHNICAL PROPOSAL**

In this Section, the bidder shall describe its approach and plans for accomplishing the work outlined in the Scope of Work Section, i.e., Section 3.0. The bidder must set forth its understanding of the requirements of this RFP and its ability to successfully complete the contract. This Section of the bid proposal should contain at least the following information:

#### **4.4.4.1 MANAGEMENT OVERVIEW**

The bidder shall set forth its overall technical approach and plans to meet the requirements of the RFP in a narrative format. This narrative should convince the State that the bidder understands the objectives that the contract is intended to meet, the nature of the required work and the level of effort necessary to successfully complete the contract. This narrative should convince the State that the bidder's general approach and plans to undertake and complete the contract are appropriate to the tasks and subtasks involved.

Mere reiterations of RFP tasks and subtasks are strongly discouraged, as they do not provide insight into the bidder's ability to complete the contract. The bidder's response to this section should be designed to convince the State that the bidder's detailed plans and approach proposed to complete the Scope of Work are realistic, attainable and appropriate and that the bidder's bid proposal will lead to successful contract completion.

#### **4.4.4.2 CONTRACT MANAGEMENT**

The bidder should describe its specific plans to manage, control and supervise the contract to ensure satisfactory contract completion according to the required schedule. The plan should include the bidder's approach to communicate with the State Contract Manager including, but not limited to, status meetings, status reports, etc.

#### **4.4.5 ORGANIZATIONAL SUPPORT AND EXPERIENCE**

The bidder should include information relating to its organization, personnel, and experience, including, but not limited to, references, together with contact names and telephone numbers, evidencing the bidder's qualifications, and capabilities to perform the services required by this RFP.

##### **4.4.5.1 LOCATION**

The bidder should include the location of the bidder's office that will be responsible for managing the contract. The bidder should include the telephone number, fax number, name and email address of the individual to contact.

##### **4.4.5.2 EXPERIENCE OF BIDDER ON CONTRACTS OF SIMILAR SIZE AND SCOPE**

The bidder should provide a comprehensive listing of contracts of similar size and scope that it has successfully completed, as evidence of the bidder's ability to successfully complete the services required by this RFP. Emphasis should be placed on contracts that are similar in size and scope to the work required by this RFP. A description of all such contracts should be included and should show how such contracts relate to the ability of the firm to complete the services required by this RFP. For each such contract, the bidder should provide two names and telephone numbers of individuals for the other contract party. Beginning and ending dates should also be given for each contract.

##### **4.4.5.3 FINANCIAL CAPABILITY OF THE BIDDER**

Only upon request and in order to provide the State with the ability to judge the bidder's financial capacity and capabilities to undertake and successfully complete the contract, the bidder should submit certified financial statements to include a balance sheet, income statement and statement of cash flow, and all applicable notes for the most recent calendar year or the bidder's most recent fiscal year. If certified financial statements are not available, the bidder should provide either a reviewed or compiled statement from an independent accountant setting forth the same information required for the certified financial statements, together with a certification from the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer, that the financial statements and other information included in the statements fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the bidder as of, and for, the periods presented in the statements. In addition, the bidder should submit a bank reference.

A bidder may designate specific financial information as not subject to disclosure when the bidder has a good faith legal/factual basis for such assertion. Bidder may submit specific financial documents in a separate, sealed package clearly marked "Confidential-Financial Information" along with the Bid Proposal.

The State reserves the right to make the determination to accept the assertion and shall so advise the bidder.

#### 4.4.5.4 SUBCONTRACTOR(S)

- A. **All bidders** must complete the **Notice of Intent to Subcontract Form** whether or not they intend to utilize subcontractors in connection with the work set forth in this RFP. If the bidder intends to utilize subcontractor(s), then the **Subcontractor Utilization Plan** must also be submitted with the bid.
- B. Should the bidder propose to utilize a subcontractor(s) to fulfill any of its obligations, the bidder shall be responsible for the subcontractor's(s): (a) performance; (b) compliance with all of the terms and conditions of the contract; and (c) compliance with the requirements of all applicable laws.
- C. The bidder must provide a detailed description of services to be provided by each subcontractor, referencing the applicable Section or Subsection of this RFP.
- D. The bidder should provide detailed resumes for each subcontractor's management, supervisory and other key personnel that demonstrate knowledge, ability and experience relevant to that part of the work which the subcontractor is designated to perform.
- E. The bidder should provide documented experience to demonstrate that each subcontractor has successfully performed work on contracts of a similar size and scope to the work that the subcontractor is designated to perform in the bidder's proposal.

#### 4.4.6 PRICE SCHEDULE

The bidder must submit its pricing using the format set forth in the State supplied price sheet(s) attached to this RFP. Failure to submit all information required will result in the bid being considered non-responsive. Each bidder is required to hold its prices firm through issuance of contract.

### 5.0 SPECIAL CONTRACTUAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

#### 5.1 PRECEDENCE OF SPECIAL CONTRACTUAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The contract awarded as a result of this RFP shall consist of this RFP, addendum to this RFP, the contractor's bid proposal and the Division's Notice of Award.

Unless specifically stated within this RFP, the Special Contractual Terms and Conditions of the RFP take precedence over the NJ Standard Terms and Conditions located on the Advertised Solicitation, Current Bid Opportunities webpage: <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/bid/summary/07X37952.shtml>.

In the event of a conflict between the provisions of this RFP, including the Special Contractual Terms and Conditions and the NJ Standard Terms and Conditions, and any Addendum to this RFP, the Addendum shall govern.

In the event of a conflict between the provisions of this RFP, including any Addendum to this RFP, and the bidder's bid proposal, the RFP and/or the Addendum shall govern.

#### 5.2 CONTRACT TERM AND EXTENSION OPTION

The term of the contract shall be for a period of **three (3) years**. The anticipated "Contract Effective Date" is provided on the signatory page of this RFP: <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/bid/summary/07X37952.shtml>. If delays in the procurement process result in a change to the anticipated Contract Effective Date, the bidder agrees to accept a

contract for the full term of the contract. The contract may be extended for all or part of **two (2)** one-year periods, by the mutual written consent of the contractor and the Director.

### **5.3 CONTRACT TRANSITION**

In the event that a new contract has not been awarded prior to the contract expiration date, as may be extended herein, it shall be incumbent upon the contractor to continue the contract under the same terms and conditions until a new contract can be completely operational. At no time shall this transition period extend more than one hundred and eighty (**180**) days beyond the expiration date of the contract.

### **5.4 CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

Any changes or modifications to the terms of the contract shall be valid only when they have been reduced to writing and signed by the contractor and the Director.

### **5.5 CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITIES**

The contractor shall have sole responsibility for the complete effort specified in the contract. Payment will be made only to the contractor. The contractor shall have sole responsibility for all payments due any subcontractor.

The contractor is responsible for the professional quality, technical accuracy and timely completion and submission of all deliverables, services or commodities required to be provided under the contract. The contractor shall, without additional compensation, correct or revise any errors, omissions, or other deficiencies in its deliverables and other services. The approval of deliverables furnished under this contract shall not in any way relieve the contractor of responsibility for the technical adequacy of its work. The review, approval, acceptance or payment for any of the services shall not be construed as a waiver of any rights that the State may have arising out of the contractor's performance of this contract.

### **5.6 SUBSTITUTION OR ADDITION OF SUBCONTRACTOR(S)**

This Subsection serves to supplement but not to supersede Section 3.11 of the NJ Standard Terms and Conditions located on the Advertised Solicitation, Current Bid Opportunities webpage.

If it becomes necessary for the contractor to substitute a subcontractor, add a subcontractor or substitute its own staff for a subcontractor, the contractor will identify the proposed new subcontractor or staff member(s) and the work to be performed. The contractor must provide detailed justification documenting the necessity for the substitution or addition.

The contractor must provide detailed resumes of its proposed replacement staff or of the proposed subcontractor's management, supervisory and other key personnel that demonstrate knowledge, ability and experience relevant to that part of the work which the subcontractor is to undertake.

The qualifications and experience of the replacement(s) must equal or exceed those of similar personnel proposed by the contractor in its bid proposal.

The contractor shall forward a written request to substitute or add a subcontractor or to substitute its own staff for a subcontractor to the State Contract Manager for consideration. If the State Contract Manager approves the request, the State Contract Manager will forward the request to the Director for final approval.

No substituted or additional subcontractors are authorized to begin work until the contractor has received written approval from the Director.

### **5.7 OWNERSHIP OF MATERIAL**

All data, technical information, materials gathered, originated, developed, prepared, used or obtained in the performance of the contract, including, but not limited to, all reports, surveys, plans, charts, literature, brochures, and accompanying documentation and print-outs, notes and memoranda, written procedures and documents, regardless of the state of completion, which are prepared for or are a result of the services

required under this contract shall be and remain the property of the State of New Jersey and shall be delivered to the State of New Jersey upon 30 days notice by the State.

## **5.8 DATA CONFIDENTIALITY**

All financial, statistical, personnel and/or technical data supplied by the State to the contractor are confidential. The contractor is required to use reasonable care to protect the confidentiality of such data. Any use, sale or offering of this data in any form by the contractor, or any individual or entity in the contractor's charge or employ, will be considered a violation of this contract and may result in contract termination and the contractor's suspension or debarment from State contracting. In addition, such conduct may be reported to the State Attorney General for possible criminal prosecution.

## **5.9 NEWS RELEASES**

The contractor is not permitted to issue news releases pertaining to any aspect of the services being provided under this contract without the prior written consent of the Director.

## **5.10 ADVERTISING**

The contractor shall not use the State's name, logos, images, or any data or results arising from this contract as a part of any commercial advertising without first obtaining the prior written consent of the Director.

## **5.11 LICENSES AND PERMITS**

The contractor shall obtain and maintain in full force and effect all required licenses, permits, and authorizations necessary to perform this contract. The contractor shall supply the State Contract Manager with evidence of all such licenses, permits and authorizations. This evidence shall be submitted subsequent to the contract award. All costs associated with any such licenses, permits and authorizations must be considered by the bidder in its bid proposal.

## **5.12 CLAIMS AND REMEDIES**

### **5.12.1 CLAIMS**

All claims asserted against the State by the contractor shall be subject to the New Jersey Tort Claims Act, N.J.S.A. 59:1-1, et seq., and/or the New Jersey Contractual Liability Act, N.J.S.A. 59:13-1, et seq.

### **5.12.2 REMEDIES**

Nothing in the contract shall be construed to be a waiver by the State of any warranty, expressed or implied, of any remedy at law or equity, except as specifically and expressly stated in a writing executed by the Director.

### **5.12.3 REMEDIES FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH MATERIAL CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS**

In the event that the contractor fails to comply with any material contract requirements, the Director may take steps to terminate the contract in accordance with the State administrative code and/or authorize the delivery of contract items by any available means, with the difference between the price paid and the defaulting contractor's price either being deducted from any monies due the defaulting contractor or being an obligation owed the State by the defaulting contractor.

## **5.13 STATE'S OPTION TO REDUCE SCOPE OF WORK**

The State has the option, in its sole discretion, to reduce the scope of work for any task or subtask called for under this contract. In such an event, the Director shall provide advance written notice to the contractor.

Upon receipt of such written notice, the contractor will submit, within five (5) working days to the Director and the State Contract Manager, an itemization of the work effort already completed by task or subtask.

The contractor shall be compensated for such work effort according to the applicable portions of its price schedule.

#### **5.14 SUSPENSION OF WORK**

The State Contract Manager may, for valid reason, issue a stop order directing the contractor to suspend work under the contract for a specific time. The contractor shall be paid until the effective date of the stop order. The contractor shall resume work upon the date specified in the stop order, or upon such other date as the State Contract Manager may thereafter direct in writing. The period of suspension shall be deemed added to the contractor's approved schedule of performance. The Director and the contractor shall negotiate an equitable adjustment, if any, to the contract price.

#### **5.15 CHANGE IN LAW**

Whenever an unforeseen change in applicable law or regulation affects the services that are the subject of this contract, the contractor shall advise the State Contract Manager and the Director in writing and include in such written transmittal any estimated increase or decrease in the cost of its performance of the services as a result of such change in law or regulation. The Director and the contractor shall negotiate an equitable adjustment, if any, to the contract price.

#### **5.16 ADDITIONAL WORK AND/OR SPECIAL PROJECTS**

The contractor shall not perform any additional work or special projects.

#### **5.17 FORM OF COMPENSATION AND PAYMENT**

This Section supplements Section 4.5 of the NJ Standard Terms and Conditions, located on the Advertised Solicitation, Current Bid Opportunities webpage <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/bid/summary/07X37952.shtml>. Invoices must reference the tasks or subtasks detailed in the Scope of Work section of the RFP and must be in strict accordance with the firm, fixed prices submitted for each task or subtask on the RFP pricing sheets. When applicable, invoices should reference the appropriate RFP price sheet line number from the contractor's bid proposal. All invoices must be approved by the State Contract Manager before payment will be authorized.

In addition, primary contractors must provide, on a monthly and cumulative basis, a breakdown in accordance with the budget submitted, of all monies paid to any small business subcontractor(s). This breakdown shall be sent to the Purchase Bureau Business Unit, Set-Aside Coordinator.

Invoices must also be submitted for any special projects, additional work or other items properly authorized and satisfactorily completed under the contract. Invoices shall be submitted according to the payment schedule agreed upon when the work was authorized and approved. Payment can only be made for work when it has received all required written approvals and has been satisfactorily completed.

##### **5.17.1 PAYMENT TO CONTRACTOR - OPTIONAL METHOD**

The State of New Jersey now offers State contractors the opportunity to be paid through the MasterCard procurement card (p-card). A contractor's acceptance and a State agency's use of the p-card, however, is optional.

P-card transactions do not require the submission of either a contractor invoice or a State payment voucher. Purchasing transactions using the p-card will usually result in payment to a contractor in three days.

A contractor should take note that there will be a transaction-processing fee for each p-card transaction. To participate, a contractor must be capable of accepting the MasterCard. Additional information can be obtained from banks or merchant service companies.

#### **5.18 CONTRACT ACTIVITY REPORT**

In conjunction with the standard record keeping requirements of this contract, as required by paragraph 3.19 of the NJ Standard Terms and Conditions version 01 20 06, located on the Advertised Solicitation,

Current Bid Opportunities webpage <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/bid/summary/07X3795.shtml>, contractor(s) must provide, on a calendar quarter basis, to the Purchase Bureau buyer assigned, a record of all purchases made under their contract award resulting from this Request for Proposal. This includes purchases made by all using agencies including the State and political subdivisions thereof. This reporting requirement includes sales to State using agencies and, if permitted under the terms of the contract, sales to counties, municipalities, school districts, volunteer fire departments, first aid squads and rescue squads, and independent institutions of higher education. The requirement also includes sales to State and County Colleges and Quasi-State Agencies. Quasi-State Agencies include any agency, commission, board, authority or other such governmental entity which is established and is allocated to a State department or any bi-state governmental entity of which the State of New Jersey is a member.

This information must be provided in a tabular format such that an analysis can be made to determine the following:

- Contractor's total sales volume to each purchaser under the contract, subtotaled by product, including, if applicable, catalog number and description, price list with appropriate page reference and/or contract discount applied.
- Total dollars paid to subcontractors.

Submission of purchase orders, confirmations, and/or invoices do not fulfill this contract requirement for information.

Contractors are strongly encouraged to submit the required information in electronic spreadsheet format. The Purchase Bureau uses Microsoft Excel.

Failure to report this mandated information will be a factor in future award decisions.

## **6.0 PROPOSAL EVALUATION/CONTRACT AWARD**

The following information is provided in order to advise bidders on the criteria that will be used in evaluating bids and awarding contract(s) to the successful bidder.

### **6.1 CONTRACT EVALUATION**

The following criteria will be used to evaluate the bid proposal submitted in response to this RFP. The criteria are not listed in order of importance:

#### **6.1.1 BIDDER'S APPROACH AND PLANS IN MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF RFP**

- A. The bidder's general approach and plans in meeting the requirements of this RFP.
- B. The bidder's documented experience in successfully completing contracts of a similar size and scope to the work required by this RFP.
- C. The qualifications and experience of the bidder's management, supervisory or other key personnel assigned to the contract, with emphasis on documented experience in successfully completing work on contracts of similar size and scope to the work required by this RFP.
- D. The overall ability of the bidder to mobilize, undertake and successfully complete the contract. This judgment will include, but not be limited to, the following factors: the number and qualifications of management, supervisory and other staff proposed by the bidder to complete the contract, the availability and commitment to the contract of the bidder's management, supervisory and other staff proposed and the bidder's contract management plan, including the bidder's contract organizational chart.

### **6.1.2 BIDDER'S COST PROPOSAL**

For evaluation purposes, bids will be ranked according to the total bid price on the price sheet for each zone for all three years which have been determined to be most advantageous to the State with price and other factors considered. Total bid price will be determined by using estimated usage by price line based on usage data over the current contract period.

### **6.1.3 PAST PERFORMANCE**

The bidder's past performance under similar contracts, including if applicable, the Division's vendor performance database.

### **6.2 ORAL PRESENTATION AND/OR CLARIFICATION OF BID PROPOSAL**

Prior to contract award and with the exception of scheduling a review of submitted bids, unless requested by the State, contact with the State is limited to status inquiries only and such inquiries are only to be directed to the buyer. Any further contact or information about the proposal with the buyer or any other State official connected with the solicitation will be considered an impermissible supplementation of the bidder's bid proposal.

The bidder may be required to give an oral presentation to the State concerning its bid proposal. The State may also require the bidder to submit written responses to questions regarding its bid proposal.

The purpose of such communication with the bidder, either through an oral presentation or a letter of clarification, is to provide an opportunity for the bidder to clarify or elaborate on its bid proposal. Original bid proposals submitted, however, cannot be supplemented, changed, or corrected in any way. No comments regarding other bid proposals are permitted. Bidders may not attend presentations made by their competitors.

It is within the State's discretion whether to require the bidder to give an oral presentation or require the bidder to submit written responses to questions regarding its bid proposal. Action by the State in this regard should not be construed to imply acceptance or rejection of a bid proposal. The Purchase Bureau buyer will be the sole point of contact regarding any request for an oral presentation or clarification.

### **6.3 BID DISCREPANCIES**

In evaluating bids:

- Discrepancies between words and figures will be resolved in favor of words.
- Discrepancies between unit prices and totals of unit prices will be resolved in favor of unit prices.
- Discrepancies in the multiplication of units of work and unit prices will be resolved in favor of the unit prices.
- Discrepancies between the indicated total of multiplied unit prices and units of work and the actual total will be resolved in favor of the actual total.
- Discrepancies between the indicated sum of any column of figures and the correct sum thereof will be resolved in favor of the corrected sum of the column of figures.

### **6.4 NEGOTIATION AND BEST AND FINAL OFFER (BAFO)**

Following the opening of bid proposals, the State reserves the right, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:34-12(f), to negotiate: the technical services offered, the terms and conditions and/or the price of a proposed contract award with any bidder and reserves the right to seek a Best and Final Offer (BAFO) from one or more bidders. In response to the State's request to negotiate, the bidder must continue to satisfy all mandatory RFP requirements but may improve upon their original technical proposal in any revised technical proposal. However, any revised technical proposal that does not continue to satisfy all mandatory requirements will be rejected as non-responsive and the original technical proposal will be used for any further evaluation purposes, in accordance with the following procedure:

The State will conduct an initial review and determine whether and with which bidder(s) it will negotiate, and will communicate its request to each such bidder. In response, the bidder will submit any required revisions to its proposal.

In response to the State's request for a BAFO, the bidder may submit a revised price proposal that is equal to or lower in price than its original submission, but must continue to satisfy all mandatory requirements.

After receipt of the results of the negotiation and/or the BAFO(s), the State will complete its evaluation and recommend to the Director for award that responsible bidder(s) whose bid proposal, conforming to this RFP, is most advantageous to the State, price and other factors considered.

All contacts, records of initial evaluations, any correspondence with bidders related to any request for negotiation or BAFO, any revised technical and/or price proposals, the State's evaluation and the Award Recommendation, will remain confidential until the Intent to Award notice is issued.

## **7.0 CONTRACT AWARD**

### **7.1 DOCUMENTS REQUIRED BEFORE CONTRACT AWARD**

#### **7.1.1 REQUIREMENTS OF N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.13-25 (FORMERLY EXECUTIVE ORDER 134)**

In order to safeguard the integrity of State government procurement by imposing restrictions to insulate the negotiation and award of State contracts from political contributions that pose the risk of improper influence, purchase of access, or the appearance thereof, the Legislature enacted N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.13 – 25 on March 22, 2005 the "Legislation"), retroactive to October 15, 2004, superseding the terms of Executive Order 134. Pursuant to the requirements of the Legislation, the terms and conditions set forth in this section are material terms of any contract resulting from this RFP:

##### **7.1.1.1 DEFINITIONS**

For the purpose of this section, the following shall be defined as follows:

a) Contribution – means a contribution reportable as a recipient under "The New Jersey Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Reporting Act." P.L. 1973, c. 83 (C.19:44A-1 et seq.), and implementing regulations set forth at N.J.A.C. 19:25-7 and N.J.A.C. 19:25-10.1 et seq. Through December 31, 2004, contributions in excess of \$400 during a reporting period were deemed "reportable" under these laws. As of January 1, 2005, that threshold was reduced to contributions in excess of \$300.

b) Business Entity – means any natural or legal person, business corporation, professional services corporation, Limited Liability Company, partnership, limited partnership, business trust, association or any other legal commercial entity organized under the laws of New Jersey or any other state or foreign jurisdiction. The definition of a business entity includes (i) all principals who own or control more than 10 percent of the profits or assets of a business entity or 10 percent of the stock in the case of a business entity that is a corporation for profit, as appropriate; (ii) any subsidiaries directly or indirectly controlled by the business entity; (iii) any political organization organized under section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code that is directly or indirectly controlled by the business entity, other than a candidate committee, election fund, or political party committee; and (iv) if a business entity is a natural person, that person's spouse or child, residing in the same household.

##### **7.1.1.2 BREACH OF TERMS OF THE LEGISLATION**

It shall be a breach of the terms of the contract for the Business Entity to (i) make or solicit a contribution in violation of the Legislation, (ii) knowingly conceal or misrepresent a contribution given or received; (iii) make or solicit contributions through intermediaries for the purpose of concealing or misrepresenting the source of the contribution; (iv) make or solicit any contribution on the condition or with the agreement that it will be

contributed to a campaign committee or any candidate of holder of the public office of Governor, or to any State or county party committee; (v)engage or employ a lobbyist or consultant with the intent or understanding that such lobbyist or consultant would make or solicit any contribution, which if made or solicited by the business entity itself, would subject that entity to the restrictions of the Legislation; (vi)fund contributions made by third parties, including consultants, attorneys, family members, and employees; (vii)engage in any exchange of contributions to circumvent the intent of the Legislation; or (viii)directly or indirectly through or by any other person or means, do any act which would subject that entity to the restrictions of the Legislation.

### **7.1.1.3 CERTIFICATION AND DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS**

a) The State shall not enter into a contract to procure from any Business Entity services or any material, supplies or equipment, or to acquire, sell or lease any land or building, where the value of the transaction exceeds \$17,500, if that Business Entity has solicited or made any contribution of money, or pledge of contribution, including in-kind contributions to a candidate committee and/or election fund of any candidate for or holder of the public office of Governor, or to any State or county political party committee during certain specified time periods

b) Prior to awarding any contract or agreement to any Business Entity, the Business Entity proposed as the intended awardee of the contract shall submit the Certification and Disclosure form, certifying that no contributions prohibited by the Legislation have been made by the Business Entity and reporting all contributions the Business Entity made during the preceding four years to any political organization organized under 26 U.S.C.527 of the Internal Revenue Code that also meets the definition of a "continuing political committee" within the mean of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-3(n) and N.J.A.C. 19:25-1.7. The required form and instructions, available for review on the Purchase Bureau website at <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/forms.htm#eo134> , shall be provided to the intended awardee for completion and submission to the Purchase Bureau with the Notice of Intent to Award. Upon receipt of a Notice of Intent to Award a Contract, the intended awardee shall submit to the Division, in care of the Purchase Bureau Buyer, the Certification and Disclosure(s) within five (5) business days of the State's request. Failure to submit the required forms will preclude award of a contract under this RFP, as well as future contract opportunities.

c) Further, the Contractor is required, on a continuing basis, to report any contributions it makes during the term of the contract, and any extension(s) thereof, at the time any such contribution is made. The required form and instructions, available for review on the Purchase Bureau website at <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/forms.htm#eo134> , shall be provided to the intended awardee with the Notice of Intent to Award.

### **7.1.1.4 STATE TREASURER REVIEW**

The State Treasurer or his designee shall review the Disclosures submitted pursuant to this section, as well as any other pertinent information concerning the contributions or reports thereof by the intended awardee, prior to award, or during the term of the contract, by the contractor. If the State Treasurer determines that any contribution or action by the contractor constitutes a breach of contract that poses a conflict of interest in the awarding of the contract under this solicitation, the State Treasurer shall disqualify the Business Entity from award of such contract.

### **7.1.2\_SOURCE DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS**

#### **7.1.2.1 REQUIREMENTS OF N.J.S.A. 52:34-13.2**

Under the referenced statute, effective August 3, 2005, all contracts primarily for services awarded by the Director shall be performed within the United States, except when the Director certifies in writing a finding that a required service cannot be provided by a contractor or subcontractor within the United States and the certification is approved by the State Treasurer.

#### **7.1.2.2 SOURCE DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS**

Pursuant to the statutory requirements, the intended awardee of a contract primarily for services with the State of New Jersey must disclose the location by country where services under the contract, including

subcontracted services, will be performed. The Source Disclosure Certification form is located on the Advertised Solicitation, Current Bid Opportunities webpage <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/bid/summary/07X37952.shtml>.

**FAILURE TO SUBMIT SOURCING INFORMATION WHEN REQUESTED BY THE STATE SHALL PRECLUDE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO THE BIDDER.**

If any of the services cannot be performed within the United States, the bidder shall state with specificity the reasons why the services cannot be so performed. The Director shall determine whether sufficient justification has been provided by the bidder to form the basis of his certification that the services cannot be performed in the United States and whether to seek the approval of the Treasurer.

**7.1.2.3 BREACH OF CONTRACT UNDER N.J.S.A. 52:34-13.2**

**A SHIFT TO PROVISION OF SERVICES OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES DURING THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT SHALL BE DEEMED A BREACH OF CONTRACT.**

If, during the term of the contract, the contractor or subcontractor, who had on contract award declared that services would be performed in the United States, proceeds to shift the performance of any of the services outside the United States, the contractor shall be deemed to be in breach of its contract, which contract shall be subject to termination for cause pursuant to Section 3.5b.1 of the Standard Terms and Conditions of the RFP, unless previously approved by the Director and the Treasurer.

**7.2 FINAL CONTRACT AWARD**

Contract award[s] shall be made with reasonable promptness by written notice to that responsible bidder(s), whose bid proposal(s), conforming to this RFP, is (are) most advantageous to the State, price, and other factors considered. Any or all bid proposals may be rejected when the State Treasurer or the Director determines that it is in the public interest so to do.

**7.3 INSURANCE CERTIFICATES**

The contractor shall provide the State with current certificates of insurance for all coverage required by the terms of this contract, naming the State as an Additional Insured.

**8.0 CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION**

**8.1 CONTRACT MANAGER**

The State Contract Manager is the State employee responsible for the overall management and administration of the contract.

The State Contract Manager for this project will be identified at the time of execution of contract. At that time, the contractor will be provided with the State Contract Manager's name, department, division, agency, address, telephone number, fax phone number, and email address.

**8.1.1 STATE CONTRACT MANAGER RESPONSIBILITIES**

For an agency contract where only one State office uses the contract, the State Contract Manager will be responsible for engaging the contractor, assuring that Purchase Orders are issued to the contractor, directing the contractor to perform the work of the contract, approving the deliverables and approving payment vouchers. The State Contract Manager is the person that the contractor will contact **after the contract is executed** for answers to any questions and concerns about any aspect of the contract. The State Contract Manager is responsible for coordinating the use and resolving minor disputes between the contractor and any component part of the State Contract Manager's Department.

If the contract has multiple users, then the State Contract Manager shall be the central coordinator of the use of the contract for all Using Agencies, while other State employees engage and pay the contractor. All

persons and agencies that use the contract must notify and coordinate the use of the contract with the State Contract Manager.

#### **8.1.2 COORDINATION WITH THE STATE CONTRACT MANAGER**

Any contract user that is unable to resolve disputes with a contractor shall refer those disputes to the State Contract Manager for resolution. Any questions related to performance of the work of the contract by contract users shall be directed to the State Contract Manager. The contractor may contact the State Contract Manager if the contractor can not resolve a dispute with contract users.