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TO: All Potential Bidders

RE: RFP #: 04-X-36440

RFP Title: CERTIFIED SHORTHAND REPORTING-WORKERS' COMPENSATION,
Department of Labor

Enclosed please find a complete set of bid documents for the above referenced solicitation.

The following are the key dates for the project:

Date	Time	Event
MAY 14, 2004	4:00 PM	DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES.
MAY 28, 2004	2:00 PM	Bid Submission Due Date (Refer to RFP Section 1.3.4 for more information)

All questions concerning the RFP contents and the bidding process must be directed to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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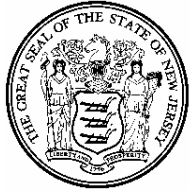
Vendor Information and Bidding Opportunities

The Purchase Bureau maintains a bidders mailing list. You as a vendor may have basic information about your firm added to the bidders mailing list by visiting our website at <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/forms/forms.htm> and submitting a bidders mailing list application online. You may also download the application and instructions and submit the application by mail. Applications submitted online are processed more quickly than mailed applications.

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

BID NUMBER: 04-X-36440

FOR: CERTIFIED SHORTHAND
REPORTER SERVICES-WORKERS'
COMPENSATION, DEPARTMENT OF
LABOR

TERM CONTRACT #: T-1061
REQUESTING AGENCY: DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

ESTIMATED AMOUNT: \$1,000,000.00
CONTRACT EFFECTIVE DATE: 08/01/04
CONTRACT EXPIRATION DATE: 07/31/09
COOPERATIVE PURCHASING: NO
SET ASIDE: SEE RFP SECTION 4.4.1.4

DIRECT QUESTIONS CONCERNING THIS RFP TO:
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PHONE NUMBER: 609-984-0756
E-MAIL ADDRESS:
CHET.SALAMANDRA@TREAS.STATE.NJ.US

TO BE COMPLETED BY BIDDER:

Firm Name: Address:

PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 52:34 - 12 AND N.J.A.C. 17:12 - 2.2, PROPOSALS WHICH FAIL TO CONFORM WITH THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS SHALL BE AUTOMATICALLY REJECTED:

- 1) PROPOSALS MUST BE RECEIVED AT OR ON BEFORE THE PUBLIC OPENING TIME OF 2 PM ON 05/28/04 AT THE FOLLOWING PLACE: DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY, PURCHASE BUREAU, PO BOX-230, 33 WEST STATE STREET, 9TH FLOOR, TRENTON, NEW JERSEY 08625-0230.
2) THE BIDDER MUST SIGN THE PROPOSAL.
3) THE PROPOSAL MUST INCLUDE ALL PRICE INFORMATION.
4) ALL PROPOSAL PRICES MUST BE TYPED OR WRITTEN IN INK.
5) ALL CORRECTIONS, WHITE-OUTS, ERASURES, RESTRIKING OF TYPE, OR OTHER FORMS OF ALTERATION...
6) THE BIDDER MUST SUBMIT WITH THE PROPOSAL BID SECURITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ N/A OR N/A %.
7) THE BIDDER MUST COMPLETE AND SUBMIT, PRIOR TO THE SUBMISSION OF THE PROPOSAL...
8) THE BIDDER MUST ATTEND THE MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE(S) AND SITE VISIT(S) AT THE FOLLOWING DATE(S) AND TIME(S):

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- 9) PERFORMANCE SECURITY: NONE OR %
10) PAYMENT RETENTION 10 %
11) AN AFFIRMATION ACTION FORM (ATTACHMENT 3 OF RFP)
12) A MACBRIDE PRINCIPALS CERTIFICATION (ATTACHMENT 2 OF RFP)
13) REQUESTED DELIVERY: SEE DETAILS ELSEWHERE IN RFP
14) CERTIFICATION OR NOTIFICATION OF REGISTRATION WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE IF A FOREIGN (NON-NJ) CORPORATION...
15) FOR SET ASIDE CONTRACTS ONLY, N.J. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE REGISTRATION AS A SMALL BUSINESS...

TO BE COMPLETED BY BIDDER

- 16) DELIVERY CAN BE MADE _____ DAYS OR _____ WEEKS AFTER RECEIPT OF ORDER.
17) CASH DISCOUNT TERMS (SEE RFP) _____%, _____ DAYS: NET _____ DAYS.
18) BIDDER PHONE NO:
19) BIDDER FAX NO.
20) BIDDER E-MAIL ADDRESS.
21) BIDDER FEDERAL ID NO.
22) YOUR BID REFERENCE NO.

SIGNATURE OF THE BIDDER ATTESTS THAT THE BIDDER HAS READ, UNDERSTANDS, AND AGREES TO ALL TERMS, CONDITIONS, AND SPECIFICATIONS SET FORTH IN THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL, INCLUDING ALL ADDENDA, FURTHERMORE, SIGNATURE BY THE BIDDER SIGNIFIES THAT THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL AND THE RESPONSIVE PROPOSAL CONSTITUTES A CONTRACT IMMEDIATELY UPON NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROPOSAL BY THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR ANY OR ALL OF THE ITEMS BID, AND FOR THE LENGTH OF TIME INDICATED IN THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL.

23) ORIGINAL SIGNATURE OF BIDDER
24) NAME OF FIRM
25) PRINT/TYPE NAME AND TITLE
26) DATE



Bid Number: 04-X-36440

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR:

**CERTIFIED SHORTHAND REPORTER SERVICES-
WORKERS' COMPENSATION
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

Purchasing Agency
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Department of the Treasury
Division of Purchase and Property
Purchase Bureau
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Using Agency
State of New Jersey
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
DIVISION OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION

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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 (the "Division"), on behalf of the State of New Jersey, Department of Labor, Division of Workers' Compensation.

The purpose of this RFP is to solicit bid proposals for contractors to provide Certified Shorthand Reporter Services for the Division of Workers' Compensation.

The expected services are described in [RFP Section 3.0](#) (Scope of Work).

The intent of this RFP is to award a contract for each of the four zones listed below to that responsible bidder(s) whose bid proposal, conforming to this RFP, is most advantageous to the State, price and other factors considered.

A bidder must be capable of covering all locations within a zone. A bidder may bid on more than one zone.

ZONES

Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4
Freehold	Elizabeth	Atlantic City	Hackensack
Lebanon	Mt. Arlington	Bridgeton	Jersey City
New Brunswick	Newark	Burlington	Paterson
Trenton		Camden	
		Toms River	

JUDICIAL HEARINGS ARE HELD AS FOLLOWS OVER THE COURSE OF THE CONTRACT PERIOD. THE NUMBERS INDICATED IN BRACKETS ARE THE APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF HEARING DAYS PER ZONE, (SUBJECT TO REVISION)

Zone 1 (173)	Zone 2 (159)	Zone 3 (172)	Zone 4 (168)
Freehold (56)	Elizabeth (46)	Atlantic City (29)	Hackensack (48)
Lebanon (23)	Mt. Arlington (33)	Bridgeton (14)	Jersey City (66)
New Brunswick (59)	Newark (80)	Burlington (27)	Paterson (54)
Trenton (35)		Camden (46)	
		Toms River (56)	

There are currently 52 Judges, which number may increase or decrease as vacancies or appointments occur, divided among the regions. The successful bidder will be required to adjust its operations accordingly as positions are periodically vacated, filled or reassigned.

1.2 BACKGROUND

The Division of Workers' Compensation utilizes the services of Certified Shorthand Reporters to record testimony at hearings for injured workers within the State of New Jersey. In 1992, the Division decided to place these services out to bid with specifications in an effort to formalize the system of assignments and requirements. This improved the efficiency of the Division of Workers' Compensation in adjudicating claims by injured workers.

Fees for these services are established by the State and paid for by the litigating parties. Bids will be analyzed based upon the percentage share of fees that bidders propose to return to the Division of Workers' Compensation, from the fees awarded by Judges of Compensation and the quality of the services that can be provided.

This is a reprourement of the certified shorthand reporter's term contract, presently due to expire on August 31, 2004. Vendors who are interested in the current contract specifications and pricing information are encouraged to visit the Purchase Bureau's website on the world wide web. The applicable "T" reference number for this lookup is **T-1061**. **The exact WWW address is: <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/contracts.htm>**

1.3 KEY EVENTS

1.3.1 QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES

It is the policy of the Division to accept questions and inquiries from all potential bidders receiving this RFP.

Written questions must be e-mailed to the Purchase Bureau to the attention of the assigned Purchase Bureau buyer at the following address:

E-Mail: CHET.SALAMANDRA@TREAS.STATE.NJ.US

Phone Number: 609-984-0756

A copy of all questions must also be e-mailed to the following individual:

WILLIAM WOOD

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

E-MAIL: WILLIAM.WOOD@DOL.STATE.NJ.US

After the submission of bid proposals, 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 with or information about the proposal communicated to the buyer or any other State official connected with the solicitation shall be considered an impermissible supplementation of the bidder's bid proposal.

1.3.1.1 CUT-OFF DATE FOR QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES

The cut-off date for questions and inquiries relating to this RFP is indicated on the cover sheet under key dates.

1.3.1.2 QUESTION PROTOCOL

Questions must be submitted via e-mail to the attention of the assigned Purchase Bureau buyer. Written questions should be directly tied to the RFP by the writer. Questions should be 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.

Short procedural inquiries may be accepted by telephone by the Purchase Bureau buyer. However, oral explanations or instructions given over the telephone shall not be binding upon the State. Bidders shall not contact the Using Agency directly, in person, by telephone, or by e-mail concerning this RFP.

1.3.2 MANDATORY SITE VISIT: NOT APPLICABLE TO THIS PROCUREMENT

1.3.3 MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE: NOT APPLICABLE TO THIS PROCUREMENT

1.3.4 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 RIGHT PLACE SHALL BE REJECTED. THE DATE, TIME AND LOCATION ARE:**

DATE:	The bid due date is indicated on the cover sheet under key dates.
TIME:	2:00 PM
LOCATION:	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 on the following website: http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/faqdirs.htm

1.3.5 DOCUMENT REVIEW ROOM: NOT APPLICABLE TO THIS PROCUREMENT

1.4 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1.4.1 REVISIONS TO THIS RFP

In the event that it becomes necessary to clarify or revise this RFP, such clarification or revision shall be by addendum.

ALL RFP ADDENDA SHALL BE ISSUED ON THE PURCHASE BUREAU WEB SITE. TO ACCESS ADDENDA THE BIDDER MUST SELECT THE BID NUMBER ON THE PURCHASE BUREAU BIDDING OPPORTUNITIES WEB PAGE AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

[HTTP://WWW.STATE.NJ.US/TREASURY/PURCHASE/BID/SUMMARY/BID.SHTML.](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 ADDENDUM AS A PART OF THIS RFP

Any addenda to this RFP shall become part of this RFP and part of any contract resulting from this RFP.

1.4.3 ISSUING OFFICE

This RFP is issued by the Purchase Bureau, Division of Purchase and Property. The buyer noted in Section 1.3.1 is the sole point of contact between the bidder and the State for purposes of this RFP.

1.4.4 BIDDER RESPONSIBILITY

The bidder assumes sole responsibility for the complete effort required in this RFP. No special consideration shall be given after bids are opened because of a bidder's failure to be knowledgeable of all the requirements of this RFP. By submitting a bid proposal in response to this RFP, the bidder represents that it has satisfied itself, from its own investigation, of all the requirements of this RFP.

1.4.5 COST LIABILITY

The State assumes no responsibility and bears no liability for costs incurred by bidders before the award of the contract resulting from this RFP.

1.4.6 CONTENTS OF BID PROPOSAL

The entire content of every bid proposal shall be publicly opened and becomes a public record. This is the case notwithstanding any statement to the contrary made by a bidder in its bid proposal.

All bid proposals, as public records, are available for public inspection. Interested parties can make an appointment with the Purchase Bureau buyer to inspect bid proposals received in response to this RFP.

1.4.7 PRICE ALTERATION

Bid prices must be typed or written in ink. Any price change (including "white-outs") must be initialed. Failure to do so may preclude an award being made to the bidder.

1.4.8 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, Affirmative Action Employee Information Report, MacBride Principles Certification, and business registration must be supplied for each party to a joint venture.

2.0 DEFINITIONS

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

2.1 STANDARD DEFINITIONS

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

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 contractor is the bidder awarded a contract.

CSR Certified shorthand reporter

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.

May - Denotes that which is permissible, not mandatory.

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

Rebates The percentage share of fees the Contractor rebates back to the Division of Workers' compensation, from the fees awarded by the Judges of Compensation

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 shall 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.

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

State - State of New Jersey.

Task – A discrete unit of work to be performed.

Using Agency or Agency - The entity for which the Division has issued this RFP and shall enter into a contract.

3.0 SCOPE OF WORK

3.1 SHORTHAND REPORTERS

3.1.2 The Contractor shall provide certified shorthand reporters for the Division of Workers' Compensation within the applicable zones listed in the RFP.

3.1.3 The Contractor shall provide shorthand reporters at all scheduled appearances to take dictation, testimony, etc., as required.

3.1.4 The contractor shall supply a certified shorthand reporter from 9:00 A.M. until the conclusion of the judge's pending cases for each scheduled day, with a one-hour lunch break. In any event, a reporter is not required to remain for any proceeding commenced after 4:15 PM. At no time shall the certified shorthand reporter be excused from attendance without the approval of the Judge to whom the reporter is assigned for that day.

3.1.5 The Contractor's shorthand reporter shall appear prior to the time Court is scheduled to commence.

3.1.6 The Contractor shall be held responsible for all costs incurred if Court is adjourned due to non-appearance of a shorthand reporter.

3.1.7 The Contractor shall be responsible for the timely appearance of a shorthand reporter at all scheduled appearances.

3.1.8 At the commencement of each hearing the shorthand reporters supplied by the contractor shall be required to provide all counsel (either the petitioner's attorney or the respondent's attorney) with a fee schedule outlining all fees and charges for transcripts of the proceeding, including the payment provisions of this RFP. Pricing and payment arrangements shall be the same for all interested parties.

3.1.9 Contractors shall supply certified shorthand reporters to the Division of Workers' Compensation for all proceedings requiring certified shorthand reporting services that are scheduled within the applicable zone(s). Under no circumstances shall monitored audio recording be substituted for shorthand reporters. Monitored audio recording shall not be covered under this contract and no billings for same shall be allowed or accepted under this contract.

3.2 CONTRACTOR'S INABILITY TO SUPPLY CERTIFIED SHORTHAND REPORTERS

3.2.1 The contractor must notify the Director of the Division of Workers' Compensation at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled appearances, if the contractor is unable to supply certified shorthand reporters to attend some or all of his/her scheduled appearances.

3.2.2 If the contractor is able to supply certified shorthand reporters for only some of the appearances scheduled on the same day, it shall be within the sole discretion of the Director of the Division of Workers' Compensation, to determine which proceedings shall be attended by a certified shorthand reporter supplied by the contractor. As to those proceedings for which the contractor cannot supply a certified shorthand reporter, it shall be in the Director of the Division of Workers' Compensation's sole discretion to accept an appearance by a non-certified shorthand reporter or to go outside this contract to secure the attendance of a certified shorthand reporter.

3.2.3 3 The Contractor must obtain prior approval of the Director of the Division of Workers' Compensation for the appearance of a non-certified shorthand reporter, in lieu of a certified shorthand reporter. The Director of the Division of Workers' Compensation in his sole discretion may adjourn the proceeding or permit the non-certified shorthand reporter to attend the proceeding

3.3 TRANSCRIPTS: (ALL DELIVERY DAYS ARE CALCULATED IN CALENDAR DAYS)

3.3.1 NORMAL DELIVERY

3.3.1.2 Upon request, the contractor shall submit a transcript that meets all of the requirements of the "Transcript Format for Judicial Proceedings," attached hereto as Appendix 3.

3.3.1.3 A copy of each transcript shall be delivered to the requesting party within fifteen (15) days from the date that it was ordered.

3.3.1.4 Transcripts shall be 100% accurate. Failure to meet this standard shall require the Contractor to produce a corrected transcript.

3.3.1.5 Transcripts that are returned to the Contractor for corrections shall be corrected and returned within 7 days of notification of the errors.

3.3.1.6 The Contractor shall retain its shorthand notes in an electronic format and deliver transcripts in an electronic format at the request of the Division of Workers' Compensation.

3.3.2 EXPEDITED DELIVERY (WITHIN 72 HOURS FROM THE DATE ORDERED)

3.3.2.1 When an expedited delivery is required, the transcript must be delivered into the possession of the requester or his designee, within 72 hours from the date ordered. Failure to complete delivery within 72 hours shall result in the following:

3.3.2.2 Delivery after 72 hours but within 15 days. Payment at the normal delivery rate.

3.3.2.3 The Division of Workers' Compensation or the requesting party may, in their sole option, cancel the order for expedited delivery transcript if 72-hour delivery is not made. In such a case, no payment shall be made for the transcript.

3.3.2.4 Transcripts that are returned to the Contractor for corrections shall be corrected and returned with 72 hours of notification of the errors.

3.3.3 EMERGENCY DELIVERY (WITHIN 24 HOURS FROM THE DATE ORDERED)

3.3.3.1 The Contractor shall deliver the transcript into the possession of the requester or his/her designee, within 24 hours from the date ordered. Failure to complete delivery within 24 hours shall result in the following:

3.3.3.2 Delivery after 24 hours but within 72 hours. Payment shall be paid at the 72 hours rate.

3.3.3.3 Delivery after 72 hours - payment at the normal delivery rate.

3.3.3.4 The Division of Workers' Compensation or the requesting party may, in their sole option, cancel the order for emergency delivery transcript if 24-hour delivery is not made. No payment shall be made to the Contractor for the transcript.

3.3.3.5 Transcripts that are returned to the Contractor for corrections shall be corrected and returned within 24 hours of notification

3.4 REBATE SUBMITTAL DATES

3.5.1 The Contractor shall submit rebates on the following dates of each year:

3.5.2 Fees awarded from January 1 through June 30 of each year; rebates are payable on July 31st.

3.5.3 Fees awarded from July 1 through December 31 of each; rebates are payable on January 31st.

3.5 REQUESTING TRANSCRIPTS

3.5.1 The Contractor shall, when the respondent or petitioner requests a transcript, supply the transcript within the time frame as set forth (See Section 3.3.1, 3.3.2 and 3.3.3), and shall charge a fee as set forth in N.J.S.A 2D:7-4. The Contractor shall furnish the Court a copy of said transcript free of charge, and the same shall be provided on CD-ROM, floppy disk or equivalent format at the option of the Judge of Compensation. If there is no award, the reporting service shall refund the transcript costs paid by the petitioner attorney.

3.5.2 If a Judge of Compensation or the Director of the Division of Workers' Compensation orders a transcript, it shall be supplied within the time set forth (See Section 3.3.1, 3.3.2 and 3.3.3), to the Court or to the Director of the Division of Workers' Compensation free of charge. If the respondent or petitioner orders a copy, the appropriate fee may be charged. If there is no award, the reporting service shall refund the transcript costs paid by the petitioner's attorney.

3.5.3 All transcripts of Reserved Decisions shall be furnished, free of charge, to the Judge of Compensation, the Director of the Division of Workers' Compensation and all concerned parties. Whenever there are multiple respondents, application may be made to the Judge of Compensation to limit the number of free transcripts.

3.5.4 Contractors may require a deposit of up to 50% of anticipated fees from any person or entity ordering a transcript.

3.6 COSTS INCURRED FOR LATE DELIVERY OF TRANSCRIPTS

3.6.1 If a transcript or its correction is not delivered within the time frames set forth in this RFP, the cost for the transcription shall be reduced by 15% for each day beyond the established time frames. If the ordering party has already paid for the transcript, the contractor shall provide a refund. If the ordering party has not yet paid for the transcript, the reduction shall be reflected on the invoice or bill.

3.7 CURRENT FEES (SUBJECT TO CHANGE):

Dismissal for Lack of Prosecution	\$ 30
Section 20 Dismissals	\$ 85
Order Approving Settlement	\$ 85
Trial on Reports	\$100
Total Award with Decision of second injury fund (SIF) Eligibility	\$125
Testimony on Litigated Matter (per ½ day)	\$150

3.8 FEES INCURRED FOR NON-CERTIFIED SHORTHAND REPORTERS

The fees chargeable by non-certified shorthand reporters shall be 50% of the fees allowable under this contract.

3.9 RETENTION OF COURT REPORTERS NOTES

3.12.1 Contractors shall maintain court reporters' notes for twenty years.

3.10 CANCELLATION OF PROCEEDINGS

3.13.1 The Contractor shall be notified by the Division of Workers' Compensation of cancellations of scheduled appearances by 5:00 P.M. of the day preceding the scheduled appearance, if possible.

3.11 SUBMISSION OF INVOICES

3.11.1 The Contractor shall include the following information on all invoices submitted to the litigants in the following manner:

Name of proceedings, including Division of Workers' Compensation docket numbers;

County Date of services;

- Exact hours of attendance (9:00 A.M. to 3:14 P.M.);
- Location;
- Name of shorthand reporter;
- Name of judge;
- Date transcript ordered and date delivered;
- Stenography fee for services;
- Date reporter was certified and certificate number.

4.0 PROPOSAL PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION

4.1 GENERAL

The bidder must follow instructions contained in this RFP and in the bid cover sheet in preparing and submitting its bid proposal. The bidder is advised to thoroughly read and follow all instructions.

The information required to be submitted in response to this RFP has been determined to be essential in the bid evaluation and contract award process. Any qualifying statements made by the bidder to the RFP's requirements could result in a determination that the bidder's proposal is materially non-responsive. Each bidder is given wide latitude in the degree of detail it elects to offer or the extent to which plans, designs, systems, processes and procedures are revealed. Each bidder is cautioned, however, that insufficient detail may result in a determination that the bid proposal is materially non-responsive or, in the alternative, may result in a low technical score being given to the bid proposal.

The bidder is instructed to clearly identify any requirement of this RFP that the bidder cannot satisfy.

4.2 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 cover sheet. Bidders submitting proposals are cautioned to allow adequate delivery time to ensure timely delivery of proposals. State regulation mandates that late bid proposals are ineligible for consideration. **THE EXTERIOR OF ALL BID RESPONSE PACKAGES MUST BE LABELED WITH THE BID IDENTIFICATION NUMBER, FINAL BID OPENING DATE AND THE BUYER'S NAME.** All of this information is set forth at the top of the RFP cover sheet ([page 3 of the RFP](#)).

4.3 NUMBER OF BID PROPOSAL COPIES

Each bidder must submit **one (1) complete ORIGINAL bid proposal**, clearly marked as the "ORIGINAL" bid proposal. Each bidder should submit **six (6) full, complete and exact copies** of the original. Bidders failing to provide the requested number of copies shall be charged the cost incurred by the State to produce the requested number of copies. It is suggested that the bidder make and retain a copy of its bid proposal.

4.4 PROPOSAL CONTENT

The bid proposal should be submitted in one volume and that volume divided into four (4) sections as follows:

- Section 1 - Forms (Section 4.4.1)
- Section 2 - Technical Proposal (Section 4.4.2) Not applicable to this procurement
- Section 3 - Organizational Support (Section 4.4.3) Not applicable to this procurement
- Section 4 Contractor Data Sheet (Section 4.5)
- Section 5 - Cost Proposal (Section 4.6)

The following Table describes the format of the bid proposal that should be prepared with tabs (separators), and the content of the material located behind each tab.

TAB	CONTENTS	RFP SECTION REFERENCE	COMMENTS
1	Forms	Cover sheet	Completed and signed cover sheet (Page 3 of this RFP)
		4.4.1.1	Ownership Disclosure Form (Attachment 1)
		4.4.1.2	MacBride Principles Certification (Attachment 2)
		4.4.1.3	Affirmative Action Employee Information Report or New Jersey Affirmative Action Certificate (Attachment 3)
		1.1 of the Standard Terms & Conditions	Business Registration from Division of Revenue
2	Technical Proposal		
		NOT APPLICABLE TO THIS PROCUREMENT	
4	Contractor Data Sheets	4.5	Experience of Bidder on Contracts of Similar Size and Scope
5	Cost Proposal	4.6	Price Schedules (Attachment 5)

4.4.1 SECTION 1 – FORMS

4.4.1.1 OWNERSHIP DISCLOSURE FORM

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

The Ownership Disclosure Form is attached as [Attachment 1](#) to this RFP.

4.4.1.2 MACBRIDE PRINCIPLES CERTIFICATION

The bidder must complete the attached MacBride Principles Certification evidencing compliance with the MacBride Principles. Failure to do so may result in the award of the contract to another vendor.

The MacBride Principles Certification Form is attached as [Attachment 2](#) to this RFP

4.4.1.3 AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

The bidder must 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 valid and binding contract.

The Affirmative Action Forms are attached as [Attachment 3](#) to this RFP

4.4.1.4 SET ASIDE CONTRACTS: NOT APPLICABLE TO THIS PROCUREMENT

4.4.1.5 FINANCIAL CAPABILITY OF THE BIDDER

The bidder shall provide proof of its financial capacity and capabilities to undertake and successfully complete the contract. To satisfy this requirement, the bidder shall submit a certified financial statement, including applicable notes, reflecting the bidder's assets, liabilities, net worth, revenues, expenses, profit or loss, and cash flow for the most recent calendar year or the bidder's most recent fiscal year; or, if a certified financial statement is not available, then either a reviewed or compiled statement from an independent accountant setting forth the same information required for the certified financial statement. In addition, the bidder must submit a bank reference.

4.4.1.6 SUBCONTRACTOR(S): NOT APPLICABLE TO THIS PROCUREMENT

4.4.1.5 BID BOND: NOT REQUIRED FOR THIS PROCUREMENT

4.4.2 SECTION 2 - TECHNICAL PROPOSAL: NOT APPLICABLE TO THIS PROCUREMENT

4.4.3 SECTION 3 - ORGANIZATIONAL SUPPORT AND EXPERIENCE: NOT APPLICABLE TO THIS PROCUREMENT

4.5 CONTRACTOR DATA SHEET TO BE COMPLETED BY VENDOR

4.5.1 THE NUMBER OF YEARS YOUR FIRM HAS BEEN PERFORMING CERTIFIED SHORTHAND REPORTER SERVICES. _____

4.5.2 LOCATION OF BIDDERS OFFICE THAT WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THIS CONTRACT.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

4.5.3 LOCATION OF BIDDER'S FACILITY WHERE BIDDER'S EQUIPMENT MAY BE INSPECTED.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

4.5.4 LIST BELOW THE EQUIPMENT BIDDER INTENDS TO USE UNDER THIS CONTRACT.

4.5.5 NAME(S) AND TELEPHONE NUMBER(S) OF MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL TO BE CONTACTED IF PROBLEMS OR EMERGENCIES OCCUR (24 HOURS PER DAY).

NAME: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER(S) WORK: _____ HOME: _____

NAME: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER(S) WORK: _____ HOME: _____

4.5.6 NAME OF INDIVIDUAL THAT MAY BE CONTACTED AT ALL TIMES IF SERVICE OR INFORMATION IS REQUESTED BY THE USING AGENCIES.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

4.5.7 PROVIDE A LIST OF NEW JERSEY STATE AGENCIES, US GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES, PRIVATE SECTOR INSTITUTIONS, INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS NOW UNDER CONTRACT WITH YOUR FIRMS. INCLUDE THE LENGTH OF TIME EACH CONTRACT HAS BEEN IN FORCE AND THE NAME OF A PERSON WITH TELEPHONE NUMBER THE STATE MAY CONTACT FOR REFERENCE.

CURRENT CLIENTS LENGTH OF CONTRACT NAME AND PHONE NUMBER TO CONTACT

4.5.8 PROVIDE A LISTING OF CONTRACTS YOUR FIRM HAS LOST DURING THE LAST THREE (3) YEARS WITH REASONS FOR TERMINATION.

CLIENT _____

REASON TERMINATED: _____

CLIENT _____

REASON TERMINATED: _____

4.5.9 VENDOR SHOULD LIST NAME OF INSURANCE COMPANY FROM WHICH IT INTENDS TO PURCHASE REQUIRED INSURANCE AND PERSON TO CONTACT AT THIS COMPANY.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF COMPANY: _____

NAME OF CONTACT PERSON: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER (INCLUDE AREA CODE): (____) _____

4.5.10 TOTAL NUMBER OF FULL TIME CERTIFIED SHORTHAND REPORTERS PRESENTLY AVAILABLE TO YOUR FIRM TO WORK ON THIS CONTRACT. _____

5.2 PERFORMANCE BOND: NOT APPLICABLE TO THIS PROCUREMENT

5.3 BUSINESS REGISTRATION

See Standard Terms & Conditions, [Appendix 1, Section 1.1](#).

5.4 CONTRACT TERM AND EXTENSION OPTION

The term of the contract shall be for a period of five (5) years. The anticipated "Contract Effective Date" is provided on the cover sheet of this RFP ([page 3 of this RFP](#)). If delays in the bid process result in an adjustment of 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 additional periods of up to one (1) year, by mutual written consent of the contractor and the Director at the same terms, conditions and pricing. The length of each extension shall be determined when the extension request is processed.

Should the contract be extended, the contractor shall be paid at the rates in effect in the last year of the contract.

5.5 CONTRACT TRANSITION

In the event services end by either contract expiration or termination, it shall be incumbent upon the contractor to continue services, if requested by the Director, until new services can be completely operational. The contractor acknowledges its responsibility to cooperate fully with the replacement contractor and the State to ensure a smooth and timely transition to the replacement contractor. Such transitional period shall not extend more than one-hundred eighty (180) days beyond the expiration date of the contract, or any extension thereof. The contractor shall be reimbursed for services during the transitional period at the rate in effect when the transitional period clause is invoked by the State.

5.6 AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

The State's obligation to pay the contractor is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds from which payment for contract purposes can be made. No legal liability on the part of the State for payment of any money shall arise unless funds are made available each fiscal year to the Using Agency by the Legislature.

5.7 CONTRACT AMENDMENT

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

5.8 CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITIES

The contractor shall have sole responsibility for the complete effort specified in the contract. Payment shall 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.

5.9 SUBSTITUTION OF STAFF

If it becomes necessary for the contractor to substitute any management, supervisory or key personnel, the contractor shall identify the substitute personnel and the work to be performed.

The contractor must provide detailed justification documenting the necessity for the substitution. Resumes must be submitted evidencing that the individual(s) proposed as substitution(s) have qualifications and experience equal to or better than the individual(s) originally proposed or currently assigned.

The contractor shall forward a request to substitute staff to the State Contract Manager for consideration and approval. No substitute personnel are authorized to begin work until the contractor has received written approval to proceed from the State Contract Manager.

5.10 SUBSTITUTION OR ADDITION OF SUBCONTRACTOR(S)

This Subsection serves to supplement but not to supersede [Section 3.11](#) of the Standard Terms and Conditions of this RFP.

If it becomes necessary for the contractor to substitute and/or add a subcontractor, the contractor shall identify the proposed new subcontractor 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 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.

In the event a subcontractor is proposed as a substitution, the proposed subcontractor must equal or exceed the qualifications and experience of the subcontractor being replaced. In the event the subcontractor is proposed as an addition, the proposed subcontractor's qualifications and experience must equal or exceed that of similar personnel proposed by the contractor in its bid proposal.

The contractor shall forward a written request to substitute or add a subcontractor to the State Contract Manager for consideration. If the State Contract Manager approves the request, the State Contract Manager shall 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.

5.11 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, mailings, recordings (video and/or audio), pictures, drawings, analyses, graphic representations, software computer programs 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. With respect to software computer programs and/or source codes developed for the State, the work shall be considered "work for hire", i.e., the State, not the contractor or subcontractor, shall have full and complete ownership of all software computer programs and/or source codes developed. To the extent that any of such materials may not, by operation of the law, be a work made for hire in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, contractor or subcontractor hereby assigns to the State all right, title and interest in and to any such material, and the State shall have the right to obtain and hold in its own name and copyrights, registrations and any other proprietary rights that may be available.

Should the bidder anticipate bringing pre-existing intellectual property into the project, the intellectual property must be identified in the bid proposal. Otherwise, the language in the first paragraph of this section prevails. If the bidder identifies such intellectual property ("Background IP") in its bid proposal,

then the Background IP owned by the bidder on the date of the contract, as well as any modifications or adaptations thereto, remain the property of the bidder. Upon contract award, the bidder or contractor shall grant the State a non-exclusive, perpetual royalty free license to use any of the bidder/contractor's Background IP delivered to the State for the purposes contemplated by the Contract.

5.12 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, shall 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.

5.13 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.

5.14 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.

5.15 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.

5.16 CLAIMS AND REMEDIES

5.16.1 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.

5.16.2 REMEDIES

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

5.16.3 REMEDIES FOR NON-PERFORMANCE

In the event the contractor fails to comply with any material contract requirement, the Director may take steps to terminate the contract in accordance with the State Administrative Code. In this event, the Director may 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.

5.17 LATE DELIVERY

The contractor must immediately advise the State Contract Manager of any circumstance or event that could result in late completion of any task or subtask called for to be completed on a date certain. Notification must also be provided to the Director at the address below:

The State of New Jersey
Director, Division of Purchase and Property
Purchase Bureau
PO Box 230
33 West State St.
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0230

5.18 RETAINAGE

The amount of retainage is noted on the RFP cover sheet ([Page 3 of this RFP](#)). The using agency shall retain the stated percentage of each invoice submitted. At the end of each three (3) month period, the using agency shall review the contractor's performance. If performance has been satisfactory, the Using Agency shall release 90% of the retainage for the preceding three (3) month period. Following certification by the State Contract Manager that all services have been satisfactorily performed the balance of the retainage shall be released to the contractor.

5.19 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 shall 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 cost proposal.

5.20 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.

5.21 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.

5.22 ADDITIONAL WORK AND/OR SPECIAL PROJECTS

The contractor shall not begin performing any additional work or special projects without first obtaining written approval from both the State Contract Manager and the Director.

In the event of additional work and/or special projects, the contractor must present a written proposal to perform the additional work to the State Contract Manager. The proposal should provide justification for the necessity of the additional work. The relationship between the additional work and the base contract work must be clearly established by the contractor in its proposal.

The contractor's written proposal must provide a detailed description of the work to be performed broken down by task and subtask. The proposal should also contain details on the level of effort, including hours, labor categories, etc., necessary to complete the additional work.

The written proposal must detail the cost necessary to complete the additional work in a manner consistent with the contract. The written cost proposal must be based upon the hourly rates, unit costs or other cost elements submitted by the contractor in the contractor's original bid proposal submitted in response to this RFP. Whenever possible, the cost proposal should be a firm, fixed cost to perform the required work. The firm fixed price should specifically reference and be tied directly to costs submitted by the contractor in its original bid proposal. A payment schedule, tied to successful completion of tasks and subtasks, must be included.

Upon receipt and approval of the contractor's written proposal, the State Contract Manager shall forward same to the Director for the Director's written approval. Complete documentation from the Using Agency, confirming the need for the additional work, must be submitted. Documentation forwarded by the State Contract Manager to the Director must all include all other required State approvals, such as those that may be required from the State of New Jersey's Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and Office of Information and Technology (OIT).

No additional work and/or special project may commence without the Director's written approval. In the event the contractor proceeds with additional work and/or special projects without the Director's written approval, it shall be at the contractor's sole risk. The State shall be under no obligation to pay for work performed without the Director's written approval.

5.23 FORM OF COMPENSATION AND PAYMENT

This Section supplements [Section 4.5 of the RFP'S Standard Terms and Conditions](#). The contractor must submit official State invoice forms to the Using Agency with supporting documentation evidencing that work for which payment is sought has been satisfactorily completed. 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 shall be authorized.

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.

5.23.1 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 shall usually result in payment to a contractor in three days.

A contractor should take note that there shall 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.

5.24 CONTRACT ACTIVITY REPORT: NOT REQUIRED FOR THIS PROCUREMENT

5.25 CONTRACTOR'S PERSONNEL

5.25.1 All personnel must observe all regulations in effect at the Division of Workers' Compensation.

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/her personnel shall not represent themselves as employees of the State.

5.25.2 All personnel shall be physically able to do their assigned work and shall be free from any communicable disease.

5.25.3 All shorthand reporters may be subject to any security checks or clearances as may be required by the State of New Jersey. Refusal by a shorthand reporter to submit to a check is grounds for the Division of Workers' Compensation not to use his/her services.

5.25.4 The contractor shall be responsible for insuring that all articles found by his/her employees in or near the premises are turned in at a designated place.

6.0 PROPOSAL EVALUATION/CONTRACT AWARD

6.1 PROPOSAL EVALUATION COMMITTEE

Bid proposals may be evaluated by an Evaluation Committee composed of members of affected departments and agencies together with representative(s) from the Purchase Bureau. Representatives from other governmental agencies may also serve on the Evaluation Committee. On occasion, the Evaluation Committee may choose to make use of the expertise of outside consultant in an advisory role.

6.2 ORAL PRESENTATION AND/OR CLARIFICATION OF BID PROPOSAL

After the submission of bid proposals, 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 to the buyer or any other State official connected with the solicitation shall be considered an impermissible supplementation of the bidder's bid proposal.

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

The purpose of such communication with a 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 Evaluation Committee's discretion whether to require a bidder to give an oral presentation or require a bidder to submit written responses to questions regarding its bid proposal. Action by the Evaluation Committee in this regard should not be construed to imply acceptance or rejection of a bid proposal. The Purchase Bureau buyer shall be the sole point of contact regarding any request for an oral presentation or clarification.

6.3 EVALUATION CRITERIA

The following evaluation criteria categories, not necessarily listed in order of significance, shall be used to evaluate bid proposals received in response to this RFP. The evaluation criteria categories may be used to develop more detailed evaluation criteria to be used in the evaluation process:

6.3.1 THE BIDDER'S DATA SHEETS

- A. The bidder's documented experience in successfully completing contracts of a similar size and scope to the work required by this RFP.

- B. 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.

6.3.2 THE BIDDER'S COST PROPOSAL

For evaluation purposes, bidders shall be ranked according to the percentages bid by zone and by year in [Attachment 5](#).

6.4 CONTRACT AWARD

The contract shall be awarded with reasonable promptness by written notice to that responsible bidder whose bid proposal, conforming to the RFP, shall be most advantageous to the State, price and other factors considered. Any or all bids may be rejected when the State Treasurer or the Director of the Division of Purchase and Property determines that it is in the public interest so to do.

7.0 ATTACHMENTS, SUPPLEMENTS AND APPENDICES

ATTACHMENTS - To be submitted with bid proposal.

1. [Ownership Disclosure Form](#)
2. [MacBride Principles Form](#)
3. [Affirmative Action Supplement Forms](#)
4. [Price Schedules](#)
5. [Reciprocity Form](#) (*Optional Submittal*)

APPENDICES

1. [New Jersey Standard Terms and Conditions](#)
2. [Set-Off for State Tax Notice](#)

ATTACHMENT 1 - OWNERSHIP DISCLOSURE FORM

OWNERSHIP DISCLOSURE FORM

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
 DIVISION OF PURCHASE & PROPERTY
 STATE OF NEW JERSEY
 33 W. STATE ST., 9TH FLOOR
 PO BOX 230
 TRENTON, NEW JERSEY 08625-0230

BIDDER: _____

INSTRUCTIONS: Provide below the names, home addresses, dates of birth, offices held and any ownership interest of all officers of the firm named above. If additional space is necessary, provide on an attached sheet.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>HOME ADDRESS</u>	<u>DATE OF BIRTH</u>	<u>OFFICE HELD</u>	<u>OWNERSHIP INTEREST</u> <small>(Shares Owned or % of Partnership)</small>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

INSTRUCTIONS: Provide below the names, home addresses, dates of birth, and ownership interest of all individuals not listed above, and any partnerships, corporations and any other owner having a 10% or greater interest in the firm named above. If a listed owner is a corporation or partnership, provide below the same information for the holders of 10% or more interest in that corporation or partnership. If additional space is necessary, provide that information on an attached sheet. **If there are no owners with 10% or more interest in your firm, enter "None" below.** Complete the certification at the bottom of this form. If this form has previously been submitted to the Purchase Bureau in connection with another bid, indicate changes, if any, where appropriate, and complete the certification below.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>HOME ADDRESS</u>	<u>DATE OF BIRTH</u>	<u>OFFICE HELD</u>	<u>OWNERSHIP INTEREST</u> <small>(Shares Owned or % of Partnership)</small>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

COMPLETE ALL QUESTIONS BELOW

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
1. Within the past five years has another company or corporation had a 10% or greater interest in the firm identified above? <i>(If yes, complete and attach a separate disclosure form reflecting previous ownership interests.)</i>	_____	_____
2. Has any person or entity listed in this form or its attachments ever been arrested, charged, indicted or convicted in a criminal or disorderly persons matter by the State of New Jersey, any other State or the U.S. Government? <i>(If yes, attach a detailed explanation for each instance)</i>	_____	_____
3. Has any person or entity listed in this form or its attachments ever been suspended, debarred or otherwise declared ineligible by any agency of government from bidding or contracting to provide services, labor, material, or supplies? <i>(If yes, attach a detailed explanation for each instance)</i>	_____	_____
4. Are there now any criminal matters or debarment proceedings pending in which the firm and/or its officers and/or managers are involved? <i>(If yes, attach a detailed explanation for each instance)</i>	_____	_____
5. Has any Federal, State or Local license, permit or other similar authorization, necessary to perform the work applied for herein and held or applied for by any person or entity listed in this form, been suspended or revoked, or been the subject or any pending proceedings specifically seeking or litigating the issue of suspension or revocation? <i>(If yes, attach a detailed explanation for each instance)</i>	_____	_____

CERTIFICATION: I, being duly sworn upon my oath, hereby represent and state that the foregoing information and any attachments thereto to the best of my knowledge are true and complete. I acknowledge that the State of New Jersey is relying on the information contained herein and thereby acknowledge that **I am under a continuing obligation from the date of this certification through the completion of any contracts with the State to notify the State in writing of any changes to the answers or information contained herein.** I acknowledge that I am aware that it is a criminal offense to make a false statement or misrepresentation in this certification, and if I do so, I recognize that I am subject to criminal prosecution under the law and that it shall also constitute a material breach of my agreement(s) with the State of New Jersey and that the State at its option, may declare any contract(s) resulting from this certification void and unenforceable.

I, being duly authorized, certify that the information supplied above, including all attached pages, is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. I certify that all of the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are shallfully false, I am subject to punishment.

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

FEIN/SSN#: _____

(Signature)

(Name)

(Title)

Date _____

ATTACHMENT 2 - MACBRIDE PRINCIPLES FORM

NOTICE TO ALL BIDDERS
REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE A CERTIFICATION
IN COMPLIANCE WITH MACBRIDE PRINCIPLES
AND NORTHERN IRELAND ACT OF 1989

Pursuant to Public Law 1995, c. 134, a responsible bidder selected, after public bidding, by the Director of the Division of Purchase and Property, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:34-12, or the Director of the Division of Building and Construction, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:32-2, must complete the certification below by checking one of the two representations listed and signing where indicated. If a bidder who would otherwise be awarded a purchase, contract or agreement does not complete the certification, then the Directors may determine, in accordance with applicable law and rules, that it is in the best interest of the State to award the purchase, contract or agreement to another bidder who has completed the certification and has submitted a bid within five (5) percent of the most advantageous bid. If the Directors find contractors to be in violation of the principles which are the subject of this law, they shall take such action as may be appropriate and provided by law, rule or contract, including but not limited to, imposing sanctions, seeking compliance, recovering damages, declaring the party in default and seeking debarment or suspension of the party.

I certify, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:34-12.2 that the entity for which I am authorized to bid:

_____ has no ongoing business activities in Northern Ireland and does not maintain a physical presence therein through the operation of offices, plants, factories, or similar facilities, either directly or indirectly, through intermediaries, subsidiaries or affiliated companies over which it maintains effective control; or

_____ shall take lawful steps in good faith to conduct any business operations it has in Northern Ireland in accordance with the MacBride principles of nondiscrimination in employment as set forth in N.J.S.A. 52:18A-89.8 and in conformance with the United Kingdom's Fair Employment (Northern Ireland) Act of 1989, and permit independent monitoring of their compliance with those principles.

I certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are shallfully false, I am subject to punishment.

Signature of Bidder

Name (Type or Print)

Title Name (Type or Print)

Name of Company Name (Type or Print)

Date

ATTACHMENT 3 – AFFIRMATIVE ACTION SUPPLEMENT

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION	TERM CONTRACT - ADVERTISED BID PROPOSAL
DEPT OF THE TREASURY DIVISION OF PURCHASE & PROPERTY STATE OF NEW JERSEY 33 WEST STATE STREET, 9TH FLOOR PO BOX 230 TRENTON, NEW JERSEY 08625-0230	NAME OF BIDDER: _____

SUPPLEMENT TO BID SPECIFICATIONS

DURING THE PERFORMANCE OF THIS CONTRACT, THE CONTRACTOR AGREES AS FOLLOWS:

1. THE CONTRACTOR OR SUBCONTRACTOR, WHERE APPLICABLE, SHALL NOT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST ANY EMPLOYEE OR APPLICANT FOR EMPLOYMENT BECAUSE OF AGE, RACE, CREED, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, ANCESTRY, MARITAL STATUS, SEX, AFFECTIONAL OR SEXUAL ORIENTATION. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL TAKE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION TO ENSURE THAT SUCH APPLICANTS ARE RECRUITED AND EMPLOYED, AND THAT EMPLOYEES ARE TREATED DURING EMPLOYMENT, WITHOUT REGARD TO THEIR AGE, RACE, CREED, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, ANCESTRY, MARITAL STATUS, SEX, AFFECTIONAL OR SEXUAL ORIENTATION. SUCH ACTION SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING: EMPLOYMENT, UPGRADING, DEMOTION, OR TRANSFER; RECRUITMENT OR RECRUITMENT ADVERTISING; LAYOFF OR TERMINATION; RATES OF PAY OR OTHER FORMS OF COMPENSATION; AND SELECTION FOR TRAINING, INCLUDING APPRENTICESHIP. THE CONTRACTOR AGREES TO POST IN CONSPICUOUS PLACES, AVAILABLE TO EMPLOYEES AND APPLICANTS FOR EMPLOYMENT, NOTICES TO BE PROVIDED BY THE PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER SETTING FORTH PROVISIONS OF THIS NONDISCRIMINATION CLAUSE;
2. THE CONTRACTOR OR SUBCONTRACTOR, WHERE APPLICABLE SHALL, IN ALL SOLICITATIONS OR ADVERTISEMENTS ,FOR EMPLOYEES PLACED BY OR ON BEHALF OF THE CONTRACTOR, STATE THAT ALL QUALIFIED APPLICANTS SHALL RECEIVE CONSIDERATION FOR EMPLOYMENT WITHOUT REGARD TO AGE, RACE, CREED, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, ANCESTRY, MARITAL STATUS, SEX, AFFECTIONAL OR SEXUAL ORIENTATION.
3. THE CONTRACTOR OR SUBCONTRACTOR, WHERE APPLICABLE, SHALL SEND TO EACH LABOR UNION OR REPRESENTATIVE OR WORKERS WITH WHICH IT HAS A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT OR OTHER CONTRACT OR UNDERSTANDING, A NOTICE, TO BE PROVIDED BY THE AGENCY CONTRACTING OFFICER ADVISING THE LABOR UNION OR WORKERS' REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CONTRACTOR'S COMMITMENTS UNDER THIS ACT AND SHALL POST COPIES OF THE NOTICE IN CONSPICUOUS PLACES AVAILABLE TO EMPLOYEES AND APPLICANTS FOR EMPLOYMENT.
4. THE CONTRACTOR OR SUBCONTRACTOR, WHERE APPLICABLE, AGREES TO COMPLY WITH THE REGULATIONS PROMULGATED BY THE TREASURER PURSUANT TO P.L. 1975, C. 127, AS AMENDED AND SUPPLEMENTED FROM TIME TO TIME AND THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT.
5. THE CONTRACTOR OR SUBCONTRACTOR AGREES TO ATTEMPT IN GOOD FAITH TO EMPLOY MINORITY AND FEMALE WORKERS CONSISTENT WITH THE APPLICABLE COUNTY EMPLOYMENT GOALS PRESCRIBED BY N.J.A.C. 17:27-5.2 PROMULGATED BY THE TREASURER PURSUANT TO P.L. 1975, C. 127, AS AMENDED AND SUPPLEMENTED FROM TIME TO TIME OR IN ACCORDANCE WITH A BINDING DETERMINATION OF THE APPLICABLE COUNTY EMPLOYMENT GOALS DETERMINED BY THE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION OFFICE PURSUANT TO N.J.A.C. 17:27-5.2 PROMULGATED BY THE TREASURER PURSUANT TO P.L. 1975, C. 127, AS AMENDED AND SUPPLEMENTED FROM TIME TO TIME.
6. THE CONTRACTOR OR SUBCONTRACTOR AGREES TO INFORM IN WRITING APPROPRIATE RECRUITMENT AGENCIES IN THE AREA, INCLUDING EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES, PLACEMENT BUREAUS, COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES, LABOR UNIONS, THAT IT DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE ON THE BASIS OF AGE, CREED, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, ANCESTRY, MARITAL STATUS, SEX, AFFECTIONAL OR SEXUAL ORIENTATION, AND THAT IT SHALL DISCONTINUE THE USE OF ANY RECRUITMENT AGENCY WHICH ENGAGES IN DIRECT OR INDIRECT DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES.
7. THE CONTRACTOR OR SUBCONTRACTOR AGREES TO REVISE ANY OF ITS TESTING PROCEDURES, IF NECESSARY, TO ASSURE THAT ALL PERSONNEL TESTING CONFORMS WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF JOB-RELATED TESTING, AS ESTABLISHED BY THE STATUTES AND COURT DECISIONS OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND AS ESTABLISHED BY APPLICABLE FEDERAL LAW AND APPLICABLE FEDERAL COURT DECISIONS.
8. THE CONTRACTOR OR SUBCONTRACTOR AGREES TO REVIEW ALL PROCEDURES RELATING TO TRANSFER, UPGRADING, DOWNGRADING AND LAYOFF TO ENSURE THAT ALL SUCH ACTIONS ARE TAKEN WITHOUT REGARD TO AGE, CREED, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, ANCESTRY, MARITAL STATUS, SEX, AFFECTIONAL OR SEXUAL ORIENTATION, AND CONFORM WITH THE APPLICABLE EMPLOYMENT GOALS, CONSISTENT WITH THE STATUTES AND COURT DECISIONS OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AND APPLICABLE FEDERAL LAW AND APPLICABLE FEDERAL COURT DECISIONS.

THE CONTRACTOR AND ITS SUBCONTRACTORS SHALL FURNISH SUCH REPORTS OR OTHER DOCUMENTS TO THE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION OFFICE AS MAY BE REQUESTED BY THE OFFICE FROM TIME TO TIME IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF THESE REGULATIONS, AND PUBLIC AGENCIES SHALL FURNISH SUCH INFORMATION AS MAY BE REQUESTED BY THE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION OFFICE FOR CONDUCTING A COMPLIANCE INVESTIGATION PURSUANT TO SUBCHAPTER 10 OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE (NJAC17:27).

*** NO FIRM MAY BE ISSUED A PURCHASE ORDER OR CONTRACT WITH THE STATE UNLESS THEY COMPLY WITH THE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION REGULATIONS**

PLEASE CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX (ONE ONLY)

- I HAVE A CURRENT NEW JERSEY AFFIRMATIVE ACTION CERTIFICATE, (PLEASE ATTACH A COPY TO YOUR PROPOSAL).
- I HAVE A VALID FEDERAL AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PLAN APPROVAL LETTER, (PLEASE ATTACH A COPY TO YOUR PROPOSAL).
- I HAVE COMPLETED THE ENCLOSED FORM AA302 AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYEE INFORMATION REPORT.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYEE INFORMATION REPORT (FORM AA302)

IMPORTANT:

READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING THE FORM. PRINT OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION. FAILURE TO PROPERLY COMPLETE THE ENTIRE FORM MAY DELAY ISSUANCE OF YOUR CERTIFICATE.

Item 1 - Enter the Federal Identification Number assigned to the Contractor or vendor by the Internal Revenue Service, or if a Federal Employer Identification Number has been applied for, but not yet issued, write the words "applied for",

or

If your business is such that you have not, or shall not receive a Federal Employee Identification Number, enter the Social Security Number assigned to the single owner or to a partner, in case of partnership.

Item 2 - Check the box appropriate to your TYPE OF BUSINESS. If you are engaged in more than one type of business, check the predominant one. If you are a manufacturer deriving more than 50% of your receipts from your own retail outlets, check "Retail".

Item 3 - Enter the total "number" of employees in the entire company, including part-time employees. This number shall include all facilities in the entire firm or corporation.

Item 4 - Enter the name by which the company is identified. If there is more than one company name, enter the predominant one.

Item 5 - Enter the physical location of the company, include City, County, State and Zip Code.

Item 6 - Enter the name of any parent or affiliated company including City, State and Zip Code. If there is none, so indicate by entering "None" or N/A.

Item 7 - Check the appropriate box for the total number of employees in the entire company. "Entire Company" shall include all facilities in the entire firm or corporation, including part-time employees, not use those employees at the facility being awarded the contract.

Item 8 - Check the box appropriate to your type of company establishment. Single-establishment Employer shall include an employer whose business is conducted at more than one location.

Item 9 - If multi-establishment was entered in Item 8, enter the number of establishments within the State of New Jersey.

Item 10 - Enter the total number of employees at the establishment being awarded the contract.

Item 11 - Enter the name of the Public Agency awarding the contract. Include City, State and Zip Code.

Item 12 - Enter the appropriate figures on all lines and in all columns. THIS SHALL ONLY INCLUDE EMPLOYMENT DATA FROM THE FACILITY THAT IS BEING AWARDED THE CONTRACT. DO NOT list the same employee in more than one job category.

Racial/Ethnic Groups will be so defined:

Black: Not of Hispanic origin. Persons have origin in any of the Black racial groups of Africa.

Hispanic: Persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban or Central or South American or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.

American Indian or Alaskan Native: Persons having origins in any of the original peoples of North America, and who maintain cultural identification through tribal affiliation or community recognition.

Asian or Pacific Islander: Persons having origin in any of the peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian Subcontinent or the Pacific Islands. This area includes for example, China, Japan, the Philippine Islands and Somoa.

Item 13 - Check the appropriate box, if the race or ethnic group information was not obtained by 1 or 2, specify by what other means this was done in 3.

Item 14 - Enter the dates of the payroll period used to prepare the employment data presented in Item 12.

Item 15 - If this is the first time an Employee Information Report has been submitted for this company, check block "Yes".

Item 16 - If the answer to Item 15 is "No", enter the date when the last Employee Information Report was submitted by this company.

Item 17 - Print or type the name of the person completing this form. Include the signature, title and date.

Item 18 - Enter the physical location where the form is being completed. Include City, State, Zip Code and Phone Number.

State of New Jersey
AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYEE INFORMATION REPORT

IMPORTANT - READ INSTRUCTIONS ON PRIOR PAGE CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING FORM. TYPE OR PRINT SHARP BALL POINT PEN. FAILURE TO PROPERLY COMPLETE THE ENTIRE FORM MAY DELAY ISSUANCE OF YOUR CERTIFICATE.

SECTION A - COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

1. FID. NO. OR SOCIAL SECURITY	2. TYPE OF BUSINESS <input type="checkbox"/> 1. MFG. <input type="checkbox"/> 2. SERVICE <input type="checkbox"/> 3. WHOLESALE <input type="checkbox"/> 4. RETAIL <input type="checkbox"/> 5. OTHER	3. TOTAL NO. OF EMPLOYEES IN THE ENTIRE COMPANY
4. COMPANY NAME		
5. STREET	CITY	COUNTY STATE ZIP CODE
6. NAME OF PARENT OR AFFILIATED COMPANY (IF NONE, SO INDICATE)		CITY STATE ZIP CODE
7. DOES THE ENTIRE COMPANY HAVE A TOTAL OF AT LEAST 50 EMPLOYEES? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
8. CHECK ONE: IS THE COMPANY: <input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE-ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYER <input type="checkbox"/> MULTI-ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYER		
9. IF MULTI-ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYER, STATE THE NUMBER OF ESTABLISHMENTS IN N.J. : []		
10. TOTAL NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES AT THE ESTABLISHMENT WHICH HAS BEEN AWARDED THE CONTRACT: []		
11. PUBLIC AGENCY AWARDED CONTRACT:		CITY STATE ZIP CODE

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DATE RECEIVED	OUT OF STATE PERCENTAGES	ASSIGNED CERTIFICATION NUMBER
MO/DAY/YR	COUNTY MINORITY FEMALE	

SECTION B - EMPLOYMENT DATA

12. Report all permanent, temporary and part-time employees ON YOUR OWN PAYROLL. Enter the appropriate figures on all lines and in all columns. Where there are no employees in a particular category, enter a zero. Include ALL employees, not just those in minority categories, in columns 1, 2, & 3.

JOB CATEGORIES	ALL EMPLOYEES			MINORITY GROUP EMPLOYEES (PERMANENT)								
	Col. 1 TOTAL (Cols. 2&3)	Col. 2 MALE	Col. 3 FEMALE	MALE				FEMALE				
				BLACK	HISPANIC	AMERICAN INDIAN	ASIAN	BLACK	HISPANIC	AMERICAN INDIAN	ASIAN	
Officials and Managers												
Professionals												
Technicians												
Sales Workers												
Office and Clerical												
Craftworkers (Skilled)												
Operatives (Semi-skilled)												
Laborers (Unskilled)												
Service Workers												
TOTAL												
Total employment from Previous Report (if any)												

The data below shall NOT be included in the request for the categories above.

13. HOW WAS INFORMATION AS TO RACE OR ETHNIC GROUP IN SECTION B OBTAINED? <input type="checkbox"/> 1. VISUAL SURVEY <input type="checkbox"/> 2. EMPLOYMENT RECORD <input type="checkbox"/> 3. OTHER (SPECIFY)	15. IS THIS THE FIRST EMPLOYEE INFORMATION REPORT (AA.302) SUBMITTED? <input type="checkbox"/> 1. YES <input type="checkbox"/> 2. NO	16. IF NO, DATE OF LAST REPORT SUBMITTED MO. DAY YEAR
14. DATES OF PAYROLL PERIOD USED		

SECTION C - SIGNATURE AND IDENTIFICATION

17. NAME OF PERSON COMPLETING FORM (PRINT OR TYPE)(?CONTRACTOR EEO OFFICER)	SIGNATURE	TITLE	MO. DAY YEAR
18. ADDRESS (NO. & STREET)	(CITY)	(STATE)	(ZIP CODE) PHONE (AREA CODE, NO. & EXTENSION)

CERTIFIED SHORTHAND REPORTING-WORKERS' COMPENSATION,
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Bid Number 04-X-36440

Refer to [RFP Section 3.0](#) (Scope of Work) for task requirements and deliverables.

ATTACHMENT 4 PRICE SHEET SCHEDULE -

LINE NO	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UNIT OF MEASURE	PERCENTAGE %
1	ZONE 1-CSR-WORKERS' COMP.REBATE PERCENTAGE FROM FEES AWARDED BY JUDGES OF COMPENSATION. FREEHOLD, LEBANON, NEW BRUNSWICK, AND TRENTON *****YEAR ONE*****	1	PERCENT	
2	ZONE 2-CSR WORKERS' COMP REBATE PERCENTAGE FROM FEES AWARDED BY JUDGES OF COMPENSATION. ELIZABETH, MT. ARLINGTON AND NEWARK *****YEAR ONE*****	1	PERCENT	
3	ZONE 3-CSR WORKERS' COMP REBATE PERCENTAGE FROM FEES AWARDED BY JUDGES OF COMPENSATION. ATLANTIC CITY, BRIDGETON, BURLINGTON, CAMDEN AND TOMS RIVER *****YEAR ONE*****	1	PERCENT	
4	ZONE 4CSR WORKERS' COMP REBATE PERCENTAGE FROM FEES AWARDED BY JUDGES OF COMPENSATION. HACKENSACK, JERSEY CITY AND PATERSON *****YEAR ONE*****	1	PERCENT	
5	ZONE 1-CSR-WORKERS' COMP.REBATE PERCENTAGE FROM FEES AWARDED BY JUDGES OF COMPENSATION. FREEHOLD, LEBANON, NEW BRUNSWICK AND TRENTON *****YEAR TWO*****	1	PERCENT	

6	<p>ZONE 2-CSR WORKERS' COMP REBATE PERCENTAGE FROM FEES AWARDED BY JUDGES OF COMPENSATION.</p> <p>ELIZABETH, MT. ARLINGTON AND NEWARK</p> <p>*****YEAR TWO*****</p>	1	PERCENT	
7	<p>ZONE 3-CSR WORKERS' COMP REBATE PERCENTAGE FROM FEES AWARDED BY JUDGES OF COMPENSATION.</p> <p>ATLANTIC CITY, BRIDGETON, BURLINGTON, CAMDEN AND TOMS RIVER</p> <p>*****YEAR TWO*****</p>	1	PERCENT	
8	<p>ZONE 4-CSR WORKERS' COMP REBATE PERCENTAGE FROM FEES AWARDED BY JUDGES OF COMPENSATION.</p> <p>ELIZABETH, MT. ARLINGTON AND NEWARK</p> <p>*****YEAR TWO*****</p>	1	PERCENT	
9	<p>ZONE 1-CSR-WORKERS' COMP.REBATE PERCENTAGE FROM FEES AWARDED BY JUDGES OF COMPENSATION.</p> <p>FREEHOLD, LEBANON, NEW BRUNSWICK AND TRENTON</p> <p>*****YEAR THREE*****</p>	1	PERCENT	
10	<p>ZONE 2-CSR WORKERS' COMP REBATE PERCENTAGE FROM FEES AWARDED BY JUDGES OF COMPENSATION.</p> <p>ELIZABETH, MT. ARLINGTON AND NEWARK</p> <p>*****YEAR THREE*****</p>	1	PERCENT	
11	<p>ZONE 3-CSR WORKERS' COMP REBATE PERCENTAGE FROM FEES AWARDED BY JUDGES OF COMPENSATION.</p> <p>ATLANTIC CITY, BRIDGETON, BURLINGTON, CAMDEN AND TOMS RIVER</p> <p>*****YEAR THREE*****</p>	1	PERCENT	
12	<p>ZONE 4-CSR WORKERS' COMP REBATE PERCENTAGE FROM FEES AWARDED BY JUDGES OF COMPENSATION.</p> <p>HACKENSACK, JERSEY CITY AND PATERSON</p> <p>*****YEAR THREE*****</p>	1	PERCENT	
13	<p>ZONE 2-CSR-WORKERS' COMP.REBATE PERCENTAGE FROM FEES AWARDED BY JUDGES OF COMPENSATION.</p> <p>FREEHOLD, LEBANON, NEW BRUNSWICK AND TRENTON</p> <p>*****YEAR FOUR*****</p>			

14	<p>ZONE 2-CSR WORKERS' COMP REBATE PERCENTAGE FROM FEES AWARDED BY JUDGES OF COMPENSATION.</p> <p>ELIZABETH, MR. ARLINGTON AND NEWARK</p> <p>*****YEAR FOUR*****</p>	1	PERCENT	
15	<p>ZONE 3-CSR WORKERS' COMP REBATE PERCENTAGE FROM FEES AWARDED BY JUDGES OF COMPENSATION.</p> <p>ATLANTIC CITY, BRIDGETON, BURLINGTON, CAMDEN AND TOMS RIVER</p> <p>*****YEAR FOUR*****</p>	1	PERCENT	
16	<p>ZONE 4-CSR WORKERS' COMP REBATE PERCENTAGE FROM FEES AWARDED BY JUDGES OF COMPENSATION.</p> <p>HACKENSACK, JERSEY CITY AND PATERSON</p> <p>*****YEAR FOUR*****</p>	1	PERCENT	
17	<p>ZONE 1-CSR-WORKERS' COMP.REBATE PERCENTAGE FROM FEES AWARDED BY JUDGES OF COMPENSATION.</p> <p>FREEHOLD, LEBANON, NEW BRUNSWICK, AND TRENTON</p> <p>*****YEAR FIVE*****</p>	1	PERCENT	
18	<p>ZONE 2-CSR WORKERS' COMP REBATE PERCENTAGE FROM FEES AWARDED BY JUDGES OF COMPENSATION.</p> <p>ELIZABETH, MT. ARLINGTON AND NEWARK</p> <p>*****YEAR FIVE*****</p>	1	PERCCEN T	
19	<p>ZONE 3-CSR WORKERS' COMP REBATE PERCENTAGE FROM FEES AWARDED BY JUDGES OF COMPENSATION.</p> <p>ATLANTIC CITY, BRIDGETON, BURLINGTON, CAMDEN AND TOMS RIVER</p> <p>*****YEAR FIVE*****</p>	1	PERCENT	
20	<p>ZONE 4-CSR WORKERS' COMP REBATE PERCENTAGE FROM FEES AWARDED BY JUDGES OF COMPENSATION.</p> <p>HACKENSACK, JERSEY CITY AND PATERSON</p> <p>*****YEAR FIVE*****</p>	1	PERCENT	%

The bidder SHOULD provide a price for each ZONE OR ZONES bid or the bid proposal MAY be considered non-responsive.

ATTACHMENT 5 - RECIPROCITY FORM

RECIPROCITY FORM
(Optional Submission)

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL BIDDERS

Effective October 7, 1991 in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:32-1.4 and N.J.A.C. 17:12-2.13, the State of New Jersey shall invoke reciprocal action against an out-of-State bidder whose State or locality maintains a preference practice for their bidders.

For States having preference laws, regulations, or practices, New Jersey shall use the annual surveys compiled by the Council of State Governments, National Association of State Purchasing Officials, or the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing to invoke reciprocal actions. The State may obtain additional information anytime it deems appropriate to supplement the above survey information.

Any bidder may submit information related to preference practices enacted for a local entity outside the State of New Jersey. This information may be submitted in writing as part of the bid response proposal, and should be in the form of resolutions passed by an appropriate governing body, regulations, a Notice to Bidders, laws, etc. It is the responsibility of the bidder to provide the documentation with the bid proposal or submit it to the Director, Division of Purchase and Property within five (5) working days of the public bid opening. Written evidence for a specific procurement that is not provided to the Director within five working days of the public bid opening shall not be considered in the evaluation of that procurement, but shall be retained and considered in the evaluation of subsequent procurements.

Any bidder having evidence of out-of-State local entities invoking preference practices should complete the form below, with a copy of appropriate documentation. The form and documentation may be submitted with your bid response proposal.

.....
Name of Locality having preference practices:

City /Town/Authority	
County	
State	

Documentation Attached

- Resolution Regulations/Laws
 Notice to Bidder Other _____

Name of Firm Submitting this information _____

Please Print

APPENDIX 1 NJ STATE STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

STATE OF NEW JERSEY STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- I. Unless the bidder is specifically instructed otherwise In the Request for Proposal, the following terms and conditions shall 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 the Request for Proposal (RFP) and should be read in conjunction with same unless the RFP specifically indicates otherwise. If a bidder proposes changes or modifications or takes exception to any of the State's terms and conditions, the bidder must so state specifically in writing in the bid proposal. Any proposed change, modification or exception in the State's terms and conditions by a bidder shall be a factor in the determination of an award of a contractor purchase agreement.
- II. All of the State's terms and conditions shall become a part of any contract(s) or order(s) awarded as a result of the Request for Proposal, whether stated in part, in summary or by reference. In the event the bidder's terms and conditions conflict with the State's, the State's terms and conditions shall prevail, unless the bidder is notified in writing of the State's acceptance of the bidder's terms and conditions.
- III. The statutes, laws or codes cited are available for review at the New Jersey State Library, 185 West State Street, Trenton, New Jersey 08625.
- IV. If awarded a contract or purchase agreement, the bidder's status shall be that of any independent principal and not as an employee of the State.

1. STATE LAW REQUIRING MANDATORY COMPLIANCE BY ALL CONTRACTORS

- 1.1 **BUSINESS REGISTRATION** - All New Jersey and out of State Corporations must obtain a Business Registration Certificate (BRC) from the Department of the Treasury, Division of Revenue prior to conducting business in the State of New Jersey. Proof of valid business registration with the Division of Revenue, Department of the Treasury, State of New Jersey, should be submitted by the bidder and, if applicable, by every subcontractor of the bidder, with the bidder's bid. No contract shall be awarded without proof of business registration with the Division of Revenue. Any questions in this regard can be directed to the Division of Revenue at (609) 292-1730. Form NJ-REG. can be filed online at <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/revenue/gettingregistered.htm#busentity>
- 1.2 **ANTI-DISCRIMINATION** - All parties to any contract with the State of New Jersey agree not to discriminate in employment and agree to abide by all anti-discrimination laws including those contained within N.J.S.A. 10:2-1 through N.J.S.A. 10:2-4, N.J.S.A.10:5-1 et seq. and N.J.S.A.10:5-31 through 10:5-38, and all rules and regulations issued there under.
- 1.3 **PREVAILING WAGE ACT** - The New Jersey Prevailing Wage Act, N.J.S.A. 34: 11-56.26 et seq. is hereby made part of every contract entered into on behalf of the State of New Jersey through the Division of Purchase and Property, except those contracts which are not within the contemplation of the Act. The bidder's signature on this proposal is his guarantee that neither he nor any subcontractors he might employ to perform the work covered by this proposal has been suspended or debarred by the Commissioner, Department of Labor for violation of the provisions of the Prevailing Wage Act.
- 1.4 **AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT** - The contractor must comply with all provisions of the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA), P.L 101-336, in accordance with 42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.
- 1.5 **THE WORKER AND COMMUNITY RIGHT TO KNOW ACT** - The provisions of N.J.S.A. 34:5A-1 et seq. which require the labeling of all containers of hazardous substances are applicable to this contract. Therefore, all goods offered for purchase to the State must be labeled by the contractor in compliance with the provisions of the Act.
- 1.6 **OWNERSHIP DISCLOSURE** - Contracts for any work, goods or services cannot be issued to any corporation or partnership unless prior to or at the time of bid submission the bidder has disclosed the names and addresses of all its owners holding 10% or more of the corporation or partnership's stock or interest. Refer to N.J.S.A. 52:25-24.2.
- 1.7 **COMPLIANCE - LAWS** - The contractor must comply with all local, state and federal laws, rules and regulations applicable to this contract and to the goods delivered and/or services performed hereunder.
- 1.8 **COMPLIANCE - STATE LAWS** - It is agreed and understood that any contracts and/or orders placed as a result of this proposal shall be governed and construed and the rights and obligations of the parties hereto shall be determined in accordance with the laws of the STATE OF NEW JERSEY.
- 1.9 **COMPLIANCE - CODES** - The contractor must comply with NJUCC and the latest NEC70, B.O.C.A. Basic Building code, OSHA and all applicable codes for this requirement. The contractor shall be responsible for securing and paying all necessary permits, where applicable.

2. **LIABILITIES**

- 2.1 **LIABILITY - COPYRIGHT** - The contractor shall hold and save the State of New Jersey, its officers, agents, servants and employees, harmless from liability of any nature or kind for or on account of the use of any copyrighted or uncopyrighted composition, secret process, patented or unpatented invention, article or appliance furnished or used in the performance of his contract.
- 2.2 **INDEMNIFICATION** - The contractor shall assume all risk of and responsibility for, and agrees to indemnify, defend, and save harmless the State of New Jersey and its employees from and against any and all claims, demands, suits, actions, recoveries, judgments and costs and expenses in connection therewith on account of the loss of life, property or injury or damage to the person, body or property of any person or persons whatsoever, which shall arise from or result directly or indirectly from the work and/or materials supplied under this contract. This indemnification obligation is not limited by, but is in addition to the insurance obligations contained in this agreement.
- 2.3 **INSURANCE** - The contractor shall secure and maintain in force for the term of the contract liability insurance as provided herein. The contractor shall provide the State of New Jersey with current certificates of insurance for all coverages and renewals thereof which must contain the proviso that the insurance provided in the certificate shall not be canceled for any reason except after thirty days written notice to:

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The insurance to be provided by the contractor shall be as follows.

- a. General liability policy as broad as the standard coverage forms currently in use in the State of New Jersey which shall not be circumscribed by any endorsements limiting the breadth of coverage. The policy shall be endorsed to include:
1. BROAD FORM COMPREHENSIVE GENERAL LIABILITY
 2. PRODUCTS/COMPLETED OPERATIONS
 3. PREMISES/OPERATIONS

The limits of liability for bodily injury and property damage shall not be less than \$1 million per occurrence as a combined single limit.

- b. Automobile liability insurance which shall be written to cover any automobile used by the insured. Limits of liability for bodily Injury and property damage shall not be less than \$1 million per occurrence as a combined single limit.
- c. Worker's Compensation Insurance applicable to the laws of the State of New Jersey and Employers Liability Insurance with limits not less than

\$100,000 BODILY INJURY, EACH OCCURRENCE
\$100,000 DISEASE EACH EMPLOYEE
\$500,000 DISEASE AGGREGATE LIMIT

3. **TERMS GOVERNING ALL PROPOSALS TO NEW JERSEY PURCHASE BUREAU**

- 3.1 **CONTRACT AMOUNT** - The estimated amount of the contract(s), when stated on the Advertised Request for Proposal form, shall not be construed as either the maximum or minimum amount which the State shall be obliged to order as the result of this Request for Proposal or any contract entered into as a result of this Request for Proposal.
- 3.2 **CONTRACT PERIOD AND EXTENSION OPTION** - If, in the opinion of the Director of the Division of Purchase and Property, it is in the best interest of the State to extend an contract entered into as a result of this Request for Proposal, the contractor shall be so notified of the Director s Intent at least 30 days prior to the expiration date of the existing contract. The contractor shall have 15 calendar days to respond to the Director's request to extend the contract. If the contractor agrees to the extension, all terms and conditions of the original contract, including price, shall be applicable.

3.3 **BID AND PERFORMANCE SECURITY**

- a. Bid Security - If bid security is required, such security must be submitted with the bid in the amount listed in the Request for Proposal, see N.J.A.C. 17: 12- 2.4. Acceptable forms of bid security are as follows:
1. A properly executed individual or annual bid bond issued by an insurance or security company authorized to do business in the State of New Jersey, a certified or cashier's check drawn to the order of the Treasurer, State of New Jersey, or an irrevocable letter of credit drawn naming the Treasurer, State of New Jersey as beneficiary issued by a federally insured financial institution.
 2. The State shall hold all bid security during the evaluation process. As soon as is practicable after the completion of the evaluation, the State shall:

- a. Issue an award notice for those offers accepted by the State;
- b. Return all bond securities to those who have not been issued an award notice.

All bid security from contractors who have been issued an award notice shall be held until the successful execution of all required contractual documents and bonds (performance bond, insurance, etc. If the contractor fails to execute the required contractual documents and bonds within thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of award notice, the contractor may be found in default and the contract terminated by the State. In case of default, the State reserves all rights inclusive of, but not limited to, the right to purchase material and/or to complete the required work in accordance with the New Jersey Administrative Code and to recover any actual excess costs from the contractor. Collection against the bid security shall be one of the measures available toward the recovery of any excess costs.

- b. Performance Security - If performance security is required, the successful bidder shall furnish performance security in such amount on any award of a term contractor line item purchase, see N.J.A.C. 17: 12- 2.5. Acceptable forms of performance security are as follows:
 - 1. The contractor shall be required to furnish an irrevocable security in the amount listed in the Request for Proposal payable to the Treasurer, State of New Jersey, binding the contractor to provide faithful performance of the contract.
 - 2. The performance security shall be in the form of a properly executed individual or annual performance bond issued by an insurance or security company authorized to do business in the State of New Jersey, a certified or cashier's check drawn to the order of the Treasurer, State of New Jersey, or an irrevocable letter of credit drawn naming the Treasurer, State of New Jersey as beneficiary issued by a federally insured financial institution.

The Performance Security must be submitted to the State within 30 days of the effective date of the contract award and cover the period of the contract and any extensions thereof. Failure to submit performance security may result in cancellation of contract for cause pursuant to provision 3.5b,1, and nonpayment for work performed.

3.4 VENDOR RIGHT TO PROTEST - INTENT TO AWARD - Except in cases of emergency, bidders have the right to protest the Director's proposed award of the contract as announced in the Notice of Intent to Award, see N.J.A.C. 17:12-3.3. Unless otherwise stated, a bidder's protest must be submitted to the Director within 10 working days after receipt of written notification that his bid has not been accepted or that an award of contract has been made. In the public interest, the Director may shorten this protest period, but shall provide at least 48 hours for bidders to respond to a proposed award. In cases of emergency, stated in the record, the Director may waive the appeal period. See N.J.A.C. 17: 12- 3 et seq.

3.5 TERMINATION OF CONTRACT

- a. Change of Circumstances

Where circumstances and/or the needs of the State significantly change, or the contract is otherwise deemed no longer to be in the public interest, the Director may terminate a contract entered into as a result of this Request for Proposal, upon no less than 30 days notice to the contractor with an opportunity to respond.

In the event of such termination, the contractor shall furnish to the using agency, free of charge, such reports as may be required,

- b. For cause:
 - 1. Where a contractor fails to perform or comply with a contract, and/or fails to comply with the complaints procedure in N.J.A.C. 17: 12-4.2 et seq., the Director may terminate the contract upon 10 days notice to the contractor with an opportunity to respond.
 - 2. Where a contractor continues to perform a contract poorly as demonstrated by formal complaints, late delivery, poor performance of service, short-shipping etc., so that the Director is repeatedly required to use the complaints procedure in N.J.A.C. 17:12-4.2 et seq. the Director may terminate the contract upon 10 days notice to the contractor with an opportunity to respond.
- c. In cases of emergency the Director may shorten the time periods of notification and may dispense with an opportunity to respond.
- d. In the event of termination under this section, the contractor shall be compensated for work performed in accordance with the contract, up to the date of termination. Such compensation may be subject to adjustments.

3.6 COMPLAINTS - Where a bidder has a history of performance problems as demonstrated by formal complaints and/or contract cancellations for cause pursuant to 3.5b a bidder may be bypassed for this award. See N.J.A.C. 17:12-2.8.

3.7 EXTENSION OF CONTRACT QUASI-STATE AGENCIES - It is understood and agreed that in addition to State Agencies, Quasi-State Agencies may also participate in this contract. Quasi-State Agencies are defined in N.J.S.A. 52:27B-56.1 as 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.

3.8 EXTENSION OF CONTRACTS TO POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND FIRST AID SQUADS, AND INDEPENDENT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION - N.J.S.A. 52:25-16.1 permits counties, municipalities and school districts to participate in any term contract(s), that may be established as a result of this proposal.

N.J.S.A. 52:25-16.2 permits volunteer fire departments, volunteer first aid squads and rescue squads to participate in any term contract(s) that may be established as a result of this proposal.

N.J.S.A. 52:25-16.5 permits independent institutions of higher education to participate in any term contract(s) that may be established as a result of this proposal, provided that each purchase by the Independent Institution of higher education shall have a minimum cost of \$500.

In order for the State contract to be extended to counties, municipalities, school districts, volunteer fire departments, first aid squads and independent institutions of higher education the bidder must agree to the extension and so state in his bid proposal. The extension to counties municipalities, school districts, volunteer fire departments, first aid squads and Independent Institutions of higher education must 'be under the same terms and conditions, including price, applicable to the State.

3.9 EXTENSIONS OF CONTRACTS TO COUNTY COLLEGES - N.J.S.A. 18A:64A - 25. 9 permits any college to participate in any term contract(s) that may be established as a result of this proposal.

3.10 EXTENSIONS OF CONTRACTS TO STATE COLLEGES - N.J.S.A. 18A:64- 60 permits any State College to participate in any term contract(s) that may be established as a result of this proposal.

3.11 SUBCONTRACTING OR ASSIGNMENT - The contract may not be subcontracted or assigned by the contractor, in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of the Director of the Division of Purchase and Property. Such consent, if granted, shall not relieve the contractor of any of his responsibilities under the contract.

In the event the bidder proposes to subcontract for the services to be performed under .the terms of the contract award, he shall state so in his bid and attach for approval a list of said subcontractors and an Itemization of the products and/or services to be supplied by them.

Nothing contained in the specifications shall be construed as creating any contractual relationship between any subcontractor and the State.

3.12 MERGERS, ACQUISITIONS - If, subsequent to the award of any contract resulting from this Request for Proposal, the contractor shall merge with or be acquired by another firm, the following documents must be submitted to the Director, Division of Purchase & Property.

- a. Corporate resolutions prepared by the awarded contractor and new entity ratifying acceptance of the original contract, terms, conditions and prices.
- b. State of New Jersey Bidders Application reflecting all updated information including ownership disclosure, pursuant to provision 1.5.
- c. Vendor Federal Employer Identification Number.

The documents must be submitted within thirty (30) days of completion of the merger or acquisition. Failure to do so may result in termination of contract pursuant to provision 3.5b.

If subsequent to the award of any contract resulting from this Request for Proposal, the contractor's partnership or corporation shall dissolve, the Director, Division of Purchase & Property must be so notified. All responsible parties of the dissolved partnership or corporation must submit to the Director in writing, the names of the parties proposed to perform the contract, and the names of the parties to whom payment should be made. No payment should be made until all parties to the dissolved partnership or corporation submit the required documents to the Director.

3.13 PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE OF BIDDER - The bidder hereby certifies that:

- a. The equipment offered is standard new equipment, and is the manufacturer's latest model in production, with parts regularly used for the type of equipment offered; that such parts are all in production and not likely to be discontinued; and that no attachment or part has been substituted or applied contrary to manufacturer's recommendations and standard practice.
- b. All equipment supplied to the State and operated by electrical current is UL listed where applicable.

- c. All new machines are to be guaranteed as fully operational for the period stated in the Request For Proposal from time of written acceptance by the State. The bidder shall render prompt service without charge, regardless of geographic location.
- d. Sufficient quantities of parts necessary for proper service to equipment shall be maintained at distribution points and service headquarters.
- e. Trained mechanics are regularly employed to make necessary repairs to equipment in the territory from which the service request might emanate within a 48-hour period or within the time accepted as industry practice.
- f. During the warranty period the contractor shall replace immediately any material which is rejected for failure to meet the requirements of the contract.
- g. All services rendered to the State shall be performed in strict and full accordance with the specifications stated in the contract. The contract shall not be considered complete until final approval by the State's using agency is rendered.

3.14 DELIVERY GUARANTEES - Deliveries shall be made at such time and in such quantities as ordered in strict accordance with conditions contained in the Request for Proposal.

The contractor shall be responsible for the delivery of material in first class condition to the State's using agency or the purchaser under this contract and in accordance with good commercial practice.

Items delivered must be strictly in accordance with the Request for Proposal.

In the event delivery of goods or services is not made within the number of days stipulated or under the schedule defined in the Request for Proposal, the using agency may be authorized to obtain the material or service from any available source, the difference in price, if any, to be paid by the contractor failing to meet his commitments.

3.15 DIRECTOR'S RIGHT OF FINAL BID ACCEPTANCE - The Director reserves the right to reject any or all bids, or to award in whole or in part if deemed to be in the best interest of the State to do so. The Director shall have authority to award orders or contracts to the vendor or vendors best meeting all specifications and conditions in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:34-12. Tie bids shall be awarded by the Director in accordance with N.J.A.C.17:12-2.1D.

3.16 BID ACCEPTANCES AND REJECTIONS - The provisions of N.J.A.C. 17:12-2.9, relating to the Director's right, to waive minor elements of non-compliance with bid specifications and N.J.A.C. 17: 12- 2.2 which defines causes for automatic bid rejection, apply to all proposals and bids.

3.17 STATE'S RIGHT TO INSPECT BIDDER'S FACILITIES - The State reserves the right to inspect the bidder's establishment before making an award, for the purposes of ascertaining whether the bidder has the necessary facilities for performing the contract.

The State may also consult with clients of the bidder during the evaluation of bids. Such consultation is intended to assist the State in making a contract award which is most advantageous to the State.

3.18 STATE'S RIGHT TO REQUEST FURTHER INFORMATION - The Director reserves the right to request all information which may assist him or her in making a contract award, including factors necessary to evaluate the, bidder s financial capabilities to perform the contract. Further, the Director reserves the right to request a bidder to explain, in detail, how the bid price was determined.

3.19 MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS - The contractor shall maintain records for products and/or services delivered against the contract for a period of three (3) years from the date of final payment. Such records shall be made available to the, State upon request for purposes of conducting an audit or for ascertaining information regarding dollar volume or number of transactions.

4. TERMS RELATING TO PRICE QUOTATION

4.1 PRICE FLUCTUATION DURING CONTRACT - Unless otherwise noted by the State, all prices quoted shall be firm through issuance of contract or purchase order and shall not be subject to increase during the period of the contract.

In the event of a manufacturer's or contractor's price decrease during the contract period, the State shall receive the full benefit of such price reduction on any undelivered purchase order and on any subsequent order placed during the contract period. The Director of Purchase and Property must be notified, in writing, of any price reduction within five (5) days of the effective date.

Failure to report price reductions shall result in cancellation of contract for cause, pursuant to provision 3.5b.1.

4.2 DELIVERY COSTS - Unless otherwise noted in the Request for Proposal, all prices for items in bid proposals are to be submitted F.O.B. Destination. Proposals submitted other than F.O.B. Destination may not be considered. Regardless of the method of quoting shipments, the contractor shall assume all costs, liability and responsibility for the delivery of merchandise in good condition to the State's using agency or designated purchaser.

F.O.B. Destination does not cover "spotting" but does include delivery on the receiving platform of the ordering agency at any destination in the State of New Jersey unless otherwise specified. No additional charges shall be allowed for any additional transportation costs resulting from partial shipments made at contractor's convenience when a single shipment is ordered. The weights and measures of the State's using agency receiving the shipment shall govern.

4.3 C.O.D. TERMS - C.O.D. terms are not acceptable as part of a bid proposal and shall be cause for rejection of a bid.

4.4 TAX CHARGES - The State of New Jersey is exempt from State sales or use taxes and Federal excise taxes. Therefore, price quotations must not include such taxes. The State's Federal Excise Tax Exemption number is 22-75-0050K.

4.5 PAYMENT TO VENDORS - Payment for goods and/or services purchased by the State shall only be made against State Payment Vouchers. The State bill form in duplicate together with the original Bill of Lading, express receipt and other related papers must be sent to the consignee on the date of each delivery. Responsibility for payment rests with the using agency which shall ascertain that the contractor has performed in a proper and satisfactory manner in accordance with the terms and conditions of the award. Payment shall not be made until the using agency has approved payment.

For every contract the term of which spans more than one fiscal year, the State's obligation to make payment beyond the current fiscal year is contingent upon legislative appropriation and availability of funds.

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 utilizing the p-card shall usually result in payment to a contractor in three days. A Contractor should take note that there shall be a transaction processing fee for each p-card transaction. To participate, a contractor must be capable of accepting MasterCard. For more information, call your bank or any merchant services company.

4.6 NEW JERSEY PROMPT PAYMENT ACT - The New Jersey Prompt Payment Act N.J.S.A. 52:32-32 et seq. requires state agencies to pay for goods and services within sixty (60) days of the agency's receipt of a properly executed State Payment Voucher or within sixty (60) days of receipt and acceptance of goods and services, whichever is later. Properly executed performance security, when required, must be received by the state prior to processing any payments for goods and services accepted by state agencies. Interest shall be paid on delinquent accounts at a rate established by the State Treasurer. Interest shall not be paid until it exceeds \$5.00 per properly executed invoice.

Cash discounts and other payment terms included as part of the original agreement are not affected by the Prompt Payment Act.

4.7 RECIPROCITY - In accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:32-1.4 and N.J.A.C. 17: 12- 2. 13, the State of New Jersey shall invoke reciprocal action against an out-of-State bidder whose state or locality maintains a preference practice for their bidders.

5. CASH DISCOUNTS - Bidders are encouraged to offer cash discounts based on expedited payment by the State. The State shall make efforts to take advantage of discounts, but discounts shall not be considered in determining the lowest bid.

a. Discount periods shall be calculated starting from the next business day after the recipient has accepted the goods or services received a properly signed and executed State Payment Voucher form and, when required, a properly executed performance security, whichever is latest.

b. The date on the check issued by the State in payment of that Voucher shall be deemed the date of the State's response to that Voucher.

6. STANDARDS PROHIBITING CONFLICTS OF INTEREST - The following prohibitions on vendor activities shall apply to all contracts or purchase agreements made with the State of New Jersey, pursuant to Executive Order No. 189 (1988).

a. No vendor shall pay, offer to pay, or agree to pay, either directly or indirectly, any fee, commission, compensation, gift, gratuity, or other thing of value of any kind to any State officer or employee or special State officer or employee, as defined by N.J.S.A. 52:13D-13b and e., in the Department of the Treasury or any other agency with which such vendor transacts or offers or proposes to transact business, or to any member of the immediate family, as defined by N.J.S.A. 52:13D-13i., of any such officer or employee, or partnership, firm or corporation with which they are employed or associated, or in which such officer or employee has an interest within the meaning of N.J.S.A. 52: 13D-13g.

b. The solicitation of any fee, commission, compensation, gift, gratuity or other thing of value by any State officer or employee or special State officer or employee from any State vendor shall be reported in writing forthwith by the vendor to the Attorney General and the Executive Commission on Ethical Standards.

- c. No vendor may, directly or indirectly, undertake any private business, commercial or entrepreneurial relationship with, whether or not pursuant to employment, contract or other agreement, express or implied, or sell any interest in such vendor to, any State officer or employee or special State officer or employee or special State officer or employee having any duties or responsibilities in connection with the purchase, acquisition or sale of any property or services by or to any State agency or any instrumentality thereof, or with any person, firm or entity with which he is employed or associated or in which he has an interest within the meaning of N.J.S.A. 52: 130-13g. Any relationships subject to this provision shall be reported in writing forthwith to the Executive Commission on Ethical Standards, which may grant a waiver of this restriction upon application of the State officer or employee or special State officer or employee upon a finding that the present or proposed relationship does not present the potential, actuality or appearance of a conflict of interest.
- d. No vendor shall influence, or attempt to influence or cause to be influenced, any State officer or employee or special State officer or employee in his official capacity in any manner which might tend to impair the objectivity or independence of judgment of said officer or employee.
- e. No vendor shall cause or influence, or attempt to cause or influence, any State officer or employee or special State officer or employee to use, or attempt to use, his official position to secure unwarranted privileges or advantages for the vendor or any other person.
- f. The provisions cited above in paragraph 6a through 6e shall not be construed to prohibit a State officer or employee or Special State officer or employee from receiving gifts from or contracting with vendors under the same terms and conditions as are offered or made available to members of the general public subject to any guidelines the Executive Commission on Ethical Standards may promulgate under paragraph 6c.

APPENDIX 2 - SET-OFF FOR STATE TAX NOTICE

NOTICE TO ALL BIDDERS
SET-OFF FOR STATE TAX NOTICE

Please be advised that, pursuant to P.L. 1995, c. 159, effective January 1, 1996, and notwithstanding any provision of the law to the contrary, whenever any taxpayer, partnership or S corporation under contract to provide goods or services or construction projects to the State of New Jersey or its agencies or instrumentalities, including the legislative and judicial branches of State government, is entitled to payment for those goods or services at the same time a taxpayer, partner or shareholder of that entity is indebted for any State tax, the Director of the Division of Taxation shall seek to set off that taxpayer's or shareholder's share of the payment due the taxpayer, partnership, or S corporation. The amount set off shall not allow for the deduction of any expenses or other deductions which might be attributable to the taxpayer, partner or shareholder subject to set-off under this act.

The Director of the Division of Taxation shall give notice to the set-off to the taxpayer and provide an opportunity for a hearing within 30 days of such notice under the procedures for protests established under R.S. 54:49-18. No requests for conference, protest, or subsequent appeal to the Tax Court from any protest under this section shall stay the collection of the indebtedness. Interest that may be payable by the State, pursuant to P.L. 1987, c.184 (c.52:32-32 et seq.), to the taxpayer shall be stayed.

