



# Request for Proposal 07-X-36698

## For: Testing, Inspection and Maintenance of Building Fire Suppression Systems

Event	Date	Time
<b>Bidder's Electronic Question Due Date</b> (Refer to <a href="#">RFP Section 1.3.1</a> for more information.)	March 30, 2007	5:00 PM
<b>Mandatory Site Visits</b> (Refer to <a href="#">RFP Section 1.3.3</a> for more information.)	March 26, 2007 March 27, 2007 March 28, 2007	9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
<b>Bid Submission Due Date</b> (Refer to <a href="#">RFP Section 1.3.2</a> for more information.)	April 25, 2007	2:00 PM

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

<b>Small Business Set-Aside</b> (Refer to <a href="#">RFP Section 4.4.2.2</a> for more information.)	<b>Status</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable	<b>Category</b> <input type="checkbox"/> I
	<input type="checkbox"/> Entire Contract	<input type="checkbox"/> II
	<input type="checkbox"/> Partial Contract	<input type="checkbox"/> III
	<input type="checkbox"/> Subcontracting Only	

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**THE USE OF THIS CONTRACT IS LIMITED TO THE DIVISION OF PROPERTY MANAGEMENT AND CONSTRUCTION.**

**NEW INSTALLTION IS NOT INCLUDED IN THIS CONTRACT ONLY TESTING, INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE OF EXISTING SYSTEMS.**

**1.0 INFORMATION FOR BIDDERS**

**1.1 PURPOSE AND INTENT**

This Request for Proposal (RFP) is issued by the Purchase Bureau, Division of Purchase and Property, Department of the Treasury on behalf of the Division of Property Management and Construction (DPMC). The purpose of this RFP is to solicit bid proposals for the testing, inspection and maintenance of fire protection systems, all designated fire pumps, wet and dry sprinkler systems, pre-action sprinkler systems, standpipe systems, backflow prevention devices, and fire department connections.

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

The NJ Standard Terms & Conditions version 05 09 06 will apply to all contracts or purchase agreements made with the State of New Jersey. These terms are in addition to the terms and conditions set forth in this RFP and should be read in conjunction with them unless the RFP specifically indicates otherwise.

No negotiation or Best And Final Offer (BAFO) will be utilized for this RFP.

**1.2 BACKGROUND**

Not applicable to this procurement.

**1.3 KEY EVENTS**

**1.3.1 ELECTRONIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD**

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

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

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

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

### 1.3.2 SUBMISSION OF BID PROPOSAL

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

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

**Directions to the Purchase Bureau can be found at the following web address:**  
<http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/directions.htm>.

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

Procedural inquiries on this RFP may be directed to (609) 292-4751. The Purchase Bureau will not respond to substantive questions related to the RFP or any contract.

To submit an RFP or contract related question, go to the Current Bidding Opportunities webpage or to <http://ebid.nj.gov/QA.aspx>.

### 1.3.3 Mandatory Site Visit

Mandatory Site Visits has been scheduled for this procurement on the dates and time indicated on the cover sheet. The locations of the Mandatory Site Visits are listed below:

Bid proposals will be automatically rejected from any bidder that was not represented or failed to properly register at all Mandatory Site Visits.

**NO QUESTIONS OR INQUIRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED OR ANSWERED DURING THE MANDATORY SITE VISITS. ALL QUESTIONS ARE TO BE HELD AND SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH RFP SECTION 1.3.1.**

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** All bidders are to meet promptly at 9:00 AM each day at the Division of Purchase and Property, Purchase Bureau, 33 West State Street, 9th Floor Bid Room, Trenton, NJ 08638, beginning on the first date listed on the cover sheet. All locations will be visited over a period of three (3) consecutive days. All Mandatory site visits will be during the hours of 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM resuming at 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM each day.

<b>Locations Of Mandatory Site Visits</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. R. J. Hughes Justice Complex</li> <li>2. Capital Place One</li> <li>3. The Old Barracks</li> <li>4. Kelsey Building/Townhouses (Thomas Edison State College)</li> <li>5. State House, Annex, Parking Garage</li> <li>6. State Library</li> <li>7. State Museum/Planetarium</li> <li>8. Department of State Building</li> <li>9. War Memorial</li> <li>10. Health and Agriculture Buildings</li> <li>11. Department of Labor and Workforce Development</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12. Department of Environmental Protection Building</li> <li>13. Document Control Center</li> <li>14. Treasury Print Shop</li> <li>15. Mary Roebling Building</li> <li>16. Taxation Building</li> <li>17. State Office Building</li> <li>18. William Ashby Building</li> <li>19. OIT Hub</li> <li>20. Beneficial Insect Rearing Lab</li> <li>21. Distribution Center</li> <li>22. West Trenton Fire Pump House</li> <li>23. Library for the Blind/Record Storage Center</li> </ol>

**1.4 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**1.4.1 ADDENDA: REVISIONS TO THIS RFP**

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

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

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

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

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

**1.4.2 BIDDER RESPONSIBILITY**

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

**1.4.3 COST LIABILITY**

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

#### 1.4.4 CONTENTS OF BID PROPOSAL

Subsequent to bid opening, all information submitted by bidders in response to the bid solicitation is considered public information, except as may be exempted from public disclosure by the Open Public Records Act, N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq., and the common law. Because the State proposes to negotiate and/or pursue a Best and Final Offer, bid proposals will not be made public until the Letter of Intent to Award is issued.

A bidder may designate specific information as not subject to disclosure when the bidder has a good faith legal/factual basis for such assertion. The State reserves the right to make the determination and will advise the bidder accordingly. The location in the bid proposal of any such designation should be clearly stated in a cover letter. **The State will not honor any attempt by a bidder either to designate its entire bid proposal as proprietary and/or to claim copyright protection for its entire proposal.**

By signing the cover sheet of this RFP, the bidder waives any claims of copyright protection set forth within the manufacturer's price list and/or catalogs. The price lists and/or catalogs must be accessible to State using agencies and cooperative purchasing partners and thus have to be made public to allow all eligible purchasing entities access to the pricing information.

All bid proposals, with the exception of information determined by the State or the Court to be proprietary, are available for public inspection after the Letter of Intent to Award is issued. At such time, interested parties can make an appointment with the Purchase Bureau to inspect bid proposals received in response to this RFP.

#### 1.4.5 BID OPENING

On the date and time bid proposals are due under the RFP, only the names of the bidders submitting bid proposals will be publicly announced. The contents of the bid proposals shall remain confidential until the Notice of Intent to Award is issued by the Director.

#### 1.4.6 PRICE ALTERATION

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

#### 1.4.7 BID ERRORS

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:12-1.22, "Bid Errors," a bidder may withdraw its bid as follows:

A bidder may request that its bid be withdrawn prior to bid opening. Such request must be made, in writing, to the Supervisor of the Business Unit. If the request is granted, the bidder may submit a revised bid as long as the bid is received prior to the announced date and time for bid opening and at the place specified.

If, after bid opening but before contract award, a bidder discovers an error in its proposal, the bidder may make written request to the Supervisor of the Business Unit for authorization to withdraw its proposal from consideration for award. Evidence of the bidder's good faith in making this request shall be used in making the determination. Some of the factors that may be considered are that the mistake is so significant that to enforce the contract resulting from the proposal would be unconscionable; that the mistake relates to a material feature of the contract; that the mistake occurred notwithstanding the bidder's exercise of reasonable care; and that the State will not be significantly prejudiced by granting the withdrawal of the proposal.

Note: a PB-36 complaint form may be filed and forwarded to the Division's Contract Compliance and Administration Unit (CCAU) for handling. A record of the complaint will also be maintained in the Division's vendor performance file for evaluation of future bids submitted.

All bid withdrawal requests must include the bid identification number and the final bid opening date and sent to the following address:

Department of the Treasury  
Purchase Bureau, PO Box 230  
33 West State Street – 9<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0230  
Attention: Supervisor, Business Unit

If during a bid evaluation process, an obvious pricing error made by a potential contract awardee is found, the Director shall issue written notice to the bidder. The bidder will have five days after receipt of the notice to confirm its pricing. If the vendor fails to respond, its bid shall be considered withdrawn, and no further consideration shall be given it.

If it is discovered that there is an arithmetic disparity between the unit price and the total extended price, the unit price shall prevail. If there is any other ambiguity in the pricing other than a disparity between the unit price and extended price and the bidder's intention is not readily discernible from other parts of the bid proposal, the Director may seek clarification from the bidder to ascertain the true intent of the bid.

#### 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, Disclosure of Investigations and Actions Involving Bidder, Affirmative Action Employee Information Report, MacBride Principles Certification, and Business Registration or Interim Registration must be supplied for each party to a joint venture.

## **2.0 DEFINITIONS**

### **2.1 GENERAL DEFINITIONS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**State Contract Manager** – The individual responsible for the approval of all deliverables, i.e., tasks, sub-tasks or other work elements in the Scope of Work as set forth in Sections 8.1, 8.1.1 and 8.1.2.

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

**State** – State of New Jersey.

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

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

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

## 2.2 CONTRACT SPECIFIC DEFINITIONS

Not applicable to this procurement.

### **3.0 SCOPE OF WORK**

**3.0.1** The following work is to be performed under this contract. Testing and inspections shall be performed at the intervals and using the procedures and methods listed in the New Jersey Uniform Fire Code and NFPA 25 - 1995, including Appendix B. All procedures shall be done quarterly even if listed with intervals less than quarterly. Preventive maintenance shall be performed in accordance with NFPA 25 - 95. Where provisions of this specification and the aforementioned Code/Standard may conflict, the more frequent and/or stringent requirement shall prevail.

**3.0.2** Five year flow tests, five year hydrostatic tests, annual flow/trip tests and inspections, annual flow tests and inspections, annual flushing & maintenance, and annual testing/maintenance of backflow preventers shall be performed as directed by the State Contract Manager. Subsequently, annual tests shall be performed one calendar year thereafter within a window of not more than three (3) weeks prior to the precise due date.

### **3.1 GENERAL SITE INFORMATION**

#### **3.1.1 GROUP ONE (1)**

<b>R.J. Hughes Justice Complex 25 Market Street, Trenton</b>	
Annual flow/trip test and inspection	1 wet sprinkler system, 42 zones 1 dry sprinkler system, 13 risers 1 pre-action sprinkler system & control panel 1 1000 GPM fire pump (test after hours or Saturday)
Quarterly inspection	1 wet sprinkler system, 42 zones 1 dry sprinkler system, 13 risers 1 pre-action sprinkler system riser & control panel 1 1000 GPM fire pump All fire standpipe risers, valves, and connections
Five year flow test standpipe systems (test after hours or Saturday)	
Annual flushing and maintenance of four fire department connections	
Annual test/maintenance of backflow preventers	

<b>Department of State Building 225 West State Street, Trenton</b>	
Annual flow/trip test and inspection	1 wet sprinkler system, 7 zones 3 pre-action sprinkler systems controlled through the buildings main fire alarm control panel. The main FACP is maintained by others; coordinate testing with building management. 1 1000 GPM fire pump (test after hours or Saturday)
Quarterly inspection	1 wet sprinkler system, 7 zones 3 pre-action sprinkler systems & control panel 1 1000 GPM fire pump All fire standpipe risers, valves, and connections
Five year flow test standpipe systems (test after hours or Saturday)	
Annual flushing and maintenance of one fire department connection	
Annual test/maintenance of backflow preventers	

**Kelsey Building/Townhouses (Thomas Edison State College)  
101-115 W. State Street, Trenton**

Annual flow/Trip test and inspection	1 wet sprinkler system 1 pre-action sprinkler system & control panel 2 500 GPM fire pump (test after hours or Saturday)
Quarterly inspection	1 wet sprinkler riser 1 pre-action sprinkler system & control panel 2 500 GPM fire pump All fire standpipe risers, valves, and connections
Five year flow test standpipe systems (test after hours or Saturday)	
Annual flushing and maintenance of one fire department connection	
Annual test/maintenance of backflow preventers	

**The Old Barracks  
101 Barrack Street, Trenton**

Annual flow/trip test and inspection	1 pre-action sprinkler system riser and control panel
Quarterly inspection	1 pre-action sprinkler system riser and control panel
Annual flushing and maintenance of one fire department connection	
Annual test/maintenance of backflow preventers	

**New Jersey State House, Annex, Parking Garage  
125-165 West State Street, Trenton**

Annual flow/trip test and inspection	1 wet sprinkler system, 10 zones in LSH Building 1 wet sprinkler system, 15 zones in Annex Building 1 wet sprinkler system, 4 zones in Parking Garage 2 wet sprinkler/standpipe system zones in LSH Building 2 wet sprinkler/standpipe system zones in Annex Building 1 dry sprinkler system in LSH Building 1 dry sprinkler system, 9 zones in Parking Garage 1 pre-action sprinkler/standpipe system w/Notifier control panel in Annex Building 1 pre-action sprinkler/standpipe system w/ Notifier control panel in Parking Garage 1 2000 GPM fire pump (test after hours or Saturday) 1 Post indicator valve, side of LSH Building
Quarterly inspection	1 wet sprinkler system, 10 zones in LSH Building 1 wet sprinkler system, 15 zones in Annex Building 1 wet sprinkler system, 4 zones in Parking Garage 2 wet sprinkler/standpipe system zones in LSH Building 2 wet sprinkler/standpipe system zones in Annex Building 1 dry sprinkler system in LSH Building 1 dry sprinkler system, 9 zones in Parking Garage 1 pre-action sprinkler/standpipe system w/Notifier control panel in Annex Building 1 pre-action sprinkler/standpipe system w/ Notifier control panel in Parking Garage 1 2000 GPM fire pump 1 Post indicator valve, side of LSH Building All fire standpipe risers, valves, and connections

**New Jersey State House, Annex, Parking Garage  
125-165 West State Street, Trenton  
continued**

Five year flow test standpipe systems (test after hours or Saturday)
Five year hydrostatic test pre-action sprinkler/standpipe system
Annual flushing and maintenance of one fire department connection
Annual test/maintenance of backflow preventers

**State Library  
185 West State Street, Trenton**

Annual flow/trip test and inspection	1 wet sprinkler system 9 pre-action sprinkler systems 1 750 GPM fire pump (test after hours or Saturday)
Quarterly inspection	1 wet sprinkler systems riser 9 pre-action sprinkler systems riser 1 750 GPM fire pump All fire standpipe risers, valves, and connections
Five year flow test	1 standpipe system (test after hours or Saturday)
Annual flushing and maintenance of one fire department connection	
Annual test/maintenance of backflow preventers	

**War Memorial  
200 Barrack Street, Trenton**

Annual flow/trip test and inspection	1 wet sprinkler system, 13 zones 1 dry sprinkler riser 1 wet standpipe system 2 1-1/2 inch standpipe hose rack stations (re-rack hose) 1 1500 GPM fire pump (test time to be approved by Building Management)
Quarterly inspection	1 wet sprinkler system, 13 zones 1 dry sprinkler riser 1 wet standpipe system 2 1-1/2 inch standpipe hose rack stations 1 1500 GPM fire pump All standpipe risers, valves, and connections
Five year flow test	1 wet standpipe system
Annual flushing and maintenance of one fire department connection	
Annual test/maintenance of backflow preventers	

**State Museum/Planetarium  
195 W. State Street, Trenton**

Annual flow/trip test and inspection	1 limited area wet sprinkler system (protecting basement shop area; fed from Library)
Quarterly inspection	1 limited area wet sprinkler system protecting basement shop area; fed from library.

<b>Capitol Place One 222 South Warren Street, Trenton</b>	
Annual flow/trip test and inspection	1 wet sprinkler system, 6 zones 1 pre-action sprinkler system with local fire alarm sub-panel, including sub-panel maintenance 1 dry sprinkler system 1 750 GPM fire pump (test after hours or Saturday)
Quarterly inspection	1 wet sprinkler system, 6 zones 1 pre-action sprinkler system with local fire alarm sub-panel, including sub-panel maintenance 1 dry sprinkler system 1 750 GPM fire pump
Five year flow test	1 wet standpipe system
Annual flushing and maintenance of two fire department connections	
Annual test/maintenance of backflow preventers	

<b>Labor Building 1 John Fitch Way &amp; South Warren Street, Trenton</b>	
Annual flow/trip test and inspection	1 wet sprinkler system, 14 zones 1 dry sprinkler system 1 750 GPM fire pump (test after hours or Saturday)
Quarterly inspection	1 wet sprinkler system, 14 zones 1 dry sprinkler system 1 750 GPM fire pump All standpipe risers, valves, and connections
Five year flow test standpipe system (test after hours or Saturday)	
Annual flushing and maintenance of two fire department connections	
Annual test/maintenance of backflow preventers	

<b>Health and Agriculture Buildings 369 South Warren Street, Trenton</b>	
Annual flow/trip test and inspection	1 wet sprinkler system, 14 zones 1 dry sprinkler system 1 750 GPM fire pump (test after hours or Saturday)
Quarterly inspection	1 wet sprinkler system, 14 zones 1 dry sprinkler system 1 750 GPM fire pump All standpipe risers, valves, and connections
Five year flow test	1 wet standpipe system (test after hours or Saturday)
Annual flushing and maintenance of one fire department connection	
Annual test/maintenance of backflow preventers	

<b>Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Building 401 East State Street, Trenton</b>	
Annual flow/trip test and inspection	1 wet sprinkler system, 16 zones 1 dry sprinkler system 1 1500 GPM fire pump (test after hours or Saturday)
Quarterly inspection	1 wet sprinkler system, 16 zones 1 dry sprinkler system 1 1500 GPM fire pump All standpipe risers, valves, and connections

**Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Building  
401 East State Street, Trenton  
continued**

Five year flow test	1 standpipe system (test after hours or Saturday)
Annual flushing and maintenance of two fire department connections	
Annual test/maintenance of backflow preventers	

**3.1.2 GROUP 2**

**Document Control Center  
77 Carroll Street, Trenton**

Annual flow/trip test and inspection	1 wet sprinkler system, 2 zones
Quarterly inspection	1 wet sprinkler system, 2 zones
Annual flushing and maintenance of one fire department connection	
Annual test/maintenance of backflow preventers	

**Treasury Print Shop  
101 Carroll Street, Trenton**

Annual flow/trip test and inspection	1 wet sprinkler system, 1 zone 2 standpipe hose rack stations (re-rack hose)
Quarterly inspection	1 wet sprinkler system, 1 zone All standpipe risers, valves, and connections
Five year flow test	1 wet standpipe system (test after hours or Saturday)
Annual flushing and maintenance of one fire department connection	
Annual test/maintenance of backflow preventers	

**Mary Roebling Building  
20 West State Street, Trenton**

Annual flow/trip test and inspection	1 wet sprinkler system, 14 zones 4 pre-action sprinkler systems 1 dry sprinkler system, 1 zone 1 750 GPM fire pump (test after hours or Saturday)
Quarterly inspection	1 wet sprinkler system, 14 zones 4 pre-action sprinkler systems 1 dry sprinkler system, 1 zone 1 750 GPM fire pump All standpipe risers, valves, and connections
Five year flow test	1 standpipe system (test after hours or Saturday)
Annual flushing and maintenance of one fire department connection	
Annual test/maintenance of backflow preventers	

**Taxation Building  
50 Barrack Street, Trenton**

Annual flow/trip test and inspection	1 wet sprinkler system, 11 zones 1 dry sprinkler system, 2 zones 1 1000 GPM fire pump (test after hours or Saturday) 2 pre-action sprinkler systems
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<b>Taxation Building 50 Barrack Street, Trenton continued</b>	
Quarterly inspection	1 wet sprinkler system, 11 zones 1 dry sprinkler system, 2 zones 1 1000 GPM fire pump 2 pre-action sprinkler systems All standpipe risers, valves, and connections
Five year flow test	1 standpipe system (test after hours or Saturday)
Annual flushing and maintenance of two fire department connections	
Annual test/maintenance of backflow preventers	

<b>State Office Building 135 West Hanover Street, Trenton</b>	
Annual flow/trip test and inspection	1 wet sprinkler system, 5 zones 1 pre-action sprinkler system and control panel 1 500 GPM fire pump
Quarterly inspection	1 wet sprinkler system, 5 zones 1 pre-action sprinkler system and control panel 1 500 GPM fire pump All standpipe risers, valves, and connections
Five year flow test	1 standpipe system (test after hours or Saturday)
Annual flushing and maintenance of one fire department connection	
Annual test/maintenance of backflow preventers	

<b>William Ashby Building 101 South Broad Street, Trenton</b>	
Annual flow/trip test and inspection	1 wet sprinkler system, 8 zones 1 750 GPM fire pump with flow meter
Quarterly inspection	1 wet sprinkler system, 8 zones 1 750 GPM fire pump All standpipe risers, valves, and connections
Five year flow test	1 standpipe system (test after hours or Saturday)
Annual flushing and maintenance of one fire department connection	
Annual test/maintenance of backflow preventers	

<b>OIT Hub (NJ State Police Headquarters) 1 Schwartzkopf Drive, West Trenton</b>	
Annual flow/trip test and inspection	1 wet sprinkler system, 1 zone 1 pre-action sprinkler system and control panel
Quarterly inspection	1 wet sprinkler system, 1 zone 1 pre-action sprinkler system and control panel
Annual flushing and maintenance of two fire department connections	
Annual test/maintenance of backflow preventers	

<b>Beneficial Insect Rearing Laboratory State Police Drive, West Trenton</b>	
Annual flow/trip test and inspection	1 wet sprinkler system, 1 zone 1 dry sprinkler system
Quarterly inspection	1 wet sprinkler system, 1 zone 1 dry sprinkler system

<b>Beneficial Insect Rearing Laboratory State Police Drive, West Trenton continued</b>	
Annual flushing and maintenance of one fire department connection	
Annual test/maintenance of backflow preventers	

<b>Distribution Center 1620 Stuyvesant Avenue, West Trenton</b>	
Annual flow/trip test and inspection	1 wet sprinkler system, 7 zones 1 dry sprinkler system, south side loading dock 1 hose reel station 7 hose rack stations (re-rack hose)
Quarterly inspection	1 wet sprinkler system , 7 zones 1 dry sprinkler system, south side loading dock All standpipe risers, valves, and connections
Five year flow test	1 standpipe system
Annual flushing and maintenance of one fire department connection	
Annual test/maintenance of backflow preventers	

<b>West Trenton Fire Pump House Esther Avenue, West Trenton</b>	
Annual flow/trip test and inspection	1 1000 GPM fire pump (electric) 1 750 GPM fire pump (diesel)
Quarterly inspection	1 1000 GPM fire pump (electric) 1 750 GPM fire pump (diesel)
Annual inspection and testing of the water storage tank and system to include, but not be limited to, all valves, meters, and automatic tank fill devices	
Annual testing and inspection of Private Fire Loop	
Annual flushing and preventive maintenance for seven (7) yard fire hydrants	
Annual test/maintenance of backflow preventers	

<b>Library for the Blind/Record Storage Center 2300 Stuyvesant Avenue, West Trenton</b>	
Annual flow/trip test and inspection	1 wet sprinkler system, 7 zones
Quarterly inspection	1 wet sprinkler system, 7 zones
Five year flow test	3 wet stand pipe systems. (Record Storage bay areas)
Annual flushing and maintenance of three fire department connections	
Annual inspection and maintenance of 77 hose rack standpipe stations (re-rack hose)	
Annual test/maintenance of backflow preventers	

### **3.2 BACK-FLOW PREVENTION:**

**3.2.1** The reduced pressure backflow preventers, testable double check valve assemblies, and detector check valves serving fire protection water supplies shall be tested annually.

**3.2.2** The testing shall be conducted as required by the New Jersey Uniform Construction Code, N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.23(i)4, and section 9-6.2.1 of the NFPA standard #25, 1995.

**3.2.3** The technician or mechanic to perform the annual testing shall be certified by a recognized training institute, such as New England Water Works Association or Plumber and Pipe Fitters Locals 9 and 322 of New Jersey, with a minimum of 32 hours training as required by the New Jersey Safe Water Drinking Act, N.J.A.C. 7:10-10.8.

**3.2.4** The buildings listed in 3.1.1 and 3.1.2 above are equipped with at least one of the testable devices serving the fire protection water supply except those buildings where no backflow preventer is indicated. Verification of these devices being in place at the above sites, the quantity installed, and/or the possible existence of these devices at other buildings included in the contract shall be verified by the bidder.

### **3.3 GENERAL**

**3.3.1** The State makes no representations, guarantees or warranties that the counts or other information as appear in the RFP are accurate or complete. Bidders can verify this information at their own expense. Accordingly, the State shall not create or be deemed to create any obligation or liability upon itself for any reason whatsoever, and each bidder, by submitting his bid proposal to this RFP, expressly agrees to this understanding and shall not hold the State liable or responsible therefore.

**3.3.2** All such services and sequencing of service shall be in compliance with applicable codes and/or standards.

### **3.4 PRIOR NOTIFICATION**

When testing a fire protection system which is connected to a central supervisory station or directly to the fire or police department, notification shall be given to that agency before initiation of the tests. When a procedure requires a system to be placed out of service for more than one hour, the Division of Property Management & Construction or the on-site Agency Representative **MUST** be notified.

### **3.5 TEST PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT**

**3.5.1** To be qualified to bid on this RFP, vendors shall be qualified by the NJ Department of Community Affairs, Division of Fire Safety as a C1 – All Fire Protection Equipment Contractor or C2 – Fire Sprinkler System Contractor. Fire protection system tests shall be performed by personnel trained in testing procedures and in the systems' operation. The personnel shall have the appropriate servicing manuals, the proper types of tools, lubricants, and manufacturers recommended replacement parts in performing all required testing and inspection. The State will not provide any needed tools, i.e., ladders, hoses, radios, etc. to assist vendor in testing, inspections, maintenance and/or repairs.

**3.5.2** All work including inspections, testing, maintenance, and repairs shall be performed in compliance with the NFPA as referenced by the New Jersey Uniform Fire Code. Compliance with the New Jersey Uniform Fire Code is subject to inspection by both the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Fire Safety and/or the Department of Treasury, Division of Property Management & Construction, Bureau of Special Services, Office of Fire Safety.

**3.5.3** The reduced pressure backflow preventer, testable double check valve assemblies, and detector check valves serving fire protection water supplies shall be tested annually. The testing shall be conducted as required by the New Jersey Uniform Construction Code, N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.23(i)4, and section 9-6.2.1 of the NFPA standard #25, 1995 edition.

**3.5.4** The technician or mechanic to perform the annual testing shall be certified by a recognized training institute, such as, New England Water Works Association or Plumber and Pipe Fitters Locals 9 and 322 of New Jersey, with a minimum of 32 hours training as required by the New Jersey Safe Water Drinking Act, N.J.A.C. 7:10-10.8.

### **3.6 PARTS**

To ensure system continuity, replacement parts and devices offered shall be standard equipment, compatible with existing components, and installed in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations. No wiring changes shall be permitted for modification to other than existing system manufacture. The contractor shall return all used parts to the Agency representative. Payment for parts shall be net, the Contractor shall submit with their invoices all receipts for part and materials purchased for use under this contract.

### **3.7 READINESS AND RESTORATION**

Systems shall be kept at the maximum level of readiness practicable during testing in the event a fire should occur. All systems shall be restored to service as promptly as possible after each test and shall be kept in normal operational condition.

### **3.8 RECORDS**

A complete written record of all tests and inspections shall be completed by the vendor and given to the Division of Property Management & Construction (DPM&C) at its offices at the Mary Roebling Building, 20 West State Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, PO Box 038, Trenton, NJ 08625-0038, and to the on-site DPM&C representative in each respective building. Routine maintenance and other work on a system shall also be entered into this record. The forms to be used are to be consistent with the standard inspection/ test reports outlined in NFPA standard no. 25 – 1995. Items which are not code requirements and which the vendor chooses to list as recommendations following a system test or inspection shall be made on a separate form which is not a part of the test results.

### **3.9 STREET CLOSURE ARRANGEMENTS**

The vendor shall make all necessary arrangements with local police and/or street departments for the blocking and/or closures of public roadways.

### **3.10 EMERGENCY RESPONSE**

The vendor shall respond within four (4) hours to all emergency service calls. A list of personnel authorized to make emergency service calls will be given to the successful vendor.

### **3.11 DOCUMENTATION/SERVICE REPORTS**

**3.11.1** Upon completion of the work, the service contractor shall provide a written test inspection and testing report of the work performed in RFP sections 3.0, Scope of Work.

**3.11.2** The reports shall contain copies for the system owner, authority having jurisdiction, the service contractor files and the facility central control station file with copies mailed to the site contact at each complex and the central office.

**3.11.3** The vendor, as a part of every complete annual test, shall survey the building and fire suppression systems and related equipment for any outstanding manufacturers' recalls or recommended repairs, upgrade or modifications. All findings shall be included as a separate part of the inspection report.

### **3.12 SCHEDULED TESTING AND INSPECTIONS**

All scheduled testing and inspections under this agreement shall be performed during normal working hours of the regular working day unless otherwise specified. The vendor shall schedule all testing and/or work with the Building Manager providing one (1) week minimum notice. If additional time is required for major overhauls or to insure proper system operation, service shall be paid for at the hourly rates bid, depending upon when the service is requested.

### **3.13 GENERAL CONDITIONS**

**3.13.1** The contractor shall be available for additional work over and above the scope of the agreement. The contractor shall not proceed with any additional work without written permission from the State. The work shall be completed as expediently as possible after receiving approval.

**3.13.2** The contractor shall schedule all work in advance with the State Project Manager. Prior to the start of work on any assigned day, all servicemen shall first report to the building management office to sign in, and shall sign out when leaving. The vendor's sign in/sign out sheet shall be used against the invoice to verify payment. Failure to adhere to this requirement could result in forfeiture of payment for services rendered.

**3.13.3** In the event a serviceman can not be provided on the requested day, notification shall be given to the Building Manager's office. If the normally assigned serviceman is not available, a backup serviceman shall be obtained.

**3.13.4** The work site is to be left in a clean and orderly condition.

### **3.14 BIDDERS QUALIFICATION**

**3.14.1** Bidders shall be contractors of known reputation for completing work in a timely and professional manner in the specified fields.

**3.14.2** Bidders shall have sufficient test and inspection equipment needed to perform the work required as outlined in this RFP.

**3.14.3** Bidders shall have adequate personnel on their staff to perform the required tasks as outlined in this RFP.

**3.14.4** Bidder shall have job supervisors on their staff with experience as a technician and as a supervisor with no less than five (5) years' experience in maintaining and testing the systems listed in this RFP. Resumes for these individuals shall be submitted **WITH** this RFP.

**3.15** The successful bidder shall submit to the State of New Jersey Project Manager within ten (10) working days after Notice of Award, the certification required to perform the annual backflow prevention test. This certification should be from a recognized training institute, such as New England Water Works Association or Plumber and Pipe Fitters Locals 9 and 322 of New Jersey, with a minimum of thirty-two (32) hours training as required by the New Jersey Safe Water Drinking Act, N.J.A.C. 7:10-10.8.

**3.16** Bidders shall submit references of companies to whom they have provided services having the same scope of work as required in this RFP. Bidders will provide this evidence by completing the "Contractor Data Sheet" which is part of this RFP. Bidders are to list on the Contractor Data Sheet the name and address of customers for whom they have done similar work within the past three (3) years. It is the responsibility of the vendor to ascertain that the individual given as the contact person is presently with the client company and able to furnish information on the quality of the work performed.

### **3.17 METHOD OF BIDDING**

**3.17.1** Bidders shall submit a responsive proposal to this RFP in order to be considered for an award.

**3.19** Each bidder shall furnish prices per building as requested on the bid sheet. Each bidder shall furnish prices on labor and materials.

**3.20** Prices quoted are to include a margin for the contractor which shall include, but not be limited to overhead, administrative costs and profit.

**3.21** Prices quoted shall be firm for the period of the contract and any extensions thereof.

**3.22** Each bidder shall complete all the required sheets in this RFP including the Price Sheets, and the Contractor Data Sheet.

### **3.23 SECURITY CLEARANCES**

**3.23.1** As a condition of testing, inspection and maintenance performed in any State facility under this contract and for purposes of determining a person's qualifications for providing services under this contract, the contractor shall undertake a criminal history record background check for all employees assigned to work under this contract pursuant to regulations promulgated under N.J.A.C. 13:59-1.1 et. Seq.

**3.23.2** The contractor shall submit to the New Jersey State Police Bureau of Identification (SBI) an "application" fingerprint card, a request for criminal history record information form (SBI-212B), and the appropriate fee for all employees to be assigned to work under this contract. The contractor shall not permit any newly hired, re-hired or transferred employees to work under this contract until the SBI has furnished the results of the criminal history record background check to the vendor.

**3.23.3** When new employees are assigned, this information must be given to the State Using Agency Contract Manager at least five (5) working days prior to their assignment, again, allowing the State Using Agency Contract Manager to interview the employee, review the employee's file and conduct additional background checks if they so desire. If the State Using Agency Contract Manager decides to interview the Contractor's employees or conduct additional background checks, the contractor shall not assign that employee until they have received the approval of the State Using Agency Contract Manager.

**3.23.4** The contractor will be required to retain the results of any employee's criminal history background check as long as that person is assigned under this contract. The results of the criminal history background check must be made available to the State Contract Manger by the contractor upon request.

**3.23.5** The contractor shall ensure that all employee's under this contract observe all regulations in effect at all State agencies, including security sign-in/sign-out procedures. Under no circumstances shall the contractor or the employee's represent themselves as employees of the State. The above mentioned sign-in procedures and sign-in sheets shall be the official record for all purposes of this contract. This shall be used by the State Contract Manager for work verification purposes under this contract.

**3.23.6** The contractor must develop and maintain an ongoing and current written list of all personnel used under this contract. This list shall be updated and supplied in writing to the State's Contract Manager at least five (5) working days before new personnel reports for work at any State facility under this contract. This list shall include a current active list of the "pool" of back-up employees required under the various staffing requirements of this RFP. It shall include the employee's full name, date of birth and social security number. When new employees are assigned, this information shall be given to the State Contract Manager immediately and clearly identified as an update to the initial list. The contractor shall undertake and receive the results of the criminal history record background check for all employees prior to submitting the updated list to the State Contract Manager for approval and therefore, before assigning the employees at any State facility under this contract.

**3.23.7** The State Using Agency Contract Manager may request an interview with any employee assigned under this contract and may conduct **additional** background checks if allowed by law prior to the admittance of any site or anytime during their employment at any State facility under this contract.

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

### **4.1 GENERAL**

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

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

In order to be considered, a bid proposal must arrive at the Purchase Bureau in accordance with the instructions on the RFP signatory page <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/bid/summary/07x36698.shtml>. Bidders are cautioned to allow adequate delivery time to ensure timely delivery of bid proposals. **State regulation mandates that late bid proposals are ineligible for consideration. THE EXTERIOR OF ALL BID PROPOSAL PACKAGES ARE TO BE LABELED WITH THE BID IDENTIFICATION NUMBER AND THE FINAL BID OPENING DATE OR RISK NOT BEING RECEIVED IN TIME.**

### **4.3 NUMBER OF BID PROPOSAL COPIES**

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

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### **4.4 BID PROPOSAL CONTENT**

The bid proposal should be submitted in one volume and that volume divided into four (4) sections with tabs (separators), and the content of the material located behind each tab, as follows:

- Section 1 - Forms (Section 4.4.1 - 4.4.3.)
- Section 2 - Technical Proposal (Section 4.4.4)
- Section 3 - Organizational Support and Experience (Section 4.4.5)
- Section 4 - Cost Proposal (Section 4.4.6)

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

##### **4.4.1.1 SIGNATORY PAGE**

The bidder shall complete and submit the Signatory page provided on the Advertised Solicitation, Current Bid Opportunities webpage <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/bid/summary/07x36698.shtml>. The Signatory page shall be signed by an authorized representative of the bidder. If the bidder is a limited partnership, the Signatory page must be signed by a general partner. If the bidder is a joint venture, the Signatory page must be signed by a principal of each party to the joint venture. Failure to comply will result in rejection of the bid proposal.

#### **4.4.1.2 OWNERSHIP DISCLOSURE FORM**

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

The Ownership Disclosure Form is located on the Advertised Solicitation, Current Bid Opportunities webpage <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/bid/summary/07x36698.shtml>.

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

The bidder shall provide a detailed description of any investigation, litigation, including administrative complaints or other administrative proceedings, involving any public sector clients during the past five years including the nature and status of the investigation, and, for any litigation, the caption of the action, a brief description of the action, the date of inception, current status, and, if applicable, disposition. The bidder shall use the Disclosure of Investigations and Actions Involving Bidder form located on the Advertised Solicitation, Current Bid Opportunities webpage <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/bid/summary/07x36698.shtml>.

#### **4.4.1.4 NOTICE OF INTENT TO SUBCONTRACT FORM**

All bidders shall complete the attached Notice of Intent to Subcontract Form <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/bid/summary/07x36698.shtml> to advise the State as to whether or not a subcontractor will be utilized to provide any goods or services under the contract. If this is a Small Business Subcontracting set-aside contract, the bidder must comply with the Procedures for Small Business Participation as Subcontractors set forth in <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/bid/summary/07x36698.shtml>.

#### **4.4.1.5 SUBCONTRACTOR UTILIZATION FORM**

If the bidder intends to utilize a subcontractor, the Subcontractor Utilization Form <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/bid/summary/07x36698.shtml> must be completed and submitted with the bid proposal.

### **4.4.2 PROOFS OF REGISTRATION THAT MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THE BID PROPOSAL**

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

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

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

Refer to Section 1.1. of the NJ Standard Terms and Conditions version 05 09 06 located on the Advertised Solicitation, Current Bid Opportunities webpage <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/bid/summary/07x36698.shtml>

#### **4.4.2.2 SMALL BUSINESS SET-ASIDE CONTRACTS**

Not applicable to this procurement.

#### **4.4.3 FORMS THAT MUST BE SUBMITTED BEFORE CONTRACT AWARD AND SHOULD BE SUBMITTED WITH THE BID PROPOSAL.**

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

The bidder is required to complete the attached MacBride Principles Certification evidencing compliance with the MacBride Principles. The requirement is a precondition to entering into a State contract. The MacBride Principles Certification Form is located on the Advertised Solicitation, Current Bid Opportunities webpage:

<http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/bid/summary/07x36698.shtml>.

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

The bidder is required to complete the attached Affirmative Action Employee Information Report. However, if the bidder has already received a New Jersey Affirmative Action Certificate or has evidence that the bidder is operating under a federally approved or sanctioned affirmative action program, then the bidder is to submit either the New Jersey Affirmative Action Certificate or evidence of the federally approved affirmative action program. This requirement is a precondition to entering into a State contract. The Affirmative Action Form is located on the Advertised Solicitation, Current Bid Opportunities webpage

<http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/bid/summary/07x36698.shtml>.

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

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:34-13.2, the bidder is required to submit with its bid proposal a completed source disclosure form. The Services Source Disclosure Form is located on the Advertised Solicitation, Current Bid Opportunities webpage

<http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/bid/summary/07x36698.shtml>. Refer to section 7.1.2 of this RFP.

#### **4.4.4 TECHNICAL PROPOSAL**

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

##### **4.4.4.1 MANAGEMENT OVERVIEW**

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

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

#### 4.4.4.2 CONTRACT MANAGEMENT

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

#### 4.4.4.3 CONTRACT SCHEDULE

The bidder should include a contract schedule. If key dates are a part of this RFP, the bidder's schedule should incorporate such key dates and should identify the completion date for each task and sub-task required by the Scope of Work. Such schedule should also identify the associated deliverable item(s) to be submitted as evidence of completion of each task and/or subtask.

The bidder should identify the contract scheduling and control methodology to be used and should provide the rationale for choosing such methodology. The use of Gantt, PERT or other charts is at the option of the bidder.

#### 4.4.4.4 MOBILIZATION AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Not applicable to this procurement.

#### 4.4.4.5 POTENTIAL PROBLEMS

The bidder should set forth a summary of any and all problems that the bidder anticipates during the term of the contract. For each problem identified, the bidder should provide its proposed solution.

#### 4.4.5 ORGANIZATIONAL SUPPORT AND EXPERIENCE

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

##### 4.4.5.1 LOCATION

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

##### 4.4.5.2 ORGANIZATION CHART (CONTRACT SPECIFIC)

The bidder should include a contract organization chart, with names showing management, supervisory and other key personnel (including sub-vendor's management, supervisory or other key personnel) to be assigned to the contract. The chart should include the labor category and title of each such individual.

#### 4.4.5.3 RESUMES

Detailed resumes should be submitted for all management, supervisory and key personnel to be assigned to the contract. Resumes should be structured to emphasize relevant qualifications and experience of these individuals in successfully completing contracts of a similar size and scope to those required by this RFP. Resumes should include the following:

Clearly identify the individual's previous experience in completing similar contracts. Beginning and ending dates should be given for each similar contract. A description of the contract should be given and should demonstrate how the individual's work on the completed contract relates to the individual's ability to contribute to successfully providing the services required by this RFP. With respect to each similar contract, the bidder should include the name and address of each reference together with a person to contact for a reference check and a telephone number.

#### 4.4.5.4 BACKUP STAFF

The bidder should include a list of backup staff that may be called upon to assist or replace primary individuals assigned. Backup staff must be clearly identified as backup staff.

In the event the bidder must hire management, supervisory and/or key personnel if awarded the contract, the bidder should include, as part of its recruitment plan, a plan to secure backup staff in the event personnel initially recruited need assistance or need to be replaced during the contract term.

#### 4.4.5.5 ORGANIZATION CHART (ENTIRE FIRM)

The bidder should include an organization chart showing the bidder's entire organizational structure. This chart should show the relationship of the individuals assigned to the contract to the bidder's overall organizational structure.

#### 4.4.5.6 EXPERIENCE OF BIDDER ON CONTRACTS OF SIMILAR SIZE AND SCOPE

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

#### 4.4.5.7 FINANCIAL CAPABILITY OF THE BIDDER

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

If the information is not supplied with the bid proposal, the State may still require the bidder to submit it. If the bidder fails to comply with the request within seven (7) business days, the State may deem the proposal non-responsive.

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

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

#### 4.4.5.8 SUBCONTRACTOR(S)

**All bidders** must complete the **Notice of Intent to Subcontract Form** whether or not they intend to utilize subcontractors in connection with the work set forth in this RFP. If the bidder intends to utilize subcontractor(s), then the **Subcontractor Utilization Plan** must also be submitted with the bid.

Should the bidder propose to utilize a subcontractor(s) to fulfill any of its obligations, the bidder shall be responsible for the subcontractor's(s): (a) performance; (b) compliance with all of the terms and conditions of the contract; and (c) compliance with the requirements of all applicable laws.

The bidder must provide a detailed description of services to be provided by each subcontractor, referencing the applicable Section or Subsection of this RFP.

The bidder should provide detailed resumes for each subcontractor's management, supervisory and other key personnel that demonstrate knowledge, ability and experience relevant to that part of the work which the subcontractor is designated to perform.

The bidder should provide documented experience to demonstrate that each subcontractor has successfully performed work on contracts of a similar size and scope to the work that the subcontractor is designated to perform in the bidder's proposal.

#### 4.4.6 PRICE SCHEDULE

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

### 5.0 SPECIAL CONTRACTUAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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

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

Unless specifically stated within this RFP, the Special Contractual Terms and Conditions of the RFP take precedence over the NJ Standard Terms and Conditions version 05 09 06 located on the Advertised Solicitation, Current Bid Opportunities webpage:

<http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/bid/summary/07x36698.shtml>.

In the event of a conflict between the provisions of this RFP, including the Special Contractual Terms and Conditions and the NJ Standard Terms and Conditions version 05 09 06, and any Addendum to this RFP, the Addendum shall govern.

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

## 5.2 CONTRACT TERM AND EXTENSION OPTION

The term of the contract shall be for a period of **three (3)** years. The anticipated "Contract Effective Date" is provided on the signatory page of this RFP located on the Advertised Solicitation, Current Bid Opportunities webpage, <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/bid/summary/07x36698.shtml>. 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 **two (2)** 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.

## 5.3 CONTRACT TRANSITION

In the event that a new contract has not been awarded prior to the contract expiration date, as may be extended herein, it shall be incumbent upon the contractor to continue the contract under the same terms and conditions until a new contract can be completely operational. At no time shall this transition period extend more than **ninety (90)** days beyond the expiration date of the contract.

## 5.4 CONTRACT AMENDMENT

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

## 5.5 CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITIES

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

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

## 5.6 SUBSTITUTION OF STAFF

If it becomes necessary for the contractor to substitute any management, supervisory or key personnel, the contractor will 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.

## 5.7 SUBSTITUTION OR ADDITION OF SUBCONTRACTOR(S)

This Subsection serves to supplement but not to supersede Section 3.11 of the NJ Standard Terms and Conditions version 05 09 06 located on the Advertised Solicitation, Current Bid Opportunities webpage.

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

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

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

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

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

## 5.8 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.

### 5.9 DATA CONFIDENTIALITY

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

### 5.10 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.

### 5.11 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.

### 5.12 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.

### 5.13 CLAIMS AND REMEDIES

#### 5.13.1 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.

### 5.13.2 REMEDIES

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

### 5.13.3 REMEDIES FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH MATERIAL CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

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

### 5.14 LATE DELIVERY

Not applicable to this procurement

### 5.15 RETAINAGE

Not applicable to this procurement.

### 5.16 STATE'S OPTION TO REDUCE SCOPE OF WORK

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

Upon receipt of such written notice, the contractor will submit, within five (5) working days to the Director and the State Contract Manager, an itemization of the work effort already completed by task or subtask. The contractor shall be compensated for such work effort according to the applicable portions of its price schedule.

### 5.17 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.

### 5.18 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.

### 5.19 CONTRACT PRICE INCREASE (PREVAILING WAGE)

If the Prevailing Wage Act (N.J.S.A. 34:11-56 et seq.) is applicable to the contract, the contractor may apply to the Director, on the anniversary of the effective date of the contract, for a contract price increase. The contract price increase will be available only for an increase in the prevailing wages of trades and occupations covered under this contract during the prior year. The contractor must substantiate with documentation the need for the increase and submit it to the Director for review and determination of the amount, if any, of the requested increase, which shall be available for the upcoming contract year. No retroactive increases will be approved by the Director.

### 5.20 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 price schedule 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 price schedule 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 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.

### 5.21 FORM OF COMPENSATION AND PAYMENT

This Section supplements Section 4.5 of the NJ Standard Terms and Conditions version 05 09 06, located on the Advertised Solicitation, Current Bid Opportunities webpage <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/bid/summary/07x36698.shtml>.

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 will be authorized.

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **5.22 MODIFICATIONS AND CHANGES TO THE NJ STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS VERSION 05 09 06**

NJ Standard Terms and Conditions version 05 09 06 are located on the Advertised Solicitation, Current Bid Opportunities webpage  
<http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/bid/summary/07x36698.shtml>.

#### **5.22.1 PATENT AND COPYRIGHT INDEMNITY**

Section 2.1 of the NJ Standard Terms and Conditions version 05 09 06 is deleted and replaced with the following:

##### **2.1 Patent and Copyright Indemnity**

a. 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 the contract.

b. The State of New Jersey agrees: (1) to promptly notify the Contractor in writing of such claim or suit; (2) that the Contractor shall have control of the defense of settlement of such claim or suit; and (3) to cooperate with the Contractor in the defense of such claim or suit, to the extent that the interests of the Contractor and the State are consistent.

c. In the event of such claim or suit, the Contractor, at its option, may: (1) procure for the State of New Jersey the legal right to continue the use of the product; (2) replace or modify the product to provide a non-infringing product that is the functional equivalent; or (3) refund the purchase price less a reasonable allowance for use that is agreed to by both parties.

### **5.22.2 INDEMNIFICATION**

Section 2.2 of the NJ Standard Terms and Conditions version 05 09 06, is deleted and replaced with the following:

#### **2.2 Indemnification**

The contractor's liability to the State for actual, direct damages resulting from the contractor's performance or non-performance, or in any manner related to the contract, for any and all claims, shall be limited in the aggregate to 500 % of the value of the contract, except that such limitation of liability shall not apply to the following:

1. The contractor's obligation to indemnify the State of New Jersey and its employees from and against any claim, demand, loss, damage or expense relating to bodily injury or the death of any person or damage to real property or tangible personal property, incurred from the work or materials supplied by the contractor under the contract caused by negligence or willful misconduct of the contractor;
2. The contractor's breach of its obligations of confidentiality; and,
3. Contractor's liability with respect to copyright indemnification.

The contractor's indemnification obligation is not limited by but is in addition to the insurance obligations contained in Section 2.3 of the NJ Standard Terms and Conditions version 05 09 06.

The contractor shall not be liable for special, consequential, or incidental damages.

### **5.22.3 INSURANCE - PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE**

Section 2.3 of the NJ Standard Terms and Conditions version 05 09 06 regarding insurance is modified with the addition of the following section regarding Professional Liability Insurance.

d) Professional Liability Insurance: The Contractor shall carry Errors and Omissions, Professional Liability Insurance and/or Professional Liability Malpractice Insurance sufficient to protect the Contractor from any liability arising out the professional obligations performed pursuant to the requirements of the Contract. The insurance shall be in the amount of not less than \$5,000,000 and in such policy forms as shall be approved by the State. If the Contractor has claims-made coverage and subsequently changes carriers during the term of the Contract, it shall obtain from its new Errors and Omissions, Professional Liability Insurance and/or Professional Malpractice Insurance carrier an endorsement for retroactive coverage.

## **5.23 CONTRACT ACTIVITY REPORT**

Not applicable to this procurement.

## **6.0 PROPOSAL EVALUATION**

### **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 as noted below, vendor contact with the State is still not permitted.

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 will 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, will 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 TECHNICAL EVALUATION CRITERIA**

- 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.

- C) The overall ability of the bidder to mobilize, undertake and successfully complete the contract. This judgment will include, but not be limited to, the following factors: the number and qualifications of management, supervisory and other staff proposed by the bidder to complete the contract, the availability and commitment to the contract of the bidder's management, supervisory and other staff proposed and the bidder's contract management plan, including the bidder's contract organizational chart.

### **6.3.2 BIDDER'S PRICE SCHEDULE**

For evaluation purposes, bidders will be ranked according to the total bid price located on the Price Sheet located on the Advertised Solicitation, Current Bid Opportunities webpage, <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/bid/summary/07x36698.shtml>

### **6.3.3 BID DISCREPANCIES**

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

### **6.3.4 EVALUATION OF THE BID PROPOSALS**

The evaluation will be completed and recommend to the Director for award the responsible bidder(s) whose bid proposal, conforming to this RFP, is most advantageous to the State, price and other factors considered. The evaluation considers and assesses price, technical criteria, and other factors during the evaluation process.

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

Not applicable to this procurement.

## **7.0 CONTRACT AWARD**

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

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

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

##### **7.1.1.1 DEFINITIONS**

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

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

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

#### 7.1.1.2 BREACH OF TERMS OF THE LEGISLATION

It shall be a breach of the terms of the contract for the Business Entity to (i)make or solicit a contribution in violation of the Legislation, (ii)knowingly conceal or misrepresent a contribution given or received; (iii)make or solicit contributions through intermediaries for the purpose of concealing or misrepresenting the source of the contribution; (iv)make or solicit any contribution on the condition or with the agreement that it will be contributed to a campaign committee or any candidate of holder of the public office of Governor, or to any State or county party committee; (v)engage or employ a lobbyist or consultant with the intent or understanding that such lobbyist or consultant would make or solicit any contribution, which if made or solicited by the business entity itself, would subject that entity to the restrictions of the Legislation; (vi)fund contributions made by third parties, including consultants, attorneys, family members, and employees; (vii)engage in any exchange of contributions to circumvent the intent of the Legislation; or (viii)directly or indirectly through or by any other person or means, do any act which would subject that entity to the restrictions of the Legislation.

#### 7.1.1.3 CERTIFICATION AND DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS

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

b) Prior to awarding any contract or agreement to any Business Entity, the Business Entity proposed as the intended awardee of the contract shall submit the Certification and Disclosure form, certifying that no contributions prohibited by the Legislation have been made by the Business Entity and reporting all contributions the Business Entity made during the preceding four years to any political organization organized under 26 U.S.C.527 of the Internal Revenue Code that also meets the definition of a “continuing political committee” within the mean of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-3(n) and N.J.A.C. 19:25-1.7.

The required form and instructions, available for review on the Purchase Bureau website at <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/forms.htm#eo134>, shall be provided to the intended awardee for completion and submission to the Purchase Bureau with the Notice of Intent to Award. Upon receipt of a Notice of Intent to Award a Contract, the intended awardee shall submit to the Division, in care of the Purchase Bureau Buyer, the Certification and Disclosure(s) within five (5) business days of the State's request. Failure to submit the required forms will preclude award of a contract under this RFP, as well as future contract opportunities.

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

#### 7.1.1.4 STATE TREASURER REVIEW

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

#### 7.1.1.5 ADDITIONAL DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENT OF P.L. 2005, C. 271

Contractor is advised of its responsibility to file an annual disclosure statement on political contributions with the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission (ELEC), pursuant to P.L. 2005, c. 271, section 3 if the contractor receives contracts in excess of \$50,000 from a public entity in a calendar year. It is the contractor's responsibility to determine if filing is necessary. Failure to so file can result in the imposition of financial penalties by ELEC. Additional information about this requirement is available from ELEC at 888-313-3532 or at [www.elec.state.nj.us](http://www.elec.state.nj.us).

#### 7.1.2 SOURCE DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS

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

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

##### 7.1.2.2 SOURCE DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS

Pursuant to the statutory requirements, the intended awardee of a contract primarily for services with the State of New Jersey must disclose the location by country where services under the contract, including subcontracted services, will be performed. The Source Disclosure Certification form is located on the Advertised Solicitation, Current Bid Opportunities webpage <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/bid/summary/07x36698.shtml>.

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

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

#### 7.1.2.3 BREACH OF CONTRACT OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 129

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

If, during the term of the contract, the contractor or subcontractor, who had on contract award declared that services would be performed in the United States, proceeds to shift the performance of any of the services outside the United States, the contractor shall be deemed to be in breach of its contract, which contract shall be subject to termination for cause pursuant to Section 3.5b.1 of the Standard Terms and Conditions version 05 09 06 of the RFP, unless previously approved by the Director and the Treasurer.

#### 7.2 FINAL CONTRACT AWARD

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

#### 7.3 INSURANCE CERTIFICATES

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

#### 7.4 PERFORMANCE BOND

This section supplements Section 3.3b of the NJ Standard Terms and Conditions version 05 09 06, located on the Advertised Solicitation, Current Bid Opportunities webpage <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/bid/summary/07x36698.shtml>. A performance bond is required. The amount of the performance bond is noted on the RFP signatory page located on the Advertised Solicitation, Current Bid Opportunities webpage <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/bid/summary/07x36698.shtml>. The contractor must provide the performance bond within thirty (30) days of the effective date of the contract award. The performance bond must remain in full force and effect for the term of the contract and any extension thereof. Within thirty (30) days of the anniversary of the contract effective date, the contractor shall provide proof to the Director that the performance bond in the required amount is in effect. Failure to provide such proof may result in the suspension of payment to the contractor until such time the contractor complies with this requirement.

Although the performance bond is required for the full term of the contract, the Director recognizes that the industry practice of sureties is to issue a one year performance bond for goods and services contracts. Thus, the contractor is required to submit a one year performance bond for the amount required under the contract and, on each succeeding anniversary date of the contract, provide a continuation or renewal certificate to evidence that the bond is in effect for the next year of the contract. This procedure will remain in place for each year of the contract thereafter until the termination of the contract. Failure to provide such proof on the anniversary date of the contract shall result in suspension of the contract, and possibly, termination of the contract.

For performance bonds based on a percentage of the total estimated contract price, the performance bond requirement is calculated as follows. For the first year of the contract, the performance bond percentage on the RFP signatory page is applied to the estimated total contract amount for the full term of the contract. On each anniversary of the effective date of the contract, the amount of the required performance bond, unless otherwise noted, is calculated by applying the established RFP performance bond percentage to the outstanding balance of the estimated amount of the contract price to be paid to the contractor.

In the event that the contract price is increased by amendment to the contract, the contractor may be required to provide, within thirty (30) days of the effective date of the amendment, performance bond coverage for the increase in contract price. The required increase in the performance bond amount is calculated by applying the established bond percentage set forth on RFP signatory page to the increase in contract price. Failure to provide such proof to the Director of this required coverage may result in the suspension of payment to the contractor until such time the contractor complies with this requirement.

## **8.0 CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION**

### **8.1 CONTRACT MANAGER**

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

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

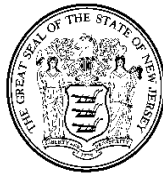
#### **8.1.1 STATE CONTRACT MANAGER RESPONSIBILITIES**

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

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

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

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



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## ADDENDUM #1

### SOLICITATION # 07-X-36698

**TO:** All Bidders

**DATE:** March 29, 2007

**FROM:** General Services Unit

**SUBJECT:** **TESTING, INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE OF  
BUILDING FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEMS**

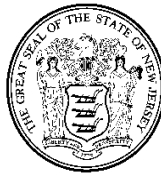
**REVISED BIDDER'S ELECTRONIC  
QUESTION DUE DATE** **April 20, 2007**

**REVISED BID OPENING DATE** **May 4, 2007**

The bidder's electronic question due date has been changed to **April 20, 2007**.

The bid opening date has been changed to **May 4, 2007**.

It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure that all charges are incorporated in the original Request For Proposal (RFP).



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**ADDENDUM #2**

**SOLICITATION # 07-X-36698**

**TO:** All Bidders  
**DATE:** April 13, 2007  
**FROM:** General Services Unit  
**SUBJECT:** **TESTING, INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE OF BUILDING FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEMS**

**REVISED BIDDER'S ELECTRONIC QUESTIONS DUE DATE** **April 20, 2007**

**REVISED BID OPENING DATE** **May 4, 2007**

It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure that all charges are incorporated in the original Request For Proposal (RFP).

All other instructions, terms and conditions of the RFP shall remain the same.

The following locations have been added to group two (2) of the RFP:

<b>Department of Law and Public Safety          New Jersey State Police Hamilton Complex          1200 Negron Drive, Hamilton, NJ 08691</b>	
<b>Technology Complex</b>	
Annual flow/trip test and inspection	Wet sprinkler system, 6 zones
Quarterly inspection	Wet sprinkler system, 6 zones All sprinkler system risers, valves, and connections
Annual flushing and maintenance of one fire department connection	
Annual test/maintenance of backflow preventers/check valves	

<b>Department of Law and Public Safety</b> <b>New Jersey State Police Hamilton Complex</b> <b>1400 Negron Drive, Hamilton, NJ 08691</b>	
<b>Troop "C" Headquarters</b>	
Annual flow/trip test and inspection	Wet sprinkler system, 3 zones 1 pre-action sprinkler system & control panel
Quarterly inspection	Wet sprinkler system, 3 zones 1 pre-action sprinkler system riser & control panel All sprinkler system risers, valves, and connections
Annual flushing and maintenance of one fire department connection	
Annual test/maintenance of backflow preventers/check valves	

<b>Department of Law and Public Safety</b> <b>New Jersey State Police Hamilton Complex</b> <b>1600 Negron Drive, Hamilton, NJ 08691</b>	
<b>Troop "C" Substation (Firing Range)</b>	
Annual flow/trip test and inspection	Wet sprinkler system, 1 zone
Quarterly inspection	Wet sprinkler system, 1 zones All sprinkler system risers, valves, and connections
Annual flushing and maintenance of one fire department connection	
Annual test/maintenance of backflow preventers/check valves	

<b>Emergency Operation Center</b> <b>New Jersey State Police Headquarters</b> <b>Building 18, River Road</b> <b>West Trenton, NJ 08628</b>	
Annual flow/trip test and inspection	Wet sprinkler system, 2 zones 1 pre-action sprinkler system & control panel 1 200 GPM fire pump
Quarterly inspection	Wet sprinkler system, 2 zones 1 pre-action sprinkler system riser & control panel 1 200 GPM fire pump All sprinkler system risers, valves, and connections
Annual flushing and maintenance of one fire department connection	
Annual test/maintenance of backflow preventers/check valves	
Annual test/maintenance/inspection of one 25,000 gallon underground fire protection water storage tank	



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## Price Lines Additions

### Term Contract Advertised Bid Proposal

**Solicitation:** 07-X-36698

**Revised Open Date:** May 4, 2007

**T-Number:** T1425

**Bidder:**

<b>Line No</b>	<b>Commodity Service Description</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Unit Price</b>
00120	COMMODITY CODE: 936-33-070568  NJ STATE POLICE TECHNOLOGY COMPLEX ANNUAL FLOW/TRIP TEST AND INSPECTION AS PER SPECIFICATIONS.	1	LOT	
00121	COMMODITY CODE: 936-33-070569  NJ STATE POLICE TECHNOLOGY COMPLEX QUARTERLY INSPECTION AS PER SPECIFICATIONS.	1	LOT	
00122	COMMODITY CODE: 936-33-070570  NJ STATE POLICE TECHNOLOGY COMPLEX ANNUAL FLUSHING AND MAINTENANCE OF ONE FIRE DEPARTMENT CONNECTION AS PER SPECIFICATIONS.	1	LOT	
00123	COMMODITY CODE: 936-33-070571  NJ STATE POLICE TECHNOLOGY COMPLEX ANNUAL TEST/MAINTENANCE OF BACKFLOW PREVENTERS/CHECK VALVES AS PER SPECIFICATIONS.	1	LOT	
00124	COMMODITY CODE: 936-33-070572  NJ STATE POLICE TROOP "C" HEADQUARTERS ANNUAL FLOW/TRIP TEST AND INSPECTION AS PER SPECIFICATIONS.	1	LOT	
00125	COMMODITY CODE: 936-33-070573  NJ STATE POLICE TROOP "C" HEADQUARTERS QUARTERLY INSPECTION AS PER SPECIFICATIONS	1	LOT	



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## Revised Price Lines

### Term Contract Advertised Bid Proposal

**Solicitation:** 07-X-36698

**Revised Open Date:** May 4, 2007

**T-Number:** T1425

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<b>Line No</b>	<b>Commodity Service Description</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Unit Price</b>
00126	COMMODITY CODE: 936-33-070574  NJ STATE POLICE TROOP "C" HEADQUARTERS ANNUAL FLUSHING AND MAINTENANCE OF ONE FIRE DEPARTMENT CONNECTIONS AS PER SPECIFICATIONS.	1	LOT	
00127	COMMODITY CODE: 936-33-070575  NJ STATE POLICE TROOP "C" HEADQUARTERS ANNUAL TEST/MAINTENANCE OF BACKFLOW PREVENTERS/CHECK VALVES AS PER SPECIFICATIONS.	1	LOT	
00128	COMMODITY CODE: 936-33-070576  NJ STATE POLICE TROOP "C" SUBSTATION (FRINGE RANGE) ANNUAL FLOW/TRIP TEST AND INSPECTION AS PER SPECIFICATIONS.	1	LOT	
00129	COMMODITY CODE: 936-33-070577  NJ STATE POLICE TROOP "C" SUBSTATION (FRINGE RANGE) QUARTERLY INSPECTION AS PER SPECIFICATIONS	1	LOT	
00130	COMMODITY CODE: 936-33-070578  NJ STATE POLICE TROOP "C" SUBSTATION (FRINGE RANGE) ANNUAL FLUSHING AND MAINTENANCE OF ONE FIRE DEPARTMENT CONNECTIONS AS PER SPECIFICATIONS.	1	LOT	



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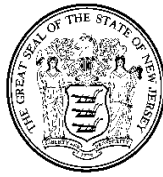
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**Revised Open Date:** May 4, 2007

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Line No	Commodity Service Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit Price
00131	COMMODITY CODE: 936-33-070579  NJ STATE POLICE TROOP "C" SUBSTATION (FRINGE RANGE) ANNUAL TEST/MAINTENANCE OF BACKFLOW PREVENTERS/CHECK VALVES AS PER SPECIFICATIONS.	1	LOT	
00132	COMMODITY CODE: 936-33-070580  EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTER ANNUAL FLOW/TRIP TEST AND INSPECTION AS PER SPECIFICATIONS.	1	LOT	
00133	COMMODITY CODE: 936-33-070581  EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTER QUARTERLY INSPECTION AS PER SPECIFICATIONS	1	LOT	
00134	COMMODITY CODE: 936-33-070582  EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTER ANNUAL FLUSHING AND MAINTENANCE OF ONE FIRE DEPARTMENT CONNECTIONS AS PER SPECIFICATIONS.	1	LOT	
00135	COMMODITY CODE: 936-33-070583  EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTER ANNUAL TEST/MAINTENANCE OF BACKFLOW PREVENTERS/CHECK VALVES AS PER SPECIFICATIONS.	1	LOT	
00136	COMMODITY CODE: 936-33-070584  EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTER ANNUAL TEST/MAINTENANCE/INSPECTIONS OF ONE 25,000 GALLON UNDERGROUND FIRE PROTECTION WATER STORAGE TANK AS PER SPECIFICATIONS.	1	LOT	



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**ADDENDUM #3  
 T-1425**

**SOLICITATION #07-X-36698**

<b>TO:</b>	All Bidders
<b>FROM</b>	General Services Unit
<b>DATE:</b>	April 27, 2007
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>TESTING, INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE OF BUILDING    FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEMS</b>

The following constitutes Addendum #3 to the above referenced solicitation. This addendum is in response to electronic questions submitted for the references solicitation.

It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure that all changes are incorporated into the original RFP.

All other instructions, terms and conditions of the RFP shall remain the same.

**NOTE:** All questions are submitted to the web as received by the Purchase Bureau. Corrections or changes to the question are addressed in the Answers.

\* - Is the confirmation number give to the electronic question submitted.

Number	Page Number	RFP Section Reference	Question	Answer
*4146	N/A	N/A	Please tell me what is the prevailing Rate for the contract work for solicitation 07-X-36698-Testing, Inspection & Maintenance. I understand that Prevailing Rate does not pertain to the Inspection portion. Please CLARIFY !	All questions pertaining to the prevailing wage rate should be directed to the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Wage and Salary Unit at 609 292-1857.