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Notice of Award (NOA)

M-0065

Automotive Parts And Accessories for Light Duty Vehicles (A71188)

Purpose & Intent:

The purpose of this contract is to provide State Agencies and Cooperative Purchasing Partners with a procurement mechanism to purchase OEM and Non-OEM automotive parts for light duty vehicles (class 4 or less, about 15,000 lb. GVWR or less) originally covered under term contract T-0065, with the exclusion of the following parts covered under various other term contracts as listed:

1. T-0097 (automotive lubricants, transmission fluid and hydraulic oil)
2. T-0117 (spark plugs, filters and PCV valves)
3. T-0963 (antifreeze and windshield washer fluid), and
4. T-0066 (batteries)

In the future, some or all of these excluded parts may be brought under M-0065 contract, which information, if and when done, would be published through a contract amendment at the M-0065 NOA web page.

Automotive parts covered under this contract are mechanical parts that comprise a vehicle. Gloves, tools, etc. are not covered under M-0065.

Background:

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2, which grants authority to the Division of Purchase and Property to participate in a nationally recognized cooperative for the purpose of achieving savings, on April 15, 2008, U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance (USC) contract # 0601343 was adopted through USC Master Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement. The following links lead to the original RFP, resulting contract and amendments, and Master Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement posted at USC web site:

Request for Proposal No. 269-2006-060:

<http://www.uscommunities.org/gpa/lib/pdf/resources/RFP269-2006060.pdf>

USC AutoZone Contract:

http://www.uscommunities.org/gpa/lib/pdf/resources/AutoParts_Contract_0601343.pdf

First Contract Amendment:

http://www.uscommunities.org/gpa/lib/pdf/resources/AutoZone_amend1.pdf

Second Contract Amendment:

http://www.uscommunities.org/gpa/lib/pdf/resources/AutoZone_amend2.pdf

Master Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement:

http://www.uscommunities.org/gpa/lib/pdf/legal/usc_iga.pdf

Method of Operation:

All using agencies authorized to participate in the State procurement must sign up/register with AutoZone before the first order is placed, using one of the following three options. All New Jersey Cooperative Procurement program participants will be verified for program eligibility prior to inclusion under the new contract.

1. For online registration, visit www.autozone.com/nj or e-mail to njcarecenter@autozone.com
2. For registration by phone, call 866-727-5317
3. For registration by fax, dial 866-354-2922.

Once registered, AutoZone will provide online ordering for about 800,000 OEM and Non-OEM automotive parts at the contract pricing, which includes shipping, handling and all other charges, with the following delivery schedule:

- 0-3 miles from AutoZone location = 30 minutes or less
- 3-5 miles from AutoZone location = 30 - 45 minutes
- 5-15 miles from AutoZone location = 3 hours
- 15+ miles from AutoZone location = 24 hours
- Non-stocked parts would be delivered in 2-3 days.

An authorized contract user can also purchase parts from one of 60+ AutoZone stores in New Jersey. AutoZone will also provide, at no extra charge:

- Onsite reviews to determine additional cost efficiencies that can be obtained through the deployment of an AutoZone Integrated Business Solution (IBS). This program provides AutoZone personnel onsite for product, parts and services management.
- Facilitation of OEM procurement and warranty service reimbursement under IBS integration.

AutoZone will also provide estimated savings on each invoice, which would be at least 20%, based on AutoZone's price for general public provided at www.autozone.com.

Procedure for Walk-In Store Purchases:

The process for a purchasing representative of an authorized using agency directly from a New Jersey AutoZone location to buy contracted automotive part(s) is as follows:

1. The purchasing representative (customer) must know/have the following information/items prior to going to the AutoZone location:
 - a) The purchasing representative identification number (PIN). This number can also be referred to as "account number" or "commercial account number", as well as proper agency issued identification.
 - b) The purchase order must be brought to the store.
 - c) The customer must either know what AutoZone part is needed or must be able to provide application information for part that is needed. Application information is the vehicle year, make, model and engine type.

2. When entering the AutoZone location, ask for the Commercial Specialist. If there is no Commercial Specialist on the location, ask for a member of management. Make sure that you inform the Commercial Specialist or the member of management that you are there to purchase parts/products under your specific commercial account (or Pin). Your Pin is a 6 digit number.
3. At this time, you should give the Commercial Specialist or the member of management your commercial account number so they can pull up your account information. (Identification will be requested at this point)
4. The Commercial Specialist or member of management will assist you in acquiring the correct part(s) that you are searching for.
5. The Commercial Specialist or member of management will ring your order up and charge it to your account if you pay by invoice. If your account is set up with P-card purchasing, your card number will be saved on the account. The physical P-card will not be needed unless this is the first time purchasing on the account. If this is the first time purchasing on the account and the account is set up for P-card purchases only (sometimes it will be referred to as a COD account), you will need to provide your P-card.

STANDARD TERMS & CONDITIONS WAIVERED COMMODITIES

July 31, 2007

- I. By Submitting a proposal in response to an Agency Request for services and/or goods ("Agency Request"), the bidder certifies that it understands and agrees that all the following terms, conditions and definitions (collectively the "Standard Terms and Conditions") are part of any contract or award placed as a result of the Agency Request unless specifically and expressly modified by reference in the Agency Request or in a writing executed by the Director, Division of Purchase and Property. Unless the bidder is specifically instructed, the following terms and conditions will apply to all contracts or purchase agreements made with the State of New Jersey. If applicable, these terms are in addition to the terms and conditions set forth in the Request for Quotations (RFQ) and should be read in conjunction with same unless the RFQ specifically indicates otherwise.
- II. If a bidder proposes changes or modifications or takes exception to any of the State's terms and conditions, the bidder must so state specifically in writing in the bid proposal. Any proposed change, modification or exception in the State's terms and conditions by a bidder may be a factor in the determination of an award of a contractor purchase agreement.
- III. All of the State's terms and conditions will become a part of any contract(s) or order(s) awarded. In the event the bidder's terms and conditions conflict with the State's, the State's terms and conditions will prevail, unless the bidder is notified in writing of the State's acceptance of the bidder's terms and conditions.
- IV. The statutes, laws or codes cited are available for review at the New Jersey State Library, 185 West State Street, Trenton, New Jersey 08625.
- V. If awarded a contract or purchase agreement, the bidder's status shall be that of any independent principal and not as an employee of the State.

1. STATE LAW REQUIRING MANDATORY COMPLIANCE BY ALL CONTRACTORS

1.1 BUSINESS REGISTRATION

- a. All New Jersey and out of State Corporations must obtain a Business Registration Certificate (BRC) from the Department of the Treasury, Division of Revenue prior to conducting business in the State of New Jersey.
- b. Proof of valid business registration with the Division of Revenue, Department of the Treasury, State of New Jersey, shall be submitted by the bidder and, if applicable, by every subcontractor of the bidder, with the bidder's bid. No contract will be awarded without proof of business registration with the Division of Revenue. Any questions in this regard can be directed to the Division of Revenue at (609) 292-1730. Form NJ-REG. Can be filed online at <http://www.state.nj.us/njbgs/services.html>.
- c. Before performing work under the contract, all sub-contractors of the contractor must provide to the contractor proof of New Jersey business registration. The contractor shall forward the business registration documents on to the using agency.

1.2 ANTI-DISCRIMINATION - All parties to any contract with the State of New Jersey agree not to discriminate in employment and agree to abide by all anti-discrimination laws including those contained within N.J.S.A. 10:2-1 through N.J.S.A. 10:2-4, N.J.S.A.10:5-1 et seq. and N.J.S.A.10:5-31 through 10:5-38, and all rules and regulations issued there under.

- 1.3 PREVAILING WAGE ACT - The New Jersey Prevailing Wage Act, N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.26 et seq. is hereby made part of every contract entered into on behalf of the State of New Jersey through the Division of Purchase and Property, except those contracts which are not within the contemplation of the Act. The bidder's signature on this proposal is his guarantee that neither he nor any subcontractors he might employ to perform the work covered by this proposal has been suspended or debarred by the Commissioner, Department of Labor for violation of the provisions of the Prevailing Wage Act and/or the Public Works Contractor Registration Acts; the bidder's signature on the proposal is also his guarantee that he and any subcontractors he might employ to perform the work covered by this proposal will comply with the provisions of the Prevailing Wage and Public Works Contractor Registration Acts, where required.
- 1.3(a) PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION ACT - The New Jersey Public Works Contractor Registration Act requires all contractors, subcontractors and lower tier subcontractors who bid on or engage in any contract for public work as defined in N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.26 be first registered with the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development. Any questions regarding the registration process should be directed to the Division of Wage and Hour Compliance at (609) 292-9464 or <http://www.nj.gov/labor/lse/lspubcon.html>;
- 1.4 AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT - The contractor must comply with all provisions of the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA), P.L. 101-336, in accordance with 42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq. 1.4
- 1.5 THE WORKER AND COMMUNITY RIGHT TO KNOW ACT - The provisions of N.J.S.A. 34:5A-1 et seq. which require the labeling of all containers of hazardous substances are applicable to this contract. Therefore, all goods offered for purchase to the State must be labeled by the contractor in compliance with the provisions of the Act.
- 1.6 OWNERSHIP DISCLOSURE - Contracts for any work, goods or services cannot be issued to any corporation or partnership unless prior to or at the time of bid submission the bidder has disclosed the names and addresses of all its owners holding 10% or more of the corporation or partnership's stock or interest. Refer to N.J.S.A. 52:25-24.2.
- 1.7 COMPLIANCE - LAWS - The contractor must comply with all local, state and federal laws, rules and regulations applicable to this contract and to the goods delivered and/or services performed hereunder.
- 1.8 COMPLIANCE - STATE LAWS - It is agreed and understood that any contracts and/or orders placed as a result of this proposal shall be governed and construed and the rights and obligations of the parties hereto shall be determined in accordance with the laws of the STATE OF NEW JERSEY.
- 1.9 P.L. 2004, C.57. The contractor and its subcontractors must comply with P.L. 2004, C.57, which requires the contractor and its subcontractors to collect and remit applicable State use tax to the New Jersey Division of Taxation on the sale of all goods and services in the State of New Jersey subject to the provisions of the "Sales and Use Tax Act," P.L. 1966, C.30 (N.J.S.A. 54:32B-1 et seq.).
- 1.10. COMPLIANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.13 et seq. All contractors are required to comply with the "pay to play" disclosure requirements set forth in the statute. Compliance requires the contractor to submit the Executive Order 134 Certification and Disclosure (DPP134-C &D). In addition, the contractor is under a continuing duty to disclose during the time of the contract all contributions made during the term of the contract covered under the statute. Towards satisfying that duty, the contractor shall submit the Continuing Disclosure of Political Contributions (DPP134-CD) when required

under the statute. Failure to comply with any of the requirements of the Executive Order may result in the termination of the contract for the reasons set forth in the statute. All forms and instructions are available on the Division of Purchase and Property web-site: <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/forms.htm>

- 1.11 COMPLIANCE - CODES - The contractor must comply with NJUCC and the latest NEC70, B.O.C.A. Basic Building code, OSHA and all applicable codes for this requirement. The contractor will be responsible for securing and paying all necessary permits, where applicable.
- 1.12 SET-OFF FOR STATE TAXES AND CHILD SUPPORT: Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:49-19, if the Contractor is entitled to payment under the Contract at the same time as it is indebted for any State tax (or is otherwise indebted to the State) or child support, the State Treasurer may set off that payment by the amount of the indebtedness.
- 1.13 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 <http://www.elec.state.nj.us/>
- 1.14 SUBCONTRACTORS: A vendor that will subcontract any of the work or services to be provided under the contract shall submit with its proposal to the agency a **Notice of Intent to Subcontract** form located on the Advertised Solicitation, Current Bid Opportunities webpage
<http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/forms/SubContracting.pdf>

2. LIABILITIES

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

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
Purchase Bureau - Waiver Number or Purchase Order Number

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

- a. Commercial General Liability policy as broad as the standard coverage forms in use in the State of New Jersey which shall not be circumscribed by any endorsements limiting the breadth of coverage.

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

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

\$1,000,000 BODILY INJURY, EACH OCCURRENCE

\$1,000,000 DISEASE EACH EMPLOYEE

\$1,000,000 DISEASE AGGREGATE LIMIT

3. TERMS GOVERNING ALL PROPOSALS TO NEW JERSEY PURCHASE BUREAU

- 3.1 CONTRACT AMOUNT - The estimated amount of the contract(s), when stated on the Purchase Order, shall not be construed as either the maximum or minimum amount which the State shall be obliged to order as the result of this Agency Request or any contract entered into as a result of this Agency Request.
- 3.2 AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS: The State's obligation to make payment under the Contract is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds from which payment for contract purposes can be made. No legal liability on the part of the State for payment of any money shall arise unless and until funds are made available each fiscal year to the using agency by the State Legislature.
- 3.3 CONTRACT PERIOD AND EXTENSION OPTION - If, in the opinion of the Director of the Division of Purchase and Property, it is in the best interest of the State to extend any contract entered into as a result of this Agency Request, the contractor will be so notified of the Director's intent at least 30 days prior to the expiration date of the existing contract. The contractor shall have 15 calendar days to respond to the Director's request to extend the contract. If the contractor agrees to the extension, all terms and conditions of the original contract, including price, will be applicable.
- 3.4 CONTRACT TRANSITION - In the event services end by either contract expiration or termination, it shall be incumbent upon the contractor to continue service, if requested by the State, until new services can be completely operational. The contractor acknowledges its responsibility to cooperate with the replacement contractor and the State to ensure a smooth and timely transition to the replacement contractor. Such transitional period shall not extend more than one hundred eighty (180) days beyond the expiration date of the contract or any extension thereof. The contractor will be reimbursed for services during the transition period at the rates in effect when this section is invoked by the State.

3.5 BID AND PERFORMANCE SECURITY

- a. Bid Security - If bid security is required, such security must be submitted with the bid in the amount listed in the Request for Proposal, see N.J.A.C. 17:12-2.4. Acceptable forms of bid security are as follows:

- 1. A properly executed individual or annual bid bond issued by an insurance or security company authorized to do business in the State of New Jersey, a certified or cashier's check drawn to the order of the Treasurer, State of New Jersey, or an irrevocable letter of credit drawn naming the Treasurer, State of New Jersey as beneficiary issued by a federally insured financial institution.
- 2. The State will hold all bid security during the evaluation process. As soon as is practicable after the completion of the evaluation, the State will:
 - a. Issue an award notice for those offers accepted by the State;
 - b. Return all bond securities to those who have not been issued an award notice.

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

- b. Performance Security - If performance security is required, the successful bidder shall furnish performance security in such amount on any award of a term contractor line item purchase, see N.J.A.C. 17:12-2.5. Acceptable forms of performance security are as follows:

- 1. The contractor shall be required to furnish an irrevocable security in the amount listed in the Agency Request payable to the Treasurer, State of New Jersey, binding the contractor to provide faithful performance of the contract.
- 2. The performance security shall be in the form of a properly executed individual or annual performance bond issued by an insurance or security company authorized to do business in the State of New Jersey, a certified or cashier's check drawn to the order of the Treasurer, State of New Jersey, or an irrevocable letter of credit drawn naming the Treasurer, State of New Jersey as beneficiary issued by a federally insured financial institution.

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

3.6 TERMINATION OF CONTRACT

a. For Convenience:

Notwithstanding any provision or language in this contract to the contrary, the Director may terminate at any time, in whole or in part, any contract entered into as a result of this Agency Request for the convenience of the State, upon no less than 30 days written notice to the contractor.

b. For cause:

1. Where a contractor fails to perform or comply with a contract, and/or fails to comply with the complaints procedure in N.J.A.C. 17:12-4.1 et seq., the Director may terminate the contract upon 10 days notice to the contractor with an opportunity to respond.
 2. Where a contractor continues to perform a contract poorly as demonstrated by formal complaints, late delivery, poor performance of service, short-shipping etc., so that the Director is repeatedly required to use the complaints procedure in N.J.A.C. 17:12-4.1 et seq. the Director may terminate the contract upon 10 days notice to the contractor with an opportunity to respond.
 3. The Director's right to rescind the contract award for cause includes any reason set forth in any other provision contained in the Contract.
 4. The failure of a Contractor to respond to the Director's notice of intent to rescind the contract award within the ten (10) day period automatically converts said notice into a final agency decision without further action of the Director.
 5. The Director's right to rescind the contract award for cause includes the Contractor's performance on any other State contract, a violation of state or federal law (as demonstrated by the Contractor's admissions of same or a final decision of an appropriate decision-making body), or any reason related to the ability of the contractor to fulfill its contractual obligations. The Director may also rescind any contract with a federally debarred contractor or a contractor which is presently identified on the list of parties excluded from federal procurement and non-procurement contracts.
 6. Except for termination of the contract by the Director for convenience, upon rescission of the contract award, the Director may acquire the services which are the subject of the Contract from another source and may charge the Contractor whose contract award has been rescinded the difference in price, and the said Contractor shall be liable for same.
- c. In cases of emergency the Director may shorten the time periods of notification and may dispense with an opportunity to respond.
- d. In the event of termination under this section, the contractor will be compensated for work performed in accordance with the contract, up to the date of termination. Such compensation may be subject to adjustments.

3.7 COMPLAINTS - Where a bidder has a history of performance problems as demonstrated by formal complaints and/or contract 3.6 cancellations for cause

pursuant to 3.5b a bidder may be bypassed for this award. See N.J.A.C. 17:12-2.8.

3.8 EXTENSION OF CONTRACT QUASI-STATE AGENCIES - It is understood and agreed that in addition to State Agencies, Quasi-State 3.7 Agencies may also participate in this contract. Quasi-State Agencies are defined in N.J.S.A. 52:27B-56.1 as any agency, commission, board, authority or other such governmental entity which is established and is allocated to a State department or any bi-state governmental entity of which the State of New Jersey is a member.

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

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

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

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

3.10 EXTENSIONS OF CONTRACTS TO COUNTY COLLEGES - N.J.S.A. 18A:64A-25.9 permits any college to participate in any term 3.9 contract(s) that may be established as a result of this proposal.

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

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

In the event the bidder proposes to subcontract for the services to be performed under the terms of the contract award, he shall state so in his bid and attach for approval a list of said subcontractors and an itemization of the products and/or services to be supplied by them. A vendor that proposes to subcontract any of the work or services to be provided under the contract shall submit with its proposal to the agency a **Notice of Intent to Subcontract** form located on the Advertised Solicitation, Current Bid Opportunities webpage
<http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/bid/summary/<bid#>.shtml>.

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

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

- a. Corporate resolutions prepared by the awarded contractor and new entity ratifying acceptance of the original contract, terms, conditions and prices.
- b. State of New Jersey Bidders Application reflecting all updated information including ownership disclosure, pursuant to provision 1.5.
- c. Vendor Federal Employer Identification Number.
- d. Ownership Disclosure: Within thirty (30) days after any merger or acquisition, the Contractor must disclose the names and addresses of all of its owners and potential owners which hold or may acquire 10% or more of its stock or interest. The Contractor has the continuing obligation to notify the Division of any change in its ownership affecting 10% or more of its ownership as soon as such change has been completed. Compliance with this provision does not give rise to any rights to the Contract to the acquirer or resulting entity (in the case of a merger) without the written consent of the Director.

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

- e. Dissolution: If, during the term of the Contract, the Contractor's partnership, joint venture or corporation shall dissolve, the Director must be so notified. All responsible parties of the dissolved partnership or corporation must submit to the Director, in writing, the names of the parties proposed to perform the contract and the names of the parties to whom payment should be made. No payment will be made until all parties to the dissolved partnership, joint venture or corporation submit the required documents to the Director. If the Contractor is (1) a corporation, it must provide a copy of the corporate resolution to dissolve; (2) a partnership, the written statement of the partnership, general partner, receiver or custodian thereof that the partnership has dissolved; and (3) a joint venture, the written agreement of the principal parties thereto to dissolve the joint venture.

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

- a. The equipment offered is standard new equipment, and is the manufacturer's latest model in production, with parts regularly used for the type of equipment offered; that such parts are all in production and not likely to be discontinued; and that no attachment or part has been substituted or applied contrary to manufacturer's recommendations and standard practice.
- b. All equipment supplied to the State and operated by electrical current is UL listed where applicable.
- c. All new machines are to be guaranteed as fully operational for the period stated in the Agency Request from time of written acceptance by the State. The bidder will render prompt service without charge, regardless of geographic location.

- d. Sufficient quantities of parts necessary for proper service to equipment will be maintained at distribution points and service headquarters.
- e. Trained mechanics are regularly employed to make necessary repairs to equipment in the territory from which the service request might emanate within a 48-hour period or within the time accepted as industry practice.
- f. During the warranty period, the contractor shall replace immediately any material which is rejected for failure to meet the requirements of the contract.
- g. All services rendered to the State shall be performed in strict and full accordance with the specifications stated in the contract. The contract shall not be considered complete until final approval by the State's using agency is rendered.

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

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

Items delivered must be strictly in accordance with the Agency Request.

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

3.16 DIRECTOR'S RIGHT OF FINAL BID ACCEPTANCE - The Director reserves the right to reject any or all bids, or to award in whole or in part if deemed to be in the best interest of the State to do so. The Director shall have authority to award orders or contracts to the vendor or vendors best meeting all specifications and conditions in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:34-12. Tie bids will be awarded by the Director in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:12-2.10.

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

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

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

3.19 STATE'S RIGHT TO REQUEST FURTHER INFORMATION - The Director reserves the right to request all information which may assist him in making a contract award, including factors necessary to evaluate the bidder's financial capabilities to perform

the contract. Further, the Director reserves the right to request a bidder to explain in detail how the bid price was determined.

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

4. TERMS RELATING TO PRICE QUOTATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For every contract the term of which spans more than one fiscal year, the State's

obligation to make payment beyond the current fiscal year is contingent upon legislative appropriation and availability of funds.

The State of New Jersey now offers State contractors the opportunity to be paid through the MasterCard procurement card (p-card). A contractor's acceptance and a State Agency's use of the p-card, however, is optional. P-card transactions do not require the submission of either a contractor invoice or a State payment voucher. Purchasing transactions utilizing the p-card 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 card. For more information, call your bank or any merchant services company.

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

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

- 4.7 RECIPROCITY - In accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:32-1.4 and N.J.A.C. 17:12-2.13, the State of New Jersey will invoke reciprocal action against an out-of-State bidder whose state or locality maintains a preference practice for their bidders.

5. CASH DISCOUNTS - Bidders are encouraged to offer cash discounts based on expedited payment by the State. The State will make efforts to take advantage of discounts, but discounts will not be considered in determining the lowest bid.
- a. Discount periods shall be calculated starting from the next business day after the recipient has accepted the goods or services, received a properly signed and executed State Payment Voucher form and, when required, a properly executed performance security, whichever is latest.
 - b. The date on the check issued by the State in payment of that Voucher shall be deemed the date of the State's response to that Voucher.
6. STANDARDS PROHIBITING CONFLICTS OF INTEREST - The following prohibitions on vendor activities shall apply to all contracts or purchase agreements made with the State of New Jersey, pursuant to Executive Order No. 189 (1988).
- a. No vendor shall pay, offer to pay, or agree to pay, either directly or indirectly, any fee, commission, compensation, gift, gratuity, or other thing of value of any kind to any State officer or employee or special State officer or employee, as defined by N.J.S.A. 52:13D-13b. and e., in the Department of the Treasury or any other agency with which such vendor transacts or offers or proposes to transact business, or to any member of the immediate family, as defined by N.J.S.A. 52:13D-13i., of any such officer or employee, or partnership, firm or corporation with which they are employed or associated, or in which such officer or employee has an interest within the meaning of N.J.S.A. 52:13D-13g.

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

7. NOTICES: All notices required under this contract shall be in writing and shall be validly and sufficiently served by the Agency and/or Division upon the Contractor, and vice versa, if addressed and mailed by certified mail to the addresses set forth in the Contract.

8. CLAIMS: The following shall govern claims made by the Contractor against the State concerning interpretation of the Contract, Contractor performance and/or rescission of the contract award:

- A. No dispute concerning the interpretation of the Contract and/or Contractors performance under the Contract shall be deemed a contested case as defined in the Administrative Procedure Act, or the regulations promulgated thereunder. Any such dispute shall be subject to an informal hearing by the Director, or the designee thereof, if the Director determines that an informal hearing is necessary to resolve the issue(s). The Director's final decision shall be deemed a final agency action reviewable by the Superior Court of New Jersey, Appellate Division.
- B. All claims asserted against the State and/or Agency by the Contractor shall be subject to the New Jersey Tort Claims Act, N.J.S.A. 59:1-1, et seq., and the New Jersey Contractual Liability Act, N.J.S.A. 59:13-1, et seq.

- C. In the event the contractor fails to comply with any material contract requirement, the Director may take steps to terminate the contract in accordance with the State Administrative Code. In this event, the Director may authorize delivery of contract items by any available means, with the difference between the prices paid and 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.

9. APPLICABLE LAW: This agreement and any and all litigation arising therefrom or related thereto shall be governed by the applicable laws, regulations and rules of evidence of the State of New Jersey without reference to conflict of laws principles.

I HEREBY ACCEPT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS
OF THIS AGREEMENT

Mark A. Brulet / [Signature]
NAME
VP Commercial / SVP COMMERCIAL
TITLE
AutoZone Northeast, Inc./AutoZone Northeast, Inc.
COMPANY NAME
3/24/08 / 3/24/08
DATE

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM
R. Ballou [Signature]
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