

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

**TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR AGENCIES TO PURCHASE TELEHEALTH
EQUIPMENT /TECHNOLOGY TO SERVICE CONSUMERS WITH AN OPIOID
USE DISORDER IN THE COMMUNITY**

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I. Purpose and Intent

This Request for Proposal (RFP) is funded through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) State Opioid Response (SOR) Grant. The SOR grant period is September 30, 2018 to September 29, 2020. The contract awarded as a result of this RFP is for one-time funding from award through September 29, 2020. The Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) anticipates making twenty-five (25) awards of \$15,000 each to substance use disorder (SUD) licensed agencies. Each successful bidder is required to provide matching funds in the amount of \$10,000 (minimum) to support the purchase of telehealth equipment to be used for individuals in the community needing services for opioid use disorder treatment, physical health referrals, medication access, and other linkages. Total available funding for this RFP is \$375,000 in one-time funding, subject to federal appropriations.

II. Background and Population to be Served

SAMHSA's, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) and Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) announced the opportunity for states and territories to apply for SOR funding on June 14, 2018. Funding was made available for grants to states and territories via a formula. The goals of New Jersey SOR are to address the opioid crisis by increasing access to treatment, reducing unmet treatment need, and reducing opioid overdose related deaths through the provision of prevention, treatment and recovery activities for OUD.

The Office for the Advancement of Telehealth (OAT)¹ promotes the use of telehealth technologies for health care delivery, education, and health information services. Telehealth is especially critical in rural and other remote areas that lack sufficient health care services, including specialty care.

Telehealth is defined as the use of electronic information and telecommunication technologies to support long-distance clinical health care, patient and professional health-related education, public health, and health administration. Technologies include video conferencing, the internet, store-and-forward imaging, streaming media, and terrestrial and wireless communications.² Telehealth can increase access to addiction treatment services by removing the barrier of geography and stigma.³

¹ OAT is under the auspices of the Health Resources and Services Administration's Federal Office of Rural Health

² University of Michigan, Use of telehealth within Behavioral Health Settings: Utilizations, Opportunities and Challenges. March 2018

³ Baca, C.T., Alvercon, D.C., Manuel, J.K. & Blackwell, G.L. (2007). Telecounseling in Rural Areas for Alcohol Problems.

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The range and use of telehealth services have expanded over the past decades, along with the role of technology in improving and coordinating care. Traditional models of telehealth involve care delivered to a patient at an originating (or hub) site from a specialist working at a distant (or spoke) site. A telehealth network consists of a series of originating sites receiving services from a collaborating distant site.

III. Written Intent to Apply and Contract for Further Information

Bidders must email RFP.Submissions@dhs.nj.gov by no later than February 7, 2020 indicating their agency's intent to submit a proposal. Submitting a notice of intent to apply does not obligate an agency to apply. Failure to submit an intent to apply does not disqualify an agency from applying for this funding opportunity.

Any questions regarding this RFP should be directed via email to RFP.Submissions@dhs.nj.gov no later than February 12, 2020. All questions and responses will be compiled and emailed to all those who provided a notice of intent to apply. Bidders are guided to rely upon the information in this RFP and the responses to questions that were submitted by email to develop their proposals. Specific guidance, however, will not be provided to individual applicants at any time.

The following summarizes the RFP schedule:

1/29/20	Notice of Funding Availability
2/7/20	Written Intent to Apply
3/6/20	Deadline for receipt of proposals: no later than 4:00 p.m.
4/7/20	Preliminary award announcement
4/14/20	Appeal deadline
4/21/20	Final award announcement
6/1/20	Anticipated award start date

IV. Who Can Apply?

To be eligible for consideration, bidders must meet the following requirements:

- The bidder must be a non-profit or for-profit entity or governmental entity;
- The bidder must be licensed by the Department of Health (DOH), Office of Certificate of Need and Licensing (CN&L) to provide SUD services at the time of proposal submission.
- For a bidder that has a contract with DMHAS in place when this RFP is issued, that bidder must have all outstanding Plans of Correction (PoC) for deficiencies submitted to DMHAS for approval prior to submission;
- The bidder must be fiscally viable based upon an assessment of the bidder's audited financial statements. If a bidder is determined, in DMHAS' sole discretion, to be insolvent or to present insolvency within the twelve (12) months after bid submission, DMHAS will deem the proposal ineligible for contract award;

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- The bidder must not appear on the State of New Jersey Consolidated Debarment Report at <https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/revenue/debarment/debarchsearch.shtml> or be suspended or debarred by any other State or Federal entity from receiving funds.
- The bidder shall not employ a member of the Board of Directors as an employee or in a consultant capacity;
- Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:32-44, a for-profit bidder and each proposed subcontractor must have a valid Business Registration Certificate on file with the Division of Revenue, i.e., this statutory requirement does not apply to nonprofit organizations, private colleges and universities, or state and municipal agencies.

V. Contract Scope of Work

No capital funding is available through the DMHAS for this initiative.

DMHAS is soliciting proposals from licensed community partners who are able to use telehealth technology to expand, support and provide access to OUD treatment services to individuals who otherwise have difficulty getting these services. Types of services can be referral and access to OUD treatment, physical health referrals, medication access and referrals to care management and other services. Telehealth can be used across the continuum of care to deliver and enhance behavioral health services.

Telehealth includes the use of information and communication technology, including the use of electronic health records (EHRs), streaming media and video conferencing to exchange health information and provide health services, purchasing of applications for encryption and compliance with HIPPA and 42 CFR. These services will assist consumers in seeking and connecting with behavioral health and/or physical health needs.

Each successful bidder is required to provide matching funds in the amount of \$10,000 (minimum) to support the purchase and use of telehealth equipment to be used for individuals with an OUD in the community needing this service.

Equipment must be procured and operational immediately, but no later than three (3) months after contract award.

Reports will be submitted quarterly for a period of two years to DMHAS that provide data on: number of total individuals served, types of services provided, such as evaluations, medications, number of unique individuals served, average time spent on encounter and number of encounters.

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Successful bidders must adhere to all applicable State and Federal cost principles. Budgets should be reasonable and reflect the scope of work in order to accomplish the goals of this project.

VI. General Contracting Information

Bidders must currently meet or be able to meet the terms and conditions of the Department of Human Services (DHS) contracting rules and regulations as set forth in the Standard Language Document (SLD), the Contract Reimbursement Manual (CRM), and the Contract Policy and Information Manual (CPIM). These documents are available on the DHS website at:

<http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/olra/ocpm/resources/manuals/>

Bidders are required to comply with the Affirmative Action Requirements of Public Law 1975, c. 124 (N.J.A.C. 17:27) and the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1991 (P.L. 101-336).

Budgets should be reasonable and reflect the scope of Telehealth technology that the agency anticipates providing and should reflect the broader goals in order to accomplish this project.

All bidders will be notified in writing of the State's intent to award a contract. All proposals are considered public information and will be made available for a defined period after announcement of the contract award and prior to final award, as well as through the State Open Public Records Act process at the conclusion of the RFP process.

The contracts awarded as a result of this RFP are a one-time funding from award that must be expended by September 29, 2020. Funds may only be used to purchase telehealth products that are specific to this award; hence, this funding may not be used to supplant or duplicate existing funding streams.

Contract commitments will be negotiated based upon representations made in response to the RFP. Failure to deliver commitments may result in termination of the contract.

In accordance with DHS Policy P1.12 available on the web at <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/olra/ocpm/resources/manuals/>, programs awarded pursuant to this RFP will be separately clustered until the DMHAS determines, in its sole discretion, that the program is stable in terms of service provision, expenditures, and applicable revenue generation.

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VII. Required Proposal Content

All proposal submissions will be evaluated based on the elements indicated below. The proposal must not exceed 20 pages (not inclusive of appendices and required attachments.) All proposals must include responses that clearly correspond to each category as delineated below.

Funding Proposal Cover Sheet: (See Attachment A)

Bidder's Organization, History and Experience: (15 points)

Provide a brief and concise summary of the bidder's background and experience and explain how the bidder is qualified to fulfill the obligations of the RFP. The written narrative should:

1. Describe the bidder's history, mission, purpose, current licenses and modalities, and record of accomplishments. Explain the work and the number of years' experience with the OUD target population;
2. Summarize the bidder's administrative and organizational capacity to establish and implement sound administrative practices and successfully carry out the proposed program;
3. Include a description of the bidder's ability to provide culturally competent services;
4. Describe the bidder's current status and history relative to debarment by any State, Federal or local government agency. If there is debarment activity, it must be explained with supporting documentation as an appendix to the bidder's proposal;
5. Provide a description of all active litigation in which the bidder is involved, including pending litigation of which the bidder has received notice. Failure to disclose active or pending litigation may result in the bidder being ineligible for contract award at DMHAS' sole discretion;
6. For DMHAS systems that the bidder is required to use, document that the bidder's submissions are up-to-date in New Jersey Substance Abuse Management System (NJSAMS), Unified Service Transaction Form (USTF), Quarterly Contract Monitoring Report (QCMR), Bed Enrollment Data System (BEDS), and New Jersey Mental Health Application for Payment Processing (NJMHAPP); and
7. Describe the bidder's current status and compliance with contract commitments in regard to programmatic performance and level of service, if applicable.

Project Description: (30 points)

In this section, the bidder is to provide an overview of how the services detailed in the scope of work will be implemented and the timeframes involved, specifically addressing the following:

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1. The type of telehealth technology the agency anticipates purchasing; and how it is to be structured for use.
2. The full range of services that will be provided using telehealth technology.
3. The location for the telehealth services, e.g., client's home, designated sites, etc.
4. The number of individuals that will be served by the telehealth program as a result of this initiative.
5. The availability of telehealth services.
6. The strategies that will be used for engaging individuals with an OUD.

Outcome(s) and Evaluation: (15 points)

Provide the following information related to the projected outcomes associated with the proposal as well any evaluation method that will be utilized to measure successes and/or setbacks associated with this project:

1. The bidder's measurement of the achievement of identified goals and objectives.
2. The bidder's approach to measurement of consumer satisfaction.
3. Description of all tools to be used in the evaluation.

Facilities/Equipment: (20 Points)

The bidder should detail its facilities where its normal business operations will be performed and identify equipment and other logistical issues including a minimum:

1. A description of the manner in which tangible assets, i.e., telehealth equipment computers, phones, other special service equipment, etc., will be acquired and allocated.
2. A description of the bidder's Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility to its facilities, offices and of the technology that will enable accessibility for individuals with disabilities.
3. Describe how the agency will continue to support telehealth technology so that it continues to be provided after the acquisition of the equipment.

Budget: (20 points)

DMHAS will consider the cost efficiency of the proposed budget as it relates to the scope of work. Therefore, bidders must clearly indicate how this funding will be used to meet the program goals and/or requirements. In addition to the required budget forms, bidders are asked to provide budget notes.

The budget should be reasonable and reflect the scope of responsibilities required to accomplish the goals of this project. The budget should also reflect the required matching funds. All costs associated with the completion of the project must be delineated and the budget notes must clearly articulate the details of all proposed budget items including a description of miscellaneous expenses and other costs.

1. A narrative and itemized budget using the Annex B Excel template is required. Only approved category J will need to be completed to satisfy the scope of work detailed

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in the RFP, equipment purchase. The excel budget template will be emailed to those who submit an intent apply.

2. Budget Notes that detail and explain the proposed budget methodology, estimates and assumptions made for expenses and the calculations/computations to support the proposed budget. The State's proposal reviewers need to fully understand the bidder's budget projections from the information presented in its proposal. Failure to provide adequate information could result in lower ranking of the proposal. Budget Notes, to the extent possible, should be displayed on the Excel template itself.
3. The name and address of each organization – other than third-party payers – providing support and/or money to help fund the program for which the proposal is being submitted.
4. Written assurance that if the bidder receives an award pursuant to this RFP, it will:
 - a. Pursue all available sources of revenue and support upon award and in future contracts, including agreement to pursue Medicaid certification;
 - b. Comply with DMHAS reporting requirements specific to this initiative; and
 - c. Provide the full range of services delineated in the DMHAS and related regulations to all enrolled consumers.

Appendices

The following items must be included as appendices with the bidder's proposal, limiting appendices to a total of 20 pages. **Omission of items #7-10 with proposal will exclude proposal from review.**

1. Bidder's mission statement;
2. Organizational chart;
3. A description of all pending and in-process audits identifying the requestor, the firm's name and telephone number, and the type and scope of the audit;
4. List the board of directors, officers, and terms;
5. Copy of documentation of the bidder's charitable registration status, if applicable (www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/charities);
6. Department of Human Services Statement of Assurances (RFP Attachment C);
7. Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion Lower Tier Covered Transactions (RFP Attachment D);
8. Disclosure of Investment in Iran (www.nj.gov/treasury/purchase/forms.shtml); and
9. Statement of Bidder/Vendor Ownership Disclosure (www.nj.gov/treasury/purchase/forms.shtml).
10. Original and/or copies of letters of commitment/support;

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Additional attachments that are requested in the written narrative section and not listed in Items #1-11 under Appendices do not count towards the 20-page limit for appendices. Appendix information exceeding 20 pages will not be reviewed.

The documents listed below are also required with the proposal, **unless the bidder has a current contract with DMHAS and these documents are current and on file with DMHAS.**

1. Most recent single audit report (A133) or certified statements (submit only two (2) copies); and
2. Any other audits performed in the last two (2) years (submit only two [2] copies).

VIII. Submission of Proposal Requirements

DMHAS assumes no responsibility and bears no liability for costs incurred by the bidder in the preparation and submittal of a proposal in response to this RFP. The narrative portion of the proposal should not exceed 20 pages, be single-spaced with one (1") inch margins, and no smaller than twelve (12) point Arial, Courier or Times New Roman font. For example, if the bidder's narrative starts on page 3 and ends on page 23 it is 21 pages, not 20 pages. DMHAS will not consider any information submitted beyond the page limit for RFP evaluation purposes.

The budget notes and appendix items do not count towards the narrative page limit. Proposals must be submitted no later than 4:00 p.m. March 6, 2020. All bidders are required to submit one (1) original and five (5) copies of the proposal narrative, budget and appendices (six [6] total proposal packages) to the following address:

For U.S. Postal Service delivery:

Alicia Meyer, RFP Coordinator
Department of Human Services
Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services
PO Box 362
Hamilton, NJ 08691

OR

For private delivery vendor such as UPS or FedEx:

Alicia Meyer, RFP Coordinator
Department of Human Services
Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services
5 Commerce Way, Suite 100
Hamilton, NJ 08691

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The bidder may mail or hand-deliver its proposal, however, DMHAS is not responsible for items mailed but not received by the due date. Note that U.S. Postal Service two-day priority mail delivery to the post office box listed above may result in the bidder's proposal not arriving timely and, therefore, being deemed ineligible for RFP evaluation. The bidder will not be notified that its proposal has been received. The State will not accept facsimile transmission of proposals.

In addition to the required hard copies, the bidder must also submit its proposal (including budget, budget notes, and appendices) electronically by the deadline using a file transfer protocol site. Username and password are case sensitive and must be typed exactly as shown below. Once logged in, the upload button is on the upper left side. Upload the proposal and budget files separately, including the bidder's name in both file names. Click on the green check mark in order to submit the files. Once the upload is complete, click the red logout button at the top right of the screen.

Go to: <https://ftpw.dhs.state.nj.us>.
Username - xbpupload
Password - Network1!
Directory - /ftp-dmhas/xbpupload

IX. Review of Proposals

There will be a review process for all responsive proposals. DMHAS will convene a review committee of public employees to conduct a review of each proposal accepted for review.

The bidder must obtain a minimum score of 70 points out of 100 points for the proposal narrative and budget sections in order to be considered eligible for funding.

DMHAS will award up to 20 points for fiscal viability, using a standardized scoring rubric based on the audit, which will be added to the average score given to the proposal from the review committee. Thus, the maximum points any proposal can receive is 120 points which includes the combined score from the proposal narrative and budget as well as fiscal viability.

In addition, if a bidder is determined, in DMHAS' sole discretion, to be insolvent or to present insolvency within the twelve (12) months after bid submission, DMHAS will deem the proposal ineligible for contract award.

Contract award recommendations will be based on such factors as the proposal scope, quality and appropriateness, bidder history and experience, as well as budget reasonableness. The review committee will look for evidence of cultural competence in each section of the narrative. The review committee may choose to visit a bidder's existing program(s), invite a bidder for interview, and/or review any programmatic or

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fiscal documents in the possession of DMHAS. The bidder is advised that the contract award may be conditional upon final contract and budget negotiation.

DMHAS reserves the right to reject any and all proposals when circumstances indicate that it is in its best interest to do so. DMHAS' best interests in this context include, but are not limited to, loss of funding, inability of the bidder(s) to provide adequate services, an indication of misrepresentation of information and/or non-compliance with State and federal laws and regulations, existing DHS contracts, and procedures set forth in DHS Policy Circular P1.04

<http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/olra/ocpm/resources/manuals/>

DMHAS will notify all bidders of contract awards, contingent upon the satisfactory final negotiation of a contract, by April 7, 2020.

X. Appeal of Award Decisions

An appeal of any award decision may be made only by a respondent to this RFP. All appeals must be made in writing and be received by DMHAS at the address below no later than 4:00 p.m. on April 14, 2020. The written appeal must clearly set forth the basis for the appeal.

Appeal correspondence should be addressed to:

Valerie L. Mielke, Assistant Commissioner
Department of Human Services
Division of Mental Health & Addiction Services
5 Commerce Way
PO Box 362
Hamilton, NJ 08691
Fax: 609-341-2302

Or via email: Alicia.meyer@dhs.nj.gov

Please note that all costs incurred in connection with appeals of DMHAS decisions are considered unallowable cost for the purpose of DMHAS contract funding.

DMHAS will review all appeals and render a final decision by April 21, 2020. Contract award(s) will not be considered final until all timely filed appeals have been reviewed and final decisions rendered.

XI. Post Award Required Documentation

Upon final contract award announcement, the successful bidder(s) must be prepared to submit (if not already on file), one (1) original signed document for those requiring a

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signature or copy of the following documentation (unless noted otherwise) in order to process the contract in a timely manner, as well as any other contract documents required by DHS/DMHAS.

1. Most recent IRS Form 990/IRS Form 1120, and Pension Form 5500 (if applicable) (submit two [2] copies);
2. Copy of the Annual Report-Charitable Organization (for information visit: http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/revenue/dcr/programs/ann_rpt.shtml);
3. A list of all current contracts and grants as well as those for which the bidder has applied for from any Federal, state, local government or private agency during the contract term proposed herein, including awarding agency name, amount, period of performance, and purpose of the contract/grant, as well as a contact name for each award and the phone number;
4. Proof of insurance naming the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services, PO Box 362, Hamilton, NJ 08601 as an additional insured;
5. Board Resolution identifying the authorized staff and signatories for contract actions on behalf of the bidder;
6. Current Agency By-laws;
7. Current Personnel Manual or Employee Handbook;
8. Copy of Lease or Mortgage;
9. Certificate of Incorporation;
10. Co-occurring policies and procedures;
11. Policies regarding the use of medications, if applicable;
12. Policies regarding Recovery Support, specifically peer support services;
13. Conflict of Interest Policy;
14. Affirmative Action Policy;
15. Affirmative Action Certificate of Employee Information Report, newly completed AA 302 form, or a copy of Federal Letter of Approval verifying operation under a federally approved or sanctioned Affirmative Action program. (AA Certificate must be submitted within 60 days of submitting completed AA302 form to Office of Contract Compliance);
16. A copy of all applicable licenses;
17. Local Certificates of Occupancy;
18. Master lease agreements, evidence of all State (non-DMHAS), federal and local housing subsidies and resources.
19. Current State of New Jersey Business Registration;
20. Procurement Policy;
21. Current equipment inventory of items purchased with DHS funds (Note: the inventory shall include: a description of the item [make, model], a State identifying number or code, original date of purchase, purchase price, date of receipt, location at the Provider Agency, person(s) assigned to the equipment, etc.);
22. All subcontracts or consultant agreements, related to the DHS contract, signed and dated by both parties;

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23. Business Associate Agreement (BAA) for Health Insurance Portability Accountability Act of 1996 compliance, if applicable, signed and dated;
24. Updated single audit report (A133) or certified statements, if differs from one submitted with proposal;
25. Business Registration (online inquiry to obtain copy at https://www1.state.nj.us/TYTR_BRC/jsp/BRCLoginJsp.jsp; for an entity doing business with the State for the first time, it may register at <http://www.nj.gov/treasury/revenue>);
26. Source Disclosure (EO129) (www.nj.gov/treasury/purchase/forms.shtml); and
27. Chapter 51 Pay-to-Play Certification (www.nj.gov/treasury/purchase/forms.shtml).

XII. Attachments

Attachment A – Proposal Cover Sheet

_____ Date Received

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services
Proposal Cover Sheet

Name of RFP _____

Incorporated Name of Bidder: _____

Type: Public _____ Profit _____ Non-Profit _____ Hospital-Based _____

Federal ID Number: _____ Charities Reg. Number (if applicable) _____

DUNS Number: _____

Address of Bidder: _____

Contact Person Name and Title: _____

Phone No.: _____ Email Address: _____

Total dollar amount requested: _____ Fiscal Year End: _____

Funding Period: From _____ to _____

Total number of unduplicated consumers to be served: _____

County in which services are to be provided: _____

Brief description of services by program name and level of service to be provided:

Authorization: Chief Executive Officer (printed name): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Attachment B – Addendum to RFP for Social Service and Training Contracts

STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES ADDENDUM TO REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR SOCIAL SERVICE AND TRAINING CONTRACTS

Executive Order No. 189 establishes the expected standard of responsibility for all parties that enter into a contract with the State of New Jersey. All such parties must meet a standard of responsibility that assures the State and its citizens that such parties will compete and perform honestly in their dealings with the State and avoid conflicts of interest.

As used in this document, "provider agency" or "provider" means any person, firm, corporation, or other entity or representative or employee thereof that offers or proposes to provide goods or services to or performs any contract for the Department of Human Services.

In compliance with Paragraph 3 of Executive Order No. 189, no provider agency 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 provider agency 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 any 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.

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 provider agency shall be reported in writing forthwith by the provider agency to the Attorney General and the Executive Commission on Ethical Standards.

No provider agency 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 provider agency to, any 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.

No provider agency 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.

No provider agency 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 provider agency or any other person.

The provisions cited above shall not be construed to prohibit a State officer or employee or special State officer or employee from receiving gifts from or contracting with provider agencies under the same terms and conditions as are offered or made available to members of the general public subject to any guidelines the Executive Commission on Ethical Standards may promulgate.

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Attachment C – Statement of Assurances

Department of Human Services Statement of Assurances

As the duly authorized Chief Executive Officer/Administrator, I am aware that submission to the Department of Human Services of the accompanying application constitutes the creation of a public document that may be made available upon request at the completion of the RFP process. This may include the application, budget, and list of applicants (bidder's list). In addition, I certify that the applicant:

- Has legal authority to apply for the funds made available under the requirements of the RFP, and has the institutional, managerial and financial capacity (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal/State share of project costs, as appropriate) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of the project described in this application.
- Will give the New Jersey Department of Human Services, or its authorized representatives, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the award; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). Will give proper notice to the independent auditor that DHS will rely upon the fiscal year end audit report to demonstrate compliance with the terms of the contract.
- Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain. This means that the applicant did not have any involvement in the preparation of the RFP, including development of specifications, requirements, statement of works, or the evaluation of the RFP applications/bids.
- Will comply with all federal and State statutes and regulations relating to non-discrimination. These include but are not limited to: 1) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352; 34 CFR Part 100) which prohibits discrimination based on race, color or national origin; 2) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. 794; 34 CFR Part 104), which prohibits discrimination based on handicaps and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), 42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.; 3) Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6101 et. seq.; 45 CFR part 90), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; 4) P.L. 2975, Chapter 127, of the State of New Jersey (N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et. seq.) and associated executive orders pertaining to affirmative action and non-discrimination on public contracts; 5) federal Equal Employment Opportunities Act; and 6) Affirmative Action Requirements of PL 1975 c. 127 (NJAC 17:27).
- Will comply with all applicable federal and State laws and regulations.
- Will comply with the Davis-Bacon Act, 40 U.S.C. 276a-276a-5 (29 CFR 5.5) and the New Jersey Prevailing Wage Act, N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.27 et seq. and all regulations pertaining thereto.

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- Is in compliance, for all contracts in excess of \$100,000, with the Byrd Anti-Lobbying amendment, incorporated at Title 31 U.S.C. 1352. This certification extends to all lower tier subcontracts as well.
- Has included a statement of explanation regarding any and all involvement in any litigation, criminal or civil.
- Has signed the certification in compliance with federal Executive Orders 12549 and 12689 and State Executive Order 34 and is not presently debarred, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded. The applicant will have signed certifications on file for all subcontracted funds.
- Understands that this provider agency is an independent, private employer with all the rights and obligations of such, and is not a political subdivision of the Department of Human Services.
- Understands that unresolved monies owed the Department and/or the State of New Jersey may preclude the receipt of this award.

Applicant Organization

Signature: CEO or equivalent

Date

Typed Name and Title

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Attachment D - Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion Lower Tier Covered Transactions

READ THE ATTACHED INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE SIGNING THIS CERTIFICATION. THE INSTRUCTIONS ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE CERTIFICATION.

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion Lower Tier Covered Transactions

1. The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by an Federal department or agency.
2. Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

Name and Title of Authorized Representative

Signature

Date

This certification is required by the regulations implementing Executive order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, 29 CFR Part 98, Section 98.510.

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Instructions for Certification

1. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the certification set out below.
2. The certification in this clause is a material representation of facts upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.
3. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to whom this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or had become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
4. The terms covered transaction, debarred, suspended, ineligible, lower tier covered transaction, participant, person, primary covered transaction, principal, proposal, and voluntarily excluded, as used in this clause, have the meaning set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the person to which this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
5. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.
6. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include this clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-- Lower Tier Covered Transaction," without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
7. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Non-Procurement Programs.
8. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
9. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 5 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

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