



Request for Information

For: New Jersey Office of the Attorney General

Event	Date	Time
Request for Information Submission Due Date	January 24, 2024	4:00 PM

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Request For Information Issued By:
State of New Jersey
Department of Law and Public Safety
Office of the Attorney General

Using Agency:
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Date: January 10, 2024

1. PURPOSE AND INTENT

This Request for Information (RFI) is issued by the Office of the Attorney General, Department of Law and Public Safety, State of New Jersey (State) for its own behalf.

The purpose of this RFI is to gather information regarding the availability of microstamping-enabled firearms (including any prototypes) for use in an evaluation by the Attorney General or a designee in furtherance of the State's investigation into the technological viability of microstamping-enabled firearms, pursuant to law L. 2022, c. 57 (codified at N.J.S.A. 2C:58-2.13 to 2.15, 52:17B-4.4a; hereinafter, the "Microstamping Statute").

This RFI is not soliciting proposals and no contract will be awarded based on responses received. Background information is provided simply for context on this RFI.

In 2022, Governor Phil Murphy signed the Microstamping Statute, a law designed to promote the development and commercial sale of "microstamping-enabled firearms" in the State of New Jersey. Under the Microstamping Statute, a "'microstamp' means a unique alphanumeric or geometric code that identifies the make, model, and serial number of a firearm;" a "'microstamping-enabled firearm' means a firearm that contains a microstamping component;" and "'microstamping component' means a component of a firearm that will produce a microstamp on at least one location of the expended cartridge case each time the firearm is fired."

The Microstamping Statute directs the Attorney General to, among other things, "complete an investigation concerning the technological viability of microstamping-enabled firearms." That investigation "shall include, but need not be limited to, live fire testing evidence." The Microstamping Statute directs the Attorney General at the conclusion of the investigation to "certify whether viable microstamping-enabled technology exists."

This RFI pertains to the Attorney General's investigation concerning the technological viability of microstamping-enabled firearms.

Information submitted by any Respondent is done so voluntarily and with the understanding that a formal Bid Solicitation {Request for Proposal (RFP)} may or may not be issued as a result of, and subsequent to, this RFI.

The State reserves the right to contact Respondents for additional information at its sole discretion.

2. REQUEST FOR INFORMATION SUBMISSION

Responses to the State's RFI should be submitted electronically via email to procurement@njoag.gov no later than January 24, 2024 at 4:00PM.

There is a ten-page limit on all responses. The State will also accept hyperlinks to marketing materials and other standard literature.

3. CONTENTS OF RFI SUBMISSIONS

Responses to this RFI can be released by the State to the public pursuant to the New Jersey Open Public Records Act (OPRA), N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1 et seq., or the common law right to know.

All information submitted to the State in response to this RFI is considered public information notwithstanding any disclaimers to the contrary submitted by a Respondent. Proprietary and confidential information may be exempt from public disclosure by OPRA and/or the common law.

As part of its response, a Respondent may designate any data or materials it asserts are exempt from public disclosure under OPRA and/or the common law, explaining the basis for such assertion. The location in the response of any such designation should be clearly stated in a cover letter. The State reserves the right to make the determination as to what is proprietary or confidential, and will advise the Respondent accordingly. Any proprietary and/or confidential information in a response will be redacted by the State. The State will not honor any attempt by a Respondent to designate its entire response as proprietary, confidential and/or to claim copyright protection for its entire response. Copyright law does not prohibit access to a record which is otherwise available under OPRA. In the event of any challenge to the Respondent's assertion of confidentiality with which the State does not concur, the Respondent shall be solely responsible for defending its designation, but in doing so, all costs and expenses associated therewith shall be the responsibility of the Respondent. The State assumes no such responsibility or liability.

4. AREAS OF INQUIRY

The State is interested in information from Respondent about any specific firearms (including any prototypes) that the Respondent considers to be microstamping-enabled, and, if so, whether Respondent is authorized, able, and willing to present such firearm(s) to the State for live-fire testing and other evaluation.

A submission in connection with this RFI shall NOT be construed as an application under N.J.S.A. 2C:58-2.13(e) for a determination of whether the make and model of firearm proposed by the applicant may be designated as a microstamping-enabled firearm and/or included on the State's microstamping roster.

This RFI is NOT requesting commentary on microstamping technology. The objective of this RFI is to identify firearms that the State may evaluate in connection with its investigation into the technological viability of microstamping-enabled firearms.

Detailed questions are set forth below to help frame the general scope of the State's inquiry. A point-by-point response is NOT required.

4.1 Respondent Background & Information

- A. Respondent's name.
- B. Respondent's address.
- C. Respondent's point of contact for RFI response, including name, title, phone number, and email address.
- D. Respondent's area(s) of expertise.

E. Other general information about the Respondent.

4.2 Substantive Response

The State is conducting an investigation concerning the technological viability of microstamping-enabled firearms, which shall include, but need not be limited to, live fire testing evidence.

- A. Do you possess or otherwise control any firearms (including prototypes) that you believe to be microstamping-enabled within the meaning of the Microstamping Statute?
- B. Please describe any such firearm(s) to the best of your ability, including its make, model, and serial number.
- C. Please describe the microstamping technology used on any such firearm(s), including (a) what component part is its microstamping component, (b) what process is used to equip that component to produce a microstamp, and (c) when the microstamp is produced, what type(s) of unique alphanumeric or geometric code does the microstamp feature.
- D. Please identify the person or entity that equipped such firearm to produce a microstamp.
- E. Please state whether you are authorized, willing, and able to present such firearm(s) to the State for live-fire testing and other evaluation in connection with the State's technological viability investigation.

4.3 Documents Requested

Respondents are encouraged to submit any other relevant or pertinent information related to the scope of this RFI, including:

- A. Any data sheets or other literature about Respondent's microstamping technology or microstamping-enabled firearms.
- B. Copies of any relevant marketing materials or other standard literature.