

**N.J. PINELANDS COMMISSION
REQUEST FOR QUOTE
RFQ #19-001
Cover Page**

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VENDOR NAME:	VENDOR FEDERAL TAX ID NUMBER:
VENDOR ADDRESS: TELEPHONE NUMBER: FAX NUMBER: EMAIL:	RETURN TO: N.J. Pinelands Commission Attn: Jessica Lynch, Business Services 15 C Springfield Road PO Box 359 New Lisbon, NJ 08064 Jessica.Lynch@pinelands.nj.gov TELEPHONE NUMBER: (609) 894-7300 ext. 144 FAX NUMBER: (609) 894-7334

RESPONSE TO THIS REQUEST FOR QUOTE SHALL BE RETURNED BY:

Friday, December 21, 2018 at 2:00 P.M. or Earlier

QUALIFY AS: (CHECK IF APPLICABLE) _____ SMALL BUSINESS

NAME: Identification of zooplankton and phytoplankton

TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED: \$ _____

Important Instructions To Vendor: Fill in all requested information. After you have completed this solicitation request, please sign, date this coversheet, and return by fax or email. The Pinelands Commission's General Terms and Conditions are included as a part of this solicitation and any contracts executed pursuant thereto.

BIDDER'S SIGNATURE:	TITLE:	DATE:
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Overview:

The New Jersey Pinelands Commission requests quotes for the identification of zooplankton and phytoplankton collected as part of a study to compare natural and created wetlands in the Pinelands. Samples will be collected at sixty wetlands (20 sites each year) by Commission staff between April and June in 2018, 2019, and 2020. Commission staff will be responsible for the cost of shipping the samples to the contractor.

Scope of Work:

Phytoplankton samples consist of one-liter grab samples preserved in glutaraldehyde (960 ml sample and 40 ml of glutaraldehyde). Zooplankton samples were obtained with plankton nets representing two mesh sizes (50 μm and 150 μm) and preserved in ethanol in 125 ml plastic bottles (two bottles per site separated by mesh size). A total of 20 phytoplankton samples, 20 zooplankton samples (50- μm mesh), and 20 zooplankton samples (150- μm mesh) will be analyzed each year for this project.

The contractor will randomly select 300 cells (phytoplankton) or organisms (zooplankton) per sample and identify to the lowest possible taxonomic level. The contractor will provide a list of the species identified and their abundance values for each site in an Excel spreadsheet to the Pinelands Commission. Bids should include a separate line item within the budget to provide a voucher collection (simple light microscopy imagery with scale bar) for each observed species within the study.

Responsibilities & Deliverables:

- Identify 60 phytoplankton samples (20 from 2018, 20 from spring 2019, 20 from spring 2020)
- Identify 60 zooplankton 50 μm samples (20 from 2018, 20 from spring 2019, 20 from spring 2020)
- Identify 60 zooplankton 150 μm samples (20 from 2018, 20 from spring 2019, 20 from spring 2020)
- Voucher collection will be provided for all species encounter across the study via external storage media by February of each year.

Schedule:

- 2018 samples analyzed and data returned by May 31, 2019
- 2019 samples analyzed and data returned by January 31, 2020
- 2020 samples analyzed and data returned by January 29, 2021

INSTRUCTIONS TO VENDORS

The Pinelands Commission will not pay for administrative costs. The Pinelands Commission will not pay separately for travel or time during travel.

Price quotations must remain valid for a period of 60 days from the submission deadline.

Price Quotation Package Documents

The following documents are to be included with your bid submission or may be a cause for rejection:

1. The completed, signed and dated Request for Quotation cover page.
2. Signed portion of the New Jersey Pinelands Commission, Terms and Conditions (Attachment A-1)
3. A valid New Jersey State Business Registration Certificate (BRC). The bidder may go to www.nj.gov/njbgs to register with the New Jersey Division of Revenue or to obtain a copy of an existing Business Registration Certificate (BRC).
4. A completed Source Disclosure Certificate (Attachment A-2)
5. W-9 (Attachment A-4)

The following document must be submitted before issuance of a Purchase Order.

1. Insurance Certificate

The price quotation package can be faxed, mailed or emailed any time after the Request for Quotation issue date, but must be received by the Pinelands Commission no later than **Friday, December 21, 2018 at 2:00 P.M. (prevailing Eastern) to:**

Jessica Lynch, Business Manager
Pinelands Commission
15C Springfield Road
PO Box 359
New Lisbon, NJ 08064

Telephone number: (609) 894-7300 ext. 144

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Attachments

Attachment A-1

New Jersey Pinelands Commission Terms and Conditions

Attachment A-2

Source Disclosure Certification

Attachment A-3

No Bid Response Form

Attachment A-4

W-9

ATTACHMENT A-1

PINELANDS COMMISSION TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. **STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO THE CONTRACT-**

Unless the bidder/offeror is specifically instructed otherwise in the Request for Proposals (RFP), the following terms and conditions shall apply to all contracts or purchase agreements made with the Pinelands Commission. These terms are in addition to the terms and conditions set forth in the RFP and should be read in conjunction with same unless the RFP specifically indicates otherwise. In the event that the bidder/offeror would like to present terms and conditions that are in conflict with either these terms and conditions or those set forth in the RFP, the bidder/offeror must present those conflicts during the Question and Answer period for the Pinelands Commission to consider. Any conflicting terms and conditions that the Pinelands Commission is willing to accept will be reflected in an addendum to the RFP. The Pinelands Commission's terms and conditions shall prevail over any conflicts set forth in a bidder/offeror's proposal that were not submitted through the question and answer process and approved by the Pinelands Commission. Nothing in these terms and conditions shall prohibit the Executive Director of the Pinelands Commission from amending a contract when the Executive Director determines it is in the best interests of the Pinelands Commission.

2. **STATE LAW REQUIRING MANDATORY COMPLIANCE BY ALL**

CONTRACTORS - The statutes, laws or codes cited herein are available for review at the State Library, 185 West State Street, Trenton, New Jersey 08625.

2.1 **BUSINESS REGISTRATION** – Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:32-44, the Pinelands Commission is prohibited from entering into a contract with an entity unless the bidder and each subcontractor named in the proposal have a valid Business Registration Certificate on file with the Division of Revenue. You may obtain a New Jersey Business Registration Certificate at the following address:

<https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/revenue/busregcert.shtml>

The contractor and any subcontractor providing goods or performing services under the contract, and each of their affiliates, shall, during the term of the contract, collect and remit to the Executive Director of the Division of Taxation in the Department of the Treasury the use tax due pursuant to the “Sales and Use Tax Act, P.L. 1966, c. 30 (N.J.S.A. 54:32B-1 et seq.) on all their sales of tangible personal property delivered into the Pinelands Commission. 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 <https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/revenue/busregcert.shtml>.

2.2 **ANTI-DISCRIMINATION** - All parties to any contract with the Pinelands Commission 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 thereunder are hereby incorporated by reference.

2.3 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 Pinelands Commission, 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 shall comply with the provisions of the Prevailing Wage and Public Works Contractor Registration Acts, where required.

2.4 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.

2.5 MACBRIDE PRINCIPLES – The bidder must certify pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:34-12.2 that it either has no ongoing business activities in Northern Ireland and does not maintain a physical presence therein or that it will take lawful steps in good faith to conduct any business operations it has in Northern Ireland in accordance with the MacBride principles of nondiscrimination in employment as set forth in N.J.S.A. 52:18A-89.5 and in conformance with the United Kingdom's Fair Employment (Northern Ireland) Act of 1989, and permit independent monitoring of their compliance with those principles.

2.6 PAY TO PLAY PROHIBITIONS – Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.13 et seq (L.2005, c. 51), and specifically, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.21, it shall be a breach of the terms of the contract for the business entity to:

- a. make or solicit a contribution in violation of the statute;
- b. knowingly conceal or misrepresent a contribution given or received;
- c. make or solicit contributions through intermediaries for the purpose of concealing or misrepresenting the source of the contribution;
- d. make or solicit any contribution on the condition or with the agreement that it will be contributed to a campaign committee or any candidate or holder of the public office of Governor, or to any State or county party committee;
- e. engage or employ a lobbyist or consultant with the intent or understanding that such lobbyist or consultant would make or solicit any contribution, which if made or solicited by the business entity itself, would subject that entity to the restrictions of the Legislation;
- f. fund contributions made by third parties, including consultants, attorneys, family members, and employees;
- g. engage in any exchange of contributions to circumvent the intent of the Legislation; or
- h. directly or indirectly through or by any other person or means, do any act which would subject that entity to the restrictions of the Legislation.

2.7 POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION DISCLOSURE – The contractor is advised of its responsibility to file an annual disclosure on political contributions with the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission (ELEC), pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.27 (L. 2005, c. 271, §3 as amended) if in a calendar year the contractor receives one or more contracts valued at \$50,000.00 or more. It is the contractor's responsibility to determine if filing is necessary.

Failure to file can result in the imposition of penalties by ELEC. Additional information about this requirement is available from ELEC by calling 1(888) 313-3532 or on the internet at <http://www.elec.state.nj.us/>.

2.8 STANDARDS PROHIBITING CONFLICTS OF INTEREST - The following prohibitions on contractor activities shall apply to all contracts or purchase agreements made with the Pinelands Commission, 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 from any Pinelands Commission or State vendor shall be reported in writing forthwith by the vendor to the Attorney General and the State Ethics Commission.
- 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 having any duties or responsibilities in connection with the purchase, acquisition or sale of any property or services by or to any State agency or any instrumentality thereof, or with any person, firm or entity with which he is employed or associated or in which he has an interest within the meaning of N.J.S.A. 52: 130-13g. Any relationships subject to this provision shall be reported in writing forthwith to the State Ethics Commission, 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 of 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 paragraphs 2.8a through 2.8e shall not be construed to prohibit a State officer or employee or special State officer or employee from receiving gifts from or contracting with vendors under the same terms and conditions as are offered or made available to members of the general public subject to any guidelines the State

Ethics Commission may promulgate under paragraph 3c of Executive Order No. 189.

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

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

2.10 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.

2.11 COMPLIANCE - STATELAWS - 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.

3. STATE LAW REQUIRING MANDATORY COMPLIANCE BY CONTRACTORS UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES SET FORTH IN LAW OR BASED ON THE TYPE OF CONTRACT

3.1 COMPLIANCE - CODES – The contractor must comply with NJUCC and the latest NEC70, B.O.C.A. Basic Building code, OSHA and all applicable codes for this requirement. The contractor shall be responsible for securing and paying all necessary permits, where applicable.

3.2 PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION ACT - The New Jersey Public Works Contractor Registration Act requires all contractors, subcontractors and lower tier subcontractor(s) who 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.

3.3 PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACT - ADDITIONAL AFFIRMATIVE ACTION REQUIREMENTS -

N.J.S.A. 10:5-33 and N.J.A.C. 17:27-3.5 require that during the performance of this contract, the contractor must agree as follows:

- a) The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex. Except with respect to affectional or sexual orientation and gender identity or expression, the contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that such applicants are recruited and employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the contracting officer setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause;
- b) The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex;
- c) The contractor or subcontractor where applicable, will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice, to be provided by the agency contracting officer, advising the labor union or workers' representative of the contractor's commitments under this act and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

N.J.A.C. 17:27-3.7 requires all contractors and subcontractors, if any, to further agree as follows;

1. The contractor or subcontractor agrees to make good faith efforts to meet targeted county employment goals established in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-5.2.
2. The contractor or subcontractor agrees to inform in writing its appropriate recruitment agencies including, but not limited to, employment agencies, placement bureaus, colleges, universities, and labor unions, that it does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex, and that it will discontinue the use of any recruitment agency which engages in direct or indirect discriminatory practices.
3. The contractor or subcontractor agrees to revise any of its testing procedures, if necessary, to assure that all personnel testing conforms with the principles of job-related testing, as established by the statutes and court decisions of the State of New Jersey and as established by applicable Federal law and applicable Federal court decisions.

4. In conforming with the targeted employment goals, the contractor or subcontractor agrees to review all procedures relating to transfer, upgrading, downgrading and layoff to ensure that all such actions are taken without regard to age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex, consistent with the statutes and court decisions of State of New Jersey, and applicable Federal law and applicable Federal court decisions.

3.4 BUILDING SERVICE – Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.58 et seq., in any contract for building services, as defined in N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.59, the employees of the contractor or subcontractors shall be paid prevailing wage for building services rates, as defined in N.J.S.A. 34:11.56.59. The prevailing wage shall be adjusted annually during the term of the contract.

3.5 THE WORKER AND COMMUNITY RIGHT TO KNOW ACT - The provisions of N.J.S.A.34:5A-1 et seq. which requires the labeling of all containers of hazardous substances are applicable to this contract. Therefore, all goods offered for purchase to the Pinelands Commission must be labeled by the contractor in compliance with the provisions of the statute.

3.6 SERVICE PERFORMANCE WITHIN U.S. – Under N.J.S.A. 52:34-13.2, all contracts primarily for services awarded by the Executive Director shall be performed within the United State, except when the Director of Purchase and Property certifies in writing a finding that a required service cannot be provided by a contractor or subcontractor within the United State and the certification is approved by the State Treasurer.

A shift to performance of services outside the United States during the term of the contract shall be deemed a breach of contract. If, during the term of the contract, the contractor or subcontractor, proceeds to shift the performance of any of the services outside the United States, the contractor shall be deemed to be in breach of its contract, which contract shall be subject to termination for cause pursuant to Section 5.7(b)(1) of the Standard Terms and Conditions, unless previously approved by the Director and the Treasurer.

3.7 BUY AMERICAN – Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:32-1, if manufactured items or farm products will be provided under this contract to be used in a public work, they shall be manufactured or produced in the United States and the contractor shall be required to so certify.

3.8 DISCLOSURE OF INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES IN IRAN -Pursuant to Public Law 2012, c. 25, (c.52:32-58) any person or entity that submits a bid or proposal or otherwise proposes to enter into or renew a contract, must certify, at the time the bid is submitted or the contract is renewed, that the person or entity, nor any of its parents, subsidiaries, or affiliates, is identified on the Department of Treasury’s Chapter 25 list as a person or entity engaging in investment activities in Iran. The Chapter 25 list can be found at:

<https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/pdf/Chapter25List.pdf>

4. INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE

4.1 INDEMNIFICATION - The contractor's liability to the Pinelands Commission and its employees in third party suits shall be as follows:

- (a) Indemnification for Third Party Claims - The contractor shall assume all risk of and responsibility for, and agrees to indemnify, defend, and save harmless the Pinelands Commission and its employees from and against any and all claims, demands, suits, actions, recoveries, judgments and costs and expenses in connection therewith which shall arise from or result directly or indirectly from the work and/or materials supplied under this contract, including 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 this contract.
- (b) The contractor's indemnification and liability under subsection (a) is not limited by, but is in addition to the insurance obligations contained in Section 4.2 of these Terms and Conditions.
- (c) In the event of a patent and copyright claim or suit, the contractor, at its option, may: (1) procure for the Pinelands Commission the legal right to continue the use of the product; (2) replace or modify the product to provide a non-infringing product that is the functional equivalent; or (3) refund the purchase price less a reasonable allowance for use that is agreed to by both parties.

4.2 INSURANCE - The contractor shall secure and maintain in force for the term of the contract insurance as provided herein. All required insurance shall be provided by insurance companies with an A- VIII or better rating by A.M. Best & Company. The contractor shall provide the Pinelands Commission with current certificates of insurance for all coverages and renewals thereof, and the certificates shall reflect that the insurance policies shall not be canceled for any reason except after sixty (60) days written notice to the Pinelands Commission. Certificates of renewals shall be provided within thirty (30) days of the expiration of the insurance. The contractor shall not begin to provide services or goods to the Pinelands Commission until evidence of the required insurance is provided. The certificates of insurance shall indicate the contract number or purchase order number and title of the contract in the Description of Operations box and shall list the Pinelands Commission, 15C Springfield Road, PO Box 359, New Lisbon, NJ 08064 in the Certificate Holder box. The certificates and any notice of cancelation shall be emailed to the Pinelands Commission at:

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

- a. Occurrence Form Comprehensive General Liability Insurance or its equivalent: The minimum limit of liability shall be \$1,000,000 per occurrence as a combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage. The above required Comprehensive General Liability Insurance policy or its equivalent shall name the Pinelands Commission, its officers, and employees as "Additional Insureds" and include the blanket additional

insured endorsement or its equivalent. The coverage to be provided under these policies shall be at least as broad as that provided by the standard basic, unamended, and unendorsed Comprehensive General Liability Insurance occurrence coverage forms or its equivalent currently in use in the State of New Jersey, which shall not be circumscribed by any endorsement limiting the breadth of coverage.

- 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. The Pinelands Commission must be named as an “Additional Insured” and a blanket additional insured endorsement or its equivalent must be provided when the services being procured involve vehicle use on the Pinelands Commission’s behalf or on Pinelands Commission controlled property.
- 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

- d. This \$1 million amount may have been raised by the RFP when deemed necessary by the Executive Director.
- e. In the case of a contract entered into pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:32-17, et.seq., (small business set asides) the minimum amount of insurance coverage in subsections a., b., and c. above may have been lowered in the RFP for certain commodities when deemed in the best interests of the Pinelands Commission by the Executive Director.

5. TERMS GOVERNING ALL CONTRACTS

5.1 CONTRACTOR IS INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR – The contractor's status shall be that of any independent contractor and not as an employee of the Pinelands Commission.

5.2 CONTRACT AMOUNT - The estimated amount of the contract(s), when stated on the RFP form, shall not be construed as either the maximum or minimum amount which the Pinelands Commission shall be obliged to order as the result of the RFP or any contract entered into as a result of the RFP.

5.3 CONTRACT TERM AND EXTENSION OPTION - If, in the opinion of the Executive Director, it is in the best interest of the Pinelands Commission to extend a contract, the contractor shall be so notified of the Executive Director’s Intent at least thirty (30) days prior to the expiration date of the existing contract. The contractor shall have fifteen (15) calendar days to respond to the Executive Director's request to extend the term and period of performance of the contract. If the contractor agrees to the extension, all terms and conditions including pricing of the original contract shall apply unless more favorable terms for the Pinelands Commission have been negotiated.

5.4 PINELANDS COMMISSION'S OPTION TO REDUCE SCOPE OF WORK – The Pinelands Commission has the option, in its sole discretion, to reduce the scope of work for any deliverable, task or subtask called for under this contract. In such an event, the Executive Director shall provide to the contractor advance written notice of the change in scope of work and what the Executive Director believes should be the corresponding adjusted contract price. Within five (5) business days of receipt of such written notice, if either is applicable:

- (a) If the contractor does not agree with the Executive Director's proposed adjusted contract price, the contractor shall submit to the Executive Director any additional information that the contractor believes impacts the adjusted contract price with a request that the Executive Director reconsider the proposed adjusted contract price. The parties shall negotiate the adjusted contract price. If the parties are unable to agree on an adjusted contract price, the Executive Director shall make a prompt decision taking all such information into account, and shall notify the contractor of the final adjusted contract price.
- (b) If the contractor has undertaken any work effort toward a deliverable, task or subtask that is being changed or eliminated such that it would not be compensated under the adjusted contract, the contractor shall be compensated for such work effort according to the applicable portions of its price schedule and the contractor shall submit to the Executive Director an itemization of the work effort already completed by deliverable, task or subtask within the scope of work, and any additional information the Executive Director may request. The Executive Director shall make a prompt decision taking all such information into account, and shall notify the contractor of the compensation to be paid for such work effort.

5.5 CHANGE IN LAW – Whenever a change in applicable law or regulation affects the scope of work, the Executive Director shall provide written notice to the contractor of the change and the Executive Director's determination as to the corresponding adjusted change in the scope of work and corresponding adjusted contract price. Within five (5) business days of receipt of such written notice, if either is applicable:

- (a) If the contractor does not agree with the adjusted contract price, the contractor shall submit to the Executive Director any additional information that the contractor believes impacts the adjusted contract price with a request that the Executive Director reconsider the adjusted contract price. The Executive Director shall make a prompt decision taking all such information into account, and shall notify the contractor of the final adjusted contract price.
- (b) If the contractor has undertaken any work effort toward a deliverable, task or subtask that is being changed or eliminated such that it would not be compensated under the adjusted contract, the contractor shall be compensated for such work effort according to the applicable portions of its price schedule and the contractor shall submit to the Executive Director an itemization of the work effort already completed by deliverable, task or subtask within the scope of work, and any additional information the Executive Director may request. The Executive Director shall make a prompt decision taking all such information into account, and shall notify the contractor of the compensation to be paid for such work effort.

5.6 SUSPENSION OF WORK - The Pinelands Commission may, for valid reason, issue a stop order directing the contractor to suspend work under the contract for a specific time. The contractor shall be paid for goods ordered, goods delivered, or services requested and performed until the effective date of the stop order. The contractor shall resume work upon the date specified in the stop order or upon such other date as the Pinelands Commission's Executive Director may thereafter direct in writing. The period of suspension shall be deemed added to the contractor's approved schedule of performance. The Executive Director shall make an equitable adjustment, if any is required, to the contract price. The contractor shall provide whatever information that Executive Director may require related to the equitable adjustment.

5.7 TERMINATION OF CONTRACT

a. For Convenience

Notwithstanding any provision or language in this contract to the contrary, the Executive Director may terminate this contract at any time, in whole or in part, for the convenience of the Pinelands Commission, upon no less than thirty (30) days written notice to the contractor.

b. For Cause

1. Where a contractor fails to perform or comply with a contract or a portion thereof, and/or fails to comply with the complaints procedure in N.J.A.C. 17:12-4.2 et seq., the Executive Director may terminate the contract, in whole or in part, upon ten (10) days' notice to the contractor with an opportunity to respond.

2. Where in the reasonable opinion of the Executive Director, a contractor continues to perform a contract poorly as demonstrated by e.g., formal complaints, late delivery, poor performance of service, short-shipping, so that the Executive Director is required to use the complaints procedure in N.J.A.C. 17:12-4.2 et seq., and there has been a failure on the part of the contractor to make progress towards ameliorating the issue(s) or problem(s) set forth in the complaint, the Executive Director may terminate the contract, in whole or in part, upon ten (10) days' notice to the contractor with an opportunity to respond.

c. In cases of emergency the Executive Director may shorten the time periods of notification and may dispense with an opportunity to respond.

d. In the event of termination under this section, the contractor shall be compensated for work performed in accordance with the contract, up to the date of termination. Such compensation may be subject to adjustments.

5.8 SUBCONTRACTING OR ASSIGNMENT –

a. Subcontracting: The contractor may not subcontract other than as identified in the contractor's proposal without the prior written consent of the Executive Director. Such consent, if granted in part, shall not relieve the contractor of any of his responsibilities under the contract, nor shall it create privity of contract between the Pinelands Commission and any subcontractor. If the contractor uses a subcontractor to fulfill any of

its obligations, the contractor shall be responsible for the subcontractor's: (a) performance; (b) compliance with all of the terms and conditions of the contract; and (c) compliance with the requirements of all applicable laws.

- b. Assignment: The contractor may not assign its responsibilities under the contract, in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of the Executive Director.

5.9 NO CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SUBCONTRACTORS AND PINELANDS COMMISSION - Nothing contained in any of the contract documents, including the RFP and vendor's bid or proposal shall be construed as creating any contractual relationship between any subcontractor and the Pinelands Commission.

5.10 MERGERS, ACQUISITIONS - If, during the term of this contract, the contractor shall merge with or be acquired by another firm, the contractor shall give notice to the Executive Director as soon as practicable and in no event longer than thirty (30) days after said merger or acquisition. The contractor shall provide such documents as may be requested by the Executive Director, which may include but need not be limited to the following: corporate resolutions prepared by the awarded contractor and new entity ratifying acceptance of the original contract, terms, conditions and prices; updated information including ownership disclosure and Federal Employer Identification Number. The documents must be submitted within thirty (30) days of the request. Failure to do so may result in termination of the contract for cause.

If, at any time during the term of the contract, the contractor's partnership, Limited Liability Company, limited liability partnership, Professional Corporation, or corporation shall dissolve, the Executive Director must be so notified. All responsible parties of the dissolved business entity must submit to the Executive 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 shall be made until all parties to the dissolved business entity submit the required documents to the Executive Director.

5.11 PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE OF CONTRACTOR - The contractor 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 Pinelands Commission 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 contract from time of written acceptance by the Pinelands Commission. The contractor shall render prompt service without charge, regardless of geographic location.
- d. Sufficient quantities of parts necessary for proper service to equipment shall be maintained at distribution points and service headquarters.
- e. Trained mechanics are regularly employed to make necessary repairs to equipment in the territory from which the service request might emanate within a 48-hour period or within the time accepted as industry practice.
- f. During the warranty period the contractor shall replace immediately any material which

is rejected for failure to meet the requirements of the contract.

- g. All services rendered to the Pinelands Commission 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 Pinelands Commission.

5.12 DELIVERY REQUIREMENTS –

- a. Deliveries shall be made at such time and in such quantities as ordered in strict accordance with conditions contained in the contract.
- b. The contractor shall be responsible for the delivery of material in first class condition to the Pinelands Commission or the purchaser under this contract and in accordance with good commercial practice.
- c. Items delivered must be strictly in accordance with the contract.
- d. In the event delivery of goods or services is not made within the number of days stipulated or under the schedule defined in the contract, the using agency shall be authorized to obtain the material or service from any available source, the difference in price, if any, to be paid by the contractor.

5.13 APPLICABLE LAW AND JURISDICTION - This contract 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 and shall be filed in the appropriate Division of the New Jersey Superior Court.

5.14 CONTRACT AMENDMENT – Except as provided herein, the contract may only be amended by written agreement of the Pinelands Commission and the contractor.

5.15 MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS - The contractor shall maintain records for products and/or services delivered against the contract for a period of five (5) years from the date of final payment unless otherwise specified in the RFP. Such records shall be made available to the Pinelands Commission, for audit and review.

5.16 ASSIGNMENT OF ANTITRUST CLAIM(S) - The contractor recognizes that in actual economic practice, overcharges resulting from antitrust violations are in fact usually borne by the ultimate purchaser. Therefore, and as consideration for executing this contract, the contractor, acting herein by and through its duly authorized agent, hereby conveys, sells, assigns, and transfers to the Pinelands Commission , all right, title and interest to all claims and causes of action it may now or hereafter acquire under the antitrust laws of the United States or the State of New Jersey, relating to the particular goods and services purchased or acquired by the Pinelands Commission pursuant to this contract

In connection with this assignment, the following are the express obligations of the contractor:

- a. It shall take no action that will in any way diminish the value of the rights conveyed or assigned hereunder.
- b. It shall advise the Attorney General of New Jersey:
 - 1. in advance of its intention to commence any action on its own behalf regarding any such claim or cause(s) of action;
 - 2. Immediately upon becoming aware of the fact that an action has been commenced on its behalf by some other person(s) of the pendency of such action.

- c. It shall notify the defendants in any antitrust suit of the within assignment at the earliest practicable opportunity after the contractor has initiated an action on its own behalf or becomes aware that such an action has been filed on its behalf by another person. A copy of such notice shall be sent to the Attorney General of New Jersey.
- d. It is understood and agreed that in the event any payment under any such claim or cause of action is made to the contractor, it shall promptly pay over to the Pinelands Commission the allotted share thereof, if any, assigned to the Pinelands Commission hereunder.

6. TERMS RELATING TO PRICE AND PAYMENT

6.1 PRICE FLUCTUATION DURING CONTRACT - Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Pinelands Commission, 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 Pinelands Commission 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 Executive Director must be notified, in writing, of any price reduction within five (5) days of the effective date.

Failure to report price reductions may result in cancellation of contract for cause, pursuant to provision 5.7(b)1.

6.2 TAX CHARGES – The Pinelands Commission is exempt from State sales or use taxes and Federal excise taxes. Therefore, price quotations must not include such taxes. The State Federal Excise Tax Exemption number is 22-75-0050K.

6.3 PAYMENT TO VENDORS -

- a. The Pinelands Commission is authorized to order and the contractor is authorized to ship only those items covered by the contract resulting from the RFP. If a review of orders placed by the Pinelands Commission reveals that goods and/or services other than that covered by the contract have been ordered and delivered, such delivery shall be a violation of the terms of the contract and may be considered by the Executive Director as a basis to terminate the contract and/or not award the contractor a subsequent contract. The Executive Director may take such steps as are necessary to have the items returned by the Pinelands Commission, regardless of the time between the date of delivery and discovery of the violation. In such event, the contractor shall reimburse the Pinelands Commission the full purchase price.
- b. The contractor must submit invoices to the Pinelands Commission with supporting documentation evidencing that work or goods for which payment is sought has been satisfactorily completed or delivered. For commodity contracts, the invoice, together with the original Bill of Lading, express receipt and other related papers must be sent to the Pinelands Commission on the date of each delivery. For contracts featuring services, invoices must reference the tasks or subtasks detailed in the Scope of Work section of the RFP and must be in strict accordance with the firm, fixed prices submitted for each task

or subtask on the RFP pricing sheets. When applicable, invoices should reference the appropriate RFP price sheet line number from the contractor's bid proposal. All invoices must be approved by the Pinelands Commission before payment will be authorized.

- c. In all time and materials contracts, the Pinelands Commission shall monitor and approve the hours of work and the work accomplished by contractor and shall document both the work and the approval. Payment shall not be made without such documentation.
- d. The contractor shall provide, on a monthly and cumulative basis, a breakdown in accordance with the budget submitted, of all monies paid to any small business, minority or woman-owned subcontractor(s). This breakdown shall be sent to Purchasing, 15 Springfield Rd, New Lisbon, NJ 08064.

6.4 NEW JERSEY PROMPT PAYMENT ACT - The New Jersey Prompt Payment Act, N.J.S.A. 52:32-32 et seq. requires the Pinelands Commission to pay for goods and services within sixty (60) days of the Commission's receipt of a properly executed 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 Pinelands Commission prior to processing any payments for goods and services accepted by Pinelands Commission. Interest will be paid on delinquent accounts at a rate established by the State Treasurer. Interest shall not be paid until it exceeds \$5.00 per properly executed invoice.

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

6.5 AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS – The Pinelands Commission's obligation to make payment under this contract is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds and receipt of revenues from which payment for contract purposes can be made. No legal liability on the part of the Pinelands Commission for payment of any money shall arise unless and until funds are appropriated each fiscal year to the Pinelands Commission by the State Legislature and made available through receipt of revenues.

6.6 NEGOTIATION AND BEST AND FINAL OFFER (BAFO)-Following the opening of bid proposals, the Pinelands Commission may, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:34-12(f), negotiate one or more of the following contractual issues: the consulting services offered, the terms and conditions, and/or the price of a proposed contract award, with any bidder, and/or solicit a Best and Final Offer (BAFO) from one or more bidders.

Initially, the Evaluation Committee will conduct a review of all the bid proposals and, if necessary, select bidders to contact to negotiate and/or conduct a BAFO based on its evaluation and determination of the bid proposals that best satisfy the evaluation criteria and RFP requirements, and that are most advantageous to the Pinelands Commission, price and other factors considered. The Committee shall not be required to contact all bidders to negotiate and/or to submit a BAFO.

In response to the Pinelands Commission's request to negotiate, bidders must continue to satisfy all mandatory RFP requirements but may improve upon their original proposal in any revised proposal. However, any revised proposal that does not continue to satisfy all mandatory

requirements will be rejected as non-responsive and the original proposal will be used for any further evaluation purposes in accordance with the following procedure.

In response to the Pinelands Commission's request for a BAFO, bidders may submit a revised proposal that is equal to or lower in price than their original submission, but must continue to satisfy all mandatory requirements. Any revised proposal that is higher in price than the original will be rejected as non-responsive and the original bid proposal will be used for any further evaluation purposes.

After receipt of the results of the negotiation and/or the BAFO(s), the Evaluation Committee will complete its evaluation and will prepare an Award Recommendation to the Executive Director. The Evaluation Committee's Award Recommendation will include the responsive bidder(s) whose bid proposal, conforming to this RFP, is most advantageous to the Pinelands Commission, price and other factors considered.

All contacts, records of initial evaluations, any correspondence with bidders related to any request for negotiation or BAFO, any revised bid proposals, the Evaluation Committee Report and the Award Recommendation, will remain confidential until a Notice of Intent to Award is issued.

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ATTACHMENT A-2

N.J.S.A. 52:34-13.2 CERTIFICATION

SOURCE DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATION FORM

Contractor: _____ Purchase Order Number: _____

I hereby certify and say:

I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth herein and I am authorized to make this Certification on behalf of the Contractor.

The Contractor submits this Certification as part of a bid proposal in response to the referenced solicitation issued by the by the Pinelands Commission, an independent political subdivision of the State of New Jersey created pursuant to Section 4 of the Pinelands Protection Act, N.J.S.A. 13:18A-1 et seq., in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 54:34-13.2.

The following is a list of every location where services will be performed by the contractor and all subcontractors.

Contractor and/or Subcontractor	Description of Services	Performance Location(s) by COUNTRY

Any changes to the information set forth in this Certification during the term of any contract awarded under the referenced solicitation or extension thereof will be immediately reported by the Contractor to the Executive Director, Pinelands Commission, (hereinafter the “Executive Director”) the entity issuing the purchase order.

I understand that, after award of a contract to the Contractor, it is determined that the Contractor has shifted services declared above to be provided within the United States to sources outside the United States prior to a written determination by the Executive Director, Pinelands Commission, that the services can not be performed in the United States, the Contractor shall be deemed in breach of contract, which contract will be subject to termination for cause pursuant to Section number 16 of the New Jersey Pinelands Terms and Conditions.

I further understand that this Certification is submitted on behalf of the Contractor in order to induce the Pinelands Commission to accept a bid proposal or quote, with knowledge that the Pinelands Commission is relying upon the truth of the statements contained herein.

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing statements by me are true. I am aware that if any of the statements are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

Contractor: _____
[Name of Organization or Entity]

By: _____ Title: _____

Print Name: _____ Date: _____

ATTACHMENT A-3

NO BID RESPONSE FORM

Bid or Quote Name and Number _____

Bid or Quote Opening Date: _____

If you decide not to submit a bid or quote, will you please complete the following?

We are not submitting a bid for the following reason(s).

___ Can not comply with specifications

___ Unable to meet Delivery

___ Can not comply with terms/conditions. (Please state which ones.)

___ Do not sell/manufacture type of items involved.

___ Not interested at this time.

___ We do ___ do not ___ want to remain on the mailing list for future bid.

Other: _____

Please make any changes, if necessary.

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Contact Person _____ Title: _____

Telephone Number _____ Fax Number: _____

**Please return to the above address attention to Jessica Lynch by Fax 609-894-7334
or email Jessica.Lynch@pinelands.nj.gov

**Request for Taxpayer
Identification Number and Certification**

**Give Form to the
requester. Do not
send to the IRS.**

▶ Go to www.irs.gov/FormW9 for instructions and the latest information.

Print or type. See Specific Instructions on page 3.	1 Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank.	
	2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above	
	3 Check appropriate box for federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one of the following seven boxes.	4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3):
	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC <input type="checkbox"/> C Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> S Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Trust/estate	Exempt payee code (if any) _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=Partnership) ▶ _____ Note: Check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner. Do not check LLC if the LLC is classified as a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner unless the owner of the LLC is another LLC that is not disregarded from the owner for U.S. federal tax purposes. Otherwise, a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner.	Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ▶ _____	<small>(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)</small>
	5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) See instructions.	Requester's name and address (optional)
6 City, state, and ZIP code		
7 List account number(s) here (optional)		

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN*, later.

Note: If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. Also see *What Name and Number To Give the Requester* for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number									
				-			-		
or									
Employer identification number									

Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part II, later.

Sign Here	Signature of U.S. person ▶	Date ▶
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General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Future developments. For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to www.irs.gov/FormW9.

Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following.

- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)

- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
- Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
- Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
- Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
- Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)
- Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
- Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
- Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.

If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See What is backup withholding, later.