## **SPECIAL NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the State of New Jersey intends to publically advertise a Bid Solicitation to receive Quotes from software resellers to provide commercial off the shelf software ("COTS"), including Software as a Service ("SaaS"), Software-Related Services (training, pre-sales assistance, documentation, installation, configuration and Limited Customization), maintenance, support, volume license agreement (VLA) administration, and software packaged with hardware as an appliance.

The State has previously utilized a reseller model for purchasing software under a cooperative agreement led by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. That cooperative agreement expires on December 31, 2020. The State of New Jersey is now issuing its own Bid Solicitation in lieu of joining a cooperative agreement. Interested Bidders are cautioned that this Bid Solicitation will address the State of New Jersey's current requirements.

For informational purposes only, in this procurement the State may use the following National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP) commodity codes:

- 204 Computer Hardware And Peripherals For Microcomputers
- 205 Computer Hardware And Peripherals For Microcomputers, Environmentally Certified By An Agency Accepted Certification Entity
- 206 Computer Hardware And Peripherals For Mainframes And Servers
- 208 Computer Software For Microcomputers, Systems, Including Cloud-Based (Preprogrammed)
- 209 Computer Software For Mainframes And Servers, Preprogrammed
- 920 Data Processing, Computer, Programming, And Software Services

Interested Bidders should register and create a profile in <u>NJSTART</u>. Interested Bidders may refer to the "<u>Vendor Registration</u>" <u>Quick Reference Guide</u> for instructions on how to enroll in <u>NJSTART</u>. If a vendor is having trouble registering for <u>NJSTART</u> or has any questions they should email the <u>NJSTART</u> vendor management team at <u>nistart@treas.ni.gov</u>.

Please note that notifications about new bidding opportunities are based on the code(s) you selected during the registration process. Therefore, interested Bidders should ensure that they have selected the commodity/service codes related to those good and/or services for which they wish to receive notice of bidding opportunities. Interested Bidders should monitor the <a href="MJSTART">MJSTART</a>. website (<a href="www.NJSTART.gov">www.NJSTART.gov</a>) and the Star Ledger for notifications of the bidding opportunity.