

**Invitation for Bid (IFB) solicited by the
New York State Office of General Services
For
Printing of NYS Voter Registration Form
(Board of Elections)**



BID DUE DATE: July 20, 2011 @ 2:00 PM

ISSUE DATE: June 16, 2011

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1. Introduction

1.1 Overview

The Office of General Services (OGS), seek a vendor to supply the printing of New York State (NYS) voter registration forms for the NYS Board of Elections.

1.2 Designated Contact

In compliance with the Procurement Lobbying Law, Gail Swint, Purchasing Officer, NYS Office of General Services, Division of Financial Administration has been named the primary designated contact for this procurement solicitation and may be reached by email or voice for all inquiries regarding this solicitation.

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 Corning Tower, 40th Floor, ESP
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In the event the primary designated contact is not available, the alternate designated contact is:

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1.3 Qualification of Bidder:

BIDS WILL BE CONSIDERED ONLY FROM BONAFIDE PRINTING COMPANIES POSSESSING PRINTING EQUIPMENT CAPABLE OF PRODUCING THE PRINTING REQUIREMENTS DESCRIBED IN THIS INVITATION FOR BIDS.

1.4 Key Events

The Table below outlines the schedule for important action dates.

Action	Date
OGS issues Invitation For Bid (IFB)	June 16, 2011
Bidder Question Deadline	July 8, 2011
OGS Issues a Response to Questions	July 13, 2011
Bid Due Date to OGS	July 20, 2011 @ 2:00 PM
Contract Start Date	Upon issuance of approved Purchase Order

2. Bid Submission

2.1 IFB Questions and Clarifications

Questions and requests for clarification regarding this IFB shall only be directed to:

Gail Swint, Purchasing Officer
OGS Division of Financial Administration
40th Floor, Corning Tower, ESP
Albany, NY 12242
Phone: 1-518-474-5981
Fax: 1-518-473-2844
e-mail: gail.swint@ogs.ny.gov

Questions and requests for clarification are only accepted via e-mail or in writing. Official answers to questions will be provided via addendum through the Bidder Notification System. (<http://www.ogs.state.ny.us/purchase/Bidcalendarlv.asp>.) Deadline for submission of questions will be as stated in Section (1.4 Key Events).

2.2 Bid Format and Content

In order for the State to evaluate bids fairly and completely, bidders should follow the format set forth herein and must provide all of the information requested. All items identified in the following list must be addressed as concisely as possible in order for a bid to be considered complete. Failure to conform to the stated requirements and/or provide the requested information may necessitate rejection of the bid.

1. **Cover Letter.** The cover letter must confirm that the **bidder understands all the terms and conditions contained in this IFB and will comply with all the provisions of this IFB.** The cover letter must include the full contact information of the person(s) NYS OGS shall contact regarding the bid. A bidder representative authorized to make contractual obligations must sign the cover letter. The letter must also state whether or not subcontractors will be used.
2. The bidder shall submit with its bid detailed specifications, circulars and all necessary data on the product to be furnished. If the product offered differs from the provisions listed, such differences must be explained in detail.
3. A completed Bid Form (attached herein)
4. All other required completed forms from Appendices B.

Note: OGS reserves the right to request any additional information deemed necessary to properly evaluate bids, and to ensure that the bidder is able to fulfill the requirements of the contract.

2.3 Instructions for Bid Submission

Submit all required bid documents including bid addenda if any, to the OGS Division of Financial Administration at the following address:

Division of Financial Administration
NYS Office of General Services
Corning Tower, 40th Floor
Empire State Plaza
Albany, NY 12242
Attn: Gail Swint

E-MAIL OR FAX BID SUBMISSIONS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE AND WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

The State of New York will not be held liable for any cost incurred by the Bidder for work performed in the preparation and production of a bid or for any work performed prior to the formal execution of a contract.

Bids must be received in the above office on or before **2:00 PM EDT on the date indicated in section 1.4 Key Events.**

The received time of bids will be determined by OGS at the clock at the above noted location.

NO CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN TO BIDS RECEIVED AFTER THE STATED DATE AND TIME.

Bidders mailing their bid must allow sufficient mail delivery time to ensure receipt of their bid at the specified location no later than the specified date and time. Delays in United States mail deliveries or any other means of transmittal, including couriers or agents of the bidding entity shall not excuse late Bid submissions. Similar types of delays, including but not limited to, bad weather, or security procedures for parking and building admittance shall not excuse late Bid submissions. Bidders are cautioned that receipt of bids in the OGS Mailroom is NOT sufficient, and that at least historically, one overnight carrier has been known to deliver its packages to the OGS Mailroom. OGS cannot be responsible for the actions of your chosen carrier.

Bids must remain open and valid for 120 days from the due date, unless the time for awarding the contract is extended by mutual consent of NYS OGS and the Bidder. A bid shall continue to remain an effective offer, firm and irrevocable, subsequent to such 120 day period until either tentative award of the contract(s) by issuing Office is made or withdrawal of the bid in writing by Bidder. Tentative award of the contract(s) shall consist of written notice to that effect by the issuing Office to the successful Bidder. This IFB remains the property of the State at all times, and all responses to this IFB, once delivered, become the property of the State.

NO CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN TO BIDS RECEIVED AFTER THE STATED DATE AND TIME.

2.4 Packaging of IFB Response

Please submit one original and one complete copy of all required documents.

1. The bid documents, must be submitted by mail, hand delivery, overnight carrier or certified mail in a package showing the following information on the outside:
 - Bidder's complete name and address
 - Solicitation Number – 1701
 - Bid Due Date and Time: July 6, 2011 @ 2:00 PM EDT
 - NYS Voter Registration Forms (NYS Board of Elections)

Mailed Bids

Bidders mailing their bid must allow sufficient mail delivery time to ensure receipt of their bid no later than the specified date and time.

Important Building Access Procedures for Delivered Bids:

Building Access procedures are in effect at the Corning Tower. Photo identification is required. All visitors must register for building access, for delivering bids. **Vendors are encouraged to pre-register by contacting the OGS Finance Office at 518-474-5981 at least 24 hours prior to the bid opening.** Pre-registered visitors are to report to the visitor desk located at the Concourse level of the Corning Tower. Upon presentation of appropriate photo identification, the visitor will be allowed access to the building.

Upon arrival at the visitor desk, visitors that have not pre-registered will be directed to a designated phone to call the OGS Finance Office. The Finance Office will then enter the visitor's information into the building access system. Access will not be allowed until the system has been updated. Visitors are encouraged to pre-register to ensure timely access to the building. Vendors who intend to deliver bids or conduct business with OGS should allow extra time to comply with these procedures. These procedures may change or be modified at any time.

Visitor parking information can be viewed at the following OGS web site:

<http://www.ogs.state.ny.us/parking/forVisitor/visitor.html>

3. Administrative Information

3.1 Issuing Office

This IFB is being released by the New York State Office of General Services Division of Financial Administration on behalf of the NYS Board of Elections.

3.2 Method of Award

Award shall be made by Grand Total Bid to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. Optional additional quantities will be included in the Grand Total Bid. Guaranteed delivery may be taken into consideration when making an award. The state reserves the right to make no award based on this bid document. Upon final approval from the New York State Office of the State Comptroller (if applicable), a purchase order will be issued to the successful bidder.

3.3 Price

Price shall be inclusive of all customs duties, charges, labor, travel, parking, permits, licenses, insurance and ancillary costs and be net, F.O.B. destination to a location in New York to be determined at the time a purchase order is issued. Anticipated delivery to agency warehouse location: NYS Board of Elections: c/o Riverview Center; Dock 14; 150 Broadway, Menands, NY 12204. **Vendor will also be responsible to offload forms on to the loading dock.**

3.4 Delivery

Delivery shall be expressed on the bid form in number of calendar days required to make delivery after receipt of a purchase order. **Important: Also see 'Delivery' in Section 4.2.**

Delivery shall be made in accordance with instructions on Purchase Order from the agency. If there is a discrepancy between the purchase order and what is listed on the contract, it is the contractor's obligation to seek clarification from the ordering agency and, if applicable, from the Office of General Services, Financial Administration.

3.5 Term of Contract

This IFB provides for the procurement of the specified Voter Registration Forms for year 2011. .

The State of New York retains the right to cancel this contract for convenience, provided that the Contractor is given at least 30 days written notice of OGS' intent to cancel. Any cancellation by OGS under this section shall in no event constitute or be deemed a breach of any contract resulting from this IFB and no liability shall be incurred by or arise against OGS, its agents and employees therefore for lost profits or any other damages resulting there from. This provision should not be understood as waiving the State's right to terminate the contract for cause or stop work immediately for unsatisfactory work, but is supplementary to that provision. See Section 5.10 – Termination.

3.6 Method of Payment

Upon delivery and acceptance of all products and related services specified, Invoice shall be submitted to the OGS Claims Unit. Invoice will be processed in accordance with established procedures of the Office of General services and the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC) and payments will be subject to the prompt payment provisions of Article XI-A of the New York State Finance Law.

Invoice must contain the Purchase Order number and Invoice shall be consistent with the Purchase Order issued. Invoices without the required information will be returned to Contractor to be completed as required. All invoices must be submitted for payment to either:

THE CLAIMS UNIT
DIVISION OF FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION -or- claimsunit@ogs.state.ny.us
OFFICE OF GENERAL SERVICES
EMPIRE STATE PLAZA STATION
P. O. BOX 2117
ALBANY, NEW YORK 12220-0117

3.7 Electronic Payment

Vendors currently on a statewide or backdrop contract with OGS are strongly encouraged to abide by the following clause regarding electronic payment. All other vendors are required to comply with this provision

Contractor shall provide complete and accurate billing invoices in order to receive payment. Billing invoices submitted must contain all information and supporting documentation required by the contract, the agency, and the State Comptroller. Payment for invoices submitted by the contractor shall only be rendered electronically unless payment by paper check is expressly authorized by the Commissioner, in the Commissioner's sole discretion, due to extenuating circumstances. Such electronic payment shall be made in accordance with ordinary State procedures and practices. The Contractor shall comply with the State Comptroller's procedures to authorize electronic payments. Authorization forms are available at the State Comptroller's website at www.osc.state.ny.us/epay/index.htm, by e-mail at epunit@osc.state.ny.us, or by phone at 518-474-4032. Contractor acknowledges that it will not receive payment on any invoices submitted under this Contract if it does not comply with the State Comptroller's electronic payment procedures, except where the Commissioner has expressly authorized payment by paper check as set forth above.

Please note that in conjunction with New York State's implementation of a new Statewide financial system, the Office of the State Comptroller requires all vendors doing business with New York State agencies to complete a Substitute W-9 form. Vendors registering for electronic payment can complete the Substitute W-9 form when they register. Vendors already registered for electronic payment are requested to go to the above website and complete the Substitute W-9 form and submit following the instructions provided.

3.8 Past Practice

The failure to exercise any right hereunder in the past shall not operate as a waiver of such right. No breach of this Agreement shall be deemed waived unless such waiver shall be in writing and signed by the party claimed to have waived. No waiver of any breach of the Agreement at any time in the past shall constitute a waiver of subsequent breach.

3.9 Bid Exceptions

The Issuing Office will consider all requests to waive any bid requirement. However, bidders should be aware that failure to obtain a waiver of any bid requirement in advance of bid submission could result in rejection of Bidder's bid and disqualification from the bidding process. Bidders wishing to obtain an exemption or waiver for any part of this solicitation must contact the Issuing Office in writing by the 'Questions Due Date' as identified in Key Events (Section 1.4). The request must cite the specific section and requirement in question, and clearly identify any proposed alternative. Requests will be considered and responded to in writing, either via addendum (if the response results in a change to the IFB), or directly to the requesting vendor.

3.10 Dispute Resolution

It is the policy of the Office of General Services' Financial Administration to provide vendors with an opportunity to administratively resolve disputes, complaints or inquiries related to bid solicitations or contract awards. OGS Financial Administration encourages vendors to seek resolution of disputes through consultation with OGS Financial Administration staff. All such matters will be accorded impartial and timely consideration. Interested parties may also file formal written disputes. A copy of the OGS Financial Administration Dispute Resolution Procedures for Vendors may be obtained by contacting the designated contact person identified on the front of the bid document.

3.11 Examination of Contract Documents

- Each Bidder is under an affirmative duty to inform itself by personal examination of the specifications of the proposed work and by such other means as it may select, of the character, quality and extent of the work to be performed and the conditions under which the contract is to be executed.
- Each Bidder shall examine specifications and all other data or instruction pertaining to the work. No pleas of ignorance of conditions that may be encountered or of any other matter concerning the work to be performed in the execution of the contract will be accepted by the state as an excuse for any failure or omission on the part of the Bidder to fulfill every detail of all the requirements of the documents governing the work. The Bidder, if awarded the contract, will not be allowed any extra compensation by reason of any matter or thing concerning which such Bidder might have fully informed itself prior to bidding.
- Any addendum issued prior to the bid due date must be acknowledged by signature, dated and be submitted on or before the bid due date. In awarding a contract any written addenda will become a part thereof.
- Any verbal information obtained from, or statements made by, representatives of the Commissioner of General Services shall not be construed as in any way amending contract documents. Only such corrections or addenda as are issued, in writing, shall become a part of the contract.

3.12 Prime Contractor Responsibilities

The State will contract only with the successful Bidder who is the Prime Contractor. The Issuing Office considers the Prime Contractor, the sole Contractor with regard to all provisions of the IFB, and the contract resulting from the IFB.

No subcontract entered into by the Contractor shall relieve the Contractor of any liabilities or obligations in this IFB or the resultant contract. The Contractor accepts full responsibility for the actions of any employee or subcontractor who carry out any of the provisions of any contract resulting from this IFB.

3.13 Inspection of Books

It is expressly understood and agreed that the Office of General Services and the New York State Comptroller shall have the right to inspect and audit the Contractor's records covered under this Agreement, in accordance with his statutory responsibility to examine the books and accounts of every Agency. The New York State Comptroller requires, and the Contractor agrees to, the retention of all material that is pertinent to an audit of the operations under any contract resulting from this IFB for a full six-year period.

4. SCOPE

4.1 General

The purpose of this Invitation for Bid is for the procurement of Voter Registration forms. Quantities are: 1,050,000 English version; 105,000 Spanish version; 5,000 Chinese version and 3,000 Korean version printed. As listed below under 'Specifications'.

OVERRUNS AND UNDERRUNS:

Underruns are not acceptable.

Overruns shall not exceed 3%.

The agency, at its option, may either accept or reject additional quantities beyond the allowable overrun.

If overruns beyond the allowable percentages are accepted, they will be at a negotiated reduction in price.

PAPER STOCK:

Private brands are not acceptable. Proposed stock must be at least equal to the referenced brands and shall be the same as that which is sold to the trade under the same brand name. Standard mill brands (which are produced by a mill manufacturer as opposed to a converter) shall be furnished.

4.2 Item Specification

ITEM: NYS VOTER REGISTRATION FORM

ESTIMATED QUANTITY:

1,000,000 of the English version without a blue dot on mailing face.

50,000 of the English version with a blue dot on mailing face.

5,000 of the Spanish version with a blue dot on mailing face.

100,000 of the Spanish version without a blue dot on mailing face.

5,000 of the Chinese version with a blue dot on mailing face.

3,000 of the Korean version with a blue dot on mailing face.

SIZE: 8-1/2" X 14" no bleeds.

STOCK: 90# White Index, exact or equal.

COPY: Camera ready copy will be furnished-all line copy.

PRESSWORK:

Prints 1 color 2 sides. Head to Toe printing.

INK: PMS Reflex Blue.

NOTE:

All lithographic inks used in the production of New York State printing requirements must contain the following minimum percentages of vegetable oil: News Inks – 40%; Sheet Fed Inks - 20%; Forms Inks – 20%; Heat Set Inks – 10%.

PERFORATIONS:

There are two (2) horizontal perforations one 3.75 from top of form; one approximately .75" from bottom of form; Also, one score line

TRANSFER TAPE:

A strip of transfer tape measuring approx. 3/8" in width is to be positioned along the bottom edge running the full 8-1/2" width of the form.

SHRINK-WRAPPING:

All forms will require shrink-wrapping in lifts of 100 forms. .

PACKING:

Pack 2,000 forms each in new corrugated cartons of uniform size. Mark all cartons on end with language version, quantity and P.O. number.

PROOFS: Required: duplex print sample, perforations, score, strip of transfer tape..

DELIVERY:

Required as soon as possible, but no later than 20 working days after receipt of order. Partial deliveries prior to the final due date will be accepted and are encouraged. Important Note: Product not received within the required 20 days will be subject to the Inspection and/or Stop Work Order Clause in Section 5.5.

PREPARATORY MATERIALS:

Mechanicals and negatives are or will become the property of New York State and are to be sent to the using agency upon completion of job.

4.3 Optional Additional Quantities

The quantities listed in Section 4.2 above are what the BOE currently anticipates. However, additional quantities may ultimately be required. Bidders must include pricing for this contingency as indicated on the bid form. There is no guaranty of such additional quantities being ordered.

4.4 Operations Standards

- The contractor agrees to provide any necessary services as to comply with all the requirements of this bid and further, agrees to perform all the duties in accordance with the standards and qualifications outlined in this IFB.
- Bidder shall be advised that the Contractor will be responsible for providing all resources necessary for the safe execution and completion of this contract.
- Contractors are considered employees of that contractor, and as such are not State employees and not eligible for any NYS benefits.
- Any services shall be subject to inspection by the State of New York at any time.

5. Contract Clauses and Requirements

5.1 Appendix A / Order of Precedence

Appendix A — Standard Clauses for New York State Contracts, dated November 2010, attached hereto, is hereby expressly made a part of this solicitation document as fully as if set forth at length herein. The agreement resulting from a successful award will include the following documents. Conflicts between these documents will be resolved in the following descending order of precedence:

1. Appendix- A
2. OGS Invitation For Bid Number 1701 (This Document)
3. Selected Contractor's Bid

5.2 Procurement Lobbying Requirement

Pursuant to State Finance Law §§139-j and 139-k, this solicitation includes and imposes certain restrictions on communications between OGS and an Offerer/Bidder during the procurement process. An Offerer/Bidder is restricted from making contacts from the earliest notice of intent to solicit offers/bids through final award and approval of the Procurement Contract by OGS and, if applicable, the Office of the State Comptroller ("restricted period") to other than designated staff unless it is a contact that is included among certain statutory exceptions set forth in State Finance Law §139-j (3) (a). Designated staff, as of the date hereof, is identified on the first page of this solicitation. OGS employees are also required to obtain certain information when contacted during the restricted period and make a determination of the responsibility of the Offerer/Bidder pursuant to these two statutes. Certain findings of non-responsibility can result in rejection for contract award and in the event of two findings within a four-year period, the Offerer/Bidder is debarred from obtaining governmental Procurement Contracts. Further information about these requirements can be found on the OGS website:

<http://www.ogs.state.ny.us/aboutOgs/regulations/defaultAdvisoryCouncil.html>

5.3 Participation Opportunities for New York State Certified Minorities and Women-Owned Businesses

CONTRACTOR REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR EQUAL EMPLOYMENT AND BUSINESS PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINORITY GROUP MEMBERS AND NEW YORK STATE CERTIFIED MINORITY- AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES

In accordance with Article 15-A of the New York State Executive Law (Participation by Minority Group Members and Women with Respect to State Contracts) and in conformance with the Regulations promulgated by the Department of Economic Development's Division of Minority and Women's Business Development set forth at 5 NYCRR Parts 140-145, the Offerer/Contractor agrees to be bound by the following to promote equality of economic opportunities for minority group members and women and for the facilitation of minority-and women-owned business on OGS covered contracts.

Equal Employment Opportunity Requirements

By submission of a bid or proposal in response to this solicitation, the Offerer agrees with all of the terms and conditions of Appendix A including Clause 12 - Equal Employment Opportunities for Minorities and Women. The contractor is required to ensure that it and any subcontractors awarded a subcontract over \$25,000 for the construction, demolition, replacement, major repair, renovation, planning or design of real property and improvements thereon (the "Work") except where the Work is for the beneficial use of the Contractor, shall undertake or continue programs to ensure that minority group members and women are afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status. For these purposes, equal opportunity shall apply in the areas of recruitment, employment, job assignment, promotion, upgrading, demotion, transfer, layoff, termination, and rates of pay or other forms of compensation. This requirement does not apply to: (i) work, goods or services unrelated to this contract; or (ii) employment outside New York State.

Business Participation Opportunities for New York State Certified Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (MWBE)

By submission of a bid or proposal in response to this solicitation, the Offerer agrees to make every good faith effort to promote and assist the participation of New York State Certified Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprises (MWBE) as subcontractors and suppliers on this contract for the provision of services and materials. The Directory of New York State Certified Minority and Women-owned Businesses can be viewed at: <http://www.nylovesmwbe.ny.gov/>

5.4 Freedom of Information Law / Trade Secrets

During the evaluation process, the content of each bid/bid will be held in confidence and details of any bid/bid will not be revealed (except as may be required under the Freedom of Information Law or other State law). The Freedom of Information Law provides for an exemption from disclosure for trade secrets or information the disclosure of which would cause injury to the competitive position of commercial enterprises. This exception would be effective both during and after the evaluation process.

SHOULD YOU FEEL YOUR FIRM'S BID/BID CONTAINS ANY SUCH TRADE SECRETS OR OTHER CONFIDENTIAL OR PROPRIETARY INFORMATION, **YOU MUST SUBMIT A REQUEST TO EXCEPT SUCH INFORMATION FROM DISCLOSURE.** SUCH REQUEST MUST BE IN WRITING, MUST STATE THE REASONS WHY THE INFORMATION SHOULD BE EXCEPTED FROM DISCLOSURE AND MUST BE PROVIDED AT THE TIME OF SUBMISSION OF THE SUBJECT INFORMATION.

REQUESTS FOR EXEMPTION OF THE ENTIRE CONTENTS OF A BID/BID FROM DISCLOSURE HAVE GENERALLY NOT BEEN FOUND TO BE MERITORIOUS AND ARE DISCOURAGED. KINDLY LIMIT ANY REQUESTS FOR EXEMPTION OF INFORMATION FROM DISCLOSURE TO BONA FIDE TRADE SECRETS OR SPECIFIC INFORMATION, THE DISCLOSURE OF WHICH WOULD CAUSE A SUBSTANTIAL INJURY TO THE COMPETITIVE POSITION OF YOUR FIRM.

5.5 General Requirements

- The Bidder agrees to adhere to all State and Federal laws and regulations in connection with the contract.
- The Bidder agrees to notify the Office of General Services of any changes in the legal status or principal ownership of the firm, forty five (45) days in advance of said change.
- The Bidder agrees that in any contract resulting from this IFB it shall be completely responsible for its work, including any damages or breakdowns caused by its failure to take appropriate action.
- The Bidder agrees that any contract resulting from this IFB may not be assigned, transferred, conveyed or the work subcontracted without the prior written consent of the Commissioner of General Services.
- For reasons of safety and public policy, in any contract resulting from this IFB, the use of illegal drugs and/or alcoholic beverages by the Contractor or its personnel shall not be permitted while performing any phase of the work herein specified.
- For purposes of any contract resulting from this IFB, the State will not be liable for any expense incurred by the Contractor for any parking fees or as a consequence of any traffic infraction or parking violations attributable to employees of the Contractor.
- The Commissioner's interpretation of specifications shall be final and binding upon the Contractor.
- The Commissioner of General Services will make no allowance or concession to the Bidder for any alleged misunderstanding because of quantity, quality, character, location or other conditions.

- Should it appear that there is a real or apparent discrepancy between different sections of specifications concerning the nature, quality or extent of work to be furnished, it shall be assumed that the Bidder has based its bid on the more expensive option. Final decision will rest with the Commissioner of General Services.
- INSPECTION – For purposes of any contract resulting from this IFB, the quality of service is subject to inspection and may be made at any reasonable time by the State of New York. Should it be found that quality of services being performed is not satisfactory and that the requirements of the specifications are not being met, the Commissioner of the Office of General Services may terminate the contract and employ another contractor to fulfill the requirements of the contract. The existing Contractor shall be liable to the State of New York for costs incurred on account thereof.
- STOP WORK ORDER - The Commissioner of General Services reserves the right to stop the work covered by this IFB and any contract(s) resulting there from at any time that it is deemed the successful Bidder is unable or incapable of performing the work to the state's satisfaction. In the event of such stopping, the Office of General Services shall have the right to arrange for the completion of the work in such manner as it may deem advisable and if the cost thereof exceeds the amount of the bid, the successful Bidder shall be liable to the State of New York for any such costs on account thereof. In the event that the Office of General Services issues a stop work order for the work as provided herein, the Contractor shall have ten (10) working days to respond thereto before any such stop work order shall become effective.
- It is the Contractor's responsibility to maintain the equipment and materials provided for the work consistent with applicable safety and health codes.
- The Office of General Services reserves the right to reject and bar from the facility any employee hired by the Contractor.

5.6 Contract Terms

All provisions and requirements of, Appendix A Standard Clauses for New York State Contracts, which is attached hereto and forms a part hereof, will be incorporated into any contract resulting from this IFB, and will be binding upon the parties to such contract.

All provisions and requirements, which are attached hereto and form a part hereof, will be incorporated into any contract resulting from this IFB, and will be binding upon the parties to such contract.

It is stipulated and agreed by the parties that the law of the State of New York shall solely and in all respects govern with relation to any dispute, litigation, or interpretation arising out of or connected with any contract resulting from this IFB.

Any contract resulting from this IFB shall not be deemed executed, valid or binding unless and until approved in writing by the Comptroller of the State of New York.

5.7 Subcontractors

The Contractor's use of subcontractors shall not diminish the Contractor's obligations to complete the work in accordance with the contract. The Contractor shall coordinate and control the work of the subcontractors.

The Contractor shall be responsible for informing the subcontractors of all terms, conditions, and requirements of the Contract Documents including, but not limited to the General Conditions and Requirements.

5.8 Procurement Rights

The State of New York reserves the right to:

1. Reject any and all proposals received in response to this Solicitation.
2. Disqualify a Proposer from receiving the award if the Proposer, or anyone in the Proposer's employ, has previously failed to perform satisfactorily in connection with public bidding or contracts.
3. Correct Proposers' mathematical errors and waive or modify other minor irregularities in proposals received, after prior notification to the Proposer.
4. Adjust any Proposer's expected costs of the bid price based on a determination of the evaluation committee that the selection of the said Proposer will cause the State to incur additional costs.

5. Utilize any and all ideas submitted in the proposals received.
6. Negotiate with Proposers responding to this Solicitation within the Solicitation requirements to serve the best interests of the State.
7. Begin contract negotiations with another bidding Contractor(s) in order to serve the best interests of the State of New York should the State of New York be unsuccessful in negotiating a contract with the selected Contractor within 21 days of selection notification.
8. Waive any non-material requirement not met by all Proposers.
9. Not make an award from this Solicitation.
10. Make an award under this Solicitation in whole or in part.
11. Make multiple contract awards pursuant to the Solicitation.
12. Have any service completed via separate competitive bid or other means, as determined to be in the best interest of the State.
13. Seek clarifications of proposals.
14. If two or more offers are found to be substantially equivalent, the Commissioner of OGS, at his sole discretion, will determine award.

Please Note: The State is not liable for any cost incurred by a Proposer in the preparation and production of a proposal or for any work performed prior to the issuance of a contract.

5.9 Debriefings

Bidders will be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to their opportunity for debriefing. Prior to contract award, OGS shall, upon request, provide a debriefing which would be limited to review of that bidder's bid or bid. After contract award, OGS shall, upon request, provide a debriefing to any bidder that responded to the IFB, regarding the reason that the bid or bid submitted by the unsuccessful bidder was not selected for a contract award. The post award debriefing should be requested by the bidder within thirty days of contract approval as posted on the OSC website (web address below).

<http://www1.osc.state.ny.us/transparency/contracts/contractsearch.cfm>

5.10 Termination

A.) Termination

The Office of General Services may, upon thirty (30) days notice, terminate the contract resulting from this RFP/IFB in the event of the awarded Bidder's failure to comply with any of the proposal's requirements unless the awarded Bidder obtained a waiver of the requirement.

In addition, OGS may also terminate any contract resulting from this RFP/IFB upon ten (10) days written notice if the Contractor makes any arrangement or assignment for the benefit of the creditors.

Furthermore, OGS shall have the right, in its sole discretion, at any time to terminate a contract resulting from this RFP/IFB, or any unit portion thereof, with or without cause, by giving thirty (30) days written notice of termination to the Contractor.

Any termination by OGS under this Section shall in no event constitute or be deemed a breach of any contract resulting from this RFP/IFB and no liability shall be incurred by or arise against the Office of General Services, its agents and employees therefore for lost profits or any other damages.

B.) Procurement Lobbying Termination

The Office of General Services reserves the right to terminate this Agreement in the event it is found that the certification filed by the Contractor in accordance with New York State Finance Law §139-k was intentionally false or intentionally incomplete. Upon such finding, the Office of General Services may exercise its termination right by providing written notification to the Contractor in accordance with the written notification terms of this Agreement.

5.11 Ethics Compliance

All bidders/contractors and their employees must comply with the requirements of §§73 and 74 of the Public Officers Law, other state codes, rules, regulations, and executive orders establishing ethical standards for the conduct of business with New York State. In signing the Contract, the Contractor certifies full compliance with those provisions for any present or future dealings, transactions, sales, contracts, services, offers, relations, etc., involving New York State and/or its employees. Failure to comply with those provisions may result in disqualification from the bidding process, termination of contract, and/or other civil or criminal proceedings as required by law.

5.12 Extension of Use

Any contract resulting from the solicitation may be extended to additional State Agencies upon mutual agreement between the requesting agency, OGS, and the contractor, and subject to applicable approvals. OGS reserves the right to negotiate additional discounts based on any increased volume generated by such extensions.

5.13 Indemnification

The Contractor shall assume all risks of liability for its performance, or that of any of its officers, employees, subcontractors or agents, of any contract resulting from this solicitation and shall be solely responsible and liable for all liabilities, losses, damages, costs or expenses, including attorney's fees, arising from any claim, action or proceeding relating to or in any way connected with the performance of this Agreement and covenants and agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the State of New York, its agents, officers and employees, from any and all claims, suits, causes of action and losses of whatever kind and nature, arising out of or in connection with its performance of any contract resulting from this solicitation, including negligence, active or passive or improper conduct of the Contractor, its officers, agents, subcontractors or employees, or the failure by the Contractor, its officers, agents, subcontractors or employees to perform any obligations or commitments to the State or third parties arising out of or resulting from any contract resulting from this solicitation. Such indemnity shall not be limited to the insurance coverage herein prescribed.

5.14 Force Majeure

Neither party hereto will be liable for losses, defaults, or damages under any contract resulting from this solicitation which result from delays in performing, or inability to perform, all or any of the obligations or responsibilities imposed upon it pursuant to the terms and conditions of this solicitation, due to or because of acts of God, the public enemy, acts of government, earthquakes, floods, strikes, civil strife, fire or any other cause beyond the reasonable control of the party that was so delayed in performing or so unable to perform provided that such party was not negligent and shall have used reasonable efforts to avoid and overcome such cause. Such party will resume full performance of such obligations and responsibilities promptly upon removal of any such cause.

5.15 Mercury

Offerers are advised that effective January 1, 2005, Article 27, Title 21 of the Environmental Conservation Law bans the sale or distribution free of charge of fever thermometers containing mercury except by prescription written by a physician and bans the sale or distribution free of charge of elemental mercury other than for medical pre-encapsulated dental amalgam, research, or manufacturing purposes due to the hazardous waste concerns of mercury. The law further states that effective July 12, 2005, manufacturers are required to label mercury-added consumer products that are sold or offered for sale in New York State by a distributor or retailer. The label is intended to inform consumers of the presence of mercury in such products and of the proper disposal or recycling of mercury-added consumer products. Offerers are encouraged to contact the Department of Environmental Conservation, Bureau of Solid Waste, Reduction & Recycling at (518) 402-8705 or the Bureau of Hazardous Waste Regulation at 1-800-462-6553 for questions relating to the law. Offerers may also visit the Department's web site for additional information: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8512.html>.

5.16 Diesel Emissions

On February 12, 2007 the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act took effect as law (the "Law"). Pursuant to new §19-0323 of the N.Y. Environmental Conservation Law ("NYECL") it is now a requirement that heavy duty diesel vehicles in excess of 8,500 pounds use the best available retrofit technology ("BART") and ultra low sulfur diesel fuel ("ULSD"). The requirement of the Law applies to all vehicles owned, operated by or on behalf of, or leased by State agencies and State or regional public authorities. They need to be operated exclusively on ULSD by February 12, 2007. It also requires that such vehicles owned, operated by or on behalf of, or leased by State agencies and State or regional public authorities with more than half of its governing body appointed by the Governor utilize BART.

As a contract vendor the Law may be applicable to vehicles used by contract vendors "on behalf of" State agencies and public authorities. Thirty-three percent (33%) of affected vehicles must have BART by December 31, 2008, sixty-six percent (66%) by December 31, 2009 and one-hundred percent (100%) by December 31, 2010. The Law provides a list of exempted vehicles. Regulations currently being drafted will provide further guidance as to the effects of the Law on contract vendors using heavy duty diesel vehicles on behalf of the State.

The Law also permits waivers of ULSD and BART under limited circumstances at the discretion of the Commissioner of Environmental Conservation. The Law will also require reporting from State agencies and from contract vendors in affected contracts.

Therefore, the bidder hereby certifies and warrants that all heavy duty vehicles, as defined in NYECL §19-0323, to be used under this contract, will comply with the specifications and provisions of NYECL §19-0323, and any regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, which requires the use of BART and ULSD, unless specifically waived by NYSDEC. Qualification and application for a waiver under this Law will be the responsibility of the bidder.

APPENDIX A

STANDARD CLAUSES FOR NEW YORK STATE CONTRACTS

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STANDARD CLAUSES FOR NYS CONTRACTS

The parties to the attached contract, license, lease, amendment or other agreement of any kind (hereinafter, "the contract" or "this contract") agree to be bound by the following clauses which are hereby made a part of the contract (the word "Contractor" herein refers to any party other than the State, whether a contractor, licensor, licensee, lessor, lessee or any other party):

1. **EXECUTORY CLAUSE.** In accordance with Section 41 of the State Finance Law, the State shall have no liability under this contract to the Contractor or to anyone else beyond funds appropriated and available for this contract.

2. **NON-ASSIGNMENT CLAUSE.** In accordance with Section 138 of the State Finance Law, this contract may not be assigned by the Contractor or its right, title or interest therein assigned, transferred, conveyed, sublet or otherwise disposed of without the State's previous written consent, and attempts to do so are null and void. Notwithstanding the foregoing, such prior written consent of an assignment of a contract let pursuant to Article XI of the State Finance Law may be waived at the discretion of the contracting agency and with the concurrence of the State Comptroller where the original contract was subject to the State Comptroller's approval, where the assignment is due to a reorganization, merger or consolidation of the Contractor's business entity or enterprise. The State retains its right to approve an assignment and to require that any Contractor demonstrate its responsibility to do business with the State. The Contractor may, however, assign its right to receive payments without the State's prior written consent unless this contract concerns Certificates of Participation pursuant to Article 5-A of the State Finance Law.

3. **COMPTROLLER'S APPROVAL.** In accordance with Section 112 of the State Finance Law (or, if this contract is with the State University or City University of New York, Section 355 or Section 6218 of the Education Law), if this contract exceeds \$50,000 (or the minimum thresholds agreed to by the Office of the State Comptroller for certain S.U.N.Y. and C.U.N.Y. contracts), or if this is an amendment for any amount to a contract which, as so amended, exceeds said statutory amount, or if, by this contract, the State agrees to give something other than money when the value or reasonably estimated value of such consideration exceeds \$10,000, it shall not be valid, effective or binding upon the State until it has been approved by the State Comptroller and filed in his office. Comptroller's approval of contracts let by the Office of General Services is required when such contracts exceed \$85,000 (State Finance Law Section 163.6.a).

4. **WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFITS.** In accordance with Section 142 of the State Finance Law, this contract shall be void and of no force and effect unless the Contractor shall provide and maintain coverage during the life of this contract for the benefit of such employees as are required to be covered by the provisions of the Workers' Compensation Law.

5. **NON-DISCRIMINATION REQUIREMENTS.** To the extent required by Article 15 of the Executive Law (also known as the Human Rights Law) and all other State and Federal statutory and constitutional non-discrimination provisions, the Contractor will not discriminate against any

employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, age, disability, genetic predisposition or carrier status, or marital status. Furthermore, in accordance with Section 220-e of the Labor Law, if this is a contract for the construction, alteration or repair of any public building or public work or for the manufacture, sale or distribution of materials, equipment or supplies, and to the extent that this contract shall be performed within the State of New York, Contractor agrees that neither it nor its subcontractors shall, by reason of race, creed, color, disability, sex, or national origin: (a) discriminate in hiring against any New York State citizen who is qualified and available to perform the work; or (b) discriminate against or intimidate any employee hired for the performance of work under this contract. If this is a building service contract as defined in Section 230 of the Labor Law, then, in accordance with Section 239 thereof, Contractor agrees that neither it nor its subcontractors shall by reason of race, creed, color, national origin, age, sex or disability: (a) discriminate in hiring against any New York State citizen who is qualified and available to perform the work; or (b) discriminate against or intimidate any employee hired for the performance of work under this contract. Contractor is subject to fines of \$50.00 per person per day for any violation of Section 220-e or Section 239 as well as possible termination of this contract and forfeiture of all moneys due hereunder for a second or subsequent violation.

6. **WAGE AND HOURS PROVISIONS.** If this is a public work contract covered by Article 8 of the Labor Law or a building service contract covered by Article 9 thereof, neither Contractor's employees nor the employees of its subcontractors may be required or permitted to work more than the number of hours or days stated in said statutes, except as otherwise provided in the Labor Law and as set forth in prevailing wage and supplement schedules issued by the State Labor Department. Furthermore, Contractor and its subcontractors must pay at least the prevailing wage rate and pay or provide the prevailing supplements, including the premium rates for overtime pay, as determined by the State Labor Department in accordance with the Labor Law. Additionally, effective April 28, 2008, if this is a public work contract covered by Article 8 of the Labor Law, the Contractor understands and agrees that the filing of payrolls in a manner consistent with Subdivision 3-a of Section 220 of the Labor Law shall be a condition precedent to payment by the State of any State approved sums due and owing for work done upon the project.

7. **NON-COLLUSIVE BIDDING CERTIFICATION.** In accordance with Section 139-d of the State Finance Law, if this contract was awarded based upon the submission of bids, Contractor affirms, under penalty of perjury, that its bid was arrived at independently and without collusion aimed at restricting competition. Contractor further affirms that, at the time Contractor submitted its bid, an authorized and responsible person executed and delivered to the State a non-collusive bidding certification on Contractor's behalf.

8. **INTERNATIONAL BOYCOTT PROHIBITION.** In accordance with Section 220-f of the Labor Law and Section 139-h of the State Finance Law, if this contract exceeds \$5,000, the Contractor agrees, as a material condition of the contract, that neither the Contractor nor any substantially owned or affiliated person, firm, partnership or corporation has participated, is participating, or shall participate in an international boycott in violation of the federal Export

Administration Act of 1979 (50 USC App. Sections 2401 et seq.) or regulations thereunder. If such Contractor, or any of the aforesaid affiliates of Contractor, is convicted or is otherwise found to have violated said laws or regulations upon the final determination of the United States Commerce Department or any other appropriate agency of the United States subsequent to the contract's execution, such contract, amendment or modification thereto shall be rendered forfeit and void. The Contractor shall so notify the State Comptroller within five (5) business days of such conviction, determination or disposition of appeal (2NYCRR 105.4).

9. SET-OFF RIGHTS. The State shall have all of its common law, equitable and statutory rights of set-off. These rights shall include, but not be limited to, the State's option to withhold for the purposes of set-off any moneys due to the Contractor under this contract up to any amounts due and owing to the State with regard to this contract, any other contract with any State department or agency, including any contract for a term commencing prior to the term of this contract, plus any amounts due and owing to the State for any other reason including, without limitation, tax delinquencies, fee delinquencies or monetary penalties relative thereto. The State shall exercise its set-off rights in accordance with normal State practices including, in cases of set-off pursuant to an audit, the finalization of such audit by the State agency, its representatives, or the State Comptroller.

10. RECORDS. The Contractor shall establish and maintain complete and accurate books, records, documents, accounts and other evidence directly pertinent to performance under this contract (hereinafter, collectively, "the Records"). The Records must be kept for the balance of the calendar year in which they were made and for six (6) additional years thereafter. The State Comptroller, the Attorney General and any other person or entity authorized to conduct an examination, as well as the agency or agencies involved in this contract, shall have access to the Records during normal business hours at an office of the Contractor within the State of New York or, if no such office is available, at a mutually agreeable and reasonable venue within the State, for the term specified above for the purposes of inspection, auditing and copying. The State shall take reasonable steps to protect from public disclosure any of the Records which are exempt from disclosure under Section 87 of the Public Officers Law (the "Statute") provided that: (i) the Contractor shall timely inform an appropriate State official, in writing, that said records should not be disclosed; and (ii) said records shall be sufficiently identified; and (iii) designation of said records as exempt under the Statute is reasonable. Nothing contained herein shall diminish, or in any way adversely affect, the State's right to discovery in any pending or future litigation.

11. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION AND PRIVACY NOTIFICATION. (a) **FEDERAL EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER AND/OR FEDERAL SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER.** All invoices or New York State standard vouchers submitted for payment for the sale of goods or services or the lease of real or personal property to a New York State agency must include the payee's identification number, i.e., the seller's or lessor's identification number. The number is either the payee's Federal employer identification number or Federal social security number, or both such numbers when the payee has both such numbers. Failure to include this number or numbers may delay payment. Where the payee does not have such number or numbers, the payee, on

its invoice or New York State standard voucher, must give the reason or reasons why the payee does not have such number or numbers.

(b) **PRIVACY NOTIFICATION.** (1) The authority to request the above personal information from a seller of goods or services or a lessor of real or personal property, and the authority to maintain such information, is found in Section 5 of the State Tax Law. Disclosure of this information by the seller or lessor to the State is mandatory. The principal purpose for which the information is collected is to enable the State to identify individuals, businesses and others who have been delinquent in filing tax returns or may have understated their tax liabilities and to generally identify persons affected by the taxes administered by the Commissioner of Taxation and Finance. The information will be used for tax administration purposes and for any other purpose authorized by law. (2) The personal information is requested by the purchasing unit of the agency contracting to purchase the goods or services or lease the real or personal property covered by this contract or lease. The information is maintained in New York State's Central Accounting System by the Director of Accounting Operations, Office of the State Comptroller, 110 State Street, Albany, New York 12236.

12. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINORITIES AND WOMEN. In accordance with Section 312 of the Executive Law, if this contract is: (i) a written agreement or purchase order instrument, providing for a total expenditure in excess of \$25,000.00, whereby a contracting agency is committed to expend or does expend funds in return for labor, services, supplies, equipment, materials or any combination of the foregoing, to be performed for, or rendered or furnished to the contracting agency; or (ii) a written agreement in excess of \$100,000.00 whereby a contracting agency is committed to expend or does expend funds for the acquisition, construction, demolition, replacement, major repair or renovation of real property and improvements thereon; or (iii) a written agreement in excess of \$100,000.00 whereby the owner of a State assisted housing project is committed to expend or does expend funds for the acquisition, construction, demolition, replacement, major repair or renovation of real property and improvements thereon for such project, then:

(a) The Contractor will not discriminate against employees or applicants for employment because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status, and will undertake or continue existing programs of affirmative action to ensure that minority group members and women are afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination. Affirmative action shall mean recruitment, employment, job assignment, promotion, upgradings, demotion, transfer, layoff, or termination and rates of pay or other forms of compensation;

(b) at the request of the contracting agency, the Contractor shall request each employment agency, labor union, or authorized representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining or other agreement or understanding, to furnish a written statement that such employment agency, labor union or representative will not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status and that such union or representative will affirmatively cooperate in the implementation of the contractor's obligations herein; and

(c) the Contractor shall state, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees, that, in the performance of the State contract, all qualified applicants will be afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status.

Contractor will include the provisions of "a", "b", and "c" above, in every subcontract over \$25,000.00 for the construction, demolition, replacement, major repair, renovation, planning or design of real property and improvements thereon (the "Work") except where the Work is for the beneficial use of the Contractor. Section 312 does not apply to: (i) work, goods or services unrelated to this contract; or (ii) employment outside New York State; or (iii) banking services, insurance policies or the sale of securities. The State shall consider compliance by a contractor or subcontractor with the requirements of any federal law concerning equal employment opportunity which effectuates the purpose of this section. The contracting agency shall determine whether the imposition of the requirements of the provisions hereof duplicate or conflict with any such federal law and if such duplication or conflict exists, the contracting agency shall waive the applicability of Section 312 to the extent of such duplication or conflict. Contractor will comply with all duly promulgated and lawful rules and regulations of the Governor's Office of Minority and Women's Business Development pertaining hereto.

13. CONFLICTING TERMS. In the event of a conflict between the terms of the contract (including any and all attachments thereto and amendments thereof) and the terms of this Appendix A, the terms of this Appendix A shall control.

14. GOVERNING LAW. This contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of New York except where the Federal supremacy clause requires otherwise.

15. LATE PAYMENT. Timeliness of payment and any interest to be paid to Contractor for late payment shall be governed by Article 11-A of the State Finance Law to the extent required by law.

16. NO ARBITRATION. Disputes involving this contract, including the breach or alleged breach thereof, may not be submitted to binding arbitration (except where statutorily authorized), but must, instead, be heard in a court of competent jurisdiction of the State of New York.

17. SERVICE OF PROCESS. In addition to the methods of service allowed by the State Civil Practice Law & Rules ("CPLR"), Contractor hereby consents to service of process upon it by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested. Service hereunder shall be complete upon Contractor's actual receipt of process or upon the State's receipt of the return thereof by the United States Postal Service as refused or undeliverable. Contractor must promptly notify the State, in writing, of each and every change of address to which service of process can be made. Service by the State to the last known address shall be sufficient. Contractor will have thirty (30) calendar days after service hereunder is complete in which to respond.

18. PROHIBITION ON PURCHASE OF TROPICAL HARDWOODS. The Contractor certifies and warrants that all wood products to be used under this contract award will be in

accordance with, but not limited to, the specifications and provisions of Section 165 of the State Finance Law, (Use of Tropical Hardwoods) which prohibits purchase and use of tropical hardwoods, unless specifically exempted, by the State or any governmental agency or political subdivision or public benefit corporation. Qualification for an exemption under this law will be the responsibility of the contractor to establish to meet with the approval of the State.

In addition, when any portion of this contract involving the use of woods, whether supply or installation, is to be performed by any subcontractor, the prime Contractor will indicate and certify in the submitted bid proposal that the subcontractor has been informed and is in compliance with specifications and provisions regarding use of tropical hardwoods as detailed in §165 State Finance Law. Any such use must meet with the approval of the State; otherwise, the bid may not be considered responsive. Under bidder certifications, proof of qualification for exemption will be the responsibility of the Contractor to meet with the approval of the State.

19. MACBRIDE FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRINCIPLES. In accordance with the MacBride Fair Employment Principles (Chapter 807 of the Laws of 1992), the Contractor hereby stipulates that the Contractor either (a) has no business operations in Northern Ireland, or (b) shall take lawful steps in good faith to conduct any business operations in Northern Ireland in accordance with the MacBride Fair Employment Principles (as described in Section 165 of the New York State Finance Law), and shall permit independent monitoring of compliance with such principles.

20. OMNIBUS PROCUREMENT ACT OF 1992. It is the policy of New York State to maximize opportunities for the participation of New York State business enterprises, including minority and women-owned business enterprises as bidders, subcontractors and suppliers on its procurement contracts.

Information on the availability of New York State subcontractors and suppliers is available from:

NYS Department of Economic Development
Division for Small Business
30 South Pearl St -- 7th Floor
Albany, New York 12245
Telephone: 518-292-5220
Fax: 518-292-5884
<http://www.empire.state.ny.us>

A directory of certified minority and women-owned business enterprises is available from:

NYS Department of Economic Development
Division of Minority and Women's Business Development
30 South Pearl St -- 2nd Floor
Albany, New York 12245
Telephone: 518-292-5250
Fax: 518-292-5803
<http://www.empire.state.ny.us>

The Omnibus Procurement Act of 1992 requires that by signing this bid proposal or contract, as applicable, Contractors certify that whenever the total bid amount is greater than \$1 million:

(a) The Contractor has made reasonable efforts to encourage the participation of New York State Business Enterprises as suppliers and subcontractors, including certified minority and women-owned business enterprises, on this project, and has retained the documentation of these efforts to be provided upon request to the State;

(b) The Contractor has complied with the Federal Equal Opportunity Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-261), as amended;

(c) The Contractor agrees to make reasonable efforts to provide notification to New York State residents of employment opportunities on this project through listing any such positions with the Job Service Division of the New York State Department of Labor, or providing such notification in such manner as is consistent with existing collective bargaining contracts or agreements. The Contractor agrees to document these efforts and to provide said documentation to the State upon request; and

(d) The Contractor acknowledges notice that the State may seek to obtain offset credits from foreign countries as a result of this contract and agrees to cooperate with the State in these efforts.

21. RECIPROCITY AND SANCTIONS PROVISIONS.

Bidders are hereby notified that if their principal place of business is located in a country, nation, province, state or political subdivision that penalizes New York State vendors, and if the goods or services they offer will be substantially produced or performed outside New York State, the Omnibus Procurement Act 1994 and 2000 amendments (Chapter 684 and Chapter 383, respectively) require that they be denied contracts which they would otherwise obtain. NOTE: As of May 15, 2002, the list of discriminatory jurisdictions subject to this provision includes the states of South Carolina, Alaska, West Virginia, Wyoming, Louisiana and Hawaii. Contact NYS Department of Economic Development for a current list of jurisdictions subject to this provision.

22. COMPLIANCE WITH NEW YORK STATE INFORMATION SECURITY BREACH AND NOTIFICATION ACT.

Contractor shall comply with the provisions of the New York State Information Security Breach and Notification Act (General Business Law Section 899-aa; State Technology Law Section 208).

23. COMPLIANCE WITH CONSULTANT DISCLOSURE LAW.

If this is a contract for consulting services, defined for purposes of this requirement to include analysis, evaluation, research, training, data processing, computer programming, engineering, environmental, health, and mental health services, accounting, auditing, paralegal, legal or similar services, then, in accordance with Section 163 (4-g) of the State Finance Law (as amended by Chapter 10 of the Laws of 2006), the Contractor shall timely, accurately and properly comply with the requirement to submit an annual employment report for the contract to the agency that awarded the contract, the Department of Civil Service and the State Comptroller.

24. PROCUREMENT LOBBYING. To the extent this agreement is a "procurement contract" as defined by State Finance Law Sections 139-j and 139-k, by signing this agreement the contractor certifies and affirms that all disclosures made in accordance with State Finance Law

Sections 139-j and 139-k are complete, true and accurate. In the event such certification is found to be intentionally false or intentionally incomplete, the State may terminate the agreement by providing written notification to the Contractor in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

25. CERTIFICATION OF REGISTRATION TO COLLECT SALES AND COMPENSATING USE TAX BY CERTAIN STATE CONTRACTORS, AFFILIATES AND SUBCONTRACTORS.

To the extent this agreement is a contract as defined by Tax Law Section 5-a, if the contractor fails to make the certification required by Tax Law Section 5-a or if during the term of the contract, the Department of Taxation and Finance or the covered agency, as defined by Tax Law 5-a, discovers that the certification, made under penalty of perjury, is false, then such failure to file or false certification shall be a material breach of this contract and this contract may be terminated, by providing written notification to the Contractor in accordance with the terms of the agreement, if the covered agency determines that such action is in the best interest of the State.

Offerer's Affirmation of Understanding of and Agreement pursuant to New York State Finance Law §139-j (3) and §139-j (6) (b)

New York State Finance Law §139-j(6)(b) provides that:

Every Governmental Entity shall seek written affirmations from all Offerers as to the Offerer's understanding of and agreement to comply with the Governmental Entity's procedures relating to permissible contacts during a Governmental Procurement pursuant to subdivision three of this section.

Offerer affirms that it understands and agrees to comply with the procedures of the Government Entity relative to permissible contacts as required by New York State Finance Law §139-j (3) and §139-j (6) (b).

By: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Contractor Name: _____

Contractor Address: _____

Offerer Disclosure of Prior Non-Responsibility Determinations

Background:

New York State Finance Law §139-k(2) obligates a Governmental Entity to obtain specific information regarding prior non-responsibility determinations with respect to State Finance Law §139-j. This information must be collected in addition to the information that is separately obtained pursuant to State Finance Law §163(9). In accordance with State Finance Law §139-k, an Offerer must be asked to disclose whether there has been a finding of non-responsibility made within the previous four (4) years by any Governmental Entity due to: (a) a violation of State Finance Law §139-j or (b) the intentional provision of false or incomplete information to a Governmental Entity. The terms “Offerer” and “Governmental Entity” are defined in State Finance Law § 139-k(1). State Finance Law §139-j sets forth detailed requirements about the restrictions on Contacts during the procurement process. A violation of State Finance Law §139-j includes, but is not limited to, an impermissible Contact during the restricted period (for example, contacting a person or entity other than the designated contact person, when such contact does not fall within one of the exemptions).

As part of its responsibility determination, State Finance Law §139-k(3) mandates consideration of whether an Offerer fails to timely disclose accurate or complete information regarding the above non-responsibility determination. In accordance with law, no Procurement Contract shall be awarded to any Offerer that fails to timely disclose accurate or complete information under this section, unless a finding is made that the award of the Procurement Contract to the Offerer is necessary to protect public property or public health safety, and that the Offerer is the only source capable of supplying the required Article of Procurement within the necessary timeframe. See State Finance Law §§139-j (10)(b) and 139-k(3).

Instructions:

A Governmental Entity must include a disclosure request regarding prior non-responsibility determinations in accordance with State Finance Law §139-k in its solicitation of proposals or bid documents or specifications or contract documents, as applicable, for procurement contracts. The attached form is to be completed and submitted by the individual or entity seeking to enter into a Procurement Contract. It shall be submitted to the Governmental Entity conducting the Governmental Procurement.

Offerer Disclosure of Prior Non-Responsibility Determinations

Name of Individual or Entity Seeking to Enter into the Procurement Contract:

Address: _____

Name and Title of Person Submitting this Form: _____

Contract Procurement Number: _____

Date: _____

1. Has any Governmental Entity made a finding of non-responsibility regarding the individual or entity seeking to enter into the Procurement Contract in the previous four years? (Please circle):

No

Yes

If yes, please answer the next questions:

2. Was the basis for the finding of non-responsibility due to a violation of State Finance Law §139-j (Please circle):

No

Yes

3. Was the basis for the finding of non-responsibility due to the intentional provision of false or incomplete information to a Governmental Entity? (Please circle):

No

Yes

4. If you answered yes to any of the above questions, please provide details regarding the finding of non-responsibility below.

Governmental Entity: _____

Date of Finding of Non-responsibility: _____

Basis of Finding of Non-Responsibility: _____

(Add additional pages as necessary)

5. Has any Governmental Entity or other governmental agency terminated or withheld a Procurement Contract with the above-named individual or entity due to the intentional provision of false or incomplete information? (Please circle):

No

Yes

6. If yes, please provide details below.

Governmental Entity: _____

Date of Termination or Withholding of Contract: _____

Basis of Termination or Withholding: _____

(Add additional pages as necessary)

Offerer certifies that all information provided to the Governmental Entity with respect to State Finance Law §139-k is complete, true and accurate.

By: _____ Date: _____

Signature

**Offerer's Certification of Compliance
with State Finance Law §139-k(5)**

New York State Finance Law §139-k(5) requires that every Procurement Contract award subject to the provisions of State Finance Law §§139-k or 139-j shall contain a certification by the Offerer that all information provided to the Office of General Services with respect to State Finance Law §139-k is complete, true and accurate.

Offerer Certification:

I certify that all information provided to the Office of General Services with respect to State Finance Law §139-k is complete, true and accurate.

By: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Contractor Name: _____

Contractor Address: _____

Procurement Lobbying Termination

The Office of General Services reserves the right to terminate this contract in the event it is found that the certification filed by the Offerer in accordance with New York State Finance Law §139-k was intentionally false or intentionally incomplete. Upon such finding, the Office of General Services may exercise its termination right by providing written notification to the Offerer in accordance with the written notification terms of this contract.

IFB #1701 BID FORM

	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>UNIT PRICE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
ITEM: NYS VOTER REGISTRATION FORM			
English Version w/Blue Dot on Mailing Face	50,000	\$ _____/M	\$ _____
English Version w/o Blue Dot on Mailing Face	1,000,000	\$ _____/M	\$ _____
Spanish Version w/Blue Dot on Mailing Face	5,000	\$ _____/M	\$ _____
Spanish Version w/o Blue Dot on Mailing Face	100,000	\$ _____/M	\$ _____
Chinese Version w/Blue Dot on Mailing Face	5,000	\$ _____/M	\$ _____
Korean Version w/Blue Dot on Mailing Face	3,000	\$ _____/M	\$ _____

Shrink Wrapping (lifts of 100)	11,630	\$ _____/lift	\$ _____
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OPTIONAL ADDITIONAL QUANTITIES (per Section 4.3)

Forms in 5,000 increments	5,000	\$ _____/M	\$ _____
Forms in 10,000 increments	10,000	\$ _____/M	\$ _____
Forms in 20,000 increments	20,000	\$ _____/M	\$ _____

GRAND TOTAL \$ _____

Guaranteed Delivery _____ days A/R/O (per Section 3.4 & 4.2)

Does offer meet all requirements of this specification? _____ Yes _____ No

(If no, detailed, explanation is required)

Company Name (print) _____

Signature _____

Title _____