



**DIVISION OF FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION**

**ADDENDUM #1**

**Request for Quote (RFQ) #1934**

**Date:** December 30, 2015

**Subject:** Questions and Answers

**Title:** Insurance Consultant Services at the Corning Tower, Albany, NY

**Bid Due Date:** **January 12, 2016 @ 2:00 PM**

**Address Bids to:** Matt Courcelle  
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NYS Office of General Services  
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Empire State Plaza  
Albany, New York 12242  
**RFQ# 1934**

**QUESTIONS & ANSWERS:**

1. Q: Will you require the consultant to review:
  - complete insurance policies
  - certificates of insurance with relevant endorsements attached
  - certificates of insurance only

A: Consultants may be asked to review complete policies, certificates of insurance and applicable endorsements. However, OGS does not requested Bidders to submit copies of entire insurance policies. Generally, OGS only requests specific documentation regarding proof of insurance coverage, such as an ACORD form or an endorsement. Bidders are requested to refrain from submitting entire insurance policies, unless specifically requested by OGS. If an entire insurance policy is submitted but not requested, OGS will notify the bidder as such and shall not be obligated to review and shall not be chargeable with knowledge of its contents.

2. Q: Will you require the consultant to review each endorsement to the contractor's/vendor's policies throughout the life of their contract with OGS

A: Consultants may be asked to review relevant certificates, endorsements and policies throughout the life of a contract, especially when a renewal is involved.

3. Q: Will you require the consultant to review and develop contract language for:
- operations of OGS and all state agencies
  - operations of OGS only

A: Consultants may be asked to review and develop contract language for State-wide and OGS-specific contracts.

4. Q: Will you require the consultant to review and develop contract language for state public benefit corporations and/or state authorities? If so, which state public benefit corporations and/or state authorities?

A: Not specifically, but public benefit corporations and authorities may ultimately be authorized users of State-wide contracts.

5. Q: Why do you require the two full time consultants to be **on-site**

A: For overview, direction, and organization of work activities.

6. Q: Why isn't your broker providing these services under their current broker of record contract

A: Services, as described in this solicitation, are not within the scope of current contracts.

All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.

**If submitting a proposal, this Addendum #1 for RFQ #1934 must contain an original signature, be dated, attached to, and made a part of your proposal.**

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Company Name

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Address (include City, State, Zip)

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Bidders Name (please print)

Title

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Signature

Date



BEST VALUE REQUEST FOR QUOTE (RFQ) NUMBER 1934  
SOLICITED BY THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF GENERAL SERVICES  
FOR  
INSURANCE CONSULTANT SERVICES

QUOTE DUE DATE: JANUARY 12, 2016

ISSUE DATE: December 3, 2015

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# 1. Introduction

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## 1.1 Overview

The Office of General Services (OGS) Bureau of Risk and Insurance Management (BRIM)) is seeking consultant services to assist with reviewing and developing contract language for the insurance requirements as well as verifying that vendors and contractors meet contractual insurance requirements. BRIM envisions that initially, two full time consultants from the insurance industry will work on-site at the Corning Tower in Albany, NY. The schedule is subject to change (see Section 4.2 - Scheduling).

## 1.2 Designated Contacts

In compliance with the Procurement Lobbying Law, Matt Courcelle, Contract Management Specialist I, NYS Office of General Services, Division of Financial Administration has been designated as the PRIMARY contact for this procurement and may be reached by email, voice or fax for all inquiries regarding this solicitation.

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In the event the designated contact is not available, the alternate designated contacts are:

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For inquires related specifically to Minority Women-Owned Business Enterprises (MWBE) provisions of this procurement solicitation, the designated contact is:

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NYS Office of General Services - Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises  
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Albany, NY 12242  
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### 1.3 Minimum Bidder Qualifications

This procurement is limited to New York State certified Minority / Women owned Business Enterprises (M/WBEs) and New York State Small Businesses in accordance with Section 163(6) of the State Finance Law.

- Proposer must have experience managing personnel and/or projects offsite.

### 1.4 Key Events

The Table below outlines the tentative schedule for important action dates.

Action	Date
OGS issues Request for Quote (RFQ) #1934	December 3, 2015
OGS Question Deadline	December 23, 2015
OGS Issues a Response to Written Questions (estimated)	December 30, 2015
<b>Quote Due Date to OGS</b>	January 12, 2016
Contract Start Date	Upon Approval

## 2. Quote Submission

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### 2.1 RFQ Questions and Clarifications

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

Matt Courcelle, Contract Management Specialist I  
OGS Division of Financial Administration  
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Albany, NY 12242  
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Questions and requests for clarification are only accepted via e-mail or in writing. Official answers to questions will be provided via addendum.

Deadline for submission of questions will be as stated in Section 1.4- Key Events.

### 2.2 Quote Format and Content

Bidders are encouraged to include all information that may be deemed pertinent to their Quote.

Note: OGS reserves the right to request any additional information deemed necessary to ensure that the Bidder is able to fulfill the requirements of the contract.

In order for the State to evaluate bids fairly and completely, Bidders must 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 may necessitate rejection of the bid.

#### 2.2.1 Technical Proposal

##### 2.2.1.1 Cover Letter

The cover letter must confirm that the Bidder understands all the terms and conditions contained in this RFQ and will comply with all the provisions of this RFQ. Further, should this project be awarded to your company, you would be prepared to begin services per the schedule described in section 4.2 Scheduling. The cover letter must include the full contact information of the person(s) OGS shall contact regarding the quote.

##### 2.2.1.2 Experience and Qualifications

Preference will be given to those proposers and/or candidates that have applicable experience in services defined herein:

Submit the following:

- Describe the experience of the company in providing consulting services related to recommending coverages for specific contractual situations; emphasis on emerging technology; include client references and contact information
- Identify the staff intended to fulfill the on-site role and describe their experience and credentials relative to the services specified herein; include resumes
- Identify whether the company is a NYS certified M/WBE, or NYS Small Business. If M/WBE include certification number; if Small Business, include Small Business Affirmation (see Appendix B).

## 2.2.2 Cost Proposal

Bidder shall submit a completed Quote Proposal Form (Attachment 1). The Quote Proposal Form must be complete with no lines omitted. Bidder shall **not** deviate from the Cost Proposal Form.

## 2.2.3 Administrative Proposal

- All other required completed forms from RFP Appendix B.
- Signed bid addenda (if any)
- Important Notes:
  - Insurance – Proposers are reminded of the insurance requirements as described in Section 5.6. The selected Proposer will be required to provide all necessary documentation upon notification of selection.
  - M/WBE & EEO Requirements- Proposers are reminded of the requirements as described in Section 5.8.
  - Vendor Responsibility - Proposers are reminded of the requirement as described in Section 5.17, and are requested to complete the online questionnaire located on the OSC VendRep System website prior to bid submission. If the vendor has previously certified responsibility online, it shall ensure that the VRQ was recertified in the last 6 months.
  - Document Consistency - An award will only be made to the entity which has submitted bid. All submitted documents must be consistent with official name of bidding entity, FEIN and NYS Vendor ID number.

A Proposer shall be registered with the NYS Department of State as an entity authorized to conduct business in New York State either at the time the proposal is submitted or within thirty calendar days of being advised of tentative award. Failure to complete the registration process and be approved by the New York State Department of State within that thirty day time period may result in a rejection of the proposal

## 2.3 Bid Preparation

All bids must be completed in ink or machine produced. Bids submitted handwritten in pencil will be disqualified.

## 2.4 Packaging of RFQ Response

Please submit one (1) original and one (1) copy of Attachment 1 – Quote Proposal Form, Administrative, and Technical Proposal. Each of which should be clearly marked.

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 – 1934
- Bid Due Date and Time: (as indicated in Section 1.4 - Key Events)
- Bid for Consultant Services at the Corning Tower in Albany, NY

**Failure to complete all information on the bid envelope and / or packages may necessitate the premature opening of the bid and may compromise confidentiality.**

## 2.5 Instructions for Quote Submission

Note that these instructions supersede the generic instructions posted on the OGS website bid calendar.

Only those Bidders who furnish all required information and meet the mandatory requirements will be considered.

Submit all required bid documents including signed bid addenda if any, to the NYS Office of General Services - Division of Financial Administration at the following address:

**OGS Financial Administration, Contract Unit  
Empire State Plaza, Corning Tower, 32nd Floor  
Albany, NY 12242  
Attn: Matt Courcelle  
Bid # 1934**

**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 and approval of a contract.

Bids must be received in the above office on or before 2:00 PM on the date indicated in Section 1.4- Key Events. Bidders assume all risks for timely, properly submitted deliveries.

The received time of bids will be determined by 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 RFQ remains the property of the State at all times, and all responses to this RFQ, once delivered, become the property of the State.

**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://ogs.ny.gov/BU/BA/Parking/Visitor/>**

### **3. Administrative Information**

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#### **3.1 Issuing Office**

This RFQ is being released by the New York State Office of General Services, Division of Financial Administration on behalf of Bureau of Risk and Insurance Management.

#### **3.2 Method of Award**

One award shall be awarded under this solicitation to the responsive and responsible bidder affording the best value to the State.

Upon receipt of quotes, OGS will review all offers for quality, cost, and efficiency. Reference checks and/or interviews may be conducted. The bidder will be responsible for the availability of the references and staff.

Upon determination of the best value proposer, a Contract Agreement, a sample of which is attached to the RFQ as Appendix C - Sample Contract will be completed with the successful bidder's information and appended to this RFQ and the successful bidder's bid to form the contract between the parties. This contract will be forwarded to the successful bidder for execution and returned to the Issuing Office to be processed for all necessary signatures and State approvals. Upon final approval, a fully executed copy will be forwarded to the awarded Contractor.

#### **3.3 Price**

Pricing shall be represented as a single hourly rate. Bidders must submit their cost using Attachment 1 marked "Quote Proposal Form." Any deviations, qualifiers, ranges, etc. included with the quote proposal will result in rejection of the proposal. All prices quoted shall be inclusive of all customs, duties and charges and shall include travel, insurance, administrative, profit and ancillary costs. The Contractor agrees that from the effective date of the contract until contract termination, the rates charged by the Contractor and paid for by OGS will be equal to or lower than any rates provided by the Contractor to other customers for like services.

The total value of this contract shall be capped at \$200,000.00. Services performed beyond this amount will not be compensated.

#### **3.4 Term of Contract**

This contract will commence upon approval and will be in effect for two years or until the \$200,000.00 maximum value is reached, whichever comes first.

#### **3.5 Method of Payment**

Invoices 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. Invoices shall be submitted monthly in arrears for services rendered during the applicable month.

Each invoice must be itemized and include the following information: Contract ID number (i.e.: OGS01-C00XXX-1140000); Company FEIN; Vendor ID number (Statewide Financial System - SFS); date(s) of service; a unique invoice number, and a detailed description of services provided to include staff name and actual hours worked. Also see Section 4.4 - Reporting Requirements.

Invoices without the above stated information will be returned to Contractor to be completed as required in the paragraph above. **Payment will not be issued and will not be due and owing until a corrected invoice is received and approved by OGS.**

All Invoices are to be submitted for payment to:

**The OGS Business Service Center      -or-      [accountspayable@ogs.ny.gov](mailto:accountspayable@ogs.ny.gov)**  
**Accounts Payable**  
**Empire State Plaza Station**  
**P. O. Box 2117**  
**Albany, New York 12220 -0117**

Also, a copy of the Invoice must be simultaneously forwarded to the New York State - Office of General Services- Bureau of Risk and Insurance Management for review and approval at the following address:

**New York State - Office of General Services- Bureau of Risk & Insurance Management**  
**Attn: Leighann Brown**  
**32nd Floor, Corning Tower**  
**Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller Empire State Plaza      -or-      [leighann.brown@ogs.ny.gov](mailto:leighann.brown@ogs.ny.gov)**  
**Albany, NY 12242**

### **3.6 Glossary of Terms**

“Issuing Office” shall mean the Office of General Services Division of Financial Administration.

“Contractor” shall mean a successful company(s) awarded a contract pursuant to this RFQ.

“Request for Quote” or “RFQ” shall mean this document.

The “State” shall mean The People of the State of New York, which shall also mean the New York State Office of General Services.

“Commissioner” shall mean the Commissioner of General Services or duly authorized representative.

“Offeror,” “Bidder,” or “Proposer” shall mean any person, partnership, firm, corporation or other authorized entity submitting a bid to the State pursuant to this RFQ.

“Offer”, “Bid”, or “Proposal” shall mean any information and documentation submitted to OGS in response to this solicitation.

“OGS” shall mean the New York State Office of General Services.

## 4. Detailed Scope of Work/Service Requirements

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### 4.1 Scope of Contract

The purpose of this Request for Quote is to provide NYS Office of General Services with hourly rate consulting services with particular expertise in the insurance industry. The consultant employees:

- Will be required to review insurance documents submitted to OGS as part of the competitive contracting process.
- Will work in tandem with BRIM personnel to determine if the insurance documents provide proof that the State's insurance requirements have been met as specified on contract solicitations.
- Must be well versed in multiple types of insurance policies, including, but not limited to: Commercial General Liability Insurance, Comprehensive Business Automobile Liability Insurance, Data Breach and Privacy/Cyber Liability, Technology Errors and Omissions, Crime Insurance, and Pollution Legal Liability Insurance.
- Must be able to effectively communicate with potential and existing contract vendors to assist in obtaining necessary insurance documents in order to assist in awarding contracts in an efficient manner.
- Must have experience and expertise in understanding contract requirements for insurance, placing insurance under requirement guidelines, and advising if insurance requirements from an outside bidder meets contract requirements for insurance.
- Must have experience and expertise in creating insurance requirements for scopes of work to be bid.
- Must have experience and expertise in providing efficient and effective insurance program administration and service to the State agencies.

### 4.2 Scheduling

OGS currently intends that two consultant employees will work 37.5 hours each week, Monday – Friday between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm. Any change in this schedule will be communicated to the Contractor at least two weeks in advance of the change.

Additionally, in the event that an assigned consultant employee becomes unavailable, the Contractor will be responsible to provide BRIM with comparable replacement(s) who meet the specified requirements in such case, BRIM reserves the right to interview, accept or reject the intended replacement.

Consultants will be responsible to provide their own parking.

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

<http://ogs.ny.gov/BU/BA/Parking/Visitor/>

**Note: All time frames are subject to change.**

### 4.3 Security Procedures

The awarded Contractor's staff must carry appropriate ID credentials to make them identifiable as a Contractor employee. This procedure is required for all staff.

All staff, working in a State facility, will be required to have a valid driver's license or picture I.D. The State may also require staff to submit to additional background checks. In the event that the State deems an employee not acceptable, that employee may be denied access. In such circumstance, the Contractor is required to provide an acceptable substitute employee.

- All Contractors shall provide an OGS designated representative with a list of employees who will be working on-site for review and approval.
- Contractor employees will use only OGS designated site access point(s).
- All Contractors' employees will be required to exhibit approved photo identification to an OGS designated representative stationed at the site access point(s).
- Contractor employees shall exit their work site location upon completion of their designated work shift and immediately leave the site.
- All Contractor employees shall adhere to all OGS policies, rules, and procedures.

## 4.4 BACKGROUND CHECKS

### **Requirements**

Requirements of this clause apply to the successful bidder (Contractor) of the contract who will be performing on-site work for OGS under the contract resulting from this solicitation. The cost to the Contractor for performing requirements of this section, shall be included in the bidder's response to this solicitation.

### **Definitions**

For purposes of this clause, the following definitions apply:

- (1) On-Site: "On-site" refers to any State-owned or leased space open to the public or at which State business operations are conducted.
- (2) Suitability: "Suitability" refers to identifiable character traits and past conduct which are reasonably sufficient to indicate whether a given individual is likely or not likely to be able to perform the requirements of a contract at OGS on-site locations without undue risk to the interests of the State.
- (3) Suitability determination: A "suitability determination" is a determination that there are reasonable grounds to believe that an individual will likely be able to perform the contract requirements on-site without undue risk to the interests of the State.

### **Applicability**

- (1) Contractors shall perform background checks and make suitability determinations on contractor employees before the individual employees can perform on-site contract services for the Office of General Services.
- (2) Contractor shall maintain a continuous list of background checks and suitability determinations noted above, and shall provide this list to the Facility Manager prior to the contract commencement date. The list shall be updated and resubmitted to the Facility Manager as changes occur, continually keeping the Facility Manager updated.
- (3) The Commissioner of General Services, or his designee (the "Commissioner"), on a case-by-case basis, may, either temporarily or permanently, waive the requirements of this clause, in whole or in part, if they determine in writing that background checks and suitability determinations are not necessary at a specific location, or for a specific individual, in order to protect the State's interests.

### **Background Check**

- (1) **The Contractor is responsible, at its own expense,** for completing background checks and making suitability determinations on its employees prior to the employee beginning on-site work. Compliance

with the requirement for performing a background check and making a suitability determination shall not be construed as providing a contractor employee clearance to secured areas. Contractors are required to maintain records of background checks and suitability determinations for the term of the contract, and to make them available to the State when requested.

- (2) At a minimum, the background check and suitability determination must include an evaluation of:
- a) Verification that the individual is not listed on a national watched person database. The following link has information about a data available. <http://www.treas.gov/offices/enforcement/ofac/sdn/index.html>. The following link has a PDF file of a list of SPECIALLY DESIGNATED NATIONALS AND BLOCKED PERSONS <http://www.treas.gov/offices/enforcement/ofac/sdn/t11sdn.pdf> ;
  - b) Criminal History checks (using a national database that contains criminal histories and supplement this search by checks of NYS Office of Court Administration and comparable searches of states where the person has lived, worked or attended school during the past 5 years) Or by obtaining the record of convictions from NYSOCA directly and from their equivalents from other states where the person might have lived, worked or attended school during the last 5 years;
  - c) DMV driving records;
  - d) Social Security Number trace;
  - e) Verification of U.S. citizenship or legal resident status; and
  - f) Residence (past 3 years) (should be requested on employment application to compare against data from DMV license and other searches for verification);

### **Background Check Guidelines**

- (1) In making a suitability determination, the contractor shall consider the following factors and evaluate them against the work to be performed, the performance location, and the degree of risk to the State:
- a) Any loyalty or terrorism issue;
  - b) Patterns of conduct (e.g., alcoholism/drug addiction, financial irresponsibility/major liabilities, dishonesty, unemployability for negligence or misconduct, criminal conduct);
  - c) Dishonorable military discharge;
  - d) Felony and misdemeanor offenses;
  - e) Drug manufacturing/trafficking/sale;
  - f) Major honesty issue (e.g., extortion, armed robbery, embezzlement, perjury);
  - g) Criminal sexual misconduct;
  - h) Serious violent behavior (e.g., rape, aggravated assault, arson, child abuse, manslaughter);
  - i) Illegal use of firearms/explosives; and
  - j) Employment related misconduct involving dishonesty, criminal or violent behavior.

- (2) The contractor shall evaluate any adverse information about an individual by considering the following factors before making a suitability determination:
- a) The nature, extent and seriousness of the conduct;
  - b) The circumstances surrounding the conduct;
  - c) The frequency and recency of the conduct;
  - d) The individual's age and maturity at the time of the conduct;
  - e) The presence or absence of rehabilitation and other pertinent behavior changes;
  - f) The potential for pressure, coercion, exploitation, or duress;
  - g) The likelihood of continuation of the conduct.
  - h) How, and if, the conduct bears upon potential job responsibilities; and
  - i) The employee's employment history before and after the conduct.

**Each suitability determination should be documented in a narrative. If negative items are mitigated by subsequent passage of time or completion of substance abuse programs this rationale should be included in the narrative. A negative suitability determination must be supported by a finding that the adverse information has a direct bearing on the potential job duties or that it is deemed sufficiently serious to bar the employee from a State site.**

#### **Employee Removal.**

Whenever a contractor becomes aware that any employee working at an on-site location under an OGS contract becomes an unacceptable risk to the State; the contractor shall immediately remove that employee from the site, notify the Commissioner that such a removal has taken place, and replace them with a qualified substitute. If the approval of the Commissioner was initially required for the removed employee, Commissioner approval is required for the replacement employee.

#### **Commissioner Notification**

Prior to commencement of on-site contract performance, the contractor shall notify the Commissioner that the background checks and suitability determinations required by this clause have been completed for affected individuals.

## **4.5 Administrative and Reporting Requirements**

### **1. Contract Meetings**

- a) The Contractor will be responsible for the completion of a variety of administrative and reporting requirements, and the cost of it shall be included in the base bid price.
- b) Upon award of the contract and prior to the start of any work, the Contractor shall be available for an initial job meeting with the OGS.
- c) Unless otherwise directed, there shall be periodic job meetings for the following purposes:
  - i. Review job progress, quality of work, and approval
  - ii. Identify and resolve problems, which impede planned progress.
  - iii. Coordinate the efforts of all concerned so that the contract progresses on schedule to on-time completion.

- iv. Maintain a sound working relationship between the Contractor, the installation contractor, and the Agency Representative, and a mutual understanding of the project.
- v. Maintain sound working procedures.

## **2. Reporting Requirements**

The Contractor will file periodic progress reports as requested by the OGS detailing the work accomplished. At a minimum, progress reports will be due in conjunction with any request for reimbursement.

## **5. Contract Clauses and Requirements**

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### **5.1 Appendix A / Order of Precedence**

Appendix A — Standard Clauses for New York State Contracts, dated January 2014 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 (dated January 2014)
2. Contract Agreement
3. OGS RFQ Number 1934 (This Document) Including any addenda
4. Selected Contractor's Quote

### **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/Proposer during the procurement process. An Offerer/Proposer 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/Proposer 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/Proposer is debarred from obtaining governmental Procurement Contracts. Further information about these requirements can be found on the OGS website: <http://ogs.ny.gov/Aboutogs/regulations/defaultAdvisoryCouncil.html>

### **5.3 Confidentiality**

Contractor agrees to keep confidential and not to disclose to third parties any information provided by the OGS or learned by the Contractor during the performance of the Contract unless Contractor has received the prior written consent of the OGS to make such disclosure. This provision shall survive the expiration and termination of this Contract. The Contractor warrants that all of its operations are compliant with all federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations pertain to the privacy and/or security of personal and confidential information.

### **5.4 Ethics Compliance**

All proposers/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 any contract resulting from this RFQ, 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.

### **5.5 Employee Information to be Reported by Certain Consultant Contractors**

Chapter 10 of the Laws of 2006 amended the Civil Service Law and the State Finance Law, relative to maintaining certain information concerning contract employees working under State agency service and consulting contracts. State agency consultant contracts are defined as "contracts entered into by a state agency for analysis, evaluation, research, training, data processing, computer programming, engineering, environmental health and mental health services, accounting, auditing, paralegal, legal, or similar services" ("covered consultant contract" or "covered consultant services"). The amendments also require that certain contract employee information be provided to the state agency awarding such contracts, the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC),

the Division of the Budget and the Department of Civil Service (CS). The effective date of these amendments is June 19, 2006. The requirements will apply to covered contracts awarded on and after such date.

To meet these new requirements, the Contractor agrees to complete:

Form A - the Contractor's Planned Employment Form upon bid/quote submittal.

Form B - the Contractor's Annual Employment Report throughout the term of the Contract by May 1st of each year. The following information must be reported:

For each covered consultant contract in effect at any time between the preceding April 1st through March 31st fiscal year or for the period of time such contract was in effect during such prior State fiscal year:

1. Total number of employees employed to provide the consultant services, by employment category.
2. Total number of hours worked by such employees.
3. Total compensation paid to all employees that performed consultant services under such Contract.\*

(Information must be reported on the Contractor's Annual Employment Report (Form B) or other format stipulated by OGS.)

**\*NOTE:** The information to be reported is applicable only to those employees who are directly providing services or directly performing covered consultant services. However, such information shall also be provided relative to employees of Subcontractors who perform any part of the service contract or any part of the covered consultant contract. This information does not have to be collected and reported in circumstances where there is ancillary involvement of an employee in a clerical, support, organizational or other administrative capacity.

Contractor agrees to simultaneously report such information via Form B to the Department of Civil Service, the Office of the State Comptroller and the Office of General Services as designated below:

Department of Civil Service  
Alfred E. Smith Office Building  
Albany, NY 12239

NYS Office of the State Comptroller  
Bureau of Contracts  
110 State St, 11th floor  
Albany, NY 12236  
Attn: Consultant Reporting

NYS Office of General Services  
Financial Administration - Contracts Unit  
32nd Floor – Corning Tower, Empire State Plaza  
Albany, New York 12242

Contractor is advised herein and understands that this information is available for public inspection and copying pursuant to §87 of the New York State Public Officers Law (Freedom of Information Law). In the event individual employee names or social security numbers are set forth on a document, the state agency making such disclosure is obligated to redact both the name and social security number prior to disclosure.

## 5.6 Contractor Insurance Requirements

Prior to the commencement of the work to be performed by the Contractor hereunder, the Contractor shall file with The People of the State of New York, Office of General Services (hereinafter referred to as "OGS"), Certificates of Insurance (hereinafter referred to as "Certificates"), evidencing compliance with all requirements contained in this Section. Such Certificates shall be of a form and substance acceptable to OGS.

Certificate acceptance and/or approval by OGS do not and shall not be construed to relieve Contractor of any obligations, responsibilities or liabilities under the Contract.

All insurance required by the Contract:

- shall be obtained at the sole cost and expense of the Contractor;

- shall be maintained with insurance carriers licensed to do business in New York State and acceptable to OGS; shall be primary and non-contributing to any insurance or self-insurance maintained by OGS;
- shall be written as to include the requirements for notice of cancellation or non-renewal in accordance with the New York State Insurance Law and within five (5) business days of receipt of any notice of cancellation or non-renewal of insurance, the Contractor shall provide OGS with a copy of any such notice received from an insurer together with proof or replacement coverage that complies with the insurance requirements of this contract evidenced by return receipt of United States Certified Mail;
- shall be sent to Office of General Services, Contracts Unit, Corning Tower, 32nd Floor, Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12242 and shall name The People of the State of New York, its officers, agents, and employees as additional insureds there under (General Liability Additional Insured Endorsement shall be on Insurance Service Office's (ISO) form number **CG 20 10 04 13 and CG 20 37 04 13, or the equivalent**). The additional insured requirement does not apply to Workers Compensation, Disability or Professional Liability coverage.

The Contractor shall be solely responsible for the payment of all deductibles and self-insured retentions to which such policies are subject. Deductibles and self-insured retentions must be approved by OGS. Such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.

The Contractor shall require that any subcontractors hired, carry insurance with the same limits and provisions provided herein.

Each insurance carrier must be rated at least "A-" Class "VII" in the most recently published Best's Insurance Report. If, during the term of the policy, a carrier's rating falls below "A-" Class "VII", the insurance must be replaced no later than the renewal date of the policy with an insurer acceptable to OGS and rated at least "A-" Class "VII" in the most recently published Best's Insurance Report.

The Contractor shall cause all insurance to be in full force and effect as of the commencement date of this Contract and to remain in full force and effect throughout the term of this Contract and as further required by this Contract. The Contractor shall not take any action, or omit to take any action that would suspend or invalidate any of the required coverages during the period of time such coverages are required to be in effect.

Not more than ten (10) after the expiration date or renewal date, the Contractor shall supply to OGS updated replacement Certificates of Insurance, and amendatory endorsements.

The Contractor, throughout the term of this Contract, or as otherwise required by this Contract, shall obtain and maintain in full force and effect, the following insurance with limits not less than those described below and as required by the terms of this Contract, or as required by law, whichever is greater (limits may be provided through a combination of primary and umbrella/excess policies):

- a) Commercial General Liability Insurance with a limit of not less than \$2,000,000 each occurrence. Such liability shall be written on the ISO occurrence form CG 00 01, or a substitute form providing equivalent coverages and shall cover liability arising from premises operations, independent contractors, products-completed operations, broad form property damage, personal & advertising injury, cross liability coverage, liability assumed in a contract (including the tort liability of another assumed in a contract) and explosion, collapse & underground coverage.
  1. If such insurance contains an aggregate limit, it shall apply separately on a per job or per project basis.
- b) Comprehensive Business Automobile Liability Insurance with a limit of not less than \$1,000,000 each accident. Such insurance shall cover liability arising out of any automobile including owned, leased, hired and non-owned automobiles.
- c) Errors and Omissions Liability Insurance with a limit not less than \$2,000,000 per loss.
  1. Such insurance shall apply to professional errors, acts, or omissions arising out of the scope of services covered by this solicitation.
  2. If coverage is written on a claims-made policy, the Contractor warrants that continuous coverage will be maintained, or an extended discovery period exercised, for a period of not less than two years from the time work under this Contract is completed.

Crime Insurance with a limit not less than \$50,000 per loss.

1. Such insurance shall provide coverage for Third Party Fidelity on a “loss sustained form” or “loss discovered form”.
  2. The policy must allow for reporting of circumstance’s or incidents that might give to future claims.
  3. The policy must include an extended reporting period of no less than one (1) year with respect to events which occurred but were not reported during the term of the policy.
- d) Waiver of Subrogation. Contractor shall cause to be included in each of its policies insuring against loss, damage or destruction by fire or other insured casualty a waiver of the insurer’s right of subrogation against OGS, or, if such waiver is unobtainable (i) an express agreement that such policy shall not be invalidated if Contractor waives or has waived before the casualty, the right of recovery against OGS or (ii) any other form of permission for the release of OGS.
- e) WORKERS’ COMPENSATION / DISABILITY INSURANCE:

Prior to any contract resulting from this RFQ becoming effective, Contractor must submit proof that they have the workers’ compensation and disability benefits coverage required by the New York State Workers’ Compensation Law, or proof that they are legally exempt from obtaining such coverage. Proof of compliance must be demonstrated in accordance with the requirements set forth by the New York State Workers’ Compensation Board (An instruction manual clarifying the Workers’ Compensation Law requirements is available to download at the Workers’ Compensation Board’s website, [www.wcb.ny.gov](http://www.wcb.ny.gov). Once you are on the website, click on *Employers/Businesses*, then *Business Permits/Licenses/Contracts*; from there, click on *Instruction Manual for Businesses Obtaining Permits/Licenses/Contracts*.) Contractor shall notify the Office of General Services, Financial Administration Contracts Unit, at least thirty (30) days prior to material change or cancellation of such coverage.

If employees will be working on, near or over navigable waters, US Longshore and Harbor Workers Compensation Act endorsement must be included.

**All forms must name the Office of General Services – Financial Administration, 32<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Mayor Erastus Corning 2<sup>nd</sup> Tower, Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12242, as the Entity Requesting Proof of Coverage (Entity being listed as the Certificate Holder).**

**Contractor acknowledges that failure to obtain and/or keep in effect any or all required insurance on behalf of OGS constitutes a material breach of contract and subjects it to liability for damages, indemnification and all other legal remedies available to OGS. Contractor’s failure to obtain and/or keep in effect any or all required insurance shall also provide the basis for OGS’ immediate termination of any contract resulting from this RFQ, subject only to a five (5) business day cure period. Any termination by OGS under this section shall in no event constitute or be deemed a breach of any contract resulting from this solicitation 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.**

## **5.7 Tax and Finance Clause**

### **TAX LAW § 5-A:**

Section 5-a of the Tax Law, as amended, effective April 26, 2006, requires certain contractors awarded state contracts for commodities, services and technology valued at more than \$100,000 to certify to the Department of Taxation and Finance (DTF) that they are registered to collect New York State and local sales and compensating use taxes. The law applies to contracts where the total amount of such contractors’ sales delivered into New York State are in excess of \$300,000 for the four quarterly periods immediately preceding the quarterly period in which the certification is made, and with respect to any affiliates and subcontractors whose sales delivered into New York State exceeded \$300,000 for the four quarterly periods immediately preceding the quarterly period in which the certification is made.

This law imposes upon certain contractors the obligation to certify whether or not the contractor, its affiliates, and its subcontractors are required to register to collect state sales and compensating use tax and contractors must certify to DTF that each affiliate and subcontractor exceeding such sales threshold is registered with DTF to

collect New York State and local sales and compensating use taxes. The law prohibits the State Comptroller, or other approving agency, from approving a contract awarded to a contractor meeting the registration requirements but who is not so registered in accordance with the law.

Contractor certification forms and instructions for completing the forms are attached to this RFQ. Form ST-220-TD must be filed with and returned directly to DTF. Unless the information upon which the ST-220-TD is based changes, this form only needs to be filed once with DTF. If the information changes for the contractor, its affiliate(s), or its subcontractor(s) a new Form ST-220-TD must be filed with DTF.

Form ST-220-CA must be filed with the bid and submitted to the procuring covered agency certifying that the contractor filed the ST-220-TD with DTF. Proposed contractors should complete and return the certification forms within two business days of request (if the forms are not completed and returned with bid submission). Failure to make either of these filings may render a Proposer non-responsive and non-responsible. Proposers shall take the necessary steps to provide properly certified forms within a timely manner to ensure compliance with the law.

Vendors may call DTF at **1-800-698--2909** for any and all questions relating to Section 5-a of the Tax Law and relating to a company's registration status with the DTF. For additional information and frequently asked questions, please refer to the DTF web site: <http://www.nystax.gov>

## **5.8 M/WBE & EEO Requirements**

### **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**

#### **I. Policy Statement**

The New York State Office of General Services (“OGS”), as part of its responsibility, recognizes the need to promote the employment of minority group members and women and to ensure that certified minority- and women-owned business enterprises have opportunities for maximum feasible participation in the performance of OGS contracts.

In 2006, the State of New York commissioned a disparity study to evaluate whether minority- and women-owned business enterprises had a full and fair opportunity to participate in State contracting. The findings of the study were published on April 29, 2010, under the title “The State of Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprises: Evidence from New York” (the “Disparity Study”). The Disparity Study found evidence of statistically significant disparities between the level of participation of minority- and women-owned business enterprises in State procurement contracting versus the number of minority- and women-owned business enterprises that were ready, willing and able to participate in State procurements. As a result of these findings, the Disparity Study made recommendations concerning the implementation and operation of the Statewide certified minority- and women-owned business enterprises program. The recommendations from the Disparity Study culminated in the enactment and the implementation of New York State Executive Law Article 15-A, which requires, among other things, that OGS establish goals for maximum feasible participation of New York State certified minority- and women-owned business enterprises (“MWBE”) and the employment of minority groups members and women in the performance of New York State contracts.

#### **II. General Provisions**

- A. OGS is required to implement the provisions of New York State Executive Law Article 15-A and 5 NYCRR Parts 140-145 (“MWBE Regulations”) for all State contracts as defined therein, with a value (1) in excess of \$25,000 for labor, services, equipment, materials, or any combination of the foregoing or (2) in excess of \$100,000 for real property renovations and construction.
- B. The Contractor agrees, in addition to any other nondiscrimination provision of the Contract and at no additional cost to OGS, to fully comply and cooperate with OGS in the implementation of New York State Executive Law Article 15-A. These requirements include equal employment opportunities for minority

group members and women (“EEO”) and contracting opportunities for New York State Certified minority- and women-owned business enterprises (“MWBEs”). Contractor’s demonstration of “good faith efforts” pursuant to 5 NYCRR §142.8 shall be a part of these requirements. These provisions shall be deemed supplementary to, and not in lieu of, the nondiscrimination provisions required by New York State Executive Law Article 15 (the “Human Rights Law”) or other applicable federal, State or local laws.

- C. The Contractor further agrees to be bound by the provisions of Article 15-A and the MWBE Regulations. If any of these terms or provisions conflict with applicable law or regulations, such laws and regulations shall supersede these requirements.
- D. Failure to comply with all of the requirements herein may result in a finding of non-responsiveness, non-responsibility, breach of contract, withholding of funds, liquidated damages pursuant to clause IX of this section and/or enforcement proceedings as allowed by the Contract.

### **III. Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO)**

A. Contractor shall comply with the provisions of Article 15-A set forth below. These provisions apply to all Contractors, and any subcontractors, awarded a subcontract over \$25,000, for labor, services, including legal, financial and other professional services, travel, supplies, equipment, materials, or any combination of the foregoing, to be performed for, or rendered or furnished to the contracting State agency (the “Work”) except where the Work is for the beneficial use of the Contractor.

- 1. Contractor and Subcontractors shall undertake or continue existing EEO 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, EEO shall apply in the areas of recruitment, employment, job assignment, promotion, upgrading, demotion, transfer, layoff, or termination and rates of pay or other forms of compensation. This requirement does not apply to: (i) work, goods, or services unrelated to the Contract; or (ii) employment outside New York State.
- 2. By entering into this Contract, Contractor certifies that the text set forth in clause 12 of Appendix A, attached hereto and made a part hereof, is Contractor’s equal employment opportunity policy.

B. Form EEO 100 - Staffing Plan.

To ensure compliance with this section, the Contractor agrees to submit or has submitted with the Bid a staffing plan on Form EEO 100 to OGS to document the composition of the proposed workforce to be utilized in the performance of the Contract by the specified categories listed, including ethnic background, gender, and federal occupational categories.

C. Form EEO 101 - Workforce Employment Utilization Report (“Workforce Report”)

- 1. If Contractor’s Form EEO 100- Staffing Plan provides that Contractor is able to report the actual workforce utilized in the performance of this Contract, the following clause shall apply: Contractor agrees it will, upon request, submit to OGS, a workforce utilization report on Form EEO 101, identifying the workforce actually utilized on the Contract if known.
- 2. If Contractor’s EEO Form 100 - Staffing Plan provides that Contractor is unable to separate out the actual workforce utilized in the performance of the Contract from its total workforce, the following clause shall apply: Contractor and OGS agree that Contractor is unable to separate out the workforce utilized in the performance of the Contract from Contractor’s and/or subcontractor’s total workforce and that the information provided on the previously submitted Staffing Plan is Contractor’s total workforce during the subject time frame, not limited to work specifically under the Contract.

- D. Contractor shall comply with the provisions of the Human Rights Law, all other State and federal statutory and constitutional non-discrimination provisions. Contractor and subcontractors shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed (religion), color, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, military status, age, disability, predisposing genetic characteristic, marital status or domestic violence victim status, and shall also follow the requirements of the Human Rights Law with regard to non-discrimination on the basis of prior criminal conviction and prior arrest.

#### **IV. Contract Goals**

- A. OGS hereby establishes an overall goal of **30%** for MWBE participation, **15%** for Minority-Owned Business Enterprises (“MBE”) participation and **15%** for Women-Owned Business Enterprises (“WBE”) participation (based on the current availability of qualified MBEs and WBEs). The total Contract goal can be obtained by utilizing any combination of MBE and /or WBE participation for subcontracting and supplies acquired under the Contract.
- B. For purposes of providing meaningful participation by MWBEs on the Contract and achieving the Contract goals established in clause IV-A hereof, Contractor should reference the directory of New York State Certified MWBEs found at the following internet address: <https://ny.newnycontracts.com/FrontEnd/VendorSearchPublic.asp?TN=ny&XID=2528>. The MWBE Regulations are located at 5 NYCRR § 140 – 145. Questions regarding compliance with MWBE participation goals should be directed to the Designated Contacts within the OGS Office of Minority- and Women Owned Businesses and Community Relations. Additionally, following Contract execution, Contractor is encouraged to contact the Division of Minority and Women’s Business Development ((518) 292-5250; (212) 803-2414; or (716) 846-8200) to discuss additional methods of maximizing participation by MWBEs on the Contract.
- C. Contractor must document “good faith efforts” to provide meaningful participation by MWBEs as subcontractors or suppliers in the performance of the Contract (see clause VII below).

#### **V. MWBE Utilization Plan**

- A. In accordance with 5 NYCRR § 142.4, Bidders are required to submit a completed Utilization Plan on Form MWBE 100 with their bid.
- B. The Utilization Plan shall list the MWBEs the Bidder intends to use to perform the Contract, a description of the Contract scope of work the Bidder intends the MWBE to perform to meet the goals on the Contract, the estimated or, if known, actual dollar amounts to be paid to a MWBE, and performance dates of each component of the Contract that the Bidder intends to be performed by a MWBE. By signing the Utilization Plan, the Bidder acknowledges that making false representations or including information evidencing a lack of good faith as part of, or in conjunction with, the submission of a Utilization Plan is prohibited by law and may result in penalties including, but not limited to, termination of a contract for cause, loss of eligibility to submit future bids, and/or withholding of payments. Any modifications or changes to the agreed participation by NYS Certified MWBEs after the Contract award and during the term of the Contract must be reported on a revised MWBE Utilization Plan and submitted to OGS.
- C. OGS will review the submitted MWBE Utilization Plan and advise the Bidder of OGS acceptance or issue a notice of deficiency within twenty (20) days of receipt.
- D. If a notice of deficiency is issued; Bidder agrees that it shall respond to the notice of deficiency, within seven (7) business days of receipt, by submitting to OGS a written remedy in response to the notice of deficiency. If the written remedy that is submitted is not timely or is found by OGS to be inadequate, OGS shall notify the Bidder and direct the Bidder to submit, within five (5) business days of notification by OGS, a request for a partial or total waiver of MWBE participation goals on Form BDC 333. Failure to file the waiver form in a timely manner may be grounds for disqualification of the bid or proposal.

- E. OGS may disqualify a Bidder's bid/proposal as being non-responsive under the following circumstances:
1. If a Bidder fails to submit a MWBE Utilization Plan;
  2. If a Bidder fails to submit a written remedy to a notice of deficiency;
  3. If a Bidder fails to submit a request for waiver; or
  4. If OGS determines that the Bidder has failed to document good faith efforts.
- F. If awarded a Contract, Contractor certifies that it will follow the submitted MWBE Utilization Plan for the performance of MWBEs on the Contract pursuant to the prescribed MWBE goals set forth in clause IV-A of this Section.
- G. Bidder/Contractor further agrees that a failure to submit and/or use such completed MWBE Utilization Plan shall constitute a material breach of the terms of the Contract. Upon the occurrence of such a material breach, OGS shall be entitled to any remedy provided herein, including but not limited to, a finding of Contractor non-responsiveness.

## **VI. Request for Waiver**

- A. **Prior to submission of a request for a partial or total waiver, Bidder/Contractor shall speak to the Designated Contacts of the OGS Office of Minority- and Women-Owned Businesses and Community Relations for guidance.**
- B. In accordance with 5 NYCRR § 142.7, a Bidder/Contractor who is able to document good faith efforts to meet the goal requirements, as set forth in clause VII below, may submit a request for a partial or total waiver on Form BDC 333, accompanied by supporting documentation. A Bidder may submit the request for waiver at the same time it submits its MWBE Utilization Plan. If a request for waiver is submitted with the MWBE Utilization Plan and is not accepted by OGS at that time, the provisions of clauses V(C), (D) & (E) will apply. If the documentation included with the Bidder's/Contractor's waiver request is complete, OGS shall evaluate the request and issue a written notice of acceptance or denial within twenty (20) days of receipt.
- C. Contractor shall attempt to utilize, in good faith, any MBE or WBE identified within its MWBE Utilization Plan, during the performance of the Contract. Requests for a partial or total waiver of established goal requirements made subsequent to Contract award may be made at any time during the term of the Contract to OGS, but must be made no later than prior to the submission of a request for final payment on the Contract.
- D. If OGS, upon review of the MWBE Utilization Plan and Monthly MWBE Contractor Compliance Reports determines that Contractor is failing or refusing to comply with the contract goals and no waiver has been issued in regards to such non-compliance, OGS may issue a notice of deficiency to the Contractor. The Contractor must respond to the notice of deficiency within seven (7) business days of receipt. Such response may include a request for partial or total waiver of MWBE contract goals.

## **VII. Required Good Faith Efforts**

In accordance with 5 NYCRR § 142.8, Contractors must document their good faith efforts toward utilizing MWBEs on the Contract. Evidence of required good faith efforts shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- A. A list of the general circulation, trade and MWBE-oriented publications and dates of publications in which the Contractor solicited the participation of certified MWBEs as subcontractors/suppliers and copies of such solicitations and any responses thereto.

- B. A list of the certified MWBEs appearing in the Empire State Development MWBE directory that were solicited for this Contract. Provide proof of dates or copies of the solicitations and copies of the responses made by the certified MWBEs. Describe specific reasons that responding certified MWBEs were not selected.
- C. Descriptions of the Contract documents/plans/specifications made available to certified MWBEs by the Contractor when soliciting their participation and steps taken to structure the scope of work for the purpose of subcontracting with or obtaining supplies from certified MWBEs.
- D. A description of the negotiations between the Contractor and certified MWBEs for the purposes of complying with the MWBE goals of this Contract.
- E. Dates of any pre-bid, pre-award or other meetings attended by Contractor, if any, scheduled by OGS with certified MWBEs whom OGS determined were capable of fulfilling the MWBE goals set in the Contract.
- F. Other information deemed relevant to the request.

### **VIII. Monthly MWBE Contractor Compliance Report**

- A. In accordance with 5 NYCRR § 142.10, Contractor is required to report Monthly MWBE Contractor Compliance to OGS during the term of the Contract for the preceding month's activity, documenting progress made towards achievement of the Contract MWBE goals. OGS requests that all Contractors use the New York State Contract System ("NYSCS") to report subcontractor and supplier payments made by Contractor to MWBEs performing work under the Contract. The NYSCS may be accessed at <https://ny.newnycontracts.com/>. This is a New York State-based system that all State agencies and authorities will be implementing to ensure uniform contract compliance reporting throughout New York State.
- B. When a Contractor receives a payment from a State agency, it is the Contractor's responsibility to pay its subcontractors and suppliers in a timely manner. On or after the first day of each month, the Contractor will receive an email or fax notification ("audit notice") indicating that a representative of its company needs to log-in to the NYSCS to report the company's MWBE subcontractor and supplier payments for the preceding month. The Contractor must also report when no payments have been made to a subcontractor or supplier in a particular month with entry of a zero dollar value in the NYSCS. Once subcontractor and supplier payments have been entered into the NYSCS, the subcontractor(s) and supplier(s) will receive an email or fax notification advising them to log into the NYSCS to confirm that they actually received the reported payments from the Contractor. It is the Contractor's responsibility to educate its MWBE subcontractors and suppliers about the NYSCS and the need to confirm payments made to them in the NYSCS.
- C. To assist in the use of the NYSCS, OGS recommends that all Contractors and MWBE subcontractors and suppliers sign up for the following two webinar trainings offered through the NYSCS: "**Introduction to the System for Vendors**" and "**Contract Compliance Reporting - Vendor Training**" to become familiar with the NYSCS. To view the training schedule and to register visit: <https://ny.newnycontracts.com/events.asp>
- D. As soon as possible after the Contract is approved, Contractor should visit <https://ny.newnycontracts.com> and click on "**Account Lookup**" to identify the Contractor's account by company name. Contact information should be reviewed and updated if necessary by choosing "**Change Info.**" It is important that the staff member who is responsible for reporting payment information for the Contractor be listed as a user in the NYSCS. Users who are not already listed may be added through "**Request New User.**" When identifying the person responsible, please add "**- MWBE Contact**" after his or her last name (i.e., John Doe – MWBE Contact) to ensure that the correct person receives audit notices from the NYSCS. NYSCS Technical Support should be contacted for any technical support questions by clicking on the links for "Contact Us & Support" then "Technical Support" on the NYSCS website.

- E. If Contractor is unable to report MWBE Contractor Compliance via the NYSCS, Contractor must submit a Monthly MWBE Contractor Compliance Report on Form MWBE 102 to OGS, by the 10th day of each month during the term of the Contract, for the preceding month's activity to: OGS MWBE Office, 29<sup>th</sup> floor Corning Tower, Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12242. Phone: 518-486-9284; Fax: 518-486-9285.
- F. It is the Contractor's responsibility to report subcontractor and supplier payments. Failure to respond to payment audits in a timely fashion through the NYSCS, or by paper to OGS, may jeopardize future payments pursuant to the MWBE liquidated damages clause in clause IX below.

#### **IX. Breach of Contract and Liquidated Damages**

- A. In accordance with Executive Law Section 316-a and 5 NYCRR § 142.13, the Contractor acknowledges that if it is found to have willfully and intentionally failed to comply with the MWBE participation goals set forth in the Contract, such a finding constitutes a breach of contract and the Contractor shall be liable to OGS for liquidated or other appropriate damages, as set forth herein.
- B. Such liquidated damages shall be calculated as an amount equaling the difference between:
1. All sums identified for payment to MWBEs had the Contractor achieved the contractual MWBE goals; and
  2. All sums actually paid to MWBEs for work performed or materials supplied under the Contract.
- C. If, after Contractor has been afforded due process to respond to the allegation that it willfully or intentionally failed to comply with the MWBE participation goals, OGS determines that Contractor is liable for liquidated damages and such identified sums have not been withheld by the OGS, Contractor shall pay such liquidated damages to the OGS within sixty (60) days after such determination unless prior to the expiration of such sixtieth day, the Contractor has filed a complaint with the Director of the Division of Minority and Women's Business Development pursuant to Subdivision 8 of Section 313 of the Executive Law, in which event the liquidated damages shall be payable if the Director renders a decision in favor of the OGS.

**ALL FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT:** <http://www.ogs.ny.gov/MWBE/Forms.asp>

### **5.9 Freedom of Information Law / Trade Secrets**

During the evaluation process, the content of each bid will be held in confidence and details of any 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 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 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.

### **5.10 General Requirements**

- The Proposer agrees to adhere to all State and Federal laws and regulations in connection with the contract.
- The Proposer agrees to notify OGS of any changes in the legal status or principal ownership of the firm, forty five (45) days in advance of said change.

- The Proposer agrees that in any contract resulting from this RFQ it shall be completely responsible for its work, including any damages or breakdowns caused by its failure to take appropriate action.
- The Proposer agrees that any contract resulting from this RFQ may not be assigned, transferred, conveyed or the work subcontracted without the prior written consent of OGS.
- For reasons of safety and public policy, in any contract resulting from this RFQ, 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 RFQ, 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.
- OGS interpretation of specifications shall be final and binding upon the Contractor.
- The Commissioner of OGS will make no allowance or concession to the Proposer 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 Proposer has based its bid on the more expensive option. Final decision will rest with OGS.
- INSPECTION – For purposes of any contract resulting from this RFQ 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, OGS 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 – OGS reserves the right to stop the work covered by this RFQ and any contract(s) resulting there from at any time that it is deemed the successful Proposer is unable or incapable of performing the work to the state's satisfaction. In the event of such stopping, OGS 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 Proposer shall be liable to the State of New York for any such costs on account thereof. In the event that OGS 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. Provided, however, that if an emergency situation exists, as reasonably determined by OGS, then the stop work order shall be effective immediately.
- It is the Contractor's responsibility to maintain the equipment and materials provided for the work consistent with applicable safety and health codes.
- OGS reserves the right to reject and bar from the facility any employee hired by the Contractor.

## 5.11 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 RFQ, and will be binding upon the parties to such contract.

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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 RFQ.

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

## 5.12 Subcontractors

The State will contract only with the successful Proposer who is the Prime Contractor. The Issuing Office considers the Prime Contractor, the sole Contractor with regard to all provisions of the solicitation and the contract resulting from the solicitation. When bidding, any known / planned use of subcontractors must be disclosed in detail with bid submission. If subcontractors are to be used for base scope services, it shall be understood that the bid price includes the cost of the subcontractor and no additional markups will be allowed.

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

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.

During the term of the Contract, before any part of the contract shall be sublet, the Contractor shall submit to Leighann Brown, OGS Bureau of Risk & Insurance Management, 32<sup>nd</sup> Floor Corning Tower, ESP, Albany, NY 12242 in writing, the name of each proposed subcontractor and obtain written consent to such subcontractor. The names shall be submitted in ample time to permit acceptance or rejection of each proposed subcontractor without causing delay in the work of this contract. The Contractor shall promptly furnish such information as the Deputy Commissioner may require concerning the proposed subcontractor's ability and qualifications.

## 5.13 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. Disqualify any bidder whose conduct and/or proposal fails to conform to the requirements of the RFQ.
15. Prior to the bid opening, amend the RFQ specifications to correct errors or oversights, or to supply additional information, as it becomes available.
16. Waive any requirements that are not material.
17. If two or more bids are found to be substantially equivalent, the Commissioner of OGS, at their sole discretion, will determine award using the pre-established process. For best value procurements, cost will be the determining factor.

**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.

## **5.14 Extent of Services**

OGS reserves the right to re-negotiate at its discretion, to reduce the amount of services provided under any contract resulting from this solicitation. This reduction in services shall be effectuated by written amendment to the contract and subject to approval by the Office of the State Comptroller.

## **5.15 Debriefings**

Proposers 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 proposer's bid or bids. After contract award, OGS shall, upon request, provide a debriefing to any proposer that responded to the RFQ, regarding the reason that the bid or bid submitted by the unsuccessful proposer was not selected for a contract award. The post award debriefing should be requested by the proposer within thirty days of contract approval as posted on the OSC website (web address below).

<http://wwe1.osc.state.ny.us/transparency/contracts/contractsearch.cfm>

## **5.16 Termination**

### **Termination**

OGS may, upon thirty (30) days' notice, terminate the contract resulting from this RFQ in the event of the awarded Proposer's failure to comply with any of the proposal's requirements unless the awarded Proposer obtained a waiver of the requirement.

In addition, OGS may also terminate any contract resulting from this RFQ 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 RFQ, 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 RFQ 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.

### **Procurement Lobbying Termination**

The OGS 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, OGS may exercise its termination right by providing written notification to the Contractor in accordance with the written notification terms of this Agreement.

## 5.17 NYS Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire

OGS conducts a review of prospective contractors (“Proposers”) to provide reasonable assurances that the Proposer is responsive and responsible. A For-Profit Business Entity Questionnaire (hereinafter “Questionnaire”) is used for non-construction contracts and is designed to provide information to assess a Proposer’s responsibility to conduct business in New York based upon financial and organizational capacity, legal authority, business integrity, and past performance history. By submitting a bid, Proposer agrees to fully and accurately complete the Questionnaire. The Proposer acknowledges that the State’s execution of the Contract will be contingent upon the State’s determination that the Proposer is responsible, and that the State will be relying upon the Proposer’s responses to the Questionnaire when making its responsibility determination.

OGS recommends each Proposer file the required Questionnaire online via the New York State VendRep System. To enroll in and use the VendRep System, please refer to the VendRep System Instructions and User Support for Vendors available at the Office of the State Comptroller’s (OSC) website, [http://www.osc.state.ny.us/vendrep/vendor\\_index.htm](http://www.osc.state.ny.us/vendrep/vendor_index.htm) or to enroll, go directly to the VendRep System online at <https://portal.osc.state.ny.us>.

OSC provides direct support for the VendRep System through user assistance, documents, online help, and a help desk. The OSC Help Desk contact information is located at <http://www.osc.state.ny.us/portal/contactbuss.htm>. Proposers opting to complete the paper questionnaire can access this form and associated definitions via the OSC website at: [http://www.osc.state.ny.us/vendrep/forms\\_vendor.htm](http://www.osc.state.ny.us/vendrep/forms_vendor.htm).

In order to assist the State in determining the responsibility of the Proposer prior to Contract Award, the Proposer must complete and certify (or recertify) the Questionnaire no more than six (6) months prior to the bid due date. A Proposer’s Questionnaire cannot be viewed by OGS until the Proposer has certified the Questionnaire. It is recommended that all Proposers become familiar with all of the requirements of the Questionnaire in advance of the bid opening to provide sufficient time to complete the Questionnaire.

The Proposer agrees that if it is awarded a Contract the following shall apply:

The Contractor shall at all times during the Contract term remain responsible. The Contractor agrees, if requested by the Commissioner of OGS or her designee, to present evidence of its continuing legal authority to do business in New York State, integrity, experience, ability, prior performance, and organizational and financial capacity.

The Commissioner of OGS or her designee, in his or her sole discretion, reserves the right to suspend any or all activities under this Contract, at any time, when he or she discovers information that calls into question the responsibility of the Contractor. In the event of such suspension, the Contractor will be given written notice outlining the particulars of such suspension. Upon issuance of such notice, the Contractor must comply with the terms of the suspension order. Contract activity may resume at such time as the Commissioner of OGS or her designee issues a written notice authorizing a resumption of performance under the Contract.

Upon written notice to the Contractor, and a reasonable opportunity to be heard with appropriate OGS officials or staff, the Contract may be terminated by the Commissioner of OGS or her designee at the Contractor’s expense where the Contractor is determined by the Commissioner of OGS or her designee to be non-responsible. In such event, the Commissioner of OGS or her designee may complete the contractual requirements in any manner he or she may deem advisable and pursue available legal or equitable remedies for breach.

In no case shall such termination of the Contract by the State be deemed a breach thereof, nor shall the State be liable for any damages for lost profits or otherwise, which may be sustained by the Contractor as a result of such termination.

## 5.18 New York State Vendor File Registration

Prior to being awarded a contract pursuant to this Solicitation, the Bidder(s) must be registered in the New York State Vendor File (Vendor File) administered by the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC). This is a central registry for all vendors who do business with New York State Agencies and the registration must be initiated by a State Agency. Following the initial registration, unique New York State ten-digit vendor identification numbers

will be assigned to your company for usage on all future transactions with New York State. Additionally, the Vendor File enables vendors to use the Vendor Self-Service application to manage all vendor information in one central location for all transactions related to the State of New York. If Bidder is already registered in the New York State Vendor File, list the ten-digit vendor ID number on the Contractor Information page included in Appendix B of this solicitation.

If the Bidder is not currently registered in the Vendor File and is recommended for award, OGS shall request completion of OSC Substitute W-9 Form. A fillable form with instructions can be found at the link below. The Office of General Services will initiate the vendor registration process for all Bidders recommended for Contract Award. Once the process is initiated, registrants will receive an email from OSC that includes the unique ten-digit vendor identification number assigned to the company and instructions on how to enroll in the online Vendor Self-Service application. For more information on the vendor file please visit the following website: [http://www.osc.state.ny.us/vendor\\_administration](http://www.osc.state.ny.us/vendor_administration)

**Form to be completed:** [http://www.osc.state.ny.us/vendors/forms/ac3237\\_fe.pdf](http://www.osc.state.ny.us/vendors/forms/ac3237_fe.pdf)

## **5.19 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.

## **5.20 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.

## **5.21 Encouraging Use of NYS Businesses**

New York State businesses have a substantial presence in State contracts and strongly contribute to the economies of the state and the nation. In recognition of their economic activity and leadership in doing business in New York State, proposers/proposers for this contract for commodities, services or technology are strongly encouraged and expected to consider New York State businesses in the fulfillment of the requirements of the contract. Such partnering may be as subcontractors, suppliers, protégés or other supporting roles.

Proposers/proposers need to be aware that all authorized users of this contract will be strongly encouraged, to the maximum extent practical and consistent with legal requirements, to use responsible and responsive New York State businesses in purchasing commodities that are of equal quality and functionality and in utilizing services and technology. Furthermore, proposers/proposers are reminded that they must continue to utilize small, minority and women-owned businesses, consistent with current State law.

Utilizing New York State businesses in State contracts will help create more private sector jobs, rebuild New York's infrastructure, and maximize economic activity to the mutual benefit of the contractor and its New York

State business partners. New York State businesses will promote the contractor's optimal performance under the contract, thereby fully benefiting the public sector programs that are supported by associated procurements.

Public procurements can drive and improve the State's economic engine through promotion of the use of New York businesses by its contractors. The State therefore expects proposers/proposers to provide maximum assistance to New York businesses in their use of the contract. The potential participation by all kinds of New York businesses will deliver great value to the State and its taxpayers.

## **5.22 Use of Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Business Enterprises in Contract Performance**

Article 17-B of the Executive Law enacted in 2014 acknowledges that Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Businesses (SDVOBs) strongly contribute to the economies of the State and the nation. As defenders of our nation and in recognition of their economic activity in doing business in New York State, bidders/proposers for this contract for commodities, services or technology are strongly encouraged and expected to consider SDVOBs in the fulfillment of the requirements of the contract. Such partnering may be as subcontractors, suppliers, protégés or other supporting roles. SDVOBs can be readily identified on the directory of certified businesses at: [http://ogs.ny.gov/Core/docs/CertifiedNYS\\_SDVOB.pdf](http://ogs.ny.gov/Core/docs/CertifiedNYS_SDVOB.pdf)

Bidders/proposers need to be aware that all authorized users of this contract will be strongly encouraged to the maximum extent practical and consistent with legal requirements of the State Finance Law and the Executive Law to use responsible and responsive SDVOBs in purchasing and utilizing commodities, services and technology that are of equal quality and functionality to those that may be obtained from non-SDVOBs. Furthermore, bidders/proposers are reminded that they must continue to utilize small, minority and women-owned businesses consistent with current State law.

Utilizing SDVOBs in State contracts will help create more private sector jobs, rebuild New York State's infrastructure, and maximize economic activity to the mutual benefit of the contractor and its SDVOB partners. SDVOBs will promote the contractor's optimal performance under the contract, thereby fully benefiting the public sector programs that are supported by associated public procurements.

Public procurements can drive and improve the State's economic engine through promotion of the use of SDVOBs by its contractors. The State, therefore, expects bidders/proposers to provide maximum assistance to SDVOBs in their contract performance. The potential participation by all kinds of SDVOBs will deliver great value to the State and its taxpayers.

**APPENDIX A**

**STANDARD CLAUSES FOR NEW YORK STATE CONTRACTS**

**PLEASE RETAIN THIS DOCUMENT  
FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.**

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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, licenser, 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). However, such pre-approval shall not be required for any contract established as a centralized contract through the Office of General Services or for a purchase order or other transaction issued under such centralized contract.

**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 (including gender identity or expression), national origin, sexual orientation, military status, age, disability, predisposing genetic characteristics, marital status or domestic violence victim 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) Identification Number(s). Every invoice or New York State Claim for Payment submitted to a New York State agency by a payee, for payment for the sale of goods or services or for transactions (e.g., leases, easements, licenses, etc.) related to real or personal property must include the payee's identification number. The number is any or all of the following: (i) the payee's Federal employer identification number, (ii) the payee's Federal social security number, and/or (iii) the payee's Vendor Identification Number assigned by the Statewide Financial System. Failure to include such number or numbers may delay payment. Where the payee does not have such number or numbers, the payee, on its invoice or Claim for Payment, 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 the Statewide Financial System by the Vendor Management Unit within the Bureau of State Expenditures, 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 and 5 NYCRR 143, 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 the following shall apply and by signing this agreement the Contractor certifies and affirms that it is Contractor's equal employment opportunity policy that:

(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, shall make and document its conscientious and active efforts to employ and utilize minority group members and women in its work force on State contracts 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. 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 Department of Economic Development's Division 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  
Albany, New York 12245  
Telephone: 518-292-5100  
Fax: 518-292-5884  
email: [opa@esd.ny.gov](mailto:opa@esd.ny.gov)

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  
633 Third Avenue  
New York, NY 10017  
212-803-2414  
email: [mwbecertification@esd.ny.gov](mailto:mwbecertification@esd.ny.gov)  
<https://ny.newnycontracts.com/FrontEnd/VendorSearchPublic.asp>

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.

**26. IRAN DIVESTMENT ACT.** By entering into this Agreement, Contractor certifies in accordance with State Finance Law §165-a that it is not on the "Entities Determined to be Non-Responsive Bidders/Offerers pursuant to the New York State Iran Divestment Act of 2012" ("Prohibited Entities List") posted at:  
<http://www.ogs.ny.gov/about/regs/docs/ListofEntities.pdf>

Contractor further certifies that it will not utilize on this Contract any subcontractor that is identified on the Prohibited Entities List. Contractor agrees that should it seek to renew or extend this Contract, it must provide the same certification at the time the Contract is renewed or extended. Contractor also agrees that any proposed Assignee of this Contract will be required to certify that it is not on the Prohibited Entities List before the contract assignment will be approved by the State.

During the term of the Contract, should the state agency receive information that a person (as defined in State Finance Law §165-a) is in violation of the above-referenced certifications, the state agency will review such information and offer the person an opportunity to respond. If the person fails to demonstrate that it has ceased its engagement in the investment activity which is in violation of the Act within 90 days after the determination of such violation, then the state agency shall take such action as may be appropriate and provided for by law, rule, or contract, including, but not

limited to, imposing sanctions, seeking compliance, recovering damages, or declaring the Contractor in default.

The state agency reserves the right to reject any bid, request for assignment, renewal or extension for an entity that appears on the Prohibited Entities List prior to the award, assignment, renewal or extension of a contract, and to pursue a responsibility review with respect to any entity that is awarded a contract and appears on the Prohibited Entities list after contract award.

**RFQ Appendix B**  
**Required Procurement Forms**

## Required Forms

The following required forms are to be submitted with the proposer's proposal. The forms include:

- Contractor Information Page
- Corporate Acknowledgement (must be notarized);
- Offerer's Affirmation of Understanding of and Agreement pursuant to New York State Finance Law;
- Offerer Disclosure of Prior Non-Responsibility Determinations;
- Offerer's Certification of Compliance with State Finance Law §139-k(5)
- NYS Required Certifications
- ST-220 -TD Taxation & finance Contractor Certification (**Submitted directly to Taxation & Finance**)
- ST-220 -CA Taxation and Finance Covered Agency Certification;
- NYS Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire
- Small Business Affirmation (if applicable)
- Consultant Service Forms A and B

Contractor Information  
SOLICITATION NUMBER 1934

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Authorized Signature) (Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name) (Title)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Company Name) (Federal I.D. Number)

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(NYS Vendor I.D. Number)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City, State, Zip)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(County)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Telephone Number) Ext. \_\_\_\_\_ (Toll Free Phone) Ext. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Fax Number) (Toll Free Fax Number)

(E-mail)

New York State Certified Minority Owned Business Circle One: Yes No

New York State Certified Women Owned Business Circle One: Yes No

Do you understand and is your firm capable of meeting the insurance requirements to enter into a contract with New York State? Circle One: Yes No

Will New York State Businesses be used in the performance of this contract?

Circle One: Yes No

If yes, identify New York State Business(es) that will be used; (Attach identifying information).

Does your proposal meet all the requirements of this solicitation? Circle One: Yes No

**INDIVIDUAL, CORPORATION, PARTNERSHIP, OR LLC ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ }

: ss.:

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ }

On the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the year 20\_\_\_\_, before me personally appeared: \_\_\_\_\_, known to me to be the person who executed the foregoing instrument, who, being duly sworn by me did depose and say that \_he resides at \_\_\_\_\_.

Town of \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_, and further that:

**[Check One]**

**If an individual):** \_he executed the foregoing instrument in his/her name and on his/her own behalf.

**If a corporation):** \_he is the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, the corporation described in said instrument; that, by authority of the Board of Directors of said corporation, \_he is authorized to execute the foregoing instrument on behalf of the corporation for purposes set forth therein; and that, pursuant to that authority, \_he executed the foregoing instrument in the name of and on behalf of said corporation as the act and deed of said corporation.

**If a partnership):** \_he is the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, the partnership described in said instrument; that, by the terms of said partnership, \_he is authorized to execute the foregoing instrument on behalf of the partnership for purposes set forth therein; and that, pursuant to that authority, \_he executed the foregoing instrument in the name of and on behalf of said partnership as the act and deed of said partnership.

**If a limited liability company):** \_he is a duly authorized member of \_\_\_\_\_, LLC, the limited liability company described in said instrument; that \_he is authorized to execute the foregoing instrument on behalf of the limited liability company for purposes set forth therein; and that, pursuant to that authority, \_he executed the foregoing instrument in the name of and on behalf of said limited liability company as the act and deed of said limited liability company.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public  
**Registration No.**

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **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: \_\_\_\_\_

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(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: \_\_\_\_\_

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(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.



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New York State Department of Taxation and Finance

**Contractor Certification**

(Pursuant to Section 5-a of the Tax Law, as amended, effective April 26, 2006)

For information, consult Publication 223, *Question and Answers Concerning Tax Law Section 5-a (see Need help? below)*.

Contractor name

Contractor's principal place of business

City

State

ZIP code

Contractor's mailing address (if different than above)

Contractor's federal employer identification number (EIN)

Contractor's sales tax ID number (if different from contractor's EIN)

Contractor's telephone number

Covered agency name

Contract number or description

Estimated contract value over the full term of the contract (but not including renewals) \$

Covered agency address

Covered agency telephone number

**General information**

Section 5-a of the Tax Law, as amended, effective April 26, 2006, requires certain contractors awarded certain state contracts valued at more than \$100,000 to certify to the Tax Department that they are registered to collect New York State and local sales and compensating use taxes, if they made sales delivered by any means to locations within New York State of tangible personal property or taxable services having a cumulative value in excess of \$300,000, measured over a specified period. In addition, contractors must certify to the Tax Department that each affiliate and subcontractor exceeding such sales threshold during a specified period is registered to collect New York State and local sales and compensating use taxes. Contractors must also file a Form ST-220-CA, certifying to the procuring state entity that they filed Form ST-220-TD with the Tax Department and that the information contained on Form ST-220-TD is correct and complete as of the date they file Form ST-220-CA.

For more detailed information regarding this form and section 5-a of the Tax Law, see Publication 223, *Questions and Answers Concerning Tax Law Section 5-a, (as amended, effective April 26, 2006)*, available at [www.nystax.gov](http://www.nystax.gov). Information is also available by calling the Tax Department's Contractor Information Center at 1 800 698-2931.

**Note:** Form ST-220-TD must be signed by a person authorized to make the certification on behalf of the contractor, and the acknowledgement on page 4 of this form must be completed before a notary public.

Mail completed form to:

**NYS TAX DEPARTMENT  
DATA ENTRY SECTION  
W A HARRIMAN CAMPUS  
ALBANY NY 12227**

**Privacy notification**

The Commissioner of Taxation and Finance may collect and maintain personal information pursuant to the New York State Tax Law, including but not limited to, sections 5-a, 171, 171-a, 287, 308, 429, 475, 505, 697, 1096, 1142, and 1415 of that Law; and may require disclosure of social security numbers pursuant to 42 USC 405(c)(2)(C)(i).

This information will be used to determine and administer tax liabilities and, when authorized by law, for certain tax offset and exchange of tax information programs as well as for any other lawful purpose.

Information concerning quarterly wages paid to employees is provided to certain state agencies for purposes of fraud prevention, support enforcement, evaluation of the effectiveness of certain employment and training programs and other purposes authorized by law.

Failure to provide the required information may subject you to civil or criminal penalties, or both, under the Tax Law.

This information is maintained by the Director of Records Management and Data Entry, NYS Tax Department, W A Harriman Campus, Albany NY 12227; telephone 1 800 225-5829. From areas outside the United States and outside Canada, call (518) 485-6800.

**Need Help?**



**Internet access:** [www.nystax.gov](http://www.nystax.gov)  
(for information, forms, and publications)



**Fax-on-demand forms:** 1 800 748-3676



**Telephone assistance** is available from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. (eastern time), Monday through Friday. 1 800 698-2931

To order forms and publications: 1 800 462-8100

**Sales Tax Information Center:** 1 800 462-8100

From areas outside the U.S. and outside Canada: (518) 485-6800

**Hearing and speech impaired** (telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) callers only): 1 800 634-2110



**Persons with disabilities:** In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, we will ensure that our lobbies, offices, meeting rooms, and other facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities. If you have questions about special accommodations for persons with disabilities, please call 1 800 972-1233.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby affirm, under penalty of perjury, that I am \_\_\_\_\_  
(name) (title)  
of the above-named contractor, and that I am authorized to make this certification on behalf of such contractor.

Make only one entry in each section below.

### Section 1 - Contractor registration status

- The contractor has made sales delivered by any means to locations within New York State of tangible personal property or taxable services having a cumulative value in excess of \$300,000 during the four sales tax quarters which immediately precede the sales tax quarter in which this certification is made. The contractor is registered to collect New York State and local sales and compensating use taxes with the Commissioner of Taxation and Finance pursuant to sections 1134 and 1253 of the Tax Law, and is listed on Schedule A of this certification.
- The contractor has not made sales delivered by any means to locations within New York State of tangible personal property or taxable services having a cumulative value in excess of \$300,000 during the four sales tax quarters which immediately precede the sales tax quarter in which this certification is made.

### Section 2 - Affiliate registration status

- The contractor does not have any affiliates.
- To the best of the contractor's knowledge, the contractor has one or more affiliates having made sales delivered by any means to locations within New York State of tangible personal property or taxable services having a cumulative value in excess of \$300,000 during the four sales tax quarters which immediately precede the sales tax quarter in which this certification is made, and each affiliate exceeding the \$300,000 cumulative sales threshold during such quarters is registered to collect New York State and local sales and compensating use taxes with the Commissioner of Taxation and Finance pursuant to sections 1134 and 1253 of the Tax Law. The contractor has listed each affiliate exceeding the \$300,000 cumulative sales threshold during such quarters on Schedule A of this certification.
- To the best of the contractor's knowledge, the contractor has one or more affiliates, and each affiliate has not made sales delivered by any means to locations within New York State of tangible personal property or taxable services having a cumulative value in excess of \$300,000 during the four sales tax quarters which immediately precede the sales tax quarter in which this certification is made.

### Section 3 - Subcontractor registration status

- The contractor does not have any subcontractors.
- To the best of the contractor's knowledge, the contractor has one or more subcontractors having made sales delivered by any means to locations within New York State of tangible personal property or taxable services having a cumulative value in excess of \$300,000 during the four sales tax quarters which immediately precede the sales tax quarter in which this certification is made, and each subcontractor exceeding the \$300,000 cumulative sales threshold during such quarters is registered to collect New York State and local sales and compensating use taxes with the Commissioner of Taxation and Finance pursuant to sections 1134 and 1253 of the Tax Law. The contractor has listed each subcontractor exceeding the \$300,000 cumulative sales threshold during such quarters on Schedule A of this certification.
- To the best of the contractor's knowledge, the contractor has one or more subcontractors, and each subcontractor has not made sales delivered by any means to locations within New York State of tangible personal property or taxable services having a cumulative value in excess of \$300,000 during the four sales tax quarters which immediately precede the sales tax quarter in which this certification is made.

Sworn to this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(sign before a notary public)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(title)







New York State Department of Taxation and Finance

### Contractor Certification to Covered Agency

(Pursuant to Section 5-a of the Tax Law, as amended, effective April 26, 2006)

For information, consult Publication 223, *Question and Answers Concerning Tax Law Section 5-a (see Need Help? on back)*.

Contractor name		For covered agency use only Contract number or description
Contractor's principal place of business	City State ZIP code	
Contractor's mailing address (if different than above)		
Contractor's federal employer identification number (EIN)		Estimated contract value over the full term of contract (but not including renewals)
Contractor's sales tax ID number (if different from contractor's EIN)		
Contractor's telephone number		\$
( )	Covered agency name	
Covered agency address		Covered agency telephone number

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby affirm, under penalty of perjury, that I am \_\_\_\_\_

(name)

(title)

of the above-named contractor, that I am authorized to make this certification on behalf of such contractor, and I further certify that:  
(Mark an X in only one box)

- The contractor has filed Form ST-220-TD with the Department of Taxation and Finance in connection with this contract and, to the best of contractor's knowledge, the information provided on the Form ST-220-TD, is correct and complete.
- The contractor has previously filed Form ST-220-TD with the Tax Department in connection with \_\_\_\_\_  
(insert contract number or description)  
and, to the best of the contractor's knowledge, the information provided on that previously filed Form T-220-TD, is correct and complete as of the current date, and thus the contractor is not required to file a new Form ST-220-TD at this time.

Sworn to this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(sign before a notary public)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(title)

### Instructions

#### General Information

Tax Law section 5-a was amended, effective April 26, 2006. On or after that date, in all cases where a contract is subject to Tax Law section 5-a, a contractor must file (1) Form ST-220-CA, *Contractor Certification to Covered Agency*, with a covered agency, and (2) Form ST-220-TD with the Tax Department before a contract may take effect. The circumstances when a contract is subject to section 5-a are listed in Publication 223, Q&A 3. This publication is available on our Web site, by fax, or by mail. (See *Need help?* for more information on how to obtain this publication.) In addition, a contractor must file a new Form ST-220-CA with a covered agency before an existing contract with such agency may be renewed.

If you have questions, please call our information center at 1 800 698-2931.

**Note:** Form ST-220-CA must be signed by a person authorized to make the certification on behalf of the contractor, and the acknowledgement on page 2 of this form must be completed before a notary public.

#### When to complete this form

As set forth in Publication 223, a contract is subject to section 5-a, and you must make the required certification(s), if:

- i. The procuring entity is a *covered agency* within the meaning of the statute (see Publication 223, Q&A 5);
- ii. The contractor is a *contractor* within the meaning of the statute (see Publication 223, Q&A 6); and
- iii. The contract is a *contract* within the meaning of the statute. This is the case when it (a) has a value in excess of \$100,000 and (b) is a contract for *commodities* or *services*, as such terms are defined for purposes of the statute (see Publication 223, Q&A 8 and 9).

Furthermore, the procuring entity must have begun the solicitation to purchase on or after January 1, 2005, and the resulting contract must have been awarded, amended, extended, renewed, or assigned on or after April 26, 2006 (the effective date of the section 5-a amendments).



## **NYS Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire**

OGS recommends each Bidder file the required Questionnaire online via the New York State VendRep System. To enroll in and use the VendRep System, please refer to the VendRep System Instructions and User Support for Vendors available at the Office of the State Comptroller's (OSC) website, [http://www.osc.state.ny.us/vendrep/vendor\\_index.htm](http://www.osc.state.ny.us/vendrep/vendor_index.htm) or to enroll, go directly to the VendRep System online at <https://portal.osc.state.ny.us>.

**Small Business Affirmation  
Of Compliance with  
State Finance Law §160 (8)**

State Finance Law §160 (8) provides that:

8. "Small business concern" or "small business" means a business which is resident in this state, independently owned and operated, not dominant in its field and employs one hundred or less persons.

On behalf of \_\_\_\_\_, I affirm that the company  
(Name of Company)

is compliant with the definition of "small business concern" or "small business" as set forth in State Finance Law §160 (8).

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print)

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **EMPLOYEE INFORMATION TO BE REPORTED BY CERTAIN CONSULTANT CONTRACTORS**

### **Instructions for Completing Form A and B**

Form A and Form B should be completed for contracts for consulting services in accordance with the following

#### **Form A - Contractor's Planned Employment** (to be completed and submitted with bid/quote)

- **Employment Category:** enter the specific occupation(s), as listed in the O\*NET occupational classification system, which best describe the planned employees to provide services under the contract.

(Note: Access the O\*NET database, which is available through the US Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration, on-line at [online.onetcenter.org](http://online.onetcenter.org) to find a list of occupations.)

- **Number of Employees:** enter the total number of employees in the employment category to be employed to provide services under the contract including part time employees and employees of subcontractors.
- **Number of hours:** enter the total number of hours to be worked by the employees in the employment category.
- **Amount Payable under the Contract:** enter the total amount payable by the State to the State contractor under the contract, for work by the employees in the employment category.

**Form B – Contractor's Annual Employment Report.** (to be completed by May 1<sup>st</sup> of each year for each consultant contract in effect at any time between the preceding April 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup> fiscal year and submitted to the Department of Civil Service, Office of the State Comptroller and Office of General Services)

- **Scope of Contract:** choose a general classification of the single category that best fits the predominate nature of the services provided under the contract.
- **Employment Category:** enter the specific occupation(s), as listed in the O\*NET occupational classification system, which best describe the employees providing services under the contract.

(Note: Access the O\*NET database, which is available through the US Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration, on-line at [online.onetcenter.org](http://online.onetcenter.org) to find a list of occupations.)

- **Number of Employees:** enter the total number of employees in the employment category employed to provide services under the contract during the report period, including part time employees and employees of subcontractors.
- **Number of hours:** enter the total number of hours worked during the report period by the employees in the employment category.
- **Amount Payable under the Contract:** enter the total amount paid by the State to the State contractor under the contract, for work by the employees in the employment category, for services provided during the report period.



<b>OSC Use Only:</b> Reporting Code: Category Code:
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<b>State Consultant Services</b> <b>Contractor’s Annual Employment Report</b> <b>Report Period: April 1,        to March 31,</b>
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Contracting State Agency Name:	Agency Code:
Contract Number:	
Contract Term:    /    /        to    /    /	
Contractor Name:	
Contractor Address:	
Description of Services Being Provided:	

**Scope of Contract (Choose one that best fits):**

Analysis     Evaluation     Research     Training   
 Data Processing     Computer Programming     Other IT consulting   
 Engineering     Architect Services     Surveying     Environmental Services   
 Health Services     Mental Health Services   
 Accounting     Auditing     Paralegal     Legal     Other Consulting

O*Net Employment Category (see O*Net on-line at <a href="http://online.onetcenter.org">online.onetcenter.org</a> )	Number of Employees	Number of Hours Worked	Amount Payable Under the Contract
<b>Total this page</b>	0	0	\$ 0.00

Grand Total			
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Name of person who prepared this report:

Preparer's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Prepared:    /    /

Use additional pages if necessary)

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# Appendix C

## Sample Contract

### Solicitation No. 1934

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**STATE OF NEW YORK  
OFFICE OF GENERAL SERVICES  
AGREEMENT FOR  
CONSULTANT SERVICES  
AT THE CORNING TOWER.  
IN ALBANY NEW YORK  
WITH  
(CONTRACTOR)  
CONTRACT # OGS01-C00XXX-1140000**

**THIS AGREEMENT**, made this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015 by and between the People of the State of New York, acting by and through the Commissioner of General Services, whose office is on the 41st Floor, Corning Tower Building, the Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12242 (hereinafter "Commissioner", "OGS" or "State"), and (Company Name), (hereinafter "Contractor"), with an office at \_\_\_\_\_.

**WITNESSETH:**

**WHEREAS**, the OGS Bureau of Risk and Insurance Management (BRIM) located at the Corning Tower at the Empire State Plaza in Albany, NY (hereinafter the "State Office Building") and in fulfilling its responsibility deems it necessary to obtain therefore, and

**WHEREAS**, OGS has determined after having solicited proposals from proposers willing to supply these services, that the Contractor submitted the proposal affording the State the best value for such services and that the Contractor possesses the necessary capacity, experience and expertise for provision of insurance consultant services, and that Contractor is ready, willing and able to perform such services on the terms hereinafter set forth.

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual covenants herein contained, the parties do hereby agree as follows:

**1. CONSIDERATION**

OGS shall pay the Contractor for all fees and other fees and expenses in accordance with the amounts and rates put forth in the Contractor's proposal attached hereto as Appendix "C", which Appendix C is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part hereof as fully as if set forth as length herein. This contract will be established with a not to exceed value of \$200,000.00. Services performed beyond this amount will not be compensated.

## 2. TERM

This contract will commence upon approval and will be in effect for two years or until the \$200,000.00 maximum value is reached, whichever comes first.

## 3. SERVICES

The Contractor agrees to perform this Agreement and to furnish the services, labor and materials required in connection therewith in accordance with all the specifications, conditions, covenants and representations contained in the Request for Proposals No. 1934, which is annexed as Appendix "B" hereto, and the Contractor's proposal, annexed as Appendix "C" hereto, except as such Appendices B and C have been revised by the terms hereof. Appendix B is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part hereof with the same force and effect as if set forth at length herein.

## 4. TERMINATION

This Agreement may be terminated in accordance with the termination provisions set forth in the solicitation attached hereto as Appendix B hereof.

### A) Termination

The Office of General Services may, upon thirty (30) days notice, terminate the contract resulting from this solicitation 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 solicitation upon ten (10) days written notice if the Contractor makes any arrangement for 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 solicitation, 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 solicitation 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. RECORDS**

The Contractor will maintain accurate records and accounts of services performed and monies expended under this Agreement. Such records will be maintained for six (6) years following the close of the State fiscal year to which they pertain and will be made available to representatives of OGS or the New York State Comptroller, as may be necessary for auditing purposes, upon request.

**6. TAXES**

The Contractor will be responsible for all applicable Federal, State and Local taxes and all FICA contributions.

**7. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR**

It is understood and agreed that the legal status of the Contractor, its subcontractors, agents, officers and employees is that of an independent contractor and in no manner shall they be deemed employees or agents of the State of New York and, therefore, are not entitled to any of the benefits associated with such employment or designation.

**8. APPENDIX A**

Appendix A, Standard Clauses for New York State Contracts, attached hereto, is hereby expressly made a part of this Agreement as fully as if set forth at length herein.

**9. ASSIGNMENT**

Contractor agrees that it will not assign this Agreement, or any interest therein without the prior written consent of the Commissioner of General Services.

**10. LAW**

This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of New York.

**11. CONDITIONS PRECEDENT**

This Agreement shall not be deemed executed, valid or binding unless and until approved in writing by the Attorney General and the State Comptroller.

**12. ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

This Agreement constitutes the entire Agreement between the parties hereto and no statement, promise, condition, understanding, inducement or representation, oral or written, expressed or implied, which is not contained herein shall be binding or valid and this Agreement shall not be

changed, modified or altered in any manner except by an instrument in writing executed by both parties hereto.

**13. EXECUTORY CLAUSE**

This Agreement shall be deemed executory only to the extent of money available to the State for performance of the terms hereof and no liability on account thereof shall be incurred by the State of New York beyond moneys available for purposes thereof.

**14. INCONSISTENCIES**

In the event of any discrepancy, disagreement or ambiguity between this contract agreement and Appendix B "Solicitation" and/or Appendix C "Proposal", or between any Appendices, the documents shall be given preference in the following order to interpret and to resolve such discrepancy, disagreement or ambiguity:

- (i) Appendix A
- (ii) This contract agreement
- (iii) Appendix B – Solicitation #1934 including Addenda
- (iv) Appendix C – Contractor's Proposal

The parties understand and agree that any and all deviations or exceptions taken by Contractor to the State's Request for Proposal are hereby withdrawn except only to the extent that such exceptions or deviations have been explicitly incorporated into this contract agreement.

**15. FORCE MAJEURE**

Neither party hereto will be liable for losses, defaults, or damages under this Agreement 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 Agreement, 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.

**16. ASSIGNMENT BY STATE**

The State agrees not to assign this Agreement without prior notice to and reasonable consent of the Contractor provided, however, that this Agreement may be assigned without such consent to another agency or subdivision of the State pursuant to a governmental reorganization or assignment of functions under which the pertinent functions of OGS as an agency are transferred to a successor agency or subdivision of the State.

## **17. NOTICES**

All notices, demands, designations, certificates, requests, offers, consents, approvals and other instruments given pursuant to this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be validly given when mailed by registered or certified mail, overnight carrier or hand delivered, (i) if to the State, addressed to the State at its address set forth above, and (ii) if to Contractor, addressed to Contractor at its address set forth above. The parties may from time to time, specify any address in the United States as its address for purpose of notices under this Agreement by giving fifteen (15) days written notice to the other party. The parties agree to mutually designate individuals as their respective representatives for the purposes of this Agreement.

## **18. CAPTIONS**

The captions contained in this Agreement are intended for convenience and reference purposes only and shall in no way be deemed to define or limit any provision thereof.

## **19. SEVERABILITY**

In the event that any one or more of the provisions of this Agreement shall for any reason be declared unenforceable under the laws or regulations in force, such provision will not have any effect on the validity of the remainder of this Agreement, which shall then be construed as if such unenforceable provision had never been written or was never contained in this Agreement.

## **20. INFORMATION SECURITY BREACH**

In accordance with the Information and Security Breach Notification Act (ISBNA) (Chapter 442 of the Laws of 2005, as amended by Chapter 491 of the Laws of 2005), a Contractor with OGS shall be responsible for all applicable provisions of the ISBNA and the following terms herein with respect to any private information (as defined in the ISBNA) received by or on behalf of OGS under this Agreement.

- Contractor shall supply OGS with a copy of its notification policy, which shall be modified to be in compliance with this provision, as well as OGS's notification policy.
- Contractor must encrypt any database fields and backup tapes that contain private data elements, as set forth in the ISBNA.
- Contractor must ensure that private data elements are encrypted in transit to / from their systems.
- In general, contractor must ensure that private data elements are not displayed to users on computer screens or in printed reports; however, specific users who are authorized to view the private data elements and who have been properly authenticated may view/receive such data.

- Contractor must monitor for breaches of security to any of its systems that store or process private data owned by OGS.
- Contractor shall take all steps as set forth in ISBNA to ensure private information shall not be released without authorization from OGS.
- In the event a security breach occurs as defined by ISBNA Contractor shall immediately notify OGS and commence an investigation in cooperation with OGS to determine the scope of the breach.
- Contractor shall also take immediate and necessary steps needed to restore the information security system to prevent further breaches.
- Contractor shall immediately notify OGS following the discovery that OGS's system security has been breached.
- Unless the Contractor is otherwise instructed, Contractor is to first seek consultation and receive authorization from OGS prior to notifying the individuals whose personal identity information was compromised by the breach of security, the State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Enterprise Information Security Office, the Department of State Division of Consumer Protection, the Attorney General's Office or any consuming reporting agencies of a breach of the information security system or concerning any determination to delay notification for law enforcement investigations.
- Contractor shall be responsible for providing all notices required by the ISBNA and for all costs associated with providing said notices.
- This policy and procedure shall not impair the ability of the Attorney General to bring an action against the Contractor to enforce all provisions of the ISBNA or limit the Contractor's liability for any violations of the ISBNA.

## **21. CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITY**

The Contractor shall at all times during the Contract term remain responsible. The Contractor agrees, if requested by the Commissioner of OGS or her designee, to present evidence of its continuing legal authority to do business in New York State, integrity, experience, ability, prior performance, and organizational and financial capacity.

The Commissioner of OGS or her designee, in his or her sole discretion, reserves the right to suspend any or all activities under this Contract, at any time, when he or she discovers information that calls into question the responsibility of the Contractor. In the event of such suspension, the Contractor will be given written notice outlining the particulars of such suspension. Upon issuance of such notice, the Contractor must comply with the terms of the suspension order. Contract activity may resume at such time as the Commissioner of OGS or

her designee issues a written notice authorizing a resumption of performance under the Contract.

Upon written notice to the Contractor, and a reasonable opportunity to be heard with appropriate OGS officials or staff, the Contract may be terminated by the Commissioner of OGS or her designee at the Contractor's expense where the Contractor is determined by the Commissioner of OGS or her designee to be non-responsible. In such event, the Commissioner of OGS or her designee may complete the contractual requirements in any manner he or she may deem advisable and pursue available legal or equitable remedies for breach.

In no case shall such termination of the Contract by the State be deemed a breach thereof, nor shall the State be liable for any damages for lost profits or otherwise, which may be sustained by the Contractor as a result of such termination.

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**CONTRACT NO. C00XXXX**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the day and year first above written.

**Agency Certification**

"In addition to the acceptance of this Contract, I also certify that original copies of this signature page will be attached to all other exact copies of this contract."

**(Company Name)**

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:  
Federal I.D. No.:  
Date:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:  
Date:

**APPROVED AS TO FORM**  
Eric Schneiderman  
Attorney General

**APPROVED**  
Thomas P. DiNapoli  
State Comptroller

**SAMPLE**

**INDIVIDUAL, CORPORATION, PARTNERSHIP, OR LLC ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ }  
: SS.:

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ }

On the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the year 20 \_\_ , before me personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_, known to me to be the person who executed the foregoing instrument, who, being duly sworn by me did depose and say that \_he resides at \_\_\_\_\_, Town of \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_; and further that:

**[Check One]**

**If an individual):** \_he executed the foregoing instrument in his/her name and on his/her own behalf.

**If a corporation):** \_he is the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, the corporation described in said instrument; that, by authority of the Board of Directors of said corporation, \_he is authorized to execute the foregoing instrument on behalf of the corporation for purposes set forth therein; and that, pursuant to that authority, \_he executed the foregoing instrument in the name of and on behalf of said corporation as the act and deed of said corporation.

**If a partnership):** \_he is the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, the partnership described in said instrument; that, by the terms of said partnership, \_he is authorized to execute the foregoing instrument on behalf of the partnership for purposes set forth therein; and that, pursuant to that authority, \_he executed the foregoing instrument in the name of and on behalf of said partnership as the act and deed of said partnership.

**If a limited liability company):** \_he is a duly authorized member of \_\_\_\_\_, LLC, the limited liability company described in said instrument; that \_he is authorized to execute the foregoing instrument on behalf of the limited liability company for purposes set forth therein; and that, pursuant to that authority, \_he executed the foregoing instrument in the name of and on behalf of said limited liability company as the act and deed of said limited liability company.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Notary Public**

**Registration No.** \_\_\_\_\_

**State of:** \_\_\_\_\_

# Appendix A

## STANDARD CLAUSES FOR NEW YORK STATE CONTRACTS

**[Text not included at this time because it is included elsewhere in the solicitation. Will be added when contract is finalized]**

# Appendix B

## Request for Proposal

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# Appendix C

## Contractor's Proposal

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# Appendix D

## Prevailing Wage Rate Schedule

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**RFQ Attachment 1**  
**Cost Proposal Form**

*RFQ 1934 ATTACHMENT 1 COST PROPOSAL FORM*

The Undersigned proposes to perform the Work required for this project in accordance with the Contract Documents for the following amount:

**Hourly Rate**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

SIGN BID HERE

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signature

PRINT NAME

\_\_\_\_\_

TITLE

\_\_\_\_\_

OFFICIAL

COMPANY NAME

\_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street

\_\_\_\_\_  
City

\_\_\_\_\_  
State

\_\_\_\_\_  
Zip Code

Telephone #

\_\_\_\_\_  
Area Code

Fax No.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Area Code