

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN; that the Undersigned, on behalf of the Essex County Board of Supervisors, will accept sealed Proposals at the Office of the Purchasing Agent until 2:00 P.M. on January 4, 2017 for Gulf Brook and Beede Brook Restoration.

Specifications are available by contacting the Office of the Purchasing Agent, 7551 Court Street, Elizabethtown, New York 12932, by calling 518-873-3330, or on the County's website at: www.co.essex.ny.us.

All proposals submitted in response to this notice shall be marked "SEALED PROPOSAL – GULF BROOK AND BEEDED BROOK RESTORATION" clearly on the outside of the envelope.

Dated: November 29, 2016

Linda M. Wolf, CPA
Purchasing Agent
Essex County Government Center
Elizabethtown, New York 12932
(518) 873-3332

INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS

In addition to the proposal, the proposer shall submit executed non-collusion bid certificates signed by the proposer or one of its officers as required by the General Municipal Law Sec. 103d. The proposer shall also submit an executed certificate of compliance with the Iran Divestment Act signed by the proposer or one of its officers as required by the General Municipal Law Sec. 103g.

The successful proposer will be notified promptly by letter and must be prepared to enter into a contract to furnish the materials or services.

Essex County reserves the right to reject any and all proposals not considered to be in the best interest of Essex County, and to waive any technical or formal defect in the proposals which is considered by Essex County to be merely irregular, immaterial, or unsubstantial.

Essex County affirmatively states that in regard to any contract entered into pursuant to this notice, without regard to race, color, sex, religion, age, national origin, disability, sexual preference or Vietnam Era veteran status, disadvantaged and minority or women-owned business enterprises will be afforded equal opportunity to submit bids in response hereto.

The contract shall be completed by: April 21, 2017.

Addenda will be posted on the Essex County Website, interested vendors are urged to check before submitting their bid.

Each bidder will need to complete, sign, have notarized and return the following documents with their Proposal:

- 1) Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire
- 2) Certification of Compliance With Iran Divestment Act
- 3) Non-Collusive Bidding Certification

ESSEX COUNTY, NEW YORK

Request for Proposals
for
Architectural/Engineering Design Services

For

Gulf Brook and Beede Brook Restoration

November 28, 2016

A project funded by and conceived through the NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program of
the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery

Responses must be received by:

2:00 pm on January 4, 2017

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Request for Proposals

1 INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW

Essex County is eligible to apply for U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant–Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funding for long-term recovery and resiliency projects.¹ Funding will be delivered through the NY Rising Community Reconstruction (NYRCR) Program of the New York State Governor’s Office of Storm Recovery (GOSR). Accordingly, Respondents are obligated to comply with applicable federal and state laws and regulations set forth in Exhibit A (Supplementary Contract Conditions), as well as with Essex Counties Procurement Policy and Procedures. In addition, Respondents are obligated to comply with all municipal codes, ordinances, and regulations. This project is funded by and conceived through the GOSR NYRCR Program.

Agreements and contracts resulting from this Request for Proposals (RFP), including lower-tiered subcontracts, must include the following language:

“All attachments and exhibits to this Contract are hereby incorporated by reference into the Contract and are considered a material part of this Contract. Should any provision(s) of this Contract (including any terms in any of the attachments and/or exhibits thereto and amendments thereof) be deemed to be in conflict with any other provision(s), the provisions shall be applied pursuant to the priority set forth in the Order of Precedence section of the Governor’s Office of Storm Recovery Supplementary Conditions for Contracts.”

Only responsible vendors who have the technical and financial competence to perform as well as an exemplary record of integrity will be selected under this procurement. Before selecting a vendor, Essex County intends to review the federal and state lists of vendors excluded from procurement. Contracts shall not be awarded to debarred, suspended, or otherwise ineligible vendors. Accordingly, responses to this Request for Proposals must include a completed NYS Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire and notarized certification, along with verification that a completed NYS Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire has been filed with the NYS Office of the State Comptroller: <http://www.osc.state.ny.us/vendrep/>.

Elation Systems, Inc. is a provider of cloud-based diversity and labor compliance reporting and management services. GOSR has adopted this web-based compliance management system to help all of its Contractors, Subrecipients, and Subrecipient’s Contractors receiving federal funds to adhere to Labor Compliance (Davis-Bacon), Minority and Women Owned Business (M/WBE) and Section 3 reporting requirements. The selected firm must comply with instructions from GOSR on how and when to meet all reporting requirements, and how to utilize Elation to satisfy those requirements.

¹ U.S Department of Housing and Urban Renewal (HUD) Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (“CDBG-DR”) funds appropriated by the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act (“PL 113-2”).

In accordance with New York State General Municipal Law Section 104-b, this RFP is designed to identify New York State licensed professional architectural and engineering (A/E) firms best qualified to provide the services necessary for design plans, specifications, and construction related services for restoration at Gulf and Beede Brook consistent with the requirements of the CDBG-DR funding stream. Respondents will be reviewed on the basis of their eligibility and ability to provide services in a manner sensitive to specific requirements and timetables established by federal law. Not all qualified Respondents will be selected to provide these services.

Essex County will select qualified architectural and engineering firms of the highest caliber that employ adequate staff and possess the financial management capacity to be able to focus immediate attention on these project(s).

Through its Evaluation Team, Essex County will select the Respondent whose Submittal receives the greatest number of points subject to negotiation of fair and reasonable compensation.

Essex County reserves the right to reject any and all Submittals either in whole or in part. Subrecipient reserves the right to: 1. amend, modify, or withdraw this solicitation; 2. revise any requirement of this solicitation; 3. require supplemental statements or information from any responsible party; 4. extend the deadline for submission of responses hereto; 5. negotiate or hold discussions with any firm and to correct deficient responses which do not conform to the instructions contained herein; 6. cancel, or reissue in whole or in part, this solicitation, if Subrecipient determines in its sole discretion that it is its best interest to do so; and 7. extend the term of any agreement on terms consistent with this procurement.

Subrecipient makes no representations or warranties regarding the accuracy of any information provided in this RFP and will have no liability or obligation with regards to its contents.

Respondents will not be reimbursed for costs incurred in the preparation of the Submittal.

The funding level anticipated for this project, which includes design and construction, is \$1,979,586.00.

2 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Essex County Government Center has received Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery Funds to support the restoration design plans, specifications, and construction related services for identified areas of Gulf Brook and Beede Brook in the Town of Keene. The project includes a multi-pronged approach to address flood risks related to the modification of Beede Brook. The Gulf Brook portion of the project is the third phase of restoring Gulf Brook.

As a result of Hurricane Irene, stormwater runoff has caused a diversion to the natural course of Beede Brook, inundating multiple properties and damaging roadways and bridges. If the damage caused Hurricane Irene is not repaired, future storms will continue to change the course of the brook and will cause further damage to property and threaten the health and safety of town residents. The proposed project is essential to preventing future damage. The proposed project will protect adjacent properties from flooding and reduce the potential for flood-related damage to roads and bridges by restoring the natural flow of Beede Brook. The project will utilize green infrastructure and ecological restoration techniques to improve habitat, mitigate flooding and support recreation. The flood prevention improvements will help mitigate damage caused by flooding in future storm events, as well as being a key

component in the overall flood protection plan for the Town of Keene.

To better protect the hamlet of Keene, restoration and stabilization measures are necessary to Gulf Brook upstream of the current Phase II mitigation efforts. This work will constitute Phase III of the work to Gulf Brook undertaken by the Town. There are 5 different locations that will encompass this proposed third phase of the Gulf Brook project that have experienced severe erosion of the road embankments and down-cutting in the river channel

See Schedule I for additional details.

The successful Respondent will assist Essex County with all basic services necessary for design, bidding, and construction administration of these projects, in accordance with HUD and GOSR requirements and timetables.

Essex County reserves the right to modify the project description.

3 DEADLINES AND COMPLETION DATE

Submittals must be delivered to Essex County in accordance with Schedule II: Deadline Schedule. Submittals are due by 2:00 pm on January 4, 2017. Essex County reserves the right to extend receipt of submissions beyond January 4, 2017.

4 SCOPE OF WORK

Essex County reserves the right to modify the Scope of Work.

Change Orders shall not be permitted unless specifically requested and approved by Essex County.

- To avoid duplication of efforts, unless otherwise specified by GOSR in writing, the selected A/E firm will not conduct environmental review activities. It is presumed that GOSR will serve as lead agency for the purposes of NEPA and SEQRA. The selected A/E firm will be required to coordinate with GOSR and its contractors in support of any environmental review activity. Notwithstanding the above, Subrecipients will be responsible for securing and complying with all applicable, local, state and federal permits.
- Assist Essex County in the preparation of its CDBG-DR Project Application, including a project description, an estimate of the total project costs broken out by services and construction costs, and a project schedule. The selected A/E firm will be paid for this service after the application is accepted by GOSR.
- Prepare a design report that includes the following components: (1) problem definition; (2) existing conditions; (3) project description; (4) preliminary drawings/site plan; (5) estimate of total project costs broken out by services and construction costs; (6) project schedule; (7) preliminary engineering analysis (e.g. hydrocad model, building code, constructability, etc.); (8) alternatives to the project that address the problem; and (9) summary.
- Prepare a complete set of Final Contract Documents (drawings, specifications, and calculations), including an estimate of probable construction costs for use as the basis for advertising the construction project for bid.

- Prepare and submit any and all required permits.
- Assist Essex County during the construction bid process by attending the pre-bid site meeting, responding to bidder questions, issuing any necessary addenda, and reviewing bids received to determine technical responsiveness.
- Attend the pre-construction meeting and review submittals for contract document compliance.
- Answer Requests for Information within 5 business days.
- Prepare agendas and attend meetings in accordance with Essex County's requests.
- Perform site visits to ensure contract compliance, design intent, quality of workmanship, and material acceptance.
- Review Field Orders and Change Orders.
- Coordinate project activities with the activities of Essex County and other parties.

5 SUBMITTAL CONTENT

Respondent must supply five (5) hard copies of its submission to the attention of Essex County's RFP Coordinator no later than 2:00 pm on January 4, 2017.

RFP Coordinator:

Essex County Department of Purchasing
 Attn: Linda Wolf
 POB 217, 7551 Court Street
 Elizabethtown, NY 12932
 Phone: 518-873-3332 Fax: 518-873-3339
 Email: lwolf@co.essex.ny.us

Proposer's should send the completed "Technical" and "Cost" proposals under separate cover.

Technical Proposal

While there is no specific page limit, brevity, whenever practical, is strongly encouraged and will be considered in evaluation responses. The Submittal must contain the following information and documentation:

- **Firm.** Respondent's legal structure, areas of expertise, length of time in business, number of employees and detailed contact information for the person authorized to contractually obligate the Respondent and for the person administratively responsible for the Submittal.
- **Subconsultants.** Identify any Subconsultants, including a summary of the organization, experience and technical skills. Respondent shall not employ, contract with, or use the services of any consultant for the work of this Contract (except such third parties which may be used by the Respondent in the normal course of business, such as couriers, imaging services, etc.) without obtaining the prior written approval of GOSR.
- **Disclosure.** Disclose all allegations or claims of substandard work, unethical or illegal practices or debarment or suspension from state- or federally-funded projects, and provide documentation as to the resolution of these matters. Respondent must not be suspended or debarred from participation in state- or federally-funded projects. Include a completed NYS Vendor

Responsibility Questionnaire and notarized certification, along with verification that a completed NYS Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire has been filed with the NYS Office of the State Comptroller: <http://www.osc.state.ny.us/vendrep/>. Failure to complete and submit the NYS Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire may be cause for a Submittal to be rejected.

- **Relevant Experience.** Previous projects that demonstrate relevant experience and identify public sector clients for whom Respondent has provided similar work in the past five years. For each project described, provide current contact information for the individual with whom Respondent worked.
- **Approach and Methodology.** Respondent's understanding of the scope, including a detailed work plan to complete the design services.
- **Staffing Plan.** Respondent's capacity to provide services in the required timeframe, and key personnel to provide services and the proposed staffing plan. Outline the resumes of key personnel who will be assigned to the project, including their years of experience and functions on this project.
- **Resilient & Sustainable Design.** GOSR is committed to promoting sustainability and resiliency through resilient and green design in building and infrastructure projects funded through the NY Rising Community Reconstruction program. Engineering and design work should incorporate sustainability measures, resilient techniques, and green infrastructure practices where possible. (See Exhibit A Environmental Review for NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program Projects). Respondents should include in their submission a brief description of the green and resilient projects on which they have worked, and if applicable how that experience may be applied to this project. Previous experience in such design will be considered in the evaluation of responses.
- **Ability to Conform to Essex County's Deadline Schedule.** Describe firm's workload and the impact on its current capacity to perform services on this project, and describe specifically how the firm will comply with the required delivery schedule set forth in Schedule II.
- **Commitment to Comply with All Applicable Federal, State, and Local Regulations, including Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise (M/WBE) and Section 3.** Describe firm's commitment to and plan for complying with all applicable federal, state, and local regulations, including, as described below, M/WBE obligations and hiring requirements under Section 3 of the Housing and Community Development Act. Include a completed M/WBE Utilization Plan, (See Exhibit A) demonstrating the extent to which the firm will utilize M/WBE Subconsultants on this project. This is a factor for firm selection, and Respondents who demonstrate a commitment to comply will receive the most points (as described herein under "6. Selection Process").
- **Iran Divestment Act.** Respondent must attach a signed statement on company letterhead that is affirmed as true under penalty of perjury.
- **Attachments.** Resumes and material helpful to the technical evaluation may also be attached (short project descriptions, brochures).

NO DOLLARS SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE TECHNICAL PROPOSAL

Cost Proposal

Cost Reimbursement Method – The dollar cost bid should conform with Appendix A.

The County will not be responsible for expenses incurred in preparing and submitting the technical proposal or the cost proposal. Such costs should not be included in the proposal.

6 SELECTION PROCESS

Submittals responsive to the requirements of this RFP will be evaluated and scored in accordance with the Essex County's internal evaluation criteria.

During or after the review of responses, Essex County may submit written questions and requests for clarification, and may conduct interviews. Respondents must comply with the calendar identified in Schedule II: Deadline Schedule, which may be adjusted if necessary.

Essex County shall evaluate each respondent in terms of:

Technical Factors	<u>Maximum Points</u>
1. Relevant Experience	15
2. Approach and Methodology	15
3. Staffing Plan	9
4. Resilient Design	6
5. Ability to Conform to Essex County's Deadline Schedule	9
6. Commitment to Comply with all Applicable Federal, State and Local Regulations including M/WBE and Section 3	6
Total Maximum Points	60

Price

Maximum Points

1. Cost

40

Cost will not be the primary factor in the selection of firm. The proposed price will be graded based upon the following formula:

Average Bid/Your Price = X (whereby X can not exceed 100%)

$X * 40$ points = Points awarded based on cost

After evaluation of selected Submittals, Essex County reserves the right to award without delay. Essex County will issue a Letter of Intent to Award and a Notice to Proceed after Evaluations are complete.

7 SPECIFIC LEGAL OBLIGATIONS

7.1 PROCUREMENT

Subrecipient is committed to providing all prospective respondents with accurate, consistent and timely information to ensure that the procurement is conducted with full and open competition. Written questions from prospective respondents about the RFP are accepted by mail, fax and email to the following address:

Linda Wolf
PO Box 217, 7551 Court St
Elizabethtown NY 12932
Phone: 518-873-3332 Fax: 518-873-3339
Email: lwolf@co.essex.ny.us

Communications from respondents must be received no later than seventeen (17) business days before the Submittal opening. Questions may only be addressed to the RFP Coordinator as identified in Section 5 (Submittal Content).

In accordance with General Municipal Law Section 104-b(2)(f) and State Finance Law Section 139-j(2)(a), Essex County must identify the individual responsible for purchasing and the individual who is the sole point of contact during the procurement.

In accordance with State Finance Law Sections 139-j and 139-k, this RFP imposes restrictions on communications between Essex County, GOSR, New York State Housing Trust Fund (HTFC) and Respondents during the procurement. Respondent is restricted from making contact from the earliest notice of intent to solicit offers through final award (the restricted period) with Essex County's staff other than the RFP Coordinator), unless it is a contact include among expressly provided statutory exceptions set forth in State Finance Law Section 139-j(3)(a). Respondent is also restricted during this period from making contact with any employee of GOSR or HTFC.

The RFP Coordinator is identified in Section 5 (Submittal Content).

Essex County employees also are required to obtain certain information when contacted during the restricted period and make a determination of responsibility of the Respondent pursuant to these two statutes. Certain findings of non-responsibility can result in the rejection for contract award and in the event of two (2) findings within a four-year period the Respondent is debarred from obtaining governmental procurement contracts.

7.2 DIVERSITY AND INCOME REQUIREMENTS

7.2.1 Minority and Women Owned Businesses (M/WBE)

Essex County is committed to awarding a contract(s) to firms that will provide high quality services and that are dedicated to diversity and to containing costs. Essex County strongly encourages Respondents that are certified by New York State, any other city or state, or the federal government, as M/WBE firms, as well as Respondents that are not yet certified but have applied for certification, to submit responses to this RFP. All New York State-certified M/WBE firms submitting responses to this RFP should be registered as such with New York State Empire State Development (ESD). For M/WBE firms that are not certified but have applied for certification, Respondents must provide evidence of filing including filing date.

Essex County is required to implement the provisions of New York State Executive Law Article 15-A and 5 NYCRR Parts 142-144 (M/WBE Regulations). Essex County strongly encourages joint ventures of M/WBE firms with majority firms and M/WBE firms with other M/WBE firms. For purposes of this solicitation, Essex County hereby establishes an overall goal of 30% for M/WBE participation, 15% for minority-owned business enterprises (MBE) and 15% for women-owned business enterprises (WBE).

7.2.2 Section 3

In addition to the above diversity requirements, and pursuant to Section 3 of the Housing & Community Development Act (HCDA), Essex County is committed to ensuring that employment and other economic opportunities generated by HUD financial assistance shall, to the greatest extent feasible and consistent with existing federal, state and local laws and regulations, be directed to Section 3 residents and businesses.

A "Section 3 resident" is: 1) a public housing resident; or 2) a low- or very low-income person residing in the metropolitan area or non-metropolitan county where the Section 3 covered assistance is expended. For the

purposes of Section 3 of the HCDA, low-income persons are defined as families (including single persons) whose incomes do not exceed 80% of the median income for the area, and very low-income persons are defined as families (including single persons) whose incomes do not exceed 50% of the median income for the area.

A "Section 3 business" is a business that can provide evidence that it meets one of the follow criteria: 1) 51% or more owned by Section 3 residents; or 2) at least 30% of its full time employees include persons who are currently Section 3 residents, or were Section 3 residents within three years of the date of first hire; or 3) provides evidence, as required, of a commitment to subcontract in excess of 25% of the dollar award of all subcontracts to business concerns that meet one of the preceding two qualifications.

In their submittals, Respondents should demonstrate their commitment to advancing Essex County's Section 3 goals, which include the following: 30% of new hires associated with the CDBG-DR funded project shall be Section 3 residents, 10% of new construction contracts shall be awarded to Section 3 businesses, and 3% of non-construction contracts shall be awarded to Section 3 businesses.

7.3 IRAN DIVESTMENT ACT

Every Submittal made to Essex County pursuant to a competitive solicitation must contain the following statement, signed by the Respondent on company letterhead and affirmed as true under penalty of perjury:

"By submission of this bid, each bidder and each person signing on behalf of any bidder certifies, and in the case of a joint bid each party thereto certifies as to its own organization, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of its knowledge and belief that each bidder is not on the list created pursuant to paragraph (b) of subdivision 3 of section 165-a of the State Finance Law."

The list in question is maintained by the Office of General Services. Responses that fail to certify compliance with this requirement may not be accepted as responsive.

7.4 NEW YORK LAW AND VENUE

This contract shall be construed under the laws of the State of New York. All claims, actions, proceedings, and lawsuits brought in connection with, arising out of, related to, or seeking enforcement of this contract shall be brought in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Essex County.

SCHEDULE I: DETAILED PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Essex County Government Center has received Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery Funds to support the restoration design plans, specifications, and construction related services for identified areas of Gulf Brook and Beede Brook in the Town of Keene. The project includes a multi-pronged approach to address flood risks related to the modification of Beede Brook. The Gulf Brook portion of the project is the third phase of restoring Gulf Brook.

Beede Brook

As a result of Hurricane Irene, stormwater runoff has caused a diversion to the natural course of Beede Brook, inundating multiple properties and damaging roadways and bridges. The proposed project will protect adjacent properties from flooding and reduce the potential for flood-related damage to roads and bridges by restoring the natural flow of Beede Brook. The project will utilize green infrastructure and ecological restoration techniques to improve habitat, mitigate flooding and support recreation. The flood prevention improvements will help mitigate damage caused by flooding in future storm events, as well as being a key component in the overall flood protection plan for the Town of Keene.

In Beede Brook, bank-full channel width is approximately 20 or 30 feet wide where a more appropriate width in the watershed would be approximately 45 feet. The project will involve widening the stream channel where appropriate. It will also involve restoring the natural profile and plan form complexity of the brook with a series of small meanders, step pools and drop structures.

The proposed improvements to Beede Brook will include the following:

- Redesigning the outlet into the Ausable River to promote more efficient sediment transport and to protect existing structures.
- Creating a two-stage channel from the Route 73 bridge downstream to the confluence with the east branch of the Ausable River.
- Install grade contract and drop structures to maintain channel slope and dissipate high flow energy within the brook.
- Restore in-stream habitat within the system.

Gulf Brook

To better protect the hamlet of Keene, restoration and stabilization measures are necessary to Gulf Brook upstream of the current Phase II mitigation efforts. This work will constitute Phase III of the work to Gulf Brook undertaken by the Town. There are 5 different locations that will encompass this proposed third phase of the Gulf Brook project that have experienced severe erosion of the road embankments and down-cutting in the river channel. The proposed improvements to Gulf Brook will include the following:

- **Site #1** – this site is located on the Auer property and along Hurricane Rd. During Tropical Storm Irene, the area experienced severe deposition of woody debris and coarse sediment. A portion of Hurricane Rd. was flooded and eroded in 2011, and flood recovery efforts left piles of dredging spoils and berms along the bank of the brook. The project will re-grade and “roughen” the floodplain, design a flood chute for overbank flow, and stabilize the embankment along Hurricane Rd. (Area = approximately 600 l.f. of Gulf Brook).

- **Site #2** – located upstream of Site #1 and upstream of a 90-degree bend in Gulf Brook along Hurricane Rd., this site contains a recently rebuilt bridge with an approximate bank full channel. However, the in-stream restoration work resulted in a change of slope and an over-widened channel that disconnected the floodplain. This area will be reconnected, roughened, installed with grade control structures and stabilized along the embankment. (Area = approximately 300 l.f. of Gulf Brook).
- **Site #3** – located between the High Meadows Way Bridge and the intersection of Hurricane and Jackson Roads, approximately 200 ft. of road embankment was washed away during Tropical Storm Irene. Although it was rebuilt, it appears to be unstable due to the steep slope and the potential for the river bed to continue to undermine the embankment. Restoration methods will include channel raising, floodplain reconnection, installation of grade control structures and road embankment stabilization. (Area = approximately 300 l.f. of Gulf Brook).
- **Site #4** – located immediately downstream of the Hurricane Rd. Bridge, this area experienced moderate to severe erosion of the road embankment and down-cutting in the river channel in the downstream reach. The embankment is unstable due to the steep slope and potential for the river bed to continue incising and undermining the road embankment. Restoration methods will include embankment armoring while minimizing encroachment on the channel, and installation of grade control structures in the downstream reach. (Area = approximately 300 l.f. of Gulf Brook).
- **Site #5** - this site is located upstream of the Hurricane Rd. Bridge, experienced severe deposition of woody debris and sediment during Tropical Storm Irene. In addition, a large slope failure occurred along Jackson Rd., which contributes a significant amount of sedimentation into the channel. Downstream of the slope failure, the inlet to a flood chute between the brook and Jackson Rd. was blocked off by a large pile of logs. Restoration of this area will require log and debris removal, floodplain and chute reconnection, roughening of the stream channel, and bio-engineered stabilization of the upper slope. (Area = approximately 600 l.f. of Gulf Brook).

All proposed improvements will require earthwork to increase and stabilize the conveyance prism as well as grade control and log and rock habitat features. The project will require an environmental assessment. It is anticipated that the project will not impact any historic structures. The project design will require coordination with the NYS DOT and Essex Co. Dept. of Public Works to ensure that it is consistent with the planned replacement of the NYS DOT bridge on Rt. 73 and the county-owned bridge on St. Huberts Rd., both of which cross Beede Brook. The project may require the acquisition of both temporary and permanent easements.

Essex County reserves the right to modify the project description.

SCHEDULE II: DEADLINE SCHEDULE

A. Date for Publication of Notice:	November 28, 2016
B. Date for Questions from Respondents:	December 12, 2016
C. Date for Response to Respondents' Questions:	December 19, 2016
D. Date for Submission of Submittals:	January 4, 2017
E. Date for Evaluation of Submittals:	January 5 – January 11, 2017
F. Date for Contingent Award:	January 12, 2017
G. Date for Initial Meeting between Selected Firm, Essex County, and GOSR:	January 19, 2017
H. Date for Receipt of Draft Contract from Selected Firm:	February 1, 2017
I. Date for Execution of Contract with Notice to Proceed:	February 22, 2017
J. Date for Receipt of Deliverable:	April 21, 2017

Essex County reserves the right to modify this Deadline Schedule as necessary. All Submittals shall be submitted in hard copy, signed in the original, and received and date stamped by Essex County on or before 2:00 pm on January 4, 2017.

Respondent is responsible for meeting all deadlines. The selected firm will be responsible for submitting a draft A/E contract that includes a scope of services or scope of work and cost proposal within two (2) weeks of the initial meeting. Failure to meet this deadline may result in the Essex County exercising its right to terminate negotiations with the selected firm.

SCHEDULE III: INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

The selected respondent shall carry sufficient insurance coverage and bonding from insurers licensed to conduct business in New York State to protect all contract assets from loss due to any cause, including, but not limited to, theft, fraud, and/or physical damage. Essex County, New York State, and the New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation shall be names as additional insureds on all such insurance. The selected respondent shall meet all other insurance requirements as Essex County may impose from time to time. In addition, all insurance carries and bonding companies shall meet minimum size and financial stability/financial rating requirements as may be imposed by Essex County from time to time. Certificates of insurance shall be provided to Essex County and full and complete copies of policies and/or bonds shall be provided to Essex County upon its request for same.

Notwithstanding the above, for construction or facility improvement performed by the selected respondent, the selected respondent shall, at a minimum, comply with the bonding requirements at 2 CFR 200, as applicable.

The selected respondent shall procure and maintain without interruption, at its sole cost and expense, during the term of this Agreement (or any extensions thereof) and for a period of two years thereafter, insurance of the type, and with limits and deductibles, as contained in Exhibit A, Part III, Insurance.

EXHIBIT E

SUPPLEMENTARY CONDITIONS FOR CONTRACTS

DEFINITIONS

“GOSR”: Governor’s Office of Storm Recovery and its successors and assigns, as well as the Housing Trust Fund Corporation and its successors and assigns, and its parent entities and their successors and assigns.

“Subrecipient”: _____

“Contractor”: _____

When these Supplementary Conditions are attached to any lower tier contract (e.g., a contract between Contractor (as defined above) and any subcontractor, or between Contractor’s direct or indirect subcontractors), references herein to “Subrecipient” shall be deemed to refer to the party seeking products and/or services, and references to “Contractor” shall be deemed to refer to the party providing products and/or services, and references to the “Agreement” or “Contract” or “contract” shall be deemed to refer to the agreement between such subcontracting parties.

ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

In the event of a conflict between the terms of these Supplementary Conditions and the terms of the remainder of the contract (including any other attachments thereto and amendments thereof), the terms of these Supplementary Conditions shall control.

In the event of a conflict among the requirements found in these Supplementary Conditions, which conflict would make it impossible to comply with all of the requirements set forth herein, the provisions shall be applied with the following priority:

- (1) Part I: Required Federal Provisions; then
- (2) Part II: Required State Provisions;

and the remaining requirements shall be interpreted in a manner so as to allow for the terms contained therein to remain valid and consistent with such superseding provisions. If any provision of these Supplementary Conditions relates to a matter embraced by another provision(s) of these Supplementary Conditions, but is not in conflict therewith, all such provisions shall apply. Any question as to which requirements control in a particular instance which cannot be resolved by Contractor and Subrecipient shall be submitted in writing (indicating the issue and the applicable provisions) by Subrecipient to GOSR, which shall decide the applicable question.

PART I: REQUIRED FEDERAL PROVISIONS

The following terms and conditions apply to any contract for which any portion of the funding is derived from a grant made by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”).

GENERAL CONDITIONS

- 1. PROVISIONS REQUIRED BY LAW DEEMED INSERTED.** Each and every provision of law and clause required by law to be inserted in this contract shall be deemed to be inserted herein and the contract shall be read and enforced as though it were included herein, and if through mistake or otherwise any such provision is not inserted, or is not correctly inserted, then upon the application of either party the contract shall forthwith be physically amended to make such insertion or correction.
- 2. STATUTORY AND REGULATORY COMPLIANCE.** Contractor shall comply with all laws and regulations applicable to the Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery funds appropriated by the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, 2013 (Pub. L. 113-2), including but not limited to the applicable Office of Management and Budget Circulars, which may impact the administration of funds and/or set forth certain cost principles, including the allowability of certain expenses.
- 3. BREACH OF CONTRACT TERMS.** The Subrecipient and GOSR reserve their rights to all administrative, contractual, or legal remedies, including but not limited to suspension or termination of this contract, in instances where the Contractor or any of its subcontractors violate or breach any contract term. If the Contractor or any of its subcontractors violate or breach any contract term, they shall be subject to such sanctions and penalties as may be appropriate. The duties and obligations imposed by the contract documents and the rights and remedies available thereunder shall be in addition to and not a limitation of any duties, obligations, rights and remedies otherwise imposed or available by law.
- 4. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.** The Contractor shall complete and submit all reports, in such form and according to such schedule, as may be required by the Subrecipient and GOSR. The Contractor shall cooperate with all Subrecipient and GOSR efforts to comply with HUD requirements and regulations pertaining to reporting, including but not limited to 2 CFR Part 200 and 24 C.F.R. § 570.507.
- 5. RIGHTS TO INVENTIONS MADE UNDER A CONTRACT OR AGREEMENT.** Contracts or agreements for the performance of experimental, developmental, or research work shall provide for the rights of the federal government, GOSR, and the Subrecipient in any resulting invention in accordance with 37 C.F.R. Part 401, “Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements,” and any implementing regulations issued by HUD.

6. DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, AND INELIGIBILITY. The Contractor represents and warrants that it and its subcontractors are not debarred or suspended or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in federal assistance programs subject to 2 C.F.R. Part 2424. The Contractor shall notify the Subrecipient and GOSR should it or any of its subcontractors become debarred or suspended or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in federal assistance programs subject to 2 C.F.R. Part 2424.

7. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST. The Contractor shall notify the Subrecipient as soon as possible if this contract or any aspect related to the anticipated work under this contract raises an actual or potential conflict of interest (as described in 2 CFR Part 200). The Contractor shall explain the actual or potential conflict in writing in sufficient detail so that the Subrecipient is able to assess such actual or potential conflict. The Contractor shall provide the Subrecipient any additional information necessary for the Subrecipient to fully assess and address such actual or potential conflict of interest. The Contractor shall accept any reasonable conflict mitigation strategy employed by the Subrecipient, including but not limited to the use of an independent subcontractor(s) to perform the portion of work that gives rise to the actual or potential conflict. If requested by GOSR, Contractor shall sign a certification affirming that it has no conflict of interest arising from performance of work on a specific task.

8. SUBCONTRACTING. The Contractor represents to the Subrecipient that all work shall be performed by personnel experienced in the appropriate and applicable profession and areas of expertise, taking into account the nature of the work to be performed under this contract.

The Contractor will include these Required Federal Provisions in every subcontract issued by it so that such provisions will be binding upon each of its subcontractors as well as the requirement to flow down such terms to all lower-tiered subcontractors.

9. ASSIGNABILITY. The Contractor shall not assign any interest in this contract, and shall not transfer any interest in the same (whether by assignment or novation) without prior written approval of the Subrecipient.

10. INDEMNIFICATION. The Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Subrecipient, GOSR, and their agents and employees from and against any and all claims, actions, suits, charges, and judgments arising from or related to the negligence or willful misconduct of the Contractor in the performance of the services called for in this contract.

11. TERMINATION FOR CAUSE (Applicable to contracts exceeding \$10,000). If, through any cause, the Contractor shall fail to fulfill in a timely and proper manner his obligations under this contract, or if the Contractor shall violate any of the covenants, agreements, or stipulations of this contract, the Subrecipient shall thereupon have the right to terminate this contract by giving written notice to the Contractor of such termination and specifying the effective date thereof, at least five (5) days before the effective date of such termination. In such event, all finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, surveys, drawings, maps, models, photographs, and reports prepared by the Contractor under this contract shall, at the option of the Subrecipient, become the Subrecipient's property and the Contractor

shall be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for any work satisfactorily completed hereunder. Notwithstanding the above, the Contractor shall not be relieved of liability to the Subrecipient for damages sustained by the Subrecipient by virtue of any breach of the contract by the Contractor, and the Subrecipient may withhold any payments to the Contractor for the purpose of set-off until such time as the exact amount of damages due the Subrecipient from the Contractor is determined.

12. TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE (Applicable to contracts exceeding \$10,000).

The Subrecipient may terminate this contract at any time by giving at least ten (10) days' notice in writing to the Contractor. If the contract is terminated by the Subrecipient as provided herein, the Contractor will be paid for the time provided and expenses incurred up to the termination date.

13. LOBBYING (Applicable to contracts exceeding \$100,000). The Contractor certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

- A. No federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the Contractor, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any federal contract, the making of any federal grant, the making of any federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- B. If any funds other than federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the Contractor shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.
- C. The Contractor shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by 31 U.S.C. § 1352. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

14. BONDING REQUIREMENTS (Applicable to construction and facility improvement contracts exceeding \$100,000). The Contractor shall comply with New York State bonding requirements, unless they have not been approved by HUD, in which case the Contractor shall comply with the following minimum bonding requirements:

- A. A bid guarantee from each bidder equivalent to five percent of the bid price. The “bid guarantee” shall consist of a firm commitment such as a bid bond, certified check, or other negotiable instrument accompanying a bid as assurance that the bidder will, upon acceptance of his bid, execute such contractual documents as may be required within the time specified.
- B. A performance bond on the part of the Contractor for 100 percent of the contract price. A “performance bond” is one executed in connection with a contract to secure fulfillment of all the Contractor’s obligations under such contract.
- C. A payment bond on the part of the Contractor for 100 percent of the contract price. A “payment bond” is one executed in connection with a contract to assure payment as required by law of all persons supplying labor and material in the execution of the work provided for in the contract.

15. ACCESS TO RECORDS. The Subrecipient, GOSR, HUD, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their duly authorized representatives, shall have, at any time and from time to time during normal business hours, access to any work product, books, documents, papers, and records of the Contractor which are related to this contract, for the purpose of inspection, audits, examinations, and making excerpts, copies and transcriptions.

16. MAINTENANCE/RETENTION OF RECORDS. All records connected with this contract will be maintained in a central location and will be maintained for a period of at least four (4) years following the date of final payment and close-out of all pending matters related to this contract, provided that Section 1 of the Required State Provisions herein is also satisfied.

CIVIL RIGHTS AND DIVERSITY PROVISIONS

17. SMALL AND MINORITY FIRMS, WOMEN’S BUSINESS ENTERPRISES, AND LABOR SURPLUS AREA FIRMS. The Contractor will comply with the small and minority firms, women’s business enterprise, and labor surplus area requirements as set forth at 2 CFR Part 200. Contractor will use its best efforts to afford small businesses, minority business enterprises, and women’s business enterprises the maximum practicable opportunity to participate in the performance of the contract. As used in these Required Federal Provisions, the terms “small business” means a business that meets the criteria set forth in Section 3(a) of the Small Business Act, as amended (15 U.S.C. § 632), and “minority and women’s business enterprise” means a business at least fifty-one (51) percent owned and controlled by minority group members or women. For the purpose of this definition, “minority group members” are Afro-Americans, Spanish-speaking, Spanish surnamed, or Spanish-heritage Americans, Asian-Americans, and American Indians. Subrecipient may rely on written representations by businesses regarding their status as minority and female business enterprises in lieu of an independent investigation.

The Contractor will take necessary affirmative steps to assure that minority firms, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used in subcontracting when possible. Steps include:

- A. Placing qualified small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises on solicitation lists;
- B. Assuring that small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources;
- C. Dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority business, and women's business enterprises;
- D. Establishing delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by small and minority business, and women's business enterprises; and
- E. Using the services and assistance of the Small Business Administration, and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce.

18. TITLES VI AND VIII OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964 AND EXECUTIVE ORDER 11063. The Contractor shall comply with the provisions of Titles VI and VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and with Executive Order 11063. No person shall, on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance. No person shall, on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin, be discriminated against in the sale, rental, or financing of dwellings. To the extent that any such sale, lease or other transfer of land shall occur, Contractor, in undertaking its obligation to carry out the Program assisted hereunder, will not itself so discriminate.

19. SECTION 109 OF THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974. The Contractor shall comply with the provisions of Section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. No person in the United States shall on the grounds of race, color, national origin, or sex be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity funded in whole or in part with funds made available under this title. Section 109 further provides that discrimination on the basis of age under the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 or with respect to an otherwise qualified handicapped individual as provided in Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, is prohibited.

20. SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973 AND THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990. The Contractor shall comply with section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. § 794), as amended, and any applicable regulations, and with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. § 126), as amended, and any applicable regulations

The Contractor agrees that no qualified individual with handicaps shall, solely on the basis of handicap, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity that receives federal financial assistance from HUD.

21. AGE DISCRIMINATION ACT OF 1975. The Contractor shall comply with the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. § 6101 et seq.), as amended, and any applicable regulations. No person in the United States shall, on the basis of age, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under, any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.

22. NONDISCRIMINATION.

The Contractor shall comply with the non-discrimination in employment and contracting opportunities laws, regulations, and executive orders referenced in 24 C.F.R. § 570.607. The applicable non-discrimination provisions in Section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 are still applicable. The Contractor shall comply with all other federal statutory and constitutional non-discrimination provisions. During the performance of this contract, the Contractor agrees as follows:

- A. The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. The Contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
- B. The Contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin.
- C. The Contractor will not discharge or in any other manner discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because such employee or applicant has inquired about, discussed, or disclosed the compensation of the employee or applicant or another employee or applicant. This provision shall not apply to instances in which an employee who has access to the compensation information of other employees or applicants as a part of such employee's essential job functions discloses the compensation of such other employees or applicants to individuals who do not otherwise have access to such information, unless such disclosure is in response to a formal complaint or charge, in furtherance of an investigation, proceeding, hearing, or action, including an investigation

conducted by the employer, or is consistent with the Contractor's legal duty to furnish information.

- D. The Contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided advising the said labor union or workers' representatives of the Contractor's commitments under this section, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
- E. The Contractor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.
- F. The Contractor will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records, and accounts by the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.
- G. In the event of the Contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this contract or with any of the said rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part and the Contractor may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts or federally assisted construction contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.
- H. The Contractor will include the portion of the sentence immediately preceding paragraph (A) and the provisions of paragraphs (A) through (H) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The Contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the administering agency may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance: *Provided*, however, that in the event a Contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the administering agency, the Contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

With respect to construction contracts and subcontracts exceeding \$10,000, The Contractor shall comply with Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, entitled "Equal Employment Opportunity," as amended by Executive Order 11375 of October 13, 1967; Executive Order 11478 of August 8, 1969; Executive Order 12107 of December 28, 1978; Executive Order 12086 of October 5, 1978; and as supplemented in Department of Labor regulations (41 C.F.R. Part 60). Subrecipient shall include the following Specifications, which are required pursuant to 41 CFR 60-4.3 in all federally assisted contracts and subcontracts. For the purposes of the Equal

Opportunity Construction Contract Specifications and Clause below, the term “Construction Work” means the construction, rehabilitation, alteration, conversion, extension, demolition or repair of buildings, highways, or other changes or improvements to real property, including facilities providing utility services. The term also includes the supervision, inspection, and other onsite functions incidental to the actual construction.

Standard Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Construction Contract Specifications for Contracts and Subcontracts in Excess of \$10,000. (Federal Notice Required by 41 CFR 60-4.3)

1. As used in these specifications:
 - a. “Covered area” means the geographical area described in the solicitation from which this contract resulted;
 - b. “Director” means Director, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, United States Department of Labor, or any person to whom the Director delegates authority;
 - c. “Employer identification number” means the Federal Social Security number used on the Employer’s Quarterly Federal Tax Return, U.S. Treasury Department Form 941.
 - d. “Minority” includes:
 - (i) Black (all persons having origins in any of the Black African racial groups not of Hispanic origin);
 - (ii) Hispanic (all persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American or other Spanish Culture or origin, regardless of race);
 - (iii) Asian and Pacific Islander (all persons having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian Subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands); and
 - (iv) American Indian or Alaskan Native (all persons having origins in any of the original peoples of North America and maintaining identifiable tribal affiliations through membership and participation or community identification).
2. Whenever the contractor or any subcontractor at any tier, subcontracts a portion of the work involving any Construction trade, it shall physically include in each subcontract in excess of \$10,000 the provisions of these specifications and the Notice which contains the applicable goals for minority and female participation and which is set forth in the solicitations from which this Agreement resulted.
3. If the contractor is participating (pursuant to 41 CFR 60-4.5) in a Hometown Plan approved by the U.S. Department of Labor in the covered area either individually or through an association, its affirmative action obligations on all work in the Plan area (including goals and timetables) shall be in accordance with that Plan for those trades which have unions participating in the Plan. Contractors must be able to demonstrate their participation in and compliance with the provisions of any such Hometown Plan.

Each contractor or subcontractor participating in an approved Plan is individually required to comply with its obligations under the EEO clause, and to make a good faith effort to achieve each goal under the Plan in each trade in which it has employees. The overall good faith performance by other contractors or subcontractors toward a goal in an approved Plan does not excuse any covered contractor's or subcontractor's failure to take good faith efforts to achieve the Plan goals and timetables.

4. The contractor shall implement the specific affirmative action standards provided in paragraphs 7 a through p of these specifications. The goals set forth in the solicitation from which this Agreement resulted are expressed as percentages of the total hours of employment and training of minority and female utilization the contractor should reasonably be able to achieve in each Construction trade in which it has employees in the covered area. Covered Construction contractors performing Construction Work in geographical areas where they do not have a Federal or federally assisted Construction contract shall apply the minority and female goals established for the geographical areas where the work is being performed. Goals are published periodically in the Federal Register in notice form, and such notices may be obtained from any Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs office or from Federal procurement contracting officers. The contractor is expected to make substantially uniform progress in meeting its goals in each craft during the period specified.

5. Neither the provisions of any collective bargaining agreement, nor the failure by a union with whom the contractor has a collective bargaining agreement, to refer either minorities or women shall excuse the contractor's obligations under these specifications, Executive Order 11246, or the regulations promulgated pursuant thereto.

6. In order for the nonworking training hours of apprentices and trainees to be counted in meeting the goals, such apprentices and trainees must be employed by the contractor during the training period, and the contractor must have made a commitment to employ the apprentices and trainees at the completion of their training, subject to the availability of employment opportunities. Trainees must be trained pursuant to training programs approved by the U.S. Department of Labor.

7. The contractor shall take specific affirmative actions to ensure equal employment opportunity. The evaluation of the contractor's compliance with these specifications shall be based upon its effort to achieve maximum results from its actions. The contractor shall document these efforts fully, and shall implement affirmative action steps at least as extensive as the following:

a. Ensure and maintain a working environment free of harassment, intimidation, and coercion at all sites, and in all facilities at which the contractor's employees are assigned to work. The contractor, where possible, will assign two or more women to each Construction project. The contractor shall specifically ensure that all foremen, superintendents, and other on-site supervisory personnel are aware of and carry out the contractor's obligation to maintain such a working environment, with specific attention to minority or female individuals working at such sites or in such facilities.

- b. Establish and maintain a current list of minority and female recruitment sources, provide written notification to minority and female recruitment sources and to community organizations when the contractor or its unions have employment opportunities available, and maintain a record of the organization's responses.
- c. Maintain a current file of the names, addresses and telephone numbers of each minority and female off-the-street applicant and minority or female referral from a union, a recruitment source or community organization and of what action was taken with respect to each such individual. If such individual was sent to the union hiring hall for referral and was not referred back to the contractor by the union or, if referred, not employed by the contractor, this shall be documented in the file with the reason therefor, along with whatever additional actions the contractor may have taken.
- d. Provide immediate written notification to the Director when the union or unions with which the contractor has a collective bargaining agreement has not referred to the contractor a minority person or woman sent by the contractor, or when the contractor has other information that the union referral process has impeded the contractor's efforts to meet its obligations.
- e. Develop on-the-job training opportunities and/or participate in training programs for the area which expressly include minorities and women, including upgrading programs and apprenticeship and trainee programs relevant to the contractor's employment needs, especially those programs funded or approved by the Department of Labor. The contractor shall provide notice of these programs to the sources compiled under 7b above.
- f. Disseminate the contractor's EEO policy by providing notice of the policy to unions and training programs and requesting their cooperation in assisting the contractor in meeting its EEO obligations; by including it in any policy manual and collective bargaining agreement; by publicizing it in the company newspaper, annual report, etc.; by specific review of the policy with all management personnel and with all minority and female employees at least once a year; and by posting the company EEO policy on bulletin boards accessible to all employees at each location where Construction Work is performed.
- g. Review, at least annually, the company's EEO policy and affirmative action obligations under these specifications with all employees having any responsibility for hiring, assignment, layoff, termination or other employment decisions including specific review of these items with on-site supervisory personnel such as Superintendents, General Foremen, etc., prior to the initiation of Construction Work at any job site. A written record shall be made and maintained identifying the time and place of these meetings, persons attending, subject matter discussed, and disposition of the subject matter.
- h. Disseminate the contractor's EEO policy externally by including it in any advertising in the news media, specifically including minority and female news media, and providing written notification to and discussing the contractor's EEO policy with other contractors and subcontractors with whom the contractor does or anticipates doing business.
- i. Direct its recruitment efforts, both oral and written, to minority, female and community organizations, to schools with minority and female students and to minority and female recruitment and training organizations serving the contractor's recruitment

area and employment needs. Not later than one month prior to the date for the acceptance of applications for apprenticeship or other training by any recruitment source, the contractor shall send written notification to organizations such as the above, describing the openings, screening procedures, and tests to be used in the selection process.

j. Encourage present minority and female employees to recruit other minority persons and women and, where reasonable, provide after school, summer and vacation employment to minority and female youth both on the site and in other areas of a contractor's work force.

k. Validate all tests and other selection requirements where there is an obligation to do so under 41 CFR Part 60-3.

l. Conduct, at least annually, an inventory and evaluation at least of all minority and female personnel for promotional opportunities and encourage these employees to seek or to prepare for, through appropriate training, etc., such opportunities.

m. Ensure that seniority practices, job classifications, work assignments and other personnel practices, do not have a discriminatory effect by continually monitoring all personnel and employment related activities to ensure that the EEO policy and the contractor's obligations under these specifications are being carried out.

n. Ensure that all facilities and company activities are non-segregated except that separate or single-user toilet and necessary changing facilities shall be provided to assure privacy between the sexes.

o. Document and maintain a record of all solicitations of offers for subcontracts from minority and female Construction contractors and suppliers, including circulation of solicitations to minority and female contractor associations and other business associations.

p. Conduct a review, at least annually, of all supervisor's adherence to and performance under the Contractor's EEO policies and affirmative action obligations.

8. Contractors are encouraged to participate in voluntary associations which assist in fulfilling one or more of their affirmative action obligations (7a through p). The efforts of a contractor association, joint contractor-union, contractor-community, or other similar group of which the contractor is a member and participant, may be asserted as fulfilling any one or more of its obligations under 7a through p of these specifications provided that the contractor actively participates in the group, makes every effort to assure that the group has a positive impact on the employment of minorities and women in the industry, ensures that the concrete benefits of the Program are reflected in the contractor's minority and female work force participation, makes a good faith effort to meet its individual goals and timetables, and can provide access to documentation which demonstrates the effectiveness of actions taken on behalf of the contractor. The obligation to comply, however, is the contractor's and failure of such a group to fulfill an obligation shall not be a defense for the contractor's noncompliance.

9. A single goal for minorities and a separate single goal for women have been established. The contractor, however, is required to provide equal employment opportunity and to take affirmative action for all minority groups, both male and female, and all women, both minority and non-minority. Consequently, the contractor may be in violation of the Executive Order if a particular group is employed in a substantially

disparate manner (for example, even though the contractor has achieved its goals for women generally, the contractor may be in violation of the Executive Order if a specific minority group of women is underutilized).

10. The contractor shall not use the goals and timetables or affirmative action standards to discriminate against any person because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

11. The contractor shall not enter into any Subcontract with any person or firm debarred from Government contracts pursuant to Executive Order 11246 or suspended or is otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in federal assistance programs.

12. The contractor shall carry out such sanctions and penalties for violation of these specifications and of the Equal Opportunity Clause, including suspension, termination and cancellation of existing subcontracts as may be imposed or ordered pursuant to Executive Order 11246, as amended, and its implementing regulations, by the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs. Any contractor who fails to carry out such sanctions and penalties shall be in violation of these specifications and Executive Order 11246, as amended.

13. The contractor, in fulfilling its obligations under these specifications, shall implement specific affirmative action steps, at least as extensive as those standards prescribed in paragraph 7 of these specifications, so as to achieve maximum results from its efforts to ensure equal employment opportunity. If the contractor fails to comply with the requirements of the Executive Order, the implementing regulations, or these specifications, the Director shall proceed in accordance with 41 CFR 60-4.8.

14. The contractor shall designate a responsible official to monitor all employment related activity to ensure that the company EEO policy is being carried out, to submit reports relating to the provisions hereof as may be required by the Government and to keep records. Records shall at least include for each employee the name, address, telephone numbers, Construction trade, union affiliation if any, employee identification number when assigned, social security number, race, sex, status (e.g., mechanic, apprentice trainee, helper, or laborer), dates of changes in status, hours worked per week in the indicated trade, rate of pay, and locations at which the work was performed. Records shall be maintained in an easily understandable and retrievable form; however, to the degree that existing records satisfy this requirement, contractors shall not be required to maintain separate records.

15. Nothing herein provided shall be construed as a limitation upon the application of other laws which establish different standards of compliance or upon the application of requirements for hiring of local or other areas residents (e.g., those under the Public Works Employment Act of 1977 and the Community Development Block Grant Program).

23. CERTIFICATION OF NONSEGREGATED FACILITIES (Applicable to construction contracts exceeding \$10,000). The Contractor certifies that it does not maintain or provide for its establishments, and that it does not permit employees to perform their services at any location, under its control, where segregated facilities are maintained. It certifies further that it will not maintain or provide for employees any segregated facilities at any of its establishments, and it will not permit employees to perform their services at any location under its control where segregated facilities are maintained. The Contractor agrees that a breach of this certification is a violation of the nondiscrimination clause of this contract.

As used in this certification, the term “segregated facilities” means any waiting rooms, work areas, rest rooms and wash rooms, restaurants and other eating areas, time clocks, locker rooms, and other storage or dressing areas, parking lots, drinking fountains, recreation or entertainment areas, transportation and housing facilities provided for employees which are segregated by explicit directive or are, in fact, segregated on the basis of race, color, religion, or national origin because of habit, local custom, or any other reason.

The Contractor further agrees that (except where it has obtained for specific time periods) it will obtain identical certification from proposed subcontractors prior to the award of subcontracts exceeding \$10,000 which are not exempt from the provisions of the nondiscrimination clause; that it will retain such certifications in its files; and that it will forward the preceding notice to such proposed subcontractors (except where proposed subcontractors have submitted identical certifications for specific time periods).

24. SECTION 503 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973 (Applicable to contracts exceeding \$10,000). The Contractor shall comply with section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. § 793), as amended, and any applicable regulations.

- A. The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of physical or mental disability in regard to any position for which the employee or applicant for employment is qualified. The Contractor agrees to take affirmative action to employ, advance in employment and otherwise treat qualified individuals with disabilities without discrimination based on their physical or mental disability in all employment practices, including the following:
1. Recruitment, advertising, and job application procedures;
 2. Hiring, upgrading, promotion, award of tenure, demotion, transfer, layoff, termination, right of return from layoff and rehiring;
 3. Rates of pay or any other form of compensation and changes in compensation;
 4. Job assignments, job classifications, organizational structures, position descriptions, lines of progression, and seniority lists;
 5. Leaves of absence, sick leave, or any other leave;
 6. Fringe benefits available by virtue of employment, whether or not administered by the Contractor;
 7. Selection and financial support for training, including apprenticeship, professional meetings, conferences, and other related activities, and selection for leaves of absence to pursue training;

8. Activities sponsored by the Contractor including social or recreational programs; and
 9. Any other term, condition, or privilege of employment.
- B. The Contractor agrees to comply with the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to the act.
- C. In the event of the Contractor's noncompliance with the requirements of this clause, actions for noncompliance may be taken in accordance with the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to the act.
- D. The Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices in a form to be prescribed by the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Federal Contract Compliance Programs, provided by or through the contracting officer. Such notices shall state the rights of applicants and employees as well as the Contractor's obligation under the law to take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment qualified employees and applicants with disabilities. The Contractor must ensure that applicants and employees with disabilities are informed of the contents of the notice (e.g., the Contractor may have the notice read to a visually disabled individual, or may lower the posted notice so that it might be read by a person in a wheelchair).
- E. The Contractor will notify each labor organization or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract understanding, that the Contractor is bound by the terms of section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and is committed to take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment individuals with physical or mental disabilities.
- F. The Contractor will include the provisions of this clause in every subcontract or purchase order in excess of \$10,000, unless exempted by the rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary issued pursuant to section 503 of the act, as amended, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The Contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Federal Contract Compliance Programs may direct to enforce such provisions, including action for noncompliance.

25. SECTION 3 OF THE HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1968 (Applicable to contracts exceeding \$100,000 in value for housing construction, rehabilitation, or other public construction).

- A. The work to be performed under this contract is subject to the requirements of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. § 1701u (Section 3). The purpose of Section 3 is to ensure that employment and other economic opportunities generated by HUD assistance or HUD-assisted projects covered by Section 3, shall, to the greatest extent feasible, be directed to low- and very low-income persons, particularly persons who are recipients of HUD assistance for housing.

- B. The parties to this contract agree to comply with HUD's regulations in 24 C.F.R. Part 135, which implement Section 3. As evidenced by their execution of this contract, the parties to this contract certify that they are under no contractual or other impediment that would prevent them from complying with the part 135 regulations.
- C. The Contractor agrees to send to each labor organization or representative of workers with which the Contractor has a collective bargaining agreement or other understanding, if any, a notice advising the labor organization or workers' representative of the Contractor's commitments under this Section 3 clause, and will post copies of the notice in conspicuous places at the work site where both employees and applicants for training and employment positions can see the notice. The notice shall describe the Section 3 preference, shall set forth minimum number and job titles subject to hire, the availability of apprenticeship and training positions, the qualifications for each, the name and location of the person(s) taking applications for each of the positions, and the anticipated date the work shall begin.
- D. The Contractor agrees to include this Section 3 clause in every subcontract subject to compliance with regulations in 24 C.F.R. Part 135, and agrees to take appropriate action, as provided in an applicable provision of the subcontract or in this Section 3 clause, upon a finding that the subcontractor is in violation of the regulations in 24 C.F.R. Part 135. The Contractor will not subcontract with any subcontractor where the Contractor has notice or knowledge that the subcontractor has been found in violation of the regulations in 24 C.F.R. Part 135.
- E. The Contractor will certify that any vacant employment positions, including training positions, that are filled: (1) after the Contractor is selected but before the contract is executed, and (2) with persons other than those to whom the regulations of 24 C.F.R. Part 135 require employment opportunities to be directed, were not filled to circumvent the Contractor's obligations under 24 C.F.R. Part 135.
- F. Noncompliance with HUD's regulations in 24 C.F.R. Part 135 may result in sanctions, termination of this contract for default, and debarment or suspension from future HUD assisted contracts.
- G. With respect to work performed in connection with Section 3 covered Indian housing assistance, section 7(b) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. § 450e) also applies to the work to be performed under this contract. Section 7(b) requires that to the greatest extent feasible: (i) preference and opportunities for training and employment shall be given to Indians, and (ii) preference in the award of contracts and subcontracts shall be given to Indian organizations and Indian-owned Economic Enterprises. Parties to this contract that are subject to the provisions of Section 3 and section 7(b) agree to comply with Section 3 to the maximum extent feasible, but not in derogation of compliance with section 7(b).

H. Irrespective of any applicable federal reporting requirements as noted in the statutory language above or otherwise, Contractor shall submit quarterly reports along with any supporting documentation, in a form acceptable to Subrecipient, of its Section 3 compliance efforts to Subrecipient. Contractor may be required to consolidate all reports received from subcontractors and lower-tiered subcontractors into a single report or several reports as reasonably requested by Subrecipient. Notwithstanding the provision of such reports and supporting documentation, Contractor shall maintain copies of all reports and supporting documents as set forth in these Supplementary Conditions.

26. FAIR HOUSING ACT. Contractor shall comply with the provisions of the Fair Housing Act of 1968 as amended. The act prohibits discrimination in the sale or rental of housing, the financing of housing or the provision of brokerage services against any person on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, handicap or familial status. Contractor shall comply with the provisions of the Equal Opportunity in Housing Act, which prohibits discrimination against individuals on the basis of race, color, religion, sex or national origin in the sale, rental, leasing or other disposition of residential property, or in the use or occupancy of housing assisted with federal funds.

LABOR PROVISIONS

27. COPELAND “ANTI-KICKBACK” ACT (Applicable to all construction or repair contracts). Salaries of personnel performing work under this contract shall be paid unconditionally and not less often than once a month without payroll deduction or rebate on any account except only such payroll deductions as are mandatory by law or permitted by the applicable regulations issued by the Secretary of Labor pursuant to the Copeland “Anti-Kickback Act” of June 13, 1934 (48 Stat. 948; 62 Stat. 740; 63 Stat. 108; 18 U.S.C. § 874; and 40 U.S.C. § 276c). The Contractor shall comply with all applicable “Anti-Kickback” regulations and shall insert appropriate provisions in all subcontracts covering work under this contract to ensure compliance by subcontractors with such regulations, and shall be responsible for the submission of affidavits required of subcontractors thereunder except as the Secretary of Labor may specifically provide for variations of or exemptions from the requirements thereof.

28. CONTRACT WORK HOURS AND SAFETY STANDARDS ACT (Applicable to construction contracts exceeding \$2,000 and contracts exceeding \$2,500 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers). The Contractor shall comply with Sections 103 and 107 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§ 327-330) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 C.F.R. Part 5).

All laborers and mechanics employed by contractors or subcontractors shall receive overtime compensation in accordance with and subject to the provisions of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, and the contractors and subcontractors shall comply with all regulations

issued pursuant to that act and with other applicable federal laws and regulations pertaining to labor standards.

29. DAVIS-BACON ACT AND OTHER LABOR COMPLIANCE (Applicable to construction contracts exceeding \$2,000 when required by federal program legislation).

The Contractor shall comply with the Davis Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§ 276a to 276a-7) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 C.F.R. Part 5), and all other applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations pertaining to labor standards insofar as they apply to the performance of this agreement. In addition, Contractor shall comply with the Federal Labor Standards Provisions set forth in Form HUD-4010, available at http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=DOC_12586.pdf.

All laborers and mechanics employed by contractors or subcontractors, including employees of other governments, on construction work assisted under this contract, and subject to the provisions of the Federal acts and regulations listed in this paragraph, shall be paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing on similar construction in the locality as determined by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with the Davis Bacon Act. The Contractor shall maintain documentation that demonstrates compliance with hour and wage requirements of this part. Such documentation shall be made available to Subrecipient and GOSR for review upon request.

If Contractor is engaged under a contract in excess of \$2,000 for construction, renovation, or repair work financed in whole or in part with assistance provided by GOSR, Contractor agrees, except with respect to the rehabilitation or construction of residential property containing less than eight (8) units, to comply and to cause all subcontractors engaged under such contracts to comply with federal requirements adopted by GOSR pertaining to such contracts and with the applicable requirements of the Department of Labor under 29 C.F.R. Parts 1, 3, 5, and 7 governing the payment of wages and ratio of apprentices and trainees to journey workers; provided that, if wage rates higher than those required under the regulations are imposed by state or local law, nothing hereunder is to relieve Contractor of its obligation, if any, to require payment of the higher wage. Contractor shall cause or require to be inserted in full, in all such contracts subject to such regulations, provisions meeting the requirements of this paragraph.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROVISIONS

30. ENERGY EFFICIENCY. The Contractor shall comply with mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the New York State energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (Public Law 94-163).

31. SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL. Pursuant to 2 CFR § 200.322, Contractor must comply with section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (codified at 42 USC § 6962). The requirements of Section 6002 include procuring only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 CFR Part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable,

consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired during the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000; procuring solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery; and establishing an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.

32. CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS.

The Contractor and all subcontractors agree to comply with the following requirements (and their state and/or local counterparts or analogues, if any) insofar as they apply to the performance of this Agreement as any of the following may hereinafter be amended, superseded, replaced, or modified:

- A. Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management, May 24, 1977 (42 FR 26951, 3 C.F.R., 1977 Comp., p. 117, as interpreted at 24 C.F.R. Part 55), and Executive Order 11990, Protection of Wetlands, May 24, 1977 (42 FR 26961, 3 C.F.R., 1977 Comp., p. 121);
- B. Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. § 1451 *et seq.*);
- C. Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 201, 300(f) *et seq.*, and 21 U.S.C. § 349, as amended), and EPA regulations for Sole Source Aquifers (40 C.F.R. Part 149);
- D. Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. § 1531 *et seq.*);
- E. Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968, as amended (16 U.S.C. § 1271 *et seq.*);
- F. Clean Air Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 7401 *et seq.*);
- G. EPA regulations for Determining Conformity of Federal Actions to State or Federal Implementation Plans (40 C.F.R. Parts 6, 51, and 93);
- H. Farmland Protection Policy Act of 1981 (7 U.S.C. § 4201 *et seq.*), and USDA regulations at 7 C.F.R. Part 658;
- I. HUD criteria and standards at 24 C.F.R. Part 51;
- J. Executive Order 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations, Feb. 11, 1994 (59 FR 7629, 3 C.F.R., 1994 Comp. p. 859);
- K. Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 4001-4128);
- L. National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. § 5154a);
- M. Coastal Barrier Resources Act, as amended by the Coastal Barrier Improvement Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C. § 3501);

- N. Runway Clear Zone regulations (24 C.F.R. Part 51);
- O. Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended (33 U.S.C. § 1251, *et seq.*), commonly known as the Clean Water Act, and all regulations and guidelines issued thereunder;
- P. Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) regulations at 40 C.F.R Part 50, as amended;
- Q. HUD regulations at 24 C.F.R. Part 51, Subpart B, and New York State and local laws, regulations, and ordinances related to noise abatement and control, as applicable;
- R. HUD regulations at 24 C.F.R. Part 51 Subpart C regarding siting of projects near hazardous operations handling conventional fuels or chemicals of an explosive or flammable nature;
- S. HUD and EPA regulations related to asbestos-containing material and lead-based paint, including but not limited to Part 56 of Title 12 of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York Department of Labor (12 NYCRR 56), the National Emission Standard for Asbestos (40 C.F.R. § 61.145), the National Emission Standard for Asbestos (40 C.F.R. § 61.150), and 24 C.F.R. Part 35 Subparts B, H, and J; and
- T. All other applicable environmental laws that may exist now or in the future.

Further, Contractor shall abide by any conditions or requirements set forth in any environmental review performed pursuant to 24 C.F.R. Part 58, which are HUD’s regulations for Responsible Entities implementing the National Environmental Policy Act.

In addition to the foregoing requirements, all nonexempt contractors and subcontractors shall furnish to the Subrecipient, the following:

- A. A stipulation by the Contractor or subcontractors, that any facility to be utilized in the performance of any nonexempt contract or subcontract, is not listed on the Excluded Party Listing System pursuant to 40 C.F.R. Part 32 or on the List of Violating Facilities issued by the EPA pursuant to 40 C.F.R. Part 15, as amended.
- B. Agreement by the Contractor to comply with all the requirements of Section 114 of the Clean Air Act, as amended, (42 U.S.C. § 1857 c-8) and Section 308 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, (33 U.S.C. § 1318) relating to inspection, monitoring, entry, reports and information, as well as all other requirements specified in said Section 114 and Section 308, and all regulations and guidelines issued thereunder.
- C. A stipulation that as a condition for the award of the contract, prompt notice will be given of any notification received from the Director, Office of Federal Activities, EPA, indicating that a facility utilized, or to be utilized for the contract, is under consideration to be listed on the Excluded Party Listing System or the EPA List of Violating Facilities.

- D. Agreement by the Contractor that he will include, or cause to be included, the criteria and requirements in paragraphs A through D of this section in every nonexempt subcontract and requiring that the Contractor will take such action as the government may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions.

PART II: REQUIRED STATE PROVISIONS

The parties to the attached contract, license, lease, amendment or other agreement of any kind (hereinafter, "Contract") agree to be bound by the following clauses which are hereby made a part of the Contract.

1. ACCOUNTING RECORDS. The Contractor shall establish and maintain complete and accurate books, records, documents, accounts and other evidence directly pertinent to performance of work done for the Subrecipient under this Contract (hereinafter, collectively, "the Records") consistent with generally accepted bookkeeping practices. The Records must be kept for the balance of the calendar year in which they were made and for six (6) additional years thereafter, provided that Section 16 of the Required Federal Provisions herein is also satisfied. The Subrecipient, GOSR, and any person or entity authorized to conduct an examination 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 Subrecipient and GOSR 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 the Subrecipient and GOSR, 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 Subrecipient's or GOSR's right to discovery in any pending or future litigation.

2. NON-ASSIGNABILITY. This Contract may not be assigned by the Contractor or its right, title or interest therein assigned, transferred, conveyed, sublet or disposed of without the previous consent in writing of the Subrecipient and GOSR, and any attempts to assign the Contract without such written consent are null and void. However, this Contract shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Subrecipient and GOSR, and their successors and assigns.

3. INDEMNITY. The Contractor shall indemnify and hold New York State and the Housing Trust Fund Corporation and their employees, officers, Members and Directors (collectively, the "Indemnities") harmless from and against all claims, demands, liability, loss, cost, damage or expense, including attorney's fees, which may be incurred by the Indemnities because of negligence or malfeasance on the part of the Contractor arising out of this Contract.

4. NON-DISCRIMINATION. 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, domestic violence victim status, pregnancy, religious practice, presence of a service animal, or criminal conviction. 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 per person per day for any violation of Section 239 as well as possible termination of this Contract and forfeiture of all moneys due hereunder for a second or subsequent violation.

If directed to do so by the State Commissioner of Human Rights (“Commissioner”), the Contractor will send to each labor union to which the Contractor is bound a notice provided by the Commissioner advising of this provision. The Contractor will keep posted in conspicuous places notices of the Commissioner regarding laws against discrimination. The Contractor will state in all advertisements for employees that all qualified applicants will be afforded equal opportunities without discrimination because of race, creed, color, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, age, disability, genetic predisposition or carrier status, or marital status.

If the Contractor has fifteen or more employees, it is an unlawful employment practice for the Contractor to fail or refuse to hire or to discharge any individual, or otherwise to discriminate against any individual with respect to the individual’s compensation, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment, or to limit, segregate, or classify employees or applicants for employment in any way which would deprive or tend to deprive any individual of employment opportunities or otherwise adversely affect an individual’s status as an employee, because of such individual’s race, color, religion, sex, or national origin, or because an individual opposed any practice made unlawful by Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, or because he or she made a charge, testified, assisted, or participated in any manner in an investigation, proceeding, or hearing under that Title, and that it shall be an unlawful employment practice to print or publish or cause to be printed or published any notice or advertisement relating to employment indicating any preference, limitation, specification, or discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

If the Contractor has fifteen or more employees, the Contractor: (1) will make and keep such records relevant to the determinations of whether unlawful employment practices have been or are being committed; (2) will preserve such records for such periods as the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (“EEOC”) shall prescribe by regulation; (3) will make such reports therefrom as the EEOC shall prescribe by regulation or order; (4) must post and keep posted in conspicuous places upon its premises where notices to employees and applicants for employment are customarily posted a notice prepared or approved by the EEOC setting forth excerpts from, or summaries of, pertinent provisions of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, and information pertinent to the filing of a complaint.

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 comply with all non-discriminatory employment practices, will furnish all information deemed necessary by the Commissioner, and will permit the Commissioner access to its records to ascertain compliance. The Contractor will bind all subcontractors hired to perform services in connection with this Contract to the requirements of this section, take such

action for enforcement as the Commissioner may direct, and notify the Commissioner if such action results in litigation. This Contract may be terminated by Subrecipient upon the Commissioner's finding of non-compliance with this section, and the Contractor may be declared ineligible for future contracts with an agency of the state or a public authority until the Contractor satisfies the Commissioner of compliance.

5. 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 the Agency or Agencies, 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 Agency or Agencies, 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 Subrecipient's 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 Subrecipient or GOSR, 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 this 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 through C above in every subcontract. Section 312 does not apply to: (i) work, goods or services unrelated to this Contract; or (ii) employment outside New York State. Subrecipient and GOSR 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 Subrecipient and GOSR 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, Subrecipient and GOSR 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.

6. OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINORITY AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES. Contractor shall make a good faith effort to solicit active participation by enterprises identified in the New York State Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises Directory of Certified Firms in order to promote Subrecipient's obligation to make good-faith efforts to promote and assist the participation of certified M/WBEs through the use of contractors and their subcontractors in an amount equal to fifteen percent (15%) minority-owned business enterprises ("MBE") and fifteen percent (15%) women-owned business enterprises ("WBE").

Contractor agrees to be bound by the provisions of Section 316 of Article 15-A of the Executive Law, which pertain to enforcement of Article 15-A.

7. PROPRIETARY INFORMATION. All memoranda, analyses, spreadsheets and other pertinent documents or writings, including reports and financial statements developed or prepared by, or for, the Contractor in connection with the performance of this Contract are "Proprietary Information" and shall be, and remain, the property of the Subrecipient. All original documents constituting Proprietary Information shall be delivered to the Subrecipient by the Contractor, or any subcontractor, or any other person possessing them, upon the termination of this Contract or upon the earlier request of the Subrecipient, except that the Contractor may retain copies for its files. Proprietary Information may not be utilized, disclosed or otherwise made available to other persons by the Contractor without the prior written approval of the Subrecipient. The provisions of this section shall be in addition to, and not in derogation of, any duty imposed upon the Contractor by any law, regulation or rule governing professional conduct respecting confidentiality.

8. COPYRIGHT. If this Agreement results in any copyrightable material or inventions, the Subrecipient, GOSR, and/or HUD reserve the right to royalty-free, non-exclusive and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish or otherwise use and to authorize others to use, the work or materials for governmental purposes. This clause shall survive indefinitely the termination of this Agreement for any reason.

9. ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS. Contractor shall comply with any and all applicable New York State and local environmental laws, including all permits and approvals issued thereunder. Additionally, Contractor shall comply with any and all conditions or requirements set forth in an environmental review performed pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

10. SECTION HEADINGS. The caption of sections in this Contract are inserted solely for convenience of reference and are not intended to define, limit, or describe the scope of this Contract or any provision hereof or to otherwise affect this Contract in any way. The section headings shall not be considered in any way in construing this Contract.

11. COUNTERPARTS. This Contract may be executed in any number of counterparts. Each such counterpart shall be deemed to be a duplicate original. All such counterparts shall constitute but one and the same instrument.

12. GOVERNING LAW. This Contract has been executed and delivered in, and shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of, the State of New York. In the event of conflict between New York State law and federal laws and regulations, the latter shall prevail.

13. WORKERS' COMPENSATION. 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.

14. 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.

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

16. NON-COLLUSIVE BIDDING CERTIFICATION. If this Contract was awarded based upon the submission of a bid or proposal, the Contractor affirms, under penalty of perjury, that the prices in its bid or proposal were arrived at independently, without collusion, consultation, communication, or agreement, for the purpose of restricting competition, or as to any matter relating to such prices with any other Contractor or with any competitor.

17. LOBBYING REFORM LAW DISCLOSURE. If the procurement of the goods or services provided herein were applicable to Lobbying Reform Law Disclosure as pursuant to State Finance Law §§139-j and 139-k, the Subrecipient reserves the right to terminate this Contract in the event it is found that the certification filed by the Offerer/Bidder in accordance with New York State Finance Law §139-k was intentionally false or intentionally incomplete. Upon such finding, the Subrecipient may exercise their termination right by providing written notification to the Contractor.

18. 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.

19. GENERAL RESPONSIBILITY LANGUAGE. The Contractor shall at all times during Contract term remain responsible. The Contractor agrees, if requested by Subrecipient or GOSR, 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.

For purposes of this Agreement, Contractor responsibility generally means that the Contractor has the integrity to justify the award of public dollars and the capacity to perform the requirements of this Contract fully. In connection herewith, to the extent that the Subrecipient may make certain determinations with respect to Contractor responsibility, wherein the Subrecipient determines whether it has reasonable assurances that a Contractor is responsible, is an important part of the procurement process, promoting fairness in contracting, mitigating contract issues, and protecting the Contractor and the Subrecipient against failed contracts. In making such a responsibility determination, the Subrecipient shall evaluate the Contractor's responsibility with respect to four factors: (i) financial and organizational capacity; (ii) legal authority to do business in New York State; (iii) integrity; and (iv) previous performance.

20. SUSPENSION OF WORK (for Non-Responsibility). The Subrecipient reserves the right to suspend any or all activities under this Contract, at any time, when the Subrecipient 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 Subrecipient issues a written notice authorizing a resumption of performance under the Contract.

21. TERMINATION (for Non-Responsibility). Upon written notice to the Contractor, and a reasonable opportunity to be heard with appropriate Subrecipient staff, the Contract may be terminated by the Subrecipient at the Contractor's expense where the Contractor is determined by the Subrecipient to be non-responsible. In such event, the Subrecipient may complete the contractual requirements in any manner they deem advisable and pursue available legal or equitable remedies for breach.

22. 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 Subrecipient.

During the term of the Contract, should the Subrecipient receive information that a person (as defined in State Finance Law §165-a) is in violation of the above-referenced certifications, the Subrecipient 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 Subrecipient 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 Subrecipient 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.

PART III: INSURANCE

A. Unless otherwise directed by GOSR, Contractor shall procure and maintain without interruption, at its sole cost and expense, during the term of this Agreement (or any extensions thereof) and for a period of two years thereafter, insurance of the type, and with limits and deductibles, as follows:

- a. Commercial General Liability Insurance and Excess Liability Insurance. Providing both bodily injury (including death) and property damage insurance with limits in the aggregate and per occurrence in accordance with the following table:

Construction Contract Value	Commercial General Liability in combination with Excess (Umbrella) Liability	
	Each Occurrence	General Aggregate
< \$10M	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
>\$10M - \$50M	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000
>\$50M	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000

Such insurance is to be written on an occurrence basis with defense outside of limits. New York State, the New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation, and the Subrecipient shall each be named as an additional insured. The minimum required level of insurance may be provided through a combination of commercial general liability and umbrella and/or excess liability policies.

- b. Automobile Liability and Property Damage Insurance. In an amount not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) combined single limit for both Bodily Injury and Property Damage.
- c. Professional Liability. If the Contractor is engaged in providing professional services under this Agreement, professional errors and omissions coverage with a limit not less than Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) in the aggregate and One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence. If the Contractor is not engaged in providing professional services under this Agreement, this professional errors and omissions coverage is not required.
- d. Worker's Compensation. Covering workers' compensation and employers' liability and disability benefits as required by the State of New York.
- B. In addition to the foregoing, Contractor and any subcontractors shall procure and maintain any and all insurance which is required by any applicable current or future law, rule, regulation, ordinance, permit, license, order or other legal requirement.
- C. All insurance shall be primary and non-contributory and shall waive subrogation against GOSR and the Subrecipient and all of either of their former, current, or future officers, directors, and employees. No deductible of more than \$50,000 shall be permitted without

advance written approval by GOSR, which GOSR may withhold, condition or deny in its sole and exclusive discretion.

- D. The Contractor shall provide Certificates of Insurance to GOSR and the Subrecipient prior to the commencement of work and shall provide full and complete copies of the actual policies and all endorsements upon request. Subcontractors under this Agreement shall be required to maintain insurance meeting all of the requirements set forth in Section A above for items a-d; however Contractor shall require subcontractors to maintain greater limits and/or other or additional insurance coverages if greater limits and/or other or additional insurance coverages are (a) generally imposed by the Contractor given its normal course of business for subcontracts for similar work or services to those being provided by the subcontractor at issue; or (b) reasonable and customary in the industry for similar work or services to those anticipated hereunder.
- E. If the above insurance requirements are potentially excessive because they exceed the type and/or amount of insurance which is reasonable and customary for similar work or services in the same general geographic area, Contractor shall, within fifteen (15) calendar days of the execution of this Agreement, provide written notice of the same to GOSR, along with a written summary of the type and amount of insurance Contractor believes is reasonable and customary for similar work or services in the same general geographic area. GOSR may, in GOSR's sole and exclusive discretion, but is under no obligation to, waive, decrease, or otherwise alter or amend the insurance requirements in light of this notice. However, notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, nothing in this paragraph requires or shall be deemed to require GOSR to waive, decrease, alter or amend, in whole or in part, any insurance requirements as a result of the foregoing notice from Contractor or for any other reason, and no waiver, decrease, alteration or amendment shall be made except as approved in advance and in writing by GOSR.
- F. If the above insurance requirements are potentially inadequate because they do not meet or exceed the type and/or amount of insurance which is reasonable and customary for similar work or services in the same general geographic area, Contractor shall, within fifteen (15) calendar days of the execution of this Agreement, provide written notice of the same to GOSR, along with a written summary of the type and amount of insurance Contractor believes is reasonable and customary for similar work or services in the same general geographic area. GOSR may, in GOSR's sole and exclusive discretion, but is under no obligation to increase, supplement, expand, or otherwise alter or amend the insurance requirements in light of this notice. However, notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, nothing in this paragraph requires or shall be deemed to require GOSR to increase, supplement, expand, or otherwise alter or amend, in whole or in part, any insurance requirements as a result of the foregoing notice from Contractor or for any other reason, and no increase, supplement, expansion or other alteration or amendment shall be made except in an amendment to this Agreement, as approved in advance and in writing by GOSR.

PART IV: REPORTING

Elation Systems, Inc. is a provider of cloud-based diversity and labor compliance reporting and management services. The Governor's Office of Storm Recovery (GOSR) has adopted this web-based compliance management system to help all of its Contractors, Subrecipients, and Subrecipient's Contractors receiving federal funds to adhere to Labor Compliance (Davis-Bacon), Minority and Women Owned Business (MWBE) and Section 3 reporting requirements.

Contractors, Subrecipients, and Subrecipient's Contractors must comply with instructions from GOSR on how and when to meet all reporting requirements, and how to utilize Elation to satisfy those requirements.

To this end, all Contractors, Subrecipients, and Subrecipient's Contractors must register with Elation Systems and attend an online training on the use of this tool. GOSR offers a series of virtual training events. GOSR requires all parties receiving federal funds through GOSR programs to use the Elation Systems application to make reporting requirements easier, faster and simpler to complete.

Prior to participating in training, it is necessary to create an Elation account. An account may be created at <https://www.elationsys.com/app/Registration/>.

Questions related to reporting requirements should be directed to GOSR's Monitoring and Compliance team at stormrecovery.dl.gosr-monitoring&compliance@stormrecovery.ny.gov.

EXHIBIT A: SUPPLEMENTARY CONDITIONS FOR CONTRACTS

APPENDIX A

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

CONSULTANT AGREEMENT FOR PERIODIC PROFESSIONAL SERVICES IN

The County shall pay the Consultant for services rendered on a monthly basis. Reimbursement to the Consultant will consist of two (2) items, namely all out of pocket expenses and cost per hourly rate per job titles basis. The Consultant should consider his overhead costs in his hourly rates. The Consultant shall complete Appendix A-1: Consultant's Average Hourly Billing Rate Costs by Title.

PAYMENT METHOD: Cost Reimbursement Method

The County shall pay the Consultant the sum of Items I and II as follows:

Item I: Billing Rates of all employees of the Consultant engaged directly on this Project.

Item II: Direct cost reimbursement for expenses incurred by the Consultant in direct connection with the service being provided including, but not limited to mileage, telephone, reproduction, computer time, and cost of outside professional and/or technical services along with out-of-pocket expense at cost, that are not applicable to general overhead. Travel will be reimbursed in accordance with I.R.S. established guidelines.

APPENDIX A-1

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APPENDIX D - STANDARD CLAUSES FOR ESSEX COUNTY CONTRACTS

1. Independent Contractor Status

The parties each acknowledge, covenant and agree that the relationship of the Contractor to the County shall be that of an independent contractor. The Contractor, in accordance with its status as an independent contractor, further covenants and agrees that it:

- (a) will conduct itself in accordance with its status as an independent contractor;
- (b) will neither hold itself out as nor claim to be an officer or employee of the County; and
- (c) will not make any claim, demand or application for any right or privilege applicable to an officer or employee of the County, including but not limited to workers' compensation benefits, unemployment insurance benefits, social security coverage or retirement membership or credits.

2. Contractor To Comply With Laws/Regulations

The Contractor shall at all times comply with all applicable state and federal laws, rules and regulations governing the performance and rendition of the services to be furnished under this agreement.

3. Licenses, Permits, Etc.

The Contractor shall, during the term of this agreement, obtain and keep in full force and effect any and all licenses, permits and certificates required by any governmental authority having jurisdiction over the rendition and performance of the services to be furnished by the Contractor under this agreement.

4. Termination

This agreement may be terminated without cause by either party upon 30 days prior written notice, and upon such termination neither party shall have any claim or cause of action against the other except for services actually performed and mileage expenses actually incurred prior to such termination. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this agreement may be immediately terminated by the County:

- (a) for the Contractor's breach of this agreement, by serving written notice of such termination stating the nature of the breach upon the Contractor by personal delivery or by certified mail, return receipt requested, and upon such termination either party shall have such rights and remedies against the other as provided by law; or
- (b) upon the reduction or discontinuance of funding by the State or Federal governments to be used in furnishing some or all of the work, labor and/or services provided for under this agreement, and upon such termination neither party shall have any claim or cause of action against the other except for services actually performed and expenses (if the same are to be paid under this agreement) actually incurred prior to such termination.

5. Defense & Indemnification

The Contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County to the fullest extent allowed by law, and notwithstanding any insurance requirements, from and against any and all liability, losses, claims, actions, demands, damages, expenses, suits, judgments, orders, causes of action and claims, including but not limited to attorney's fees and all other costs of defense, by reason of any liability whatsoever imposed by law or otherwise upon the County for damages to person, property or of any other kind in nature, including but not limited to those for bodily injury, property damage, death arising out of or in connection with its officers, employees, agents, contractors, sub-contractors, guests or invitees negligence or

its/their performance or failure to perform this agreement.

6. **Discrimination Prohibited**

The services to be furnished and rendered under this agreement by the Contractor shall be available to any and all residents of Essex County without regard to race, color, creed, sex, religion, national or ethnic origin, handicap, or source of payment; and under no circumstances shall a resident's financial ability to pay for the services provided be considered unless such consideration is allowed by State and/or Federal law, rule or regulation.

7. **Non-Discrimination In Employment**

The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, sex, national origin, age, disability or marital status. In the event that this is a contract to be performed in whole or in part within the State of New York for (a) the construction, alteration or repair of any public building or public work, (b) for the manufacture, sale or distribution of materials, equipment or supplies, (c) for building service, the Contractor agrees that neither it nor its subcontractors shall, by reason of race, creed, color, disability, sex or national origin:

- (1) discriminate in hiring against any citizen who is qualified and available to perform the work; or
- (2) discriminate against or intimidate any employee hired for the performance of work under this contract.

The Contractor agrees to be subject to fines of \$50.00 per person per day for any violation of this paragraph, as well as to possible termination of this contract or forfeiture of all moneys due hereunder for a second or subsequent violation.

8. **Damage/Injury To Persons & Property**

The Contractor shall promptly advise the County of all damages to property of the County or of others, or of injuries incurred by persons other than employees of the Contractor, in any manner relating, either directly or indirectly, to the performance of this agreement.

9. **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") in accordance with the following requirements:

- (a) the Records must be kept for the balance of the calendar year in which they were made and for six (6) additional years thereafter;
- (b) the County Auditor, State Comptroller, the Attorney General or 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 County 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 County official, in writing, that said records should not be disclosed; and (ii) said records shall be sufficiently identified and designation of said records as exempt under the statute is reasonable. Nothing

contained herein shall diminish, or in any way adversely affect, the County's right to discovery in any pending or future litigation.

10. **Claims For Payment**

All invoices or claims for which payment is sought from the County must be submitted in accordance with the following:

- (a) each claim for payment must include
 - (1) an invoice detailing the claim,
 - (2) copies of all documentation supporting the claim,
 - (3) a properly completed County standard voucher, which includes
 - (i) the County contract number under which payment is being claimed, **AND**
 - (ii) the payee's Federal employer identification number or Federal social security number, or both such numbers when the payee has both such numbers. *[Failure to include this number or numbers will prevent and preclude payment by the County; except that where the payee does not have such number or numbers, the payee, on the invoice or County voucher, must give the reason or reasons why the payee does not have such number or numbers and such reasons constitute a valid excuse under law.]*
- (b) Unless otherwise provided in this agreement, each claim for payment must be submitted to the County no later than 30 days after the work, labor, materials, and/or services for which payment is claimed were rendered or furnished.
- (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this agreement, no claim for payment shall be valid, and the County shall not be liable for payment thereof, unless it is submitted to the County within 30 days of the close of the calendar year in which the work, labor, materials, and/or services for which payment is claimed were rendered or furnished.
- (d) Unless otherwise provided in this agreement, the requirements of this paragraph 10, and/or of any other provisions of this agreement which supersede the same, shall constitute conditions precedent to the County's payment obligation, and failure to comply with any or all of said requirements shall entitle the County to deny payment.
- (e) As a further condition of payment, each claim of payment shall be accompanied by a Contractor and Sub-Contractor Progress Payment Waiver, Release and Discharge, and each Final Payment shall be accompanied by a Contractor and Sub-Contractor Final Payment, Waiver and Release form. As well as a Contractor Affidavit relative to Final Payment. Copies of these forms are attached and made a part hereof.

11. **Consent**

In the event that State or Federal law requires the recipient of services to be furnished and rendered under this agreement to give his/her prior consent thereto, the contractor shall obtain such person's consent and furnish proof thereof to the County.

12. **Executory Clause**

The County shall have no liability under this contract to the Contractor or to anyone else beyond the funds appropriated and available for this contract.

13. **Public Work & Building Service Contract Requirements**

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:

- (a) neither the 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; and

- (b) the 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.

14. **Public Work Contracts – Hazardous Substances**

If this is a contract for public work, the Contractor agrees as follows:

- (a) the Contractor acknowledges that the County uses and/or produces various substances which may be classified as hazardous under OSHA's Hazard Communication Standard;
- (b) the Contractor recognizes the use of said substances by the County and acknowledges that the County has provided, or upon request will provide, the Contractor with a description of such substances which may be present in the area of the County's facility/facilities to which the Contractor may have accessed during the performance of this contract;
- (c) the Contractor acknowledges that the County has provided, or upon request will provide, suggestions for appropriate protective measures which should be observed when the Contractor is in the area of any such hazardous substances;
- (d) the Contractor agrees to be solely responsible for providing training and information to its employees regarding any such hazardous substances, as well as of any protective measures suggested by the County;
- (e) the Contractor agrees to be solely responsible to ensure that the Contractor's employees observe protective measures during the performance of their duties in the performance of the contract, and that all such protective measures will be at least as stringent as those suggested or which would have been suggested by the County;
- (f) in the event that the Contractor's performance of the work under this contract requires the use of any hazardous substances, the Contractor shall notify the County in advance of bringing in and/or using such substances in or upon County property and suggest to the County appropriate measures to be observed by the County, its officers and employees, and/or the public; and
- (g) in the event the Contractor fails in whole or in part to comply with the terms of this paragraph, the County shall have the right to interrupt the Contractor's work and/or terminate this contract, and the Contractor shall be prohibited from renewing such work until all applicable safety and health procedures and practices are implemented by the Contractor.

15. **Disputes**

Disputes involving this contract, including the breach or alleged breach thereof, may not be submitted to binding arbitration, but must, instead, be heard in the Essex County Supreme Court or any other court of competent jurisdiction within Essex County, New York.

16. **Non-Assignment**

This agreement may not be assigned, subcontracted, transferred, conveyed, sublet or otherwise disposed of in whole or in part, by the Contractor, without the prior written consent of the County, and any attempts to assign the contract without the County's written consent are null and void.

17. **No Collusion**

If this contract was awarded based upon the submission of bids, the Contractor

warrants, under penalty of perjury, that:

- (a) its bid was arrived at independently and without collusion aimed at restricting competition; and
- (b) at the time Contractor submitted its bid, an authorized and responsible person executed and delivered to the County a non-collusive bidding certification on Contractor's behalf.

18. **International Boycott**

In accordance with Section 220-f of the Labor Law, if this contract exceeds \$5,000.00, 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, 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 County Manager within five (5) business days of such conviction, determination or disposition of appeal.

19. **County's Rights of Set-Off**

The County shall have all of its common law, equitable and statutory rights of set-off. These rights shall include, but not be limited to, the County's option to withhold for the purposes of set-off any moneys due to the Contractor under this agreement up to any amounts due and owing to the County with regard to this contract, any other contract with any County 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 County for any other reason, including, without limitation, tax delinquencies, fee delinquencies or monetary penalties relative thereto. The County shall exercise its set-off rights in accordance with normal County practices, including, in cases of set-off pursuant to an audit, the acceptance of such audit by the County Board of Supervisors or its designated representative.

20. **Contractor Defined**

Whenever the term "Contractor" is used in this agreement, such term shall include and apply to all employees, all officers, directors and agents, if any, of the Contractor.

21. **Amendment**

This agreement may not be amended, modified or renewed except by written agreement signed by the Contractor and the County.

22. **Ownership Of Work Products**

All final and written or tangible work products completed by the Contractor shall belong to the County. In the event of premature discontinuance of performance, the Contractor agrees to deliver all existing products and data files to the County.

23. **Executive Order Debarment/Suspension**

In the event that this contract involves the Contractor furnishing goods and services in excess of \$100,000.00, or constitutes a subaward to subrecipients, under any Federal program, grant or other funding source, then by executing this agreement the Contractor certifies that neither it nor any of its principals are suspended or debarred within the scope or

meaning of Executive Orders 12549 and 12689, any Federal or State regulation implementing or codifying the same, or any other Federal or State law, rule or regulation.

24. **Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA)**

In the event that this contract involves the use or disclosure of protected health information within the meaning or application of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), and the regulations thereunder, the following provisions of this paragraph shall apply.

- (a) **Definitions.** The terms used, but not otherwise defined, in this Agreement shall have the same meaning as given such terms in 45 CFR §160.103 and §164.501, as the same may be amended from time to time, including but not limited to the following.
- (1) "Business Associate" shall mean the Contractor, its officers, employees, agents and subcontractors.
 - (2) "Covered Entity" shall mean Essex County (the "County"), its departments, agencies, officers and employees.
 - (3) "Individual" shall have the same meaning as given such term in 45 CFR §164.501 and shall also include a person who qualifies as a personal representative in accordance with 45 CFR §164.502(g).
 - (4) "Privacy Rule" shall mean the Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information at 45 CFR Part 160 and Part 164, subparts A and E.
 - (5) "Protected Health Information" shall have the same meaning as given such term in 45 CFR §164.501, limited to the information created or received by Contractor from or on behalf of the County.
 - (6) "Required by law" shall have the same meaning as given such term in 45 CFR §164.501.
 - (7) "Secretary" shall mean the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services or his/her designee.
- (b) **Obligations and Activities of Contractor.** Contractor agrees to:
- (1) not use or disclose Protected Health Information other than as permitted or required by this Agreement or as required by law;
 - (2) use appropriate safeguards to prevent use or disclosure of the Protected Health Information other than as provided for by this Agreement;
 - (3) mitigate, to the extent practicable, any harmful effect that is known, should have been known, and/or discovered to/by Contractor of a use or disclosure of Protected Health Information by Contractor in violation of the requirements of this Agreement;
 - (4) report to the County any use or disclosure of the Protected Health Information not provided for by this Agreement of which it becomes aware;
 - (5) ensure that any agent, including a subcontractor, to whom it provides Protected Health Information received from, or created or received by Contractor on behalf of the County agrees to the same restrictions and conditions that apply through this Agreement to Contractor with respect to such information;
 - (6) provide access, at the request of the County, and in the time and manner designated by the County or the Secretary, to Protected Health Information in a Designated Record Set, to the County or, as directed by the County, to an Individual in order to meet the requirements under 45 CFR §164.524;
 - (7) make any amendment(s) to Protected Health Information in a Designated Record

Set that the County directs or agrees to pursuant to 45 CFR §164.526 at the request of the County or an Individual, and in the time and manner designated by the County or the Secretary;

(8) make internal practices, books, and records, including policies and procedures and Protected Health Information, relating to the use and disclosure of Protected Health Information received from, or created or received by Contractor on behalf of, the County available to the County, and/or to the Secretary, in a time and manner designated by the County or by the Secretary, for purposes of the Secretary determining the County's compliance with the Privacy Rule;

(9) document such disclosures of Protected Health Information and information related to such disclosures as would be required for the County to respond to a request by an Individual for an accounting of disclosures of Protected Health Information in accordance with 45 CFR §164.528;

(10) provide to the County or an Individual, in time and manner designated by the County or the Secretary, information collected in accordance with the above subparagraph (b)(9) of this Agreement, to permit the County to respond to a request by an Individual for an accounting of disclosures of Protected Health Information in accordance with 45 CFR §164.528.

(c) Permitted Uses and Disclosures by Contractor.

Except as otherwise limited in this Agreement, Contractor may use or disclose Protected Health Information on behalf of, or to provide services to, the persons entitled to services under this Agreement:

(1) solely for the purposes of performing Contractor's obligations under this Agreement, if such use or disclosure of Protected Health Information would not violate the Privacy Rule if done by the County or the minimum necessary policies and procedures of the County; or

(2) provided that such use or disclosures are required by law; or

(3) Contractor

(A) obtains written authorization(s) from the individual to which the information pertains permitting the specific uses or disclosures of such information to third persons,

(B) represents and agrees in writing with such individual that the information to be used and/or disclosed will remain confidential and used or further disclosed only as required by law or for the purposes specified in the written authorization(s), and

(C) such third persons agree in writing to notify the County as soon as practicable and in writing of any instances of which such third person(s) is/are aware in which the confidentiality of the information has been breached; or

(4) provide Data Aggregation services to the County as permitted by 42 CFR §164.504(e)(2)(i)(B); or

(5) report violations of law to appropriate Federal and State authorities, consistent with §164.502(j)(1).

(d) County To Inform Contractor of Privacy Practices and Restrictions.

The County agrees to notify the Contractor of any

(1) limitation(s) in its notice of privacy practices of the County in accordance with 45 CFR §164.520, to the extent that such limitation may affect the Contractor's use or disclosure of Protected Health Information;

- (2) changes in, or revocation of, permission by Individual to use or disclose Protected Health Information, to the extent that such changes may affect the Contractor's use or disclosure of Protected Health Information; and/or
- (3) restriction to the use or disclosure of Protected Health Information that the County has agreed to in accordance with 45 CFR §164.522, to the extent that such restriction may affect Contractor's use or disclosure of Protected Health Information.

(e) Permissible Requests by County.

The County shall not request Contractor to use or disclose Protected Health Information in any manner that would not be permissible under the Privacy Rule if done by the County; except that in the event that the services to be furnished by the Contractor under this Agreement requires data aggregation by the Contractor, the Contractor may use or disclose protected health information for such data aggregation or management and administrative activities of Contractor.

(f) Survival of Provisions.

The obligations of the Contractor under this paragraph 24 shall survive the expiration of the term of this Agreement and/or the termination of this Agreement, and said obligations shall remain effective and shall not terminate until all of the Protected Health Information provided by the County to Contractor, or created or received by Contractor on behalf of the County, is destroyed or returned to the County, or, if it is infeasible to return or destroy Protected Health Information, protections are extended to such information, in accordance with the termination provisions in subparagraph (g) below.

(g) Return or Destruction of Protected Health Information.

Except as otherwise provided below, upon termination of this Agreement for any reason, Contractor shall return or destroy all Protected Health Information received from the County, or created or received by Contractor on behalf of the County. This provision shall apply to Protected Health Information that is in the possession of subcontractors or agents of Contractor. Contractor shall retain no copies of the Protected Health Information.

In the event that Contractor determines that returning or destroying the Protected Health Information is infeasible, Contractor shall provide to the County notification of the conditions that make return or destruction infeasible. Upon determination by the County that return or destruction of Protected Health Information is infeasible, Contractor shall extend the protections of this Agreement to such Protected Health Information and limit further uses and disclosures of such Protected Health Information to those purposes that make the return or destruction infeasible, for so long as Contractor maintains such Protected Health Information.

(h) Termination for Cause.

Upon the County's knowledge of a material breach of this paragraph by Contractor, the County shall:

- (1) either:
 - (A) provide an opportunity for Contractor to cure the breach or end the violation and terminate this Agreement within the time specified by the County, or
 - (B) immediately terminate this Agreement if cure is not possible; and
- (2) report the violation to the Secretary.

(i) Miscellaneous.

- (1) Regulatory References. A reference in this Agreement to a section in the Privacy

Rule means the section as in effect or as amended.

(2) Amendment. The Parties agree to take such action as is necessary to amend this Agreement from time to time as is necessary for the County to comply with the requirements of the Privacy Rule and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Pub. L. No. 104-191.

(3) Survival. The respective rights and obligations of Contractor under this paragraph 24 of this Agreement shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

(4) Interpretation. Any ambiguity in this Agreement shall be resolved to permit the County to comply with the Privacy Rule.

25. **Severability**

If any term or provision of this agreement or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall to any extent be held invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this agreement or the application of such term or provision to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid or unenforceable, shall not be affected thereby and every other term and provision of this agreement shall be valid and be enforced to the fullest extent permitted by law.

26. **Entire Agreement**

This agreement is the entire agreement between the parties, and the same shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York.

27. **For Medicaid/Federal Health Care Related Work**

Excluded/Debarred Party Clause

The Vendor/Contractor represents and warrants that it, nor its employees or contractors, are not excluded from participation, and is not otherwise ineligible to participate, in a "federal health care program" as defined in 42 U.S.C. § 1320a-7b(f) or in any other government payment program.

In the event Vendor/Contractor, or one of its employees or contractors, is excluded from participation, or becomes otherwise ineligible to participate in any such program during the Term, Vendor/Contractor will notify Essex County in writing within three (3) days after such event. Upon the occurrence of such event, whether or not such notice is given to the Vendor/Contractor, Essex County reserves the right to immediately cease contracting with the Vendor/Contractor.

If Vendor/Contractor is an Employment Agency, the Vendor/Contractor represents and warrants that its employees and contractors are not excluded from participation in a "federal health care program" as defined in 42 U.S.C. § 1320a-7b(f) or debarred from participation in any federal or other program.

The Vendor/Contractor further represents and warrants it will, at a minimum, check monthly all of its employees and subcontractors against:

- The General Services Administration's Federal Excluded Party List System (or any successor system),
- The United States Department of Health and Human Services' Office of the Inspector General's Lists of Excluded Individuals and Entities or any successor list,
- The New York State Department of Health's Office of the Medicaid Inspector General's list of Restricted, Terminated or Excluded Individuals or Entities.

In the event an excluded party is discovered the Vendor/Contractor will notify Essex County in

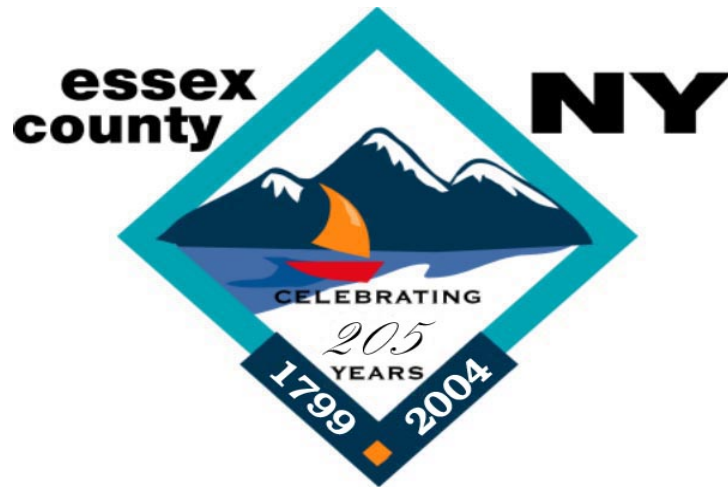
writing within three (3) days after such event. Upon the occurrence of such event, whether or not such notice is given to the Vendor/Contractor, Essex County reserves the right to immediately cease contracting with the Vendor/Contractor.

28. **Cooperative Purchasing (Piggybacking)**

Pursuant to General Municipal Law §103 and County Law §408-a, any political subdivision or fire company (as both are defined in Section 100 of the GML) or district authorized to make purchases of apparatus, materials, equipment or supplies, or to contract for services related to the installation, maintenance or repair of apparatus, materials, equipment and supplies may make said purchases under this existing contract (Piggybacking) provided, and on condition that this present contract was **LET TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER**. Therefore all terms and condition under this contract are extended to other political subdivisions and governmental entities.

Purchases under this contract by any other political sub-division other than Essex County shall be pursuant to the terms and conditions of Resolution No. 207 of 2013 dated July 1, 2013.

APPENDIX E



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GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR PROCUREMENT CONTRACTS

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PART I
General Provisions

1. APPLICABILITY The terms and conditions set forth herein are expressly incorporated in and applicable to all procurements and resulting procurement contracts let by the Office of the Essex County Purchasing Agent where incorporated by reference in its Bid Documents. The provisions herein shall govern such procurement or contract unless expressly modified or amended by the terms of a Bid Specifications, or a negotiated Contract/Clarification document, if any. Captions are intended as descriptive and are not intended to limit or otherwise restrict the terms and conditions set forth herein.

2. GOVERNING LAW The laws of the State of New York shall govern and apply to the procurement, any resulting contract and for determinations in a court of competent jurisdiction in New York of any and all disputes, litigation or interpretations arising from or connected with the procurement or contract, except where expressly superseded in a specific contract letting or where the Federal supremacy clause requires otherwise. These specifications are modeled after and upon the specifications developed and used by the New York State Office of General Services for procurements by New York State.

3. APPENDIX A / INSURANCE The mandatory terms for all Essex County contracts are expressly incorporated herein and in all bid documents and/or resulting contracts, such terms being set forth in Appendix A (*Standard Clauses for Essex County Contracts*). Insurance requirements are also attached and incorporated herein.

4. ETHICS COMPLIANCE All Bidders/Contractors and their employees must comply with the requirements of the *General Municipal Law*, the *Public Officers Law*, and other State codes, rules and regulations establishing ethical standards for the conduct of business with New York State and/or municipalities. In signing the bid, Bidder certifies full compliance with those provisions for any present or future dealings, transactions, sales, contracts, services, offers, relationships, etc., involving Essex County 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. CONFLICT OF CLAUSES Conflicts between procurement or contract documents shall be resolved in the following order of precedence:

(a) Appendix A (*Standard Clauses for Essex County Contracts*)

(b) Contract/Clarification Documents Writing(s) setting forth the final agreements, clarifications, terms, statement of work and/or modifications between the Bid Documents and Contractors Bid or Mini-bid.

(c) Bid Documents - Bid Specifications prepared by Essex County

(d) Contractors Bid or Proposal

6. DEFINITIONS

Terms used in this document shall have the following meanings:

AGENCY OR AGENCIES Essex County, New York, acting by or through one or more departments, boards, commissions, offices or institutions of Essex County.

ANCILLARY PRODUCT: Product which is purchased or licensed on a restricted use basis in conjunction with the principal manufacturers Product being acquired (e.g. may be used only in combination, or by educational institutions for research use).

AUTHORIZED USER(S) Agencies, or any other entity authorized by Essex County to participate in Essex County procurement contracts (including but not limited to political subdivisions, public authorities, school districts and public benefit corporations), provided that each such Agency or other entity shall be held solely responsible for liabilities or payments due as a result of its participation. The term "Authorized User" shall include "Licensees."

BID OR BID PROPOSAL An offer or proposal submitted by a Bidder to furnish a described product or a solution or means of achieving a practical end, at a stated price for the stated contract term.

BIDDER Any individual or other legal entity, (including but not limited to partnership, firm or corporation) which submits a bid in response to a Bid Solicitation. The term Bidder shall also include "offeror" and/or "contractor".

BID DOCUMENTS Writings setting forth the scope, terms, conditions and technical specifications for a procurement of Product. Such writings typically include, but are not limited to: Invitation for Bids (IFB), Request for Quotation (RFQ), Request for Proposals (RFP), addenda or amendments thereto, and terms and conditions which are incorporated by reference, e.g. Appendix A (*Standard Clauses for NYS Contracts*), Appendix B, (*General Specifications*). Where these General Specifications are incorporated in negotiated contracts which have not been competitively bid, the term "Bid Documents" shall be deemed to refer to the terms and conditions set forth in the negotiated contract.

BID SOLICITATION The notice or advertisement of an intent to purchase a specified Product by or on behalf of Authorized User(s).

BID SPECIFICATION A written description drafted by Essex County or an authorized user setting forth the specific terms of the intended procurement, which may include: physical or functional characteristics, the nature of a commodity or construction item, any description of the work to be performed, Products to be provided, the necessary qualifications of the Bidder, the capacity and capability of the Bidder to successfully carry out the proposed contract, or the process for achieving specific results and/or anticipated outcomes or any other requirement necessary to perform work. Where these *General Specifications* are incorporated in negotiated contracts which have not been competitively bid, the term "Bid Specifications" shall be deemed to refer to the terms and conditions set forth in the negotiated contract.

CONTRACT The writing(s) which contain the agreement of the Commissioner and the Bidder/Contractor setting forth the total legal obligation between the parties as determined by applicable rules of law.

CONTRACT AWARD NOTIFICATION An announcement to Authorized Users that a contract has been established.

CONTRACTOR Any successful Bidder(s) to whom a contract has been awarded by the Purchasing Agent. The term "Contractor" includes Licensors.

COUNTY Essex County, New York.

EMERGENCY An urgent and unexpected requirement where health and public safety or the conservation of public resources is at risk.

ERROR CORRECTIONS Machine executable software code furnished by Contractor which corrects the Product so as to conform to the applicable warranties, performance standards and/or obligations of the Contractor.

GROUP A classification of Product (commodities, services or technology).

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB) A type of Bid Document which is most typically used where requirements can be stated and award will be made to the lowest responsive bid submitted by the most responsible Bidder(s).

LATE BID For purposes of bid openings held and conducted by the Essex County Purchasing Agent, a bid not received in such place as may be designated on the Bid Specifications or in the Office of the Essex County Purchasing Agent, at or before the date and time established in the Bid Specifications for the bid opening.

LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE A letter to the successful Bidder(s) indicating acceptance of its bid in response to a solicitation. Unless otherwise specified, the issuance of a Letter of Acceptance forms a contract but is not an order for Product, and Contractor should not take any action with respect to actual contract deliveries except on the basis of Purchase Orders sent from Authorized User(s).

LICENSED SOFTWARE Software transferred upon the terms and conditions set forth in the Contract. "Licensed Software" includes ancillary products, error corrections, upgrades, enhancements or new releases, and any deliverables due under a maintenance or service contract (e.g. patches, fixes, PTFs, programs, code or data conversion, or custom programming).

LICENSEE The County, or one or more Agencies or Authorized Users who acquire Product from Contractor by execution of a license in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Contract; provided that, for purposes of compliance with an individual license, the term "Licensee" shall be deemed to refer separately to the individual Authorized User(s) on whose behalf the license was executed who took receipt of the Product, and who shall be solely responsible for performance and liabilities incurred.

LICENSOR A Contractor who transfers rights in proprietary Product to Authorized Users in accordance with the rights and obligations specified in the Contract.

MULTIPLE AWARD A determination and award of a contract in the discretion of the Purchasing Agent to more than one responsive and responsible Bidder who meets the requirements of a specification, where the multiple award is made on the grounds set forth in the Bid Document in order to satisfy multiple factors and needs of Authorized Users (e.g., complexity of items, various manufacturers, differences in performance required to accomplish or produce required end results, production and distribution facilities, price, compliance with delivery requirements, geographic location or other pertinent factors).

NEW PRODUCT RELEASES (Product Revisions) Any commercially released revisions to the version of a Product as may be generally offered and available to Authorized Users. New releases involve a substantial revision of functionality from a previously released version of the Product.

PROCUREMENT RECORD Documentation by the Essex County Purchasing Agent of the decisions made and approach taken during the procurement process.

PRODUCT A deliverable under any Bid or Contract which may include commodities (including printing), services and/or technology. The term "Product" includes Licensed Software.

PURCHASE ORDER The County's fiscal form or format which is used when making a purchase.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) A type of Bid Document which is used for procurements where factors in addition to cost are considered and weighted in awarding the contract and where the method of award is "best value", as defined by the County's Procurement Policy and New York Law.

REQUEST FOR QUOTATION (RFQ) A type of Bid Document which can be used when a formal bid opening is not required (e.g. discretionary, sole source, single source or emergency purchases).

RESPONSIBLE BIDDER A Bidder that is determined to have skill, judgment and integrity, and that is found to be competent, reliable, experienced and qualified financially, as determined by the Purchasing Agent.

RESPONSIVE BIDDER A Bidder meeting the specifications or requirements prescribed in the Bid Document or solicitation, as determined by the Purchasing Agent.

SINGLE SOURCE A procurement where two or more offerors can supply the required Product, and the Purchasing Agent may award the contract to one Bidder over the other.

SOLE SOURCE A procurement where only one offeror is capable of supplying the required Product.

Bid Submission

7. BID LANGUAGE & CURRENCY All offers (tenders), and all information and Product documentation required by the solicitation or provided as explanation thereof, shall be submitted in English. All prices shall be expressed, and all payments shall be made, in United States Dollars (\$ US). Any offers (tenders) submitted which do not meet the above criteria will be rejected.

8. BID OPENING Bids may, as applicable, be opened publicly. The Purchasing Agent reserves the right at anytime to postpone or cancel a scheduled bid opening.

9. BID SUBMISSION The submission of a bid will be construed to mean that the bidder is fully informed as to the extent and character of the supplies, material, or equipment required and a representation that the bidder can furnish the supplies, materials, or equipment satisfactorily in complete compliance with the specifications.

All bids shall comply with the following:

(a) Bids are to be packaged, sealed and submitted to the location stated in the Bid Specifications. Bidders are solely responsible for timely delivery of their bids to the location set forth in the Bid Specifications prior to the stated bid opening date/time.

(b) A bid return envelope, if provided with the Bid Specifications, should be used with the bid sealed inside. If the bid response does not fit into the envelope, the bid envelope should be taped onto the outside of the sealed box or package with the bid inside. If using a commercial delivery company which requires use of their shipping package or envelope, Bidders sealed bid, labeled as detailed below, should be placed within the shippers sealed envelope to ensure that the bid is not prematurely opened. All bids must have a label on the outside of the package or shipping container outlining the following information:

“BID ENCLOSED” (bold print, all capitals)
IFB or RFP Number
Bid Submission date and time

In the event that a Bidder fails to provide such information on the return bid envelope or shipping material, the County reserves the right to open the shipping package or envelope to determine the proper bid number or Product group, and the date and time of bid opening. Bidder shall have no claim against the receiving entity arising from such opening and such opening shall not affect the validity of the bid or the procurement. Notwithstanding the County's right to open a bid to ascertain the foregoing information, Bidder assumes all risk of late delivery associated with the bid not being identified, packaged or labeled in accordance with the foregoing requirements.

10. FACSIMILE SUBMISSIONS Unless specifically authorized by the terms of the Bid Specifications,

facsimile bids ARE PROHIBITED AND SHALL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Where the bid specifications are silent as to the submission of bids by facsimile, no fax bids shall be permitted or accepted. Where specifically authorized, the following rules and conditions apply:

- (a) FAX number(s) indicated in the Bid Specifications must be used.
- (b) Access to the facsimile machine(s) is on a "first come, first serve" basis, and the Purchasing Agent bears no liability or responsibility and makes no guarantee whatsoever with respect to the Bidders access to such equipment at any specific time.
- (c) Bidders are solely responsible for submission and receipt of the entire facsimile bid by the Essex County Purchasing Agent prior to bid opening and must include on the first page of the transmission the total number of pages transmitted in the bid, including the cover page. Incomplete, ambiguous or unreadable transmissions in whole or in part may be rejected at the sole discretion of the Purchasing Agent.
- (d) Facsimile bids are fully governed by all conditions outlined in the Bid Documents and must be submitted on forms or in the format required in the Bid Specifications, including the executed signature page and acknowledgment.

11. AUTHENTICATION OF FACSIMILE BIDS The act of submitting a bid by facsimile transmission, when, as and if specifically authorized, including an executed signature page, shall be deemed a confirming act by Bidder which authenticates the signing of the bid.

12. LATE BIDS Any bid received at the specified location after the time specified will be considered a late bid. A late bid shall not be considered for award unless acceptance of the late bid is in the best interests of Essex County and either (a) no timely bids meeting the requirements of the Bid Documents are received, or (b) in the case of a multiple award, an insufficient number of timely bids were received to satisfy the multiple award. Delays in United States mail deliveries or any other means of transmittal, including couriers or agents of Essex County, shall not excuse late bid submissions. Otherwise, all late bids will not be considered and will be returned unopened to the bidder. The bidder assumes the risk of any delay in the mail or in the handling of the mail by employees of the County. Whether sent by mail or by means of personal delivery, the bidder assumes responsibility for having his bid deposited on time at the place specified.

13. BID CONTENTS Bids must be complete and legible. All bids must be signed. All information required by the Bid Specifications must be supplied by the Bidder on the forms or in the format specified in the Bid Specifications. No alteration, erasure or addition is to be made to the Bid Documents. Changes may be ignored by the Purchasing Agent or may be grounds for rejection of the bid. Changes, corrections and/or use of white-out in the bid or Bidders response portion of the Bid Document must be initialed by an authorized representative of the Bidder. Bidders are cautioned to verify their bids before submission, as amendments to bids or requests for withdrawal of bids received by the Purchasing Agent after the time specified for the bid opening, may not be considered. All lines must have an indication of bidders response whether it be "o", "N/A" or a dollar figure. All lines must be filled in to indicate bidder acknowledgment of the request. Bids that do not have all applicable lines filled in on bid sheet may be disqualified as a non-responsive bid. The Purchasing Agent shall not assume there is "no charge" when lines are left empty.

Bidders must submit with bid detailed specifications, circulars, warranties and all necessary data on items he proposes to furnish. This information must show clearly that the item offered meets all detailed specifications herein. The Purchasing Agent reserves the right to reject any bid if its compliance with the specifications is not clearly evident. If item offered differs from the provisions contained in these specifications such differences must be explained in detail, and bid will receive careful consideration if such deviations do not depart from the intent of these specifications and are to the best interests of Essex County as interpreted by the Purchasing Agent of Essex County.

It is the responsibility of the bidder to offer a product that meets the specifications of the manufacturer model as listed.

All stock electrical items must be listed and approved by Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc.

14. EXTRANEIOUS TERMS Bids must conform to the terms set forth in the Bid Documents, as extraneous terms or material deviations (including additional, inconsistent, conflicting or alternative terms) may render the bid non-responsive and may result in rejection of the bid.

Extraneous term(s) submitted on standard, pre-printed forms (including but not limited to: product literature, order forms, license agreements, contracts or other documents) which are attached or referenced with the submission shall not be considered part of the bid, but shall be deemed included for informational or promotional purposes only.

Only those extraneous terms which meet all the following requirements will be considered as having been submitted as part of the Bid:

- (a) Each proposed extraneous term (addition, counter-offer, deviation, or modification) must be specifically enumerated in a writing which is not part of a pre-printed form; and
- (b) The writing must identify the particular specification requirement (if any) which Bidder rejects or proposes to modify by inclusion of the extraneous term; and
- (c) The Bidder shall enumerate the proposed addition, counteroffer, modification or deviation from the Bid Document, and the reasons therefore.

No extraneous term(s), whether or not deemed "material," shall be incorporated into a contract unless the Purchasing Agent expressly accepts each such term(s) in writing. Acceptance and/or processing of the Bid shall not constitute such written acceptance of Extraneous Term(s).

15. CONFIDENTIAL / TRADE SECRET MATERIALS Confidential, trade secret or proprietary materials as defined by the laws of the State of New York must be clearly marked and identified as such upon submission. Bidders/Contractors intending to seek an exemption from disclosure of these materials under the *Freedom of Information Law* must request the exemption in writing, setting forth the reasons for the claimed exemption, at the time of submission. Acceptance of the claimed materials does not constitute a determination on the exemption request, which determination will be made in accordance with statutory procedures.

16. PREVAILING WAGE RATES - Public Works and Building Services Contracts If any portion of work being bid is subject to the prevailing wage rate provisions of Labor Law, the following shall apply:

(a) "Public Works" and "Building Services" – Definitions

i. Public Works *Labor Law* Article 8 applies to contracts for public improvement in which laborers, workers or mechanics are employed on a "public works" project (distinguished from public "procurement" or "service" contracts). The State, a public benefit corporation, a municipal corporation (including a school district), or a commission appointed by law must be a party to the contract. The wage and hours provision applies to any work performed by contractor or subcontractors.

ii. Building Services *Labor Law* Article 9 applies to contracts for building service work over \$1,500 with a public agency, which 1) involve the care or maintenance of an existing building, or 2) involve the transportation of office furniture or equipment to or from such building, or 3) involve the transportation and delivery of fossil fuel to such building, and 4) the principal purpose of which is to furnish services through use of building service employees.

(b) Prevailing Wage Rate Applicable to Bid Submissions A copy of the applicable prevailing wage rates to be paid or provided are attached to this solicitation. Bidders must submit bids which are based upon the prevailing hourly wages, and supplements in cash or equivalent benefits (i.e., fringe benefits and any cash or non-cash compensation which are not wages, as defined by law) that equal or exceed the applicable prevailing wage rate(s) for the location where the work is to be performed. Where the Bid Documents require the Bidder to enumerate hourly wage rates in the bid, Bidders may not submit bids based upon hourly wage rates and supplements below the applicable prevailing wage rates as established by the New York State Department of Labor. **Bids which fail to comply with this requirement will be disqualified.**

(c) Wage Rate Payments / Changes During Contract Term The wages to be paid under any resulting contract shall not be less than the prevailing rate of wages and supplements as set forth by law. It is required that the Contractor keep informed of all changes in the Prevailing Wage Rates during the contract term that apply to the classes of individuals supplied by the contractor on any projects which result from this contract which are subject to the provisions of the *Labor Law*. Contractor is solely liable for and must pay such required prevailing wage adjustments during the contract term as required by law.

(d) Public Posting & Certified Payroll Records In compliance with Article 8, Section 220 of the *Labor Law*, as amended by Chapter 565 of the Laws of 1997:

i. Posting The Contractor must publicly post on the work site, in a prominent and accessible place, a legible schedule of the prevailing wage rates and supplements.

ii. Payroll Records Contractors and sub-contractors must keep original payrolls or transcripts subscribed and affirmed as true under the penalties of perjury as required by law. For public works contracts over \$25,000 where the contractor maintains no regular place of business in New York State, such records must be kept at the work site. For building services contracts, such records must be kept at the work site while work is being performed.

iii. Submission of Certified Payroll Transcripts for Public Works Contracts Only Contractors and sub-contractors on public works projects must submit monthly payroll transcripts to Essex County which has prepared or directs the preparation of the plans and specifications for a public works project, as set forth in the Bid Specifications. For mini-bid solicitations, the payroll records must be submitted to the entity preparing the agency mini-bid project specification. For "agency specific" bids, the payroll records should be submitted to the entity issuing the purchase order. For all other Essex County procurement contracts, such records should be submitted to the individual agency issuing the purchase order(s) for the work. Upon mutual agreement of the Contractor and Essex County, the form of submission may be submitted in a specified disk format acceptable to the Department of Labor so long as: 1) the contractor/subcontractor retains the original records; and, (2) an original signed letter by a duly authorized individual of the contractor or subcontractor attesting to the truth and accuracy of the records accompanies the disk. **This provision does not apply to building services contracts.**

iv. Records Retention Contractors and subcontractors must preserve such certified transcripts for a period of three years from the date of completion of work on the awarded contract.

(e) Days Labor - Defined for Article 8, Public Works (For Purposes of Article 8 of the Labor Law) No laborer, worker or mechanic in the employ of the contractor, subcontractor or other person doing or contracting to do all or part of the work contemplated by the contract shall be permitted or required to work more than eight hours in any one calendar day or more than five days in any one week except in cases of extraordinary emergency including fire, flood or danger to life or property. "Extraordinary emergency" shall be deemed to include situations in which sufficient laborers, workers and mechanics cannot be employed to carry on public work expeditiously as a result of such

restrictions upon the number of hours and days of labor and the immediate commencement or prosecution or completion without undue delay of the public work is necessary in the judgment of the Essex County Purchasing Agent for the preservation of the contract site or for the protection of the life and limb of the persons using the contract site.

17. TAXES

(a) Unless otherwise specified in the Bid Specifications or set forth in this clause, the quoted bid price includes all taxes applicable to the transaction.

(b) Purchases made by Essex County and certain non-County Authorized Users are exempt from New York State and local sales taxes and, with certain exceptions, federal excise taxes. To satisfy the requirements of the New York State Sales tax exemption, either the Purchase Order issued by a County Agency or the invoice forwarded to authorize payment for such items will be sufficient evidence that the sale by the Contractor was made to the County, an exempt organization under Section 1116 (a) (1) of the *Tax Law*. Non-County Authorized Users must offer their own proof of exemption where required. No person, firm or corporation is, however, exempt from paying the State Truck Mileage and Unemployment Insurance or Federal Social Security taxes, which remain the sole responsibility of the Bidder/Contractor. For tax free transactions under the Internal Revenue Code, the Essex County Registration Number is 14 6002889.

(c) Purchases by Authorized Users other than Essex County may be subject to such taxes, and in those instances the tax should be computed based on the bid price and added to the invoice submitted to such entity for payment.

18. EXPENSES PRIOR TO AWARD Essex County is not liable for any costs incurred by a Bidder in the preparation and production of a bid or for any work performed prior to contract award and/or issuance of an approved Purchase Order.

19. ADVERTISING BID RESULTS A Bidder in submitting a bid agrees not to use the results therefrom as a part of any commercial advertising without the prior written approval of the Purchasing Agent. In addition to any other sanctions or remedies available to it in law or equity, the Purchasing Agent may suspend from bidding on its requirements or terminate a contract of any Bidder/Contractor who violates the terms of this clause.

20. PRODUCT REFERENCES

(a) **“Or Equal”** On all Bid Specifications the words “or equal” are understood to apply where a copyright brand name, trade name, catalog reference, or patented Product is referenced. References to such specific Product are intended as descriptive, not restrictive, unless otherwise stated. Comparable Product will be considered if proof of compatibility is provided, including appropriate catalog excerpts, descriptive literature, specifications and test data, etc. The Purchasing Agents decision as to acceptance of the Product as equal shall be final.

(b) **Discrepancies in References** In the event of a discrepancy between the model number referenced in the Bid Specifications and the written description of the Products therein which cannot be reconciled, with respect to such discrepancy, then the written description shall prevail.

21. RECYCLED OR RECOVERED MATERIALS Upon the conditions specified in the Bid Specifications and in accordance with the laws of the State of New York, Contractors are encouraged to use recycled or recovered materials in the manufacture of Products and packaging to the maximum extent practicable without jeopardizing the performance or intended end use of the Product or packaging unless such use is precluded due to health, welfare, safety requirements or in the Bid

Specifications. Where such use is not practical, suitable, or permitted by the Bid Specifications, Contractor shall deliver new materials in accordance with the "Warranties & Guaranties" set forth below.

Refurbished or remanufactured components or items may only be accepted at the discretion of the Purchasing Agent, or upon the conditions set forth in the Bid Specifications.

Items with recycled, recovered, refurbished or remanufactured content must be identified in the bid or will be deemed new Product.

22. PRODUCTS MANUFACTURED IN PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS Bids offering Products which are manufactured or produced in public institutions will be rejected.

23. PRICING

(a) Unit Pricing If required by the Bid Specifications, the Bidder should insert the price per unit specified and the price extensions in decimals, not to exceed four places for each item, in the bid. In the event of a discrepancy between the unit price and the extension, the unit price shall govern unless, in the sole judgment of the Purchasing Agent, such unit pricing is obviously erroneous.

(b) Net Pricing Prices must be net, including transportation, customs, tariff, delivery and other charges fully prepaid by the Contractor to the destination(s) indicated in the Bid Specifications, subject only to the cash discount. If the award is to be made on another basis, transportation and other charges must be prepaid by the Contractor and added to the invoice as a separate item, unless otherwise required in the Bid Specifications.

(c) "No Charge" Bid When bids are requested on a number of Products as a group or Lot, a Bidder desiring to bid "no charge" on a Product in the grouping or Lot must clearly indicate such. Otherwise, such bid may be considered incomplete and be rejected, in whole or in part, at the discretion of the Purchasing Agent.

If a price is written in numbers and alpha, the alpha will govern.

Prices shall be net FOB any point in Essex County, New York. Price quoted shall include all delivery costs. Prices shall be net, including transportation and delivery charges fully prepaid by the successful bidder to destination indicated in the proposal. If award is made on any other basis, transportation charges must be prepaid by the successful bidder and added to the invoice as a separate item. In any case, title shall not pass until items have been delivered and accepted by the County.

24. DRAWINGS

(a) Drawings Submitted With Bid When the Bid Specifications require the Bidder to furnish drawings and/or plans, such drawings and/or plans shall conform to the mandates of the Bid Documents and shall, when approved by the Purchasing Agent, be considered a part of the bid and of any resulting contract. All symbols and other representations appearing on the drawings shall be considered a part of the drawing.

(b) Drawings Submitted During the Contract Term Where required by the Bid Specifications to develop, maintain and deliver diagrams or other technical schematics regarding the scope of work, Contractor shall be required to develop, maintain, deliver and update such drawings on an ongoing basis at no additional charge. Contractor shall be responsible for updating drawings and plans during the contract term to reflect additions, alterations, and deletions. Such drawings and diagrams shall be delivered to the Authorized

Users representative as required by the Bid Specifications. Where required, Contractor shall furnish to Authorized User in a timely manner the required drawings representing the then current, "as modified" condition of all product included in the scope of work.

(c) Accuracy of Drawings Submitted All drawings shall be neat and professional in manner and shall be clearly labeled as to locations and type of product, connections and components. Drawings and diagrams are to be in compliance with accepted drafting standards. Acceptance or approval of such plans shall not relieve the Contractor from responsibility for design or other errors of any sort in the drawings or plans, or from its responsibility for performing as required, furnishing product, services or installation, or carrying out any other requirements of the intended scope of work.

25. SITE INSPECTION Where Bidder is required by the Bid Specifications to deliver or install Product, or to service installed product(s) or equipment, Bidder shall be given an opportunity and shall be required to inspect the site prior to submission of the Bid, including environmental or other conditions or pre-existing deficiencies in the installed product, equipment or environment, which may affect Bidders ability to deliver, install or otherwise provide the required product. All inquiries regarding such conditions may only be made in writing. Bidder shall be deemed to have knowledge of any deficiencies or conditions which such inspection or inquiry might have disclosed, and to have included the costs of repair in its bid. Bidder must provide a detailed explanation of work intended to be performed under this clause. Bidder shall be required to remedy any pre-existing deficiencies or conditions at the commencement of the contract term. Reimbursement for the cost of repairing the conditions or deficiencies shall be separately enumerated in the bid.

26. SAMPLES

(a) Standard Samples Bid Specifications may indicate that the Product to be purchased must be equal to a standard sample on display in a place designated by the Purchasing Agent and such sample will be made available to the Bidder for examination prior to the opening date. Failure by the Bidder to examine such sample shall not entitle the Bidder to any relief from the conditions imposed by the Bid Documents.

(b) Bidder Supplied Samples The Purchasing Agent reserves the right to request from the Bidder/Contractor a representative sample(s) of the Product offered at any time prior to or after award of a contract. Unless otherwise instructed, samples shall be furnished within the time specified in the request. Untimely submission of a sample may constitute grounds for rejection of bid or cancellation of the Contract. Samples must be submitted free of charge and be accompanied by the Bidders name and address, any descriptive literature relating to the Product and a statement indicating how and where the sample is to be returned. Where applicable, samples must be properly labeled with the appropriate bid or Essex County contract reference.

A sample may be held by the Purchasing Agent during the entire term of the contract and for a reasonable period thereafter for comparison with deliveries. At the conclusion of the holding period the sample, where feasible, will be returned as instructed by the Bidder, at the Bidders expense and risk. Where the Bidder has failed to fully instruct the Purchasing Agent as to the return of the sample (i.e. mode and place of return, etc.) or refuses to bear the cost of its return, the sample shall become the sole property of the receiving entity at the conclusion of the holding period.

(c) Enhanced Samples When an approved sample exceeds the minimum specifications, all Product delivered must be of the same enhanced quality and identity as the sample. Thereafter, in the event of a Contractors default, the Purchasing Agent may procure a commodity substantially equal to the enhanced sample from other sources, charging the Contractor for any additional costs incurred.

(d) Conformance with Sample(s) Submission of a sample (whether or not such sample is tested by, or for, the Purchasing Agent) and approval thereof shall not relieve the Contractor from full compliance with all conditions and terms, performance related and otherwise, specified in the Bid Documents. If in the judgment of the Purchasing Agent the sample or product submitted is not in accordance with the specifications or testing requirements prescribed in the Bid Documents, the Purchasing Agent may reject the bid. If an award has been made, the Purchasing Agent may cancel the contract at the expense of the Contractor.

(e) Testing All samples are subject to tests in the manner and place designated by the Purchasing Agent, either prior to or after contract award. Unless otherwise stated in the Bid Specifications, Bidder Samples consumed or rendered useless by testing will not be returned to the Bidder.

27. ADDENDA / INTERPRETATION No verbal interpretation of the intent of any of the specifications or other Contract Documents will be made before receipt of bids. Requests for interpretations prior to receipt of bids must be presented, in writing, to the Purchasing Agent, 100 Court Street, P.O. Box 217, Elizabethtown, NY 12932, and to be given consideration must be received by the Purchasing Agent at least seven (7) days prior to the date set for the opening of bids.

Any interpretation, and any additional information or instruction will, if issued, be in the form of a written Addendum or Addenda sent to all holders of Contract Documents at the addresses furnished therefor, at least five (5) days prior to the date of the opening of bids.

Failure of any bidder to receive any Addenda shall not relieve such bidder from any obligation under this bid as submitted. All Addenda so issued shall become a part of the Contract Documents.

Bid Evaluation

28. BID EVALUATION The Purchasing Agent reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids, or separable portions of offers, and waive technicalities, irregularities, and omissions if the Purchasing Agent determines the best interests of the County will be served. The Purchasing Agent, in his/her sole discretion, may accept or reject illegible, incomplete or vague bids and his/her decision shall be final. A conditional or revocable bid which clearly communicates the terms or limitations of acceptance may be considered and contract award may be made in compliance with the Bidders conditional or revocable terms in the offer.

Where a bidder is requested to submit a bid on individual items and/or on a total sum or sums, the right is reserved to award bids on individual items or on total sums. The County reserves the right to award in whole or in part based on the lowest responsible bid.

The following three items will automatically render a bid unacceptable to Essex County:

- a. Failure to sign bid proposal page.
- b. Failure to include necessary bid deposit (as required).
- c. Failure to sign and submit non-collusive bidding certificate.

It shall be fully understood that any deviations from the inclusion of the above items will be grounds to see the bid as non-compliant and will not be considered for award.

The Purchasing Agent reserves the right to reject such bids, as in his opinion, are incomplete, conditional, obscure, or which contain irregularities of any kind including unbalanced bids. One in which the amount bid for one or more separate items is substantially out of line with the current market prices for the materials and/or work covered thereby.

29. CONDITIONAL BID Unless the Bid Specifications provides otherwise, a bid is not rendered non-responsive if the Bidder specifies that the award will be accepted only on all or a specified group of items or Product included in the specification. It is understood that nothing herein shall be deemed to change or alter the method of award contained in the Bid Documents.

30. CLARIFICATIONS / REVISIONS Prior to award, the Purchasing Agent reserves the right to seek clarifications, request bid revisions, or to request any information deemed necessary for proper evaluation of bids from all Bidders deemed to be eligible for contract award. Failure to provide requested information may result in rejection of the bid.

31. PROMPT PAYMENT DISCOUNTS While prompt payment discounts will not be considered in determining the low bid, the Purchasing Agent may consider any prompt payment discount in resolving bids which are otherwise tied. However, any notation indicating that the price is net, (e.g. net 30 days), shall be understood to mean only that no prompt payment discount is offered by the Bidder. The imposition of service, interest, or other charges, except pursuant to the provisions of Article 11_A of the *State Finance Law*, which are applicable in any case, may render the bid non-responsive and may be cause for its rejection.

32. EQUIVALENT OR IDENTICAL BIDS In the event two offers are found to be substantially equivalent, price shall be the basis for determining the award recipient. If two or more Bidders submit substantially equivalent bids as to pricing or other factors, the decision of the Purchasing Agent to award a contract to one or more of such Bidders shall be final.

33. PERFORMANCE QUALIFICATIONS The Purchasing Agent reserves the right to investigate or inspect at any time whether or not the Product, qualifications or facilities offered by the Bidder/Contractor meet the requirements set forth in the Bid Documents. Contractor shall at all times during the contract term remain responsible and responsive. A Bidder/Contractor must be prepared, if requested by the Purchasing Agent, to present evidence of experience, ability and financial standing, as well as a statement as to plant, machinery and capacity of the manufacturer for the production, distribution and servicing of the Product bid. If the Purchasing Agent determines that the conditions and terms of the Bid Documents or Contract are not complied with, or that items or Product proposed to be furnished do not meet the specified requirements, or that the qualifications, financial standing or facilities are not satisfactory, or that performance is untimely, the Purchasing Agent may reject such bid or terminate the contract. Nothing in the foregoing shall mean or imply that it is obligatory upon the Purchasing Agent to make an investigation either before or after award of a contract, but should such investigation be made, it in no way relieves the Bidder/Contractor from fulfilling all requirements and conditions of the contract.

34. DISQUALIFICATION FOR PAST PERFORMANCE Bidder may be disqualified from receiving awards if Bidder, or anyone in Bidders employment, has previously failed to perform satisfactorily in connection with public bidding or contracts.

35. QUANTITY CHANGES PRIOR TO AWARD The Purchasing Agent reserves the right, at any time prior to the award of a specific quantity contract, to alter in good faith the quantities listed in the Bid Specifications to conform with requirements. In the event such right is exercised, the lowest responsible Bidder meeting specifications will be advised of the revised requirements and afforded an opportunity to extend or reduce its bid price in relation to the changed quantities. Refusal by the low Bidder to so extend or reduce its bid price may result in the rejection of its bid and the award of such contract to the lowest responsible Bidder who accepts the revised requirements.

36. RELEASE OF BID EVALUATION MATERIALS Requests concerning the evaluation of bids may be submitted under the *Freedom of Information Law*. Information, other than the Bid Tabulation, shall be released as required by law after contract award. Written requests should be directed to the Purchasing Agent.

37. TIME FRAME FOR OFFERS The Purchasing Agent reserves the right to make awards within sixty (60) days after the date of the bid opening, during which period, bids must remain firm and cannot be withdrawn. If, however, an award is not made within the sixty (60) day period, bids shall remain firm until such later time as either a contract is awarded or the Bidder delivers to the Purchasing Agent written notice of the withdrawal of its bid. Any bid which expressly states therein that acceptance must be made within a shorter specified time, may at the sole discretion of the Purchasing Agent, be accepted or rejected.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

38. CONTRACT CREATION / EXECUTION Except as may be otherwise provided by law or by the Purchasing Agent, upon receipt of all required approvals a Contract shall be deemed executed and created with the successful Bidder(s) upon the Purchasing Agent's mailing or electronic communication to the address on the bid of (a) a Letter of Acceptance and (b) a fully executed contract, or (c) a Purchase Order authorized by the Purchasing Agent.

39. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS, ETC. The Bidder shall comply with all the provisions of the laws of the State of New York and of the United States of America which affect municipalities and municipal contracts, and any and all State and Federal rules and regulation, and of amendments and additions thereto, insofar as the same shall be applicable to any contract awarded hereunder with the same force and effect as if set forth at length herein. The Bidder's special attention is called to the following laws: *General Municipal Law* Section 1-03-d, *State Finance Law* Section 167-b prohibiting the purchase of tropical hardwood products, and the New York State Public Employee Safety & Health Act of 1980.

40. MODIFICATION OF TERMS The terms and conditions set forth in the Contract shall govern all transactions by Authorized User(s) under this Contract. The Contract may only be modified or amended upon mutual written agreement of the Purchasing Agent and Contractor.

The Contractor may, however, offer Authorized User(s) more advantageous pricing, payment, or other terms and conditions than those set forth in the Contract. In such event, a copy of such terms shall be furnished to the Authorized User(s) and Purchasing Agent by the Contractor.

Other than where such terms are more advantageous for the Authorized User(s) than those set forth in the Contract, no alteration or modification of the terms of the Contract, including substitution of Product, shall be valid or binding against Authorized User(s) unless authorized by the Purchasing Agent or specified in the Contract Award Notification. No such alteration or modification shall be made by unilaterally affixing such terms to Product upon delivery (including, but not limited to, attachment or inclusion of standard pre-printed order forms, product literature, "shrink wrap" terms accompanying software upon delivery, or other documents) or by incorporating such terms onto order forms, purchase orders or other documents forwarded by the Contractor for payment, notwithstanding Authorized Users subsequent acceptance of Product, or that Authorized User has subsequently processed such document for approval or payment.

41. SCOPE CHANGES The Purchasing Agent reserves the right, unilaterally, to require, by written order, changes by altering, adding to or deducting from the contract specifications, such changes to be within the general scope of the contract. The Purchasing Agent may make an equitable adjustment in the contract price or delivery date if the change affects the cost or time of performance.

With respect to any specific quantity stated in the contract, the Purchasing Agent reserves the right after award to order up to 20% more or less (rounded to the next highest whole number) than the specific quantities called for in the contract. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Purchasing Agent may purchase greater or lesser percentages of contract quantities should the Purchasing Agent and Contractor so agree.

42. ESTIMATED QUANTITY CONTRACTS Estimated quantity contracts are expressly agreed and

understood to be made for only the quantities, if any, actually ordered during the contract term. No guarantee of any estimated quantity(s) is implied or given. Unless otherwise set forth in the Bid Specifications, contracts for services and technology are completely voluntary as to use, and therefore no quantities are guaranteed.

43. BEST PRICING OFFER During the contract term, if substantially the same or a smaller quantity of a Product is sold by the Contractor outside of this contract vehicle upon the same or similar terms and conditions as that of this contract at a lower price, the price under this contract shall be immediately reduced to the lower price.

44. PURCHASE ORDERS Unless otherwise authorized in writing by the Purchasing Agent, no Products are to be delivered or furnished by Contractor until transmittal of an official Purchase Order from the Authorized User requiring the Product. Unless terminated or canceled pursuant to the authority vested in the Purchasing Agent, Purchase Orders shall be effective and binding upon the Contractor when placed in the mail or electronically transmitted prior to the termination of the contract period, addressed to the Contractor at the address set forth in the Contract for receipt of orders, or in the Contract Award Notification.

All Purchase Orders issued pursuant to contracts let by the Purchasing Agent must bear the appropriate contract number and, if necessary, required State approvals. Unless otherwise specified, all Purchase Orders against centralized contracts will be placed by Authorized Users directly with the Contractor and any discrepancy between the terms stated on the vendors order form, confirmation or acknowledgment, and the contract terms shall be resolved in favor of the terms most favorable to the Authorized User.

If, with respect to an agency specific contract, a Purchase Order is not received within two weeks after the issuance of a Contract Award Notification, it is the responsibility of the Contractor to request in writing that the appropriate Authorized User forward a Purchase Order. If, thereafter, a Purchase Order is not received within a reasonable period of time, the Contractor shall promptly notify the appropriate purchasing officer in Essex County. Failure to timely notify such officer may, in the discretion of the Purchasing Agent and without cost to the State, result in the canceling of such requirement by the Purchasing Agent with, at the Purchasing Agents discretion, a corresponding reduction in the contract quantity and price.

45. PRODUCT DELIVERY It shall be understood that with respect to contract deliveries, time is of the essence. Delivery must be made as ordered and in accordance with the terms of the contract. Unless otherwise specified in the Bid Specifications, delivery shall be made within thirty calendar days after receipt of a purchase order by the Contractor. The decision of the Purchasing Agent as to compliance with delivery terms shall be final. The burden of proof for delay in receipt of Purchase Order shall rest with the Contractor. In all instances of a potential or actual delay in delivery, the Contractor shall immediately notify the Purchasing Agent and the Authorized User, and confirm in writing the explanation of the delay, and take appropriate action to avoid any subsequent late deliveries. Any extension of the time for delivery must be requested in writing by the Contractor and approved in writing by the Purchasing Agent. Failure to meet such time schedule may be grounds for cancellation of the order or, in the Purchasing Agents discretion, the Contract.

The County must be notified twenty-four (24) hours in advance of delivery. The County reserves the right to deny acceptance of delivery if this notice is not given, at no cost to the County.

The successful bidder shall be responsible for delivery of items in good condition at point of destination, and shall file with the carrier all claims for breakage, imperfections, and other losses, which will be deducted from invoices. The Purchasing Agent will note for the benefit of successful bidder when packages are not received in good condition. Carton shall be labeled with purchase order or contract number, successful bidders name and general statement of contents. Failure to comply with this condition shall be considered sufficient reason for refusal to accept the goods.

Unless otherwise stated in the specifications, all items must be delivered into and placed at a point within the building as directed by the shipping instructions or the Purchasing Agent. The successful bidder will be required to furnish proof of delivery in every instance.

Unloading and placing of equipment and furniture is the responsibility of the successful bidder, and the County accepts no responsibility for unloading and placing of equipment. Any costs incurred due to the failure of the successful bidder to comply with this requirement will be charged to him. No help for unloading will be provided by the County, and suppliers should notify their truckers accordingly.

All deliveries shall be accompanied by delivery tickets or packing slips. Ticket shall contain the following information for each item delivered:

Contract Number and/or Purchase Order Number
Name of Article
Item Number (if applicable)
Quantity
Name of the Successful Bidder

46. SATURDAY & HOLIDAY DELIVERIES Unless otherwise specified in the Bid Specifications or by an Authorized User, deliveries will not be scheduled for Saturdays, Sundays or legal holidays observed by the State of New York except of Product for daily consumption or where an emergency exists or the delivery is a replacement or is late, in which event the convenience of the Authorized User shall govern.

47. SHIPPING / RECEIPT OF PRODUCT

(a) **Packaging** Tangible Product shall be securely and properly packed for shipment, storage and stocking in appropriate, clearly labeled shipping containers and according to accepted commercial practice, without extra charge for packing materials, cases or other types of containers. The container shall become and remain the property of the receiving entity unless otherwise specified in the contract documents.

(b) **Shipping Charges** Contractor shall be responsible for insuring that the Bill of Lading states "charges prepaid" for all shipments. Unless otherwise stated in the Bid Specifications, all deliveries shall be deemed to be FOB Destination tailgate delivery at the dock of the Authorized User. Unless otherwise agreed, items purchased at a price F.O.B. Shipping point plus transportation charges are understood to not relieve the contractor from responsibility for safe and proper delivery notwithstanding the Authorized Users payment of transportation charges.

(c) **Receipt of Product** The Contractor shall be solely responsible for assuring that deliveries are made to personnel authorized to accept delivery on behalf of the Authorized User. Any losses resulting from the Contractors failure to deliver Product to authorized personnel shall be borne exclusively by the Contractor.

48. TITLE AND RISK OF LOSS Notwithstanding the form of shipment, title and risk of loss shall not pass from the Contractor to the Authorized User until the Products have been received, inspected and accepted by the receiving entity. Acceptance shall occur within a reasonable time or in accordance with such other defined acceptance period as may be specified in the Bid Specifications. Mere acknowledgment by Authorized User personnel of the delivery or receipt of goods (e.g. signed bill of lading) shall not be deemed or construed as acceptance of the Products received. Any delivery of Product which is substandard or does not comply with the Contract terms, may be rejected or accepted on an adjusted price basis, as determined by the Purchasing Agent.

49. RE-WEIGHING PRODUCT Deliveries are subject to re-weighing at the point of destination by the receiving entity. If shrinkage occurs which exceeds that normally allowable in the trade, the receiving

entity shall have the option to require delivery of the difference in quantity, or to reduce the payment accordingly.

50. PRODUCT SUBSTITUTION In the event a specified manufacturers Product listed in the Contractors Bid becomes unavailable or cannot be supplied by the Contractor for any reason (except as provided for in the Force Majeure Clause below) a Product deemed by the Purchasing Agent to be the equal or better of the specified commodity or service must be substituted by the Contractor at no additional cost or expense to the Authorized User. Unless otherwise specified, any substitution of Product prior to the Purchasing Agents approval may be cause for cancellation of contract.

51. REJECTED PRODUCT When Products are rejected, they must be removed by the Contractor from the premises of the receiving entity within ten days of notification of rejection by Authorized User. Upon rejection notification, risk of loss of rejected or non-conforming Product shall remain on Contractor. Rejected items not removed by the Contractor within ten days of notification shall be regarded as abandoned by the Contractor, and the Authorized User shall have the right to dispose of the items as its own property. The Contractor shall promptly reimburse the Authorized User for any and all costs and expenses incurred in storage or effecting removal or disposition.

52. INSTALLATION Where installation is required, Bidder shall be responsible for placing and installing the equipment in the required locations. All materials used in the installation shall be of good quality and shall be free from any and all defects which would mar the appearance of the equipment or render it structurally unsound. Installation includes the furnishing of any equipment, rigging and materials required to install or replace the Product in the proper location. The Contractor shall protect the site from damage for all its work and shall repair damages or injury of any kind caused by the Contractor, its employees, officers or agents. If any alteration, dismantling or excavation, etc. is required to effect installation, the Contractor shall thereafter promptly restore the structure or site to its original condition. Work shall be performed so as to cause the least inconvenience to the Authorized User(s) and with proper consideration for the rights of other contractors or workers. The Contractor shall promptly perform its work and shall coordinate its activities with those of other contractors. The Contractor shall clean up and remove all debris and rubbish from its work as required or directed. Upon completion of the work, the building and surrounding area of work shall be left clean and in a neat, unobstructed condition, and everything in satisfactory repair and order.

53. REPAIRED OR REPLACED PRODUCT / COMPONENTS Where the Contractor is required to repair, replace or substitute Product or components under the Contract, the repaired, replaced or substituted Product shall be subject to all terms and conditions for new Product set forth in the contract, including product warranties.

54. ON-SITE STORAGE Materials, equipment or supplies may be stored at the County/s or Authorized User's site at the Contractors sole risk and only with the approval of, as the case may be, the County or the Authorized User.

55. EMPLOYEES / SUBCONTRACTORS / AGENTS All employees, subcontractors or agents performing work under the contract must be trained technicians who meet or exceed the technical and training qualifications set forth in the Bid Specifications or the Bid, whichever is greater, and must comply with all rules and requirements of the Contract. The Purchasing Agent reserves the right to conduct a security background check or otherwise approve any employee or agent furnished by Contractor and to refuse access to or require replacement of any personnel for cause, including but not limited to, technical or training qualifications, quality of work or change in security status or non-compliance with Authorized Users security or other requirements. Such approval shall not relieve the Contractor of the obligation to perform all work in compliance with the contract terms. The Purchasing Agent reserves the right to reject and/or bar from the facility for cause any employee, subcontractor, or agents of the Contractor.

56. ASSIGNMENT / SUBCONTRACTORS The Contractor shall not assign, transfer, convey, sublet, or otherwise dispose of the contract or its right, title or interest therein, or its power to execute such contract to any other person, company, firm or corporation in performance of the contract, other than the assignment of the right to receive moneys due, without the prior written consent of Essex County. Prior to an assignment of the right to receive moneys becoming effective, Contractor shall file a written notice of such assignment simultaneously with Essex County and participating Authorized User(s).

The Purchasing Agent reserves the right to reject any proposed subcontractor, assignee or supplier for bona fide business reasons, which may include, but are not limited to: that the proposed transferee is on the Department of Labors list of companies with which New York State cannot do business; the Purchasing Agent determines that the company is not qualified; unsatisfactory contract performance or service has been previously provided; or attempts were not made to solicit minority and womens business enterprises (M/WBE) bidders for the subcontract.

57. PERFORMANCE / BID BOND Essex County reserves the right to require the Bidder/Contractor to furnish without additional cost, a performance, payment or bid bond or negotiable irrevocable letter of credit or other form of security for the faithful performance of the contract, whenever the Purchasing Agent in his/her sole discretion deems such bond or security to be in Essex County's best interest. Where required, such bond or other security shall be in the form prescribed by the Purchasing Agent.

58. STOP / SUSPENSION OF WORK

(a) **Stop Work Order** The Purchasing Agent reserves the right to stop the work covered by this contract at any time that the successful Contractor becomes unable or incapable of performing the work or meeting any requirements or qualifications set forth in the contract. In the event of such stopping, the Purchasing Agent 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 Contractor shall be liable for any such cost on account thereof.

(b) **Suspension of Work Order** The Purchasing Agent, in his/her sole discretion, reserves the right to suspend any or all activities under this contract, at anytime, in the best interests of the State or Issuing Entity. In the event of such suspension, the contractor will be given a formal written notice outlining the particulars of such suspension. Examples of the reason for such suspension include, but are not limited to, a budget freeze on County spending, declaration of emergency, or other such circumstances. Upon issuance of such suspension of work, the Contractor is not to accept any purchase orders, as specified in the Suspension Order. Activity may resume at such time as the Purchasing Agent issues a formal written notice authorizing a resumption of work.

59. CANCELLATION A contract may be canceled by the Purchasing Agent, and/or an Authorized User may cancel its participation, license or service order under the contract, at the Contractors expense upon non-performance, or upon a determination that Contractor is non-responsive, or non-responsible.

60. FORCE MAJEURE The Contractor shall not be responsible for delay resulting from its failure to perform if neither the fault nor negligence of the Contractor, its officers, employees or agents contributed to such delay and the delay is due directly to acts of God, wars, acts of public enemies, strikes, fires or floods, or other similar cause beyond the control of the Contractor, or for any of the foregoing which affect subcontractors or suppliers and no alternate source of supply is available to the Contractor. In such event, Contractor shall notify the Purchasing Agent, by certified or registered mail, of the delay or potential delay and the cause(s) thereof either (a) within ten (10) calendar days after the cause which creates or will create the delay first arose if the Contractor could reasonably foresee that a delay could occur by reason thereof, or (b), if delay is not reasonably foreseeable, within five (5) calendar days after the date the Contractor first had reason to believe a delay could result. The foregoing shall constitute the Contractors sole remedy or excuse with respect to such delay. In the

event performance is suspended or delayed, in whole or in part, by reason of any of the aforesaid causes or occurrences and proper notification is given the Purchasing Agent, any performance so suspended or delayed shall be performed by the Contractor at no increased cost, promptly after such disabilities have ceased to exist unless it is determined in the sole discretion of the Purchasing Agent that the delay will significantly impair the value of the contract to the County or to Authorized Users, whereupon the Purchasing Agent may:

- (a) Accept allocated performance or deliveries from the Contractor. The Contractor, however, hereby agrees to grant preferential treatment to County Agencies with respect to Product subjected to allocation; and/or
- (b) Purchase from other sources (without recourse to and by the Contractor for the costs and expenses thereof) to replace all or part of the Products which are the subject of the delay, which purchases may be deducted from the contract quantity; or
- (c) Terminate the contract or the portion thereof which is subject to delivery delays, and thereby discharge any unexecuted portion of the contract or the relative part thereof.

61. CONTRACT BILLINGS Contractor shall provide complete and accurate billing invoices to each Authorized User in order to receive payment. Billings for Agencies must contain all information required by the County Treasurer and/or Auditor. The County Treasurer shall render payment for Agency purchases, and such payment shall be made in accordance with ordinary County procedures and practices. Payment of contract purchases made by Authorized Users other than Agencies shall be billed directly by Contractor on invoices/vouchers, together with complete and accurate supporting documentation as required by the Authorized User.

Submission of an invoice and payment thereof shall not preclude the Purchasing Agent from reimbursement or demanding a price adjustment in any case where the Product delivered is found to deviate from the terms and conditions of the bid and award documents.

62. DEFAULT - AUTHORIZED USER An Authorized Users breach shall not be deemed a breach of the centralized contract. In the event a participating Authorized User fails to make payment to the Contractor for Products delivered, accepted and properly invoiced, within 60 days of such delivery and acceptance, the Contractor may, upon 10 days advance written notice to both the Purchasing Agent and the Authorized Users purchasing official, suspend additional shipments of Product or provision of services to such entity until such time as reasonable arrangements have been made and assurances given by such entity for current and future contract payments.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Contractor shall, at least 10 days prior to declaring a breach of contract by any Authorized User, by certified or registered mail, notify both the Purchasing Agent and the purchasing official of the breaching Authorized User of the specific facts, circumstances and grounds upon which a breach will be declared. It is understood, however, that if the Contractors basis for declaring a breach is insufficient, the Contractors declaration of breach and failure to service an Authorized User shall constitute a breach of its contract and the County or Authorized User may thereafter utilize any remedy available at law or equity.

63. INTEREST ON LATE PAYMENTS

- (a) **County Agencies** The payment of interest on certain payments due and owed by a County agency may be made in accordance with Section 3-a of the *General Municipal Law* at the rate of three percent (3%) per annum.
- (b) **By Non-County Agencies** The terms of Article 11-A apply only to procurements by and the consequent payment obligations of the County. Neither expressly nor by any implication is the County responsible for payments on any purchases made by a Non-County Agency

Authorized User.

(c) By Contractor Should the Contractor be liable for any payments to the County hereunder, interest, late payment charges and collection fee charges will be determined and assessed pursuant to Section 18 of the *State Finance Law* to the same extent as though the contract was with the State of New York rather than the County.

64. REMEDIES FOR BREACH It is understood and agreed that all rights and remedies afforded below shall be in addition to all remedies or actions otherwise authorized or permitted by law:

(a) Cover / Substitute Performance Upon the failure of the Contractor to properly perform within the time specified, failure to provide acceptable service, to make immediate replacement of rejected Product when so requested, or upon the revocation of the Contract by the Purchasing Agent for cause, or upon repudiation of the contract by the Contractor, the Purchasing Agent may, with or without formally bidding same:

i. Purchase from other sources to replace the Product rejected, revoked, not timely delivered or repudiated; or

ii. If after making reasonable attempts, under the circumstances then existing, to timely provide acceptable service or acquire replacement product of equal or comparable quality, the Purchasing Agent is unsuccessful, the Purchasing Agent may acquire acceptable service or replacement product of lesser or greater quality.

Such purchases may, in the discretion of the Purchasing Agent, be deducted from the contract quantity.

(b) Withhold Payment In any case where a question of non-performance by Contractor arises, payment may be withheld in whole or in part at the discretion of the Purchasing Agent. Should the amount withheld be finally paid, a cash discount originally offered may be taken as if no delay in payment had occurred.

(c) Reimbursement of Costs Incurred The Contractor agrees to reimburse the County and/or Authorized User promptly for any and all additional costs and expenses incurred for acquiring acceptable services, and/or replacement Product. Should the cost of cover be less than the contract price, the Contractor shall have no claim to the difference. The Contractor covenants and agrees that in the event suit is successfully prosecuted for any default on the part of the Contractor, all costs and expenses expended or incurred by the County or Authorized User in connection therewith, including reasonable attorneys fees, shall be paid by the Contractor.

Where the Contractor fails to timely deliver pursuant to the guaranteed delivery terms of the contract, the Purchasing Agent may authorize an ordering Authorized User to rent substitute equipment temporarily. Any sums expended for such rental shall, upon demand, be reimbursed to the Authorized User promptly by the Contractor or deducted by the Authorized User from payments due or to become due the Contractor on the same or another transaction.

(d) Deduction / Credit Sums due as a result of these remedies may be deducted or offset by the County or Authorized User from payments due, or to become due, the Contractor on the same or another transaction. If no deduction or only a partial deduction is made in such fashion the Contractor shall pay to the County or Authorized User the amount of such claim or portion of the claim still outstanding, on demand. The Purchasing Agent reserves the right to determine the disposition of any rebates, settlements, restitution, liquidated damages, etc. which arise from the administration of the contract.

65. ASSIGNMENT OF CLAIM Contractor hereby assigns to the County any and all its claims for overcharges associated with this contract which may arise under the antitrust laws of the United States, 15 U.S.C. Section 1, *et seq.* and the antitrust laws of the State of New York, *General Business Law* Section 340, *et seq.*

66. TOXIC SUBSTANCES Each Contractor furnishing a toxic substance as defined by Section 875 of the *Labor Law*, shall provide such Authorized User with not less than two copies of a material safety data sheet, which sheet shall include for each such substance the information outlined in Section 876 of the *Labor Law*.

Before any chemical product is used or applied on or in any building, a copy of the product label and Material Safety Data Sheet must be provided to and approved by the user agency representative.

67. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR It is understood and agreed that the legal status of the Contractor, its agents, officers and employees under this Contract is that of an independent contractor, and in no manner shall they be deemed employees of the County or Authorized User, and therefore are not entitled to any of the benefits associated with such employment. The Contractor agrees, during the term of this contract, to maintain at Contractors expense those benefits to which its employees would otherwise be entitled by law, including health benefits, and all necessary insurance for its employees, including workers compensation, disability and unemployment insurance, and to provide the Authorized User with certification of such insurance upon request. The Contractor remains responsible for all applicable federal, state and local taxes, and all FICA contributions.

68. SECURITY / CONFIDENTIALITY Contractor warrants, covenants and represents that it will comply fully with all security procedures of the County and any Authorized User(s) in performance of the Contract.

Contractor further warrants, covenants and represents that any confidential information obtained by Contractor, its agents, subcontractors, officers, or employees in the course of performing its obligations, including without limitation, security procedures, business operations information, or commercial proprietary information in the possession of the County or any Authorized User hereunder or received from another third party, will not be divulged to any third parties. Contractor shall not be required to keep confidential any such confidential material which is publicly available through no fault of Contractor, independently developed by Contractor without reliance on confidential information of the County or Authorized User, or otherwise obtained under the Freedom of Information Act or other applicable New York State Laws and Regulations. This warranty shall survive termination of this Contract for a period of five (5) years. Contractor further agrees to take appropriate steps to instruct its personnel, agents, officers and any subcontractors regarding the obligations arising under this clause to insure such confidentiality.

69. COOPERATION WITH THIRD PARTIES The Contractor shall be responsible for fully cooperating with any third party agents, including but not limited to subcontractors of the Authorized User, relating to delivery of product or coordination of services.

70. CONTRACT TERM - EXTENSION In addition to any stated renewal periods in the Contract, any contract or unit portion thereof let by the Purchasing Agent may be extended by the Purchasing Agent for an additional period(s) of up to one year (cumulatively) with the written concurrence of the Contractor.

71. WARRANTIES & GUARANTEES Contractor hereby warrants and guarantees:

- (a) To fully defend, indemnify and save harmless the County, Authorized Users and their respective officers, agents and employees from suits, actions, damages and costs of every name and description arising out of the acts or omissions of Contractor, its officers, employees,

subcontractors, partners, or agents, in any performance under this contract including: i) personal injury, damage to real or personal tangible or intangible property, without limitation; ii) negligence, either active or passive, without limitation, or iii) infringement of any law or of a United States Letter Patent with respect to the Products furnished, or of any copyright, trademark, trade secret or other third party intellectual proprietary rights, without limitation, provided that the County or Authorized User shall give Contractor: (a) prompt written notice of any action, claim or threat of infringement suit, or other suit, promptness of which shall be established by Authorized User upon the furnishing of written notice and verified receipt, (b) the opportunity to take over, settle or defend such action, claim or suit at Bidders sole expense, and (c) assistance in the defense of any such action at the expense of Contractor. Where a dispute or claim arises relative to a real or anticipated infringement, the County or Authorized User may require Bidder/Contractor, at its sole expense, to submit such information and documentation, including formal patent attorney opinions, as the Purchasing Agent shall require.

(b) Contractor warrants full ownership, clear title free of all liens, or perpetual license rights to any Products transferred to Authorized User under this Contract, and Contractor shall be solely liable for any costs of acquisition associated therewith without limitation. Contractor warrants that Authorized User will have undisturbed, peaceful use of the Products, including, without limitation, software, object or source codes, custom programming or third party intellectual property rights incorporated or embedded therein, and training modules or Documentation. Contractor fully indemnifies the County and Authorized User for any loss, damages or actions arising from a breach of said warranty without limitation.

(c) To pay, at its sole expense, all applicable permits, licenses, tariffs, tolls and fees and give all notices and comply with all laws, ordinances, rules and regulations of any governmental entity in conjunction with the performance of obligations under the contract.

(d) Unless recycled or recovered materials are available in accordance with the "Recycled & Recovered Materials" clause, Product offered shall be standard new equipment, current model of regular stock product with all parts regularly used with the type of equipment offered; and no attachment or part has been substituted or applied contrary to the manufacturers recommendations and standard practice. Every Product, including any substituted or replacement unit delivered, must be guaranteed against faulty material and workmanship for a period of one year from and after the date the unit is accepted unless otherwise specified by the County or Authorized User. Notwithstanding the foregoing, when the manufacturers standard guarantee for Product or any component thereof exceeds one year, the longer guarantee period shall apply to such unit or component thereof delivered under this contract. Furthermore, the Contractor agrees to extend its warranty period with regard to any Product delivered by the cumulative periods of time, after notification, during which the Product requires servicing or replacement (down time) or is in the possession of the Contractor, its agents, officers or employees. If during the regular or extended warranty periods faults develop, the Contractor shall promptly repair or, upon demand, replace the defective unit or component part affected. All costs for labor and material and transportation incurred to repair or replace defective goods during the warranty periods shall be borne solely by the Contractor, and the County or Authorized User shall in no event be liable or responsible therefore. This warranty shall survive any termination of the contract in accordance with the warranty term.

(e) Where the provision of services requires the replacement or repair of Product, any replaced or repaired component, part or Product shall be new and shall, if available, be replaced by the original manufacturers component, part or Product. All proposed substitutes for the original manufacturers installed Product must be approved by the Authorized User before installation. The Product or part shall be equal to or of better quality than the original Product being replaced. Any Product replaced by the Contractor under the contract shall be guaranteed for one (1) year from the date of replacement and replaced at no cost to the Authorized User if found defective during that time.

(f) Prior to award and during the Contract term and any renewals thereof, Contractor must establish to the satisfaction of the Purchasing Agent that it meets or exceeds all requirements of the bid and any applicable laws, including but not limited to, permits, insurance coverage, licensing, proof of coverage for workman's compensation, and shall provide such proof as required by the Purchasing Agent. Failure to do so may constitute grounds for the County to cancel or suspend this contract, in whole or in part, or to take any other action deemed necessary by the Purchasing Agent.

The Contractor further warrants and guarantees:

- i. His/Her/Its products against defective material or workmanship and to repair or replace any damages or marring occasioned in transit.
- ii. To furnish adequate protection from damage for all work and repair damages of any kind for which he or his workmen are responsible, to the building or equipment, to his own work, or to the work of other successful bidders.
- iii. To carry adequate insurance to protect the County from loss in case of accident, fire, theft, etc.
- iv. That all deliveries will be equal to the accepted bid sample.
- v. That the equipment delivered is standard, new, latest model of regular stock product or as required by the specifications; also that no attachment or part has been substituted or applied contrary to manufacturer's recommendations and standard practice. Every unit delivered must be guaranteed against faulty material and workmanship for a period of at least one year from date of delivery. If during this period such faults develop, the successful bidder agrees to replace the unit or the part affected without cost to the County. Any merchandise provided under the contract which is or becomes defective during the guarantee period shall be replaced by the successful bidder free of charge with the specific understanding that all replacements shall carry the same guarantee as the original equipment. The successful bidder shall make any such replacement immediately upon receiving notice from the County.
- vi. That all manufacturers product warranties and guarantees shall be furnished to the County, and that the County's rights thereunder shall not be in any way impaired or limited.

GENERAL

72. APPLICABILITY In addition to the terms contained in **Part I (General - All Procurements)**, the terms contained in **Part II (Software & Technology Procurements)** apply to software and technology procurements.

73. DEFINITIONS - Part II

DOCUMENTATION The complete set of manuals (e.g. user, installation, instruction or diagnostic manuals) in either hard or electronic copy, necessary to enable an Authorized User to properly test, install, operate and enjoy full use of the Product in accordance with the license rights.

ENTERPRISE The business operations in the United States of a Licensee or Enterprise Participant, without regard to geographic location where such operations are performed or the entity actually performing such operations on behalf of Licensee or Enterprise Participant. For the County of New York, "business operations" shall be defined as the business operations of all Agencies, as defined in Part I.

ENTERPRISE LICENSE A contract which grants Enterprise Participants unlimited license rights to access, use and/or execute Product within the Enterprise.

ENTERPRISE PARTICIPANTS One or more Licensees, as defined in Part I, participating in an Enterprise License.

LICENSE EFFECTIVE DATE The date Product is delivered to an Authorized User. Where a License involves Licensees right to copy a previously licensed and delivered Master Copy of a Program, the license effective date for additional copies shall be deemed to be the date on which the Purchase Order is executed.

LOGICAL PARTITION A subset of the processing power within a CEC which has been divided through hardware and/or software means (i.e. *Processor Resources/System Manager [PR/SM]*) so as to limit the total processing power which is accessible by an operating system image by individual users or individual software products.

OBJECT CODE The machine executable code that can be directly executed by a computers central processing unit(s).

PHYSICAL PARTITION A subset of the processing power within a CEC which has been derived through hardware means so as to limit the total processing power accessible by an operating system image by individual users or individual Products.

SITE The location (street address) where Product will be executed.

SOURCE CODE The programming statements or instructions written and expressed in any language understandable by a human being skilled in the art which are translated by a language compiler to produce executable machine Object Code.

TERMS OF LICENSE The terms and conditions set forth in the Contract which are in effect and applicable to a Product order at the time of order placement, and only such additional terms as are consistent therewith or more advantageous to the Authorized User as are set forth on the individual Product order form executed and approved by both Authorized User and Contractor.

VIRUS Any computer code, whether or not written or conceived by Contractor, which disrupts, disables, harms, or otherwise impedes in any manner the operation of the Product, or any other associated software, firmware, hardware, or computer system (such as local area or wide-area networks), including aesthetic disruptions or distortions, but does not include security keys or other such devices installed by Product manufacturer.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

74. SOFTWARE LICENSE GRANT *Unless otherwise set forth in the Bid Specifications or Contract, where Product is acquired on a licensed basis the following shall constitute the license grant:*

(a) **License Scope** Licensee is granted a non-exclusive, perpetual license to use, execute, reproduce, display, perform, or merge the Product with other product within its business enterprise in the United States. Licensee shall have the right to use and distribute modifications or customizations of the Product to and for use by any Authorized Users otherwise licensed to use the product, provided that any modifications, however extensive, shall not diminish manufacturers proprietary title or interest. No license, right or interest in any trademark, trade name, or service mark is granted hereunder.

(b) **License Term** The license term shall commence upon the License Effective Date. Where the terms of license permit licensing on a non-perpetual basis, the license term stated in

the Contract shall be extended by the time periods allowed for testing and acceptance.

(c) Licensed Documentation Contractor hereby grants to Licensee a perpetual license right to make, reproduce (including downloading electronic copies of the Product) and distribute, either electronically or otherwise, copies of Product Documentation as necessary to enjoy full use of the Product. If commercially available, Licensee shall have the option to require the Contractor to deliver, at Contractors expense: a) One (1) hard copy and One (1) Master Electronic Copy of the Documentation in diskette or CD-ROM format; or b) hard copies of the Product Documentation by type of license in the following amounts, unless otherwise mutually agreed:

- Individual/Named User License – 1 copy per License
- Concurrent Users – 8 copies per site
- Processing Capacity – 8 copies per site

(d) Product Use Product may be accessed, used, executed, reproduced, displayed, performed by Licensee to service all Authorized Users of the machine on which Product is installed, up to the capacity measured by the applicable licensing unit stated in the terms of license (i.e. payroll size, number of employees, CPU, MIPS, MSU, concurrent user, workstation).

(e) Permitted License Transfers As Licensee's business operations may be altered, expanded or diminished, licenses granted hereunder may be transferred or combined for use at an alternative or consolidated Authorized User site not originally specified in the license, including transfers between Agencies ("permitted license transfers"). Licensee(s) do not have to obtain the approval of Contractor for permitted license transfers, but must give thirty (30) days prior written notice to Contractor of such move(s) and certify in writing that the Product is not in use at the prior site. There shall be no additional license or other transfer fees due Contractor, provided that: i) the maximum capacity of the consolidated machine is equal to the combined individual license capacity of all licenses running at the consolidated or transferred site. (e.g., named users, seats, or MIPS); and ii) that, if the maximum capacity of the consolidated machine is greater than the individual license capacity being transferred, a logical or physical partition or other means of restricting access will be maintained within the computer system so as to restrict use and access to the Product to that unit of licensed capacity solely dedicated to beneficial use for Licensee.

(f) Restricted Use By Outsourcers / Facilities Management, Service Bureaus / or Other Third Parties Outsourcers, facilities management or service bureaus retained by Licensee shall have the right to use the Product to maintain Licensee's business operations, including data processing, for the time period that they are engaged in such activities, provided that: 1) Licensee gives notice to Contractor of such party, site of intended use of the Product, and means of access; and 2) such party has executed, or agrees to execute, the Product manufacturers standard nondisclosure or restricted use agreement which executed agreement shall be accepted by the Contractor ("NonDisclosure Agreement"); and 3) if such party is engaged in the business of facility management, outsourcing, service bureau or other services, such third party will maintain a logical or physical partition within its computer system so as to restrict use and access to the program to that portion solely dedicated to beneficial use for Licensee. In no event shall Licensee assume any liability for third partys compliance with the terms of the Non-Disclosure Agreement, nor shall the Non-Disclosure Agreement create or impose any liabilities on the County or Licensee.

Any third party with whom a Licensee has a relationship for a state function or business operation, shall have the temporary right to use Product (using, for example, but not limited to, JAVA Applets), provided that such use shall be limited to the time period during which the third party is using the Product for the stated function or business activity.

(g) Archival Back-Up and Disaster Recovery Licensee may use and copy the Product and related Documentation in connection with: 1) reproducing a reasonable number of copies of the Product for archival backup and disaster recovery procedures in the event of destruction or corruption of the Product or disasters or emergencies which require Licensee to restore backup(s) or to initiate disaster recovery procedures for its platform or operating systems; 2) reproducing a reasonable number of copies of the Product and related documentation for cold site storage. "Cold Site" storage shall be defined as a restorable back-up copy of the Product not to be installed until and after the declaration by the Licensee of a disaster; 3) reproducing a back-up copy of the Product to run for a reasonable period of time in conjunction with a documented consolidation or transfer otherwise allowed under paragraph (F) above. "Disaster Recovery" shall be defined as the installation and storage of Product in ready-to-execute, back-up computer systems prior to disaster or breakdown which is not used for active production or development.

(h) Confidentiality Restrictions The Product is a trade secret and proprietary product. Licensee and its employees will keep the Product strictly confidential, and Licensee will not disclose or otherwise distribute or reproduce any Product to anyone other than as authorized under the terms of license. Licensee will not remove or destroy any proprietary markings of Contractor.

(i) Restricted Use by Licensee Except as expressly authorized by the terms of license, Licensee shall not:

- a. Copy the Product;
- b. Cause or permit reverse compilation or reverse assembly of all or any portion of the Product;
- c. Distribute, disclose, market, rent, lease or transfer to any third party any portion of the Product or the Documentation, or use the Product or Documentation in any service bureau arrangement;
- d. Disclose the results of Product performance benchmarks to any third party who is not an Authorized User without prior notice to Contractor;
- e. Export the Licensed Software in violation of any U.S. Department of Commerce export administration regulations.

75. ENTERPRISE LICENSE OPTION FOR SOFTWARE Multiple Authorized Users may license any Product offered under the Contract on behalf of their collective business operations. An Enterprise License shall incorporate the terms set forth in this Part II and the pricing set forth in the Contract, and additionally the following terms:

(a) Enterprise – Defined Any Authorized User may be an Enterprise Participant. Enterprise Participants will be enumerated in the Enterprise License, including: i) contact name, ship to and main billing address of each Enterprise Participant, ii) street address of the included End User sites of each Enterprise Participant. The originally defined Enterprise may be modified at any time thereafter, including deletion or addition of Enterprise Participants, sites ownership to locations, provided that Contractor is given written notice and that any additional capacity required by such addition is licensed in accordance with the Enterprise License terms.

(b) Product Use Product licensed under this Enterprise Option shall be licensed with the rights set forth in this Part II, without reference to a specific designated system or Licensee, up to the maximum licensed capacity. Product may be used and freely transferable anywhere

within the defined Enterprise, including higher or lower performance machines, and Enterprise Participants will not incur an increase in license, support or other charges provided that the aggregate utilization of the Product does not exceed the aggregate Enterprise Licensed capacity.

(c) Submission of Orders, Billing and Usage Reporting An Enterprise may be established for order placement and billing as either a “single” or “multiple” point of contact, at Licensees option. Where designated as a “single”, one Enterprise Participant shall be designated as the lead agency and central point for submission of Purchase Orders, usage reporting and billing. Where designated as “multiple” point of contact, each designated Enterprise Participant shall be responsible for submission of Purchase Orders, reporting and billing with regard to its use of Enterprise Licensed Product. For either single or multiple point of contact Enterprises, a) Contractor agrees to hold each Enterprise Participant solely responsible for payment and performance; and b) Contractor shall be responsible for furnishing an annual report to each designated point of contact summarizing overall Enterprise License activity for the preceding twelve months.

(d) Shipping / Delivery Contractor shall be responsible for delivery of Master Copies of Enterprise Licensed Product and documentation to Enterprise Participants. Within either “Single” or “Multiple” Enterprise Licenses, shipping and delivery of Master Copies of Product and Documentation shall be the responsibility of Contractor to each “ship to” location specified on the Purchase Order(s). Distribution and installation of Enterprise Licensed Product to End Users at a site shall be the responsibility of the Licensee.

(e) Enterprise Operating Systems Unless otherwise specified by the parties, up to ten (10) hardware/operating system combinations for Product shall be included at no additional charge. The initial ten hardware/operating systems may be specified at any time within five (5) years of the Enterprise License effective date. Additional hardware/operating systems beyond the initial ten (10) may be specified at anytime by the Enterprise, however if additional copies of Product are required for hardware/operating systems beyond the initial ten, the cost for such systems will be as mutually agreed between the parties.

(f) Product Acceptance Each Enterprise Participant shall have a right of acceptance, as set forth above in this Part II, only for the first copy of Product for its site(s).

(g) Enterprise Fees Enterprise License Fees shall be set forth in the Contract. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Product license fees for additional copies or units of capacity for Enterprise licensed Product shall not increase by more than six percent (6%) annually each year during the Enterprise License term. Contractor may offer additional discounts/incentives for Enterprise Participants as may be mutually agreed between the parties. Enterprise Participants shall be entitled to aggregate the volume of all Enterprise Participants for purposes of establishing any applicable discounts under the Contract, and Enterprise Licensed Volume shall be aggregated with volume of non-Enterprise Licensed Product otherwise purchased under the centralized Contract. Upon termination of the Enterprise, Enterprise Participants have the right to acquire additional capacity or users at the Enterprise License price for twelve months after the termination of the Enterprise License.

(h) Technical Support Unless otherwise mutually agreed, technical support is optional and may be elected individually by Product by each Enterprise Participant. Where an Enterprise Participant is under a current maintenance or technical support contract, such Enterprise Participant shall be entitled to credit any support paid covering any portion of the Enterprise License Term to the fees due under the Enterprise license.

Enterprise Participants shall have the right to partially or wholly de-support a subset of unused Enterprise licensed capacity upon written notice to Contractor at the end of any then -

current technical support term without penalty or charge. The capacity for a Program license which has been de-supported must remain inactive and may not be used within the Enterprise unless technical support for such capacity has been reinstated. In the event of de-support, Contractor reserves the right to reasonably determine compatibility of future releases or new programs prior to shipment.

(i) Merger of Two or More Enterprises Two or more Enterprises may be merged to form a larger Enterprise for the purpose of sharing and exchanging data at no additional license fee provided that participants give Contractor notice of such merger and that the combined capacity does not exceed the maximum capacity of the individual licenses.

(j) "Nested" Enterprises Individual Enterprise License participant(s) may license additional capacity or products for the specific use of a subset of the larger enterprise. Said participant(s) must certify in writing to Contractor that such use is only by the enumerated subset of participants.

(k) Default A default by any Enterprise Participant shall entitle the Contractor to the remedies against such participant under the Contract, but shall not be deemed a default by the remaining non-defaulting Enterprise Participants.

76. PRODUCT ACCEPTANCE Unless otherwise provided in the Bid Specifications, the County and/or Authorized User(s) shall have sixty (60) days from delivery to accept Product. Failure to provide notice of acceptance or rejection by the end of the period provided for under this clause would constitute acceptance by the County or Authorized User(s) as of the expiration of that period.

Unless otherwise provided in the Bid Specifications, The County or Authorized User shall have the option to run acceptance testing on the Product prior to acceptance, such tests and data sets to be specified by User. Where using its own data or tests, The County or Authorized User must have the tests or representative set of data available upon delivery. This demonstration will take the form of a documented installation test, capable of observation by the County or Authorized User, and shall be made part of the Contractors standard documentation. The test data shall remain accessible to the County or Authorized User after completion of the test.

In the event that the documented installation test cannot be completed successfully within sixty (60) days from delivery, and the Contractor or Product is responsible for the delay, The County or Authorized User shall have the option to cancel the order in whole or in part, or to extend the testing period for another sixty (60) day increment. The County or Authorized User shall notify Contractor of acceptance upon successful completion of the documented installation test. Such cancellation shall not give rise to any cause of action against the County or Authorized User for damages, loss of profits, expenses, or other remuneration of any kind.

Costs and liabilities associated with a failure of the Product to perform in accordance with the functionality tests or product specifications during the acceptance period shall be borne fully by Contractor to the extent that said costs or liabilities shall not have been caused by negligent or willful acts or omissions of the The County or Authorized Users agents or employees. Said costs shall be limited to fees paid to Contractor, if any, or any liability for costs incurred at the direction or recommendation of Contractor.

77. AUDIT OF LICENSED PRODUCT USAGE Contractor shall have the right to periodically audit, at its expense, use of licensed Product at any site where a copy of the Product resides provided that: i) Contractor gives Licensee or Enterprise Participants at least thirty (30) days advance notice, ii) such audit is conducted during such party's normal business hours iii) each Licensee or Enterprise Participant is entitled to designate a representative who shall be entitled to participant and simultaneously review all information obtained by the audit, and shall be entitled to copies of all reports, data or information obtained by the Contractor; and iv) if the audit shows that such party is not in

compliance such party shall be liable for the unlicensed capacity and shall be required to purchase the additional units or rights necessary to bring it into compliance.

78. OWNERSHIP / TITLE TO CUSTOM PRODUCTS OR PROGRAMMING Where contract deliverables include custom products or programming, title, rights and interests to such Product(s) shall be determined as follows:

(a) Definitions

Product For purposes of this section, the term "Product" shall have the meaning set forth in Part I of these *General Specifications*, which includes, but is not limited to: software applications or programming, programming tools, documentation (including user or training manuals), modules, interfaces, templates, and other elements such as utilities, subroutines, algorithms, formulas, source code, object code, reports, drawings, or data.

"Existing Product" is defined as any proprietary material(s) existing or developed independently and not at the expense of Licensee.

"Custom Product" is defined as any material(s), exclusive of Existing Product, created, prepared, written, compiled or developed by Contractor, or anyone acting on his behalf for The County or Authorized User pursuant to the Contract.

(b) Contractor or Third Party Manufacturers Title to Existing Product Title to Existing Product(s) does not transfer. With respect to such Existing Product(s), whether embedded in or operating in conjunction with Custom Product, Contractor warrants: a) all right, title and interest in Contractor's Existing Product(s); or b) all license rights, title and interest in third party Existing Product(s), which include the right to grant to The County or Authorized User an irrevocable, non-exclusive, worldwide, paid-up license to use, execute, reproduce, display, perform, and distribute Existing Product(s). Contractor hereby grants a irrevocable, non-exclusive, worldwide, paid-up license to use, execute, reproduce, display, perform, and distribute Existing Product(s) embedded in or transferred for use in conjunction with Custom Product(s). The Licensee agrees to reproduce the copyright notice and any other legend of ownership on any copies made under the license granted under this paragraph prior to distribution or use.

(c) Title to Custom Product Title to Custom Product(s), excluding Existing Product, shall be deemed the sole and exclusive property of the County or Authorized User, who shall have all right, title and interest (including ownership and copyrights). For the purposes of the federal copyright law, execution of this contract shall constitute an assignment of all right, title and interest in the Custom Product(s) by Contractor to the County or Authorized User. The County or Authorized User, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to sell Custom Product or to license them on an exclusive or non-exclusive basis to Contractor or other Third Parties. Contractor hereby agrees to take all necessary and appropriate steps to ensure that Custom Product is protected against unauthorized use, execution, reproduction, display, performance, or distribution by or through Contractor, its partners or agents. Notwithstanding this reservation of title, Contractor shall not be precluded from using the related or underlying general knowledge, skills and experience developed in the course of providing the Custom Product in the course of Contractor's business.

(d) Acquisitions Funded By Tax Exempt Financing In addition to the foregoing rights under a, b and c, the sale or licensing of Custom Product or rights therein shall not occur until such Product or rights are or become useable, and shall be at fair market value which shall be determined at the time of sale or licensing. Any such transfer shall be pursuant to a separate written agreement. If the Contract deliverables are to be funded through tax exempt financing, the County or Authorized User may assign to a Trustee or other entity for security purposes County or Authorized Users ownership and license rights in Custom and Existing Products. Contractor will cooperate with the County or Authorized User to execute such other documents as may be appropriate to achieve the objectives of

this paragraph.

(e) Other Acquisitions (Not Funded by Tax Exempt Financing) In addition to the rights set forth above (paragraphs “a”, “b” and “c”), the County or Authorized User reserves the right to transfer any or all rights to Custom Materials on an exclusive or non-exclusive basis. Where such transfer (sale or licensing) is provided in the Bid Specifications, Contractor shall include a purchase price for such rights in its bid. Such price shall be offered as a deduction from Contractor’s overall Bid or Project Bid price, and shall be weighted as set forth in the bid evaluation criteria, if any. Such rights shall transfer to the successful Bidder/Contractor upon successful completion and acceptance by the County or Authorized User of all contract deliverables. Contractor will cooperate with the County or Authorized User to execute such other documents as may be appropriate to achieve the objectives of this paragraph.

79. PROOF OF LICENSE The Contractor must provide to each Licensee who places a Product order either: a) the Product manufacturer’s certified License Confirmation Certificates in the name of each such Licensee; or b) a written confirmation from the Product manufacturer accepting Contractors Product invoice as proof of license. Bidder or Contractor shall submit a sample manufacturers certificate, or alternatively such written confirmation from the manufacturer, with the Bid or Contract. Such certificates must be in a form acceptable to the Licensee.

80. PRODUCT VERSION Product orders shall be deemed to reference Manufacturers most recently released model or version of the Product at time of delivery, unless an earlier model or version is specifically requested in writing by the County or Authorized User and Contractor is willing to provide such version.

81. MIGRATION TO CENTRALIZED CONTRACT The County or Authorized User may obtain additional Product authorized under this contract, (e.g., licensed capacity upgrades, new releases, documentation, maintenance, consulting or training) whether or not Product was initially obtained independently of this contract. The County or Authorized Users election to obtain additional Product shall not operate to diminish, alter or extinguish rights previously granted.

82. NOTICE OF PRODUCT DISCONTINUANCE In the event that a Product manufacturer proposes to discontinue maintenance or support for Product, Contractor shall (1) notify the County and each Authorized User in writing of the intended discontinuance, and (2) continue to provide maintenance and support for the greater of: a) the best terms offered by Contractor to any other customer, or b) not less than eighteen (18) months from the date of notice, and (3) at The County or Authorized Users option, either a) provided that the County or Authorized User is under maintenance, provide the County or Authorized User with either a Product replacement with equivalent functionality at no additional charge, or b) provide County or Authorized User with the source code for Licensed Product at no additional charge to enable it to continue use and maintenance of the Product.

83. REINSTATEMENT OF MAINTENANCE The County or Authorized User shall not be required to purchase maintenance for use of Product, and may discontinue maintenance at the end of any current maintenance term upon written notice to Contractor. In the event that The County or Authorized User discontinues maintenance of licensed Product, it may, at any time thereafter, reinstate maintenance for Product without any additional penalties or other charges, by paying Contractor at rates which would have been due under the contract for the period of time that such maintenance had lapsed, or for twelve months, whichever is less.

84. NO HARDSTOP / PASSIVE LICENSE MONITORING Contractor hereby represents, warrants and covenants that the Product and all Upgrades do not and will not contain any computer code that would disable the Product or Upgrades or impair in any way its operation based on the elapsing of a period of time, exceeding an authorized number of copies, advancement to a particular date or other numeral, or other similar self-destruct mechanisms (sometimes referred to as “time bombs”, “time locks”, or “drop dead” devices) or that would permit Contractor to access the Product to cause such disablement or

impairment (sometimes referred to as a “trap door” device). Contractor agrees that in the event of a breach or alleged breach of this provision that The County or Authorized User shall not have an adequate remedy at law, including monetary damages, and that The County or Authorized User shall consequently be entitled to seek a temporary restraining order, injunction, or other form of equitable relief against the continuance of such breach, in addition to any and all remedies to which The County or Authorized User shall be entitled.

85. ADDITIONAL WARRANTIES / GUARANTEES Where Contractor or Product manufacturer offers additional or more advantageous warranties than set forth herein, Contractor shall offer or pass through any additional or more advantageous warranties to The County or Authorized Users. In addition to the ‘Warranties/Guarantees’ set forth in Part I, Contractor makes the following warranties.

(a) **Product Performance Warranty** Contractor represents and warrants that the Products delivered pursuant to this contract conform to the manufacturers specifications, performance standards, and documentation and that the documentation fully describes the proper procedure for using the Products in an efficient manner. Contractor does not warrant that software is error-free.

In the event that Contractor does not remedy a substantial breach of this warranty within the cure period, Licensee shall also have the right to terminate any payments due Contractor, with a refund of the any fees prospectively paid from the date of breach.

(b) **Year 2000 Warranty** For all procurements of Product, Contractor must furnish a warranty statement in accordance with the NYS Standard Year 2000 Warranty Compliance Statement set forth in Part I at the time of bid for agency specific contracts or product order for centralized contracts.

(c) **Virus Warranty** Contractor represents and warrants that Licensed Software contains no known viruses. Bidder is not responsible for viruses introduced at Licensees site. For purposes of this provision, “Virus” shall have the meaning set forth in Part II, “Definitions”.

A breach of any of the foregoing shall be deemed a material breach of the Contract or any License granted thereunder. The defaulting party shall be given written notice of a warranty breach under this section and shall have a thirty (30) day period to cure such breach.

86. INDEMINIFICATION THE WARRANTIES SET FORTH IN THESE *GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS* (PARTS I and II) ARE IN LIEU OF ALL OTHER WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.

Contractor shall defend, indemnify and save harmless the County and Authorized Users from suits, actions, claims, damages and costs arising under or connected to Contractors actions, and except where express loss liabilities set forth elsewhere in the Contract provide for a higher loss limitation liability than as set forth in this paragraph, or where such express provisions impose Contractor liability on “without limitation”, the total liability of Contractor for such claim(s), regardless of the nature and basis for the claim, shall not exceed two (2) times the fees paid for the applicable Product. For any suit, action, claim, damages or costs arising under or are connected to personal injury or property damage, or breach of the title, patent and copyright warranties, Contractor shall be fully liable without limitation.

The County or Authorized User may retain such moneys from the amount due Contractor as may be necessary to satisfy any claim for damages, costs and the like asserted by or against the County or Authorized User, provided however, that Contractor shall not indemnify each such entity to the extent that any claim, loss or damages arising hereunder is caused by the negligence act or failure to act of said entity.

87. SOURCE CODE ESCROW FOR LICENSED PRODUCTS If source code or source code escrow is offered by either Contractor or Product manufacturer/developer to any other commercial customers, Contractor either: i) will provide Licensee with the Source Code for the Product; or ii) place the Source Code in a third party escrow arrangement with a designated escrow agent who shall be named and identified to the County, and who shall be directed to release the deposited Source Code in accordance with a standard escrow agreement acceptable to the County, or iii) will certify to the County that the Product manufacturer/developer has named the County, and the Licensee, as a named beneficiary of an established escrow arrangement with its designated escrow agent who shall be named and identified to the County and Licensee, and who shall be directed to release the deposited Source Code in accordance with the terms of escrow. Source Code, as well as any corrections or enhancements to such source code, shall be updated for each new release of the Product in the same manner as provided above. Contractor shall identify the escrow agent upon commencement of the contract term and shall certify annually that the escrow remains in effect in compliance with the terms of this paragraph.

The County may release the Source Code to Licensees under this Contract who have licensed Product or obtained services, who may use such copy of the Source Code to maintain the Product.

ESSEX COUNTY PURCHASING
7551 COURT STREET – PO BOX 217
ELIZABETHTOWN, NY 12932

NON-BIDDER RESPONSE

Bid/RFP Name: _____

The Essex County Purchasing Department is interested in the reasons why bidders fail to submit bids. Please indicate your reason(s) by checking all appropriate item(s) below and returning this form to the above address.

- ☐ Could not meet specifications or Scope of Services.
- ☐ Items or materials requested not manufactured by us or not available to our company.
- ☐ Insurance Requirements are too restricting.
- ☐ Bond requirements are too restricting.
- ☐ Specifications or Scope of Services not clearly understood or applicable (too vague, too rigid, etc.)
- ☐ Project not suited to firm,
- ☐ Quantities too small.
- ☐ Insufficient time allowed for preparation of bid.
- ☐ Other reasons; please state and define:

Vendor Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Vendor Address: _____

Vendor Telephone: _____

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

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

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

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I instructions on page 3. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN* on page 3.

Note. If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1 and the chart on page 4 for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number								
				-				
or								
Employer identification number								
				-				

Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

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

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions on page 3.

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

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

Future developments. Information about developments affecting Form W-9 (such as legislation enacted after we release it) is at www.irs.gov/fw9.

Purpose of Form

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

- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)
- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
- Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
- Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
- Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
- Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)

- Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
- Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
- Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)

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

If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See What is backup withholding? on page 2.

By signing the filled-out form, you:

1. Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),
2. Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
3. Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income, and
4. Certify that FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that you are exempt from the FATCA reporting, is correct. See *What is FATCA reporting?* on page 2 for further information.

Note. If you are a U.S. person and a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

Definition of a U.S. person. For federal tax purposes, you are considered a U.S. person if you are:

- An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien;
- A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States;
- An estate (other than a foreign estate); or
- A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

Special rules for partnerships. Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax under section 1446 on any foreign partners' share of effectively connected taxable income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, the rules under section 1446 require a partnership to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the section 1446 withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid section 1446 withholding on your share of partnership income.

In the cases below, the following person must give Form W-9 to the partnership for purposes of establishing its U.S. status and avoiding withholding on its allocable share of net income from the partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States:

- In the case of a disregarded entity with a U.S. owner, the U.S. owner of the disregarded entity and not the entity;
- In the case of a grantor trust with a U.S. grantor or other U.S. owner, generally, the U.S. grantor or other U.S. owner of the grantor trust and not the trust; and
- In the case of a U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust), the U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust) and not the beneficiaries of the trust.

Foreign person. If you are a foreign person or the U.S. branch of a foreign bank that has elected to be treated as a U.S. person, do not use Form W-9. Instead, use the appropriate Form W-8 or Form 8233 (see Publication 515, Withholding of Tax on Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Entities).

Nonresident alien who becomes a resident alien. Generally, only a nonresident alien individual may use the terms of a tax treaty to reduce or eliminate U.S. tax on certain types of income. However, most tax treaties contain a provision known as a "saving clause." Exceptions specified in the saving clause may permit an exemption from tax to continue for certain types of income even after the payee has otherwise become a U.S. resident alien for tax purposes.

If you are a U.S. resident alien who is relying on an exception contained in the saving clause of a tax treaty to claim an exemption from U.S. tax on certain types of income, you must attach a statement to Form W-9 that specifies the following five items:

1. The treaty country. Generally, this must be the same treaty under which you claimed exemption from tax as a nonresident alien.
2. The treaty article addressing the income.
3. The article number (or location) in the tax treaty that contains the saving clause and its exceptions.
4. The type and amount of income that qualifies for the exemption from tax.
5. Sufficient facts to justify the exemption from tax under the terms of the treaty article.

Example. Article 20 of the U.S.-China income tax treaty allows an exemption from tax for scholarship income received by a Chinese student temporarily present in the United States. Under U.S. law, this student will become a resident alien for tax purposes if his or her stay in the United States exceeds 5 calendar years. However, paragraph 2 of the first Protocol to the U.S.-China treaty (dated April 30, 1984) allows the provisions of Article 20 to continue to apply even after the Chinese student becomes a resident alien of the United States. A Chinese student who qualifies for this exception (under paragraph 2 of the first protocol) and is relying on this exception to claim an exemption from tax on his or her scholarship or fellowship income would attach to Form W-9 a statement that includes the information described above to support that exemption.

If you are a nonresident alien or a foreign entity, give the requester the appropriate completed Form W-8 or Form 8233.

Backup Withholding

What is backup withholding? Persons making certain payments to you must under certain conditions withhold and pay to the IRS 28% of such payments. This is called "backup withholding." Payments that may be subject to backup withholding include interest, tax-exempt interest, dividends, broker and barter exchange transactions, rents, royalties, nonemployee pay, payments made in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, and certain payments from fishing boat operators. Real estate transactions are not subject to backup withholding.

You will not be subject to backup withholding on payments you receive if you give the requester your correct TIN, make the proper certifications, and report all your taxable interest and dividends on your tax return.

Payments you receive will be subject to backup withholding if:

1. You do not furnish your TIN to the requester,
2. You do not certify your TIN when required (see the Part II instructions on page 3 for details),

3. The IRS tells the requester that you furnished an incorrect TIN,

4. The IRS tells you that you are subject to backup withholding because you did not report all your interest and dividends on your tax return (for reportable interest and dividends only), or

5. You do not certify to the requester that you are not subject to backup withholding under 4 above (for reportable interest and dividend accounts opened after 1983 only).

Certain payees and payments are exempt from backup withholding. See *Exempt payee code* on page 3 and the separate Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

Also see *Special rules for partnerships* above.

What is FATCA reporting?

The Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) requires a participating foreign financial institution to report all United States account holders that are specified United States persons. Certain payees are exempt from FATCA reporting. See *Exemption from FATCA reporting code* on page 3 and the Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

Updating Your Information

You must provide updated information to any person to whom you claimed to be an exempt payee if you are no longer an exempt payee and anticipate receiving reportable payments in the future from this person. For example, you may need to provide updated information if you are a C corporation that elects to be an S corporation, or if you no longer are tax exempt. In addition, you must furnish a new Form W-9 if the name or TIN changes for the account; for example, if the grantor of a grantor trust dies.

Penalties

Failure to furnish TIN. If you fail to furnish your correct TIN to a requester, you are subject to a penalty of \$50 for each such failure unless your failure is due to reasonable cause and not to willful neglect.

Civil penalty for false information with respect to withholding. If you make a false statement with no reasonable basis that results in no backup withholding, you are subject to a \$500 penalty.

Criminal penalty for falsifying information. Willfully falsifying certifications or affirmations may subject you to criminal penalties including fines and/or imprisonment.

Misuse of TINs. If the requester discloses or uses TINs in violation of federal law, the requester may be subject to civil and criminal penalties.

Specific Instructions

Line 1

You must enter one of the following on this line; **do not** leave this line blank. The name should match the name on your tax return.

If this Form W-9 is for a joint account, list first, and then circle, the name of the person or entity whose number you entered in Part I of Form W-9.

a. **Individual.** Generally, enter the name shown on your tax return. If you have changed your last name without informing the Social Security Administration (SSA) of the name change, enter your first name, the last name as shown on your social security card, and your new last name.

Note. ITIN applicant: Enter your individual name as it was entered on your Form W-7 application, line 1a. This should also be the same as the name you entered on the Form 1040/1040A/1040EZ you filed with your application.

b. **Sole proprietor or single-member LLC.** Enter your individual name as shown on your 1040/1040A/1040EZ on line 1. You may enter your business, trade, or "doing business as" (DBA) name on line 2.

c. **Partnership, LLC that is not a single-member LLC, C Corporation, or S Corporation.** Enter the entity's name as shown on the entity's tax return on line 1 and any business, trade, or DBA name on line 2.

d. **Other entities.** Enter your name as shown on required U.S. federal tax documents on line 1. This name should match the name shown on the charter or other legal document creating the entity. You may enter any business, trade, or DBA name on line 2.

e. **Disregarded entity.** For U.S. federal tax purposes, an entity that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner is treated as a "disregarded entity." See Regulations section 301.7701-2(c)(2)(iii). Enter the owner's name on line 1. The name of the entity entered on line 1 should never be a disregarded entity. The name on line 1 should be the name shown on the income tax return on which the income should be reported. For example, if a foreign LLC that is treated as a disregarded entity for U.S. federal tax purposes has a single owner that is a U.S. person, the U.S. owner's name is required to be provided on line 1. If the direct owner of the entity is also a disregarded entity, enter the first owner that is not disregarded for federal tax purposes. Enter the disregarded entity's name on line 2, "Business name/disregarded entity name." If the owner of the disregarded entity is a foreign person, the owner must complete an appropriate Form W-8 instead of a Form W-9. This is the case even if the foreign person has a U.S. TIN.

Line 2

If you have a business name, trade name, DBA name, or disregarded entity name, you may enter it on line 2.

Line 3

Check the appropriate box in line 3 for the U.S. federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one box in line 3.

Limited Liability Company (LLC). If the name on line 1 is an LLC treated as a partnership for U.S. federal tax purposes, check the "Limited Liability Company" box and enter "P" in the space provided. If the LLC has filed Form 8832 or 2553 to be taxed as a corporation, check the "Limited Liability Company" box and in the space provided enter "C" for C corporation or "S" for S corporation. If it is a single-member LLC that is a disregarded entity, do not check the "Limited Liability Company" box; instead check the first box in line 3 "Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC."

Line 4, Exemptions

If you are exempt from backup withholding and/or FATCA reporting, enter in the appropriate space in line 4 any code(s) that may apply to you.

Exempt payee code.

- Generally, individuals (including sole proprietors) are not exempt from backup withholding.
- Except as provided below, corporations are exempt from backup withholding for certain payments, including interest and dividends.
- Corporations are not exempt from backup withholding for payments made in settlement of payment card or third party network transactions.
- Corporations are not exempt from backup withholding with respect to attorneys' fees or gross proceeds paid to attorneys, and corporations that provide medical or health care services are not exempt with respect to payments reportable on Form 1099-MISC.

The following codes identify payees that are exempt from backup withholding. Enter the appropriate code in the space in line 4.

1—An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a), any IRA, or a custodial account under section 403(b)(7) if the account satisfies the requirements of section 401(f)(2)

2—The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities

3—A state, the District of Columbia, a U.S. commonwealth or possession, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities

4—A foreign government or any of its political subdivisions, agencies, or instrumentalities

5—A corporation

6—A dealer in securities or commodities required to register in the United States, the District of Columbia, or a U.S. commonwealth or possession

7—A futures commission merchant registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission

8—A real estate investment trust

9—An entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940

10—A common trust fund operated by a bank under section 584(a)

11—A financial institution

12—A middleman known in the investment community as a nominee or custodian

13—A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947

The following chart shows types of payments that may be exempt from backup withholding. The chart applies to the exempt payees listed above, 1 through 13.

IF the payment is for . . .	THEN the payment is exempt for . . .
Interest and dividend payments	All exempt payees except for 7
Broker transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 4 and 6 through 11 and all C corporations. S corporations must not enter an exempt payee code because they are exempt only for sales of noncovered securities acquired prior to 2012.
Barter exchange transactions and patronage dividends	Exempt payees 1 through 4
Payments over \$600 required to be reported and direct sales over \$5,000 ¹	Generally, exempt payees 1 through 5 ²
Payments made in settlement of payment card or third party network transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 4

¹ See Form 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Income, and its instructions.

² However, the following payments made to a corporation and reportable on Form 1099-MISC are not exempt from backup withholding: medical and health care payments, attorneys' fees, gross proceeds paid to an attorney reportable under section 6045(f), and payments for services paid by a federal executive agency.

Exemption from FATCA reporting code. The following codes identify payees that are exempt from reporting under FATCA. These codes apply to persons submitting this form for accounts maintained outside of the United States by certain foreign financial institutions. Therefore, if you are only submitting this form for an account you hold in the United States, you may leave this field blank. Consult with the person requesting this form if you are uncertain if the financial institution is subject to these requirements. A requester may indicate that a code is not required by providing you with a Form W-9 with "Not Applicable" (or any similar indication) written or printed on the line for a FATCA exemption code.

A—An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a) or any individual retirement plan as defined in section 7701(a)(37)

B—The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities

C—A state, the District of Columbia, a U.S. commonwealth or possession, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities

D—A corporation the stock of which is regularly traded on one or more established securities markets, as described in Regulations section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i)

E—A corporation that is a member of the same expanded affiliated group as a corporation described in Regulations section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i)

F—A dealer in securities, commodities, or derivative financial instruments (including notional principal contracts, futures, forwards, and options) that is registered as such under the laws of the United States or any state

G—A real estate investment trust

H—A regulated investment company as defined in section 851 or an entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940

I—A common trust fund as defined in section 584(a)

J—A bank as defined in section 581

K—A broker

L—A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947(a)(1)

M—A tax exempt trust under a section 403(b) plan or section 457(g) plan

Note. You may wish to consult with the financial institution requesting this form to determine whether the FATCA code and/or exempt payee code should be completed.

Line 5

Enter your address (number, street, and apartment or suite number). This is where the requester of this Form W-9 will mail your information returns.

Line 6

Enter your city, state, and ZIP code.

Part I. Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. If you are a resident alien and you do not have and are not eligible to get an SSN, your TIN is your IRS individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN). Enter it in the social security number box. If you do not have an ITIN, see *How to get a TIN* below.

If you are a sole proprietor and you have an EIN, you may enter either your SSN or EIN. However, the IRS prefers that you use your SSN.

If you are a single-member LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner (see *Limited Liability Company (LLC)* on this page), enter the owner's SSN (or EIN, if the owner has one). Do not enter the disregarded entity's EIN. If the LLC is classified as a corporation or partnership, enter the entity's EIN.

Note. See the chart on page 4 for further clarification of name and TIN combinations.

How to get a TIN. If you do not have a TIN, apply for one immediately. To apply for an SSN, get Form SS-5, Application for a Social Security Card, from your local SSA office or get this form online at www.ssa.gov. You may also get this form by calling 1-800-772-1213. Use Form W-7, Application for IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, to apply for an ITIN, or Form SS-4, Application for Employer Identification Number, to apply for an EIN. You can apply for an EIN online by accessing the IRS website at www.irs.gov/businesses and clicking on Employer Identification Number (EIN) under Starting a Business. You can get Forms W-7 and SS-4 from the IRS by visiting IRS.gov or by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

If you are asked to complete Form W-9 but do not have a TIN, apply for a TIN and write "Applied For" in the space for the TIN, sign and date the form, and give it to the requester. For interest and dividend payments, and certain payments made with respect to readily tradable instruments, generally you will have 60 days to get a TIN and give it to the requester before you are subject to backup withholding on payments. The 60-day rule does not apply to other types of payments. You will be subject to backup withholding on all such payments until you provide your TIN to the requester.

Note. Entering "Applied For" means that you have already applied for a TIN or that you intend to apply for one soon.

Caution: A disregarded U.S. entity that has a foreign owner must use the appropriate Form W-8.

Part II. Certification

To establish to the withholding agent that you are a U.S. person, or resident alien, sign Form W-9. You may be requested to sign by the withholding agent even if items 1, 4, or 5 below indicate otherwise.

For a joint account, only the person whose TIN is shown in Part I should sign (when required). In the case of a disregarded entity, the person identified on line 1 must sign. Exempt payees, see *Exempt payee code* earlier.

Signature requirements. Complete the certification as indicated in items 1 through 5 below.

1. Interest, dividend, and barter exchange accounts opened before 1984 and broker accounts considered active during 1983. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

2. Interest, dividend, broker, and barter exchange accounts opened after 1983 and broker accounts considered inactive during 1983. You must sign the certification or backup withholding will apply. If you are subject to backup withholding and you are merely providing your correct TIN to the requester, you must cross out item 2 in the certification before signing the form.

3. Real estate transactions. You must sign the certification. You may cross out item 2 of the certification.

4. Other payments. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification unless you have been notified that you have previously given an incorrect TIN. "Other payments" include payments made in the course of the requester's trade or business for rents, royalties, goods (other than bills for merchandise), medical and health care services (including payments to corporations), payments to a nonemployee for services, payments made in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, payments to certain fishing boat crew members and fishermen, and gross proceeds paid to attorneys (including payments to corporations).

5. Mortgage interest paid by you, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, qualified tuition program payments (under section 529), IRA, Coverdell ESA, Archer MSA or HSA contributions or distributions, and pension distributions. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

What Name and Number To Give the Requester

For this type of account:	Give name and SSN of:
1. Individual	The individual
2. Two or more individuals (joint account)	The actual owner of the account or, if combined funds, the first individual on the account ¹
3. Custodian account of a minor (Uniform Gift to Minors Act)	The minor ²
4. a. The usual revocable savings trust (grantor is also trustee) b. So-called trust account that is not a legal or valid trust under state law	The grantor-trustee ¹ The actual owner ¹
5. Sole proprietorship or disregarded entity owned by an individual	The owner ³
6. Grantor trust filing under Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 1 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(A))	The grantor*
For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
7. Disregarded entity not owned by an individual	The owner
8. A valid trust, estate, or pension trust	Legal entity ⁴
9. Corporation or LLC electing corporate status on Form 8832 or Form 2553	The corporation
10. Association, club, religious, charitable, educational, or other tax-exempt organization	The organization
11. Partnership or multi-member LLC	The partnership
12. A broker or registered nominee	The broker or nominee
13. Account with the Department of Agriculture in the name of a public entity (such as a state or local government, school district, or prison) that receives agricultural program payments	The public entity
14. Grantor trust filing under the Form 1041 Filing Method or the Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 2 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(B))	The trust

¹ List first and circle the name of the person whose number you furnish. If only one person on a joint account has an SSN, that person's number must be furnished.

² Circle the minor's name and furnish the minor's SSN.

³ You must show your individual name and you may also enter your business or DBA name on the "Business name/disregarded entity" name line. You may use either your SSN or EIN (if you have one), but the IRS encourages you to use your SSN.

⁴ List first and circle the name of the trust, estate, or pension trust. (Do not furnish the TIN of the personal representative or trustee unless the legal entity itself is not designated in the account title.) Also see *Special rules for partnerships* on page 2.

*Note. Grantor also must provide a Form W-9 to trustee of trust.

Note. If no name is circled when more than one name is listed, the number will be considered to be that of the first name listed.

Secure Your Tax Records from Identity Theft

Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal information such as your name, SSN, or other identifying information, without your permission, to commit fraud or other crimes. An identity thief may use your SSN to get a job or may file a tax return using your SSN to receive a refund.

To reduce your risk:

- Protect your SSN,
- Ensure your employer is protecting your SSN, and
- Be careful when choosing a tax preparer.

If your tax records are affected by identity theft and you receive a notice from the IRS, respond right away to the name and phone number printed on the IRS notice or letter.

If your tax records are not currently affected by identity theft but you think you are at risk due to a lost or stolen purse or wallet, questionable credit card activity or credit report, contact the IRS Identity Theft Hotline at 1-800-908-4490 or submit Form 14039.

For more information, see Publication 4535, Identity Theft Prevention and Victim Assistance.

Victims of identity theft who are experiencing economic harm or a system problem, or are seeking help in resolving tax problems that have not been resolved through normal channels, may be eligible for Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) assistance. You can reach TAS by calling the TAS toll-free case intake line at 1-877-777-4778 or TTY/TDD 1-800-829-4059.

Protect yourself from suspicious emails or phishing schemes. Phishing is the creation and use of email and websites designed to mimic legitimate business emails and websites. The most common act is sending an email to a user falsely claiming to be an established legitimate enterprise in an attempt to scam the user into surrendering private information that will be used for identity theft.

The IRS does not initiate contacts with taxpayers via emails. Also, the IRS does not request personal detailed information through email or ask taxpayers for the PIN numbers, passwords, or similar secret access information for their credit card, bank, or other financial accounts.

If you receive an unsolicited email claiming to be from the IRS, forward this message to phishing@irs.gov. You may also report misuse of the IRS name, logo, or other IRS property to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) at 1-800-366-4484. You can forward suspicious emails to the Federal Trade Commission at: spam@uce.gov or contact them at www.ftc.gov/idtheft or 1-877-IDTHEFT (1-877-438-4338).

Visit IRS.gov to learn more about identity theft and how to reduce your risk.

Privacy Act Notice

Section 6109 of the Internal Revenue Code requires you to provide your correct TIN to persons (including federal agencies) who are required to file information returns with the IRS to report interest, dividends, or certain other income paid to you; mortgage interest you paid; the acquisition or abandonment of secured property; the cancellation of debt; or contributions you made to an IRA, Archer MSA, or HSA. The person collecting this form uses the information on the form to file information returns with the IRS, reporting the above information. Routine uses of this information include giving it to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation and to cities, states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. commonwealths and possessions for use in administering their laws. The information also may be disclosed to other countries under a treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce civil and criminal laws, or to federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies to combat terrorism. You must provide your TIN whether or not you are required to file a tax return. Under section 3406, payers must generally withhold a percentage of taxable interest, dividend, and certain other payments to a payee who does not give a TIN to the payer. Certain penalties may also apply for providing false or fraudulent information.

PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS

DESCRIPTION

Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire	[Have Notarized]
Certification of Compliance With Iran Divestment Act	[Have Notarized]
Non-Collusive Bidding Certification	[Have Notarized]

**ESSEX COUNTY
VENDOR RESPONSIBILITY QUESTIONNAIRE**

1. VENDOR IS: _____PRIME CONTRACTOR			
2. VENDOR'S LEGAL BUSINESS NAME		3. IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS A) FEIN # B) DUNS #	
4. D/B/A – Doing Business As (if applicable) & COUNTY FIELD		5. WEBSITE ADDRESS (if applicable)	
6. ADDRESS OF PRIMARY PLACE OF BUSINESS/EXECUTIVE OFFICE		7. TELEPHONE NUMBER	8. FAX NUMBER
9. ADDRESS OF PRIMARY PLACE OF BUSINESS/EXECUTIVE OFFICE <i>IN NEW YORK STATE, if different from above</i>		10. TELEPHONE NUMBER	11. FAX NUMBER
12. AUTHORIZED CONTACT FOR THIS QUESTIONNAIRE Name Title Telephone Number Fax Number Email			
13. LIST ALL OF THE VENDOR'S PRINCIPAL OWNERS			
A) NAME	TITLE	B) NAME	TITLE
C) NAME	TITLE	D) NAME	TITLE
A DETAILED EXPLANATION IS REQUIRED FOR EACH QUESTION ANSWERED WITH A "YES," AND MUST BE PROVIDED AS AN ATTACHMENT TO THE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRE. YOU MUST PROVIDE ADEQUATE DETAILS OR DOCUMENTS TO AID THE COUNTY IN MAKE A DETERMINATION OF VENDOR RESPONSIBILITY. PLEASE NUMBER EACH RESPONSE TO MATCH THE QUESTION NUMBER.			
14. DOES THE VENDOR USE, OR HAS IT USED IN THE PAST FIVE (5) YEARS, ANY OTHER BUSINESS NAME, FEIN, or D/B/A OTHER THAN THOSE LISTED IN ITEMS 2-4 ABOVE? List all other business name(s), Federal Employer Identification Number(s) or any D/B/A names and the dates that these names or numbers were/are in use. Explain the relationship to the vendor _____ YES _____ NO			
15. ARE THERE ANY INDIVIDUALS NOW SERVING IN A MANAGERIAL OR CONSULTING CAPACITY TO THE VENDOR, INCLUDING PRINCIPAL OWNERS AND OFFICERS, WHO NOW SERVE OR IN THE PAST ONE (1) YEARS HAVE SERVED AS: a) An elected or appointed public official or officer? <i>List each individual's name, business title, the name of the organization and position elected or appointed to, and dates of service</i> _____ YES _____ NO b) An officer of any political party organization in Essex County, whether paid or unpaid? <i>List each individuals name, business title or consulting capacity and the official political position held with applicable service dates.</i> _____ YES _____ NO			

16. WITHIN THE PAST (5) YEARS, HAS THE VENDOR, ANY INDIVIDUALS SERVING IN MANAGERIAL OR CONSULTING CAPACITY, PRINCIPAL, OWNERS, OFFICERS, MAJOR STOCKHOLDER(S) (10% OR MORE OF THE VOTING SHARES FOR PUBLICLY TRADED COMPANIES, 25% OR MORE OF THE SHARES FOR ALL OTHER COMPANIES), AFFILIATE OR ANY PERSON INVOLVED IN THE BIDDING OR CONTRACTING PROCESS:

- a) 1. been suspended, debarred or terminated by a local, state or federal authority in connection with a contract or contracting process; _____ YES _____ NO
2. been disqualified for cause as a bidder on any permit, license, concession, franchise or lease;
3. entered into an agreement to a voluntary exclusion from bidding/contracting;
4. had a bid rejected on an Essex County contract for failure to comply with the MacBride Fair Employment Principles;
5. had a low bid rejected on a local, state or federal contract for failure to meet statutory affirmative action or M/WBE requirements on a previously held contract;
6. had a status as a Women's Business Enterprise, Minority Business Enterprise or Disadvantaged Business Enterprise, de-certified, revoked or forfeited;
7. been subject to an administrative proceeding or civil action seeking specific performance or restitution in connection with any local, state or federal government contract;
8. been denied an award of a local, state or federal government contract, had a contract suspended or had a contract terminated for non-responsibility; or
9. had a local, state or federal government contract suspended or terminated for cause prior to the completion of the term of the contract.
- b) been indicted, convicted, received a judgment against them or a grant of immunity for any business-related conduct constituting a crime under local, state or federal law including but not limited to, fraud, extortion, bribery, racketeering, price-fixing, bid collusion or any crime related to truthfulness and/or business conduct? _____ YES _____ NO
- c) been issued a citation, notice, violation order, or are pending an administrative hearing or proceeding or determination of violations of: _____ YES _____ NO
1. federal, state or local health laws, rules or regulations

17. IN THE PAST THREE (3) YEARS, HAS THE VENDOR OR ITS AFFILIATES¹ HAD ANY CLAIMS, JUDGMENTS, INJUNCTIONS, LIENS, FINES OR PENALTIES SECURED BY ANY GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY? _____ YES _____ NO

Indicate if this is applicable to the submitting vendor or affiliate. State whether the situation(s) was a claim, judgment, injunction, lien or other with an explanation. Provide the name(s) and address(es) of the agency, the amount of the original obligation and outstanding balance. If any of these items are open, unsatisfied, indicate the status of each items as "open" or "unsatisfied".

18. DURING THE PAST THREE (3) YEARS, HAS THE VENDOR FAILED TO:

- a) file returns or pay any applicable federal, state or city taxes? _____ YES _____ NO
- Identify the taxing jurisdiction, type of tax, liability year(s), and tax liability amount the vendor failed to file/pay and the current status of the liability.*
- b) file returns or pay New York State unemployment insurance? _____ YES _____ NO
- Indicate the years the vendor failed to file/pay the insurance and the current status of the liability.*
- c) Property Tax _____ YES _____ NO
- Indicate the years the vendor failed to file.*

19. HAVE ANY BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDINGS BEEN INITIATED BY OR AGAINST THE VENDOR OR ITS AFFILIATES¹ WITHIN THE PAST SEVEN (7) YEARS (WHETHER OR NOT CLOSED) OR IS ANY BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDING PENDING BY OR AGAINST THE VENDOR OR ITS AFFILIATES REGARDLESS OF THE DATE OF FILING? _____ YES _____ NO

Indicate if this is applicable to the submitting vendor or affiliate. If it is an affiliate, include the affiliate's name and FEIN. Provide the court name, address and docket number. Indicate if the proceedings have been initiated, remain pending or have been closed. If closed, provide the date closed.

20. IS THE VENDOR CURRENTLY INSOLVENT, OR DOES VENDOR CURRENTLY HAVE REASON TO

BELIEVE THAT AN INVOLUNTARY BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDING MAY BE BROUGHT AGAINST IT?

Provide financial information to support the vendor's current position, for example, Current Ratio, Debt Ratio, Age of Accounts Payable, Cash Flow and any documents that will provide the agency with an understanding of the vendor's situation.

___ YES ___ NO

21. IN THE PAST FIVE (5) YEARS, HAS THE VENDOR OR ANY AFFILIATES:

- a) defaulted or been terminated on, or had its surety called upon to complete, any contract (public or private) awarded;

___ YES ___ NO

Indicate if this is applicable to the submitting vendor or affiliate. Detail the situation(s) that gave rise to the negative action, any corrective action taken by the vendor and the name of the contracting agency.

¹ "Affiliate" meaning: (a) any entity in which the vendor owns more than 50% of the voting stock; (b) any individual, entity or group of principal owners or officers who own more than 50% of the voting stock of the vendor; or (c) any entity whose voting stock is more than 50% owned by the same individual, entity or group described in clause (b). In addition, if a vendor owns less than 50% of the voting stock of another entity, but directs or has the right to direct such entity's daily operations, that entity will be an "affiliate" for purposes of this questionnaire.

**ESSEX COUNTY
VENDOR RESPONSIBILITY QUESTIONNAIRE**

FEIN # _____

State of:)
) ss:
County of:)

CERTIFICATION:

The undersigned: recognizes that this questionnaire is submitted for the express purpose of assisting the County of Essex in making a determination regarding an award of contract or approval of a subcontract; acknowledges that the County may in its discretion, by means which it may choose, verify the truth and accuracy of all statements made herein; acknowledges that intentional submission of false or misleading information may constitute a felony under Penal Law Section 210.40 or a misdemeanor under Penal Law Section 210.35 or Section 210.45, and may also be punishable by a fine and/or imprisonment of up to five years under 18 USC Section 1001 and may result in contract termination; and states that the information submitted in this questionnaire and any attached pages is true, accurate and complete.

The undersigned certifies that he/she:

- Has not altered the content of the questions in the questionnaire in any manner;
- Has read and understands all of the items contained in the questionnaire and any pages attached by the submitting vendor;
- Has supplied full and complete responses to each item therein to the best of his/her knowledge, information and belief;
- Is knowledgeable about the submitting vendor's business and operations;
- Understands that Essex County will rely on the information supplied in the questionnaire when entering into a contract with the vendor;
- Is under duty to notify the Essex County Purchasing Officer of any changes to the vendor's responses.

Name of Business: _____

Signature of Owner: _____

Printed Name of Signatory: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Date: _____

Sworn before me this _____ day of

_____, 20____

Notary Public

CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE IRAN DIVESTMENT ACT

As a result of the Iran Divestment Act of 2012 (the "Act"), Chapter 1 of the 2012 Laws of New York, a new provision has been added to State Finance Law (SFL) § 165-a and New York General Municipal Law § 103-g, both effective April 12, 2012. Under the Act, the Commissioner of the Office of General Services (OGS) will be developing a list of "persons" who are engaged in "investment activities in Iran" (both are defined terms in the law) (the "Prohibited Entities List"). Pursuant to SFL § 165-a(3)(b), the initial list is expected to be issued no later than 120 days after the Act's effective date at which time it will be posted on the OGS website.

By submitting a bid in response to this solicitation or by assuming the responsibility of a Contract awarded hereunder, each Bidder/Contractor, any person signing on behalf of any Bidder/Contractor and any assignee or subcontractor and, in the case of a joint bid, each party thereto, certifies, under penalty of perjury, that once the Prohibited Entities List is posted on the OGS website, that to the best of its knowledge and belief, that each Bidder/Contractor and any subcontractor or assignee is not identified on the Prohibited Entities List created pursuant to SFL § 165-a(3)(b).

Additionally, Bidder/Contractor is advised that once the Prohibited Entities List is posted on the OGS Website, any Bidder/Contractor seeking to renew or extend a Contract or assume the responsibility of a Contract awarded in response to this solicitation must certify at the time the Contract is renewed, extended or assigned that it is not included on the Prohibited Entities List.

During the term of the Contract, should the County receive information that a Bidder/Contractor is in violation of the above-referenced certification, the County will offer the person or entity an opportunity to respond. If the person or entity fails to demonstrate that he/she/it has ceased engagement in the investment which is in violation of the Act within 90 days after the determination of such violation, then the County shall take such action as may be appropriate including, but not limited to, imposing sanctions, seeking compliance, recovering damages or declaring the Bidder/Contractor in default.

The County reserves the right to reject any bid or request for assignment for a Bidder/Contractor that appears on the Prohibited Entities List prior to the award of a contract and to pursue a responsibility review with respect to any Bidder/Contractor that is awarded a contract and subsequently appears on the Prohibited Entities List.

I, _____, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he/she is the _____ of the _____ Corporation and that neither the Bidder/Contractor nor any proposed subcontractor is identified on the Prohibited Entities List.

SIGNED

SWORN to before me this _____
day of _____, 20__

Notary Public

NON-COLLUSIVE BIDDING CERTIFICATION

1. By submission of this bid, the undersigned bidder and each person signing on behalf of such bidder certifies and in the case of a joint bid each party thereto certifies as to its own organization — UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY, that to the best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief:

(a) The prices in this bid have been arrived at independently without collusion, consultation, communication, or agreement, for the purpose of restricting competition, as to any matter relating to such prices with any other bidder or with any competitor;

(b) Unless otherwise required by law, the prices which have been quoted in this bid have not been knowingly disclosed by the bidder and will not knowingly be disclosed by the bidder prior to opening, directly or indirectly, to any other bidder or to any competitor; and

(c) No attempt has been made or will be made by the bidder to induce any other person, partnership or corporation to submit or not to submit a bid for the purpose of restricting competition.

2. The undersigned acknowledges and agrees that a bid shall not be considered for award nor shall any award be made where any of the above have not been complied with; provided however, that if in any case the bidder cannot make the foregoing certification, the bidder shall so state and shall furnish with the bid a signed statement which sets forth in detail the reasons therefor. Where one or more of the above has/have not been complied with, the bid shall not be considered for award nor shall any award be made unless the political subdivision, public department, agency or official thereof to which the bid is made, or his designee, determines that such disclosure was not made for the purpose of restricting competition.

3. The undersigned also acknowledges and agrees that the fact that a bidder (a) has published price lists, rates, or tariffs covering items being procured, (b) has informed prospective customers of proposed or pending publication of new or revised price lists for such items, or (c) has sold the same items to other customers at the same prices being bid, does not constitute, without more, a disclosure within the meaning of paragraph 1 above.

4. The undersigned further acknowledges and agrees that any bid hereafter made to any political subdivision of the state or any public department, agency or official thereof by a bidder which is a corporation or a limited liability company for work or services performed or to be performed or goods sold or to be sold, where competitive bidding is required by statute, rule, regulation, or local law, and where such bid contains the certification referred to in paragraph 1 of this certificate, shall be deemed to have been authorized by the board of directors of the bidder, and such authorization shall be deemed to include the signing and submission of the bid and the inclusion therein of the certificate as to non-collusion as the act and deed of the corporation or limited liability company.

Name of Bidder: _____
(print full legal name)

Date Signed: _____ Signature: _____

Name of Person Signing Certificate: _____
(print full legal name of signer)

Bidder is (check one): ☐ an individual, ☐ a limited liability partnership, ☐ a limited liability company,
☐ other entity (specify): _____

CONTRACTOR'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

(If Corporation)

STATE OF NEW YORK) SS:
COUNTY OF ESSEX)

On this _____ day of _____ 20____, before me personally came _____
_____ to me known, and known to me to be the _____
of the Corporation described in and which executed the within instrument, who being duly sworn did depose
and say that he, the said _____ reside at _____ and
that he is _____ of said corporation and knows the corporate seal of the said
corporation; that the seal affixed to the within instrument is such corporate seal and that it was so affixed by
order of the Board of Directors of said corporation, and that he signed his name thereto by like order.

Notary Public

CONTRACTOR'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

(If Individual)

STATE OF NEW YORK) SS:
COUNTY OF ESSEX)

On this _____ day of _____ 20____, before me personally came
_____ to me known, and known to me to be the same
person described in and who executed the within instrument and he duly acknowledged to me that he executed
the same for the purpose herein mentioned and, if operating under and trade name, that the certificate required
by the New York State Penal Law, Sections 440 and 440-b has been filed with the County Clerk of Essex
County.

Notary Public

CONTRACTOR'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

(If Co-Partnership)

STATE OF NEW YORK) SS:
COUNTY OF ESSEX)

On this _____ day of _____ 20____, before me personally came
_____ to me known, and known to me to be a member of the firm of and
the person described in, and who executed the within instrument in behalf of said firm for the purposes herein
mentioned and that the certificate required by the New York State Penal Law, Sections 440 and 440-b has been
filed with the County Clerk of Essex County.

Notary Public