

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Undersigned, on behalf of the Essex County Board of Supervisors, will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Purchasing Agent until 2:00 P.M. on February 16, 2022 for Household Hazardous Waste Collection.

The bids shall be opened publicly and read aloud on February 16, 2022 at 2:00 P.M. at the Office of the Purchasing Agent, 7551 Court Street, Elizabethtown, New York 12932.

Bids are available at: <https://www.co.essex.ny.us/wp/bid>. **Bids may be mailed or delivered to:** Essex County Purchasing, PO Box 217, 7551 Court Street, Elizabethtown, New York 12932.

All bids submitted in response to this notice shall be marked "**SEALED BID – HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION**" clearly on the outside of the envelope with the name and address of the bidder.

Please contact the Purchasing Office at (518) 873-3330 for additional information concerning the bidding. Specifications and standard proposals for the proposed work may be obtained at the above address.

In the event that the Essex County Purchasing Office is closed the day of the Bid Opening due to unforeseen circumstances, the bid(s) will be opened the next business day that the Essex County Purchasing Office is open. The Bid Submission time will remain the same.

Essex County affirmatively states that in regard to any contract entered into pursuant to these instructions, 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.

Dated: January 24, 2022

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Essex County Government Center
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Elizabethtown, New York 12932

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

Each proposal must be accompanied by either a Certified Check payable to Essex County Treasurer in the amount of five percent (5%) of amount of the bid or a Bid Bond, in a form acceptable to the Essex County Attorney.

A labor and material Payment Bond and a Performance Bond in the form contained in the Contract documents will be required of the successful Bidder.

Attention of the bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to the conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates under the Contract.

Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (M/WBE) businesses are strongly encouraged to participate in this state funded project. Essex County, the recipient of the NYS DEC funds, is an equal opportunity employer.

All bids shall be submitted on the bid sheets included in the package, and no other forms shall be accepted.

Award will be made to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

Bids can be submitted via USPS or delivery service or hand delivered to the Purchasing Office.

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

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

A Contract awarded pursuant to this notice shall be subject to the provisions of Sections 103-1, 103-b, 103-d and 103-g of the General Municipal Law.

The contract shall be for a term of one year with the option to renew for two additional years upon mutual consent of the parties.

Questions will be received until six (6) days before the opening date. Please address all questions, in writing, to: donna.thompson@essexcountyny.gov or linda.wolf@essexcountyny.gov.

Addenda will be posted on Essex County's MUNIS VSS, the Essex County Website and BidNetDirect, 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 Bid:

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

Payment will be made within 30 days of receipt of Invoice(s) and Certified Payroll.

SPECIFICATIONS

SCOPE

Essex County is soliciting bids from a qualified contractor to collect, sort, package, transport and dispose of Household Hazardous Waste at various locations for four (4) one-day collection weekend events in the summer of 2022.

The Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days will provide residents of Essex County with an opportunity to dispose of their unwanted or outdated hazardous materials in a convenient, economical and environmentally sound manner.

The participants will be restricted to households located in Essex County, New York only.

Please see ATTACHMENT A-1 Program Specific Terms and Conditions for New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Contracts.

GENERAL

The contractor will designate a minimum of one person to work with Essex County DPW personnel to develop the final plans for the events.

For regulatory purposes, the contractor will be deemed as the generator and will be responsible for all waste from the time of collection until said waste is properly disposed of. The contractor must obtain all necessary permits needed and have all of the appropriate New York State licenses, including New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and Department of Transportation.

The contractor shall adhere to all OSHA regulations, best industry safety practices, and any special safety requirements of the County of Essex. The successful bidder shall submit OSHA cards for any/all employees they intend to have working at the sites upon contract award.

The contractor must provide all materials and labor for the collection, sorting, testing, packaging, storing and transportation of the waste material. Following is a list of equipment needed:

Waste Management/Disposal Equipment: Awning or tents, drums, absorbent for spills, shipping manifests, labels, testing equipment, trucks and fork lifts.

Safety Equipment: Plastic ground covering, safety coveralls/Tyvek suits, aprons, goggles, splash shields, gloves, respirators, fire extinguishers, eye wash stations, towels, blankets, decontamination equipment, monitoring equipment (explosive vapors and organic vapors)

The contractor shall, during the performance of the work, maintain suitable barricades/barriers/warning signs at the sites as may be necessary to protect the public.

All collected material must be transported off the site. No waste will be permitted to stay overnight.

The contractor will provide copies of all manifests, shipping papers, test results, recorded weight totals and collection records to the Essex County coordinator upon completion on scheduled collection days. Records of disposal must also be provided upon completion of disposal.

The contractor will dispose of the collected waste at a federally permitted facility in accordance with all state and federal regulations.

The contractor shall make every attempt to recycle any materials collected.

The Essex County Board of Supervisors will provide the following services for the events:

- Site
- Security
- Fire and rescue units will be available
- Garbage collection for non-hazardous materials
- Advertising for the events

COLLECTION, TESTING, LABELING AND PACKAGING

The contractor's staff will be responsible for removing the waste from participants' vehicles

The contractor will be required to have separate work areas for the collection of waste, testing and sorting, packaging and labeling, and the storage of the collected waste.

The contractor will be responsible for all air monitoring during this process. Should the readings be deemed dangerous, the contractor will stop operations until the samples comply with state and federal regulations.

The contractor will make every effort to determine the content of all unknown wastes. Where possible, bulk packaging and combining of like substances will be used to save funds.

All collected items must be weighed on site with scales provided by contractor. Totals will be recorded and provided to Essex County Coordinator before waste is removed of site.

EMERGENCIES AND SAFETY PLANS

As previously stated, the Essex County Board of Supervisors will provide police, fire and rescue units for the sites.

The contractor will be responsible for submitting a site safety plan one (1) week prior to each collection days. The Emergency Services Director will review this plan.

The contractor will also be responsible for developing a Spill Control and Countermeasures Plan for the events. This must also be submitted one (1) week prior to the events.

TRANSPORTATION

The contractor must provide sufficient vehicles to remove all collected waste from the site in the given time frame.

The contractor will provide copies of all shipping papers to the Essex County Coordinator before leaving each site.

All vehicles must be properly placarded and all state and federal regulations must be adhered to.

ACCEPTABLE WASTE

The Contractor will be expected to accept the following types of Household Hazardous Waste:

- Acids
- Asbestos Products
- Coal Tar Products
- Driveway Sealers
- Fungicides
- Herbicides
- Insecticides
- Mercury Products
- Paint (latex and oil)
- Pesticides
- Polishes
- Rust Removers
- Weed Killers
- Aerosol Sprays
- Automotive Fluids (except Motor Oil)
- Creosote Products
- Floor Care Products
- Glues
- Inks and Dyes
- Kerosene
- Mothballs
- Paint Thinner
- Poisons
- Pool Chemicals
- Varnish and Stains
- Wood Preservers

NON-ACCEPTABLE WASTE

The contractor will not be required nor expected to collect any:

- Radioactive Waste
- Explosive Waste
- Biomedical Waste
- Used Automotive Oil
- Batteries

EXPERIENCE

The contractor must have experience in handling Household Hazardous Waste Collection events.

AWARD

The award will be made as follows: the Price Per Unit proposed for each line item will be multiplied by the quantities listed in the attached *History of 2021 Collection for a total of each item. The Per Event Fees (Mobilization, Labor & Transportation) proposed will be added for a cumulative TOTAL. The company with the lowest TOTAL will be awarded. There is no guarantee of quantities to be collected.

TERM

The contract shall be for a term of one year with the option to renew for two additional years upon mutual consent of the parties.

* For calculation purposes only

HISTORY OF 2021 COLLECTION

Waste Description	Size	Treatment	# of Units/Lbs
LP Aerosols	Y3 Box	Fuels Blend	9
LP Propane	55 Gal	Recycling	4
Bulk Flammable Liquids	55 Gal	Fuels Blend	29
LP Fire Extinguisher	55 Gal	Recycling	4
LP Bulk Oil	55 Gal	Recycling	7
LP Car Batteries	Each	Recycling	8
LP Propane Tank	Each	Recycling	6
LP Paint Related Material	Y3 Box	Fuels Blend	100
Flammable Solid	5 Gal	Treatment	3
LP Organic Peroxide	5 Gal	Treatment	4
LP Oxidizing Solid	55 Gal	Treatment	8
LP Pesticide Liquid	55 Gal	Incineration	28
LP Pesticide Solid	55 Gal	Incineration	20
LP Corrosive Acidic	55 Gal	Treatment	13
LP Corrosive Basic	55 Gal	Treatment	34
LP Mercury	5 Gal	Recycling	3
Bulk Antifreeze	55 Gal	Recycling	8
LP Bulbs 4ft	LNFT	Recycling	1994
LP Lithium	5 Gal	Recycling	4
LP Nickel Hydride	5 Gal	Recycling	2
LP Nicad	5 Gal	Recycling	3
Mobilization	N/A		4
Labor	N/A		4
Transportation	N/A		4

THERE IS NO GUARANTEE OF QUANTITIES TO BE COLLECTED IN FUTURE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENTS

**ATTACHMENT A-1
PROGRAM SPECIFIC TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

**Standard Clauses for All New York State
Department of Environmental Conservation Contracts**

The parties to the attached contract, license, lease, grant, amendment or other agreement of any kind (hereinafter "the contract" or "this contract") agree to be bound by the following clauses which are hereby made a part of the contract. The word "Contractor" herein refers to any party to the contract, other than the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (hereinafter "Department").

A) AGENCY SPECIFIC TERMS AND CONDITIONS

I. Postponement, suspension, abandonment or termination by the Department: Within 15 days of receipt of notice, the Contractor shall deliver to the Department all data, reports, plans, or other documentation related to the performance of this contract, including but not limited to source codes and specifications, guarantees, warranties, as-built plans and shop drawings. In any of these events, the Department shall make settlement with the Contractor upon an equitable basis as determined by the Department which shall fix the value of the work which was performed by the Contractor prior to the postponement, suspension, abandonment or termination of this contract. This clause shall not apply to this contract if the contract contains other provisions applicable to postponement, suspension or termination of the contract.

II. Conflict of Interest

(a) Organizational Conflict of Interest - To the best of the Contractor's knowledge and belief, the Contractor warrants that there are no relevant facts or circumstances which could give rise to an organizational conflict of interest, as herein defined, or that the Contractor has disclosed all such relevant information to the Department.

(1) An organizational conflict of interest exists when the nature of the work to be performed under this contract may, without some restriction on future activities, impair or appear to impair the Contractor's objectivity in performing the work for the Department.

(2) The Contractor agrees that if an actual, or potential organizational conflict of interest is discovered at any time after award, whether before or during performance, the Contractor will immediately make a full disclosure in writing to the Department. This disclosure shall include a description of actions which the Contractor has taken or proposes to take, after consultation with the Department, to avoid, mitigate, or minimize the actual or potential conflict.

(3) To the extent that the work under this contract requires access to personal, proprietary or confidential business or financial data of persons or other companies, and as long as such data remains proprietary or confidential, the Contractor shall protect such data from unauthorized use and disclosure and agrees not to use it to compete with such companies.

(b) Personal Conflict of Interest - The following provisions with regard to management or professional level employee personnel performing under this contract shall apply until the earlier of the termination date of the affected employee(s) or the duration of the contract.

(1) A personal conflict of interest is defined as a relationship of an employee, subcontractor employee, or consultant with an entity that may impair or appear to impair the objectivity of the employee, subcontractor employee, or consultant in performing the contract work. The Contractor agrees to notify the Department immediately of any actual or potential personal conflict of interest with regard to any such person working on or

having access to information regarding this contract, as soon as Contractor becomes aware of such conflict. The Department will notify the Contractor of the appropriate action to be taken.

(2) The Contractor agrees to advise all management or professional level employees involved in the work of this contract, that they must report any personal conflicts of interest to the Contractor. The Contractor must then advise the Department which will advise the Contractor of the appropriate action to be taken.

(3) Unless waived by the Department, the Contractor shall certify annually that, to the best of the Contractor's knowledge and belief, all actual, apparent or potential conflicts of interest, both personal and organizational, as defined herein, have been reported to the Department. Such certification must be signed by a senior executive of the Contractor and submitted in accordance with instructions provided by the Department. Along with the annual certification, the Contractor shall also submit an update of any changes in any conflict of interest plan submitted with its proposal for this contract. The initial certification shall cover the one-year period from the date of contract award, and all subsequent certifications shall cover successive annual periods thereafter. The certification is to be submitted no later than 45 days after the close of the previous certification period covered.

(4) In performing this contract, the Contractor recognizes that its employees may have access to data, either provided by the Department or first generated during contract performance, of a sensitive nature which should not be released without Department approval. If this situation occurs, the Contractor agrees to obtain confidentiality agreements from all affected employees working on requirements under this contract including subcontractors and consultants. Such agreements shall contain provisions which stipulate that each employee agrees not to disclose, either in whole or in part, to any entity external to the Department, Department of Health or the New York Department of Law, any information or data provided by the Department or first generated by the Contractor under this contract, any site-specific cost information, or any enforcement strategy without first obtaining the written permission of the Department. If a Contractor, through an employee or otherwise, is subpoenaed to testify or produce documents, which could result in such disclosure, the Contractor must provide immediate advance notification to the Department so that the Department can authorize such disclosure or have the opportunity to take action to prevent such disclosure. Such agreements shall be effective for the life of the contract and for a period of five (5) years after completion of the contract.

(c) Remedies - The Department may terminate this contract in whole or in part, if it deems such termination necessary to avoid an organizational or personal conflict of interest, or an unauthorized disclosure of information. If the Contractor fails to make required disclosures or misrepresents relevant information to the Department, the Department may terminate the contract, or pursue such other remedies as may be permitted by the terms of Clause I of this Attachment or other applicable provisions of this contract regarding termination.

(d) The Contractor will be ineligible to make a proposal or bid on a contract for which the Contractor has developed the statement of work or the solicitation package

(e) The Contractor agrees to insert in each subcontract or consultant agreement placed hereunder (except for subcontracts or consultant agreements for well drilling, fence erecting, plumbing, utility hookups, security guard services, or electrical services) provisions which shall conform substantially to the language of this clause, including this paragraph (e), unless otherwise authorized by the Department.

III. Dispute Resolution

The parties agree to the following steps, or as many as are necessary to resolve disputes between the Department and the Contractor.

(a) The Contractor specifically agrees to submit, in the first instance, any dispute relating to this contract to the designated individual, who shall render a written decision and furnish a copy thereof to the Contractor.

- (1) The Contractor must request such decision in writing no more than fifteen days after it knew or should have known of the facts which are the basis of the dispute.
 - (2) The decision of the designated individual shall be the final DEC determination, unless the Contractor files a written appeal of that decision with the designated appeal individual ("DAI") within twenty days of receipt of that decision.
- (b) Upon receipt of the written appeal, the DAI, will review the record and decision. Following divisional procedures in effect at that time, the DAI will take one of the following actions, with written notice to the Contractor.
- (1) Remand the matter to the program staff for further negotiation or information if it is determined that the matter is not ripe for review; or
 - (2) Determine that there is no need for further action, and that the determination of the designated individual is confirmed; or
 - (3) Make a determination on the record as it exists.
- (c) The decision of the DAI shall be the final DEC decision unless the Contractor files a written appeal of that decision with the Chair of the Contract Review Committee ("CRC") within twenty days of receipt of that decision.

The designated individual to hear disputes is:

Mark Lowery
 Assistant Director, Office of Climate Change
 NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
 625 Broadway, 14th Floor
 Albany, NY 12233-1500
 (518) 402-9507

The designated appeal individual to review decisions is:

Jon Binder
 Office of General Counsel
 NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
 625 Broadway, 9th Floor
 Albany, NY 12233-1030
 (518) 402-8448

The Chair of the Contract Review Committee is:

Department of Environmental Conservation
 Nancy W. Lussier, Chair
 Contract Review Committee
 625 Broadway
 Albany, NY 12233-5010
 Telephone: (518) 402-9228

- (d) Upon receipt of the written appeal, the Chair of the CRC, in consultation with the members of the CRC and

the Office of General Counsel, will take one of the following actions, or a combination thereof, with written notice to the Contractor.

- (1) Remand the matter to program staff for additional fact finding, negotiation, or other appropriate action; or
 - (2) Adopt the decision of the DAI; or
 - (3) Consider the matter for review by the CRC in accordance with its procedures.
- (e) Following a decision to proceed pursuant to (d) 3, above, the Chair of the CRC shall convene a proceeding in accordance with the CRC's established contract dispute resolution guidelines. The proceeding will provide the Contractor with an opportunity to be heard.
- (f) Following a decision pursuant to (d) 2 or (d) 3, the CRC shall make a written recommendation to the Deputy Commissioner for Administration who shall render the final DEC determination.
- (g) At any time during the dispute resolution process, and upon mutual agreement of the parties, the Office of Hearings and Mediation Services (OHMS) may be requested to provide mediation services or other appropriate means to assist in resolving the dispute. Any findings or recommendations made by the OHMS will not be binding on either party.
- (h) Final DEC determinations shall be subject to review only pursuant to Article 78 of the Civil Practice Law and Rules.
- (i) Pending final determination of a dispute hereunder, the Contractor shall proceed diligently with the performance of the Contract in accordance with the decision of the designated individual. Nothing in this Contract shall be construed as making final the decision of any administrative officer upon a question of law.
- (j)(1) Notwithstanding the foregoing, at the option of the Contractor, the following shall be subject to review by the CRC:
- Disputes arising under Article 15-A of the Executive Law (Minority and Women Owned Business participation), the Department's determination with respect to the adequacy of the Contractor's Utilization Plan, or the Contractor's showing of good faith efforts to comply therewith. A request for a review before the CRC should be made, in writing, within twenty days of receipt of the Department's determination.
- (2) The CRC will promptly convene a review in accordance with Article 15-A of the Executive Law and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

IV. Tax Exemption

Pursuant to Tax Law Section 1116, the State is exempt from sales and use taxes. A standard state voucher is sufficient evidence thereof. For federal excise taxes, New York's registration Number 14740026K covers tax-free transactions under the Internal Revenue Code.

V. Litigation Support

In the event the Department becomes involved in litigation related to the subject matter of this contract, the Contractor agrees to provide background support and other litigation support, including but not limited to depositions, appearances, and testimony. Any compensation paid to the Contractor under this paragraph will be negotiated and based on the rates established in the contract, or as may otherwise be provided in the contract. No compensation for such support will be paid if the litigation is the result of the Contractors

misconduct, negligence or omissions.

VI. Inventions or Discoveries

The Scope of work of this agreement shall not include any inventions. If, however, an invention results from this project it shall be owned as follows:

Any invention or discovery first made or conceived and reduced to practice in the performance of this Contract solely by the Contractor shall remain with the Contractor; provided that the Contractor shall grant to the Department and the State a nonexclusive, nontransferable, irrevocable, paid-up license to practice or have practiced for on behalf of the Department and the State the subject copyright throughout the world, where the Contractor is able to do so.

Any invention or discovery made or conceived and reduced to practice in the performance of this Contract solely by Department or State shall remain with the State; provided that the Department or State shall grant to the Contractor a nonexclusive, nontransferable, irrevocable, paid-up license to use for non-commercial research, educational, and public service purposes.

Any invention or discovery made or conceived and reduced to practice in the performance of this Contract jointly by Contractor and Department or State in the performance of this work shall be jointly held by the Contractor and Department or State.

VII. Intellectual Property and Copyright Materials

- (a) Title to, and the right to determine the disposition of any copyrights, or copyrightable material, first produced or created solely by Contractor in the performance of this work shall remain with the Contractor; provided that the Contractor shall grant to the Department and the State a nonexclusive, nontransferable, irrevocable, paid-up license to practice or have practiced for on behalf of the Department and the State the subject copyright throughout the world, where the Contractor is able to do so.

Title to, and the right to determine the disposition of any copyrights, or copyrightable material, first produced or created solely by Department or State in the performance of this work shall remain with the State; provided that the Department or State shall grant to the Contractor a nonexclusive, nontransferable, irrevocable, paid-up license to use for non-commercial research, educational, and public service purposes.

Title to, and the right to determine the disposition of any copyrights, or copyrightable material, first produced or created jointly by Contractor and Department or State in the performance of this work shall be jointly held by the Contractor and Department or State.

VIII. Patent and Copyright Protection

If any patented or copyrighted material is involved in or results from the performance of this Contract, this Article shall apply.

- (a) The Contractor shall, at its expense, defend any suit instituted against the Department and indemnify the Department against any award of damages and costs made against the Department by a final judgment of a court of last resort based on the claim that any of the products, services or consumable supplies furnished by the Contractor under this Contract infringes any patent, copyright or other proprietary right; provided the Department gives the Contractor:
- (1) prompt written notice of any action, claim or threat of infringement suit, or other suit, and
 - (2) the opportunity to take over, settle or defend such action at the Contractor's sole expense, and

(3) all available information, assistance and authority necessary to the action, at the Contractor's sole expense.

The Contractor shall control the defense of any such suit, including appeals, and all negotiations to effect settlement, but shall keep the Department fully informed concerning the progress of the litigation.

(b) If the use of any item(s) or parts thereof is held to infringe a patent or copyright and its use is enjoined, or Contractor believes it will be enjoined, the Contractor shall have the right, at its election and expense to take action in the following order of precedence:

- (1) procure for the Department the right to continue using the same item or parts thereof;
- (2) modify the same so that it becomes non-infringing and of at least the same quality and performance;
- (3) replace the item(s) or parts thereof with noninfringing items of at least the same quality and performance;
- (4) if none of the above remedies are available, discontinue its use and eliminate any future charges or royalties pertaining thereto. The Contractor will buy back the infringing product(s) at the State's book value, or in the event of a lease, the parties shall terminate the lease. If discontinuation or elimination results in the Contractor not being able to perform the Contract, the Contract shall be terminated.

(c) In the event that an action at law or in equity is commenced against the Department arising out of a claim that the Department's use of any item or material pursuant to or resulting from this Contract infringes any patent, copyright or proprietary right, and such action is forwarded by the Department to the Contractor for defense and indemnification pursuant to this Article, the Department shall copy all pleadings and documents forwarded to the Contractor together with the forwarding correspondence and a copy of this Contract to the Office of the Attorney General of the State of New York. If upon receipt of such request for defense, or at any time thereafter, the Contractor is of the opinion that the allegations in such action, in whole or in part, are not covered by the indemnification set forth in this Article, the Contractor shall immediately notify the Department and the Office of the Attorney General of the State of New York in writing and shall specify to what extent the Contractor believes it is and is not obligated to defend and indemnify under the terms and conditions of this Contract. The Contractor shall in such event protect the interests of the Department and State of New York and secure a continuance to permit the State of New York to appear and defend its interests in cooperation with Contractor as is appropriate, including any jurisdictional defenses which the Department and State shall have.

(d) The Contractor shall, however, have no liability to the Department under this Article if any infringement is based upon or arises out of:

- (1) compliance with designs, plans, or specifications furnished by or on behalf of the Department as to the items;
- (2) alterations of the items by the Department;
- (3) failure of the Department to use updated items provided by the Contractor for avoiding infringement;
- (4) use of items in combination with apparatus or devices not delivered by the Contractor;
- (5) use of items in a manner for which the same were neither designed nor contemplated; or

(6) a patent or copyright in which the Department or any affiliate or subsidiary of the Department has any direct or indirect interest by license or otherwise.

(e) The foregoing states the Contractor's entire liability for, or resulting from, patent or copyright infringement or claim thereof.

IX. Freedom of Information Requests

In response to a Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) request received by the Department, the Contractor agrees to provide to the Department records generated by the Contractor as a result of this contract's scope of work that are responsive to the FOIL request. The contractor may request that the Department except from disclosure records on the basis that they contain trade secrets or confidential commercial information in accordance with FOIL (Public Officers Law Section 87 and 6 NYCRR Part 616).

X. Article 15-Requirements

**PARTICIPATION BY MINORITY GROUP MEMBERS AND WOMEN WITH RESPECT TO STATE CONTRACTS:
REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES**

(a) General Provisions

- (1) The Department is required to implement the provisions of New York State Executive Law Article 15-A and 5 NYCRR Parts 142-144 ("MWBE Regulations") for all State contracts as defined therein, with a value (1) in excess of \$25,000 for labor, services, equipment, materials, or any combination of the foregoing or (2) in excess of \$100,000 for real property renovations and construction.
- (2) The Contractor to the subject contract (the "Contractor" and the "Contract," respectively) agrees, in addition to any other nondiscrimination provision of the Contract and at no additional cost to the New York State Department (the "Department"), to fully comply and cooperate with the Department in the implementation of New York State Executive Law Article 15-A. These requirements include equal employment opportunities for minority group members and women ("EEO") and contracting opportunities for certified minority and women-owned business enterprises ("MWBEs"). Contractor's demonstration of "good faith efforts" pursuant to 5 NYCRR §142.8 shall be a part of these requirements. These provisions shall be deemed supplementary to, and not in lieu of, the nondiscrimination provisions required by New York State Executive Law Article 15 (the "Human Rights Law") or other applicable federal, state or local laws.
- (3) Failure to comply with all of the requirements herein may result in a finding of non-responsiveness, non-responsibility and/or a breach of contract, leading to the withholding of funds or such other actions, liquidated damages pursuant to Section VII of this Article or enforcement proceedings as allowed by the Contract.

(b) Contract Goals

- (1) For purposes of this procurement, the Department hereby establishes an overall goal of up to **0%** for Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises ("MWBE") participation, (based on the current availability of qualified MBEs and WBEs).
- (2) For purposes of providing meaningful participation by MWBEs on the Contract and achieving the Contract Goals established in Section II-A hereof, Contractor should reference the directory of New York State Certified MWBEs found at the following internet address; <https://ny.newnycontracts.com>

Additionally, the Contractor is encouraged to contact the Division of Minority and Woman Business Development ((518) 292-5250; (212) 803-2414; or (716) 846-8200) to discuss additional methods of maximizing participation by MWBEs on the Contract.

- (3) Where MWBE goals have been established herein, pursuant to 5 NYCRR §142.8, Contractor must document “good faith efforts” to provide meaningful participation by MWBEs as subcontractors or suppliers in the performance of the Contract. In accordance with Section 316-a of Article 15-A and 5 NYCRR §142.13, the Contractor acknowledges that if Contractor is found to have willfully and intentionally failed to comply with the MWBE participation goals set forth in the Contract, such a finding constitutes a breach of contract and the Contractor shall be liable to the Department for liquidated or other appropriate damages, as set forth herein.

(c) MWBE Responsibilities & Requirements

- (1) Contractors must read, sign, and submit the NYSDEC MWBE Responsibilities & Requirements document. This document describes the MWBE requirements and provides directions for completing the required MWBE Utilization Plan form and subsequent Quarterly Reports.
- (2) By signing and submitting this document, the Contractor acknowledges they understand the assigned MWBE goals, the MWBE Utilization Plan form requirements, the MWBE Quarterly Report requirements, and understand what Good Faith Efforts they must put forth to meet their assigned MWBE goals.

(d) MWBE Utilization Plan

- (1) The Contractor represents and warrants that Contractor has submitted an MWBE Utilization Plan either prior to, or at the time of, the execution of the contract.
- (2) Contractor agrees to use such MWBE Utilization Plan for the performance of MWBEs on the Contract pursuant to the prescribed MWBE goals set forth in Section X-B-1 of this Attachment.
- (3) Contractor further agrees that a failure to submit and/or use such MWBE Utilization Plan shall constitute a material breach of the terms of the Contract. Upon the occurrence of such a material breach, Department shall be entitled to any remedy provided herein, including but not limited to, a finding of Contractor non-responsiveness.

(e) Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO)

- (1) Contractor agrees to be bound by the provisions of Article 15-A and the MWBE Regulations promulgated by the Division of Minority and Women's Business Development of the State of Economic Development (the “Division”). If any of these terms or provisions conflict with applicable law or regulations, such laws and regulations shall supersede these requirements. Contractor shall comply with the following provisions of Article 15-A:
 - (i) Contractor and Subcontractors shall undertake or continue existing EEO programs to ensure that minority group members and women are afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status. For these purposes, EEO shall apply in the areas of recruitment, employment, job assignment, promotion, upgrading, demotion, transfer, layoff, or termination and rates of pay or other forms of compensation.
 - (ii) The Contractor shall submit an EEO policy statement to the Department within seventy-two (72) hours after the date of the notice by Department to award the Contract to the Contractor.

- (iii) If Contractor or Subcontractor does not have an existing EEO policy statement, the Department may provide the Contractor or Subcontractor a model statement. This statement can be found at the link provided in Section 8.
- (iv) The Contractor's EEO policy statement shall include the following language:
 - a. The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status, will undertake or continue existing EEO programs to ensure that minority group members and women are afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination, and shall make and document its conscientious and active efforts to employ and utilize minority group members and women in its work force.
 - b. The Contractor shall state in all solicitations or advertisements for employees that, in the performance of the 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.
 - c. The Contractor shall request each employer Department, 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 employer Department, 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.
 - d. The Contractor will include the provisions of Subdivisions (a) through (c) of this Subsection 4 and Paragraph "E" of this Section III, which provides for relevant provisions of the Human Rights Law, in every subcontract in such a manner that the requirements of the subdivisions will be binding upon each subcontractor as to work in connection with the Contract.

(2) Staffing Plan Form

To ensure compliance with this Section, the Contractor shall submit a Staffing Plan to document the composition of the proposed workforce to be utilized in the performance of the Contract by the specified categories listed, including ethnic background, gender, and Federal occupational categories. Contractors shall complete the Staffing Plan as part of the MWBE Utilization Plan and submit at the time of award of the contract.

(3) Workforce Employment Utilization Report Form ("Workforce Report")

- (i) Once a contract has been awarded and during the term of Contract, Contractor is responsible for updating and providing notice to the Department of any changes to the previously submitted Staffing Plan. This information is to be submitted on a quarterly basis during the term of the Contract to report the actual workforce utilized in the performance of the Contract by the specified categories listed including ethnic background, gender, and Federal occupational categories. The Workforce Report must be submitted to report this information.
- (ii) Separate forms shall be completed by Contractor and any subcontractor performing work on the Contract.

- (iii) In limited instances, Contractor may not be able to separate out the workforce utilized in the performance of the Contract from Contractor's and/or subcontractor's total workforce. When a separation can be made, Contractor shall submit the Workforce Report and indicate that the information provided related to the actual workforce utilized on the Contract. When the workforce to be utilized on the contract cannot be separated out from Contractor's and/or subcontractor's total workforce, Contractor shall submit the Workforce Report and indicate that the information provided is Contractor's total workforce during the subject time frame, not limited to work specifically under the Contract.

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

(f) Quarterly MWBE Contractor Compliance Report

Contractor is required to submit a Quarterly MWBE Contractor Compliance Report Form to the Department by the 10th day following each end of quarter over the term of the Contract documenting the progress made towards achievement of the MWBE goals of the Contract.

(g) Waivers

- (1) For Waiver Requests Contractor should use Waiver Request Form.
- (2) If the Contractor, after making good faith efforts, is unable to comply with MWBE goals, the Contractor may submit a Request for Waiver form documenting good faith efforts by the Contractor to meet such goals. If the documentation included with the waiver request is complete, the Department shall evaluate the request and issue a written notice of acceptance or denial within twenty (20) days of receipt.
- (3) If the Department, upon review of the MWBE Utilization Plan and updated Quarterly MWBE Contractor Compliance Reports determines that Contractor is failing or refusing to comply with the Contract goals and no waiver has been issued in regards to such non-compliance, the Department may issue a notice of deficiency to the Contractor. The Contractor must respond to the notice of deficiency within seven (7) business days of receipt. Such response may include a request for partial or total waiver of MWBE Contract Goals.

(h) Liquidated Damages - MWBE Participation

- (1) Where Department determines that Contractor is not in compliance with the requirements of the Contract and Contractor refuses to comply with such requirements, or if Contractor is found to have willfully and intentionally failed to comply with the MWBE participation goals, Contractor shall be obligated to pay to the Department liquidated damages.
- (2) Such liquidated damages shall be calculated as an amount equaling the difference between:
 - (i) All sums identified for payment to MWBEs had the Contractor achieved the contractual MWBE goals; and
 - (ii) All sums actually paid to MWBEs for work performed or materials supplied under the Contract.
- (3) In the event a determination has been made which requires the payment of liquidated damages and such identified sums have not been withheld by the Department, Contractor shall pay such liquidated damages

to the Department within sixty (60) days after they are assessed by the Department unless prior to the expiration of such sixtieth day, the Contractor has filed a complaint with the Director of the Division of Minority and Woman Business Development pursuant to Subdivision 8 of Section 313 of the Executive Law in which event the liquidated damages shall be payable if Director renders a decision in favor of the Department.

(i) Forms

Forms referenced in this Article can be found at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/about/48854.html>

XI. Iran Divestment Act Requirements

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

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

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

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

XII. Americans With Disabilities Act

In the event the monies defined herein are to be used for the development of facilities, outdoor recreation areas, transportation or written or spoken communication with the public, the Contractor shall comply with all requirements for providing access for individuals with disabilities as established by Article 4A of the New York State Public Buildings Law, Americans with Disabilities Act, and relevant sections of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code. Standards for certain Recreation Facilities are found in the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design while others are found in the Architectural Barriers Act Accessibility Guidelines for Outdoor Recreation Areas, <https://www.access-board.gov/guidelines-and-standards>

XIII. Public Access to Facilities

If applicable to the project, the Contractor agrees to allow public access to any facilities developed with monies defined herein on the same basis to all residents of New York State for a period not less than five (5) years after the date of final payment under this Contract or five (5) years after the date that the final payment was due. Failure to comply with the provisions of this clause shall be considered an abandonment of the Project.

XIV. Project Insurance Considerations

Refer to project insurance requirements as set forth in A-1 (B) Program Specific Terms and Conditions.

XV. Amendment/Extensions

The Contract may be amended and/or extended by mutual written consent of all parties. Amendment forms will be incorporated into this Contract and will not take effect until approved by all applicable State agencies and final approval by the Office of the State Comptroller, if applicable. Contract amendments may be conditioned upon funds being re-appropriated in the State Budget each state fiscal year to the Department.

XVI. Environmental Protection Fund Acknowledgement

If applicable, in recognition of a portion of the Department funds utilized for any work completed under this Contract, the Contractor agrees to acknowledge in any communication to the public, that such funding was provided from the Environmental Protection Fund as administered by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

XVII. Vendor Responsibility

- A. The Contractor shall at all times during the Contract term remain responsible. The Contractor agrees, if requested by the Commissioner or his or her designee, to present evidence of its continuing legal authority to do business in New York State, integrity, experience, ability, prior performance, and organizational and financial capacity.
- B. The Department recommends that vendors file a required Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire online via the New York State VendRep System. To enroll in and use the New York State VendRep System, see the VendRep System Instructions available at http://www.osc.state.ny.us/vendrep/vendor_index.htm or go directly to the VendRep System online at <https://portal.osc.state.ny.us>.
- C. Vendors must provide their New York State Identification Number when enrolling. To request assignment of a Vendor ID or for VendRep System assistance, contact the Office of the State Comptroller's Help Desk at 866-370-4672 or 518-408-4672 or by email at ciohelpdesk@osc.state.ny.us. Vendors opting to complete and submit a paper questionnaire can obtain the appropriate questionnaire from the VendRep website www.osc.state.ny.us/vendrep or may contact the Department of the Office of the State Comptroller's Help Desk for a copy of the paper form.
- D. Upon written notice to the Contractor, and a reasonable opportunity to be heard with appropriate Department officials or staff, the Contract may be terminated by the Commissioner or his or her designee at the Contractor's expense where the Contractor is determined by the Commissioner or his or her designee to be non-responsible. In such event, the Commissioner or his or her designee may complete the contractual requirements in any manner he or she may deem advisable and pursue available legal or equitable remedies for breach.

XVIII. Permits

- A. If applicable, the Contractor agrees to obtain all required permits, including but not limited to, local, state and federal permits prior to the commencement of any project related work. The Contractor agrees that all work performed in relation to the project by the Contractor or its agents, representatives, or contractors will comply with all relevant federal, state and local laws, rules, regulations and standards, zoning and building codes, ordinances, operating certificates for facilities, or licenses for an activity.
- B. With respect to the project, the contractor certifies that it has complied, and shall continue to comply with

all requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA). The Contractor agrees to provide all environmental documents as may be required by the Department. The Contractor has notified, and shall continue to notify, the Department of all actions proposed for complying with the environmental review requirements imposed by SEQRA.

XIX. Approvals

The Contractor agrees that the project will be performed in accordance with the condition of any applicable administrative, judicial or governmental orders or approvals.

XX. Site Access

If applicable, the Contractor represents it has or will obtain title to or sufficient interest in the project site, including rights-of-way and necessary easements, before the start of the project to ensure undisturbed use and possession for purposes of construction and completion of the project, as well as operation of the project throughout its useful life.

XXI. Cost Overruns

If applicable, any cost overruns will not be paid by the Department and the Department is not committed to seeking additional appropriations or re-appropriation of funds and will not be responsible for the maintenance and operation of any facility which may be developed or equipment which may be purchased with the funds herein identified.

XXII. Construction Plans

It is the Contractor's responsibility (if applicable to the Project) to have all construction contract plans, specifications and cost estimates certified by a professional engineer licensed to practice in the State of New York. All certified plans and specifications shall become part of this Contract and shall be kept on the project site at all times.

XXIII. Payment and Reporting

- A. The Contractor agrees to fully fund the Project and then seek reimbursement from the Department for eligible project costs. The Department will not process final payment for this Contract, until the Department determines that the project was completed satisfactorily and upon receipt of all required final close-out payment documentation in accordance with the direction and requirements described in Attachment D.
- B. The Contractor will be entitled to receive reimbursement payments for work, projects, and/or services rendered as detailed and described in Attachment C and Attachment D of this Contract. Claims for reimbursement must be accompanied by such receipts and documents verifying expenditures as may be required by the Department and by the Comptroller. Satisfactory documentation shall include, but is not limited to, signed copies of payment vouchers or invoices, canceled checks/or the latest cumulative work-in-place estimate for each construction Contract, and any further documentation as may be required by the Department and/or the Comptroller. The Department reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to determine if the reimbursement request and accompanying documentation submitted by the Contractor is in satisfactory form and substance. A final payment determination will be based upon the Department's review of the Contractor's final voucher submission and reporting as described in Attachment D.

XXIV. On-Site Inspections

The State, Department or authorized representatives will conduct a review of the Project funded from this Contract, which may include on-site inspections, at a time that is satisfactory to the Department.

XXV. Prohibition on Purchase of Tropical Hardwoods

The Contractor certifies and warrants that all wood products to be used under this contract award will be

in accordance with, but not limited to, the specifications and provisions of Section 165 of the State Finance Law, (Use of Tropical Hardwoods) which prohibits purchase and use of tropical hardwoods, unless specifically exempted, by the State of any governmental agency or political subdivision or public benefit corporation. Qualification for an exemption under this law will be the responsibility of the contractor to establish to meet with the approval of the State. In addition, when any portion of this contract involving the use of woods, whether supply or installation, is to be performed by any subcontractor, the prime Contractor will indicate and certify in the submitted bid proposal that the subcontractor has been informed and is in compliance with specifications and provisions regarding use of tropical hardwoods as detailed in § 165 State Finance Law. Any such use must meet with the approval of the State; otherwise, the bid may not be considered responsive. Under bidder certifications, proof of qualification for exemption will be the responsibility of the Contractor to meet with the approval of the State.

B) PROGRAM SPECIFIC TERMS AND CONDITIONS

I. Notices:

The Department's authorized representative for the implementation of this Contract and for approval, direction and receipt of all Project reports called for in this Contract is listed below. Whenever it is provided in this Contract that notice must be given or other communications sent to the Department, the notices or communications must be in writing and delivered or sent to the Department's authorized representative at:

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
Office of Climate Change
625 Broadway – 9th Floor
Albany, NY 12233-1030
518-402-8448

A copy of all legal notices shall be sent to:

General Counsel
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
625 Broadway - 14th Floor
Albany, New York 12233-1500

The Contractor's authorized representative for the implementation of this Contract is the person authorized in the Resolution of Support for the contract. Notices or communications regarding this Contract should be in writing and delivered or sent to the Contractor's authorized representative at the address identified on the Face Page, with copies sent to the Contractor's contract administrator as identified in the contract application.

Notices delivered or sent shall be deemed for all purposes as notice to all persons who are Parties to this Contract as Department or Contractor.

II. Project Insurance Considerations

The Contractor agrees to procure and maintain at its own expense and without expense to the Department until final acceptance by the Department of the services covered by this Contract, insurance of the kinds and amounts as determined by the Department and based upon the project work plan. The insurance policies should be provided by insurance companies licensed to do business in the State of New York. Any

delay or time lost as a result of the Contractor not having insurance required by the Contract shall not give rise to a delay claim or any other claim against the Department.

Upon execution of this Contract, the Contractor shall furnish to the Department a certificate or certificates, satisfactory to the Department, showing that it has complied with this Article. The insurance documentation shall provide that:

- Liability and protective liability insurance policies shall provide primary and non-contributory coverage to the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation for any claims arising from the Contractor's Work under this contract, or as a result of Contractor's activities.
- The State of New York, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, its officers, agents and employees, NYS DEC Office of Climate Change, 625 Broadway, 9th Floor, Albany, NY 12233-1030, shall be listed as Certificate Holder on all liability insurance certificate(s), as additional insureds on endorsements(s) and on additional supporting documentation.
- The policies shall include a waiver of subrogation endorsement in favor of the Department as an additional insured. The endorsement shall be on ISO Form Number CG 24 04 or a similar form with same modification to the policy.
- Policies shall not be changed or canceled until thirty (30) days prior written notice has been given to the Department; as evidenced by an endorsement or declarations page.
- Insurance documentation shall disclose any deductible, self-insured retention, aggregate limit or any exclusion to the policy that materially changes the coverage required by the Contract.
- Endorsements in writing must be added to and made part of the insurance contract for the purpose of changing the original terms to reflect the revisions and additions as described. A copy of these endorsements must be provided to the Department within a reasonable amount of time.
- Applicable insurance policy number(s) reference on the ACORD form must be referenced in the supporting documentation requested by the Department and supplied by the insurance company (e.g. endorsement page, declarations page, etc.).
- This Contract shall be void and of no effect unless the Contractor procures the required insurance policies and maintains them until completion of the work or acceptance by the Department, whichever event is later.

The kinds and amounts of insurance required are as follows:

- A. Workers' Compensation coverage must be provided for work to be performed in New York State. The Contractor shall provide and maintain full New York State coverage during the life of this contract for the benefit of such employees as are required to be covered by the New York State Workers' Compensation Law.

Evidence of Workers' Compensation and Employers Liability coverage must be provided on one of the following forms specified by the Chairman of the New York State Workers' Compensation Board:

FORM #	FORM TITLE
C-105.2	Certificate of Workers' Compensation Insurance
U-26.3	State Insurance Fund Version of the C-105.2 form
SI-12/ GSI-105.2	Certificate of Workers' Compensation Self-Insurance
CE-200	Certificate of Attestation of Exemption – (no employees)

- B. Disability Benefits coverage must be provided for work to be performed in New York State. The Contractor shall provide and maintain coverage during the life of the contract for the benefit of such employees as are required to be covered by the New York State Disability Benefits Law. Any waiver of this requirement must be approved by the Department of Environmental Conservation and will only be granted in unique or unusual circumstances.

Evidence of Disability Benefits coverage must be provided on one of the following forms specified by the Chairman of the New York State Workers' Compensation Board:

<u>FORM #</u>	<u>FORM TITLE</u>
DB-120.1	Certificate of Disability Benefit Insurance
DB-155	Certificate of Disability Benefit Self-Insurance
CE-200	Certificate of Attestation of Exemption – (no employees)

An ACORD form is **NOT** an acceptable proof of Workers' Compensation coverage. **ALL OF THE ABOVE REFERENCED FORMS, EXCEPT CE-200, SI-12 & DB-155 MUST NAME** The State of New York and The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Office of Climate Change, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-1030, as the Entity Requesting Proof of Coverage.

Additional information can be obtained at the Worker's Compensation website:

<http://www.wcb.ny.gov/content/main/Employers/Employers.jsp>

Upon review of the scope of work outlined in the Grant Application by the Department, the following types of liability insurance may be required:

- C. Commercial General Liability Insurance with a limit of not less than \$2,000,000 each occurrence, and \$5,000,000 General aggregate. Such insurance shall cover liability arising from premises operations, independent contractors, products-completed operations, broad form property damage, personal and advertising injury, cross liability assumed in a contract (including tort liability of another assumed in a contract). Limits may be provided through a combination of primary and umbrella/excess liability policies. The CGL aggregate shall be endorsed to apply on a per project basis for construction contracts.
- D. Business Automobile Liability with a limit of not less than \$1,000,000 each accident. Such insurance shall cover liability arising out of any registered motor vehicle including owned, leased, hired and non-owned vehicles. If the Contractor does not own, rent or lease any registered vehicles and will not be using any vehicles on State Land proof of Business Automobile Liability Insurance shall not be required for this Contract. The Contractor shall assume full responsibility and liability that owners and operators of any registered vehicles entering State Land to conduct work under this contract carry the same Business Automobile Liability Insurance of the kinds and amounts listed above. NYS Department of Environmental Conservation reserves the right to request proof of the same.
- E. Environmental Liability with a limit of not less than \$1,000,000 providing primary coverage for bodily injury and property damage, including loss of use of damaged property or of property that has not been physically injured. Such policy shall provide coverage for actual, alleged or threatened emission, discharge, dispersal, seepage, release or escape of pollutants, including any loss, cost or expense incurred as a result of any cleanup of pollutants or in the investigation, settlement or defense of any claim, suit, or proceedings against the Department of Environmental Conservation arising from the Contractor's Work.

- F. Professional Liability Insurance includes coverage for its negligent act, error or omission in rendering or failing to render professional services required by this contract arising out of specifications, installation, modification, abatement, replacement or approval of products, materials or processes containing pollutants, and the failure to advise of or detect the existence or the proportions of pollutants. The Contractor, any subcontractor or supplier retained by the Contractor to work on the contract shall procure and maintain during and for a period of three (3) years after completion of this contract, Professional Liability Insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000. The professional liability insurance may be issued on a claims-made policy form, in which case the Contractor shall purchase at its sole expense, extended Discovery Clause coverage of up to three (3) years after work is completed if coverage is cancelled or not renewed.
- G. Marine Protection & Indemnity: Anytime the activity involves work on navigable water or the work is connected to water related activities, the Contractor shall procure Marine Protection & Indemnity and Hull and Machinery coverage, if available. Hull and Machinery coverage shall be provided for the total value of the watercraft or equipment. The Contractor shall obtain Protective and Indemnity Liability insurance for all marine operations under the contract, with a minimum \$2,000,000 limit.

Should the Contractor engage a subcontractor, the Contractor shall impose the insurance requirements of this document on the subcontractor. Contractor shall determine the required insurance types and limits, commensurate with the work of the Subcontractor. The Contractor will maintain the certificate or certificates and endorsements for all subcontractors hired as part of the Contractor's records.

III. Clean Vehicle Purchase or Lease

Eligible clean vehicle purchase or lease costs incurred by the Contractor on or after March 1, 2020, and before the close of this opportunity, are considered eligible for reimbursement given the vehicle was placed into municipal service at a dealership in New York State. If leased, the term of the lease shall be no less than 36 months.

IV. Reclaim of Funds

The Department reserves the right to reclaim funds paid to a grantee if false statements regarding eligibility of the project or any of its components are discovered after award or payment has been made.

V. State Assistance Payments

After approval of the Zero-Emission Vehicle Rebate rebate application, the commissioner may, in the name of the state, enter into contracts or purchase orders with municipalities to provide state assistance payments toward the cost of the installation of zero-emission vehicle charging stations and fueling facilities. Contracts and purchase orders shall include the following provisions:

- a) an estimate of the costs of the project, as determined by the commissioner;
- b) an agreement by the commissioner to make state assistance payments toward the cost of the project by periodically reimbursing the municipality during the progress of project development or following completion of the project as may be agreed upon by the parties, in an amount not to exceed the amounts established elsewhere in this title; and
- c) an agreement by the municipality
 - (i) to proceed expeditiously with and complete the project as approved by the commissioner;
 - (ii) to undertake and maintain the climate smart community project in accordance with applicable law and rules and regulations;
 - (iii) to provide for the payment of the municipality's share of the cost of the project;
 - (iv) to assume the full cost of any additional elements or continued operation of the project;
 - (v) to repay within one year of notification by the commissioner, any state assistance payments made toward the cost of the project or an equitable portion of such monies declared appropriate

- by the commissioner, if the municipality fails to complete the project as approved. No repayment, however, shall be required where the commissioner determines that such failure, disposition, or change of use was immediately necessary to protect public health and safety; and
- (vi) to apply for and make reasonable efforts to secure federal assistance for the project.

In connection with each contract, the commissioner shall keep adequate records of the amount of the payment by the state, if any, received by the municipality. Such records shall be retained by the commissioner and shall establish the basis for recalculation of the state payment as required herein.

The commissioner shall impose such contractual requirements and conditions upon any municipality which receives state assistance payments pursuant to this title as may be necessary and appropriate to ensure that a public benefit shall accrue from the use of public funds by such municipality. Such conditions shall include limitations on the right of the municipality to demolish or convey such property; provisions for public access or use where appropriate; a requirement that all plans for restoration, rehabilitation, improvement, demolition or other physical change must be subject to the commissioner's approval; and such other conditions which shall assure the preservation and protection of the project.

EXHIBIT C

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS – PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTORS

I. The Contractor and each of its subcontractors shall procure and maintain during the entire term of the contract the following required insurance:

- **Commercial General Liability Insurance**
\$1,000,000 per occurrence / \$2,000,000 aggregate, including coverage for liability assumed by contract, completed operations, explosion, collapse, underground hazard and products liability.
- **Automobile Liability**
\$1,000,000 combined single limit for owned, hired and borrowed and non-owned motor vehicles.
- **Workers' Compensation**
Statutory Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability Insurance for all employees.
- **Owners & Contractors Protective Liability Insurance**
\$2,000,000 per occurrence / \$2,000,000 aggregate.
- **Excess/Umbrella Liability Insurance**
\$1,000,000 per occurrence / \$2,000,000 aggregate.

II. Notwithstanding any terms, conditions or provisions, in any other writing between the parties, the Contractor hereby agrees to name the County as:

- (a) an additional insured on the Contractor's Commercial General Liability, Automobile Liability and Excess/Umbrella Liability insurance policies, and
- (b) a named insured on the Owners & Contractors Protective Liability Insurance Policy.

III. The policy/policies of insurance furnished by the Contractor shall:

- be from an A.M. Best rated "A" New York State licensed insurer; and
- contain a 30-day notice of cancellation

IV. The Contractor agrees to indemnify the County for any applicable deductibles.

V. Contractor acknowledges that failure to obtain such insurance on behalf of the County constitutes a material breach of contract and subjects it to liability for damages, indemnification and all other legal remedies available to the County. Prior to commencement of work or use of facilities, the Contractor shall provide to the County proof that such requirements have been met by furnishing certificate(s) of such insurance, and the declarations pages from the policies of such insurance. The failure of the County to object to the contents of the certificate(s) and/or declarations pages, or the absence of same, shall not be deemed a waiver of any and all rights held by the County.

VI. All certificates of insurance will provide 30 days notice to the county of cancellation or non-renewal.

VII. Contractor and subcontractor waives all rights of subrogation against the owner and will have the General Liability, Umbrella Liability Workers' Compensation policies endorsed setting forth this Waiver of Subrogation.

VIII. All policies will also contain no exclusions with respect to Section 240 and 241 of the NYS Labor Law.

IX. The County shall be listed as an additional insured on a primary and non-contributory basis.

X. All Contractors Subcontractors shall comply with these provisions and shall list the County as additional insured on a primary and non-contributory basis.

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, legal costs, 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. This language shall

be inserted by Contractor in all agreements between Contractor and its subcontractors and subcontractors will indemnify and hold harmless the County pursuant to its terms.

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. (Please disregard if these forms do not pertain).

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 sub-

division 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 (Piggyback) provided, and on condition that this present contract was **LET TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER**. Therefore all terms and conditions under this contract are extended to other political sub-divisions 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.

29. **New York State Sexual Harassment Laws**

Contractor certifies as to its self or its own organization, under penalty of perjury, that Contractor has and has implemented a written policy addressing sexual harassment prevention in the workplace and provides annual sexual harassment prevention training to all of its employees. Such policy shall, at a minimum, meet the requirements of Section 201-g of the New York State Labor Law. A model policy and training has been created by the New York State Department of Labor and can be found here:
<https://www.ny.gov/programs/combating-sexual-harassment-workplace>.

CONTRACTOR PROGRESS PAYMENT WAIVER, RELEASE AND DISCHARGE

PROJECT: _____

OWNER: ESSEX COUNTY

CONTRACTOR: _____

WITNESSETH:

The above-named Contractor, hereinafter referred to as the "Releasor", does, for and on behalf of itself, its' successors, assigns and all parties claiming any interest or right through the Releasor, hereby warrant, covenant and agree as follows:

1. Releasor is/was a Contractor relative to the above-referenced Project pursuant to a contract or other relationship for the performing and/or furnishing of work, labor, services, materials and/or equipment at the Project site or to be incorporated in said Project.

2. Whenever the term "Releasor" is used in this instrument such term shall mean: (a) the above-named Contractor, its, successors and assigns; (b) any and all sureties and all other guarantors of the Releasor on any payment, performance, labor and/or material bond or other undertaking; (c) all parties claiming any interest or right through the Releasor, including but not limited to subcontractors and suppliers; and (d) the respective officers, directors, principals, shareholders, agents, employees and attorneys of (a), (b) and (c).

3. Whenever the term "Releasees" is used in this instrument such term shall mean: (a) the above-named Owner, its' successors and assigns; (b) the Project Architect/Engineer; and (c) the respective officers, directors, principals, shareholders, agents, employees and attorneys of (a) and (b).

4. For and in consideration of the sum of \$_____, and other good and valuable consideration, which sum is acknowledged as being the full and total amount due or allegedly due or owing from the Releasees to the Releasor as of the date hereof, and the receipt of such payment being hereby acknowledged, the Releasor does waive, release and discharge the Releasees from any and all causes of action, suits, debts, claims, liens, accounts, bonds, contracts, damages, encumbrances, judgments and demands whatsoever and of every kind and nature, in law or in equity, which against the Releasees, jointly and/or severally, the Releasor ever had, now has, or might hereafter have, relating directly or indirectly to the work, labor, services, materials and/or equipment furnished and/or performed at the Project site, or incorporated or to be incorporated in said Project, as of the date hereof, including but not in any manner limited to the right of the Releasor to assert, file or claim any lien or other security interest in or upon the real and/or personal property of the Releasees.

5. The Releasor hereby agree to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Releasees from any and all damages, costs, expenses, demands, suits, liens and legal fees, directly or indirectly relating to any claim for compensation by any other party for work, labor, services, materials and/or equipment furnished and/or performed at the Project site, or which should have been so furnished or performed, or incorporated or to be incorporated in said Project, as of the date hereof, by the Releasor or by any other party claiming any interest or right through the Releasor.

Notary Public

CONTRACTOR FINAL PAYMENT WAIVER, RELEASE AND DISCHARGE

PROJECT: _____

OWNER: _____

CONTRACTOR: _____

WITNESSETH:

The above-named Contractor, hereinafter referred to as the "Releasor", does, for and on behalf of itself, its' successors, assigns and all parties claiming any interest or right through the Releasor, hereby warrants, covenants and agrees as follows:

1. Releasor is/was a Contractor relative to the above-referenced Project pursuant to a contract or other relationship for the performing and/or furnishing of work, labor, services, materials and/or equipment at the Project site or to be incorporated in said Project.

2. Whenever the term "Releasor" is used in this instrument such term shall mean: (a) the above- named Contractor, its, successors and assigns; (b) any and all sureties and all other guarantors of the Releasor on any payment, performance, labor and/or material bond or other undertaking; (c) all parties claiming any interest or right through the Releasor, including but not limited to subcontractors and suppliers; and (d) the respective officers, directors, principals, shareholders, agents, employees and attorneys of (a), (b) and (c).

3. Whenever the term "Releasees" is used in this instrument such term shall mean: (a) the above-named Owner, its' successors and assigns; (b) Essex County, its agencies and departments (including but not limited to its Office for the Aging); and (c) the respective officers, directors, principals, shareholders, agents, employees and attorneys of (a) and (b).

4. For and in consideration of the sum of \$_____, and other good and valuable consideration, which sum is acknowledged as being the full, final and total amount due or allegedly due or owing from the Releasees to the Releasor as of the date hereof, and the receipt of such payment being hereby acknowledged, the Releasor does waive, release and discharge the Releasees from any and all causes of action, suits, debts, claims, liens, accounts, bonds, contracts, damages, encumbrances, judgments and demands whatsoever and of every kind and nature, in law or in equity, which against the Releasees, jointly and/or severally, the Releasor ever had, now has, or might hereafter have, relating directly or indirectly to the work, labor, services, materials and/or equipment furnished and/or performed at the Project site, or incorporated or to be incorporated in said Project, as of the date hereof, including but not in any manner limited to the right of the Releasor to assert, file or claim any lien or other security interest in or upon the real and/or personal property of the Releasees.

5. The Releasor hereby agree to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Releasees from any and all damages, costs, expenses, demands, suits, liens and legal fees, directly or indirectly relating to any claim for compensation by any other party for work, labor, services, materials and/or equipment furnished and/or performed at the Project site, or which should have been so furnished or performed, or incorporated or to be incorporated in said Project, as of the date hereof, by the Releasor or by any other party claiming any interest or right through the Releasor.

6. The Releasor hereby certifies and warrants that it has fully paid for all work, labor, services, materials and/or equipment provided to it in connection with the Project and/or any contract relating thereto.

7. The Releasor hereby grants to the Releasees the right to review and audit any and books and records of the Releasor at any time for verification.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF this instrument has been executed this ____ day of _____, 20__.

Releasor

By: _____

Print Name

Title

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) SS:
COUNTY OF ESSEX)

I, _____, being duly sworn, depose and say that: I reside at _____, and I hereby sign this instrument under penalty of perjury; I am the of the Releasor identified herein; I am fully authorized to execute this instrument on behalf of the Releasor; and I hereby affirm that the statements contained in this instrument are true and correct.

Vendor/Releasor Agent Sign Here

Sworn to before me this ____
day of _____, 20__.

Notary Public

CONTRACTORS AFFIDAVIT RELATIVE TO FINAL PAYMENT

PROJECT: _____

OWNER: ESSEX COUNTY

CONTRACTOR: _____

W I T N E S S E T H :

The herein below designated representative of the Contractor being duly sworn deposes and states:

1. He is duly authorized to sign this Affidavit on behalf of the Contractor.
2. That all payrolls, bills for materials and equipment, and other indebtedness connection with the work for which the County or the County's property might be responsible or encumbered have been paid or otherwise satisfied and there remain no further indebtedness or bills outstanding.
3. Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a valid certificate of insurance evidencing that insurance required by the contract documents will remain in full force after final payment is currently in effect and will not be cancelled or allowed to expire until at least 30 days prior written notice has been given to the owner.
4. Contractor knows of no substantial reason that the insurance will not be renewable to cover the period required by the contract documents.
5. Attached hereto and made a part hereof at Schedule B is a detailed list of all sub-contractors and material suppliers.
6. Contractor warrants and represents that all sub-contractors, material suppliers and fringe benefit trust funds for employees of contractor and sub-contractors on the portion of the project encompassed by the work, as well as all workers and persons employed in connection therewith have been paid in full for all labor and work and materials furnished.
7. Contractor releases and waives any and all public improvement lien rights which contractor has against the County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF deponent has executed this Document on this _____ day
of _____, 20__.

Contractor

By: _____
Print Name

Title

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) SS:
COUNTY OF ESSEX)

I, _____, being duly sworn, depose and say that: I reside at _____, and I hereby sign this instrument under penalty of perjury; I am the of the Releasor identified herein; I am fully authorized to execute this instrument on behalf of the Releasor; and I hereby affirm that the statements contained in this instrument are true and correct.

Vendor/Releasor Agent Sign Here

Sworn to before me this _____
day of _____, 20__.

Notary Public

SUBCONTRACTOR/SUPPLIER PROGRESS PAYMENT WAIVER, RELEASE AND DISCHARGE

PROJECT: _____

OWNER: ESSEX COUNTY

CONTRACTOR: _____

SUBCONTRACTOR/SUPPLIER: _____

W I T N E S S E T H :

The above-named Subcontractor/Supplier, hereinafter referred to as the "Releasor", does, for and on behalf of itself, its, successors, assigns and all parties claiming any interest or right through the Releasor, hereby warrants, covenants and agrees as follows:

1. Releasor is/was a subcontractor/supplier to the Contractor above-named relative to the above-referenced Project pursuant to a contract or other relationship for the performing and/or furnishing of work, labor, services, materials and/or equipment at the Project site or to be incorporated in said Project.

2. Whenever the term "Releasor" is used in this instrument such term shall mean: (a) the above-named Subcontractor/Supplier, its' successors and assigns; (b) any and all sureties and all other guarantors of the Releasor on any payment, performance, labor and/or material bond or other undertaking; (c) all parties claiming any interest or right through the Releasor; and (d) the respective officers, directors, principals, shareholders, agents, employees and attorneys of (a), (b) and (c).

3. Whenever the term "Releasees" is used in this instrument such term shall mean: (a) the above-named Contractor and all of its, sureties and other guarantors on any payment, performance, labor and/or material bond or other undertaking; (b) the abovenamed Owner, its, successors and assigns; (c) the Project Architect/Engineer; and (d) the respective officers, directors, principals, shareholders, agents, employees and attorneys of (a), (b) and (c).

4. For and in consideration of the sum of \$_____, and other good and valuable consideration, which sum is acknowledged as being the full and total amount due or allegedly due or owing from the Releasees to the Releasor as of the date hereof, and the receipt of such payment being hereby acknowledged, the Releasor does waive, release and discharge the Releasees from any and all causes of action, suits, debts, claims, liens, accounts, bonds, contracts, damages, encumbrances, judgments and demands whatsoever and of every kind and nature, in law or in equity, which against the Releasees, jointly and/or severally, the Releasor ever had, now has, or might hereafter have, relating directly or indirectly to the work, labor, services, materials and/or equipment furnished and/or performed at the Project site, or incorporated or to be incorporated in said Project, as of the date hereof, including but not in any manner limited to the right of the Releasor to assert, file or claim any lien or other security interest in or upon the real and/or personal property of the Releasees.

5. The Releasor hereby agree to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Releasees from any and all damages, costs, expenses, demands, suits, liens and legal fees, directly or indirectly relating to any claim for compensation by any other party for work, labor, services, materials and/or equipment furnished and/or performed at the Project site, or which should have been so furnished

or performed, or incorporated or to be incorporated in said Project, as of the date hereof, by the Releasor or by any other party claiming any interest or right through the Releasor.

6. The Releasor hereby certifies and warrants that it has fully paid for all work, labor, services, materials and/or equipment provided to it in connection with the Project and/or any contract relating thereto.

7. The Releasor hereby grants to the Releasees the right to review and audit any and books and records of the Releasor at any time for verification.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF this instrument has been executed this ____ day of ____
_____, 20__.

Releasor

By:_____

(Print Name)

(Title)

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) SS:
COUNTY OF ESSEX)

I, _____, being duly sworn, depose and say that: I reside at _____, and I hereby sign this instrument under penalty of perjury; I am the of the Releasor identified herein; I am fully authorized to execute this instrument on behalf of the Releasor; and I hereby affirm that the statements contained in this instrument are true and correct.

Vendor/Releasor Agent Sign Here

Sworn to before me this ____
day of _____, 20__.

Notary Public

SUBCONTRACTOR/SUPPLIER FINAL WAIVER, RELEASE AND DISCHARGE

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OWNER: ESSEX COUNTY

CONTRACTOR: _____

SUBCONTRACTOR/SUPPLIER: _____

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4. For and in consideration of the sum of \$_____, and other good and valuable consideration, which sum is acknowledged as being the full, final and total amount due or allegedly due or owing from the Releasees to the Releasor as of the date hereof, and the receipt of such payment being hereby acknowledged, the Releasor does waive, release and discharge the Releasees from any and all causes of action, suits, debts, claims, liens, accounts, bonds, contracts, damages, encumbrances, judgments and demands whatsoever and of every kind and nature, in law or in equity, which against the Releasees, jointly and/or severally, the Releasor ever had, now has, or might hereafter have, relating directly or indirectly to the work, labor, services, materials and/or equipment furnished and/or performed at the Project site, or incorporated or to be incorporated in said Project, as of the date hereof, including but not in any manner limited to the right of the Releasor to assert, file or claim any lien or other security interest in or upon the real and/or personal property of the Releasees.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF this instrument has been executed this ____ day of _____, _____.

Releasor

By: _____

(Print Name)

(Title)

STATE OF NEW YORK)
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COUNTY OF _____)

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Vendor/Releasor Agent Sign Here

Sworn to before me this ____
day of _____, 20__.

Notary Public

APPENDIX E



ESSEX COUNTY

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GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR PROCUREMENT CONTRACTS

Adopted May 20, 1999.

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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. EXTRANEOUS 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, 7551 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.



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PREVAILING WAGE SCHEDULE FOR ARTICLE 9 PUBLIC WORK PROJECT

Attached is the current schedule(s) of the prevailing wage rates and prevailing hourly supplements for the project referenced above. A unique Prevailing Wage Case Number (PRC#) has been assigned to the schedule(s) for your project.

The Schedule is effective from July 2021 through June 2022. All updates or corrections, are posted on the 1st business day of each month. Updated PDF copies of your schedule can be accessed by entering your assigned PRC# at the proper location on the website, www.labor.ny.gov. Future copies of the annual determination are also available on the Department's website.

It is the responsibility of the contracting agency or its agent to annex and make part, the attached schedule, to the specifications for this project, when it is advertised for bids and /or to forward said schedules to the successful bidder(s), immediately upon receipt, in order to insure the proper payment of wages.

Please refer to the "General Provisions of Laws Covering Workers on Article 9 Public Work Building Service Contracts" provided with this schedule, for the specific details relating to other responsibilities of the Department of Jurisdiction.

Upon completion or cancellation of this project, enter the required information and mail **OR** fax this form to the office shown at the bottom of this notice, **OR** fill out the electronic version via the NYSDOL website.

NOTICE OF COMPLETION / CANCELLATION OF PROJECT

Date Completed: _____ Date Cancelled: _____

Name & Title of Representative: _____

Phone: (518) 457-5589 Fax: (518) 485-1870
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General Provisions of Laws Covering Workers on Article 9 Public Work Building Service Contracts

Introduction

The Labor Law requires public work contractors and subcontractors to pay a service employee under a contract for building service work for a public agency, a wage of not less than the prevailing wage and supplements (fringe benefits) in the locality for the classification(s) in which the worker was employed. Such a public work building service contract must be in excess of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00).

Building service employee includes, but is not limited, to, watchman, guard, doorman, building cleaner, porter, handyman, janitor, gardener, groundskeeper, stationary fireman, elevator operator and starter, window cleaner, and occupations relating to the collection of garbage or refuse, and to the transportation of office furniture and equipment, and to the transportation and delivery of fossil fuel but does not include clerical, sales, professional, technician and related occupations.

Building service employee also does not include any employee to whom the provisions of Article 8 are applicable.

Responsibilities of the Public Agency

A Public Agency means the state, any of its political subdivisions, a public benefit corporation, a public authority or commission or special purpose district board appointed pursuant to law, and a board of education.

The Public Agency responsible for preparing the specifications for a building service contract must file a statement identifying the types of employees and work to be performed with the New York State Commissioner of Labor, or other fiscal officer (NOTE: The New York State Commissioner of Labor is the fiscal officer on all building service contracts except for those performed by or on behalf of a city, in which case the fiscal officer is the comptroller or other analogous officer of the city).

A separate filing is required for every building service contract. Only one filing is required for each contract, regardless of the duration of the contract. To file with the Commissioner of Labor, the Public Agency MUST submit a Request for Wage and Supplement Information" form (PW 39) to the Bureau of Public Work, either online, by fax, or by mail.

In response to each filing, the Bureau of Public Work will assign a Prevailing Rate Case (PRC) number to each building service contract, and will issue a Prevailing Wage Schedule setting forth the wage rates required to be paid for work performed and the expiration date of those rates. If work on the contract continues beyond the expiration date set forth in the Wage Schedule, new rates and expiration dates will be made available online as part of the original PRC Prevailing Wage Schedule determination automatically, without further filings or requests from the Public Agency.

The Public Agency must include in the specifications for each building service contract the PRC number assigned to such contract and stipulation obligating the contractor to pay not less than the wage rates set forth in the Prevailing Wage Schedule issued under that PRC number.

Upon the awarding of the contract, the law requires that the Public Agency furnish the following information to the Bureau of Public Work: the name and address of the contractor, the date the contract was let and the approximate dollar value of the contract. To facilitate compliance with this provision of the Labor Law, a copy of the Bureau's "Notice of Contract Award" form (PW 16.9) is provided with the original Prevailing Rate Schedule. The Public Agency is required to notify the Bureau of the completion or cancellation of any public work building service contract. The Bureau's PW 200.9 form is provided for this purpose.

Hours

A building service employee, employed by a contractor, shall work up to eight (8) hours in any one day and up to forty (40) hours in any workweek for the appropriate posted prevailing wage rate. A building service employee who works more than eight (8) hours in any one day or more than forty (40) hours in any workweek shall be paid wages for such overtime at a rate not less than one-and-one-half (1.5) times his prevailing basic cash hourly rate.

Wages and Supplements

The wages and supplements to be paid and/or provided to a building service employee, employed on a public work contract shall be not less than those listed in the Prevailing Rate Schedule provided with the awarded contract. In no event shall the basic hourly cash rate of pay be less than the statutory minimum wage or in a city with a local law requiring a higher minimum wage on city contract work, less than the minimum wage specified in such local law.

The Commissioner of Labor makes an annual determination of the prevailing rates, which is in effect from July 1st through June 30th of the following year. Any errors in the annual determination will be corrected and posted to the NYSDOL website on the first business day of each month. Contractors are responsible for paying these updated rates as well, retroactive to July 1st.

If a prime contractor on a public work contract has not been provided with a Prevailing Rate Schedule, the contractor must notify the Public Agency who in turn must request an original Prevailing Rate Schedule form the Bureau of Public Work.

Requests may be submitted by: mail to NYSDOL, Bureau of Public Work, State Office Bldg. Campus, Bldg. 12, Rm. 130, Albany, NY 12240; Fax to Bureau of Public Work (518) 485-1870; or electronically at the NYSDOL website www.labor.state.ny.us. www.labor.ny.gov.

Upon receiving the original schedule, the Public Agency is REQUIRED to provide complete copies to all prime contractors who in turn MUST, by law, provide copies of all applicable county schedules to each subcontractor and obtain from each subcontractor, an affidavit certifying such schedules were received.

Payrolls and Payroll Records

Every contractor and subcontractor MUST keep original payrolls or transcripts subscribed and affirmed as true under penalty of perjury. Payrolls must be maintained for at least three (3) years from the project's date of completion. Additionally, as per Article 6 of the Labor Law, contractors and subcontractors are required to establish, maintain, and preserve for not less than six (6) years, contemporaneous, true, and accurate payroll records. At a minimum, payrolls must show the following information for each person employed on a public work project: Name; Address, Last 4 Digits of Social Security number, Classification(s) in which the worker was employed, Hourly wage rate(s) paid, Supplements paid or provided, and Daily and weekly number of hours worked in each classification. Payroll records and transcripts are required to be kept on site during all the time that work under that contract is being performed.

In addition, the Commissioner of Labor may require contractors to furnish, with ten (10) days of a request, payroll records sworn to as their validity and accuracy for public work and private work. Payroll records include, but are not limited to time cards, work description sheets, proof that supplements were provided, canceled payroll checks and payrolls. Failure to provide the requested information within the allotted ten (10) days will result in the withholding of up to 25% of the contract, not to exceed \$100,000.00.

All contractors or their subcontractors shall provide to their subcontractors a copy of the Prevailing Rate Schedule specified in the public work contract as well as any subsequently issued schedules. A failure to provide these schedules by a contractor or subcontractor is a violation of Article 9, Section 237 of the Labor Law. The prime contractor is responsible for any underpayments of prevailing wages or supplements by any subcontractor.

All subcontractors engaged by a public work project contractor or its subcontractor, upon receipt of the original schedule and any subsequently issued schedules shall provide to such contractor a verified statement attesting that the subcontractor has received the Prevailing Rate Schedule and will pay or provide the applicable rates of wages and supplements specified therein. (See NYS Labor Law, Article 9, Section 237).

Withholding of Payments

When a complaint is filed with the Commissioner of Labor alleging the failure of a contractor or subcontractor to pay or provide the prevailing wages or supplements, or when the Commissioner of Labor believes that unpaid wages or supplements may be due, payments on the public work contract shall be withheld from the prime contractor in a sufficient amount to satisfy the alleged unpaid wages and supplements, including interest and civil penalty, pending a final determination.

When the Bureau of Public Work finds that a contractor or subcontractor on a public work contract failed to pay or provide the requisite prevailing wages or supplements, the Bureau is authorized by Sections 235.2 of the Labor Law to so notify the financial officer of the Public Agency that awarded the public work contract. Such officer MUST then withhold or cause to be withheld from any payment due the prime contractor on account of such contract the amount indicated by the Bureau as sufficient to satisfy the unpaid wages and supplements, including interest and any civil penalty that may be assessed by the Commissioner of Labor. The withholding continues until there is a final determination of the underpayment by the Commissioner of Labor or by the court in the event a legal proceeding is instituted for review of the determination of the Commissioner of Labor.

The Public Agency shall comply with this order of the Commissioner of Labor or of the court with respect to the release of the funds so withheld.

Summary of Notice Posting Requirements

The current Prevailing Rate Schedule must be posted in a prominent and accessible place on the site of the public work contract.

Apprentices

Employees cannot be paid apprentice rates unless they are individually registered in a program registered with the NYS Commissioner of Labor. The allowable ratio of apprentices to journeyworkers in any craft classification can be no greater than the statewide building trade ratios promulgated by the Department of Labor and included with the Prevailing Rate Schedule. An employee listed on a payroll as an apprentice who is not registered as above, must be paid the prevailing journeyworker's wage rate for the classification of work the employee is actually performing.

NYSDOL Labor Law, Article 9, Section 231-7a, require that only apprentices individually registered with the NYS Department of Labor may be paid apprenticeship rates on a public work project. No other Federal or State Agency of office registers apprentices in New York State.

Persons wishing to verify the apprentice registration of any person must do so in writing by mail, to the NYSDOL Office of Employability Development / Apprenticeship Training, State Office Bldg. Campus, Bldg. 12, Albany, NY 12240 or by Fax to NYSDOL Apprenticeship Training (518) 457-7154. All requests for verification must include the name and social security number of the person for whom the information is requested

The only conclusive proof of individual apprentice registration is written verification from the NYSDOL Apprenticeship Training Albany Central office. Neither Federal nor State Apprenticeship Training offices outside of Albany can provide conclusive registration information.

It should be noted that the existence of a registered apprenticeship program is not conclusive proof that any person is registered in that program. Furthermore, the existence or possession of wallet cards, identification cards, or copies of state forms is not conclusive proof of the registration of any person as an apprentice.

Interest and Penalties

In the event that an underpayment of wages and/or supplements is found:

- Interest shall be assessed at the rate then in effect as prescribed by the Superintendent of Banks pursuant to section 14-a of the Banking Law, per annum from the date of underpayment to the date restitution is made.
- A Civil Penalty may also be assessed, not to exceed 25% of the total of wages, supplements, and interest due.

Debarment

Any contractor or subcontractor and/or its successor shall be ineligible to submit a bid on or be awarded any public work contract or subcontract with any state, municipal corporation or public body for a period of five (5) years when:

- Two (2) willful determinations have been rendered against that contractor or subcontractor and/or its successor within any consecutive six (6) year period.
- There is any willful determination that involves the falsification of payroll records or the kickback of wages or supplements.

Criminal Sanctions

Willful violations of the Prevailing Wage Law (Article 9 of the Labor Law) constitute a misdemeanor punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both.

Discrimination

No employee or applicant for employment may be discriminated against on account of age, race, creed, color, national origin, sex, disability or marital status.

No contractor, subcontractor nor any person acting on its behalf, shall by reason of race, creed, color, disability, sex or national origin discriminate against any citizen of the State of New York who is qualified and available to perform the work to which the employment relates (NYS Labor Law, Article 9, Section 239-1).

No contractor, subcontractor, nor any person acting on its behalf, shall in any manner, discriminate against or intimidate any employee on account of race, creed, color, disability, sex, or national origin (NYS Labor Law, Article 9, Section 239-2).

The Human Rights Law also prohibits discrimination in employment because of age, marital status, or religion.

There may be deducted from the amount payable to the contractor under the contract a penalty of \$50.00 for each calendar day during which such person was discriminated against or intimidated in violation of the provision of the contract (NYS Labor Law, Article 9, Section 239-3).

The contract may be cancelled or terminated by the State or municipality. All monies due or to become due thereunder may be forfeited for a second or any subsequent violation of the terms or conditions of the anti-discrimination sections of the contract (NYS Labor Law, Article 9, Section 239-4).

Every employer subject to the New York State Human Rights Law must conspicuously post at its offices, places of employment, or employment training centers notices furnished by the State Division of Human Rights.

Workers' Compensation

In accordance with Section 142 of the State Finance Law, the contractor shall maintain coverage during the life of the contract for the benefit of such employees as required by the provisions of the New York State Workers' Compensation Law.

A contractor who is awarded a public work contract must provide proof of workers' compensation coverage prior to being allowed to begin work.

The insurance policy must be issued by a company authorized to provide workers' compensation coverage in New York State. Proof of coverage must be on form C-105.2 (Certificate of Workers' Compensation Insurance) and must name this agency as a certificate holder.

If New York State coverage is added to an existing out-of-state policy, it can only be added to a policy from a company authorized to write workers' compensation coverage in this state. The coverage must be listed under item 3A of the information page.

The contractor must maintain proof that subcontractors doing work covered under this contract secured and maintained a workers' compensation policy for all employees working in New York State.

Every employer providing worker's compensation insurance and disability benefits must post notices of such coverage in the format prescribed by the Workers' Compensation Board in a conspicuous place on the jobsite.

Unemployment Insurance

Employers liable for contributions under the Unemployment Insurance Law must conspicuously post on the jobsite notices furnished by the New York State Department of Labor.



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Notice of Contract Award

New York State Labor Law, Article 9, Section 231.5 requires that certain information regarding the awarding of public work contracts, be furnished to the Commissioner of Labor. One "Notice of Contract Award" (PW 16.9, which may be photocopied), MUST be completed for EACH prime contractor on the above referenced project.

Upon notifying the successful bidder(s) of this building service contract, enter the required information and mail **OR** fax this form to the office shown at the bottom of this notice, **OR** fill out the electronic version via the NYSDOL website.

Contractor Information

All information must be supplied

Federal Employer Identification Number: _____		
Name: _____		
Address: _____ _____		
City: _____	State: _____	Zip: _____
Amount of Contract: \$ _____	Occupation(s): _____	
Approximate Starting Date: _____ / _____ / _____	_____	
Approximate Completion Date: _____ / _____ / _____	_____	

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Introduction to the Prevailing Rate Schedule

Introduction

The Labor Law requires public work contractors and subcontractors to pay a service employee under a contract for building service work for a public agency, a wage of not less than the prevailing wage and supplements (fringe benefits) in the locality for the classification(s) in which the worker was employed. Such a public work building service contract must be in excess of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500).

Requesting a Wage Schedule

For every building service contract, the public agency must file a statement identifying the types of employees and work to be performed by submitting a Request for Wage and Supplement Information form (PW 39) to the Bureau of Public Work, either online, by fax, or by mail.

The Commissioner of Labor makes an annual determination of the prevailing rates. This determination is in effect from July 1st through June 30th of the following year.

The Public Agency must include the specifications for each building service contract the PRC number assigned to such contract and stipulation obligating the contractor to pay not less than the wage rates set forth in the Prevailing Wage Schedule issued under that PRC number.

Hours

A building service employee, employed by a contractor, shall work up to eight (8) hours in any one day and up to forty (40) hours in any workweek for the appropriate posted prevailing wage rates. A building service employee who works more than eight (8) hours in any one day or more than forty (40) hours in any workweek shall be paid wages for such overtime at a rate not less than one-and-one-half (1.5) times the prevailing basic cash hourly rate.

Wages and Supplements

The wages and supplements to be paid and/or provided to a building service employee, employed on a public work contract shall be not less than those listed in the Prevailing Rate Schedule.

A supplemental benefit of 'paid time off' shall be provided as paid leave, or converted to an hourly value paid to the employee. If 'paid time off' is converted to an hourly monetary value, such an amount is to be paid in addition to any other hourly supplements required by this schedule.

The hourly value for 'paid time off' would be calculated as follows: hourly wage rate X 8 hours per day X total number of paid days off divided by 2080 hours. For example: \$16.00 per hour wage rate X 8 hours per day = \$128.00; \$128.00 X 5 paid days off = \$640.00; \$640.00 divided by 2080 hours = \$0.31 per hour. The \$0.31 per hour amount would be in addition to any other required supplemental monetary amount paid.

All 'paid time off' provided to part-time employees, shall be prorated (divided, distributed, or assessed proportionately) based on fulltime equivalent hours.

The amount of 'paid time off' for part-time employees, would be calculated as follows: number of part-time weekly hours divided by 40 fulltime weekly hours = percentage of 'paid time off' for part-time employee. For example: a fulltime employee works 40 hours per week and a part-time employee works 30 hours per week (30 hours divided by 40 hours = .75); If a fulltime employee is provided 5 paid vacation days (5 X .75 = 3.75), a part-time employee would be provided 3.75 paid vacation days.

Payrolls and Payroll Records

Every contractor and subcontractor MUST keep original payrolls or transcripts subscribed and affirmed as true under penalty of perjury. Payrolls must be maintained for at least three (3) years from the projects date of completion. Additionally, as per Article 6 of the Labor Law, contractors and subcontractors are required to establish, maintain, and preserve for not less than six (6) years, contemporaneous, true, and accurate payroll records.

At a minimum, payrolls must show the following information for each person employed on a public work project: Name; Address, Last 4 Digits of Social Security number, Classification(s) in which the worker was employed, Hourly wage rate(s) paid, Supplements paid or provided, and Daily and weekly number of hours worked in each classification.

Payroll records and transcripts are required to be kept on site during all the time that work under that contract is being performed.

NOTE: For more detailed information regarding Article 9 prevailing wage contracts, please refer to "General Provisions of Laws Covering Workers on Article 9 Public Work Building Service Contracts".

If you have any questions concerning the attached schedule or would like additional information, please write to:

New York State Department of Labor
Bureau of Public Work
State Office Campus, Bldg. 12
Albany, NY 12240

OR

Contact the nearest BUREAU of PUBLIC WORK District Office

District Office Locations:	Telephone #	FAX #
Bureau of Public Work - Albany	518-457-2744	518-485-0240
Bureau of Public Work - Binghamton	607-721-8005	607-721-8004
Bureau of Public Work - Buffalo	716-847-7159	716-847-7650
Bureau of Public Work - Garden City	516-228-3915	516-794-3518
Bureau of Public Work - Newburgh	845-568-5287	845-568-5332
Bureau of Public Work - New York City	212-932-2419	212-775-3579
Bureau of Public Work - Patchogue	631-687-4882	631-687-4902
Bureau of Public Work - Rochester	585-258-4505	585-258-4708
Bureau of Public Work - Syracuse	315-428-4056	315-428-4671
Bureau of Public Work - Utica	315-793-2314	315-793-2514
Bureau of Public Work - White Plains	914-997-9507	914-997-9523
Bureau of Public Work - Central Office	518-457-5589	518-485-1870

Essex County Article 9

Trash and Refuse Removal

01/01/2022

JOB DESCRIPTION Trash and Refuse Removal

DISTRICT 10

ENTIRE COUNTIES

Clinton, Essex, Hamilton

WAGES

Per hour: 07/01/2021

\$ 21.13

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Article 9 §230.6. "Prevailing wage" means the wage determined by the fiscal officer to be prevailing for the various classes of building service employees in the locality. In no event shall the basic hourly cash rate of pay be less than the statutory minimum wage established by article nineteen of this chapter, or, in a city with a local law requiring a higher minimum wage on city contract work, less than the minimum wage specified in such local law.

SUPPLEMENTAL BENEFITS

Per hour: \$ 2.16

OVERTIME PAY

See (B, B2) on OVERTIME PAGE

HOLIDAY

Paid: See (1) on HOLIDAY PAGE

10-NYS/R&S

Trash and Refuse Removal

01/01/2022

JOB DESCRIPTION Trash and Refuse Removal

DISTRICT 10

ENTIRE COUNTIES

Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lewis, St. Lawrence

WAGES

For use with Transfer Station Operation.

Per hour: 07/01/2021 12/31/2021

Indus. Truck Driver/Tractor Operator	\$ 18.28	\$ 18.28
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Laborer/ non-construction	\$ 15.74	\$ 15.74
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Conveyor operators and tenders	\$ 12.87	\$ 13.20
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Weighers/Measurers	\$ 18.45	\$ 18.45
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10-NYS/R&S - Trans.Station.Ops

Overtime Codes

Following is an explanation of the code(s) listed in the OVERTIME section of each classification contained in the attached schedule. Additional requirements may also be listed in the HOLIDAY section.

NOTE: Supplemental Benefits are 'Per hour worked' (for each hour worked) unless otherwise noted

- (AA) Time and one half of the hourly rate after 7 and one half hours per day
- (A) Time and one half of the hourly rate after 7 hours per day
- (B) Time and one half of the hourly rate after 8 hours per day
- (B1) Time and one half of the hourly rate for the 9th & 10th hours week days and the 1st 8 hours on Saturday.
Double the hourly rate for all additional hours
- (B2) Time and one half of the hourly rate after 40 hours per week
- (C) Double the hourly rate after 7 hours per day
- (C1) Double the hourly rate after 7 and one half hours per day
- (D) Double the hourly rate after 8 hours per day
- (D1) Double the hourly rate after 9 hours per day
- (E) Time and one half of the hourly rate on Saturday
- (E1) Time and one half 1st 4 hours on Saturday; Double the hourly rate all additional Saturday hours
- (E2) Saturday may be used as a make-up day at straight time when a day is lost during that week due to inclement weather
- (E3) Between November 1st and March 3rd Saturday may be used as a make-up day at straight time when a day is lost during that week due to inclement weather, provided a given employee has worked between 16 and 32 hours that week
- (E4) Saturday and Sunday may be used as a make-up day at straight time when a day is lost during that week due to inclement weather
- (E5) Double time after 8 hours on Saturdays
- (F) Time and one half of the hourly rate on Saturday and Sunday
- (G) Time and one half of the hourly rate on Saturday and Holidays
- (H) Time and one half of the hourly rate on Saturday, Sunday, and Holidays
- (I) Time and one half of the hourly rate on Sunday
- (J) Time and one half of the hourly rate on Sunday and Holidays
- (K) Time and one half of the hourly rate on Holidays
- (L) Double the hourly rate on Saturday
- (M) Double the hourly rate on Saturday and Sunday
- (N) Double the hourly rate on Saturday and Holidays
- (O) Double the hourly rate on Saturday, Sunday, and Holidays
- (P) Double the hourly rate on Sunday
- (Q) Double the hourly rate on Sunday and Holidays
- (R) Double the hourly rate on Holidays
- (S) Two and one half times the hourly rate for Holidays

- (S1) Two and one half times the hourly rate the first 8 hours on Sunday or Holidays One and one half times the hourly rate all additional hours.
- (T) Triple the hourly rate for Holidays
- (U) Four times the hourly rate for Holidays
- (V) Including benefits at SAME PREMIUM as shown for overtime
- (W) Time and one half for benefits on all overtime hours.
- (X) Benefits payable on Paid Holiday at straight time. If worked, additional benefit amount will be required for worked hours. (Refer to other codes listed.)

Holiday Codes

PAID Holidays:

Paid Holidays are days for which an eligible employee receives a regular day's pay, but is not required to perform work. If an employee works on a day listed as a paid holiday, this remuneration is in addition to payment of the required prevailing rate for the work actually performed.

OVERTIME Holiday Pay:

Overtime holiday pay is the premium pay that is required for work performed on specified holidays. It is only required where the employee actually performs work on such holidays. The applicable holidays are listed under HOLIDAYS: OVERTIME. The required rate of pay for these covered holidays can be found in the OVERTIME PAY section listings for each classification.

Following is an explanation of the code(s) listed in the HOLIDAY section of each classification contained in the attached schedule. The Holidays as listed below are to be paid at the wage rates at which the employee is normally classified.

- (1) None
- (2) Labor Day
- (3) Memorial Day and Labor Day
- (4) Memorial Day and July 4th
- (5) Memorial Day, July 4th, and Labor Day
- (6) New Year's, Thanksgiving, and Christmas
- (7) Lincoln's Birthday, Washington's Birthday, and Veterans Day
- (8) Good Friday
- (9) Lincoln's Birthday
- (10) Washington's Birthday
- (11) Columbus Day
- (12) Election Day
- (13) Presidential Election Day
- (14) 1/2 Day on Presidential Election Day
- (15) Veterans Day
- (16) Day after Thanksgiving
- (17) July 4th
- (18) 1/2 Day before Christmas
- (19) 1/2 Day before New Years
- (20) Thanksgiving
- (21) New Year's Day
- (22) Christmas
- (23) Day before Christmas
- (24) Day before New Year's
- (25) Presidents' Day
- (26) Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- (27) Memorial Day
- (28) Easter Sunday

(29) Juneteenth



New York State Department of Labor - Bureau of Public Work
State Office Building Campus
Building 12 - Room 130
Albany, New York 12240

REQUEST FOR WAGE AND SUPPLEMENT INFORMATION

As Required by Articles 8 and 9 of the NYS Labor Law

Fax (518) 485-1870 or mail this form for new schedules or for determination for additional occupations.

This Form Must Be Typed

Submitted By:

(Check Only One)

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Contracting Agency

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Architect or Engineering Firm

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Public Work District Office

Date:

A. Public Work Contract to be let by: (Enter Data Pertaining to Contracting/Public Agency)

1. Name and complete address ☐ (Check if new or change)

Telephone: ()

Fax: ()

E-Mail:

2. NY State Units (see Item 5)

☐ 01 DOT

☐ 02 OGS

☐ 03 Dormitory Authority

☐ 04 State University
Construction Fund

☐ 05 Mental Hygiene
Facilities Corp.

☐ 06 OTHER N.Y. STATE UNIT

☐ 07 City

☐ 08 Local School District

☐ 09 Special Local District, i.e.,
Fire, Sewer, Water District

☐ 10 Village

☐ 11 Town

☐ 12 County

☐ 13 Other Non-N.Y. State
(Describe)

3. SEND REPLY TO ☐ (check if new or change)
Name and complete address:

Telephone:()

Fax: ()

E-Mail:

4. SERVICE REQUIRED. Check appropriate box and provide project information.

☐ New Schedule of Wages and Supplements.

APPROXIMATE BID DATE :

☐ Additional Occupation and/or Redetermination

PRC NUMBER ISSUED PREVIOUSLY FOR
THIS PROJECT :

OFFICE USE ONLY

B. PROJECT PARTICULARS

5. Project Title _____

Description of Work _____

Contract Identification Number _____

Note: For NYS units, the OSC Contract No. _____

6. Location of Project:
Location on Site _____

Route No/Street Address _____

Village or City _____

Town _____

County _____

7. Nature of Project - Check One:

- ☐ 1. New Building
- ☐ 2. Addition to Existing Structure
- ☐ 3. Heavy and Highway Construction (New and Repair)
- ☐ 4. New Sewer or Waterline
- ☐ 5. Other New Construction (Explain)
- ☐ 6. Other Reconstruction, Maintenance, Repair or Alteration
- ☐ 7. Demolition
- ☐ 8. Building Service Contract

8. OCCUPATION FOR PROJECT :

- ☐ Construction (Building, Heavy Highway/Sewer/Water)
- ☐ Tunnel
- ☐ Residential
- ☐ Landscape Maintenance
- ☐ Elevator maintenance
- ☐ Exterminators, Fumigators
- ☐ Fire Safety Director, NYC Only
- ☐ Guards, Watchmen
- ☐ Janitors, Porters, Cleaners, Elevator Operators
- ☐ Moving furniture and equipment
- ☐ Trash and refuse removal
- ☐ Window cleaners
- ☐ Other (Describe)

9. Has this project been reviewed for compliance with the Wicks Law involving separate bidding?

YES ☐ NO ☐

10. Name and Title of Requester

Signature



NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
Bureau of Public Work - Debarment List

**LIST OF EMPLOYERS INELIGIBLE TO BID ON OR BE
AWARDED ANY PUBLIC WORK CONTRACT**

Under Article 8 and Article 9 of the NYS Labor Law, a contractor, sub-contractor and/or its successor shall be debarred and ineligible to submit a bid on or be awarded any public work or public building service contract/sub-contract with the state, any municipal corporation or public body for a period of five (5) years from the date of debarment when:

- Two (2) final determinations have been rendered within any consecutive six-year (6) period determining that such contractor, sub-contractor and/or its successor has WILLFULLY failed to pay the prevailing wage and/or supplements;
- One (1) final determination involves falsification of payroll records or the kickback of wages and/or supplements.

The agency issuing the determination and providing the information, is denoted under the heading 'Fiscal Officer'. DOL = New York State Department of Labor; NYC = New York City Comptroller's Office; AG = New York State Attorney General's Office; DA = County District Attorney's Office.

Debarment Database: To search for contractors, sub-contractors and/or their successors debarred from bidding or being awarded any public work contract or subcontract under NYS Labor Law Articles 8 and 9, or under NYS Workers' Compensation Law Section 141-b, access the database at this link: <https://applications.labor.ny.gov/EDList/searchPage.do>

For inquiries where WCB is listed as the "Agency", please call 1-866-546-9322

Article 9

AGENCY	Fiscal Officer	FEIN	EMPLOYER NAME	EMPLOYER DBA NAME	ADDRESS	DEBARMENT START DATE	DEBARMENT END DATE
DOL	DOL		DENNIS DAN OGBEIDE		P.O BOX 50028 BRONX NY 10458	04/24/2018	04/24/2023
DOL	DOL	*****5067	DENOG PROTECTIVE SECURITY SERVICES INC		P. O BOX 50028 BRONX NY 10458	04/24/2018	04/24/2023
DOL	DOL	*****9060	PEC GROUP OF N.Y., INC.		9.35 S LAKE BLVD SUITE 7MAHOPAC NY 10541	03/02/2021	03/02/2026

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 ▶

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.

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**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 <div style="text-align: right;">____ YES ____ NO</div>			
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> <div style="text-align: right;">____ YES ____ NO</div> 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> <div style="text-align: right;">____ YES ____ NO</div>			

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 AFFILIATES' HAD ANY CLAIMS, JUDGMENTS, INJUNCTIONS, LIENS, FINES OR PENALTIES SECURED BY ANY GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY? 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". _____ YES _____ NO

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

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

19. HAVE ANY BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDINGS BEEN INITIATED BY OR AGAINST THE VENDOR OR ITS AFFILIATES' 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? ___ YES ___ NO
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.

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:)
County of:) ss:

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

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

I, _____
(Officer other than officer executing proposal documents)

certify that I am the _____ of the _____
(Title) (Name of Contractor)

_____ a corporation, duly organized and in good standing under the

(Law under which organized, e.g., the New York Business Corporation Law)

named in the foregoing agreement; that _____
(Person executing proposal documents)

who signed said agreement on behalf of the Contractor was, at the time of execution,

_____ of the Contractor; that said agreement was duly signed for
(Title of such person)

and in behalf of said Contractor by authority of its Board of Directors, thereunto duly authorized, and that
such authority is in full force and effect at the date hereof.

Signature Corporate Seal

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 _____

(Title) of _____ the corporation described in
and which executed the above certificate, who being by me duly sworn did depose and say that he, the said _____
_____ resides at _____, and that he is _____
_____ of said corporation and knows the corporate seal of the said corporation; that the
seal affixed to the above certificate 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 County

CERTIFICATION OF EXPERIENCE

BIDDER: _____

I, _____ HEREBY CERTIFY THAT (COMPANY _____
_____ HAS PERFORMED THE FOLLOWING WORK WITHIN THE LAST
THREE YEARS **UNLESS SPECIFIED DIFFERENTLY IN THE SPECIFICATION**:

NAMES OF BUSINESS: _____ CONTACT NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

AMOUNT OF CONTRACT: _____ TELEPHONE NO.: _____

TYPE OF WORK: _____ FAX NO.: _____

NAMES OF BUSINESS: _____ CONTACT NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

AMOUNT OF CONTRACT: _____ TELEPHONE NO.: _____

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AMOUNT OF CONTRACT: _____ TELEPHONE NO.: _____

TYPE OF WORK: _____ FAX NO.: _____

NOTE: THIS FORM MUST BE EXECUTED BY YOUR
SURETY AND SUBMITTED WITH YOUR BID.

ESSEX COUNTY
BID SECURITY FORM #1

CONSENT OF SURETY

Issued to: _____
(Name of Bidder)

CONTRACT NUMBER _____

In consideration of the premises and of one dollar to it in hand paid by the County of Essex the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the undersigned contents and agrees that if the contract, for which the preceding estimate and proposal is made, be awarded to the corporation, person or persons making the same, it will become bound as surety and guarantor for its faithful performance, and will execute it as party of the third part thereto when required to do so by the said County of Essex and if the said corporation, person or persons shall omit or refuse to execute such contract if so awarded, it will pay, on demand, to the said County of Essex , any difference between the sum bid by the corporation, person or persons and the sum which the said County may be obliged to pay the corporation, person or person to whom the contract may be afterwards awarded, the amount in each case to be determined by the bids for said contract.

In witness whereof, said Surety has set its seal and caused these presents to be signed by its duly authorized officers, this _____ day of _____, 20__

(SEAL)

BY: _____

TITLE: _____

NOTE: Attach necessary Power of Attorney, Notarial Acknowledgement of Signature and Surety's Financial Statement.

STATEMENT OF SURETY'S INTENT

To: _____

We have reviewed the Bid of _____

(Contractor)

of _____

(Address)

for _____

(Project)

Bids for which will be received on _____

(Bid Opening Date)

and wish to advise that should this Bid of the Contractor be accepted and the Contract awarded to him, it is our present intention to become surety on the Performance Bond and Labor and Materials Payment Bond required by this Contract.

Any arrangement for the bonds required by the Contract is a matter between the Contractor and ourselves, and we assume no liability to you or third parties if for any reason we do not execute the requisite bonds.

We are duly authorized to transact business in the State of New York, and we appear on the U.S. Treasury Department's most current list (Circular 570 as amended).

Attest:

Surety's Authorized Signature(s)

Attach Power of Attorney

(Corporate seal if any. If no seal, write
"No Seal" across this place and sign.)

BID SECURITY

(ATTACHED HERE – CERTIFIED CHECK, CASH OR BID BOND)

BIDDER'S CHECKLIST

Each of the following forms must be executed and notarized if applicable:

VENDOR RESPONSIBILITY QUESTIONNAIRE	_____ [HAVE NOTARIZED]
CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY	_____
CERTIFICATION OF EXPERIENCE	_____
BID SECURITY FORM # 1	_____
STATEMENT OF SURETY'S INTENT	_____
PROPOSAL	_____
CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH IRAN DIVESTMENT ACT	_____ [HAVE NOTARIZED]
NON-COLLUSIVE BIDDING CERTIFICATION	_____ [HAVE NOTARIZED]

PROPOSAL

_____ agrees to provide the necessary personnel, equipment and materials to provide Household Hazardous Waste Day Events for Essex County, as called for in the Specifications for the following amounts:

Unit Prices as Follows:

Description	Size	Treatment	Price Per Unit
Aerosols			
Propane			
Bulk Flammable Liquids			
Fire Extinguisher			
Bulk Oil			
Car Batteries			
Propane Tank			
Paint Related Materials			
Flammable Solid			
Organic Peroxide			
Oxidizing Solid			
Pesticide Liquid			
Pesticide Solid			
Corrosive Acidic			
Corrosive Basic			
Mercury			
Bulk Antifreeze			
Bulbs			
Lithium			
Nickel Hydride			
Nickel Cadmium			

Mobilization Fee per each HHWD Event:

_____ \$ _____
In Words In Numbers

Labor Fee per each HHWD Event:

_____ \$ _____
In Words In Numbers

Transportation Fee per each HHWD Event:

In Words

\$ _____

In Numbers

PAYMENT WILL BE MADE WITHIN 30 DAYS OF RECEIPT OF INVOICES AND CERTIFIED PAYROLLS.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE:

TITLE: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

FAX NUMBER: _____

DATE: _____

SOCIAL SECURITY/FEDERAL ID NO: _____

E-MAIL _____

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