

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN; that the Undersigned, on behalf of the Essex County Board of Supervisors, will accept sealed proposals until September 17, 2010 at 2:00 P.M. for BILLING SERVICES FOR THE ESSEX COUNTY NURSING HOME.

Specifications are available by contacting the Office of the Purchasing Agent, Linda M. Wolf, CPA, Government Center, 7551 Court St. Elizabethtown, New York 12932 or by calling 518-873-3330. Specifications are also available on the website at www.co.essex.ny.us.

Sealed proposals will be received at the Office of the Purchasing Agent, County Complex, 7551 Court St, P.O. Box 217, Elizabethtown, New York 12932 until September 17, 2010 at 2:00 P.M..

All proposals submitted in response to this notice shall be marked "SEALED PROPOSAL – Billing Services" clearly on the outside of the envelope.

In addition to the proposal, the proposer shall submit executed non-collusion bid certificates signed by the proposer or one of its officers as required by the General Municipal Law Sec. 103d.

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

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

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

Dated: August 31, 2010

Linda M. Wolf
Purchasing Agent
Essex County Government Center
Elizabethtown, New York 12932
(518) 873-3330

A. General Information

The County of Essex is requesting proposals for professional services to perform billing services for the Essex County Nursing Home.

Proposal submissions must be received no later than 2:00 P.M. on September 17, 2010 and should be submitted to:

Linda M. Wolf
Purchasing Agent
Essex County Government Center
Elizabethtown, New York 12932

Three (3) copies of each proposal must be received in a sealed package with the designation "SEALED PROPOSAL – BILLING SERVICES" conspicuously marked on the outer envelope. All proposals will be opened and logged in on the above stated date and time. All proposals submitted will be a matter of public record.

During the evaluation process, the County reserves the right, where it may serve the County's best interest, to request additional information or clarifications from proposers, or to allow corrections of errors or omissions.

Essex County will not be liable for any costs incurred by firms associated with the development or delivery of proposals.

Any questions concerning this Request for Proposals should be directed to Linda M. Wolf, Purchasing Agent at (518) 873-3330.

B. Term of Engagement

The term will be for one year beginning October 15, 2010 and will include an option exercisable by the County for services for the two subsequent years.

C. Statement of Objectives

The County Nursing Home is a 100 bed long term care facility with a variety of revenue sources including Medicaid, Medicare, 3rd Party Insurance, and Self pay. The scope of the billing services encompasses the entire billing cycle for the Nursing Home which includes preparing and reviewing bills and/or claims for completeness, resolving discrepancies by contacting appropriate agency or contractor, and forwarding bills and claims to the appropriate agency, contractor or person for payment or submission. The service also requires accounts receivable reconciliation and other accounting related duties.

The goal of this contract is to assist the County in maximizing its potential to receive every dollar to which it is entitled. The contractor will be responsible for complying with all state,

federal and local laws, regulations, policies and standards applicable to the billing operation of a long term care facility.

The following is a list of specific objectives:

- Use of software to capture a record of service encounters and administrative tasks and converts recorded service encounters into appropriate billing codes;
- Monitors and review policies and procedures to ensure compliance with rules and regulations;
- Meets with patients/responsible party and resolves complaints and/or provides service information as required;
- Use of software to conduct on-line billing and claims and issue reports;
- Implements administrative cost-reporting mechanisms;
- Create reports necessary for finance purposes and cost reporting purposes;
- Obtains pre-approval for the Medicaid service billing solution and service reimbursement rates from respective state and federal governments;
- Obtains insurance authorization for services to be rendered;
- Implements compliance reviews of internal processes and audit assistance for all local, state, and federal audits;
- Integrates software with the County's finance software Sunguard Pentamation Finance Plus and 6N Software;
- Ability to print journal entries that integrate with the County's general ledger;
- Provides technical and customer service assistance for the full business-day;
- Tracks and updates Medicaid eligibility information by exchanging Medicaid eligibility request and response files with the state, if allowed in a state;
- Collects third-party insurance information and verifies insurance coverage with insurance company;
- Assists in resolving issues regarding claims made to private insurance carriers;
- Maintains a history of service rate changes as they occur with the effective start and end dates for each and account for service rate changes as they occur;
- Receives and reviews electronic remittances for all insurance and posts to client account including explanation of any variances, and generates monthly patient statements, records and reviews monthly revenue and accounts receivable;
- Identify and code general ledger accounts for bills rendered for services and reconciles Accounts Receivable to the general ledger;
- Provides on-line code books if applicable;
- Automatically generate replacement claims to handle late submission of encounters, retroactive rate changes, and the voiding of encounters billed in error;
- Flag any unbilled service encounters for further investigation;
- Notify administration of any sort of processing anomaly;
- Answers provider questions regarding medical billing procedures and/or problems;
- Completes Medicare Demand bill process.

D. Reports to be issued monthly

- GL Batch Edit Report or similar report that prints out journal entries to coordinate with the County’s General Ledger
- Account Receivable Reconciliation by Resident and Payor
- Revenue Reports by Payor and by Patient
- Various statistical reports required for the Medicaid and Medicare Cost Reports

E. Qualifications

- Five years of experience with Medical Billing
- Associate’s Degree in medical records technology, accounting, business, or related field at a regionally accredited college or university
- Successful completion of coursework in Medical Records Technology is desired
- Staff must have a thorough knowledge of modern office terminology, procedures, equipment

F. Payment terms

The prices quoted in the proposals shall be firm for a period of at least 120 days after submission deadline.

The County’s standard payment term is thirty (30) days upon receipt of invoice after the services are performed. Payments are made monthly.

G. Time Requirements

The following is a list of key dates up to and including the date proposals are due to be submitted;

Request for proposals issued	August 31, 2010
Due date for proposals	September 17, 2010

Notification and Contract Dates

Selection firm notified	October 1, 2010
Contract Date	October 15, 2010

H. Proposal Response and Organization

Please submit Marked Original and three copies of your proposal to:

Linda Wolf, Purchasing Agent
 Essex County Purchasing
 7551 Court St., P.O. Box 217
 Elizabethtown, NY 12932

The Offeror shall prepare the proposal as set forth below. The titles and contents of the section shall be as defined in this section.

- Section I: Technical Response
- Section II Cost/Price Proposal

The Technical Response Section should be specific and complete. Legibility, clarity and coherence are very important.

The Offeror shall include copies of any licenses and/or certifications that are required to perform any of the work required by the RFP. If no licenses and/or certifications are required, the Offeror is not required to make reference to this subsection.

The Technical Response should include the following:

Narrative Summary – A concise narrative summary of the entire proposal, including significant risks, and a highlight of any key or unique features, excluding cost/price. The salient features should tie in with Section I evaluation factors. Also include a brief description of the vendor’s business, its history and future plans, vendor identification, corporate name and address, telephone numbers, contact person(s), number of years in business, vendor stability and responsibility. Address your firms’ motivation for being involved in this project and the priority this project will be assigned relevant to other commitments.

Relevant and past performance- Each offeror shall submit a minimum of three references, containing past performance that you consider most relevant in demonstrating your ability to perform the proposed effort. This information is required on the Offeror and all subcontractors, teaming partners, and/or joint venture partners. Offerors are cautioned that the County will use data provided by each Offeror in this Section and data obtained from other sources in the evaluation of past and present performance.

Personnel Qualifications and Experience should be detailed as part of the Technical Response. Include resumes for all personnel and subcontractors to be assigned to this project.

Format and Specific Content – Address your proposed approach to meeting the requirements listed in the Statement of Objectives, as well as risks in your proposal in terms of project capability/performance, cost and/or schedule. In this section address your proposed approach to meeting the requirements listed in the Statement of Objectives, as well as risks in our proposal in terms of project capability/performance, cost and/or schedule. Describe the impact of each identified risk in terms of its potential to interfere with or prevent the successful accomplishment of the project goals and statement of Objectives.

A Master Schedule will be required after evaluation and prior to contract. The intent of the section is to obtain a functionally integrated understanding of the proposal in a way that provides the County confidence that the proposal is structured to be executable for the resources indicated. The Master Schedule is a detailed task and timing of the work effort in the Statement of Objectives. This identifies all events, accomplishments, criteria, and expected dates of each.

I. Evaluation Factors

Proposal Evaluation

Proposals will be evaluated in accordance with applicable County of Essex procurement policies and procedures. Evaluation will be performed to determine the offerer's understanding of work to be performed, technical approach, potential for completing the work as specified in the Statement of Objectives, cost reasonableness, the probable cost to the County, and ranking with competing offerors.

During the evaluation process, offerors may be requested to make oral presentations. Such presentations will provide firms with an opportunity to answer any questions that the County may have on the proposal. Not all firms may be asked to make such oral presentations.

Award will be made to that responsible offeror(s), whose offer(s), conforming to this RFP, is (are) considered most advantageous to the County, considering the Evaluation Criteria in this Section.

Section I

Technical Response 25%

The proposer's methodologies in project planning, analysis of needs, applications, testing systems and training which will be evaluated against the County's Statement of Objectives and Technical Requirements.

Personnel Qualifications, Project Organization, Experience and Commitment Criteria 30%

Proposals will be evaluated considering the offeror's technical and managerial experience, qualifications, and the availability of personnel who are proposed to work on the project; project organization and management structure; and prior experience in managing projects similar in type, technology, size and complexity.

Relevant Reference Criteria 20%

Assessment of the Offeror's past and present performance will be one means of evaluating the credibility of the offeror's proposal and the relative capability to meet performance requirements.

Section II

Cost Criteria 25%

This should be a total All-Inclusive Maximum Price per Month. The dollar cost bid should contain all pricing information relative to performing the audit engagements as described in the request for proposals. The total all-inclusive maximum price to be bid is to contain all direct and indirect costs, including all out-of-pocket expenses.

The Offeror shall also include listing of hourly rates by staff level and an estimate of the total number of hours per month.

Cost proposals will be evaluated with respect to adequacy and reasonableness. This evaluation will include consideration of the probable cost to the County of doing business with each offeror; the possible growth in proposed costs during the course of the contract; the features of each offeror's work plan that could cause the estimate cost to vary; and cost-sharing proposed.

If after the evaluation of technical proposals, two or more competing overall proposals are considered in the competitive range, the evaluated probable cost to the County may be a deciding factor for selection. That is, the highest technical proposal may not necessarily be selected when cost considerations are taken into account.

APPENDIX C
INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS - PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PROVIDERS

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

- = **Workers' Compensation**
Statutory Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability Insurance for all employees, *except that in the event the Contractor has no employees and is exempt by law from having such insurance coverage the Contractor may provide an exemption statement.*
- = **Professional Liability Insurance**
\$1,000,000 per occurrence / \$2,000,000 aggregate for the negligent or wrongful professional acts of the Contractor.
- = **Commercial General 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 (except as to workers' compensation insurance coverage) to either effectuate

- (a) the naming of the County as an "additional insured as funding source for contract services" on the contractor's insurance policies, or
- (b) the inclusion of a contractual liability endorsement covering the Contractor's contract with the County.

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

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

IV. In the event that the Contractor is unable to furnish professional liability insurance other than on a "claims made" basis, the Contractor shall procure and maintain a separate "tail" policy of such insurance providing the required coverage, or furnish proof of continuous coverage under the existing policy, for a period of one year and ninety days following the termination date of this contract.

V. The contractor agrees to indemnify the County for any applicable deductibles.

VI. 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 the 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.

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 from and against any and all liability, suits, judgments, orders, causes of action, and claims, including but not limited to those for bodily injury, property damage, death, and reasonable attorney's fees, arising out of or in connection with the Contractor's negligence and/or its performance or failure to perform this

agreement

6. **Discrimination Prohibited**

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

7. **Non-Discrimination In Employment**

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

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

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

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

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

9. **Records**

The Contractor shall establish and maintain complete and accurate books, records, documents, accounts and other evidence directly pertinent to performance under this contract (hereinafter collectively "the Records") in accordance with the following requirements:

- (a) the Records must be kept for the balance of the calendar year in which they were made and for six (6) additional years thereafter;
- (b) the County Auditor, State Comptroller, the Attorney General or any other person or entity authorized to conduct an examination, as well as the agency or agencies involved in this contract, shall have access to the Records during normal business hours at an office of the Contractor within the State of New York, or, if no such office is available, at a mutually agreeable and reasonable

venue within the State, for the term specified above for the purposes of inspection, auditing and copying.

The County shall take reasonable steps to protect from public disclosure any of the records which are exempt from disclosure under Section 87 of the Public Officers Law (the "Statute") provided that: (i) the Contractor shall timely inform an appropriate County official, in writing, that said records should not be disclosed; and (ii) said records shall be sufficiently identified and designation of said records as exempt under the statute is reasonable. Nothing contained herein shall diminish, or in any way adversely affect, the County's right to discovery in any pending or future litigation.

10. **Claims For Payment**

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

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

attached and made a part hereof.

11. **Consent**

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

12. **Executory Clause**

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

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

If this is a public work contract covered by Article 8 of the Labor Law or a building service contract covered by Article 9 thereof:

- (a) neither the Contractor's employees nor the employees of its subcontractors may be required or permitted to work more than the number of hours or days stated in said statutes, except as otherwise provided in the Labor Law and as set forth in prevailing wage and supplement schedules issued by the State Labor Department; and
- (b) the Contractor and its subcontractors must pay at least the prevailing wage rate and pay or provide the prevailing supplements, including the premium rates for overtime pay, as determined by the State Labor Department in accordance with the Labor Law.

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

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

- (a) the Contractor acknowledges that the County uses and/or produces various substances which may be classified as hazardous under OSHA's Hazard Communication Standard;
- (b) the Contractor recognizes the use of said substances by the County and acknowledges that the County has provided, or upon request will provide, the Contractor with a description of such substances which may be present in the area of the County's facility/facilities to which the Contractor may have accessed during the performance of this contract;
- (c) the Contractor acknowledges that the County has provided, or upon request will provide, suggestions for appropriate protective measures which should be observed when the Contractor is in the area of any such hazardous substances;
- (d) the Contractor agrees to be solely responsible for providing training and information to its employees regarding any such hazardous substances, as well as of any protective measures suggested by the County;
- (e) the Contractor agrees to be solely responsible to ensure that the Contractor's employees observe protective measures during the performance of their duties in the performance of the contract, and that all such protective measures will be at least as stringent as those suggested or which would have been suggested by the County;

- (f) in the event that the Contractor's performance of the work under this contract requires the use of any hazardous substances, the Contractor shall notify the County in advance of bringing in and/or using such substances in or upon County property and suggest to the County appropriate measures to be observed by the County, its officers and employees, and/or the public; and
- (g) in the event the Contractor fails in whole or in part to comply with the terms of this paragraph, the County shall have the right to interrupt the Contractor's work and/or terminate this contract, and the Contractor shall be prohibited from renewing such work until all applicable safety and health procedures and practices are implemented by the Contractor.

15. **Disputes**

Disputes involving this contract, including the breach or alleged breach thereof, may not be submitted to binding arbitration, but must, instead, be heard in a court of competent jurisdiction within the State of 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.

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.

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 _____)

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.

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

Notary Public

CONTRACTOR FINAL 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 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__.

By _____

STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF ESSEX)ss:

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.

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

Notary Public

CONTRACTORS AFFIDAVIT RELATIVE TO FINAL PAYMENT

PROJECT:

OWNER: Essex County

CONTRACTOR:

WITNESSETH:

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 ___ day of _____, _____.

Contractor

By: _____

(Print Name)

(Title)

STATE OF NEW YORK)

) SS:

COUNTY OF _____)

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.

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 _____, 2006.

Releasor
By: _____

(Print Name)

(Title)

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

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.

Sworn to before me this _____
day of _____, 2006.

Notary Public

SUBCONTRACTOR/SUPPLIER FINAL WAIVER, RELEASE AND DISCHARGE

PROJECT:

OWNER: _____

CONTRACTOR:

SUBCONTRACTOR/SUPPLIER:

W I T N E S S E T H :

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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, 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 _____, _____.

Releasor

By: _____

(Print Name)

(Title)

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

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.

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 a Corporation)

STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF)

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 by
me and did depose and say that the said _____ resides at _____
_____ and that he is the _____ of 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 hereto by like order.

Notary Public

CONTRACTOR'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

(If an Individual)

STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF)

On this _____ day of _____, 20____, before my 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 any trade name, that the certificate required by the New York State Penal Law,
Section 440 and 440-b has been filed with the County Clerk of Essex County.

Notary Public

CONTRACTOR'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

(If a Co-Partnership)

STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF)

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 on behalf of said firm, and he
acknowledged to me that he executed the same on behalf of, and as the act of said firm for the purposes
herein mentioned and that the certificate required by the New York State Penal Law, Section 440 and 440-
b has been filed with the County Clerk of Essex County.

Notary Public