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NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

NYSTEM and the Empire State Stem Cell Board

**A Request for Proposals for
Merit Peer Review Services of Applications for Funding of Stem Cell Research
and Related Projects**

Schedule of Key Events

RFP Release Date	3/23/2012
Written Questions Due	4/9/2012
Letter of Interest Due (optional)	4/13/2012
Response to Written Questions	4/20/2012
Proposal Due Date	5/10/2012 by 4:00 PM
Anticipated Contract Start Date	1/1/2013

Contacts Pursuant to State Finance Law § 139-j and 139-k

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A. INTRODUCTION

This Request for Proposals (RFP) solicits bids from any responsible entity with the legal authority to do business with New York State to conduct independent scientific and technical merit peer review of applications for funding through the New York State Department of Health's stem cell science program (NYSTEM). Bidders should have at least five years of demonstrated expertise in conducting all aspects of independent scientific and technical merit peer review including, but not limited to, panel member recruitment and composition, meeting planning and facilitation, coordination of travel, lodging and other logistics, evaluation of multi-disciplinary projects, group facilitation, scoring and report writing as described herein.

Partial bids for portions of the Detailed Specifications (Section C) will be deemed non-responsive and will not be considered.

B. BACKGROUND

Now in its fifth year, the Empire State Stem Cell Board (ESSCB) is authorized to provide funding for basic, applied, translational and other research designed to advance scientific discoveries in fields related to stem cell biology. NYSTEM administers stem cell research funding, based on recommendations and advice from the ESSCB. In conjunction with NYSTEM, the ESSCB solicits, reviews, and makes funding recommendations for creative and innovative biomedical or health-related research projects to be supported by the Empire State Stem Cell Fund.

The Funding Committee of the ESSCB is authorized to provide for an independent scientific merit peer review panel composed of individuals with expertise appropriate to the proposed research who shall review applications based on the criteria requirements and standards adopted by the Funding Committee, and make recommendations to the Funding Committee for awards.

Information about the ESSCB, NYSTEM and its past Requests for Applications (RFAs) and awards can be found at: <http://www.stemcell.ny.gov>. Historical data, as available, regarding previous RFAs will be provided to the successful bidder to facilitate future panels.

NYSTEM anticipates that the first peer review process conducted by the contractor will be held in April 2013. There are a variety of factors that influence the schedule of RFA release; therefore, the selected contractor will coordinate independent peer review services as needed by NYSTEM. Prospective bidders should note that NYSTEM expects as many as six RFAs to be issued each year and that RFAs may contain more than one funding mechanism. Based on current estimates, investigators from approximately 40 institutions may be eligible to apply for funding. The number of applications received in response to each RFA will vary based on the purpose of the RFA; to date, this figure has ranged from 5 to 329. Historically, NYSTEM has received approximately four times more applications than are

recommended for funding (a success rate of approximately 25%). The number of applications submitted varies by type of RFA.

A list of RFAs proposed for issuance in the coming years is provided below; other RFAs may also be issued.

Table 1. Proposed RFAs/Anticipated Funding Mechanisms

Mechanism	Similar Model	Reference
Innovative, Developmental or Exploratory Research	NIH R21	http://stemcell.ny.gov/research_support_Past_RFAs.html *This RFA has been scheduled for repeat issuance since the program's inception.
Investigator-Initiated Research	NIH R01	http://stemcell.ny.gov/research_support_Past_RFAs.html *This RFA has been scheduled for repeat issuance since the program's inception.
Consortia to Accelerate Therapeutic Applications of Stem Cells	NIH UM1	http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-11-206.html
Institutional Training Programs	NIH T32	http://stemcell.ny.gov/research_support_Past_RFAs.html *This RFA has been scheduled to be issued twice.
Stem Cell Research Experience for Pre-College Teachers	NIH R25	http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-11-050.html
Stem Cell Science for Journalists	N/A	

C. DETAILED SPECIFICATIONS

1. Overall Experience

The successful bidder should have at least five years of demonstrated experience in conducting all aspects of scientific and technical merit peer review.

2. Staffing and Contract Management

The successful bidder will identify and designate a single experienced staff member as overall manager of this project who will dedicate as much time on this project as needed to ensure its successful completion. This individual will have the rank and authority to make decisions on behalf of the contractor and to act as liaison with NYSTEM staff to ensure completion of all tasks required for this project.

The selected contractor must have access to a sufficient number of other staff who have expertise in biomedical or health-related research and have demonstrated scientific excellence through their own research publications. These staff will possess appropriate scientific credentials; a record of academic publications within the pertinent disciplines; specific teaching and/or research experience; and prior experience in peer review procedures and health sciences administration.

The selected contractor must also have access to a sufficient number of staff, who have expertise in all aspects of peer review administration, to fulfill the tasks of the project, including: information technology; database management; computer programming; reviewer recruitment, assessment and evaluation; reviewer liaising; conflict of interest identification and management; travel and meeting coordination; scientific writing and editing; contract management; and fiscal operations.

The selected contractor will ensure that the quality and availability of its staff assigned to fulfill the NYSTEM contract will be maintained over the term of the contract. Any change to the project leader/manager position must have the prior approval of NYSTEM program staff. Other changes in staff assignments are at the discretion of the organization, provided that personnel replacements have substantially comparable or better qualifications and experience than original personnel.

The selected contractor will be expected to assume full costs and responsibilities for the services offered in the proposal for the duration of the contract term, including but not limited to recording necessary data, preparing and producing written products, and managing costs associated with convening of the panels. Any subcontractors must be approved by NYSTEM; however, the contractor is responsible for ensuring that all deliverables are completed to the satisfaction of NYSTEM.

A NYSTEM staff member will be designated as the primary contact for the contractor. NYSTEM staff will communicate final approval of all plans and acceptance of deliverables under the contract and will work closely with the selected contractor throughout the contract term.

3. Scope of Work

NYSTEM acknowledges that there are several effective methods for conducting peer review. Throughout the contract term, NYSTEM reserves the right to change the peer review method for any peer review cycle conducted by the selected contractor if an alternate method is deemed by NYSTEM to be more efficient, effective, or cost-effective. Therefore, the bidder should describe alternate methods of conducting peer reviews that it has found to be successful. *However, for the purpose of preparing technical component and cost component proposals in response to this RFP, an "in-person" peer review panel meeting is the method required to be used as the basis for the proposal.*

Regardless of the specific method used during the contract term, the contractor will be required to provide consistent, high-quality services through processes that are generally recognized by the scientific community to be highly credible, objective and comprehensive. The successful bidder will demonstrate the ability to:

- a. Receive confidential applications and screen for compliance with established criteria and other application requirements and standards, including, but not limited to, requirements for human subjects research, vertebrate animal research, human pluripotent stem cell research, and/or use of recombinant DNA.
- b. Recruit sufficient numbers of highly-qualified individuals from outside New York State as consultants to serve on merit peer review panels; and identify and manage any conflicts of interest among them.
- c. Coordinate, manage and provide support for independent scientific and technical merit peer review of applications for research and related funding.
- d. Design and implement procedures that establish a systematic process of reviewing applications to ensure: compliance with NYSTEM terms and conditions; high-quality research; and reasonableness of cost.
- e. Provide thorough written reports and summaries of each application received.
- f. Provide administrative support services such as conference management, travel coordination and reimbursement of peer reviewers.

Pre-Meeting Activities

For each RFA drafted by NYSTEM, the contractor will provide technical assistance and consultation regarding RFA improvements that can facilitate the peer review process. In advance of each RFA's application due date, NYSTEM will provide the contractor with necessary information to design reviewer instructions and forms for the peer review process including, but not limited to, evaluation criteria. NYSTEM will approve the reviewer instructions and forms prior to distribution to reviewers by the contractor.

The contractor will identify sufficient numbers of highly competent and experienced scientists, physicians and others as appropriate to the subject of the RFA to serve as potential review panel members. NYSTEM may also identify preferred peer review panel members for each review panel to be convened. The contractor will be responsible for recruitment and all communications with review panel members. NYSTEM will have final approval on the selection of peer review panel members. Review panel members must meet the requirements for peer reviewers established in the bylaws adopted by the ESSCB (http://stemcell.ny.gov/about_esscp_bylaws.html). Scientists and physicians will be identified and recruited based on their possession of the appropriate credentials and

funding history in the field of stem cell biology research or other closely related fields (e.g., developmental biology, cell signaling, tissue engineering or regenerative medicine), enabling technologies (e.g., advanced imaging, mass spectroscopy, computational biology, biomedical engineering), or relevant disease-specific expertise in which stem cell research may be important for diagnostics or therapeutics. In addition, these scientists and physicians will demonstrate a record of academic publications within the pertinent disciplines as related to the foci of the applications under review, and specific experience in their field. Further, the majority of review panel members will have experience in rigorous scientific peer review and in managing competitive, federally-funded or state-funded research projects. Although the bidding entity and its staff may or may not be located in New York State, all reviewers must work outside of the State.

Some RFAs may require that the contractor identify other types of specific reviewer expertise. In addition to research, the ESSCB has identified three additional categories of funding: scientific training; infrastructure development; and, ethical, legal and social issues and education. See Section B, Table 1, Proposed RFAs and Anticipated Funding Mechanisms.

Peer reviewers must agree to abide by the merit-based peer review guidelines established by the bylaws adopted by the ESSCB and any additional instructions provided by NYSTEM to the contractor to ensure compliance with the program terms and conditions, high-quality research, and reasonableness of cost.

Prior to each review panel meeting, the contractor will hold a kick-off meeting with NYSTEM to ensure proper peer review panel assembly, discuss and finalize required post-review report contents, and review other details as necessary.

Applications responding to the RFAs will be submitted to NYSTEM. Each application will be assigned a log number. Those which meet the minimum administrative requirements (Pass/Fail) will be forwarded to the contractor electronically in Microsoft Word Document (DOC or DOCX) and/or Portable Document File (PDF) formats. The contractor staff will assess each forwarded application's compliance with additional requirements specified in the RFA, such as page limitations, complete forms, etc. NYSTEM will make final determinations with respect to compliance issues identified by the contractor.

The contractor will assess and manage conflicts of interest among review panel members. The contractor will then assign compliant applications to the approved review panel members (the number of reviewers per application will be determined by NYSTEM for each RFA, but will not be less than two), and forward the applications, reviewer critique templates, and instructions to the review panel members for review and critique. Written critiques will contain an overall summary of the application and a critique of the application categorized by the appropriate evaluation criteria for the specific funding mechanism. All reviewers will be required to submit their draft critiques in writing to the contractor prior to the peer review meeting.

Each review panel will be administered by a Scientific Review Administrator (SRA), and comprised of a Chairperson and several peer reviewers. The contractor will recruit SRAs from highly skilled professionals in their employ who possess years of experience in peer review procedures, as well as in administration related to biomedical research. The SRA will play a critical leadership role in the peer review process and has the overall responsibility to ensure that the peer review panel proceedings are accurately recorded and the integrity of the review process is maintained.

The Chairperson will be a senior-ranking individual selected on the basis of his/her standing in the scientific community, prior peer review experience, experience leading a research program, and expertise in the area(s) related to the subject matter of the applications to be reviewed. The Chairperson is a voting member of the review panel who works closely with the SRA, presides at the meeting, provides leadership in moderating and guiding panel members in their deliberations, and ensures that each application receives a fair review on the basis of merit.

Review panel members are responsible for thoroughly reviewing and providing written evaluations of their assigned applications prior to the convened meeting, as well as orally presenting their evaluations to the review panel at the meeting and actively participating in the assessment, discussion, and scoring of all applications reviewed by the panel, and for editing their written critique as necessary based upon the discussion prior to leaving the review panel meeting.

Administrative and logistics planning of the peer review meeting occur simultaneously. The contractor will select the meeting location, make travel and hotel arrangements for meeting attendees, limited by New York State per diem rates, and prepare meeting materials (for applicable per diem rates, see: <http://www.gsa.gov/portal/category/21287>). Lunch and refreshments will be provided by the contractor during the review meeting.

Meeting Activities

The review panel will convene to review assigned applications. Prior to the start of the review panel meeting, the contractor and NYSTEM staff will conduct a brief orientation session, which will allow the reviewers to address specific questions or concerns regarding the RFA and/or the process for review. According to the evaluation methods established by NYSTEM for the RFA, each application will be presented by the assigned reviewers to the remainder of the panel members and a panel discussion will ensue. All panel members will then be required to complete a scoring sheet for the application and will provide justification for any changes to their written critiques. The contractor will be responsible for ensuring the proper conduct of the meeting, and will provide technical assistance and support as necessary throughout the meeting. NYSTEM staff will observe panel discussions to ensure that the process remains consistent with procurement rules and to offer technical assistance to the contractor where needed.

Post-Meeting Activities and Reports

Upon completion of peer review, scores will be received by the SRA and calculated for each application. Any compliance penalty points assessed by NYSTEM will be reflected in the scoring. Score reports, lay abstracts and peer review summary statements, which accurately report the overall findings of the review panel and provide specific critique, will be prepared by the contractor for every application. Within 30 days of the peer review meeting, these reports will be delivered to NYSTEM in electronic (PDF) formats that can be distributed to the ESSCB Funding Committee members and to applicants. In addition, the contractor will provide other reports or data requested by NYSTEM on an as-needed basis to fulfill the requirements of the ESSCB regarding award recommendations.

The contractor will also provide any other reports requested by NYSTEM to fulfill the requirements of the ESSCB and the New York State Department of Health (Department), including, but not limited to, reports required of all entities contracting with New York State.

D. PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

Information submitted to the Department is subject to the Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) (New York State Public Officers' Law, Article 6, Sections 84 to 90). To the extent permitted by law, a proposal will not be disclosed, except for purposes of evaluation, prior to approval by the Office of the State Comptroller of the resulting contract. All material submitted becomes the property of the Department and may be returned at the Department's discretion. Submitted proposals may be reviewed and evaluated by any person, other than one associated with a competing bidder, designated by the Department. Any information supplied by a bidder, which is believed to be exempt from disclosure under FOIL, will be clearly marked and identified as such upon submission by the bidder. Marking the information as "confidential" or "proprietary" on its face or in the document header or footer shall not be sufficient without specific explanation of the basis for the claim of exemption from disclosure. Acceptance of the claimed materials by the Department does not constitute a determination on the exemption request. A determination of whether such information is exempt from FOIL will be made at the time of any request for disclosure under FOIL in accordance with statutory procedure.

1. Technical Component

The technical component of the proposal should include six parts as outlined in sections a-f below:

a. Bidder's Experience

Bidders should demonstrate that they meet the qualifications described in Section C.1. To substantiate that experience, the bidder must provide a listing of relevant clients in the past five years, including a minimum of three

references from biomedical or health-related research sponsors (federal, state or not-for-profit national organizations) including at least one from an organization that sponsors basic and translational biomedical research. For each reference, provide the name of the sponsoring agency/organization, a contact name and professional title, address and telephone number. Also provide a project-identifying title, a brief description of the scope of the services provided, deadlines, reports produced and other relevant information.

Provide a brief description of the organization's background and demonstrate relevant experience in coordinating independent scientific and technical merit peer review of applications for research funding as described in Section C.3., Scope of Work. Provide a brief summary of the background, qualifications and staffing for the overall organization.

Bidders must demonstrate the organization's access to and experience recruiting and screening sufficient numbers of qualified reviewers, from outside New York State, who have the appropriate experience and expertise for the types of applications that are anticipated (investigator-initiated research projects; scientific training; infrastructure development; ethical, legal and social issues and education, etc. – also see Section B, Table 1). Bidders must also demonstrate the organization's ability to identify and manage conflicts of interest among reviewers.

b. Qualifications of Staff

The individual assigned primary/lead responsibility for the oversight and management of the NYSTEM contract should have a minimum of three years of professional experience overseeing all aspects of independent scientific and technical merit peer review. Include the name and relevant qualifications, experience and accomplishments of this individual.

The successful bidder will provide sufficient information to demonstrate the availability of a sufficient number of knowledgeable and skilled staff with expertise in each required area to implement successfully the proposed project activities described in Section C.3., Scope of Work and as detailed in the Approach section of the bidder's proposal (Technical Component). Specifically, staff assigned to the contract will be skilled and experienced in working with: identification, solicitation, coordination and retention of scientific experts to serve as review panel members; all aspects of scientific meeting planning, coordination of travel, lodging and other logistics; and recording and reporting. Additionally, assigned staff will be skilled and experienced in managing independent scientific and technical merit peer review processes including but not limited to: critical evaluation and scoring of applications including workplans, budgets and timelines; and assessment of compliance issues such as publications and intellectual property, human subjects research, vertebrate animal research, human pluripotent stem cell research, and use of recombinant DNA in accordance with stated program policies and conditions. Thus, staff

members assigned to manage the peer review process will have scientific research experience beyond the postdoctoral level.

Identify the staff that will provide each of the specific services required, including but not limited to administrative, fiscal, meeting planning, scientific review administration, information technology, and others. Identify the number of years and type of experience for each individual. Provide actual or typical job descriptions for identified positions.

c. Approach

Provide a detailed plan to fulfill the Scope of Work (Section C.3.). Describe the specific approaches, tasks, activities and related operations to be employed in the provision of up to six peer review panel meetings of varying sizes in each year of the contract.

Provide the rationale for the proposed approach, explaining relevant issues. Provide evidence of the organization's previous experience and ability to accomplish the Scope of Work (Section C.3.) using this approach. Also include a discussion of overall contract management activities that will be undertaken to facilitate timely and accurate provision of deliverables to NYSTEM, vouchering, progress reporting, and other administrative/fiscal responsibilities. Acknowledge potential problem areas that could be encountered using the primary approach; indicate how they will be addressed and provide alternative approaches.

d. Facilities, Technology and Meeting Environment

Describe the facilities, technology and equipment available to fulfill the Scope of Work (Section C.3.) and as detailed in the Approach section of the bidder's proposal (see above). Include a description of available peer review panel meeting facilities, the information technology and equipment used during peer review panel meetings, and the facilities and technology resources available to support all other aspects of the contract.

e. Timeline

Provide a timeline representative of specific activities, tasks and related operations to support the provision of one peer review cycle using the approach described.

f. Appendices

Information submitted in appendices should specifically support elements of the Technical Component of the proposal. Appendix material may include curriculum vitae and/or résumés of staff that will be assigned to this project. Elaborate brochures, reproduced copies, or printouts of standard manuals or

sales literature may not be substituted for the required proposal narratives and responses, but may be included in appendix material as samples to further exemplify the narrative and response (i.e., responses such as “see appendix” are not sufficient). Appendix material will be considered in the evaluation of the Technical Component.

2. Cost Component

The cost component of the proposal is comprised of two forms:

a. Cost Component Form

Bid costs presented in Attachment 3 must be predicated upon in-person meetings of peer review panels and correspond to the Technical Component submitted. For the bidder’s convenience, Attachment 3 is provided as a fill-in form. To complete this form, bidders are asked to propose separate costs at each of five levels of effort (likely ranges of the number of applications to be reviewed) for one peer review cycle (applications resulting from a single RFA) conducted during the first year of the contract, and for each year thereafter through the fifth year of the contract.

Any resulting contract will allow payment for services at the appropriate level of effort for each peer review conducted up to a maximum of six peer reviews per contract year.

For scoring purposes, bid prices submitted for each of the five levels of effort will be totaled to enable reviewers to evaluate bids on an equal basis.

b. Bid Form

Attachment 1 must be completed and signed by an authorized official.

Grand Total Cost for Five Years shown on Attachment 3 should equal the total bid price shown on Attachment 1. This figure will be verified and used to score the Cost Component.

Bid prices shall include all ancillary costs, such as printing, secretarial services, data entry, computer support, communications, recordkeeping and reporting, and inflationary calculations for salaries, benefits and other items.

The State of New York will not be held liable for or reimburse any cost incurred by the bidder for work performed in the preparation and production of a proposal.

3. Method of Award

a. Pass/Fail Assessment

All proposals will be reviewed by NYSTEM to ensure that minimum criteria are met. Proposals that do not meet the following minimum criteria will not be forwarded to the review panel for evaluation and rating:

- Proposal package must be received at the address stated in Section E.3, Submission of Proposals, by the date and time specified on the cover page of the RFP
- Each proposal package must contain two separately sealed envelopes labeled "NYSTEM Peer Review Cost" and "NYSTEM Peer Review Technical"; each must be clearly marked with the bidder's legal name and contact information
- Technical Component must contain a listing of relevant clients in the past five years, with references and contact information for three separate clients from biomedical or health-related research sponsors, including at least one from an organization that sponsors basic and translational biomedical research
- Cost Component must include a completed and signed Bid Form (Attachment 1) and a completed Cost Component Form (Attachment 3)
- The bidding organization's officer responsible for contract negotiation must be listed on Attachment 1. This document must be signed by the responsible officer.

b. Evaluation Process

The Department will conduct a comprehensive, fair and impartial evaluation of each proposal in response to this RFP according to New York State laws and regulations and Department rules. NYSTEM staff will supervise the review and scoring of all proposals by a panel of Department staff.

The basis of the award will be the highest composite Technical Evaluation and Cost Evaluation score. Separate teams of staff will evaluate the Technical and Cost Components. References provided by the bidder will be contacted to verify the scope and quality of services provided by the bidder.

The evaluation of proposals will determine which services provide the "Best Value" to the State. Under NYS Procurement Guidelines, "Best Value" is the basis for awarding all service contracts, which optimizes quality, cost and efficiency among responsive and responsible offers.

NYSTEM will notify all bidders in writing after it makes its final selection of the "Best Value" proposal and the Department has approved the selection. The Department will then develop a binding contract with the selected bidder to

provide the services. In the case of failure to execute a contract with the selected bidder, NYSTEM may pursue a contract for the services proposed by the next best-rated bidder. NYSTEM staff will administer any contract that is executed between the contractor and the State.

c. Vendor Selection

At the discretion of the Department, all bids may be rejected. In the event of a tie among final bidder scores, the determining factor(s) for award, in descending order of importance, will be:

- Lowest cost
- Minority/Women-Owned Business Enterprise (MWBE) utilization
- Past experience
- References

The evaluation of the bids will include the following considerations:

TECHNICAL COMPONENT – 70% weight

Bidder's Experience

Does the bidder have at least five years of experience providing independent scientific and technical merit peer review services? Specifically, does the bidder have experience:

- Receiving confidential applications and screening for compliance with established criteria and other application requirements and standards such as human subjects research, vertebrate animal research, human pluripotent stem cell research, and/or use of recombinant DNA?
- Coordinating, managing and providing support for independent scientific and technical merit peer review of applications for research funding?
- Designing and implementing procedures that establish a systematic process of reviewing applications to ensure: compliance with program terms and conditions; high-quality research; and reasonableness of cost?
- Providing thorough written reports and summaries of each application received?
- Providing administrative support services such as conference management, travel coordination, reimbursement of peer reviewers, and contract management?

Does the bidder have experience with biomedical or health-related research application peer review processes for:

- federal government agencies
- state government agencies
- not-for-profit national organizations?

Does the bidder demonstrate access to and experience recruiting and screening a sufficient number of high quality reviewers, from outside of New York State, with the appropriate experience and expertise to perform the peer reviews for each anticipated funding mechanism?

Does the bidder demonstrate experience identifying and managing conflicts of interest among reviewers?

Qualifications of Staff

Does the assigned lead staff have a minimum of three years of professional experience overseeing all aspects of independent scientific and technical merit peer review?

Does the overall organization have background and relevant experience as well as staff experience in coordinating independent scientific and technical merit peer review of applications for research funding?

Does the staff assigned to the contract demonstrate the knowledge, skills and experience to implement all aspects of the proposed activities as described in the Scope of Work (Section C.3.) and as detailed in the Approach section of the bidder's proposal?

Is there a sufficient number of staff in all areas of expertise necessary to conduct a sound review process and produce high-quality reviews, and provide required deliverables to NYSTEM according to the required Scope of Work (Section C.3) and as detailed in the Approach section of the bidder's proposal?

Approach

Does the bidder present a rational, appropriate, efficient and detailed plan to achieve all required tasks necessary to fulfill the Scope of Work (Section C.3.)?

Does the bidder provide evidence of the organization's previous experience and ability to accomplish the Scope of Work (Section C.3.) using this approach, at the prescribed level of effort required by the RFP (up to six peer reviews of various sizes and funding mechanisms during each year of the contract) with the proposed staff?

Do the approach and timeline provide adequate flexibility to provide timely and accurate deliverables and fulfill the Scope of Work (Section C.3.) considering the varying numbers of applications and anticipated funding mechanisms? Does the

bidder describe alternate methods of peer review that could be employed in these varying circumstances?

Does the bidder acknowledge potential problem areas and consider alternative approaches?

Facilities, Technology and Meeting Environment

Does the bidder maintain appropriate infrastructure (facilities, technology and equipment) to support the Scope of Work using the proposed Approach, including but not limited to:

- information technology and equipment used during peer review panel meetings and to support the overall peer review process,
- information technology and equipment to communicate with peer reviewers and NYSTEM staff, facilitate the timely and accurate transmission of deliverables and data to NYSTEM, track expenditures and submit vouchers, reimburse reviewers and manage costs associated with the contract?

Does the bidder maintain or have access to appropriate meeting facilities in which to convene peer review meetings?

COST COMPONENT SCORING – 30% weight

The Cost Component will be scored only on total bid price, using the verified/corrected Attachment 3, Cost Component Form and Attachment 1, Bid Form.

E. ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

1. Issuing Agency

This Request for Proposals (RFP) is a solicitation issued by the Department. The Department is responsible for the requirements specified herein and for the evaluation of all proposals.

2. Inquiries

Any questions concerning this solicitation must be directed in writing or via e-mail to:

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Questions and answers, as well as any RFP updates and/or modifications, will be posted on the Department of Health's website at <http://www.health.ny.gov/funding/> by 4/20/12. Bidders wishing to receive these documents via mail must send a request, in writing, to the Department at the address above.

A pre-bid conference will not be held for this RFP.

3. Submission of Proposals

Both a Technical Component and a Cost Component must be submitted in response to this RFP. No financial, bid or pricing information may be included in the Technical Component. Interested vendors should submit:

- one original and three signed copies of the Technical Component and any appendices in a sealed package clearly marked "NYSTEM Peer Review Technical Component" and
- one original and three signed copies of the Cost Component in a separate sealed package clearly marked "NYSTEM Peer Review Cost Component."

Both sealed packages should be packaged together for mailing, clearly marked "NYSTEM Peer Review," and directed to:

Regular Mail (U.S. Postal Service)
NYS Department of Health
Wadsworth Center, Room D-350
Extramural Grants Administration
Empire State Plaza
PO Box 509
Albany, NY 12201-0509
Attention: Mary Thatcher

Express/Courier Mail Services
NYS Department of Health
Wadsworth Center, Room D-350
Extramural Grants Administration
Empire State Plaza
Dock J, P-1 Level
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Attention: Mary Thatcher

It is the bidders' responsibility to see that a complete bid package is delivered to Room D-350 prior to the bid due date and time. Late bids due to delay by the carrier

or not received in the Department's mailroom in time for transmission to Room D-350 by the deadline will not be considered.

All evidence and documentation requested under Section D., Proposal Requirements must be provided at the time the proposal is submitted.

4. The Department of Health Reserves the Right to

- a. Reject any or all proposals received in response to the RFP;
- b. Withdraw the RFP at any time, at the agency's sole discretion;
- c. Make an award under the RFP in whole or in part;
- d. Disqualify any bidder whose conduct and/or proposal fails to conform to the requirements of the RFP;
- e. Seek clarifications and revisions of proposals;
- f. Use proposal information obtained through site visits, management interviews and the state's investigation of a bidder's qualifications, experience, ability or financial standing, and any material or information submitted by the bidder in response to the agency's request for clarifying information in the course of evaluation and/or selection under the RFP;
- g. Prior to the **bid opening**, amend the RFP specifications to correct errors or oversights, or to supply additional information, as it becomes available;
- h. Prior to the bid opening, direct bidders to submit proposal modifications addressing subsequent RFP amendments;
- i. Change any of the scheduled dates;
- j. Eliminate any mandatory, non-material specifications that cannot be complied with by all of the prospective bidders;
- k. Waive any requirements that are not material;
- l. Negotiate with the successful bidder within the scope of the RFP in the best interests of the state;
- m. Conduct contract negotiations with the next responsible bidder, should the agency be unsuccessful in negotiating with the selected bidder;
- n. Utilize any and all ideas submitted in the proposals received;

- o. Unless otherwise specified in the solicitation, every offer is firm and not revocable for a period of 60 days from the bid opening; and,
- p. Require clarification at any time during the procurement process and/or require correction of arithmetic or other apparent errors for the purpose of assuring a full and complete understanding of an offerer's proposal and/or to determine an offerer's compliance with the requirements of the solicitation.

5. Payment

If awarded a contract, the contractor shall submit invoices and/or vouchers to the State's designated payment office:

NYS Department of Health
Wadsworth Center, Room D-350
Extramural Grants Administration
Empire State Plaza
PO Box 509
Albany, NY 12201-0509

Payment for invoices and/or vouchers submitted by the CONTRACTOR shall only be rendered electronically unless payment by paper check is expressly authorized by the Commissioner, in the Commissioner's sole discretion, due to extenuating circumstances. Such electronic payment shall be made in accordance with ordinary State procedures and practices. The CONTRACTOR shall comply with the State Comptroller's procedures to authorize electronic payments. Authorization forms are available at the State Comptroller's website at www.osc.state.ny.us/epay/index.htm, by email at epunit@osc.state.ny.us or by telephone at 518-486-1255. CONTRACTOR acknowledges that it will not receive payment on any invoices and/or vouchers submitted under this Contract if it does not comply with the State Comptroller's electronic payment procedures, except where the Commissioner has expressly authorized payment by paper check as set forth above.

In addition to the Electronic Payment Authorization Form, a Substitute Form W-9, must be on file with the Office of the State Comptroller, Bureau of Accounting Operations. Additional information and procedures for enrollment can be found at <http://www.osc.state.ny.us/epay>.

Completed W-9 forms should be submitted to the following address:

NYS Office of the State Comptroller
Bureau of Accounting Operations
Warrant & Payment Control Unit
110 State Street, 9th Floor
Albany, NY 12236

Payment of such invoices and/or vouchers by the State (NYS Department of Health) shall be made in accordance with Article XI-A of the New York State Finance Law. Payment terms will be:

Payment will be made for actual services delivered and upon acceptance of related deliverable products. Specifically, the contractor will provide written reports and records of proceedings resulting from each oversight panel meeting (see Section C.2.e., above) and may be required to submit periodic reports of contractor activities conducted in support of the oversight panels. Final payment will be made upon acceptance of a final report summarizing the efforts of the contractor and the oversight panels throughout the contract term.

Vouchers will not be authorized for payment until NYSTEM receives and approves each report and the deliverables associated with the corresponding voucher. Vouchers will be submitted in accordance with the terms of the contract, using the forms and formats required by NYSTEM. The contractor will be reimbursed for actual approved expenditures and for coordination services in accordance with the contract.

6. Term of Contract

This agreement shall be effective upon approval of the NYS Office of the State Comptroller for a contract period of five years, projected to commence on 1/1/13 and end on 12/31/17.

This agreement may be canceled at any time by the Department of Health giving to the contractor not less than thirty (30) days written notice that on or after a date therein specified this agreement shall be deemed terminated and canceled.

7. Debriefing

Once an award has been made, bidders may request a debriefing of their proposal. Please note the debriefing will be limited only to the strengths and weaknesses of the bidder's proposal, and will not include any discussion of other proposals. Requests must be received no later than ten (10) business days from date of award or non-award announcement.

8. Protest Procedures

In the event unsuccessful bidders wish to protest the award resulting from this RFP, bidders should follow the protest procedures established by the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC). These procedures can be found on the OSC website at: http://www.osc.state.ny.us/agencies/gbull/g_232.htm.

9. Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire

New York State Procurement Law requires that state agencies award contracts only to responsible vendors. Vendors are invited to file the required Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire online via the New York State VendRep System or may choose to complete and submit a paper questionnaire. To enroll in and use the New York State VendRep System, see the VendRep System Instructions available at www.osc.state.ny.us/vendrep or go directly to the VendRep system online at <https://portal.osc.state.ny.us>. For direct VendRep System user assistance, the OSC Help Desk may be reached at 866-370-4672 or 518-408-4672 or by email at helpdesk@osc.state.ny.us. Vendors opting to file a paper questionnaire can obtain the appropriate questionnaire from the VendRep website www.osc.state.ny.us/vendrep or may contact the Department of Health or the Office of the State Comptroller for a copy of the paper form. Bidders must also complete and submit the Vendor Responsibility Attestation (Attachment 13).

10. State Consultant Services Reporting

Chapter 10 of the Laws of 2006 amended certain sections of State Finance Law and Civil Service Law to require disclosure of information regarding contracts for consulting services in New York State.

The winning bidders for procurements involving consultant services must complete a "State Consultant Services Form A, Contractor's Planned Employment From Contract Start Date through End of Contract Term" in order to be eligible for a contract.

Winning bidders must also agree to complete a "State Consultant Services Form B, Contractor's Annual Employment Report" for each state fiscal year included in the resulting contract. This report must be submitted annually to the Department of Health, the Office of the State Comptroller, and Department of Civil Service.

Both of these forms are included as attachments to this document.

11. Lobbying Statute

Chapter 1 of the Laws of 2005, as amended by Chapter 596 of the Laws of 2005, provides, among other things, the following as pertains to development of procurement contracts with governmental entities:

- a. makes the lobbying law applicable to attempts to influence procurement contracts once the procurement process has been commenced by a state agency, unified court system, state legislature, public authority, certain industrial development agencies and local benefit corporations;
- b. requires the above mentioned governmental entities to record all contacts made by lobbyists and contractors about a governmental procurement so that

the public knows who is contacting governmental entities about procurements;

- c. requires governmental entities to designate persons who generally may be the only staff contacted relative to the governmental procurement by that entity in a restricted period;
- d. authorizes the New York State Commission on Public Integrity to impose fines and penalties against persons/organizations engaging in impermissible contacts about a governmental procurement and provides for the debarment of repeat violators;
- e. directs the Office of General Services to disclose and maintain a list of non-responsible bidders pursuant to this new law and those who have been debarred and publish such list on its website;
- f. requires the timely disclosure of accurate and complete information from offerers with respect to determinations of non-responsibility and debarment;
- g. expands the definition of lobbying to include attempts to influence gubernatorial or local Executive Orders, Tribal–State Agreements, and procurement contracts;
- h. modifies the governance of the New York State Commission on Public Integrity
- i. provides that opinions of the Commission shall be binding only on the person to whom such opinion is rendered;
- j. increases the monetary threshold which triggers a lobbyist's obligations under the Lobbying Act from \$2,000 to \$5,000; and
- k. establishes the Advisory Council on Procurement Lobbying.

Generally speaking, two related aspects of procurements were amended: (i) activities by the business and lobbying community seeking procurement contracts (through amendments to the Legislative Law) and (ii) activities involving governmental agencies establishing procurement contracts (through amendments to the State Finance Law).

Additionally, a new section 1-t was added to the Legislative Law establishing an Advisory Council on Procurement Lobbying (Advisory Council). This Advisory Council is authorized to establish the following model guidelines regarding the restrictions on contacts during the procurement process for use by governmental entities (see Legislative Law §1-t (e) and State Finance Law §139-j). In an effort to facilitate compliance by governmental entities, the Advisory Council has prepared model forms and language that can be used to meet the obligations imposed by

State Finance Law §139-k, Disclosure of Contacts and Responsibility of Offerers. Sections 139-j and 139-k are collectively referred to as “new State Finance Law.”

It should be noted that while this Advisory Council is charged with the responsibility of providing advice to the New York State Commission on Public Integrity regarding procurement lobbying, the Commission retains full responsibility for the interpretation, administration and enforcement of the Lobbying Act established by Article 1-A of the Legislative Law (see Legislative Law §1-t (c) and §1-d). Accordingly, questions regarding the registration and operation of the Lobbying Act should be directed to the New York State Commission on Public Integrity.

12. Accessibility of State Agency Web-based Intranet and Internet Information and Applications

Any web-based intranet and internet information and applications development, or programming delivered pursuant to the contract or procurement will comply with New York State Enterprise IT Policy NYS-P08-005, “Accessibility Web-based Information and Applications”, and New York State Enterprise IT Standard NYS-S08-005, Accessibility of Web-based Information Applications, as such policy or standard may be amended, modified or superseded, which requires that state agency web-based intranet and internet information and applications are accessible to persons with disabilities. Web content must conform to New York State Enterprise IT Standard NYS-S08-005, as determined by quality assurance testing. Such quality assurance testing will be conducted by Department of Health, contractor or other, and the results of such testing must be satisfactory to the Department of Health before web content will be considered a qualified deliverable under the contract or procurement.

13. Information Security Breach and Notification Act

Section 208 of the State Technology Law (STL) and Section 899-aa of the General Business Law (GBL) require that State entities and persons or businesses conducting business in New York who own or license computerized data which includes private information including an individual’s unencrypted personal information plus one or more of the following: social security number, driver’s license number or non-driver ID, account number, credit or debit card number plus security code, access code or password which permits access to an individual’s financial account, must disclose to a New York resident when their private information was, or is reasonably believed to have been, acquired by a person without valid authorization. Notification of breach of that private information to all individuals affected or potentially affected must occur in the most expedient time possible without unreasonable delay, after measures are taken to determine the scope of the breach and to restore integrity; provided, however, that notification may be delayed if law enforcement determines that expedient notification would impede a criminal investigation. When notification is necessary, the State entity or person or business conducting business in New York must also notify the following New York State agencies: the Attorney General, the Office of Cyber Security & Critical

Infrastructure Coordination (CSCIC) and the Consumer Protection Board (CPB). Information relative to the law and the notification process is available at: <http://www.cscic.state.ny.us/security/securitybreach/>.

14. New York State Tax Law Section 5-a

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

This law imposes upon certain contractors the obligation to certify whether or not the contractor, its affiliates, and its subcontractors are required to register to collect state sales and compensating use tax and contractors must certify to DTF that each affiliate and subcontractor exceeding such sales threshold is registered with DTF to collect New York State and local sales and compensating use taxes. The law prohibits the State Comptroller, or other approving agencies, from approving a contract awarded to an offerer meeting the registration requirements but who is not so registered in accordance with the law.

Contractor must complete and submit directly to the New York State Taxation and Finance, Contractor Certification Form ST-220-TD attached hereto. Unless the information upon which the ST-220-TD is based changes, this form only needs to be filed once with DTF. If the information changes for the contractor, its affiliate(s), or its subcontractor(s), a new form (ST-220-TD) must be filed with DTF.

Contractor must complete and submit to the Department of Health the form ST-220-CA attached hereto, certifying that the contractor filed the ST-220-TD with DTF. Failure to make either of these filings may render an offerer non-responsive and non-responsible. Offerers shall take the necessary steps to provide properly certified forms within a timely manner to ensure compliance with the law.

15. Piggybacking

New York State Finance Law section 163(10)(e) (see also <http://www.ogs.state.ny.us/procurecounc/pgbguidelines.asp>) allows the Commissioner of the NYS Office of General Services to consent to the use of this contract by other New York State Agencies, and other authorized purchasers, subject to conditions and the Contractor's consent.

16. M/WBE Utilization Plan for Subcontracting and Purchasing

The Department of Health (DOH) encourages the use of Minority and/or Women Owned Business Enterprises (M/WBE's) for any subcontracting or purchasing related to this contract. Bidders who are not currently a New York State certified M/WBE must define the portion of all consumable products and personnel required for this proposal that will be sourced from a M/WBE. The amount must be stated in total dollars and as a percent of the total cost necessary to fulfill the RFP requirement. Supportive documentation must include a detail description of work that is required including products and services.

The goal for usage of M/WBE's is at least 10% of monies used for contract activities (Minority-owned – 5%; Women-owned – 5%). In order to assure a good-faith effort to attain this goal, the DOH requires that bidders complete the M/WBE Utilization Plan (Attachment 14) and submit this Plan with their bid documents.

Bidders that are New York State certified MBE's or WBE's are not required to complete this form. Instead, such bidders must simply provide evidence of their certified status.

Failure to submit the above referenced Plan (or evidence of certified M/WBE status) may result in disqualification of the vendor from consideration for award.

F. APPENDICES

The following will be incorporated as appendices into any contract resulting from this Request for Proposal. This Request for Proposal will, itself, be referenced as an appendix of the contract.

- ③ APPENDIX A - Standard Clauses for All New York State Contracts
- ③ APPENDIX B - Request for Proposal
- ③ APPENDIX C - Proposal
The bidder's proposal (if selected for award), including any Bid Forms and all proposal requirements.
- ③ APPENDIX D - General Specifications

⑤ APPENDIX E

Unless the CONTRACTOR is a political sub-division of New York State, the CONTRACTOR shall provide proof, completed by the CONTRACTOR's insurance carrier and/or the Workers' Compensation Board, of coverage for:

⑤ Workers' Compensation, for which one of the following is incorporated into this contract as **Appendix E-1**:

- **CE-200**, Affidavit For New York Entities And Any Out-Of-State Entities With No Employees, That New York State Workers' Compensation And/Or Disability Benefits Insurance Coverage Is Not Required; OR
- **C-105.2** – Certificate of Workers' Compensation Insurance. PLEASE NOTE: The State Insurance Fund provides its own version of this form, the **U-26.3**; OR
- **SI-12** – Certificate of Workers' Compensation Self-Insurance, OR **GSI-105.2** – Certificate of Participation in Workers' Compensation Group Self-Insurance.

⑤ Disability Benefits coverage, for which one of the following is incorporated into this contract as **Appendix E-2**:

- **CE-200**, Affidavit For New York Entities And Any Out-Of-State Entities With No Employees, That New York State Workers' Compensation And/Or Disability Benefits Insurance Coverage Is Not Required; OR
- **DB-120.1** – Certificate of Disability Benefits Insurance
- **DB-155** – Certificate of Disability Benefits Self-Insurance

⑤ Appendix G – Notices

⑤ Appendix H - Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) (if applicable)

⑤ Appendix X – Modification Agreement Form (to accompany modified appendices for changes in term or consideration on an existing period or for renewal periods)

G. ATTACHMENTS

1. Bid Form
2. No Bid Form

3. Cost Component Form
4. Appendix A – Standard Clauses for All New York State Contracts
5. Appendix D – General Specifications
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7. Appendix X – Modification Agreement Form
8. N.Y.S. Taxation and Finance Contractor Certification Form ST-220-TD
9. N.Y.S. Taxation and Finance Contractor Certification Form ST-220-CA
10. N.Y.S. Office of the State Comptroller Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire
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11. State Consultant Services Form A, Contractor's Planned Employment From
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12. State Consultant Services Form B, Contractor's Annual Employment Report
13. Vendor Responsibility Attestation
14. M/WBE Procurement Forms

**ATTACHMENT 1
BID FORM**

NEW YORK STATE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

BID FORM

PROCUREMENT TITLE: _____ FAU # _____

Bidder Name:

Bidder Address:

Bidder Fed ID No:

A. _____ bids a total price of \$ _____
(Name of Offerer/Bidder)

B. Affirmations & Disclosures related to State Finance Law §§ 139-j & 139-k:

Offerer/Bidder affirms that it understands and agrees to comply with the procedures of the Department of Health relative to permissible contacts (provided below) as required by State Finance Law §139-j (3) and §139-j (6) (b).

Pursuant to State Finance Law §§139-j and 139-k, this *Invitation for Bid or Request for Proposal* includes and imposes certain restrictions on communications between the Department of Health (DOH) and an Offerer during the procurement process. An Offerer/bidder is restricted from making contacts from the earliest notice of intent to solicit *bids/proposals* through final award and approval of the Procurement Contract by the DOH and, if applicable, Office of the State Comptroller (“restricted period”) to other than designated staff unless it is a contact that is included among certain statutory exceptions set forth in State Finance Law §139-j (3) (a). Designated staff, as of the date hereof, is/are identified on the first page of this *Invitation for Bid, Request for Proposal, or other solicitation document*. DOH employees are also required to obtain certain information when contacted during the restricted period and make a determination of the responsibility of the Offerer/bidder pursuant to these two statutes. Certain findings of non-responsibility can result in rejection for contract award and in the event of two findings within a 4 year period; the Offerer/bidder is debarred from obtaining governmental Procurement Contracts. Further information about these requirements can be found on the Office of General Services Website at: <http://www.ogs.state.ny.us/aboutOgs/regulations/defaultAdvisoryCouncil.html>

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

No Yes

If yes, please answer the next questions:

1a. Was the basis for the finding of non-responsibility due to a violation of State Finance Law §139-j (Please circle):

No Yes

1b. Was the basis for the finding of non-responsibility due to the intentional provision of false or incomplete information to a Governmental Entity? (Please circle):

No

Yes

1c. If you answered yes to any of the above questions, please provide details regarding the finding of non-responsibility below.

Governmental Entity: _____

Date of Finding of Non-responsibility: _____

Basis of Finding of Non-Responsibility:

(Add additional pages as necessary)

2a. Has any Governmental Entity or other governmental agency terminated or withheld a Procurement Contract with the above-named individual or entity due to the intentional provision of false or incomplete information? (Please circle):

No

Yes

2b. If yes, please provide details below.

Governmental Entity: _____

Date of Termination or Withholding of Contract: _____

Basis of Termination or Withholding:

(Add additional pages as necessary)

C. Offerer/Bidder certifies that all information provided to the Department of Health with respect to State Finance Law §139-k is complete, true and accurate.

D. Offerer/Bidder agrees to provide the following documentation either *with their submitted bid/proposal or upon award* as indicated below:

With Bid

Upon Award

1. A completed N.Y.S Taxation and Finance Contractor Certification Form ST-220.

2. A completed N.Y.S. Office of the State Comptroller Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire (for procurements greater than or equal to \$100,000)

3. A completed State Consultant Services Form A, Contractor's Planned Employment from Contract Start Date through End of Contract Term

(Officer Signature)

(Date)

(Officer Title)

(Telephone)

(e-mail Address)

**ATTACHMENT 2
NO BID FORM**

**NEW YORK STATE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

NO-BID FORM

PROCUREMENT TITLE: _____ FAU # _____

Bidders choosing not to bid are requested to complete the portion of the form below:

- We do not provide the requested services. Please remove our firm from your mailing list
- We are unable to bid at this time because:

- Please retain our firm on your mailing list.

_____ (Firm Name)

_____ (Officer Signature) _____ (Date)

_____ (Officer Title) _____ (Telephone)

_____ (e-mail Address)

FAILURE TO RESPOND TO BID INVITATIONS MAY RESULT IN YOUR FIRM BEING REMOVED FROM OUR MAILING LIST FOR THIS SERVICE.

**ATTACHMENT 3
COST COMPONENT FORM**

Deliverable Products	Completion Timeframe (# of work days per activity described)			Total Cost to review 1-10 Applications	Total Cost to review 11-40 Applications	Total Cost to review 41-70 Applications	Total Cost to review 71-100 Applications	Total Cost to review 101-200 Applications
4) Design and implement procedures that establish a systematic process of reviewing applications to ensure: compliance with NYSTEM terms and conditions; high-quality research; and reasonableness of cost.								
Activity description (insert lines if needed):								
a)								
b)								
c)								
d)								
Subtotal								
5) Provide thorough written reports and summaries of each application received.								
Activity description (insert lines if needed):								
a)								
b)								
c)								
d)								
Subtotal								
6) Provide administrative support services such as conference management, travel logistics coordination and reimbursement of reviewers.								
a)								
b)								
c)								
d)								
Subtotal								
TOTAL								

BID PROPOSAL BY DELIVERABLE, YEARS 1-5 (SUMMARY)

Deliverable Products	Year 1					Year 2				
	1-10 Applications	11-40 Applications	41-70 Applications	71-100 Applications	101-200 Applications	1-10 Applications	5-40 Applications	41-70 Applications	71-100 Applications	101-200 Applications
1) Receive applications and screen for compliance										
2) Recruit qualified individuals for peer review panel and manage conflicts of interest										
3) Coordinate, manage and provide support for merit peer review of applications for research funding										
4) Design and implement procedures that establish a systematic process of application review										
5) Provide thorough written reports and summaries of each application received										
6) Provide administrative support services										
TOTAL										

Deliverable Products	Year 3					Year 4				
	1-10 Applications	11-40 Applications	41-70 Applications	71-100 Applications	101-200 Applications	1-10 Applications	5-40 Applications	41-70 Applications	71-100 Applications	101-200 Applications
1) Receive applications and screen for compliance										
2) Recruit qualified individuals for peer review panel and manage conflicts of interest										
3) Coordinate, manage and provide support for merit peer review of applications for research funding										
4) Design and implement procedures that establish a systematic process of application review										
5) Provide thorough written reports and summaries of each application received										
6) Provide administrative support services										
TOTAL										

Deliverable Products	Year 5					TOTALS Years 1-5				
	1-10 Applications	11-40 Applications	41-70 Applications	71-100 Applications	101-200 Applications	1-10 Applications	5-40 Applications	41-70 Applications	71-100 Applications	101-200 Applications
1) Receive applications and screen for compliance										
2) Recruit qualified individuals for peer review panel and manage conflicts of interest										
3) Coordinate, manage and provide support for merit peer review of applications for research funding										
4) Design and implement procedures that establish a systematic process of application review										
5) Provide thorough written reports and summaries of each application received										
6) Provide administrative support services										
TOTAL										

Authorized Signature _____ Date _____

Print Name _____ Title _____

Attachment 4

APPENDIX A

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STANDARD CLAUSES FOR NYS CONTRACTS

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

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

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

3. COMPTROLLER'S APPROVAL. In accordance with Section 112 of the State Finance Law (or, if this contract is with the State University or City University of New York, Section 355 or Section 6218 of the Education Law), if this contract exceeds \$50,000 (or the minimum thresholds agreed to by the Office of the State Comptroller for certain S.U.N.Y. and C.U.N.Y. contracts), or if this is an amendment for any amount to a contract which, as so amended, exceeds said statutory amount, or if, by this contract, the State agrees to give something other than money when the value or

reasonably estimated value of such consideration exceeds \$10,000, it shall not be valid, effective or binding upon the State until it has been approved by the State Comptroller and filed in his office. Comptroller's approval of contracts let by the Office of General Services is required when such contracts exceed \$85,000 (State Finance Law Section 163.6.a).

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

5. NON-DISCRIMINATION REQUIREMENTS. To the extent required by Article 15 of the Executive Law (also known as the Human Rights Law) and all other State and Federal statutory and constitutional non-discrimination provisions, the Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, age, disability, genetic predisposition or carrier status, or marital status. Furthermore, in accordance with Section 220-e of the Labor Law, if this is a contract for the construction, alteration or repair of any public building or public work or for the manufacture, sale or distribution of materials, equipment or supplies, and to the extent that this contract shall be performed within the State of New York, Contractor agrees that neither it nor its subcontractors shall, by reason of race, creed, color, disability, sex, or national origin: (a) discriminate in hiring against any New York State citizen who is qualified and available to perform the work; or (b) discriminate against or intimidate any employee hired for the performance of work under this contract. If this is a building service contract as defined in Section 230 of the Labor Law, then, in accordance with Section 239 thereof, Contractor agrees that neither it nor its subcontractors shall by reason of race, creed, color, national origin, age, sex or disability: (a) discriminate in hiring against any New York State citizen who is qualified and available to perform the work; or (b) discriminate against or intimidate any employee hired for the performance of work under this contract. Contractor is subject to fines of \$50.00 per person per day for any violation of Section 220-e or Section 239 as well as possible termination of

this contract and forfeiture of all moneys due hereunder for a second or subsequent violation.

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

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

8. INTERNATIONAL BOYCOTT PROHIBITION. In accordance with Section 220-f of the Labor Law and Section 139-h of the State Finance Law, if this contract exceeds \$5,000, the Contractor agrees, as a material condition of the contract, that neither the Contractor nor any substantially owned or affiliated person, firm, partnership or corporation has participated, is participating, or shall participate in an international boycott in violation of the federal Export Administration Act of 1979 (50 USC App. Sections 2401 et seq.) or regulations thereunder. If such Contractor, or any of the aforesaid affiliates of Contractor, is convicted or is otherwise found to have violated said laws or regulations upon the final determination of the United States Commerce

Department or any other appropriate agency of the United States subsequent to the contract's execution, such contract, amendment or modification thereto shall be rendered forfeit and void. The Contractor shall so notify the State Comptroller within five (5) business days of such conviction, determination or disposition of appeal (2NYCRR 105.4).

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

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

affect, the State's right to discovery in any pending or future litigation.

11. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION AND PRIVACY NOTIFICATION.

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

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

12. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINORITIES AND WOMEN.

In accordance with Section 312 of the Executive Law and 5 NYCRR 143, if this contract is: (i) a written agreement or purchase order instrument, providing for a total expenditure in excess of \$25,000.00, whereby a

contracting agency is committed to expend or does expend funds in return for labor, services, supplies, equipment, materials or any combination of the foregoing, to be performed for, or rendered or furnished to the contracting agency; or (ii) a written agreement in excess of \$100,000.00 whereby a contracting agency is committed to expend or does expend funds for the acquisition, construction, demolition, replacement, major repair or renovation of real property and improvements thereon; or (iii) a written agreement in excess of \$100,000.00 whereby the owner of a State assisted housing project is committed to expend or does expend funds for the acquisition, construction, demolition, replacement, major repair or renovation of real property and improvements thereon for such project, then the following shall apply and **by signing this agreement the Contractor certifies and affirms that it is Contractor's equal employment opportunity policy that:**

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

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

(c) the Contractor shall state, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees, that, in the performance of the State contract, all qualified applicants will be afforded equal employment opportunities without

discrimination because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status.

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

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

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

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

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

17. SERVICE OF PROCESS. In addition to the methods of service allowed by the State Civil Practice Law & Rules ("CPLR"), Contractor hereby consents to

service of process upon it by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested. Service hereunder shall be complete upon Contractor's actual receipt of process or upon the State's receipt of the return thereof by the United States Postal Service as refused or undeliverable. Contractor must promptly notify the State, in writing, of each and every change of address to which service of process can be made. Service by the State to the last known address shall be sufficient. Contractor will have thirty (30) calendar days after service hereunder is complete in which to respond.

18. PROHIBITION ON PURCHASE OF TROPICAL HARDWOODS. The Contractor certifies and warrants that all wood products to be used under this contract award will be in accordance with, but not limited to, the specifications and provisions of Section 165 of the State Finance Law, (Use of Tropical Hardwoods) which prohibits purchase and use of tropical hardwoods, unless specifically exempted, by the State or any governmental agency or political subdivision or public benefit corporation. Qualification for an exemption under this law will be the responsibility of the contractor to establish to meet with the approval of the State.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (a) The Contractor has made reasonable efforts to encourage the participation of New York State Business Enterprises as suppliers and subcontractors, including certified minority and women-owned business enterprises, on this project, and has retained the documentation of these efforts to be provided upon request to the State;
- (b) The Contractor has complied with the Federal Equal Opportunity Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-261), as amended;
- (c) The Contractor agrees to make reasonable efforts to provide notification to New York State residents of employment opportunities on this project through listing any such positions with the Job Service Division of the

New York State Department of Labor, or providing such notification in such manner as is consistent with existing collective bargaining contracts or agreements. The Contractor agrees to document these efforts and to provide said documentation to the State upon request; and

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

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

22. COMPLIANCE WITH NEW YORK STATE INFORMATION SECURITY BREACH AND NOTIFICATION ACT. Contractor shall comply with the provisions of the New York State Information Security Breach and Notification Act (General Business Law Section 899-aa; State Technology Law Section 208).

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

24. PROCUREMENT LOBBYING. To the extent this agreement is a "procurement contract" as defined by State Finance Law Sections 139-j and 139-k, by signing this agreement the contractor certifies and affirms that all disclosures made in accordance with State Finance Law Sections 139-j and 139-k are complete, true and accurate. In the event such certification is found to be intentionally false or intentionally incomplete, the State may terminate the agreement by providing written notification to the Contractor in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

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

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

ATTACHMENT 5
APPENDIX D

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GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS

- A. By signing the "Bid Form" each bidder attests to its express authority to sign on behalf of this company or other entity and acknowledges and accepts that:
- All specifications, general and specific appendices, including Appendix-A, the Standard Clauses for all New York State contracts, and all schedules and forms contained herein will become part of any contract entered, resulting from the Request for Proposal. Anything which is not expressly set forth in the specification, appendices and forms and resultant contract, but which is reasonable to be implied, shall be furnished and provided in the same manner as if specifically expressed.
- B. The work shall be commenced and shall be actually undertaken within such time as the Department of Health may direct by notice, whether by mail, telegram, or other writing, whereupon the undersigned will give continuous attention to the work as directed, to the end and with the intent that the work shall be completed within such reasonable time or times, as the case may be, as the Department may prescribe.
- C. The Department reserves the right to stop the work covered by this proposal and the contract at any time that the Department deems the successful bidder to be unable or incapable of performing the work to the satisfaction of the Department and in the event of such cessation of work, the Department shall have the right to arrange for the completion of the work in such manner as the Department may deem advisable and if the cost thereof exceeds the amount of the bid, the successful bidder and its surety be liable to the State of New York for any excess cost on account thereof.
- D. Each bidder is under an affirmative duty to be informed by personal examination of the specifications and location of the proposed work and by such other means as it may select, of character, quality, and extent of work to be performed and the conditions under which the contract is to be executed.
- E. The Department of Health will make no allowances or concession to a bidder for any alleged misunderstanding or deception because of quantity, quality, character, location or other conditions.
- F. The bid price is to cover the cost of furnishing all of the said services, materials, equipment, and labor to the satisfaction of the Department of Health and the performance of all work set forth in said specifications.
- G. The successful bidder will be required to complete the entire work, or any part thereof as the case may be, to the satisfaction of the Department of

Health in strict accordance with the specifications and pursuant to a contract therefore.

H. Contractor will possess, at no cost to the State, all qualifications, licenses and permits to engage in the required business as may be required within the jurisdiction where the work specified is to be performed. Workers to be employed in the performance of this contract will possess the qualifications, training, licenses and permits as may be required within such jurisdiction.

I. Non-Collusive Bidding

By submission of this proposal, each bidder and each person signing on behalf of any bidder certifies, and in the case of a joint bid each party thereto certifies as to its own organization, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of their knowledge and belief:

- a. The prices of 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 person, partnership or corporation to submit or not to submit a bid for the purpose of restricting competition;
- 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.

NOTE: Chapter 675 of the Laws of New York for 1966 provides that every bid made to the state or any public department, agency or official thereof, where competitive bidding is required by statute, rule or regulation, for work or services performed or to be performed or goods sold or to be sold, shall contain the foregoing statement subscribed by the bidder and affirmed by such bidder as true under penalties of perjury.

A bid shall not be considered for award nor shall any award be made where (a), (b) and (c) 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 therefore. Where (a), (b) and (c) above have not been complied with, the bid shall not be considered for award nor shall any award be made unless the head of the purchasing unit of the state, public department or agency to which the bid is made or its designee, determines that such disclosure was not made for the purpose of restricting competition.

The fact that a bidder has published price lists, rates, or tariffs covering items being procured, has informed prospective customers of proposed or pending publication of new or revised price lists for such items, or has sold the same items to other customers at the same price being bid, does not constitute, without more, a disclosure within the meaning of the above quoted certification.

Any bid made to the State or any public department, agency or official thereof by a corporate bidder for work or services performed or to be performed or goods, sold or to be sold, where competitive bidding is required by statute, rule or regulation and where such bid contains the certification set forth above 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.

- J. A bidder may be disqualified from receiving awards if such bidder or any subsidiary, affiliate, partner, officer, agent or principal thereof, or anyone in its or its employ, has previously failed to perform satisfactorily in connection with public bidding or contracts.
- K. The Department reserves the right to make awards within ninety (90) days after the date of the bid opening, during which period bids shall not be withdrawn unless the bidder distinctly states in the bid that acceptance thereof must be made within a shorter specified time.
- L. **Work for Hire Contract**
Any contract entered into resultant from this request for proposal will be considered a "Work for Hire Contract." The Department will be the sole owner of all source code and any software which is developed or included in the application software provided to the Department as a part of this contract.
- M. **Technology Purchases Notification --** The following provisions apply if this Request for Proposal (RFP) seeks proposals for "Technology"
 - 1. For the purposes of this policy, "technology" applies to all services and commodities, voice/data/video and/or any related requirement, major software acquisitions, systems modifications or upgrades, etc., that result in a technical method of achieving a practical purpose or in improvements of productivity. The purchase can be as simple as an order for new or replacement personal computers, or for a consultant to design a new system, or as complex as a major systems improvement or innovation that changes how an agency conducts its business practices.

2. If this RFP results in procurement of software over \$20,000, or of other technology over \$50,000, or where the department determines that the potential exists for coordinating purchases among State agencies and/or the purchase may be of interest to one or more other State agencies, PRIOR TO AWARD SELECTION, this RFP and all responses thereto are subject to review by the New York State Office for Technology.
3. Any contract entered into pursuant to an award of this RFP shall contain a provision which extends the terms and conditions of such contract to any other State agency in New York. Incorporation of this RFP into the resulting contract also incorporates this provision in the contract.
4. The responses to this RFP must include a solution to effectively handle the turn of the century issues related to the change from the year 1999 to 2000.

N. YEAR 2000 WARRANTY

1. Definitions

For purposes of this warranty, the following definitions shall apply:

- a. Product shall include, without limitation: any piece or component of equipment, hardware, firmware, middleware, custom or commercial software, or internal components or subroutines therein which perform any date/time data recognition function, calculation, comparing or sequencing. Where services are being furnished, e.g. consulting, systems integration, code or data conversion or data entry, the term Product shall include resulting deliverables.
- b. Vendor's Product shall include all Product delivered under this Agreement by Vendor other than Third Party Product.
- c. Third Party Product shall include products manufactured or developed by a corporate entity independent from Vendor and provided by Vendor on a non-exclusive licensing or other distribution Agreement with the third party manufacturer. Third Party Product does not include product where Vendor is: a) corporate subsidiary or affiliate of the third party manufacturer/developer; and/or b) the exclusive re-seller or distributor of product manufactured or developed by said corporate entity.

2. Warranty Disclosure

At the time of bid, Product order or Product quote, Vendor is required to disclose the following information in writing to Authorized User:

- a. For Vendor Product and for Products (including, but not limited to, Vendor and/or Third Party Products and/or Authorized User's Installed Product) which have been specified to perform as a system: Compliance or non-compliance of the Products individually or as a system with the Warranty Statement set forth below; and
- b. For Third Party Product Not Specified as Part of a System: Third Party Manufacturer's statement of compliance or non-compliance of any Third Party Product being delivered with Third Party Manufacturer/Developer's Year 2000 warranty. If such Third Party Product is represented by Third Party Manufacturer/Developer as compliant with Third Party Manufacturer/Developer's Year 2000 Warranty, Vendor shall pass through said third party warranty from the third party manufacturer to the Authorized User but shall not be liable for the testing or verification of Third Party's compliance statement.

An absence or failure to furnish the required written warranty disclosure shall be deemed a statement of compliance of the product(s) or system(s) in question with the year 2000 warranty statement set forth below.

3. Warranty Statement

Year 2000 warranty compliance shall be defined in accordance with the following warranty statement:

Vendor warrants that Product(s) furnished pursuant to this Agreement shall, when used in accordance with the Product documentation, be able to accurately process date/time data (including, but not limited to, calculating, comparing, and sequencing) from, into, and between the twentieth and twenty-first centuries, and the years 1999 and 2000, including leap year calculations. Where a purchase requires that specific Products must perform as a package or system, this warranty shall apply to the Products as a system.

In the event of any breach of this warranty, Vendor shall restore the Product to the same level of performance as warranted herein, or repair or replace the Product with conforming Product so as to minimize interruption to Authorized User's ongoing business processes, time being of the essence, at Vendor's sole cost and

expense. This warranty does not extend to correction of Authorized User's errors in data entry or data conversion.

This warranty shall survive beyond termination or expiration of the Agreement.

Nothing in this warranty shall be construed to limit any rights or remedies otherwise available under this Agreement.

- O. No Subcontracting
Subcontracting by the contractor shall not be permitted except by prior written approval and knowledge of the Department of Health.
- P. Superintendence by Contractor
The Contractor shall have a representative to provide supervision of the work which Contractor employees are performing to ensure complete and satisfactory performance with the terms of the Contract. This representative shall also be authorized to receive and put into effect promptly all orders, directions and instructions from the Department of Health. A confirmation in writing of such orders or directions will be given by the Department when so requested from the Contractor.
- Q. Sufficiency of Personnel and Equipment
If the Department of Health is of the opinion that the services required by the specifications cannot satisfactorily be performed because of insufficiency of personnel, the Department shall have the authority to require the Contractor to use such additional personnel, to take such steps necessary to perform the services satisfactorily at no additional cost to the State.
- R. Experience Requirements
The Contractor shall submit evidence to the satisfaction of the Department that it possesses the necessary experience and qualifications to perform the type of services required under this contract and must show that it is currently performing similar services. The Contractor shall submit at least two references to substantiate these qualifications.
- S. Contract Amendments
This agreement may be amended by written agreement signed by the parties and subject to the laws and regulations of the State pertaining to contract amendments. This agreement may not be amended orally.

The contractor shall not make any changes in the scope of work as outlined herein at any time without prior authorization in writing from the Department of Health and without prior approval in writing of the amount of compensation for such changes.

T. Provisions Upon Default

1. In the event that the Contractor, through any cause, fails to perform any of the terms, covenants or promises of this agreement, the Department acting for and on behalf of the State, shall thereupon have the right to terminate this agreement by giving notice in writing of the fact and date of such termination to the Contractor
2. If, in the judgement of the Department of Health, the Contractor acts in such a way which is likely to or does impair or prejudice the interests of the State, the Department acting on behalf of the State, shall thereupon have the right to terminate this agreement by giving notice in writing of the fact and date of such termination to the Contractor. In such case the Contractor shall receive equitable compensation for such services as shall, in the judgement of the State Comptroller, have been satisfactorily performed by the Contractor up to the date of the termination of this agreement, which such compensation shall not exceed the total cost incurred for the work which the Contractor was engaged in at the time of such termination, subject to audit by the State Comptroller.

U. Termination Provision

Upon termination of this agreement, the following shall occur:

1. Contractor shall make available to the State for examination all data, records and reports relating to this Contract; and
2. Except as otherwise provided in the Contract, the liability of the State for payments to the Contractor and the liability of the Contractor for services hereunder shall cease.

V. Conflicts

If, in the opinion of the Department of Health, (1) the specifications conflict, or (2) if the specifications are not clear as to (a) the method of performing any part of the work, or as to (b) the types of materials or equipment necessary, or as to (c) the work required to be done in every such situation, the Contractor shall be deemed to have based his bid upon performing the work and furnishing materials or equipment in the most inexpensive and efficient manner. If such conflicts and/or ambiguities arise, the Department of Health will furnish the Contractor supplementary information showing the manner in which the work is to be performed and the type or types of material or equipment that shall be used.

W. MINORITY AND WOMEN OWNED BUSINESS POLICY STATEMENT

The New York State Department of Health recognizes the need to take

affirmative action to ensure that Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprises are given the opportunity to participate in the performance of the Department of Health's contracting program. This opportunity for full participation in our free enterprise system by traditionally, socially and economically disadvantaged persons is essential to obtain social and economic equality and improve the functioning of the State economy.

It is the intention of the New York State Department of Health to fully execute the mandate of Executive Law, Article 15-A and provide Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprises with equal opportunity to bid on contracts awarded by this agency in accordance with the State Finance Law.

To implement this affirmative action policy statement, the contractor agrees to file with the Department of Health within 10 days of notice of award, a staffing plan of the anticipated work force to be utilized on this contract or, where required, information on the contractor's total work force, including apprentices, broken down by specified ethnic background, gender, and Federal occupational categories or other appropriate categories specified by the Department. The form of the staffing plan shall be supplied by the Department.

After an award of this contract, the contractor agrees to submit to the Department a work force utilization report, in a form and manner required by the Department, of the work force actually utilized on this contract, broken down by specified ethnic background, gender and Federal occupational categories or other appropriate categories specified by the Department.

X. Contract Insurance Requirements

1. The successful bidder must without expense to the State procure and maintain, until final acceptance by the Department of Health of the work covered by this proposal and the contract, insurance of the kinds and in the amounts hereinafter provided, in insurance companies authorized to do such business in the State of New York covering all operations under this proposal and the contract, whether performed by it or by subcontractors. Before commencing the work, the successful bidder shall furnish to the Department of Health a certificate or certificates, in a form satisfactory to the Department, showing that it has complied with the requirements of this section, which certificate or certificates shall state that the policies shall not be changed or canceled until thirty days written notice has been given to the Department. The kinds and amounts of required insurance are:
 - a. A policy covering the obligations of the successful bidder in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 41, Laws of 1914, as amended, known as the Workers' Compensation Law, and the

contract shall be void and of no effect unless the successful bidder procures such policy and maintains it until acceptance of the work (reference Appendix E).

- b. Policies of Bodily Injury Liability and Property Damage Liability Insurance of the types hereinafter specified, each within limits of not less than \$500,000 for all damages arising out of bodily injury, including death at any time resulting therefrom sustained by one person in any one occurrence, and subject to that limit for that person, not less than \$1,000,000 for all damages arising out of bodily injury, including death at any time resulting therefrom sustained by two or more persons in any one occurrence, and not less than \$500,000 for damages arising out of damage to or destruction of property during any single occurrence and not less than \$1,000,000 aggregate for damages arising out of damage to or destruction of property during the policy period.
 - i. Contractor's Liability Insurance issued to and covering the liability of the successful bidder with respect to all work performed by it under this proposal and the contract.
 - ii. Protective Liability Insurance issued to and covering the liability of the People of the State of New York with respect to all operations under this proposal and the contract, by the successful bidder or by its subcontractors, including omissions and supervisory acts of the State.
 - iii. Automobile Liability Insurance issued to and covering the liability of the People of the State of New York with respect to all operations under this proposal and the contract, by the successful bidder or by its subcontractors, including omissions and supervisory acts of the State.

Y. Certification Regarding Debarment and Suspension

Regulations of the Department of Health and Human Services, located at Part 76 of Title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), implement Executive Orders 12549 and 12689 concerning debarment and suspension of participants in federal programs and activities. Executive Order 12549 provides that, to the extent permitted by law, Executive departments and agencies shall participate in a government-wide system for non-procurement debarment and suspension. Executive Order 12689 extends the debarment and suspension policy to procurement activities of the federal government. A person who is debarred or suspended by a federal agency is excluded from federal financial and non-financial assistance and

benefits under federal programs and activities, both directly (primary covered transaction) and indirectly (lower tier covered transactions). Debarment or suspension by one federal agency has government-wide effect.

Pursuant to the above-cited regulations, the New York State Department of Health (as a participant in a primary covered transaction) may not knowingly do business with a person who is debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or subject to other government-wide exclusion (including any exclusion from Medicare and State health care program participation on or after August 25, 1995), and the Department of Health must require its prospective contractors, as prospective lower tier participants, to provide the certification in Appendix B to Part 76 of Title 45 CFR, as set forth below:

1. APPENDIX B TO PART 76-CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION-LOWER TIER COVERED TRANSACTIONS

Instructions for Certification

- a. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the certification set out below.
- b. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered and erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.
- c. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or had become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
- d. The terms covered transaction, debarred, suspended, ineligible, lower tier covered transaction, participant, person, primary covered Transaction, principal, proposal, and voluntarily excluded, as used in this clause, have the meaning set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the person to which this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of

those regulations.

- e. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.
- f. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include this clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transaction," without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions.
- g. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the List of parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Non-procurement Programs.
- h. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
- i. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 5 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

2. Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion – Lower Tier Covered Transactions
 - a. The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily exclude from participation in this transaction by any Federal department agency.
 - b. Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

Z. Confidentiality Clauses

1. Any materials, articles, papers, etc., developed by the CONTRACTOR under or in the course of performing this AGREEMENT shall contain the following, or similar acknowledgment: "Funded by the New York State Department of Health". Any such materials must be reviewed and approved by the STATE for conformity with the policies and guidelines for the New York State Department of Health prior to dissemination and/or publication. It is agreed that such review will be conducted in an expeditious manner. Should the review result in any unresolved disagreements regarding content, the CONTRACTOR shall be free to publish in scholarly journals along with a disclaimer that the views within the Article or the policies reflected are not necessarily those of the New York State Department of Health. The Department reserves the right to disallow funding for any educational materials not approved through its review process.
2. Any publishable or otherwise reproducible material developed under or in the course of performing this AGREEMENT, dealing with any aspect of performance under this AGREEMENT, or of the results and accomplishments attained in such performance, shall be the sole and exclusive property of the STATE, and shall not be published or otherwise disseminated by the CONTRACTOR to any other party unless prior written approval is secured from the STATE or under circumstances as indicated in paragraph 1 above. Any and all net proceeds obtained by the CONTRACTOR resulting from any such publication shall belong to and be paid over to the STATE. The STATE shall have a perpetual royalty-free, non-exclusive and irrevocable right to reproduce, publish or otherwise use, and to authorize others to use, any such material for governmental purposes.

3. No report, document or other data produced in whole or in part with the funds provided under this AGREEMENT may be copyrighted by the CONTRACTOR or any of its employees, nor shall any notice of copyright be registered by the CONTRACTOR or any of its employees in connection with any report, document or other data developed pursuant to this AGREEMENT.
4. All reports, data sheets, documents, etc. generated under this contract shall be the sole and exclusive property of the Department of Health. Upon completion or termination of this AGREEMENT the CONTRACTOR shall deliver to the Department of Health upon its demand all copies of materials relating to or pertaining to this AGREEMENT. The CONTRACTOR shall have no right to disclose or use any of such material and documentation for any purpose whatsoever, without the prior written approval of the Department of Health or its authorized agents.
5. The CONTRACTOR, its officers, agents and employees and subcontractors shall treat all information, which is obtained by it through its performance under this AGREEMENT, as confidential information to the extent required by the laws and regulations of the United States and laws and regulations of the State of New York.
6. All subcontracts shall contain provisions specifying:
 - a. that the work performed by the subcontractor must be in accordance with the terms of this AGREEMENT, and
 - b. that the subcontractor specifically agrees to be bound by the confidentiality provisions set forth in the AGREEMENT between the STATE and the CONTRACTOR.

AA. Provision Related to Consultant Disclosure Legislation

1. If this contract is for the provision of consulting services as defined in Subdivision 17 of Section 8 of the State Finance Law, the CONTRACTOR shall submit a "State Consultant Services Form B, Contractor's Annual Employment Report" no later than May 15th following the end of each state fiscal year included in this contract term. This report must be submitted to:
 - a. The NYS Department of Health, at the STATE's designated payment office address included in this AGREEMENT; and

- b. The NYS Office of the State Comptroller, Bureau of Contracts, 110 State Street, 11th Floor, Albany NY 12236 ATTN: Consultant Reporting - or via fax at (518) 474-8030 or (518) 473-8808; and
- c. The NYS Department of Civil Service, Alfred E. Smith Office Building, Albany NY 12239, ATTN: Consultant Reporting.

BB. Provisions Related to New York State Procurement Lobbying Law

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

CC. Provisions Related to New York State Information Security Breach and Notification Act

- 1. CONTRACTOR shall comply with the provisions of the New York State Information Security Breach and Notification Act (General Business Law Section 899-aa; State Technology Law Section 208). CONTRACTOR shall be liable for the costs associated with such breach if caused by CONTRACTOR'S negligent or willful acts or omissions, or the negligent or willful acts or omissions of CONTRACTOR'S agents, officers, employees or subcontractors.

DD. Lead Guidelines

All products supplied pursuant to this agreement shall meet local, state and federal regulations, guidelines and action levels for lead as they exist at the time of the State's acceptance of this contract.

ATTACHMENT 6
APPENDIX G

Appendix G

NOTICES

All notices permitted or required hereunder shall be in writing and shall be transmitted either:

- (a) via certified or registered United States mail, return receipt requested;
- (b) by facsimile transmission;
- (c) by personal delivery;
- (d) by expedited delivery service; or
- (e) by e-mail.

Such notices shall be addressed as follows or to such different addresses as the parties may from time to time designate:

State of New York Department of Health

Name:

Title:

Address:

Telephone Number:

Facsimile Number:

E-Mail Address:

[Insert Contractor Name]

Name:

Title:

Address:

Telephone Number:

Facsimile Number:

E-Mail Address:

Any such notice shall be deemed to have been given either at the time of personal delivery or, in the case of expedited delivery service or certified or registered United States mail, as of the date of first attempted delivery at the address and in the manner provided herein, or in the case of facsimile transmission or email, upon receipt.

The parties may, from time to time, specify any new or different address in the United States as their address for purpose of receiving notice under this AGREEMENT by giving fifteen (15) days written notice to the other party sent in accordance herewith. The parties agree to mutually designate individuals as their respective representative for the purposes of receiving notices under this AGREEMENT. Additional individuals may be designated in writing by the parties for purposes of implementation and administration/billing, resolving issues and problems, and/or for dispute resolution.

**ATTACHMENT 7
APPENDIX X**

**Agency Code 12000
APPENDIX X**

Contract Number: _____ Contractor: _____

Amendment Number X-_____

This is an AGREEMENT between THE STATE OF NEW YORK, acting by and through NYS Department of Health, having its principal office at Albany, New York, (hereinafter referred to as the STATE), and _____ (hereinafter referred to as the CONTRACTOR), for amendment of this contract.

This amendment makes the following changes to the contract (check all that apply):

- _____ Modifies the contract period at no additional cost
- _____ Modifies the contract period at additional cost
- _____ Modifies the budget or payment terms
- _____ Modifies the work plan or deliverables
- _____ Replaces appendix(es) _____ with the attached appendix(es) _____
- _____ Adds the attached appendix(es) _____
- _____ Other: (describe) _____

This amendment *is* ___ *is not* ___ a contract renewal as allowed for in the existing contract.

All other provisions of said AGREEMENT shall remain in full force and effect.

Prior to this amendment, the contract value and period were:

\$ _____ From ____/____/____ to ____/____/____
(Value before amendment) (Initial start date)

This amendment provides the following modification (complete only items being modified):

\$ _____ From ____/____/____ to ____/____/____

This will result in new contract terms of:

\$ _____ From ____/____/____ to ____/____/____
(All years thus far combined) (Initial start date) (Amendment end date)

Signature Page for:

Contract Number: _____

Contractor: _____

Amendment Number: X-_____

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this AGREEMENT as of the dates appearing under their signatures.

CONTRACTOR SIGNATURE:

By: _____ Date: _____

(signature)

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) SS:
County of _____)

On the ___ day of _____ in the year _____ before me, the undersigned, personally appeared _____, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual(s) whose name(s) is(are) subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their/ capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument, the individual(s), or the person upon behalf of which the individual(s) acted, executed the instrument.

(Signature and office of the individual taking acknowledgement)

STATE AGENCY SIGNATURE

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

By: _____ Date: _____

(signature)

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S SIGNATURE

By: _____ Date: _____

STATE COMPTROLLER'S SIGNATURE

By: _____ Date: _____

**ATTACHMENT 8
FORM ST-220-TD**



Contractor Certification

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

ST-220-TD

(5/07)

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

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

General information

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

All sections must be completed including all fields on the top of this page, all sections on page 2, Schedule A on page 3, if applicable, and Individual, Corporation, Partnership, or LLC Acknowledgement on page 4. If you do not complete these areas, the form will be returned to you for completion.

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

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

Mail completed form to:

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

Privacy notification

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

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

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

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

This information is maintained by the Director of Records Management and Data Entry, NYS Tax Department, W A Harriman Campus, Albany NY 12227.

Need help?



Internet access: www.nystax.gov
(for information, forms, and publications)



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



Telephone assistance is available from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. (eastern time), Monday through Friday.

To order forms and publications: 1 800 462-8100

Sales Tax Information Center: 1 800 698-2909

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

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



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

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

Complete Sections 1, 2, and 3 below. Make only one entry in each section.

Section 1 — Contractor registration status

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

Section 2 — Affiliate registration status

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

Section 3 — Subcontractor registration status

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

Sworn to this ____ day of _____, 20 ____

(sign before a notary public)

(title)

Individual, Corporation, Partnership, or LLC Acknowledgment

STATE OF _____ }
 : SS.:
COUNTY OF _____ }

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

Town of _____,

County of _____,

State of _____; and further that:

[Mark an **X** in the appropriate box and complete the accompanying statement.]

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

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

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

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

Notary Public

Registration No. _____

**ATTACHMENT 9
FORM ST-220-CA**



Contractor Certification to Covered Agency

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

ST-220-CA

(6/06)

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

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

I, _____, hereby affirm, under penalty of perjury, that I am _____

(name)

(title)

of the above-named contractor, that I am authorized to make this certification on behalf of such contractor, and I further certify that:

(Mark an X in only one box)

The contractor has filed Form ST-220-TD with the Department of Taxation and Finance in connection with this contract and, to the best of contractor's knowledge, the information provided on the Form ST-220-TD, is correct and complete.

The contractor has previously filed Form ST-220-TD with the Tax Department in connection with _____
(insert contract number or description)

and, to the best of the contractor's knowledge, the information provided on that previously filed Form ST-220-TD, is correct and complete as of the current date, and thus the contractor is not required to file a new Form ST-220-TD at this time.

Sworn to this ____ day of _____, 20 ____

(sign before a notary public)

(title)

Instructions

General information

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

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

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

When to complete this form

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

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

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

Individual, Corporation, Partnership, or LLC Acknowledgment

STATE OF }
: SS.:
COUNTY OF }

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

[Mark an X in the appropriate box and complete the accompanying statement.]

- (If an individual): _he executed the foregoing instrument in his/her name and on his/her own behalf.
(If a corporation): _he is the _____ of _____, the corporation described in said instrument; that, by authority of the Board of Directors of said corporation, _he is authorized to execute the foregoing instrument on behalf of the corporation for purposes set forth therein; and that, pursuant to that authority, _he executed the foregoing instrument in the name of and on behalf of said corporation as the act and deed of said corporation.
(If a partnership): _he is a _____ of _____, the partnership described in said instrument; that, by the terms of said partnership, _he is authorized to execute the foregoing instrument on behalf of the partnership for purposes set forth therein; and that, pursuant to that authority, _he executed the foregoing instrument in the name of and on behalf of said partnership as the act and deed of said partnership.
(If a limited liability company): _he is a duly authorized member of _____, LLC, the limited liability company described in said instrument; that _he is authorized to execute the foregoing instrument on behalf of the limited liability company for purposes set forth therein; and that, pursuant to that authority, _he executed the foregoing instrument in the name of and on behalf of said limited liability company as the act and deed of said limited liability company.

Notary Public

Registration No.

Privacy notification

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This information will be used to determine and administer tax liabilities and, when authorized by law, for certain tax offset and exchange of tax information programs as well as for any other lawful purpose.
Information concerning quarterly wages paid to employees is provided to certain state agencies for purposes of fraud prevention, support enforcement, evaluation of the effectiveness of certain employment and training programs and other purposes authorized by law.
Failure to provide the required information may subject you to civil or criminal penalties, or both, under the Tax Law.
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To order forms and publications: 1 800 462-8100
From areas outside the U.S. and outside Canada: (518) 485-6800
Hearing and speech impaired (telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) callers only): 1 800 634-2110
Persons with disabilities: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, we will ensure that our lobbies, offices, meeting rooms, and other facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities. If you have questions about special accommodations for persons with disabilities, please call 1 800 972-1233.

ATTACHMENT 10
VENDOR RESPONSIBILITY QUESTIONNAIRE

**NEW YORK STATE
VENDOR RESPONSIBILITY QUESTIONNAIRE
FOR-PROFIT BUSINESS ENTITY**

BUSINESS ENTITY INFORMATION				
Legal Business Name			EIN	
Address of the Principal Place of Business/Executive Office			Phone Number	Fax Number
E-mail		Website		
Authorized Contact for this Questionnaire				
Name:			Phone Number	Fax Number
Title			Email	
List any other DBA, Trade Name, Other Identity, or EIN used in the last five (5) years, the state or county where filed, and the status (active or inactive): (if applicable)				
Type	Name	EIN	State or County where filed	Status

I. BUSINESS CHARACTERISTICS	
1.0 Business Entity Type – Please check appropriate box and provide additional information:	
a) <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation (including PC)	Date of Incorporation
b) <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Liability Co. (LLC or PLLC)	Date Organized
c) <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Liability Partnership	Date of Registration
d) <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Partnership	Date Established
e) <input type="checkbox"/> General Partnership	Date Established County (if formed in NYS)
f) <input type="checkbox"/> Sole Proprietor	How many years in business?
g) <input type="checkbox"/> Other	Date Established
If Other, explain:	
1.1 Was the Business Entity formed in New York State?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If 'No' indicate jurisdiction where Business Entity was formed:	
<input type="checkbox"/> United States State _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Country _____	
1.2 Is the Business Entity currently registered to do business in New York State with the Department of State? Note: <i>Select 'Not Required' if the Business Entity is a Sole Proprietor or General Partnership</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not required
If 'No' explain why the Business Entity is not required to be registered in New York State.	
1.3 Is the Business Entity registered as a Sales Tax Vendor with the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If 'No', explain and provide detail, such as "not required", "application in process", or other reason for not being registered.	
1.4 Is the Business Entity publicly traded?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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I. BUSINESS CHARACTERISTICS		
CIK Code or Ticker Symbol		
1.5 Is the responding Business Entity a Joint Venture? <i>Note: If the Submitting Business Entity is a Joint Venture, also submit a questionnaire for each Business Entity comprising the Joint Venture</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
1.6 Does the Business Entity have a DUNS Number?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Enter DUNS Number		
1.7 Is the Business Entity's Principal Place of Business/Executive Office in New York State? If 'No', does the Business Entity maintain an office in New York State?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Provide the address and telephone number for one New York office.		
1.8 Is the Business Entity a New York State Certified Minority Owned Business Enterprise (MBE), Women Owned Business Enterprise (WBE), New York State Small Business or a Federally Certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
If 'Yes', check all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> New York State Certified Minority Owned Business Enterprise (MBE) <input type="checkbox"/> New York State Certified Women Owned Business Enterprise (WBE) <input type="checkbox"/> New York State Small Business <input type="checkbox"/> Federally Certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)		
1.9 Identify Business Entity Officials and Principal Owners. For each person, include name, title and percentage of ownership, if applicable. <i>Attach additional pages if necessary.</i>		
Name	Title	Percentage Ownership (Enter 0% if not applicable)
II. AFFILIATES AND JOINT VENTURE RELATIONSHIPS		
2.0 Does the Business Entity have any Affiliates? <i>Attach additional pages if necessary.</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Affiliate Name	Affiliate EIN (If available)	Affiliate's Primary Business Activity
Explain relationship with the Affiliate and indicate percent ownership, if applicable (enter N/A, if not applicable):		
Are there any Business Entity Officials or Principal Owners that the Business Entity has in common with this Affiliate?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Individual's Name	Position/Title with Affiliate	
2.1 Has the Business Entity participated in any Joint Ventures within the past three (3) years? <i>Attach additional pages if necessary</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Joint Venture Name:	Joint Venture EIN (If available):	Identify parties to the Joint Venture:

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III. CONTRACT HISTORY	
3.0 Has the Business Entity held any contracts with New York State government entities in the last three (3) years? List these contracts using Attachment A, found at http://www.osc.state.ny.us/vendrep/documents/attachmenta.doc .	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

IV. INTEGRITY – CONTRACT BIDDING	
Within the past five (5) years, has the Business Entity or any Affiliate	
4.0 been suspended or debarred from any government contracting process or been disqualified on any government procurement?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
4.1 been subject to a denial or revocation of a government prequalification?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
4.2 been denied a contract award or had a bid rejected based upon a finding of non-responsibility by a government entity?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
4.3 had a low bid rejected on a government contract for failure to make good faith efforts on any Minority Owned Business Enterprise, Women Owned Business Enterprise or Disadvantaged Business Enterprise goal or statutory affirmative action requirements on a previously held contract?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
4.4 agreed to a voluntary exclusion from bidding/contracting with a government entity?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
4.5 initiated a request to withdraw a bid submitted to a government entity or made any claim of an error on a bid submitted to a government entity?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
For each “Yes” answer above provide an explanation of the issue(s), the Business Entity involved, the relationship to the submitting Business Entity, relevant dates, the government entity involved, and any remedial or corrective action(s) taken and the current status of the issue(s). Provide answer below or attach additional sheets with numbered responses.	

V. INTEGRITY – CONTRACT AWARD	
Within the past five (5) years, has the Business Entity or any Affiliate	
5.0 been suspended, cancelled or terminated for cause on any government contract?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
5.1 been subject to an administrative proceeding or civil action seeking specific performance or restitution in connection with any government contract?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
5.2 entered into a formal monitoring agreement as a condition of a contract award from a government entity?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
For each “Yes” answer provide an explanation of the issue(s), the Business Entity involved, the relationship to the submitting Business Entity, relevant dates, the government entity involved, and any remedial or corrective action(s) taken and the current status of the issue(s). Provide answer below or attach additional sheets with numbered responses.	

VI. CERTIFICATIONS/LICENSES	
Within the past five (5) years, has the Business Entity or any Affiliate	
6.0 had a revocation, suspension or disbarment of any business or professional permit and/or license?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
6.1 had a denial, decertification, revocation or forfeiture of New York State certification of Minority Owned Business Enterprise, Women Owned Business Enterprise or federal certification of Disadvantaged Business Enterprise status, for other than a change of ownership?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
For each “Yes” answer provide an explanation of the issue(s), the Business Entity involved, the relationship to the submitting Business Entity, relevant dates, the government entity involved, and any remedial or corrective action(s) taken and the current status of the issue(s). Provide answer below or attach additional sheets with numbered responses.	

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VII. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS	
Within the past five (5) years, has the Business Entity or any Affiliate	
7.0 been the subject of an investigation, whether open or closed, by any government entity for a civil or criminal violation?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
7.1 been the subject of an indictment, grant of immunity, judgment or conviction (including entering into a plea bargain) for conduct constituting a crime?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
7.2 received any OSHA citation and Notification of Penalty containing a violation classified as serious or willful?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
7.3 had a government entity find a willful prevailing wage or supplemental payment violation?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
7.4 had any New York State Labor Law violation deemed willful?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
7.5 entered into a consent order with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, or a Federal, State or local government enforcement determination involving a violation of federal, state or local environmental laws?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
7.6 other than the previously disclosed: (i) Been subject to the imposition of a fine or penalty in excess of \$1,000 imposed by any government entity as a result of the issuance of citation, summons or notice of violation, or pursuant to any administrative, regulatory, or judicial determination; or (ii) Been charged or convicted of a criminal offense pursuant to any administrative and/or regulatory action taken by any government entity?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
For each "Yes" answer provide an explanation of the issue(s), the Business Entity involved, the relationship to the submitting Business Entity, relevant dates, the government entity involved, and any remedial or corrective action(s) taken and the current status of the issue(s). Provide answer below or attach additional sheets with numbered responses.	

VIII. LEADERSHIP INTEGRITY	
NOTE: If the Business Entity is a Joint Venture Entity, answer 'N/A – Not Applicable' to questions 8.0 through 8.4.)	
Within the past five (5) years has any individual previously identified, any other Business Entity Leader not previously identified, or any individual having the authority to sign, execute or approve bids, proposals, contracts or supporting documentation with New York State been subject to	
8.0 a sanction imposed relative to any business or professional permit and/or license?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
8.1 an investigation, whether open or closed, by any government entity for a civil or criminal violation for any business related conduct?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
8.2 an indictment, grant of immunity, judgment, or conviction of any business related conduct constituting a crime including, but not limited to, fraud, extortion, bribery, racketeering, price fixing, bid collusion or any crime related to truthfulness?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
8.3 a misdemeanor or felony charge, indictment or conviction for: (i) any business-related activity including but not limited to fraud, coercion, extortion, bribe or bribe-receiving, giving or accepting unlawful gratuities, immigration or tax fraud, racketeering, mail fraud, wire fraud, price fixing or collusive bidding; or (ii) any crime, whether or not business related, the underlying conduct of which related to truthfulness, including but not limited to the filing of false documents or false sworn statements, perjury or larceny?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
8.4 a debarment from any government contracting process?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
For each "Yes" answer provide an explanation of the issue(s), the individual involved, the government entity involved, the relationship to the submitting Business Entity, relevant dates, any remedial or corrective action(s) taken and the current status of the issue(s). Provide answer below or attach additional sheets with numbered responses.	

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IX. FINANCIAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY	
9.0 Within the past five (5) years, has the Business Entity or any Affiliates received a formal unsatisfactory performance assessment(s) from any government entity on any contract?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If "Yes" provide an explanation of the issue(s), the Business Entity involved, the relationship to the submitting Business Entity, relevant dates, the government entity involved, and any remedial or corrective action(s) taken and the current status of the issue(s). Provide answer below or attach additional sheets with numbered responses.	
9.1 Within the past five (5) years, has the Business Entity or any Affiliates had any liquidated damages assessed over \$25,000?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If "Yes" provide an explanation of the issue(s), the Business Entity involved, the relationship to the submitting Business Entity, relevant dates, contracting party involved, the amount assessed and the current status of the issue(s). Provide answer below or attach additional sheets with numbered responses.	
9.2 Within the past five (5) years, has the Business Entity or any Affiliates had any liens, claims or judgments (not including UCC filings) over \$25,000 filed against the Business Entity which remain undischarged or were unsatisfied for more than 90 days?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If "Yes" provide an explanation of the issue(s), the Business Entity involved, the relationship to the submitting Business Entity, the lien holder or claimant's name, the amount of the lien(s) and the current status of the issue(s). Provide answer below or attach additional sheets with numbered responses.	
9.3 In the last seven (7) years, has the Business Entity or any Affiliates initiated or been the subject of any bankruptcy proceedings, whether or not closed, regardless of the date of filing, or is any bankruptcy proceeding pending?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If "Yes" provide the Business Entity involved, the relationship to the submitting Business Entity, the Bankruptcy chapter number, the Court name, and the docket number. Indicate the current status of the proceedings as "Initiated," "Pending" or "Closed." Provide answer below or attach additional sheets with numbered responses.	
9.4 During the past three (3) years, has the Business Entity and any Affiliates failed to file or pay any tax returns required by federal, state or local tax laws?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If "Yes" provide the Business Entity involved, the relationship to the submitting Business Entity, the taxing jurisdiction (federal, state or other), the type of tax, the liability years, the tax liability amount the Business Entity failed to file/pay and the current status of the tax liability. Provide answer below or attach additional sheets with numbered responses.	
9.5 During the past three (3) years, has the Business Entity and any Affiliates failed to file or pay any New York State unemployment insurance returns?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If "Yes" provide the Business Entity involved, the relationship to the submitting Business Entity, the years the Business Entity failed to file/pay the insurance, explain the situation and any remedial or corrective action(s) taken and the current status of the issue(s). Provide answer below or attach additional sheets with numbered responses.	
9.6 During the past three (3) years, has the Business Entity or any Affiliates had any government audits? If "yes" did any audit reveal material weaknesses in the Business Entity's system of internal controls? If "Yes", did any audit reveal non-compliance with contractual agreements or any material disallowance (if not previously disclosed in 9.6)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
For each "Yes" answer provide an explanation of the issue(s), the Business Entity involved, the relationship to the submitting Business Entity, relevant dates, the government entity involved, and any remedial or corrective action(s) taken and the current status of the issue(s). Provide answer below or attach additional sheets with numbered responses.	

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X. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION LAW (FOIL)	
10.0 Indicate whether any information supplied herein is believed to be exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Law (FOIL). Note: A determination of whether such information is exempt from FOIL will be made at the time of any request for disclosure under FOIL.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Indicate the question number(s) and explain the basis for the claim.	

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Certification

The undersigned: recognizes that this questionnaire is submitted for the express purpose of assisting the State of New York’s contracting entities in making a responsibility determination regarding an award of contract or approval of a subcontract; acknowledges that the State or its contracting entities 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 disclosed in response to the questionnaire and any attached documents is true, accurate and complete.

The undersigned certifies that he/she:

- is knowledgeable about the submitting Business Entity’s business and operations;
- has read and understands all of the questions contained in the questionnaire;
- has not altered the content of the questionnaire in any manner;
- has reviewed and/or supplied full and complete responses to each question;
- to the best of their knowledge, information and belief, confirms that the Business Entity’s responses are full, complete and accurate including all attachments; if applicable;
- understands that New York State will rely on information disclosed in the questionnaire when entering into a contract with the Business Entity; and
- is under obligation to update the information provided herein to include any material changes to the Business Entity’s responses through contract award notification, and may be required to update the information at the request of the state’s contracting entities or the Office of the State Comptroller prior to the award and/or approval of the contract, or during the term of the contract.

Signature of Owner/Officer _____

Printed Name of Signatory _____

Title _____

Name of Business _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 20____;

_____ Notary Public

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BUSINESS ENTITY INFORMATION				
Legal Business Name		EIN (Enter 9 digits, without hyphen)		
Address of the Principal Place of Business/Executive Office		New York State Vendor Identification Number		
		Telephone ext.	Fax	
E-mail		Website		
Authorized Contact for this Questionnaire				
Name:		Telephone ext.	Fax	
Title		Email		
List any other DBA, Trade Name, Other Identity, or EIN used in the last five (5) years, the state or county where filed, and the status (active or inactive): (if applicable)				
Type	Name	EIN	State or County where filed	Status

I. BUSINESS CHARACTERISTICS	
1.0 Business Entity Type – Please check appropriate box and provide additional information:	
a) <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation (including PC)	Date of Incorporation
b) <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Liability Co. (LLC or PLLC)	Date Organized
c) <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Liability Partnership	Date of Registration
d) <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Partnership	Date Established
e) <input type="checkbox"/> General Partnership	Date Established County (if formed in NYS)
f) <input type="checkbox"/> Sole Proprietor	How many years in business?
g) <input type="checkbox"/> Other	Date Established
If Other, explain:	
1.1 Was the Business Entity formed in New York State? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
If 'No' indicate jurisdiction where Business Entity was formed: <input type="checkbox"/> United States State _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other Country _____	
1.2 Is the Business Entity currently registered to do business in New York State with the Department of State? <i>Note: Select 'not required' if the Business Entity is a General Partnership.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not required	
If "No" explain why the Business Entity is not required to be registered in New York State.	
1.3 Is the Business Entity registered as a Sales Tax vendor with the New York State Department of Tax and Finance? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Explain and provide detail, such as 'not required', 'application in process', or other reasons for not being registered.	

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I. BUSINESS CHARACTERISTICS

1.4 Is the Business Entity a Joint Venture? <i>Note: If the submitting Business Entity is a Joint Venture, also submit a separate questionnaire for the Business Entity comprising the Joint Venture.</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
1.5 Does the Business Entity have an active Charities Registration Number?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Enter Number: _____ If Exempt/Explain: _____ If an application is pending, enter date of application: _____ Attach a copy of the application		
1.6 Does the Business Entity have a DUNS Number?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Enter DUNS Number _____		
1.7 Is the Business Entity's principal place of business/Executive Office in New York State? If 'No', does the Business Entity maintain an office in New York State?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Provide the address and telephone number for one New York Office.		
1.8 Is the Business Entity's principal place of business/executive office:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Owned <input type="checkbox"/> Rented Landlord Name (if 'rented') _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other Provide explanation (if 'other') _____		
Is space shared with another Business Entity?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Name of other Business Entity _____ Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Country _____		
1.9 Is the Business Entity a Minority Community Based Organization (MCBO)?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
1.10 Identify current Key Employees of the Business Entity. Attach additional pages if necessary.		
Name	Title	
Name	Title	
Name	Title	
Name	Title	
1.11 Identify current Trustees/Board Members of the Business Entity. Attach additional pages if necessary.		
Name	Title	
Name	Title	
Name	Title	
Name	Title	

II. AFFILIATES AND JOINT VENTURE RELATIONSHIPS

2.0 Does the Business Entity have any Affiliates? Attach additional pages if necessary (If no proceed to section III)		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Affiliate Name	Affiliate EIN (If available)	Affiliate's Primary Business Activity
Explain relationship with the Affiliate and indicate percent ownership, if applicable (enter N/A, if not applicable):		
Are there any Business Entity Officials or Principal Owners that the Business Entity has in common with this Affiliate?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Individual's Name	Position/Title with Affiliate	

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III. CONTRACT HISTORY	
3.0 Has the Business Entity held any contracts with New York State government entities in the last three (3) years? If “Yes” attach a list including the Contract Number, Agency Name, Contract Amount, Contract Start Date, Contract End Date, and the Contract Description.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

IV. INTEGRITY – CONTRACT BIDDING	
Within the past five (5) years, has the Business Entity or any Affiliate	
4.0 been suspended or debarred from any government contracting process or been disqualified on any government procurement?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
4.1 been subject to a denial or revocation of a government prequalification?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
4.2 been denied a contract or had a bid rejected based upon a finding of non-responsibility by a government entity?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
4.3 agreed to a voluntary exclusion from bidding/contracting with a government entity?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
4.4 initiated a request to withdraw a bid submitted to a government entity or made any claim of an error on a bid submitted to a government entity?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
For each “Yes” answer provide an explanation of the issue(s), the Business Entity involved, the relationship to the submitting Business Entity, the government entity involved, relevant dates and any remedial or corrective action(s) taken and the current status of the issue(s). Provide answer below or attach additional sheets with numbered responses.	

V. INTEGRITY – CONTRACT AWARD	
Within the past five (5) years, has the Business Entity or any Affiliate	
5.0 been suspended, cancelled or terminated for cause on any government contract?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
5.1 been subject to an administrative proceeding or civil action seeking specific performance or restitution in connection with any government contract?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
5.2 entered into a formal monitoring agreement as a condition of a contract award from a government entity?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
For each “Yes” answer provide an explanation of the issue(s), the Business Entity involved, the relationship to the submitting Business Entity, the government entity involved, relevant dates and any remedial or corrective action(s) taken and the current status of the issue(s). Provide answer below or attach additional sheets with numbered responses.	

VI. CERTIFICATIONS/LICENSES	
6.0 Within the past five (5) years, has the Business Entity or any Affiliate had a revocation, suspension or disbarment of any business or professional permit and/or license?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If “Yes” provide an explanation of the issue(s), the Business Entity involved, the relationship to the submitting Business Entity, the government entity involved, relevant dates and any remedial or corrective action(s) taken and the current status of the issue(s). Provide answer below or attach additional sheets with numbered responses.	

VII. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS	
Within the past five (5) years, has the Business Entity or any Affiliate	
7.0 been the subject of an investigation, whether open or closed, by any government entity for a civil or criminal violation?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
7.1 been the subject of an indictment, grant of immunity, judgment or conviction (including entering into a plea bargain) for conduct constituting a crime?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
7.2 received any OSHA citation and Notification of Penalty containing a violation classified as serious or willful?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
7.3 had any New York State Labor Law violation deemed willful?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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VII. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS	
Within the past five (5) years, has the Business Entity or any Affiliate	
7.4 entered into a consent order with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, or a federal, state or local government enforcement determination involving a violation of federal, state or local environmental laws?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
7.5 other than the previously disclosed: (i) Been subject to the imposition of a fine or penalty in excess of \$1,000, imposed by any government entity as a result of the issuance of citation, summons or notice of violation, or pursuant to any administrative, regulatory, or judicial determination; or (ii) Been charged or convicted of a criminal offense pursuant to any administrative and/or regulatory action taken by any government entity?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
For each "Yes" answer provide an explanation of the issue(s), the Business Entity involved, the relationship to the submitting Business Entity, the government entity involved, relevant dates and any remedial or corrective action(s) taken and the current status of the issue(s). Provide answer below or attach additional sheets with numbered responses.	

VIII. LEADERSHIP INTEGRITY	
Note: If the Business Entity is a Joint Venture, answer 'N/A- Not Applicable' to questions 8.0 through 8.4.	
Within the past five (5) years has any individual previously identified, any other Key Employees not previously identified or any individual having the authority to sign execute or approve bids, proposals, contracts or supporting documentation with New York State been subject to	
8.0 a sanction imposed relative to any business or professional permit and/or license?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
8.1 an investigation, whether open or closed, by any government entity for a civil or criminal violation for any business related conduct?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
8.2 an indictment, grant of immunity, judgment, or conviction of any business related conduct constituting a crime including, but not limited to, fraud, extortion, bribery, racketeering, price fixing, bid collusion or any crime related to truthfulness?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
8.3 a misdemeanor or felony charge, indictment or conviction for: (i) any business-related activity including but not limited to fraud, coercion, extortion, bribe or bribe-receiving, giving or accepting unlawful gratuities, immigration or tax fraud, racketeering, mail fraud, wire fraud, price fixing or collusive bidding; or (ii) any crime, whether or not business related, the underlying conduct of which related to truthfulness, including but not limited to the filing of false documents or false sworn statements, perjury or larceny?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
8.4 a debarment from any government contracting process?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
For each "Yes" answer provide an explanation of the issue(s), the individual involved, the relationship to the submitting Business Entity, the government entity involved, relevant dates and any remedial or corrective action(s) taken and the current status of the issue(s). Provide answer below or attach additional sheets with numbered responses.	

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IX. FINANCIAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY	
9.0 Within the past five (5) years, has the Business Entity or any Affiliates received any formal unsatisfactory performance assessment(s) from any government entity on any contract?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If "Yes" provide an explanation of the issue(s), the Business Entity involved, the relationship to the submitting Business Entity, the government entity involved, relevant dates and any remedial or corrective action(s) taken and the current status of the issue(s). Provide answer below or attach additional sheets with numbered responses.	
9.1 Within the past five (5) years, has the Business Entity or any Affiliates had any liquidated damages assessed over \$25,000?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If "Yes" provide an explanation of the issue(s), the Business Entity involved, the relationship to the submitting Business Entity, the contracting party involved, the amount assessed and the current status of the issue(s). Provide answer below or attach additional sheets with numbered responses.	
9.2 Within the past five (5) years, has the Business Entity or any Affiliates had any liens, claims or judgments over \$15,000 filed against the Business Entity which remain undischarged or were unsatisfied for more than 120 days?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If "Yes" provide an explanation of the issue(s), the Business Entity involved, the relationship to the submitting Business Entity, relevant dates, the lien holder or claimant's name(s), the amount of the lien(s), claim(s), or judgments(s) and the current status of the issue(s). Provide answer below or attach additional sheets with numbered responses.	
9.3 Within the last seven (7) years, has the Business Entity or any Affiliate initiated or been the subject of any bankruptcy proceedings, whether or not closed, regardless of the date of filing, or is any bankruptcy proceeding pending?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If "Yes" provide the Business Entity involved, the relationship to the submitting Business Entity, the Bankruptcy Chapter Number, the Court name, the Docket Number. Indicate the current status of the proceedings as "Initiated," "Pending" or "Closed". Provide answer below or attach additional sheets with numbered responses.	
9.4 During the past three (3) years, has the Business Entity and any Affiliates failed to file or pay any tax returns required by federal, state or local tax laws?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If "Yes" provide the Business Entity involved, the relationship to the submitting Business Entity, the taxing jurisdiction (federal, state or other), the type of tax, the liability year(s), the Tax Liability amount the Business Entity failed to file/pay, and the current status of the Tax Liability. Provide answer below or attach additional sheets with numbered responses.	
9.5 During the past three (3) years, has the Business Entity and any Affiliates failed to file or pay any New York State unemployment insurance returns?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If "Yes" provide the Business Entity involved, the relationship to the submitting Business Entity, the year(s) the Business Entity failed to file/pay the insurance, explain the situation, and any remedial or corrective action(s) taken and the current status of the issue(s). Provide answer below or attach additional sheets with numbered responses.	
9.6 During the past three (3) years, has the Business Entity or any Affiliates had any government audits? If "Yes", did any audit reveal material weaknesses in the Business Entity's system of internal controls If "Yes", did any audit reveal non-compliance with contractual agreements or any material disallowance (if not previously disclosed in 9.6)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
For each "Yes" answer provide an explanation of the issue(s), the Business Entity involved, the relationship to the submitting Business Entity, the government entity involved, relevant dates and any remedial or corrective action(s) taken and the current status of the issue(s). Provide answer below or attach additional sheets with numbered responses.	

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NOT-FOR-PROFIT BUSINESS ENTITY**

X. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION LAW (FOIL)	
10.0 Indicate whether any information supplied herein is believed to be exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Law (FOIL). Note: A determination of whether such information is exempt from FOIL will be made at the time of any request for disclosure under FOIL.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Indicate the question number(s) and explain the basis for your claim.	

**NEW YORK STATE VENDOR RESPONSIBILITY QUESTIONNAIRE
NOT-FOR-PROFIT BUSINESS ENTITY**

Certification

The undersigned: (1) recognizes that this questionnaire is submitted for the express purpose of assisting New York State contracting entities in making responsibility determinations regarding an award of a contract or approval of a subcontract; (2) recognizes that the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC) will rely on information disclosed in the questionnaire in making responsibility determinations and in approving a contract or subcontract; (3) acknowledges that the New York State contracting entities and OSC may, in their discretion, by means which they may choose, verify the truth and accuracy of all statements made herein; and (4) acknowledges that intentional submission of false or misleading information may constitute a misdemeanor or felony under New York State Penal Law, may be punishable by a fine and/or imprisonment under Federal Law, and may result in a finding of non-responsibility, contract suspension or contract termination.

The undersigned certifies that he/she:

- is knowledgeable about the submitting Business Entity's business and operations;
- has read and understands all of the questions contained in the questionnaire;
- has not altered the content of the questionnaire in any manner;
- has reviewed and/or supplied full and complete responses to each question;
- to the best of his/her knowledge, information and belief, confirms that the Business Entity's responses are true, accurate and complete, including all attachments, if applicable;
- understands that New York State will rely on the information disclosed in the questionnaire when entering into a contract with the Business Entity; and
- is under obligation to update the information provided herein to include any material changes to the Business Entity's responses at the time of bid/proposal submission through the contract award notification, and may be required to update the information at the request of the New York State contracting entities or OSC prior to the award and/or approval of a contract, or during the term of the contract.

Signature of Owner/Officer _____

Printed Name of Signatory _____

Title _____

Name of Business _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 20____;

_____ Notary Public

**ATTACHMENT 11
CONSULTANT SERVICES FORM A**

Instructions

State Consultant Services

Form A: Contractor's Planned Employment

And

Form B: Contractor's Annual Employment Report

Form A: This report must be completed before work begins on a contract. Typically it is completed as a part of the original bid proposal. The report is submitted only to the soliciting agency who will in turn submit the report to the NYS Office of the State Comptroller.

Form B: This report must be completed annually for the period April 1 through March 31. The report must be submitted by May 15th of each year to the following three addresses:

1. the designated payment office (DPO) outlined in the consulting contract.
2. NYS Office of the State Comptroller
Bureau of Contracts
110 State Street, 11th Floor
Albany, NY 12236
Attn: Consultant Reporting
or via fax to –
(518) 474-8030 or (518) 473-8808
3. NYS Department of Civil Service
Alfred E. Smith Office Building
Albany, NY 12239
Attn: Consultant Reporting

Completing the Reports:

Scope of Contract (Form B only): a general classification of the single category that best fits the predominate nature of the services provided under the contract.

Employment Category: the specific occupation(s), as listed in the O* NET occupational classification system, which best describe the employees providing services under the contract. Access the O* NET database, which is available through the US Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration, on-line at online.onetcenter.org to find a list of occupations.)

Number of Employees: the total number of employees in the employment category employed to provide services under the contract during the Report Period, including part time employees and employees of subcontractors.

Number of hours (to be) worked: for Form A, the total number of hours to be worked, and for Form B, the total number of hours worked during the Report Period by the employees in the employment category.

Amount Payable under the Contract: the total amount paid or payable by the State to the State contractor under the contract, for work by the employees in the employment category, for services provided during the Report Period.

**ATTACHMENT 12
CONSULTANT SERVICES FORM B**

State Consultant Services

FORM B

OSC Use Only

Reporting Code:

Category Code:

Contractor's Annual Employment Report

Report Period: April 1, ____ to March 31, ____

New York State Department of Health

Agency Code 12000

Contract Number:

Contract Start Date: / /

Contract End Date: / /

Contractor Name:

Contractor Address:

Description of Services Being Provided:

Scope of Contract (Chose one that best fits):

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

Employment Category	Number of Employees	Number of Hours to be Worked	Amount Payable Under the Contract
Totals this page:	0	0	\$ 0.00
Grand Total:	0	0	\$ 0.00

Name of person who prepared this report:

Title:

Phone # :

Preparer's signature:

Date Prepared: / /

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(use additional pages if necessary)

**ATTACHMENT 13
VENDOR RESPONSIBILITY ATTESTATION**

Vendor Responsibility Attestation

To comply with the Vendor Responsibility Requirements outlined in Section E, Administrative Requirements, 9. Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire, I hereby certify:

Choose one:

- An on-line Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire has been updated or created at OSC's website: <https://portal.osc.state.ny.us> within the last six months.
- A hard copy Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire is included with this proposal/bid and is dated within the last six months.
- A Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire is not required due to an exempt status. Exemptions include governmental entities, public authorities, public colleges and universities, public benefit corporations, and Indian Nations.

Signature of Organization Official: _____

Print/type Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Date Signed: _____

ATTACHMENT 14
M/WBE PROCUREMENT FORMS

**New York State Department of Health
M/WBE Procurement Forms**

The following forms are required to maintain maximum participation in M/WBE procurement and contracting:

1. Bidders Proposed M/WBE Utilization Form
2. Minority Owned Business Enterprise Information
3. Women Owned Business Enterprise Information
4. M/WBE Utilization Plan
5. M/WBE Letter of Intent to Participate
6. M/WBE Staffing Plan

New York State Department of Health

BIDDERS PROPOSED M/WBE UTILIZATION PLAN

Bidder Name:	
RFP Title:	RFP Number

Description of Plan to Meet M/WBE Goals

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PROJECTED M/WBE USAGE

	%	Amount
1. Total Dollar Value of Proposal Bid	100	\$
2. MBE Goal Applied to the Contract		\$
3. WBE Goal Applied to the Contract		\$
4. M/WBE Combined Totals		\$

New York State Department of Health

MINORITY OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (MBE) INFORMATION

In order to achieve the MBE Goals, bidder expects to subcontract with New York State certified MINORITY-OWNED entities as follows:

MBE Firm (Exactly as Registered)	Description of Work (Products/Services) [MBE]	Projected MBE Dollar Amount
Name Address City, State, ZIP Employer I.D. Telephone Number () -		\$ _____
Name Address City, State, ZIP Employer I.D. Telephone Number () -		\$ _____
Name Address City, State, ZIP Employer I.D. Telephone Number () -		\$ _____

New York State Department of Health

**WOMEN OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (WBE)
INFORMATION**

In order to achieve the WBE Goals, bidder expects to subcontract with New York State certified WOMEN-OWNED entities as follows:

WBE Firm (Exactly as Registered)	Description of Work (Products/Services) [WBE]	Projected WBE Dollar Amount
Name Address City, State, ZIP Employer I.D. Telephone Number () -		\$ _____
Name Address City, State, ZIP Employer I.D. Telephone Number () -		\$ _____
Name Address City, State, ZIP Employer I.D. Telephone Number () -		\$ _____

**New York State Department of Health
M/WBE UTILIZATION PLAN**

Agency Contract: _____ Telephone: _____
 Contract Number: _____ Dollar Value: _____
 Date Bid: _____ Date Let: _____ Completion Date: _____

Contract Awardee/Recipient: _____
 Name _____
 Address _____
 Telephone _____

Description of Contract/Project Location: _____

Subcontractors Purchase with Majority Vendors:

Participation Goals Anticipated: _____ % MBE _____ % WBE
 Participation Goals Achieved: _____ % MBE _____ % WBE

Subcontractors/Suppliers:

Firm Name and City	Description of Work	Dollar Value	Date of Subcontract	Identify if MBE or WBE or NYS Certified

Contractor's Agreement: My firm proposes to use the MBEs listed on this form

Prepared By: (Signature of Contractor)	Print Contractor's Name:	Telephone #:	Date:
Grant Recipient Affirmative Action Officer Signature (If applicable):			

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Reviewed By: _____	Date: _____
M/WBE Firms Certified: _____	Not Certified: _____
CBO: _____	MCBO: _____

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MWBE ONLY

**MWBE SUBCONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS
LETTER OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE**

To: _____ Federal ID Number: _____
(Name of Contractor)

Proposal/ Contract Number: _____

Contract Scope of Work: _____

The undersigned intends to perform services or provide material, supplies or equipment as: _____

Name of MWBE: _____

Address: _____

Federal ID Number: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Designation:

MBE - Subcontractor

WBE - Subcontractor

MBE - Supplier

WBE - Supplier

Joint venture with:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Fed ID Number: _____

MBE

WBE

Are you New York State Certified MWBE? _____ Yes _____ No

The undersigned is prepared to perform the following work or services or supply the following materials, supplies or equipment in connection with the above proposal/contract. (Specify in detail the particular items of work or services to be performed or the materials to be supplied): _____

at the following price: \$ _____

The contractor proposes, and the undersigned agrees to, the following beginning and completion dates for such work.

Date Proposal/ Contract to be started: _____

Date Proposal/ Contract to be Completed: _____

Date Supplies ordered: _____ Delivery Date: _____

The above work will not further subcontracted without the express written permission of the contractor and notification of the Office. The undersigned will enter into a formal agreement for the above work with the contractor ONLY upon the Contractor's execution of a contract with the Office.

Date

Signature of M/WBE Contractor

Printed/Typed Name of M/WBE Contractor

INSTRUCTIONS FOR M/WBE SUBCONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS
LETTER OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE

This form is to be submitted with bid attached to the Subcontractor's Information Form in a sealed envelope for each certified Minority or Women-Owned Business enterprise the Bidder/Awardee/Contractor proposes to utilize as subcontractors, service providers or suppliers.

If the MBE or WBE proposed for portion of this proposal/contract is part of a joint or other temporarily-formed business entity of independent business entities, the name and address of the joint venture or temporarily-formed business should be indicated.

New York State Department of Health M/WBE STAFFING PLAN

Check applicable categories: Project Staff Consultants
Subcontractors

Contractor
Name _____

Address

	Total	Male	Female	Black	Hispanic	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Other
STAFF							
Administrators							
Managers/Supervisors							
Professionals							
Technicians							
Clerical							
Craft/Maintenance							
Operatives							
Laborers							
Public Assistance Recipients							
TOTAL							

(Name and Title)

Date