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## Addendum #2

To: All Pre-Bid Conference Attendees

**REF:** RFP #2006-X-37842

**Carpet & Padding, Supplies & Installation** 

**Index #T0147** 

Original Bid Opening Date: October 12, 2005 Revised Bid Opening Date: October 28, 2005

DATE: September 28, 2005

This addendum contains specification changes made to 06-X-37842, answers to Electronic Questions, and the list of attendees at the Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference.

It is noted that the bid opening date has been changed to October 28, 2005.

The Electronic Q&A period has been extended to 10/05/05.

Below are changes to the RFP specifications:

On page 13, delete the definition entitled "Specific Use Category".

On page 15, Section 3.1, change the fourth paragraph as follows:

This contract will be limited to purchases less than 30,000 square feet (sq. ft.) the equivalent to 3,333 square yards (sq. yds.). Installations for State agency premises that exceed 30,000 sq. ft. will be bid separately.

On page 17, Section 3.3, change "Note" in the middle of the page to read:

Specifications listed above are common for all product styles. Items below are specific to individual categories.

On page 23, Section 3.9.4, replace the third sentence with the following: Any work required to be performed after regular working hours or on Saturdays, Sundays, or legal holidays, as may be reasonably required consistent with contractual obligations, shall be performed at one and one half times the awarded rate for normal installation. A separate contract line will be awarded to each contract for an overtime allowance.

On page 36, Section 4.4.3, change the title to Price Proposal.

On page 36, Section 4.4.4 "Method of Bidding" add the following after the second sentence: Bidder must bid all carpet listed within a category as well as accompanying installation, and accessory price lines, in order to be eligible for that category. The four categories are as follows:

Broadloom Carpet Woven Carpet Carpet Tiles 6' Wide Carpet Rolls

On page 36, replace the second to the last paragraph as follows:

NOTE: If the manufacturer being bid for carpet tile or 6' wide product does not supply the same in self-stick, the bidder is to provide pricing for standard back 6' and tiles from one manufacturer and select another manufacturer for the price line of self-stick items in order to complete that category.

On page 37, change the first sentence in the last paragraph to read:

For each of the four (4) carpet types listed above, award shall be made to four bidders per region. (See Section 4.4.1.12 for bidding by region) per criteria outlined in Section 6.0.

On page 42, Section 5.10.1, Discontinued Items, add the following as the fourth paragraph:

In the event an item is discontinued and is not being replaced, no other substitution will be allowed. There will be no further action taken for that contract line item. That contract line for the contract holder will be considered cancelled. Further, that line item will not be re-awarded to another vendor.

On page 44, Section 5.18.2, change the first sentence of the third paragraph to read: Having determined the quality level of goods (face weight) to be obtained through the contract, the Using Agency shall request a walk-through with the four contractors for the particular category. The agency should then request a written proposal from the four contractors, within three business days.

On page 47, change Section 5.18.6.1 to read: All purchase orders exceeding \$20,000.00 for State agencies will be reviewed by the Division of Property Management and Construction.

On page 51, Section 6.1, delete the word "partially" in the second line of the first paragraph.

Section 6.1.1 change "per carpet type" to "per carpet category".

Add the following to Section 6.1:

**6.1.4** Experience of the bidder.

## On page 52, Section 6.5, insert the following before the first paragraph:

Award shall be made to four bidders per category per region. In order to ensure diversity of products, when the exact product is bid by more than one bidder, only the lowest responsive bidder for that product will receive an award. For example, if the first and second lowest responsive bidders for a category bid the exact product of the same manufacturer, only the lowest responsive bidder will be awarded that product.

Below are answers to electronic questions submitted prior to the Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference. A subsequent addendum will be issued containing additional information for issues raised at the Conference and additional electronic questions received during the extended Q&A period.

Question	How do new styles, designs and colors get introduced during the
#1	term of the contract?  If a contracted style/product updates colors, are the new colors available to using agencies?
	Answer: Refer to revision to 5.10.1 of the RFP, and its revision at the beginning of this addendum. All <b>replacement</b> products added to accepted lines must be submitted in writing to the State for approval, with a copy of the new catalog/sample and Manufacturers Specifications and Warranty Information. New products are not acceptable. New colors for awarded products are acceptable.
Question #2	What is the limit for a joint venture to qualify as a small business to meet the set aside requirement?
	Are all parties of a joint venture required to be DPMC classified, Public Work Contractors, Small Business approved and Registered New Jersey Business?
	Answer: Refer to 1.4.8 in this RFP. Both parties must be Small Business approved on the date of the bid opening, and the total combined revenue of both parties cannot exceed 12 million dollars. If a joint venture is submitting a bid proposal, the agreement between the parties relating to such joint venture should be submitted with the joint venture's bid proposal. Authorized signatories from each party comprising the joint venture must sign the bid proposal. A separate Ownership Disclosure Form, Affirmative Action Employee Information Report, MacBride Principles Certification, and Business Registration or Interim Registration must be supplied for each party to a joint venture. DPMC classification is not applicable to this RFP.
	You may also contact the NJ Commerce and Economic Growth Commission as to your specific requirements. The telephone number to call to check your status is 609-292-2146.
Question	Is the definition of roll price all lengths in excess of 125 feet long?
#3	Answer: Refer to 2.2 in this RFP. A line item price that reflects a length of carpet approximately 125 feet long; also called a shipping roll by carpet manufacturers. Shipping roll standards vary and may be as short as 30 feet, depending upon carpet thickness and manufacturers' quality criteria.

One of the use categories is computer areas. What are the static requirements for these areas?
Answer: Refer to 3.2 in this RFP. AATCC-1343.5 kV, for general conditions and 2.0 kV or less for critical environments. (technical/communication facilities)
All carpet to be manufactured with 100% nylon. What portion if any can be recycled content?
Answer: There is no limit on the portion that can be made of recycled content. The yarns specified (#6 and 6,6) are recyclable products. They are capable of being manufactured into carpet again, backing material, auto parts, soundproofing material, padding, etc.
Are carpets manufactured with mergeable dyelots permitted under this contract?
Answer: Refer to 3.1.1 in this RFP. Carpets are to be purchased in single dye lots and installed in roll sequence within areas of the same common visual. All dye methods are permissible.
A cut pile plush has a dyelot maximum of approximately 800 square yards. Will this limitation be incorporated into the contract?
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Answer: Same as #6 <b>Double glue down is indicated for the woven carpet, however it is not</b>
listed on the price sheets in the labor portion.
Answer: Refer to price line item # 38. This RFP allows for one
Labor/Installation price for the Double glue down method.
What is a "10 year quality assurance" warranty?
Answer: Further defined this would indicate no more than 10% of the face fiber will wear out within the designated 10 year period.
Section 3.2.1; how many times will these tests be conducted? If the products are found to be in compliance, will the state reimburse
the contractor for the testing costs?
Answer: Refer to 3.2.1 in this RFP. There is no limit on the number of times tests
will be conducted. The State of New Jersey may, at its option, have the product
tested to insure continued compliance with the specifications listed herein. In determining compliance the State of New Jersey may select additional testing
specifically related to products purchased; (Pile fiber Identity: AATCC20-1985,
Pile Weight: ASTM D 418-82, Gauge: ASTM D 418, D 5793, Colorfastness to
Light: AATCC-16). All costs associated with these tests shall be the responsibility of the contractor. The State will not reimburse the contractor for testing costs.

Question # 11	Is the "Beck" dye system an approved method? The Beck dye system has a limit of approximately 800 square yards. How are orders up to 2000 square yards going to be made in one dye lot?
	Answer: Same as #6
Question # 12	The note in the middle of the page indicates the items above are mandatory. Are the items below not mandatory?
	Answer: Refer to 3.3 in this RFP. The word "mandatory" should be substituted with "common". The note is changed as follows: Note: Specifications listed above are common for all product styles. Items below are specific to individual categories.
Question # 13	What is a "competitive" (6) or (6,6) nylon?
20	Answer: Refer to 3.3 in this RFP. The word "competitive" makes the allowances for carpet manufacturer's that have expanded operations to include the production of their own labeled 6 and 6,6 nylon fibers to be included in what was an exclusive "branded" yarn classification.
Question #14	Please confirm that all cut pile products; broadloom, carpet tile, woven and 6' roll goods are to use continuous filament nylon.
	Answer: Refer to 3.3 in this RFP. One hundred percent (100 %) Nylon is the specification for fiber content. Continuous filament nylon is the most commonly used product in broadloom but is not being specified as the only style.
Question #15	Is antimicrobial treatment only required on carpet for health care and child development areas?
Question	Answer: Yes.  Which specific product/category requires antimicrobial for the health
#16	care and child development areas?
	Answer: Refer to 3.3 in this RFP. This pertains to carpet in any category covered on this contract. Whenever an order is placed for use in a health care or child development area, the carpet will require antimicrobial treatment.
Question #17	RE: Question #16 - Shouldn't this requirement be extended to all types, categories and uses of carpet or will you add line items to cover this type of carpet.
	Answer: No. Antimicrobial treatment is only required on carpet for health care and in child development areas.
Question #18	Inherent soil treatment application/construction, to help maintain carpet appearance, should be required as a specification for all type of carpet.
	Answer: Products submitted for evaluation under this RFP will be judged on the quality of their performance features as well as their construction. Protective treatments are preferred. The bidder should note that all carpet bid are required to have a minimum 10 year warranty.

Question #19	What is "EcoNomic" carpet tile backing?
#15	Answer: Refer to 3.3 in this RFP. It is recycled backing.
Question	Is s 50cm x 50cm or 100cm x 100cm tile size acceptable?
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	Answer: Yes. Refer to 3.3 in this RFP. These other sizes are acceptable;
	however, tile size must be within 1/32" of dimension specified. The "Not to
	Exceed" estimate must include size conversion.
Question #21	On the woven warranty, what length of time defines a "lifetime"?
#21	Answer: Lifetime of Carpet is defined by the State as 20 years.
Question	What is a "quality assurance" warranty?
# 22	
	Answer: Previously answered. Refer to Question # 9.
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Question # 23	Can you add 18 ounce face weight line to both the carpet tile and 6'/6'6" broadloom roll goods categories to this RFP?
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	Answer: No.
Question	Can you add pattern carpet and pattern carpet tile categories?
#24	
	Answer: No. It is already allowed for in the specification. Refer to 3.3 in this
	RFP. Level Loop, Multi-level, Textured and Graphic Loop, Tip-shear, Cut and
Question	Loop and Single Level Cut Pyle, Multi-Color, Non-Descript patterns as available.  In what wear class are stairs included?
#25	in what wear class are stans included:
20	Answer: They don't have a wear class in this RFP.
Question	What is the 5% to be used for? Is it for overage, attic stock or waste
#26	factor?
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	Answer: Refer to 3.7.1 in this RFP. The contractor shall supply all materials, including 5% overage on material order to assure proper layout and with tools to
	successfully complete and service any one given purchase order.
Question	How is the cost of moisture testing to be proposed?
#27	
	Answer: Refer to 3.7.2 in this RFP. This cost for this testing will be the
	responsibility of the contractor.
Question	Are the installers to be OSHA certified?
# 28	Answer: No. Defer to 3.8 in this DED. The contractor shall supervise direct the
	Answer: No. Refer to 3.8 in this RFP. The contractor shall supervise, direct the work, and be solely responsible for all construction means, methods, techniques,
	sequences and procedures and for coordinating all portions of the work under the
	contract.
Question	Where is section 1.5.6 in the RFP?
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0	Answer: RFP 1.5.6 has been changed to 5.18.6
Question #30	Floor adhesive is not transferred 100% to carpet tiles and 6'wide goods, this requirement can only apply to tufted and woven carpet?
	Answer: Refer to 3.7.15 in this RFP. To better clarify carpet tiles and 6' wide
	goods shall not be spot glued. They shall be installed over a full spread floor
	adhesive.

Question # 31	Has the Department of Labor made a wage rate determination for all work under this contract?
	Answer: Contractor's are to refer to the Department of Labor Occupational Code: 47-2041 Carpet Installers. Web Site: www.dol.state.nj.us
Question # 32	What crafts and/or trades does this contract fall under?
	Answer: Department of Labor Occupational Code: 47-2041 Carpet Installers.
Question # 33	How can work after regular working hours be performed at no additional charge?
	Answer: It is not anticipated that State agencies will require work to be performed after regular working hours. However, in rare instances where this may occur, the contractor will be allowed to charge an overtime rate. (See beginning of this Addendum regarding changes to Section 3.9.4).
Question #34	At the time of the "not to exceed" proposal how does a contractor predict the availability of manpower that can work without overtime pay?
	Answer: Refer to Question #33.
Question # 35	How do we include overtime work when the user needs work completed after normal business hours?
	Answer: Refer to Question #33.
Question #36	We request a wage rate determination from the Department of Labor for this contract.
	Answer: Refer to Question #32.
Question #37	We request that you add as part of this RFP that all certified payroll documentation be copied to the State Contract Manager.
	Answer: Certified payroll documentation shall be copied to the Using Agency, not the State Contract Manager.
Question # 38	Is this contract exempt from projects/locations that have Project Labor Agreements (PLA's)?
	Answer: This contract is not applicable to Project Labor Agreements.
Question # 39	What are the definitions of stock and non-stock items?
	Answer: Refer to Section 3.10.1 of this RFP. Materials are either in stock and readily available and can be received by an agency within 30 days or non-stock; which are materials chosen by an agency that needs to be produced. Production
0	date materials are to be received by agencies within 60 days.
Question # 40	What items are to be included in this categorization?
Question # 41	Answer: Stock and non-stock are not a category. See Question #39.  In addition to the cost for storage, what arrangements are made to pay the contractor for materials purchased and paid?
	Answer: None.

Question # 42	Will there be an authorization to bill for materials in storage?
	Answer: No.
Question	If the project is to be done in phases because of the delay, how is
# 43	remobilization invoiced?
	Answer: There will be no separate charge for remobilization.
Question	If broadloom is precut offsite for individual room's pieces and
# 44	elevator size limitations, does that constitute a breach of contract
	under this clause?
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Question	Answer: No.  What classification(s) of craft/trade does the work under this
# <b>45</b>	contract fall under?
	Answer: Department of Labor Occupational Code: 47-2041 Carpet Installers.
Question	If a background check is required, how does the time for this activity
<b># 46</b>	get included in our billing?
	Answer: There will be no additional charge for background checks. Refer to 3.8
	and 3.14.12 in this RFP: The contractor shall supervise, direct the work, and be
	solely responsible for all construction means, methods, techniques, sequences
	and procedures and for coordinating all portions of the work under the contract.
Question	RE: 3.17.1 Who pays for the consultant?
<b># 47</b>	
0	Answer: The State of New Jersey.
Question #48	If the product that fails was properly installed, specified for a use group as determined in section 3.6 of the RFP and the product is
# <b>40</b>	tested to meet the indicated construction specification, does the
	contractor become exempt from liability?
	Answer: Refer to 3.6 in this RFP. This section indicates the typical uses for
	particular product types. In some areas, it may be advisable to use a heavier
	and/or better grade due to the particular wear factors involved. This is a general
	guide for Using Agencies. The contractor is responsible for ensuring that the proper type of carpet is installed for its intended use.
Question	If the carpet performance is unsatisfactory and it meets the
# <b>49</b>	classification of the group in section 3.6, how is the contractor
20	responsible?
	Answer: Section 3.6 "Traffic Conditions" is a general guide for Using Agencies.
0	Contractors will be responsible for all contractual warranties. See answer #48.
Question #50	What certification and registrations will a subcontractor need?
	Answer: Refer to 4.4.1.9 in this RFP. Should the bidder propose to utilize a
	subcontractor(s) to fulfill any of its obligations, the bidder shall be responsible for
	the subcontractor's: (a) performance; (b) compliance with all of the terms and
	conditions of the contract; and (c) compliance with the requirements of all applicable laws.

Question # 51	How is the labor for each region priced?
<b>π 31</b>	Answer: Refer to Section 4.4.4 of the RFP. The bidder shall provide one price for each item, regardless of region(s) being bid. On the previous contract for carpet, bidders were required to bid one price for the entire State. Bidders are now afforded the opportunity of bidding by region. Therefore, the bidder can do one of the following: Bid only one region and bid its best price for that region, or simply bid what it considers its best determined price for all regions.
Question # 52	Who pays for the cost of the testing listed in section 4.4.2.5?
	Answer: If requested by the State and the products are in accordance with the RFP it will be the responsibility of the State. Should the product not meet the specifications of this RFP the contractor will ultimately be responsible for all costs associated with product testing.
Question # 53	Is the DPMC classification an approved document for this requirement?
	Answer: No.
Question # 54	RE: 4.4.4 - Will the broadloom items that have cut and roll prices be awarded to the same contractors?
Question	Answer: Yes  What are the minimum numbers of carpet colors to be included with
# 55	each product submission?
	Answer: It is recommended that the color submission be as extensive as possible. The State sets no minimum.
Question # 56	Are 6' rolls sold in minimum roll lengths of 125 feet long?
	Answer: Refer to 2.2 in this RFP. Shipping roll standards vary and may be as short as 30 feet, depending upon carpet thickness and manufacturers' quality criteria.
Question #57	How are the installation prices bid for each region?
	Answer: Same as Question #51.
Question #58	On the hourly rate and the unit installation prices, how is overtime to be bid?
	Answer: See Question #33.
Question # 59	Will there be a separate line for recycling or repurposing carpet instead of disposal to a landfill?
	Answer: No.
Question #60	How is the cost for floor preparation in relation to moisture emission covered under this contract?
	Answer: The contractor will notify the using agency prior to offering a "not to exceed" estimate of the extensive moisture that would not contractually be covered under the line item of floor preparation.

Question # 61	Lost time due to improper information regarding asbestos contamination will be included in which line?
	Answer: There is no price line. Refer to 3.13.3 in this RFP. The contractor shall visit the site to observe actual field conditions prior to commencing installation
	when required so as to verify actual conditions against approved installation
	order entry drawings. The State will make a final determination.
Question	Can a product exceed the density range stated; is a density of 7300
# 62	acceptable for a range of 6000 – 6999?
	Answer: No.
Question	If the manufacturer does not replace the product, can a new
# 63	manufacturer be introduced?
	Answer: No. Refer to the revision of Section 5.10.1 at the beginning of this
	addendum. Replacement products will be made available to the State at the
	same price submitted in the original RFP for that particular line item.
	The replacement item must be from the same manufacturer.
Question # 64	RE: 5.17 - What is the length of time for this process so as not to delay
# 04	any projects?
	Answer: There is no timing set forth in this RFP. Refer to 3.8 in this RFP. The
	contractor shall supervise, direct the work, and be solely responsible for all
	construction means, methods, techniques, sequences and procedures and for
	coordinating all portions of the work under the contract.
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Question # 71	Where is the price for removal and disposal of existing VCT entered on the price lines?
	Answer: Price line # 50, Cost for Materials and Labor.
Question # 72	Price lines 41 – 43 how many colors must be made available; what is the procedure for a Using Agency that wants to use specific colors beyond the standard offering?
	Answer: Using Agencies will be obtaining estimates from four vendors per project and category. Awarded vendors should have submitted samples offering
	the most colors for the line items bid. Using Agencies will select materials from the products offered.
Question # 73	Price lines 45 & 46, what is the policy for lost time due to the using agency not being prepared for the furniture removal?
	Answer: Estimates given to Agencies will be "not to exceed estimates". Price lines 45 & 46 allow the contractor to anticipate and include the moving of furniture in the proposal submitted. Should the Using Agencies have a legitimate delay the contractor shall bill on an hourly basis for time spent at the job site and the time traveled to and from the particular job site, using the price line for Man Hour Rate. This is the only incidence when the contractor is permitted to bill for travel time.
Question	What is the responsibility of the contractor to disconnect items i.e.:
<b># 74</b>	phone, computers etc.?
	Answer: This is not the contractor's responsibility; it is that of the Using Agency.
Question # 75	Section 3.1.1 of the RFP indicates that the woven carpet can be installed both direct glue down and double glue down, where is the woven double glue down price line?
	Answer: There is only one price line for the Double glue down method of installation and is allowed for on price line # 38 and includes all carpet types.
Question # 76	Source Disclosure Form; does this form preclude products from outside the United States if there is a product available inside the United States?
	Answer: This form is applicable to services only. In relation to this contract, such services would be the use of call centers and billing services.
Question # 77	Source Disclosure Form; is this form for the carpet, adhesives, vinyl base, VCT and sundries?
	Answer: See Question #76.
Question # 78	Source Disclosure Form; if items are purchased through local wholesalers, are the wholesales to be included as a source or just the product(s) that final product?
	Answer: See Question #76.

Question # 79	Source Disclosure Form; is there a percentage of the components of each product must be identified as US made, or just the final product?
	See Question #76.
Question # 80	Subcontractor Utilization Plan Form: where on this form should we indicate our subcontractors: Business Registration Certificate, Public Works Contractor Certificate, Certificate of Employee Information Report and DPMC classification?
	Answer: Re: Section 4.4.1.13, #5 "After bid proposals are received, and prior to contract award, the potential awardee must submit to the public entity copies of certifications of all listed subcontractors". Registration and Certifications can be attached to the Subcontractor Utilization Plan form. Be sure to Sign the form, enter your title and date it. DPMC classification is not applicable to this RFP.
Question # 81	Subcontractor Utilization Plan Form: Does a separate AA-302 have to be submitted by each subcontractor?
Question	Answer: No.  How are multiple options in each product bid?
# 82	Answer: Using Agencies will be obtaining estimates from four vendors per project and category. The bid will be multiple to the Agencies.
Question # 83	How do products that have been purchased previously get purchased on the new contract, if they are not included in the new products offered?
	Answer: If not available on the new contract, the Using Agency will have to purchase something comparable, as close as possible to the previously purchased product.
Question # 84	Does a using agency have to use one contractor for all of the work?
	Answer: One contractor will provide all the services within their awarded category, i.e., broadloom, carpet tile, etc. See Section 3.1 in this RFP.
Question # 85	When one contractor borders by another, who has precedence in this situation?
	Answer: RE: 3.1 in this RFP. One contractor will provide all the services within their awarded category. When more than one contractor is working at a location, the using agency will determine scheduling.
Question # 86	Can a using agency purchase materials from one contractor and have another contractor install it?
	Answer: No
Question # 87	Can a contractor use the labor portion of the contract to bid for labor only, or is labor to be combined with the purchase of new material only?
	Answer: Labor is combined with the purchase of new material.

Question # 88	What happens when a contractor is no longer in business, i.e. merger, acquisition, bankruptcy etc.?
	Answer: The original bid is reviewed and the next qualified vendor in that region and product category would be selected.
Question # 89	If a manufacturer supplies the "same" product through many subsidiary companies, are the subsidiaries considered one manufacturer each or is the parent the manufacturer?
	Answer: Each Mill Direct subsidiary is considered a Manufacturer/Supplier.
Question # 90	Is there a limit to the number of regions and product lines one contractor can be awarded?
	Answer: No.
Question # 91	Is there a priority to award to US made products and to exclude foreign made products when a US made products are available?
	Answer: No.
Question # 92	Can a contractor submit more than one bid per category, and if so how?
	Answer: No.
Question # 93	With the complexity of this bid, there should be an additional opportunity to submit follow-up questions?
	Answer: Yes. There will be an additional period for electronic questions. The cutoff date is October 5, 2005.
Question	What are the requirements for the prime contractor who may be
<b>#94</b>	bidding as to their qualifications in the carpet industry?
	Answer: The prime contractor is solely responsible for completion and submittal of the RFP including adherence to all requirements thereof.
Question #95	Are supervisors and installers required to have certifications for training by OSHA, FCICA, INSTALL, or other agencies that attest to competence on state projects?
	Answer: No. Refer to Section 3.7 "Installation/Contractor Responsibilities" and 3.8 "Manpower" which spell out the responsibility of the contractors, supervisors, etc.
Question #96	Is a newly formed corporation or joint venture meeting the financial requirements, but with no history or experience in the flooring industry qualified to bid?
	Answer: Yes. If the corporation meets all requirements of the RFP, it will be eligible to bid.
Question #97	What are the minimum requirements to show competence in the workforce and supervisors installing the carpet and VCT? Is installation training and certification, safety (OSHA) training, background checks, etc. required?

	Answer: As indicated in Section 3.7, "Installation/Contractor Responsibilities" the contractor is solely responsible for all work of its employees, including compliance with the Carpet and Rug Institute's "Standards for Installation of Commercial Carpet", and all appropriate standards.
Question #98	RFP p. 15 Section 3.1.1 - What allowances are you making for other carpet backings that are truly a benefit for wear and durability? i.e Mohawk's UPS backing.
	Answer: This RFP permits all carpet backing. All backing must meet specifications as listed in Section 3.3.
Question #99	RFP p. 15 Section 3.1.1 How many different mills are going to be awarded the different classifications on carpet? i.e are there going to be 10 different mills providing 26 oz. unitary carpet?
	Answer: No. Mills are not being awarded a contract. Contracts are being awarded to bidding vendors.
Question #100	RFP p. 36 Section 4.4.4 - How many specific manufacturer dealers per region of the State are they looking for? Do they all provide the same pricing? i.e if you won a woven carpet job is there one dealer per area or are there three dealers per area?
	Answer: There will be four (4) awarded contractors for each of the four (4) categories for each of the four (4) regions. No, they do not all provide the same pricing. As outlined in Section 5.18.2, the Using Agency will obtain price quotes from all four (4) awarded contractors for the particular category.
Question #101	RFP p. 47 Section 5.18.6 What do you do on a job over \$20,000, what is the procedure?
	Answer: Section 5.18.6 pertains to the Using Agency. The contractor will provide a quote to the using agency and the using agency submits their request in accordance with this Section 5.18.6
Question #102	RFP p. 50 Section 5.22 Is this a prevailing wage job or a program for union contractors?
	Answer: Awarded contractors must be in full compliance with the Prevailing Wage Act, as outlined in Section 5.21 of the RFP. This is a Set-Aside Contract for small businesses.
Question #103	Is there an allowance for overtime or weekends?  Answer: Yes. See Question #33.
Question #104	Where are the requirements in the bid package for reclamation, recycling, or landfill diversion of used carpet?
	Answer: There are no requirements in the RFP. In the specification of 6 and 6,6 yarns we are allowing for the purchase of recyclable products.
Question #105	What are the requirements for the prime contractor who may be bidding as to their qualification in the carpet industry?
	Answer: Designated RFP forms have been established to properly qualify a

	business entity. There are no specific guidelines to qualify a person in this particular industry.
Question #106	If prevailing wage law allows for premium pay for "Off hours", why doesn't this state contract allow for this premium cost to be added to the bid process?
	Answer: See Question #33.
Question #107	What is the reasoning for requiring a 5% overage on all projects regardless of size? Wouldn't that responsibility to verify proper sizes belong to the contractor?
	Answer: Refer to 3.7.1 in this RFP. To assure proper layout and a successful completion of a purchase order.
Question #108	How are mold or asbestos issues to be handled when they are identified on projects under State contract?
	Answer: State Agencies and contract managers are to be notified during the site visit and prior to the initiating of any purchase orders. See Section 3.7.2 and 3.7.3.
Question	Are supervisors and installers required to have certifications for
#109	training by OSHA, FCICA, INSTALL, or other agencies that attest to competence on state projects?  Answer: No. As indicated in Section 3.7, "Installation/Contractor Responsibilities" the contractor is solely responsible for all work of its employees, including compliance with the Carpet and Rug Institute's "Standards for Installation of Commercial Carpet", and all appropriate standards.
Question #110	Are all contractors and subcontractors required to have photo identification cards in order to work on state contract projects? Is proof of citizenship required? Can "undocumented aliens" be used on state projects?
	Answer: No, "undocumented aliens" cannot be used on State projects. Upon request contractors and there employees may be required to produce photo identification. Proof of citizenship is not required.
Question #111	Standard Terms and Conditions, page 6, item 4.1Price Fluctuation During Contracthow can the state require vendors to hold their pricing during the two year contract duration in an economic environment like we're in today? With volatile oil prices having a direct affect on raw material costs, energy, transportation etcit's impossible to hold our prices. There has to be a provision in the contract to allow for material and transportation cost increases. Please respond.
	Answer: There will be no surcharges permitted during the term of this contract.

Question #112	Section 3.9.4 seems to be inconsistent with the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development Prevailing Wage Rate Determination. Could I get a clarification of this!
	Answer: See Question #33.
Question #113	Section 3.7.4, What requirements for OSHA does each contractor need? (OSHA-10, OSHA-30)
	Answer: This is not a requirement as in a certification but a compliance to understand and implement OSHA standards. Applied OSHA standards are; #1926-20 General Safety and Health Provisions. #1926-55 Gases, Dusts and Mists. #1926-57 Ventilation. 1926-103 Respiratory. 1926-151 Fire Prevention.
Question	I have not found any specific requirement for Carpet Recycling as
#114	mandated by most State and Federal Agencies, are there any references or plans for this?
	Answer: Carpet Recycling is not mandated by the State. The specification of 6 and 6,6 yarns are allowing for the purchase of recyclable products.
Question #115	In the bid proposal, if you are planning to subcontract, will all subs be required to submit forms 4.4.1.5, 4.4.1.6, and workmans comp certificate as well as all info required in sect. 4.4.1.9?
	Answer: No. Only the bidder is required to provide these forms.
Question #116	In section 4.4.1.13 it states that the prevailing wage threshold for the State is \$2000. Is that a cumulative amount throughout the year or a per job amount? Example: Can a contractor do 300 jobs for a single agency or school @\$1999 and never have to pay the prevailing wage?
	Answer: The \$2000 threshold is a per purchase order (job) amount. It must be understood by the bidder that deliberate circumvention of the above threshold will be subject to audit by the Department of Labor.
Question	We understand that this contract has been designated a set-aside
#117	contract pursuant to the provisions of the New Jersey state and administrative codes cited (N.J.S.A. 52:32-17, N.J.a.C.17:13, 12A:10). Why?
	Answer: To ancourage small business involvement
Question	Answer: To encourage small business involvement.  Sub-contractors must be pre-qualified to perform this type of work,
#118	but what about the contractor or bidder? Is there a minimum level of carpet and floor covering experience and history required?
	Answer: Designated RFP forms have been established to properly qualify a business entity. There are no specific guidelines to qualify a contractor or bidder.

Question #119	Is a newly formed corporation or joint venture, meeting the financial requirements, but with no history or experience in the flooring industry qualified to bid?
Question #120	Answer: Yes.  The proposed change from a "catalogue" contract to a "commodity" contract structure will do damage to any State Agency or Cooperative Purchasing Member who has current flooring standards in place in their facilities. How does that State intend to allow current standards programs to continue without disruption?
	Answer: State Agencies will follow the specifications of the RFP. The State has found no evidence of standardization. Cooperative Purchasing Members may choose to manage their own purchase agreements.
Question #121	There is no provision for the use of Environmentally Preferable Products as outlined by the NJ Department of Environmental Protection. Why is there no category available to facilitate the use of these State-mandated climate neutral products?
	Answer: The specification of 6 and 6,6 yarns facilitate the use of Recyclable Products.
Question #122	Why is there no provision for products utilizing high recycled content?
	Answer: The State is not limiting or restricting contractors from supplying products manufactured with recycled materials providing the specifications of this RFP are met.
Question #123	The CRI (Carpet & Rug Institute) endorses the use of lower face weights particularly in products with structured backings (i.e. carpet tile and 6'&6'6" roll goods). Why is there not a category recognizing this of a face weight of 18oz. in lieu of the 28 oz. face weight?
	Answer: After consultation with Using Agencies, the ounce specification selected supports the criteria for durability, design, comfort etc. that is needed by the State.
Question #124	Section 3.2 Carpet Specifications/Performance Standards. Indoor Air Quality recognizes the CRI Green Label Program. Why is the State not using the most current, up-to-date protocol, CRI Green Label Plus?
	Answer: We believe that the carpet specifications in this RFP will deliver the most qualified products manufactured including carpets from the Green Label Program.

Question #125	Section 3.3 Antimicrobial. Are schools considered areas of child development?
	Answer: Yes. For the purpose of this RFP the developing years of children through the age of twelve. Schools are considered to be Day Care, Pre School, Grammar School etc.
Question #126	Section 3.3 Standard Sizes (for carpet tile). Hundreds of current State contract users are standardized on 50cm. x 50 cm. (19.69" x 19.69") carpet tiles. Would the State include this common size as standard?
	Answer: Yes. Refer to Question #20. (tile size must be within 1/32" of dimension specified).
Question #127	Are there any set-aside requirements for sub-contractors under this RFP?
	Answer: No.
Question #128	The NJ Department of Environmental Protection has outlined products that are Environmentally Preferable. Can a category(ies) be added to included climate neutral products?
	Answer: The specification of 6 and 6,6 yarns is the provision set forth in this RFP. It allows for the purchasing of products that are able to be recycled.
Question #129	Is the most current CRI program recognized for use under this contract? Products labeled with the CRI Green Label Plus should be the minimum standard for this bid.
	Answer: The State is not using CRI as its standard. The product lines and specifications of this RFP are stated to be the minimum standard for this bid.
Question #130	Recycled content in the nylon has been addressed in our previous questions. Is there a requirement for recycled backing/content? Should this requirement be created for each category?
	Answer: There is no requirement at this time. EcoNomic/Recycled backing is included in the backing specifications and would refer to all recycled backing in general. Refer to 3.3 in this RFP.
Question #131	The change from a direct line contract to a commodity contract will not allow user to match existing finishes. There are millions of square feet of occupied existing space that have products that will not be included in this contract. How does the State intend to address this issue in the new contract?
	Answer: See Question #83.
Question #132	Lower face weights are endorsed by the CRI for carpet tile and 6' roll goods. Will a 16 ounce product category be added to the bid?
	Answer: No
Question #133	Antimicrobial treatment is listed in Section 3.3. There is no specific category that lists the requirement of antimicrobial. The potential exists that all categories will not have a product that has antimicrobial. If this happens, how will health care and child

	development areas be able to select from the products on the contract?
	Answer: Manufacturers are to add bacteriocidal properties to the selected carpeting.
Question #134	For carpet tile and vinyl roll goods, are metric sizes acceptable?  Answer: Yes, with the understanding that it is the contractor's responsibility that carpet tile sizes comply to within 1/32" of the dimension specified.
Question #135	There are 8 categories of broadloom products between tufted (cut vs. loop) and woven (3 weights & densities). Carpet and 6' roll goods are limited to 3 categories. Can additional patterns and textures be added to the carpet tile and 6' roll goods categories?  Answer: No.
Question #136	What allowances are you making for other carpet backings that are truly a benefit for wear and durability? i.e Mohawk's UPS backing, Mohawk's Everset backing.  Answer: All backing types are allowable for this RFP.
Question #137	Antimicrobial Treatment Section 2.2 page 11, section 3.3 page 17 notes: Please note that anti-mirocbial treatments are topically applied to carpets and the application need not necessarily be done at the factory. This treatment washes off during maintenance procedures, and wears off onto shoes and into the atmosphere over time (a typical half-life is 2 years) with normal foot traffic. The treatment must be reapplied to the installed carpet as periodic maintenance. In the past the government mandated asbestos to be contained in all vinyl asbestos tiles only to discover that asbestos was dangerous. The cost to remove this VAT became a burden to all who utilized this product most of whom were school districts at a cost of up to \$3.00 per square foot.
	Section 2.2 page 11, Section 3.3 page 17 - Please name and provide the EPA category for the chemical agent or agents that the State requires to be applied to carpets in child development and health care areas.
	Answer: The substances are certified by the EPA and the DEP. Carpet manufacturers should have this information readily available. Should you need additional information feel free to contact related web sites at; <a href="https://www.epa.gov">www.epa.gov</a> or

Question #138	Section 3.3 page 17 - Please define the meaning of child development areas and health care areas and give some practical examples. Are they classrooms/nursing homes, etc?
	Answer: For the purpose of this RFP the developing years of children up to the age of twelve.
	Classrooms are considered to be Day Care, Pre School, Grammar School etc. Health Care would include Nursing homes, Assisted Living etc.
Question #139	Can the State outline the procedure and the licenses required for reapplying this chemical to the carpet and can a new line for this service be added to the pricing page of the RFP?
	Answer: It is not the position of the State of New Jersey to outline procedures or produce licenses that exist with carpet manufacturers. The Antimicrobial specification applies to the initial purchase and installation of the product. Application is to be done at the manufacturers facilities. Using Agencies will determine reapplication when considering the use of office space acquired.
Question #140	Can the State reassure the bidders and public that the mandating of antimicrobial treatment (categorized by the EPA as pesticide) will not
#140	antimicrobial treatment (categorized by the EPA as pesticide) will not add cost for no benefit, and expose the State and other parties to serious liabilities in the future?
0 4	Answer: No
Question #141	Face Weight per yard/ounce weight per yard - Section 2.1, page 12, Section 3.1.1 page 15, Section 3.6 page 19, and price pages: The RFP has a minimum of 20 oz. specified for carpet tile and for 6' roll goods. The current State contract makes available 14 oz. and 18 oz. products and there are many installations of these products already in place and performing successfully. The lower ounce weights are easier to maintain, and offer an initial cost saving without compromising the required performance and warranty. Please refer to CRI memo dated September 26, 2001 in the appendix (hard copy available as required).
	Can the State amend the RFP to allow the use of 14 oz. and 18 oz. products?
	Answer: No. The State has determined that the minimum ounce weight acceptable for this RFP for carpet tile and six (6') foot wide goods will be twenty ounce (20 oz.) face weight.
Question #142	Categories and Specifications of Floor Covering Section 2.2 page 11, Section 3.1 page 15, Section 3.3 Page 17, Section 4.4.4 page 36. It is our understanding that 6' foot goods are not broadloom as indicated in the RFP definitions (Section 2.2) because they are manufactured with vinyl performance backings. We also wish to point out that double stick cushion is more costly to supply and install than integral cushion and has a much greater change of failure. Please note that cushion manufacturers do not warranty the adhesion of the padding to carpet or the floor.
	Can the State create separate specifications for vinyl hardback and

	vinyl cushion back 6' roll goods in both self-stick and non self-stick?
	Answer: No.
Question #143	Can the State clearly specify the difference between cushion-backed roll goods and hard-back roll goods (self-stick and non self-stick) and provide line items in the RFP price pages?
	Answer: No.
Question #144	Can the State clarify if it is permissible for a factory or vendor to cut 12' broadloom into 6' widths and call it 6' foot roll goods?
	Answer: It is not permissible.
Question	Can the State define in more detail the specifications for broadloom
#145	and 6' roll goods?
	Answer: For the purpose of this RFP refer to section 3.1. and the definitions in section 2.2.
Question #146	Will the State explicitly require the submitted sample book to contain discrete samples in each ounce weight etc. of current production 6' vinyl performance backed roll goods as well as broadloom?
	Answer: Sample books are to be submitted for an individual price line. The specifications of the sample must be easily certifiable. Should a sample book specify that multiple categories of carpet are available within this one sample book the vendor will indicate clearly which of the categories the sample represents.
Question #147	Categories and Specifications of Floor Covering Section 2.1 page 13, Section 3.1 & Section 3.1.1 page 15, Section 4.4 page 36, price pages. Original manufactured self-stick floor coverings enable an established installation method that minimizes the release of adhesive fumes into the environment. A factory applied self-stick system also leaves a stripped floor clean and dust free for future installations. Some vendors may choose to only bid for dry back tiles and 6' roll goods - this will complicate the bid evaluation process for that category and may not be fair to all vendors.
	Can the State please define in greater detail self-stick carpeting? For example, can the adhesive be applied in the field? Can two-sided tape be used as a self-stick method?
	Answer: Self-stick is defined in Section 2.2 "Definitions". No, the adhesive cannot be applied in the field. It must be applied by the manufacturer. Two-sided tape cannot be used as a self-stick method.
Question #148	Can the State create a separate self-stick category for carpet tile and 6' floor roll goods?
	Answer: No.
Question #149	Categories and specifications of Floor Covering Section 3.1.12.1 page 21 - Cove / Straight Base is available primarily in 2 heights, 2 thicknesses 90.80 and 1/8 gauge) and 2 materials (vinyl and rubber). The thinner gauge base does not mask irregularities in the substrate and vinyl base is not dimensionally stable in fluctuating

	temperatures. The correct base for any application needs to be carefully selected.
	Can the State fully specify the requirements and performance expected from cove base?
	Answer: The requirements of the cove base shall be to hold down the edges of the carpet and to create a finished appearance. The specification for this RFP will be 1/8", please refer to section 3.7.12.2.
Question #150	Installation, Section 3.7.7 Page 20 - We are aware of at least two manufacturers who have published a fully warranted method for installing carpet over existing carpet.
	Can the State confirm that if we are able to show a manufacturer's specification and method documents, then we would be allowed to install carpet over carpet?
	Answer: Yes.
Question #151	Page 37, Section 4.4.4 Installation - Please check the description of what is required on the price page line item 39 - is the word "double"
#131	intended?
	Answer: No.
Question #152	Page 15, Section 3.1 Contract Square Yard Limit - Small businesses are defined as having gross revenue of under \$12m; the 2000 square
#132	yard cap on the contract could be very restrictive (worth between say
	\$35000 and \$70000 depending on material and services supplied),
	since it does not reflect the actual capacity of the small businesses.
	The current State contact T-0177 (Computer Furniture) for example has a cap of \$300K on the purchase order value. This is a more
	realistic value that will allow small companies to grow in New Jersey.
	What is the basis of the cap quantity? For example, is it per purchase order or fiscal year? Does it apply to all price page line items?
	Answer: Refer to the revisions of page 15, section 3.1 at the beginning of this addendum. The cap is per purchase order.
Question	Can the State change the square yard cap of 2000 square yards to a
#153	money value limit that will give the same opportunity on set-aside contracts as are already provided on numerous non set-aside
	contracts, to equalize the opportunities?
0	Answer: Refer to the answer of question #152
Question #154	Page 23, Section 3.9.4, Overtime Payments - The State says that it will not pay premium for overtime work even though it is a legal
#134	requirement that workers are paid a premium for overtime. From
	time to time a user may require overtime work, for example, in a busy
	office where only weekends and nights are available for the
	installation work. If the overtime is carried out at the request of the
	user, through no fault of the vendor, does that State really mean that the vendor must still charge out the hours as straight time? If it is
	accepted that overtime work can be a user requirement, please add a
	line item on the price page for overtime labor charges.

Question #155	Answer: See Question #33.  Page 37, Section 4.4.4, Method of Bidding - The RFP seems to allow incomplete bids for any category. For example: The carpet tile category does not require bidders to bid for the self-stick variant. A vendor may just bid cut and roll leaving all other line items in the category blank. This would make it difficult to evaluate the best category bid. This feature of the RFP may make it possible for bidders lacking the competence and capacity for the overall State objectives to cherry-pick single line items without the ability to deliver a user's full requirements.
	Can the State clearly define the formula for evaluating the bids? For example, will the State add up each line item price in the category and divide by quantity of lines?
	Answer: Refer to the revisions of page 36, section 4.4.4 at the beginning of this addendum.
Question #156	Will the State insist that all lines in a category be completed in order for the bid to be eligible for evaluation?
	Answer: Yes. All items within a category (i.e., carpet tiles, broadloom, woven broadloom, and 6' wide carpet) must be bid in order to be considered for award of that category.
Question #157	Section 3.1.1 - The 26 oz. carpet with unitary backing we want to submit comes with standard but can be purchased with a unitary backing at no additional charge. Sample books are printed with the notation that a secondary backing is available. Will we be able to submit this?
	Answer: Yes. Manufacturer certification and specifications of a specific product, if not attached or part of the sample submission, must be submitted as a letter of Certification from the manufacturer.
Question #158	Section 4.4.1.9 (e) What type of documentation do you consider acceptable, with regards to the ability of subcontractors to perform the work under this contract?
Question #159	Answer: Submittal of resumes, summary of projects completed and references.  Section 4.4.2.5 - We have found that some manufacturers provided a sample book for a product that comes in 12',6' or modular tile. This specification may not be noted on the book. Will we be able to submit this, if a letter from the manufacturer is inserted in the sample book?
	Answer: Yes.
Question #160	Section 4.4.4 - You have allowed for the substitution of the backing on carpet tile if the self-stick is not available. Will you also allow this for the 6' material? Also, so we need to change the type of backing on the price list?
	Answer: Refer to the revisions of page 36, section 4.4.4 at the beginning of this addendum.

Question #161	How do I get a vendor ID# so I can fill out the State of NJ Purchase Bureau Bidders Conference attendance record card correctly?
	Answer: Your vendor ID is your Federal Identification Number. If you need to provide this number to the Purchase Bureau, contact Alexandra Hendrickson at 609-633-9809.

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American Commercial Floor Corp.

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Best Value Rugs & Carpet, Inc. Bigelow Commercial Carpet

Blue Ridge Commercial

Buzzy's Carpet, Inc.

C H Reel Co

Cambridge Commercial Carpet

Cambridge Carpets

Capitol Floor Covering, Inc.

Carpet Showcase, Inc.

Commercial Interiors Direct, Inc.

Contract Flooring Systems

Flooring Installation Services, Inc.

Floorlayers Local 29

Frank Mazza & Son

Franklin Floors, Inc.

Gillespie Group (The)

Gulistan

Hannon Floor Covering Corp.

Henry Savelli & Associates

Hi Tech

Hood Floors, Inc.

ICI Flooring, Inc.

Interface Flooring Systems

Jersey Commercial Carpet

Jersey Sure, Inc.

Karastan (Mohawk)

Kepple Enterprises T/A Kepple's Carpet

Lees Carpets

Luxury Floors, Inc.

Mannington

**Mannington Commercial** 

Mannington Mills

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New Jersey Regional Council of Carpenters

New Jersey State Flooring, Inc.

Orange Carpet & Linoleum

Re: Source New Jersey

Rug and Floor Store, Inc.

Shaw Contract Group

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West Carpets