



Notice of Award 06-X-38158

For: Appliances: Washers & Dryers,
Commercial, Switch & Coin
Operated

Event	Date	Time
Bidder's Electronic Question Due Date (Refer to RFP Section 1.3.1 for more information.)	09/09/05	05:00 pm
Mandatory Pre-bid Conference (Refer to RFP Section 1.3.3 for important details about the new electronic bid option.)	Not Applicable	
Mandatory Site Visit (Refer to RFP Section 1.3.2 for more information.)	Not Applicable	
Bid Submission Due Date (Refer to RFP Section 1.3.5 for more information.)	09/23/05	02:00 PM

Dates are subject to change. All changes will be reflected in Addenda to the RFP posted on the Division of Purchase and Property website.

Set-Aside Small Business (Refer to RFP Section 4.4.1.8 for more information.)	Status <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Entire Contract <input type="checkbox"/> Sub Contracting Only	Category <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> II <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> III
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

SET-ASIDE CONTRACTS

N.J.S.A 52:32-17, N.J.A.C. 17:13, 12A:10

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW JERSEY STATUTE AND ADMINISTRATIVE CODE CITED ABOVE, THIS CONTRACT, OR A PORTION THEREOF, HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS A SET-ASIDE CONTRACT FOR SMALL BUSINESS. AS INDICATED ON PAGE ONE OF THIS DOCUMENT, AS SUCH, ELIGIBILITY TO BID IS LIMITED TO BIDDERS THAT MEET STATUTORY AND REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS AND HAVE HAD THEIR ELIGIBILITY DETERMINED BY THE NEW JERSEY COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC GROWTH COMMISSION (COMMERCE). THE DEFINITIONS OF EACH SMALL BUSINESS SET-ASIDE CATEGORY CAN BE FOUND AT N.J.A.C. 17:13-1.2 OR N.J.A.C. 12A:10-1.2.

"SMALL BUSINESS" MEANS A BUSINESS THAT HAS ITS PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, IS INDEPENDENTLY OWNED AND OPERATED, AND HAS NO MORE THAN 100 FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES.

THE NEW PROGRAM PLACES SMALL BUSINESS INTO THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES: THOSE WITH GROSS REVENUES UP TO \$500,000; THOSE WITH GROSS REVENUES OF UP TO \$5 MILLION; AND THOSE WITH GROSS REVENUES THAT DO NOT EXCEED \$12 MILLION. WHILE COMPANIES REGISTERED AS HAVING REVENUES BELOW \$500,000 CAN BID ON ANY CONTRACT, THOSE EARNING MORE THAN THE \$500,000 AND \$5 MILLION AMOUNTS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO BID ON CONTRACTS DESIGNATED FOR REVENUE CLASSIFICATIONS BELOW THEIR RESPECTIVE LEVELS.

EACH BUSINESS INTERESTED IN BIDDING FOR THIS CONTRACT SHOULD PROVIDE, AS PART OF ITS RESPONSE TO THIS SOLICITATION, A COPY OF ITS CURRENT APPROVAL NOTICE FROM THE NEW JERSEY COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC GROWTH COMMISSION. ANY BUSINESS THAT SEEKS TO REGISTER AS A SMALL BUSINESS IS REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A FEE PAYMENT ALONG WITH ITS APPLICATION TO COMMERCE.

ALL NECESSARY FORMS AND ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING REGISTRATION MAY BE OBTAINED BY CONTACTING COMMERCE'S OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS SERVICES, BY TELEPHONE AT THE NUMBER BELOW, OR BY MAIL, OR IN PERSON BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 9:00 A.M AND 5:00 PM AT THE ADDRESS BELOW:

NEW JERSEY COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC GROWTH COMMISSION
OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS SERVICES
20 WEST STATE STREET - 4TH FLOOR
PO BOX 820, TRENTON, NJ 08625-0820

TELEPHONE: 609-292-2146

1.0 INFORMATION FOR BIDDERS

1.1 PURPOSE AND INTENT

This Request for Proposal (RFP) is issued by the Purchase Bureau, Division of Purchase and Property, Department of the Treasury on behalf of the Using Agencies. The purpose of this RFP is to solicit bid proposals for 14, 50 and 75 lbs coin and switch operated washers and dryers..

The intent of this RFP is to award a contracts to those responsible bidders whose bid proposals, conforming to this RFP are most advantageous to the State, price and other factors considered.

The NJ Standard Terms & Conditions located on the Advertised Solicitation, Current Bid Opportunities webpage <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/bid/summary/06x38158.shtml> will apply to all contracts or purchase agreements made with the State of New Jersey. These terms are in addition to the terms and conditions set forth in this RFP and should be read in conjunction with same unless the RFP specifically indicates otherwise.

The State intends to extend the contract[s] awarded to the Purchase Bureau's cooperative purchasing partners. These partners include quasi-state agencies, counties, municipalities, school districts, volunteer fire departments, first aid squads, independent institutions of higher learning, County colleges and State colleges.

Although the State, with the assent of the vendor(s), is making the use of any contract resulting from this RFP available to non-State Agencies, the State makes no representation as to the acceptability of any State RFP terms and conditions under the Local Public Contracts Law or any other enabling statute or regulation.

1.2 BACKGROUND

This is a reprocurement of the **Washers and Dryers Commercial, Switch and Coin Operated 14, 50 & 75 lbs.** term contract, presently due to expire on **October 31, 2005**. Vendors who are interested in the current contract specifications and pricing information are encouraged to visit the Purchase Bureau's website on the world wide web. The applicable "T" reference number for this lookup is **T0235**. The exact WWW address is: <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/contracts.htm>

1.3 KEY EVENTS

1.3.1 ELECTRONIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

It is the policy of the Purchase Bureau to accept questions and inquiries from all potential bidders electronically via web form. To submit a question, please go to the Quicklinks Q&A button on the Advertised Solicitation, Current Bid Opportunities webpage or to <http://ebid.nj.gov/QA.aspx?solnumber=06-x-38158>.

After the submission of bid proposals, unless requested by the State, contact with the State is limited to status inquiries only and such inquiries are only to be directed to the web form. Any further contact or information about the proposal to the buyer or any other State official connected with the solicitation will be considered an impermissible supplementation of the bidder's bid proposal.

1.3.1.1 QUESTION PROTOCOL

Questions should be addressed in writing via the procedure set forth above. Questions should be directly to the RFP by the writer and questions should be asked in consecutive order, from beginning to end, following the organization of the RFP. Each question should begin by referencing the RFP page number and section number to which it relates.

Bidders shall not contact the Using Agency directly, in person, by telephone or by email, concerning this RFP.

1.3.1.2 CUT-OFF DATE FOR QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES

The cut-off date for questions and inquiries relating to this RFP is **September 9, 2005 no later than 5:00 pm**. Addenda, if any, to this RFP will be posted to the Purchase Bureau website (see Section 1.4.1. of this RFP for further information.)

1.3.2 NOT APPLICABLE TO THIS PROCUREMENT

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1.3.5 SUBMISSION OF BID PROPOSAL

In order to be considered for award, the bid proposal must be received by the Purchase Bureau of the Division of Purchase and Property at the appropriate location by the required time. You must submit a bid proposal in order to be considered for contract award. **ANY BID PROPOSAL NOT RECEIVED ON TIME AT THE RIGHT PLACE WILL BE REJECTED. THE DATE, TIME AND LOCATION ARE:**

DATE:	September 23, 2005
TIME:	2:00 PM
LOCATION:	BID RECEIVING ROOM - 9TH FLOOR PURCHASE BUREAU DIVISION OF PURCHASE AND PROPERTY DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY 33 WEST STATE STREET, P.O. BOX 230 TRENTON, NJ 08625-0230 Directions to the Purchase Bureau can be found on the following website: http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/directions.shtml

1.3.6 NOT APPLICABLE TO THIS PROCUREMENT

1.4 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1.4.1 REVISIONS TO THIS RFP

In the event that it becomes necessary to clarify or revise this RFP, such clarification or revision will be by addendum.

ALL RFP ADDENDA WILL BE ISSUED ON THE PURCHASE BUREAU WEB SITE. TO ACCESS ADDENDA THE BIDDER MUST SELECT THE BID NUMBER ON THE PURCHASE BUREAU BIDDING OPPORTUNITIES WEB PAGE AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

[HTTP://WWW.STATE.NJ.US/TREASURY/PURCHASE/BID/SUMMARY/BID.SHTML.](http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/bid/summary/bid.shtml)

There are no designated dates for release of addenda. Therefore interested bidders should check the Purchase Bureau "Bidding Opportunities" website on a daily basis from time of RFP issuance through bid opening.

It is the sole responsibility of the bidder to be knowledgeable of all addenda related to this procurement.

1.4.2 ADDENDUM AS A PART OF THIS RFP

Any addendum to this RFP shall become part of this RFP and part of any contract awarded as a result of this RFP.

1.4.3 ISSUING OFFICE

This RFP is issued by the Purchase Bureau, Division of Purchase and Property.

1.4.4 BIDDER RESPONSIBILITY

The bidder assumes sole responsibility for the complete effort required in submitting a bid proposal in response to this RFP. No special consideration will be given after bid proposals are opened because of a bidder's failure to be knowledgeable as to all of the requirements of this RFP. By submitting a bid proposal in response to this RFP, the bidder represents that it has satisfied itself, from its own investigation, as to all of the requirements of this RFP.

1.4.5 COST LIABILITY

The State assumes no responsibility and bears no liability for costs incurred by a bidder in the preparation and submittal of a bid proposal in response to this RFP.

1.4.6 CONTENTS OF BID PROPOSAL

Subsequent to bid opening, all information submitted by bidders in response to the bid solicitation is considered public information, except as may be exempted from public disclosure by the Open Public Records Act, N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq., and the common law. A bidder may designate specific information as not subject to disclosure when the bidder has a good faith legal/factual basis for such assertion. The State reserves the right to make the determination and shall so advise the bidder. The location in the bid proposal of any such designation should be clearly stated in a cover letter. The State will not honor attempts by bidders either to designate their entire bid proposal as proprietary and/or to claim copyright protection for their entire proposal.

All bid proposals, with the exception of information determined by the State to be proprietary, are available for public inspection.

Interested parties can make an appointment with the Purchase Bureau to inspect bid proposals received in response to this RFP.

1.4.7 PRICE ALTERATION

Bid prices must be typed or written in ink. Any price change (including "white-outs") must be initialed. Failure to initial price changes shall preclude a contract award being made to the bidder.

1.4.8 JOINT VENTURE

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.

2.0 DEFINITIONS

2.1 GENERAL DEFINITIONS

The following definitions shall be part of any contract awarded or order placed as result of this RFP.

Addendum - Written clarification or revision to this RFP issued by the Purchase Bureau.

Amendment - A change in the scope of work to be performed by the contractor. An amendment is not effective until signed by the Director, Division of Purchase and Property.

Bidder – A vendor submitting a bid proposal in response to this RFP.

Contract - This RFP, any addendum to this RFP, the bidder's bid proposal submitted in response to this RFP and the Division's Notice of Acceptance.

Contractor - The contractor is the bidder awarded a contract.

Director - Director, Division of Purchase and Property, Department of the Treasury. By statutory authority, the Director is the chief contracting officer for the State of New Jersey.

Division - The Division of Purchase and Property.

May - Denotes that which is permissible, but not mandatory.

Request for Proposal (RFP) - This document, which establishes the bidding and contract requirements and solicits bid proposals to meet the purchase needs of [the] Using Agency[ies], as identified herein.

Shall or Must - Denotes that which is a mandatory requirement.

Should - Denotes that which is recommended, but not mandatory.

State - State of New Jersey

Using Agency[ies]- The entity[ies] for which the Division has issued this RFP.

3.0 COMMODITY DESCRIPTION/SCOPE OF WORK

For each line item bid, the bidder must submit technical specifications with its bid proposal or within 5 days from date of written request for those technical specifications. Failure to provide technical specifications, either with the bid proposal or within 5 days of written request, will result in the rejection of the bid proposal.

3.1 WASHING MACHINE SPECIFICATIONS:

N.J. Specifications No. 8940-02 for clothes washers, commercial type revised March, 1987 and including the latest updates.

These RFP specifications cover commercial type clothes washers to be used in various New Jersey State institutions. Washers are to be built for long and reliable service.

Washers 14 lb. Minimum

Detailed Requirements:

A. CAPACITY:

Washer must have a minimum capacity of 14 lbs., mixed load.

B. CYCLES:

Washer must have a minimum of five (5) wash cycles, such as, white clothes, colored clothes, permanent press, delicate fabrics and bright colors. These cycle names are offered as examples. Bidders shall indicate, either in writing or by catalog excerpt, what cycles are included with the make and model of the washer they are bidding.

C. SPEEDS:

Washers must have a minimum of two (2) speeds, regular and gentle or incorporate features to handle any washable and dryable fabric.

D. MOTOR:

Washer must be equipped with a minimum 1/2 h.p. motor, 120v, 60hz. Bidder to provide actual power consumption of the unit bid with his literature.

E. EXTERIOR:

Washer exterior must be steel with high quality porcelain enamel finish in white or manufacturer's standard color.

F. INTERIOR:

Wash basket and inside tub must be finished in heavy-duty commercial porcelain enamel or stainless steel.

G. INDICATOR LIGHTS:

Washers must be equipped with an "on" light and a "rinse" light at a minimum.

H. AGITATOR:

The agitator must be made of high grade, heavy duty plastic and shall be fastened in a manner that requires a tool for removal.

I. PUMPS:

Pumps must be heavy-duty commercial quality and shall not be affected by laundry chemicals or high temperature water. Pumps shall be self-lubricating.

J. TIMER:

Timer must be heavy duty, commercial quality.

K. COVER SWITCH:

The cover must be interlocked so that washer is shut off when lid is opened.

L. Washers must be listed with underwriters laboratories and meet the ANSI/ASSE 1007/ AHAM-HLW-ZPR-1986 standards.

M. Provision must be built into the machine to prevent wastewater and fresh input water from intermixing.

N.. Washing instructions must be clearly displayed in permanent lettering, in a conspicuous place, readily visible to a user.

O. WARRANTY

Washers must be warranted for a period of at least one year from the time of delivery. The warranty must cover all parts and labor at no cost to the state. Bidders providing less than a (1) one-year warranty will not be considered for an award.

If warranty work requires the washer to be removed, the bidder must provide a loaner washer which is of equivalent capability as the existing washer, at no additional cost to the state. The loaner washer must be provided at the same time the existing washer is being removed for warranty work.

P. ENERGY EFFICIENT

All washers must be energy efficient with the energy star symbol.

3.2 COIN OPERATED WASHERS

A. For a coin-operated washer, the cost of the coin kit shall be included in the bid price. The kit shall be able to receive coin combinations up to, and including, one dollar for each operation. The kit shall be adjustable to receive quarters only and quarter-dime combinations.

B. The coin kit must contain:

One (1) vertical 4 coin slide, one (1) standard money box w/key, one (1) washer or dryer extension, one (1) mounting bolt and any other part(s) needed to complete a fully operational coin kit for immediate use by the using agency.

C. WARRANTY:

Washers must be warranted for a period of at least one year from the time of delivery. The warranty must cover all parts and labor at no cost to the state. Bidders providing less than a (1) one-year warranty will not be considered for an award.

If warranty work requires the washer to be removed, the bidder must provide a loaner washer which is of equivalent capability as the existing washer, at no additional cost to the state. The loaner washer must be provided at the same time the existing washer is being removed for warranty work.

3.3 DRYER SPECIFICATIONS:

N.J. Specification No. 8940-03 for clothes dryer, commercial type revised March, 1987 and including the latest updates. This specification covers commercial type clothes dryers to be used in various New Jersey State institutions. Dryers are to be built for long and reliable service.

Detailed Requirements:

A. CAPACITY:

Dryer shall be capable of holding and drying a full damp load of mixed clothes from a 14 lb. Capacity washer, as a minimum.

B. CYCLES:

Dryer shall have a minimum of three (3) drying cycles for heavy, permanent press and delicate fabrics.

C. MOTOR:

Dryer shall have a 1/4 h.p., minimum motor, 120v, 60hz. motor shall be permanently lubricated. Bidder to provide actual power consumption of units bid.

D. EXTERIOR:

Dryer exterior shall be steel with high quality, porcelain enamel finish in white or manufacturer's standard color.

E. INTERIOR:

Drum shall be steel with smooth, porcelain enamel finish, or approved equal. Drum shall be free of burrs, snags or anything that can catch or tear clothes. Interior of cabinet shall be baked on enamel or other rust and moisture resistant finish.

F. INDICATOR LIGHT:

As a minimum, a panel light shall be provided to indicate when the dryer is operating.

G. TEMPERATURES:

A minimum of two (2) temperatures shall be available, both thermostatically controlled. There also shall be a high limit thermostat, or overload switch, to prevent accidental over heating.

H. TIMER:

Timer shall be set at 30 minutes unless requested otherwise by the using agency. Timers shall be heavy duty, commercial type.

I. DOOR SWITCH:

Door shall be interlocked so that dryer is shut off when door is opened.

3.4 GAS DRYERS:

Additional Requirements:

Gas dryers shall be listed with Underwriters Laboratories and conform to the basic product evaluation standard UL 2158 & UL 1240.

Gas Dryers shall be equipped with automatic ignition without pilot lights. Gas dryers shall operate on natural gas and shall be capable of being converted to manufactured or LP gas. Gas dryer operating instructions shall be clearly displayed, in permanent lettering, in a conspicuous place, readily visible to a user.

WARRANTY:

Gas dryers must be warranted for a period of at least one year from the time of delivery. The warranty must cover all parts and labor at no cost to the state. Bidders providing less than a (1) one-year warranty will not be considered for an award.

If warranty work requires the gas dryer to be removed, the bidder must provide a loaner gas dryer which is as the existing gas dryer, at no additional cost to the state. The loaner dryer must be provided at the same time the existing dryer is being removed for warranty work.

3.5 ELECTRIC DRYERS:

Electric dryers shall be capable of operating on 120/240 Volt AC, 60hz, 3 wire service.

Additional requirements:

A. Electric dryers shall be listed with Underwriters Laboratories and conform to the basic product evaluation standard UL 2158 & UL 1240.

B. Electric dryer operating instructions shall be clearly displayed, in permanent lettering, in a conspicuous place, readily visible to a user.

C. WARRANTY:

Electric dryers must be warranted for a period of at least one year from the time of delivery. The warranty must cover all parts and labor at no cost to the state. Bidders providing less than a (1) one-year warranty will not be considered for an award.

If warranty work requires the electric dryer to be removed, the bidder must provide a loaner electric dryer which is as the existing electric dryer, at no additional cost to the state. The loaner dryer must be provided at the same time the existing washer is being removed for warranty work.

3.6 COIN OPERATED DRYER:

A. For coin operated dryers, the cost of the coin kit shall be included in the bid price. The kit shall be able to receive coin combinations up to and including on dollar. The kit shall be adjustable to receive quarter only and quarter-dime combinations.

B. The coin kit must contain:

One (1) vertical 4 coin slide, one (1) standard money box w/key, one (1) washer or dryer extension, one (1) mounting bolt and any other part(s) needed to complete a fully operational coin kit for immediate use by the using agency.

C. WARRANTY:

Coin kit must be warranted for a period of at least one year from the time of delivery. The warranty must cover all parts and labor at no cost to the state. Bidders providing less than a (1) one-year warranty will not be considered for an award.

If warranty work requires the coin kit to be removed, the bidder must provide a loaner coin kit which is as the existing coin kit, at no additional cost to the state.

3.7 GENERAL SPECIFICATION FOR 50 LB. WASHER-EXTRACTOR

Detailed requirements:

A. CAPACITY:

Washer must have a minimum capacity of 50 lbs., mixed load.

B. CYCLES:

Washer must have minimum of two wash cycles. Bidders shall indicate, either in writing or by catalog excerpt, what cycles are included with the make and model of the washer they are bidding.

C. SPEEDS:

Washers must have a minimum of two (2) speeds, regular and gentle, or equivalent technology and/or incorporate features to handle any washable and dryable fabric.

D. MOTOR:

Washer must be equipped with a minimum 1-1/2 HP motor, 208-240/60/3 voltage/phase. Bidder to provide actual power consumption of unit bid with his literature.

E. EXTERIOR:

Washer exterior must be 308 stainless steel, or approved equal.

F. INTERIOR:

Wash basket and inside tub must be heavy-duty commercial grade stainless steel, or approved equal.

G. INDICATOR LIGHTS:

Washers must be equipped with an "on" light and a "rinse" light at a minimum.

H. PUMPS:

Must be heavy-duty commercial quality and shall not be affected by laundry chemicals or high temperature water. pumps shall be self-lubricating.

I. TIMER:

Timer must be heavy duty, commercial quality.

J. DOOR SWITCH:

The door must be interlocked so that washer/extractor is shut off when door is opened.

K. Washers must be listed with underwriters laboratories and meet the ANSI/ASSE 1007/ AHAM-HLW-ZPR-1986 standards.

L. Provision must be built into the machine to prevent wastewater and fresh input water from intermixing.

M. Washing instructions must be clearly displayed in permanent lettering, in a conspicuous place, readily visible to a user.

N. Machine to have factory installed water recovery system.

O. WARRANTY:

50 lb. Washer-extractor must be warranted for a period of at least one year from the time of delivery. The warranty must cover all parts and labor at no cost to the state. Bidders providing less than a (1) one-year warranty will not be considered for an award.

If warranty work requires the 50 lb. Washer-extractor to be removed, the bidder must provide a loaner 50 lb. washer-extractor which is the same as the existing 50 lb. washer-extractor, at no additional cost to the state. The loaner washer must be provided at the same time the existing washer is being removed for warranty work.

R. ENERGY EFFICIENT

All washers must be energy efficient with the energy star symbol.

3.8 DRYER 75 LB:

Detailed Requirements:

A. CAPACITY:

The 75 lb. Dryer shall be capable of holding and drying a full damp load of mixed clothes from 50 lb. Capacity washer as a minimum.

B. CYCLES:

Dryer shall have a minimum of three (3) drying cycles for heavy, permanent press and delicate fabrics.

C. MOTOR:

Dryer shall have a 1 HP minimum motor, 208/60/3 voltage phase. Motor shall be permanently lubricated. Bidder to provide actual power consumption of unit bid with his literature.

D. EXTERIOR:

Dryer exterior shall be steel with high quality, porcelain enamel finish in white or manufacture's standard color.

E. INTERIOR:

Drum shall be steel with smooth, porcelain enamel finish, or manufacturer's standards. Drum shall be free of burrs, snags or anything that can catch or tear clothes. Interior of cabinet shall be baked on enamel or other rust and moisture resistant finish.

F. INDICATOR LIGHT:

As a minimum, a panel light shall be provided to indicate when the dryer is operating.

G. TEMPERATURES:

A minimum of two (2) temperatures shall be available, both thermostatically controlled. There also shall be a high limit thermostat, or overload switch, to prevent accidental over heating.

H. HEAT INPUT:

Dryers must have a minimum heat input of 160,000 BTU. Bidder to provide technical specifications showing actual BTU's of unit(s) bid.

I. TIMER:

Timer shall be 90 minutes (at a minimum) unless requested otherwise by the using agency. Timers shall be heavy duty, commercial type.

J. DOOR SWITCH:

Door shall be interlocked so that dryer is shut off when door is opened.

K. GAS DRYERS:

Gas dryers shall be equipped with automatic ignition without pilot lights. Gas dryers shall operate on natural gas and shall be capable of being converted to manufactured or LP gas. Gas models are to be certified by the American and Canadian gas association or have a equivalent certification.

L. ELECTRIC DRYERS:

Electric dryers shall be capable of operating on 208 volt ac, 60hz, 3 wire service. Electric models are to be C.S.A. certified or equivalent.

M. STEAM DRYERS:

Steam dryers shall be capable of operating on 120v/60 with a PSI/bar of 102. Dryers must meet ISO 9001 and ISO 14001.

N. Dryers shall be listed with Underwriters Laboratories and conform to the basic product evaluation standard UL 2158 & UL 1240.

O. Dryer operating instructions shall be clearly displayed, in permanent lettering, in a conspicuous place, readily visible to a user.

P. All machines shall be ready for turnkey operation.

Q. WARRANTY:

Dryers must be warranted for a period of at least one year from the time of delivery. The warranty must cover all parts and labor at no cost to the state. Bidders providing less than a (1) one-year warranty will not be considered for an award.

If warranty work requires the dryer to be removed, the bidder must provide a loaner dryer, which is the same as the existing dryer, at no additional cost to the state. The loaner dryer must be provided at the same time the existing dryer is being removed for warranty work.

4.0 PROPOSAL PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION

4.1 GENERAL

The bidder must follow instructions contained in this RFP and on the signatory page (<http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/bid/summary/06x38158.shtml>) in preparing and submitting its bid proposal. The bidder is advised to thoroughly read and follow all instructions.

The signatory page of this RFP shall be signed by an authorized representative of the bidder. However, if the bidder is a limited partnership, the signatory page of this RFP must be signed by a general partner. If the bidder is a joint venture, the signatory page of this RFP must be signed by a principal of each party to the joint venture. Failure to comply will result in rejection of the bid proposal.

Pricing and information sheets must be completed in their entirety. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in rejection of the bid proposal.

No changes or white outs will be permitted on the specification sheets, unless each change is initialed and dated in ink by the bidder.

4.2 PROPOSAL DELIVERY AND IDENTIFICATION

In order to be considered, a bid proposal must arrive at the Purchase Bureau in accordance with the instructions on the RFP signatory page <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/bid/summary/06x38158.shtml>. Bidders are cautioned to allow adequate delivery time to ensure timely delivery of bid proposals. State regulation mandates that late bid proposals are ineligible for consideration. **THE EXTERIOR OF ALL BID PROPOSAL PACKAGES MUST BE LABELED WITH THE BID IDENTIFICATION NUMBER, FINAL BID OPENING DATE AND THE BUYER'S NAME.** (See RFP signatory page <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/bid/summary/06x38158.shtml>.)

4.3 NUMBER OF BID PROPOSAL COPIES

Each bidder must submit **one (1) complete ORIGINAL bid proposal**, clearly marked as the "ORIGINAL" bid proposal. Each bidder should submit **three (3) full, complete and exact copies** of the original. The copies requested are necessary in the evaluation of the bid proposal. Bidders failing to provide the requested number of copies will be charged the cost incurred by the State in producing the requested number of copies. It is suggested that the bidder make and retain a copy of its bid proposal.

The bid proposal should be submitted as follows:

- Forms (Section 4.4.1)

CONTENTS	RFP SECTION REFERENCE	DESCRIPTION
Forms	4.4.1.1	Signatory page, signed and completed. http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/bid/summary/06x38158.shtml
	4.4.1.2	Ownership Disclosure Form http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/bid/summary/06x38158.shtml
	4.4.1.3	Disclosure of Investigations and Actions Involving Bidder http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/bid/summary/06x38158.shtml
	4.4.1.4	MacBride Principles Certification http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/bid/summary/06x38158.shtml
	4.4.1.5	Affirmative Action Employee Information Report or New Jersey Affirmative Action Certificate http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/bid/summary/06x38158.shtml
	4.4.1.6	Business Registration from Division of Revenue NJ Standard Terms & Conditions: Section 1.1 http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/bid/summary/06x38158.shtml

4.4.1 FORMS

4.4.1.1 SIGNATORY PAGE

The bidder shall complete and submit the Signatory page provided on the Advertised Solicitation, Current Bid Opportunities webpage <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/bid/summary/06x38158.shtml>.

4.4.1.2 OWNERSHIP DISCLOSURE FORM

In the event the bidder is a corporation or partnership, the bidder must complete the attached Ownership Disclosure Form. A completed Ownership Disclosure Form must be received prior to or accompany the bid proposal. Failure to do so will preclude the award of a contract.

The Ownership Disclosure Form is located on the Advertised Solicitation, Current Bid Opportunities webpage <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/bid/summary/06x38158.shtml>.

4.4.1.3 DISCLOSURE OF INVESTIGATIONS/ACTIONS INVOLVING BIDDER

The bidder shall provide a detailed description of any investigation, litigation, including administrative complaints or other administrative proceedings, involving any public sector clients during the past five years including the nature and status of the investigation, and, for any litigation, the caption of the action, a brief description of the action, the date of inception, current status, and, if applicable, disposition. The bidder shall use the Disclosure of Investigations and Actions Involving Bidder form located on the Advertised Solicitation, Current Bid Opportunities webpage, <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/bid/summary/06x38158.shtml>.

4.4.1.4 MACBRIDE PRINCIPLES CERTIFICATION

The bidder must complete the attached MacBride Principles Certification evidencing compliance with the MacBride Principles. Failure to do so may result in the award of the contract to another vendor.

The MacBride Principles Certification Form is located on the Advertised Solicitation, Current Bid Opportunities webpage, <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/bid/summary/06x38158.shtml>.

4.4.1.5 AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

The bidder must complete the attached Affirmative Action Employee Information Report, or, in the alternative, supply either a New Jersey Affirmative Action Certificate or evidence that the bidder is operating under a Federally approved or sanctioned affirmative action program. The requirement is a precondition to entering into a State contract.

The Affirmative Action Forms are located on the Advertised Solicitation, Current Bid Opportunities webpage <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/bid/summary/06x38158.shtml>.

4.4.1.6 BUSINESS REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE FROM THE DIVISION OF REVENUE

FAILURE TO SUBMIT A COPY OF THE BIDDER'S BUSINESS REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE (OR INTERIM REGISTRATION) FROM THE DIVISION OF REVENUE WITH THE BID PROPOSAL MAY BE CAUSE FOR REJECTION OF THE BID PROPOSAL.

The bidder may go to www.nj.gov/njbgs to register with the Division of Revenue or to obtain a copy of an existing Business Registration Certificate.

Refer to Section 1.1. of the NJ Standard Terms and Conditions located on the Advertised Solicitation, Current Bid Opportunities webpage <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/bid/summary/06x38158.shtml>, and Section 5.3 of this RFP for additional information concerning this requirement.

4.4.1.7 NOT APPLICABLE TO THIS PROCUREMENT

4.4.1.8 SET-ASIDE CONTRACTS

This is a Set-Aside Contract for **Categories I, II, or III Small Businesses**. The bidder should provide, with its bid proposal, evidence of current and valid registration as a small business from the New Jersey Commerce & Economic Growth Commission (Commerce). In the alternative, evidence that the bidder has registered with Commerce, as a small business, must be received on the date the bid proposal is received and opened.

*******IMPORTANT NOTE: EVEN IF YOU ARE AN INCUMBENT BIDDER AND/OR HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED OR CERTIFIED UNDER THE FORMER SBE/MBE/WBE PROGRAM, YOU WILL NEED TO BE SURE THAT YOU ARE REGISTERED ON THE DAY OF BID RECEIPT AND OPENING WITH THE COMMERCE COMMISSION UNDER THE NEW, SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAM TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR AWARD. THE TELEPHONE NUMBER TO CALL TO CHECK YOUR STATUS IS 609 292-2146.*******

4.4.1.9 NOT APPLICABLE TO THIS PROCUREMENT

4.4.1.10 NOT APPLICABLE TO THIS PROCUREMENT

4.4.2 SUBMITTALS

Bidders should enclose complete technical specifications for each line item bid with its bid proposal. If so requested, the bidder must submit the technical literature no later than seven (7) days after written or oral request by the state. Failure to do so will result in the rejection of your bid proposal for that line item only.

4.4.2.1 NOT APPLICABLE TO THIS PROCUREMENT

4.4.2.2 BIDDER DATA SHEETS

The bidder must provide all of the information requested in the Bidder's Data Packet located on the Advertised Solicitation, Current Bid Opportunities webpage
<http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/bid/summary/06x38158.shtml>.

4.4.2.3 REFERENCE DATA SHEETS - SATISFACTORY CUSTOMER SERVICE

The bidder must provide all of the information requested in the Bidder's Data Packet located on the Advertised Solicitation, Current Bid Opportunities webpage
<http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/bid/summary/06x38158.shtml>.

4.4.2.4 MANDATORY CONTRACTOR DATA SHEET - TERMINATED CONTRACTS

The bidder must provide all of the information requested in the Bidder's Data Packet located on the Advertised Solicitation, Current Bid Opportunities webpage
<http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/bid/summary/06x38158.shtml>.

4.4.2.5 NOT APPLICABLE TO THIS PROCUREMENT

4.4.2.6 FINANCIAL CAPABILITY OF THE BIDDER

If requested, in order to provide the State with the ability to judge the bidder's financial capacity and capabilities to undertake and successfully complete the contract, the bidder should submit certified financial statements to include a balance sheet, income statement and statement of cash flow, and all applicable notes for the most recent calendar year or the bidder's most recent fiscal year. If certified

financial statements are not available, the bidder should provide either a reviewed or compiled statement from an independent accountant setting forth the same information required for the certified financial statements, together with a certification from the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer, that the financial statements and other information included in the statements fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the bidder as of, and for, the periods presented in the statements. In addition, the bidder should submit a bank reference.

A bidder may designate specific financial information as not subject to disclosure when the bidder has a good faith legal/factual basis for such assertion. Bidder may submit specific financial documents in a separate, sealed package clearly marked "Confidential-Financial Information" along with the Bid Proposal.

The State reserves the right to make the determination to accept the assertion and shall so advise the bidder.

4.4.2.7 NOT APPLICABLE TO THIS PROCUREMENT

4.4.3 COST PROPOSAL

The bidder must submit its pricing using the State supplied price sheet(s) attached to this RFP. Failure to submit all information required will result in the bid being considered non-responsive. Each bidder is required to hold its prices firm through issuance of contract.

4.4.4 PRICE SHEET INSTRUCTION

4.4.4.1 The bidder is to indicate brand, model number and warranty information for each line item bid.

4.4.4.2 The bidder is to provide a unit price for each item bid.

5.0 SPECIAL CONTRACTUAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

5.1 NOT APPLICABLE TO THIS PROCUREMENT

5.2 PRECEDENCE OF SPECIAL CONTRACTUAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The contract awarded as a result of this RFP shall consist of this RFP, addendum to this RFP, the contractor's bid proposal and the Division's Notice of Award.

Unless specifically stated within this RFP, the Special Contractual Terms and Conditions of the RFP take precedence over the NJ Standard Terms and Conditions located on the Advertised Solicitation, Current Bid Opportunities webpage <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/bid/summary/06x38158.shtml>.

In the event of a conflict between the provisions of this RFP, including the Special Contractual Terms and Conditions and the NJ Standard Terms and Conditions, and any Addendum to this RFP, the Addendum shall govern.

In the event of a conflict between the provisions of this RFP, including any Addendum to this RFP, and the bidder's bid proposal, the RFP and/or the Addendum shall govern.

5.3 BUSINESS REGISTRATION

The following shall supplement the Section 1.1, NJ Standard Terms and Conditions pertaining to Business Registration set forth in the Advertised Solicitation, Current Bid Opportunities webpage <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/bid/summary/06x38158.shtml>.

"Affiliate" means any entity that (1) directly, indirectly, or constructively controls another entity, (2) is directly, indirectly, or constructively controlled by another entity, or (3) is subject to the control of a common entity. An entity controls another entity if it owns, directly or individually, more than 50% of the ownership in that entity.

"Business organization" means an individual, partnership, association, joint stock company, trust, corporation, or other legal business entity or successor thereof;

"Business registration" means a business registration certificate issued by the Department of the Treasury or such other form or verification that a contractor or subcontractor is registered with the Department of Treasury;

"Contractor" means a business organization that seeks to enter, or has entered into, a contract to provide goods or services with a contracting agency;

"Contracting agency" means the principal departments in the Executive Branch of the State Government, and any division, board, bureau, office, commission or other instrumentality within or created by such department, or any independent State authority, commission, instrumentality or agency, or any State college or university, any county college, or any local unit; with respect to this Contract, the contracting agency shall mean the Division;

"Subcontractor" means any business organization that is not a contractor that knowingly provides goods or performs services for a contractor or another subcontractor in the fulfillment of a contract.

A bidder shall submit a copy of its business registration at the time of submission of its bid proposal in response to this RFP.

A subcontractor shall provide a copy of its business registration to any contractor who shall forward it to the contracting agency. No contract with a subcontractor shall be entered into by any contractor unless the subcontractor first provides proof of valid business registrations.

The contractor shall provide written notice to all subcontractors that they are required to submit a copy of their business registration to the contractor. The contractor shall maintain a list of the names of any subcontractors and their current addresses, updated as necessary during the course of the contract performance. The contractor shall submit to the contracting agency a copy of the list of subcontractors, updated as necessary during the course of performance of the contract. The contractor shall submit a complete and accurate list of the subcontractors to the contracting agency before a request for final payment is made to the using agency.

The contractor and any subcontractor providing goods or performing services under the contract, and each of their affiliates, shall, during the term of the contract, collect and remit to the Director of the Division of Taxation in the Department of the Treasury the use tax due pursuant to the "Sales and Use Tax Act, P.L. 1966, c. 30 (N.J.S.A. 54:32B-1 et seq.) on all their sales of tangible personal property delivered into the State.

This paragraph shall apply to all contracts awarded on and after September 1, 2004

5.4 CONTRACT TERM AND EXTENSION OPTION

The term of the contract shall be for a period of **two (2) years**. The anticipated "Contract Effective Date" is provided on the signatory page of this RFP <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/bid/summary/06x38158.shtml>. If delays in the procurement process result in a change to the anticipated Contract Effective Date, the bidder agrees to accept a contract for the full term of the contract. The contract may be extended for all or part of a one-year period, by the mutual written consent of the contractor and the Director.

5.5 CONTRACT TRANSITION

In the event that a new contract has not been awarded prior to the contract expiration date, as may be extended herein, it shall be incumbent upon the contractor to continue the contract under the same terms and conditions until a new contract can be completely operational. At no time shall this transition period extend more than **ninety (90) days** beyond the expiration date of the contract.

5.6 AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

The State's obligation to pay the contractor is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds from which payment for contract purposes is made. No legal liability on the part of the State for payment of any money shall arise unless funds are made available each fiscal year to the Using Agency by the Legislature.

5.7 CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Any changes or modifications to the terms of the contract shall only be valid when they have been reduced to writing and signed by the contractor and the Director.

5.8 PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS AND AMENDMENTS

5.8.1 The contractor shall comply with procedural instructions that may be issued from time to time by the Director.

5.8.2 During the period of the contract, no contractual changes are permitted, unless approved in writing by the Director.

5.8.3 The State reserves the right to separately procure individual requirements that are the subject of the contract during the contract term, when deemed by the Director to be in the State's best interest.

5.9 ITEMS ORDERED AND DELIVERED

The Using Agencies are authorized to order and the contractors are authorized to ship only those items covered by the contracts resulting from this RFP. If a review of orders placed by the Using Agencies

reveals that material other than that covered by the contract has been ordered and delivered, such delivery shall be a violation of the terms of the contract and may be considered by the Director in the termination of the contract or in the award of any subsequent contract. The Director may take such steps as are necessary to have the items returned by the Agency, regardless of the time between the date of delivery and discovery of the violation. In such event, the contractor shall reimburse the State the full purchase price.

The contract involves items which are necessary for the continuation of ongoing critical State services. Any delay in delivery of these items would disrupt State services and would force the State to immediately seek alternative sources of supply on an emergency basis. Timely delivery is critical to meeting the State's ongoing needs.

5.10 NOT APPLICABLE TO THIS PROCUREMENT

5.11 REMEDIES FOR NON-PERFORMANCE

In the event that the contractor fails to comply with any material contract requirements, the Director may take steps to terminate the contract in accordance with the State administrative code. In this event, the Director may authorize the delivery of contract items by any available means, with the difference between the price paid and the defaulting contractor's price either being deducted from any monies due the defaulting contractor or being an obligation owed the State by the defaulting contractor.

5.12 MANUFACTURING/PACKAGING REQUIREMENTS

5.12.1 All products must conform in every respect to the standards and regulations established by Federal and New Jersey State laws.

5.12.2 All products shall be manufactured and packaged under modern sanitary conditions in accordance with good commercial practice.

5.12.3 All products are to be packaged in sizes as specified in this RFP and shall be packaged in such a manner as to insure delivery in first class condition and properly marked for identification. All shipments must be comprised of original cartons associated with the commercial industry represented by the actual product contained within each carton. Deliveries containing re-used, re-labeled, re-worked or alternate cartons are subject to rejection by the Using Agency at the contractor's expense.

5.13 NOT APPLICABLE TO THIS PROCUREMENT

5.14 CLAIMS

All claims asserted against the State by the contractor shall be subject to the New Jersey Tort Claims Act, N.J.S.A. 59:1-1.1, et seq., and/or the New Jersey Contractual Liability Act, N.J.S.A. 59:13-1, et seq.

5.15 CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITIES

The contractor shall have sole responsibility for the complete effort specified in the contract. Payment will be made only to the contractor. The contractor shall have sole responsibility for all payments due any subcontractor.

The contractor is responsible for the professional quality, technical accuracy and timely completion and submission of all deliverables, services or commodities required to be provided under the contract. The contractor shall, without additional compensation, correct or revise any errors, omissions, or other deficiencies in its deliverables and other services. The approval of deliverables furnished under this contract shall not in any way relieve the contractor of responsibility for the technical adequacy of its work. The review, approval, acceptance or payment for any of the services shall not be construed as a waiver of any rights that the State may have arising out of the contractor's performance of this contract.

5.16 NOT APPLICABLE TO THIS PROCURMENT

5.17 FORM OF COMPENSATION AND PAYMENT

This Section supplements Section 4.5 of the New Jersey Standard Terms and Conditions located on the Advertised Solicitation, Current Bid Opportunities webpage <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/bid/summary/06x38158.shtml>. The contractor must submit official State invoice forms to the Using Agency with supporting documentation evidencing that work for which payment is sought has been satisfactorily completed. Invoices must reference the tasks or subtasks detailed in the Scope of Work section of the RFP and must be in strict accordance with the firm, fixed prices submitted for each task or subtask on the RFP pricing sheets. When applicable, invoices should reference the appropriate RFP price sheet line number from the contractor's bid proposal. All invoices must be approved by the State Contract Manager before payment will be authorized.

In addition, primary contractors must provide, on a monthly and cumulative basis, a breakdown in accordance with the budget submitted, of all monies paid to any small business subcontractor(s). This breakdown shall be sent to the Purchase Bureau Business Unit, Set-Aside Coordinator.

Invoices must also be submitted for any special projects, additional work or other items properly authorized and satisfactorily completed under the contract. Invoices shall be submitted according to the payment schedule agreed upon when the work was authorized and approved. Payment can only be made for work when it has received all required written approvals and has been satisfactorily completed.

5.17.1 PAYMENT TO CONTRACTOR - OPTIONAL METHOD

The State of New Jersey now offers State contractors the opportunity to be paid through the MasterCard procurement card (p-card). A contractor's acceptance and a State agency's use of the p-card, however, is optional.

P-card transactions do not require the submission of either a contractor invoice or a State payment voucher. Purchasing transactions using the p-card will usually result in payment to a contractor in three days.

A contractor should take note that there will be a transaction-processing fee for each p-card transaction. To participate, a contractor must be capable of accepting the MasterCard. Additional information can be obtained from banks or merchant service companies.

5.18 CONTRACT ACTIVITY REPORT

In conjunction with the standard record keeping requirements of this contract, as required by paragraph 3.19 of this RFP's standard terms and conditions, the contractor must provide, on a **YEARLY** basis, to the Purchase Bureau buyer assigned, a record of all purchases made under its contract. This information must be provided in a tabular format such that an analysis can be made to determine the following:

- Contractor's total sales volume under contract, subtotaled by product.

Submission of purchase orders, confirmations, and/or invoices do not fulfill this contract requirement.

Contractors are encouraged to submit the required information in electronic spreadsheet format. The Purchase Bureau uses Microsoft Excel.

Failure to submit these mandated reports will be a factor in future award decisions.

5.19 REQUIREMENTS OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 134

In order to safeguard the integrity of State government procurement by imposing restrictions to insulate the award of State contracts from political contributions that pose the risk of improper influence, purchase of access, or the appearance thereof, Executive Order 134 was signed on September 22, 2004 ("EO 134"). Pursuant to the requirements of EO 134, the terms and conditions set forth in this section are material terms of any contract resulting from this RFP:

5.19.1 DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this section, the following shall be defined as follows:

a) Contribution – means a contribution reportable as a recipient under “The New Jersey Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Reporting Act.” P.L. 1973, c. 83 (C.19:44A-1 et seq.), and implementing regulations set forth at N.J.A.C. 19:25-7 and N.J.A.C. 19:25-10.1 et seq. Through December 31, 2004, contributions in excess of \$400 during a reporting period were deemed "reportable" under these laws. As of January 1, 2005, that threshold was reduced to contributions in excess of \$300.

b) Business Entity – means any natural or legal person, business corporation, professional services corporation, limited liability company, partnership, limited partnership, business trust, association or any other legal commercial entity organized under the laws of New Jersey or any other state or foreign jurisdiction. It also includes (i)all principals who own or control more than 10 percent of the profits or assets of a business entity or 10 percent of the stock in the case of a business entity that is a corporation for profit, as appropriate; (ii)any subsidiaries directly or indirectly controlled by the business entity; (iii)any political organization organized under 26 U.S.C.A. 527 that is directly or indirectly controlled by the business entity, other than a candidate committee, election fund, or political party committee; and (iv)if a business entity is a natural person, that person’s spouse or child, residing in the same household.

5.19.2 BREACH OF TERMS OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 134

It shall be a breach of the terms of the contract for the Business Entity to (i)make or solicit a contribution in violation of this Order, (ii)knowingly conceal or misrepresent a contribution given or received; (iii)make or solicit contributions through intermediaries for the purpose of concealing or misrepresenting the source of the contribution; (iv)make or solicit any contribution on the condition or with the agreement that it will be contributed to a campaign committee or any candidate or holder of the public office of Governor, or to any State or county party committee; (v)engage or employ a lobbyist or consultant with the intent or understanding that such lobbyist or consultant would make or solicit any contribution, which if made or solicited by the business entity itself, would subject that entity to the restrictions of EO 134; (vi)fund contributions made by third parties, including consultants, attorneys, family members, and employees; (vii)engage in any exchange of contributions to circumvent the intent of EO 134; or (viii)directly or indirectly through or by any other person or means, do any act which would subject that entity to the restrictions of EO 134.

5.19.3 CERTIFICATION AND DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS

a) The State shall not enter into a contract to procure from any Business Entity services or any material, supplies or equipment, or to acquire, sell or lease any land or building, where the value of the transaction exceeds \$17,500, if that Business Entity has solicited or made any contribution of money, or pledge of contribution, including in-kind contributions to a candidate committee and/or election fund of any candidate for or holder of the public office of Governor, or to any State or county political party committee during certain specified time periods

b) Prior to awarding any contract or agreement to any Business Entity, the Business Entity proposed as the intended awardee of the contract shall submit the Certification and Disclosure form, certifying that no contributions prohibited by Executive Order 134 have been made by the Business Entity and reporting all contributions the Business Entity made during the preceding four years to any political organization organized under 26 U.S.C.527 of the Internal Revenue Code that also meets the definition of a “continuing political committee” within the mean of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-3(n) and N.J.A.C. 19:25-1.7. The required form and instructions, available for review on the Purchase Bureau website at <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/forms.htm#eo134> , shall be provided to the intended awardee for completion and submission to the Purchase Bureau with the Notice of Intent to Award. Upon receipt of a Notice of Intent to Award a Contract, the intended awardee shall submit to the Division, in care of the Purchase Bureau Buyer, the Certification and Disclosure(s) within five (5) business days of the State’s request. Failure to submit the required forms will preclude award of a contract under this RFP, as well as future contract opportunities.

c) Further, the Contractor is required, on a continuing basis, to report any contributions it makes during the term of the contract, and any extension(s) thereof, at the time any such contribution is made. The required form and instructions, available for review on the Purchase Bureau website at <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/forms.htm#eo134> , shall be provided to the intended awardee with the Notice of Intent to Award.

5.19.4 STATE TREASURER REVIEW

The State Treasurer or his designee shall review the Disclosures submitted pursuant to this section, as well as any other pertinent information concerning the contributions or reports thereof by the intended awardee, prior to award, or during the term of the contract, by the contractor. If the State Treasurer determines that any contribution or action by the contractor constitutes a breach of contract that poses a conflict of interest in the awarding of the contract under this solicitation, the State Treasurer shall disqualify the Business Entity from award of such contract.

5.20 NOT APPLICABLE TO THIS PROCUREMENT

6.0 PROPOSAL EVALUATION/CONTRACT AWARD

6.1 CONTRACT EVALUATION

For a product bid that has been determined to be in compliance with this RFP, the contract shall be awarded on the basis of the following criteria, not necessarily listed in the order of importance:

6.1.1 Price

6.1.2 Experience of the bidder

6.1.3 The bidder's past performance under similar contracts, including if applicable, the Division's vendor performance database.

6.2 ORAL PRESENTATION AND/OR CLARIFICATION OF BID PROPOSAL

After the submission of bid proposals, unless requested by the State, contact with the State is limited to status inquiries only and such inquiries are only to be directed to the buyer. Any further contact or information about the proposal to the buyer or any other State official connected with the solicitation will be considered an impermissible supplementation of the bidder's bid proposal.

A bidder may be required to give an oral presentation to the Evaluation Committee concerning its bid proposal. The Evaluation Committee may also require a bidder to submit written responses to questions regarding its bid proposal.

The purpose of such communication with a bidder, either through an oral presentation or a letter of clarification, is to provide an opportunity for the bidder to clarify or elaborate on its bid proposal. Original bid proposals submitted, however, cannot be supplemented, changed, or corrected in any way. No comments regarding other bid proposals are permitted. Bidders may not attend presentations made by their competitors.

It is within the Evaluation Committee's discretion whether to require a bidder to give an oral presentation or require a bidder to submit written responses to questions regarding its bid proposal. Action by the Evaluation Committee in this regard should not be construed to imply acceptance or rejection of a bid proposal. The Purchase Bureau buyer will be the sole point of contact regarding any request for an oral presentation or clarification.

6.3 BID DISCREPANCIES

In evaluating bids:

- Discrepancies between words and figures will be resolved in favor of words.
- Discrepancies between unit prices and totals of unit prices will be resolved in favor of unit prices.
- Discrepancies in the multiplication of units of work and unit prices will be resolved in favor of the unit prices.
- Discrepancies between the indicated total of multiplied unit prices and units of work and the actual total will be resolved in favor of the actual total.
- Discrepancies between the indicated sum of any column of figures and the correct sum thereof will be resolved in favor of the corrected sum of the column of figures.

6.4 NEGOTIATION AND BEST AND FINAL OFFER (BAFO)

Following the opening of bid proposals, the State reserves the right, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:34-12(f), to negotiate: the technical services offered, the terms and conditions and/or the price of a proposed contract award with any bidder. In addition, the State reserves the right to seek a Best and Final Offer (BAFO) from one or more bidders. In response to the State's request to negotiate, bidders must continue to satisfy all mandatory RFP requirements but may improve upon their original technical proposal in any revised technical proposal. However, any revised technical proposal that does not continue to satisfy all mandatory

requirements will be rejected as non-responsive and the original technical proposal will be used for any further evaluation purposes, in accordance with the following procedure.

The Evaluation Committee will conduct an initial review and determine whether and with which bidder(s) it will negotiate, and will communicate its request to each such bidder. In response, the bidder will submit any required revisions to its proposal.

In response to the State's request for a BAFO, bidders may submit a revised price proposal that is equal to or lower in price than their original submission, but must continue to satisfy all mandatory requirements. Any revised price proposal that is higher in price than the original will be rejected as non-responsive and the original bid will be used for any further evaluation purposes.

After receipt of the results of the negotiation and/or the BAFO(s), the Evaluation Committee will complete its evaluation and recommend to the Director for award that responsible bidder(s) whose bid proposal, confirming to this RFP, is most advantageous to the State, price and other factors considered.

All contacts, records of initial evaluations, any correspondence with bidders related to any request for negotiation or BAFO, any revised technical and/or price proposals, the Evaluation Committee Report and the Award Recommendation, will remain confidential until a Notice of Intent to Award a contract is issued.

6.5 CONTRACT AWARD

Contract award shall be made per line item with reasonable promptness by written notice to that responsible bidder(s), whose bid proposal(s), conforming to this RFP, are most advantageous to the State, price, and other factors considered. Any or all bid proposals may be rejected when the State Treasurer or the Director determines that it is in the public interest so to do.