Dear Vendor Partners:

The Division of Purchase & Property released its new, enhanced version of NJSTART (Version 14.5) on April 2, 2018. This new version features a redesigned user interface, faster search, and advanced reporting capabilities.

We are also pleased to announce the availability of electronic invoicing starting in January 2019. This new innovative feature enables vendors who receive POs through NJSTART to submit invoices electronically to New Jersey State agencies as an alternative to hardcopy invoices, saving time and money, making invoice processing more efficient, and reducing the data entry burden on State agency users.

All Vendor Reference Guides (QRGs) have been updated to reflect Version 14.5 changes and are available on the NJSTART support page at http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/njstart/vendor.shtml. Please pay particular attention to the QRGs titled “Submit a Quote,” “How to Review a Submitted Quote,” and “Vendor Categories & Certifications.” Our newest updated guide is titled “Accessing Purchase Orders, Change Orders, and Electronic Invoicing.”

The Division continues to activate Blanket POs {Contracts} in NJSTART. Contract awardees receive their Blanket PO via email once a contract has been converted, and details regarding that process are also sent via email. Once a Contract is active in NJSTART, all future Change Orders {Amendments} are done within NJSTART, and all historical documentation (i.e., Bid Solicitation {RFP} Documents and Change Orders) are also available in NJSTART.

More than 33,000 of you have registered in NJSTART to date. Thank you for your active participation and partnership.

Best regards,

Maurice A. Griffin
Vendor Forms

The State of New Jersey has several specific forms that are required to be submitted by Vendors as part of the procurement process.

A key feature of NJSTART is the elimination of repeated efforts to prepare and submit some required forms by allowing vendors to complete and securely store them online within their NJSTART Vendor Profile until they are needed for a Bid Solicitation or until they need to be updated. The Quick Reference Guide titled Vendor Forms explains how that is done.

Note: all forms necessary for a Quote {Proposal} submission are identified in Section 4 of each Bid Solicitation. Forms are either included with the Bid Solicitation as an attachment located on the “Attachments” Tab of the Bid Solicitation page within NJSTART or may be found on the Division’s website at http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/forms.shtml.

The following are just a few examples of required vendor forms, along with the relevant Bid Solicitation section number, that must be submitted in response to bidding opportunities.

The forms, registrations and certifications listed below are required to be submitted with your Quote (Proposal); refer to section 4.4.2. within the Bid Solicitation.

- Ownership Disclosure;
- Disclosure of Investment Activities in Iran;
- Subcontractor Utilization Plan (if requested in the Bid Solicitation).

The forms, registrations and certifications listed below are required before a Blanket PO {Contract} can be awarded and should be submitted with the Quote (Proposal); refer to section 4.4.2. within the Bid Solicitation.

- Disclosure of Investigations and Other Actions Involving Bidder {Vendor};
- Source Disclosure.

The form/certification listed below is required to be kept current at all times. It is also required before a Blanket PO {Contract} can be awarded and should be submitted with the Quote (Proposal); refer to section 7.1.1. within the Bid Solicitation.

- Two-Year Chapter 51 / Executive Order 117 Vendor Certification and Disclosure of Political Contributions.

Please remember, it is the Vendor’s {Bidder’s} responsibility to ensure that all required forms are properly completed, up-to-date, and submitted with the Quote.
Ownership Disclosure Form and Disclosure of Investment Activities in Iran Form

New Jersey law requires Vendors {Bidders} submitting a Quote {Proposal} to disclose AT THE TIME OF Quote {Proposal} submission: (1) ownership information for all stockholders, partners, or members owning a 10% or greater interest in the bidding entity; and, (2) investment activities in Iran. N.J.S.A. 52:25-24.2, N.J.S.A. 52:32-58. Additionally, the Division’s administrative regulations emphasize that in order for a Vendor {Bidder} to be eligible for an award of a Blanket PO {Contract}, the Vendor’s {Bidder’s} submitted Quote {Proposal} must be received by the Division on or before the Quote {Proposal} due date and time and must contain all certifications, forms, and attachments, completed and signed. N.J.A.C. 17:12-2.2.

These statutes and regulations require strict compliance in order to maintain the equal footing of all Vendors {Bidders} and to ensure the integrity of the State’s bidding process. Therefore, in order to make the process of complying with the disclosure requirements easier, the Division provides an Ownership Disclosure Form and a Disclosure of Investment Activities in Iran Form for use by Vendors {Bidders} in preparing and submitting Quotes.

When submitting a Quote {Proposal} electronically through NJSTART, as an alternative to the submission of a hard copy version of the Ownership Disclosure Form or the Disclosure of Investment Activities in Iran Form, Vendors {Bidders} are able to make the appropriate certification regarding ownership or investment activities in Iran, on the “Maintain Terms and Categories” Tab within the Vendor Profile in NJSTART.

However, where a Vendor {Bidder} is submitting a Quote {Proposal} in hard copy, be sure to include completed copies of the Ownership Disclosure Form and Disclosure of Investment Activities in Iran Form, both of which can be found on the Division’s website: www.nj.gov/treasury/purchase/forms.shtml.

The NJSTART system does not prevent a Vendor {Bidder} from submitting a Quote {Proposal} without all of the required forms and documents attached. Accordingly, all Vendors {Bidders} are cautioned to ensure that all required forms are completed and submitted to the Division with the Quote {Proposal}.

If a Vendor {Bidder} does not complete Ownership Disclosure or Investment Activities in Iran category within NJSTART or complete and submit the required form with the Quote {Proposal} then the Division has no choice but to reject the Quote {Proposal}. The failure to complete the category within NJSTART or submit the forms with the Quote {Proposal} cannot be “fixed” after the Quote {Proposal} submission deadline.
Vendor Categories capture specific information that must be completed by the Vendor’s (Bidder’s) Seller Administrator.

To review the “Terms, Categories, and Certifications” section and ensure the information in your organization’s profile is accurate, sign into NJSTART. Pay particular attention to the first five categories in this section (four of which are mandatory) since it captures specific information that must be completed by the Seller Administrator. These categories relate to information collected on behalf of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for payment processing purposes and include:

- Category: 1. Primary Business Function - (MANDATORY FIELD);
- Category: 2. Prompt Payment Exemption (optional; does not apply to most vendors);
- Category: 3. Business Formation (MANDATORY FIELD);
- Category: 4. Electronic Funds Transfer Certification (MANDATORY FIELD);
- Category: 5. Tax ID Certification (Substitute W9) (MANDATORY FIELD).

To complete these Categories, click on the checkbox that applies to your organization.

There are also Categories in the Vendor Profile that, when completed, allow vendors to submit an abbreviated version of the required form, and in some cases, form submission may not be required at all.

These DPP Vendor Categories include: Ownership Disclosure; Disclosure of Investment Activities in Iran; Disclosure of Investigations and Other Actions Involving Bidder; Disclosure of Non-Profit Officers and Directors.

Vendor Certifications that are grayed out cannot be completed by the vendor since they capture specific information that will be populated by other New Jersey systems of record.

Vendor Certifications include the following:

- Business Registration
- Chapter 51/EO 117 Compliance - 2 Year Approval
- Debarment
- AA/EOC Compliance
- Small Business Category
- Small Business Enterprise
- Minority Owned Business Enterprise
- Women Owned Business Enterprise
- Veteran Owned Business
- Insurance Liability Compliance

Quick Reference Guides

All Vendor Reference Guides (QRGs) have been updated to reflect the new Version 14.5 changes.

Please visit our NJSTART Vendor Support Page at http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/njstart/vendor.shtml to see all of our QRGs, frequently asked questions, and helpful videos.

If you need assistance or have questions about NJSTART, please email us at njstart@treas.nj.gov or call the NJSTART Help Desk at 609-341-3500.
The Division of Purchase & Property (DPP) is continuing the process of transferring all active Blanket POs {Contracts} from our legacy MACS-E system into NJSTART, the State’s eProcurement solution.

DPP is making Blanket POs active in NJSTART. Contract awardees will receive their Blanket PO via email once it is converted. Please note that the Blanket PO number will not change; we are keeping the original MACS-E Contract number.

Blanket POs will be available in both MACS-E and NJSTART for the immediate future. However, Using Agencies are being advised to issue their orders in NJSTART. Contracts will be inactivated in MACS-E at a later point in time.

Once your Blanket PO is active in NJSTART, all future Change Orders {Amendments} will be done within NJSTART and all historical documentation (i.e., Bid Solicitation Documents and Change Orders) will also be done in NJSTART.

The crosswalk language from our legacy MACS-E system to NJSTART appears below.

Once the contract conversion process has been completed, Vendors {Contractors} will also start to receive Release Orders {Purchase Orders} via email through NJSTART.

PO and Change Order notifications will be sent to the primary email associated with the Vendor’s profile. To access POs, a Vendor user must be in the Seller role after logging in.

The purpose of submitting an invoice electronically is to make invoice processing more efficient and to reduce the data entry burden on Accounts Payable users. Typically, the Vendor mails invoices to the Accounts Payable user, who enters the invoice into the system.

More information on accessing purchase orders and electronic invoicing can be found on the NJSTART Vendor Support page. The Vendor Support page contains Reference Guides on various NJSTART topics, including “Accessing Purchase Orders, Change Orders, and Electronic Invoicing” as well as informational videos.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please email us at njstart@treas.nj.gov or call our Vendor Support line at 609-341-3500.

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Frequently Asked Questions

What forms need to be submitted with the Proposal? Where can I find the forms?

- All forms necessary for the Quote (Proposal) submission are identified in Bid Solicitation (Request for Proposal) Section 4 Quote (Proposal) Preparation and Submission. Forms are either included with the Bid Solicitation as an attachment located on the “Attachments” Tab of the Bid Solicitation webpage within NJSTART or may be found on the Division’s website.

How do I update my remit address?

- Once registered, sign into www.njstart.gov using the Login ID and Password you created when you registered in NJSTART, and ensure you’re in the Seller Administrator role to make the necessary updates. Navigate to Maintain Organization Information, then click on “Maintain Addresses.” Once there, review each Remit Address, ensure it has a Name, or add one if it’s missing (e.g., Main Remit Address, Corporate Remit, etc.). You will also have to add an email address in the designated field; select one remit address as the Default address; and complete any other missing fields marked with an asterisk.

The Reference Guide titled Company Information & User Access provides additional information regarding the process of adding, changing or deleting any of your organization’s addresses.

I can’t open your forms:

- Try Internet Explorer. If you are using Chrome, download the form by clicking on the download icon and save the form to your desktop or other folder, then open it from there. All of our forms are available in PDF online.

How do I submit a Quote (Proposal)?

- Please read the Bid Solicitation in its entirety as well as the other attachments. Also read the Reference Guide titled Submit a Quote. There is also a video available titled “Submit a Quote” on our website.

How do I enter my banking information for electronic payments?

- You can add your banking information after your initial registration has been completed. Sign in at www.njstart.gov using the Login ID and Password you created when you registered in NJSTART, and ensure you’re in the Seller Administrator role to make the necessary updates. Navigate to Maintain Organization Information, then click on “Maintain Addresses.” Once there, review each Remit Address, ensure it has a Name, or add one if it’s missing (e.g., Main Remit Address, Corporate Remit, etc.). You will also have to add an email address in the designated field; select one remit address as the Default address; and complete any other missing fields marked with an asterisk.

- Also check the “EFT Enabled?” box to open the fields to enter your bank account description, country, bank name, account type, routing and account numbers to receive electronic (ACH) payments. Remember to Save your changes. Also, navigate to the “Terms & Categories” section and review your selection for Category: 4 to ensure it matches your remittance preference (the EFT box must be checked if you want to receive electronic payments).

The person who created our company’s profile is no longer employed by us. How do we access the account?

- Email us at njstart@treas.nj.gov using your company email address and provide us with the former company administrator’s name and your company’s tax ID. Or, call us at 609-341-3500, press option 1 and provide us with the former company administrator’s name and your company’s tax ID for verification.

Why did I receive a bid amendment notification from the Division of Purchase & Property?

- Those Vendors (Bidders) who are on the bidholder list for a particular bid, either through commodity code registration in NJSTART or by acknowledging the bid in NJSTART, receive automatic notification of any Bid Amendment(s) (Addenda) that are released.