# TRENTON BOARD OF EDUCATION TRENTON, NEW JERSEY 08609

# REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP# 2324-16)

**Request for Proposal (RFP)** 

for

Prospective Organization to Provide a Web-Based, Student Information System to Support the Special Education Programs (IEPs)

for 2023-2024 School Year

Jayne S. Howard
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Submission Date:

Wednesday, October 25, 2023 10:00 a.m.

#### **Legal Advertisement**

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# Prospective Organization to Provide a Web-Based, Student Information System to Support the Special Education Programs (IEPs) for 2023-2024

The Trenton Public School District is currently seeking a qualified organization to provide a web-based, student support system to support the Special Education Program's Individualized Educational Plan (IEPs). The system must be able to translate all documents in Spanish and other languages as needed.

#### Proposals are due no later than 10:00 A.M. Wednesday, October 25, 2023

Copies of proposal forms may be secured from the district website at <a href="www.trenton.k12.nj.us">www.trenton.k12.nj.us</a> (Click on About Us and click on Request for Proposals). Due to COVID-19 pandemic all proposals will be received electronically. Submission information is noted in the proposal instructions.

All respondents are required to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq., and N.J.A.C. 17:27 et seq.

The Trenton Board of Education reserves the right to reject any proposals, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2(s), (t), (x), (y), N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4(a-c), and N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-22, and to waive minor informalities or non-material exceptions, that may be in the best interest of the Board.

TRENTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
Trenton Public Schools
City of Trenton, New Jersey
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#### ETHICS IN PURCHASING

#### Statement to Vendors

#### SCHOOL DISTRICT RESPONSIBILITY

#### **Recommendation of Purchases**

It is the desire of the Trenton Board of Education to have all Board employees and officials practice exemplary ethical behavior in the procurement of goods, materials, supplies, and services.

School district officials and employees who recommend purchases shall not extend any favoritism to any vendor. Each recommended purchase should be based upon quality of the items, service, price, delivery, and other applicable factors in full compliance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq.

#### Solicitation/Receipt of Gifts - Prohibited

School district officials and employees are prohibited from soliciting and receiving funds, gifts, materials, goods, services, favors, and any other items of value from vendors doing business with the Trenton Board of Education or anyone proposing to do business with the Board.

#### **VENDOR RESPONSIBILITY**

#### Offer of Gifts, Gratuities -- Prohibited

Any vendor doing business or proposing to do business with the Trenton Board of Education, shall neither pay, offer to pay, either directly or indirectly, any fee, commission, or compensation, nor offer any gift, gratuity, or other thing of value of any kind to any official or employee of the Trenton Board of Education or to any member of the official's or employee's immediate family.

#### **Vendor Influence -- Prohibited**

No vendor shall cause to influence or attempt to cause to influence, any official or employee of the Trenton Board of Education, in any manner which might tend to impair the objectivity or independence of judgment of said official or employee.

#### VENDOR CERTIFICATION

Vendors or potential vendors will be asked to certify that no official or employee of the Trenton Board of Education or immediate family members are directly or indirectly interested in this request or have any interest in any portions of profits thereof. The vendor participating in this request must be an independent vendor and not an official or employee of the Trenton Board of Education.

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TO: All Vendors

#### **UNAUTHORIZED ORDERS**

#### Official Notification

#### **Authorized Purchases**

The Trenton Board of Education only recognizes purchases made through the approved purchase order process. All purchases require a:

Written Purchase Order with authorized signatures and a Purchase Order Number.

#### **Unauthorized Purchases**

Any Board of Education employee who orders and/or receives any materials, supplies or services without first going through the approved purchase order process has made an unauthorized purchase.

#### Vendors' Responsibility

#### Do NOT Honor Requests!

Vendors are not to honor or accept any requests for goods or services unless the vendor receives a **written purchase order** with **authorized signatures** and a **purchase order number**.

#### Contact the Business Office!

Please alert Georgette H. Bowman at 609-656-5446 if any Board employee attempts to place an order without an authorized purchase order.

#### You will NOT Get Paid!

The Trenton Board of Education will not be held responsible for any unauthorized orders or purchases.

#### **Authorized Signatures**

The Trenton Board of Education will only recognize purchase orders signed either by:

<u>Jayne S. Howard</u> School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

#### LIST OF SCHOOLS

School	Grade(s)	Address	Phone/Fax
CADWALADER	K-3	501 Edgewood Avenue Trenton, NJ 08618	(609) 656-4900 x2005
Dr. CROSBY COPELAND JR. (Columbus)	K-3	1200 Brunswick Avenue Trenton, NJ 08638	(609) 656.4690 x4698 F: (609) 599.9127
BENJAMIN FRANKLIN	K-3	200 William Street Trenton, NJ 08610	(609) 656.4720 x4716 F: (609) 421.6386
B.C. GREGORY	К-3	500 Rutherford Avenue Trenton, NJ 08618	(609) 656.4740 x2505 F: (609) 392.0828
WILLIAM HARRISON	K-3	461 Genesee Street Trenton, NJ 08611	(609) 656.4750 x5450 F: (609) 599.4889
PATTON J. HILL	К-3	1010 East State Street Trenton, NJ 08609	(609) 656.4980 x4971 F: (609) 278.5737
DARLENE C. McKNIGHT (Wilson)	K-3	175 Girard Avenue Trenton, NJ 08638	<b>609) 656.4970</b> x4964 <b>F:</b> (609) 984.8537
GERSHOM MOTT	K-3	45 Stokely Avenue Trenton, NJ 08611	(609) 656.4830 x4832 F: (609) 599.2318
LUIS MUÑOZ-RIVERA	K-3	400 North Montgomery Street Trenton, NJ 08611	(609) 656.4841 x3220 F: (609) 396.6514
CARROLL ROBBINS	К-3	283 Tyler Street Trenton, NJ 08609	(609) 656.4910 x4901 F: (609) 777.5308
PAUL ROBESON	K-3	350 Cuyler Avenue Trenton, NJ 08629	(609 656.4920 x4920
JOSEPH STOKES	K-3	915 Parkside Avenue Trenton, NJ 08618	(609) 656.4930 x2902
GEORGE WASHINGTON	K-3	331 Emory Avenue Trenton, NJ 08611	(609) 656.4960 x4951 F: (609) 421.0749
ULYSSES S. GRANT	4-6	159 North Clinton Avenue Trenton, NJ 08611	(609) 656.4730 x4731 F: (609) 777.5359
HEDGEPETH/WILLIAMS	4-6	301 Gladstone Avenue Trenton, NJ 08629	(609) 656.4760 x4763 F: (609) 777.9765
THOMAS JEFFERSON	4-6	1 Whittlesey Road Trenton, NJ 08618	(609) 656.4660 x3654
JOYCE KILMER	4-6	1300 Stuyvesant Avenue Trenton, NJ 08618	(609) 656.4800 x4802 F: (609) 777.9514

BATTLE MONUMENT	4-6	145 Pennington Avenue Trenton, NJ 08618	(609) 503.9941 x4821 F: (609) 599.9519
CLARA PARKER	4-6	820 South Warren Street Trenton, NJ 08611	(609) 656.4880 x4883 F: (609) 392.0408
GRACE A. DUNN	7-8	401 Dayton Street Trenton, New Jersey 08610	(609) 656.4700 x4702 x4707
ARTHUR J. HOLLAND	7-8	1001 West State Street Trenton, NJ 08618	(609) 656.4770 x6327
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.	7-8	401-411 Brunswick Avenue Trenton, NJ 08638	(609) 656.4791 x5803 x5804 F: (609) 396.1372
TRENTON NINTH GRADE ACADEMY	9	500 Perry Street Trenton, NJ 08618	(609) 656.4900 x6002 x6003 F: (609) 337.7501
TRENTON CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL	10-12	400 Chambers Street Trenton, NJ 08609	Main # (609) 557.8247 F: (609) 656.1230
DAYLIGHT-TWILIGHT	10-12	135 East Hanover Street Trenton, NJ 08618	(609) 256.8190 x5103 x5692 F: (609) 394.2718



#### **REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

# GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS



Jayne S. Howard

School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

#### **Instructions for Respondents**

As a result of COVID-19 pandemic all proposals will be received electronically. Vendors are required to upload their signed and complete proposal packet with all required documents and an original signature.

The complete proposal packet must be submitted by 10:00 a.m. EST by Wednesday, October 25, 2023, via: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/5kkbemzw">https://tinyurl.com/5kkbemzw</a>

Questions or comments regarding this proposal should be submitted in writing and directed to Georgette H. Bowman, email <a href="mailto:rfpbidquestions@trenton.k12.nj.us">rfpbidquestions@trenton.k12.nj.us</a>

#### 1. AFFIRMATIVE ACTION—EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

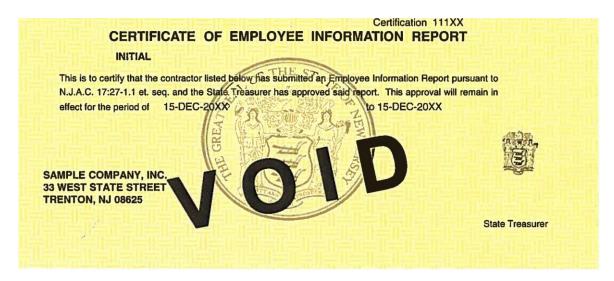
Each company shall submit to the Trenton Board of Education, after notification of award, but prior to execution of a goods and services contract, **one** of the following three documents:

- Appropriate evidence that the contractor is operating under an existing federally approved or sanctioned affirmative action program;
- A certificate of Employee Information Report approval issued in accordance with N.J.A.C.17:27-4; or
- The successful bidder (respondent) shall complete an Employee Information Report, Form AA-302, and submit it to the Division of Purchase and Property Contract Compliance and Audit Unit with a check or money order for \$150.00 made payable to the Treasurer, State of NJ and forward a copy of the form and check/money order to the Trenton Board of Education. Upon submission and review by the Division, the Report shall constitute evidence of compliance with the regulations.

Please note: A completed and signed Affirmative Action Questionnaire is requested with submission of bid/proposal. However, the Board will accept in lieu of the Questionnaire, Affirmative Action Evidence in the form of a current Certificate of Employee Information Report submitted with the bid/proposal.

If awarded a contract your company/firm will be required to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:27 et seq., and the terms and conditions of the Mandatory Equal Employment Opportunity Language—Exhibit A.

#### **Sample Certificate of Employee Information Report**



All respondents are requested to submit with their response, a copy of their firm's Certificate of Employee Information Report. Failure to submit the Certificate or other required documents prior to the execution or award of contract will result in the rejection of the bid/proposal.

## 2. <u>ANTI-BULLYING BILL OF RIGHTS—REPORTING OF HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION AND BULLYING</u> CONTRACTED SERVICE PROVIDER

When applicable, the contracted service provider shall comply with all applicable provisions of the New Jersey Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act—N.J.S.A. 18A:37-13.1 et seq., all applicable code and regulations, and the Anti-Bullying Policy of the Trenton Board of Education. The district shall provide to the contracted service provider a copy of the board's Anti-Bullying Policy.

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:16-7.7 (c), a contracted service provider, who has witnessed, or has reliable information that a student has been subject to harassment, intimidation, or bullying shall immediately report the incident to any school administrator or safe schools resource officer, or the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

#### 3. ANTI-DISCRIMINATION PROVISIONS—N.J.S.A. 10:2-1

N.J.S.A. 10:2-1. Anti-discrimination provisions. Every contract for or on behalf of the State or any county or municipality or other political subdivision of the State, or any agency of or authority created by any of the foregoing, for the construction, alteration or repair of any public building or public work or for the acquisition of materials, equipment, supplies or services shall contain provisions by which the contractor agrees that:

a. In the hiring of persons for the performance of work under this contract or any subcontract hereunder, or for the procurement, manufacture, assembling or furnishing of any such materials, equipment, supplies or services to be acquired under this contract, no contractor, nor any person acting on behalf of such contractor or subcontractor, shall, by reason of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, gender identity or expression, affectional or sexual orientation or sex, discriminate against any person who is qualified and available to perform the work to which the

employment relates;

- b. No contractor, subcontractor, nor any person on his behalf shall, in any manner, discriminate against or intimidate any employee engaged in the performance of work under this contract or any subcontract hereunder, or engaged in the procurement, manufacture, assembling or furnishing of any such materials, equipment, supplies or services to be acquired under such contract, on account of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, gender identity or expression, affectional or sexual orientation or sex;
- c. There may be deducted from the amount payable to the contractor by the contracting public agency, under this contract, a penalty of \$50.00 for each person for each calendar day during which such person is discriminated against or intimidated in violation of the provisions of the contract; and
- d. This contract may be canceled or terminated by the contracting public agency, and all money due or to become due hereunder may be forfeited, for any violation of this section of the contract occurring after notice to the contractor from the contracting public agency of any prior violation of this section of the contract.

No provision in this section shall be construed to prevent a Trenton Board of Education from designating that a contract, subcontract or other means of procurement of goods, services, equipment or construction shall be awarded to a small business enterprise, minority business enterprise or a women's business enterprise pursuant to P.L.<u>1985</u>, c.490 (C.18A:18A-51 et seq.).

#### 4. AWARD OF CONTRACT; RESOLUTION; NUMBER OF DAYS

Any contract awarded under this process shall be made by resolution of the Trenton Board of Education. The award must be made within sixty (60) days of the receipt of the proposals, however subject to extension pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-36 (a).

#### 5. <u>BUSINESS REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE (N.J.S.A. 52:32-44)</u>

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:32-44, the Trenton Board of Education is prohibited from entering into a contract with an entity unless the bidder/proposer/contractor, and each subcontractor that is required by law to be named in a bid/proposal/contract has a valid Business Registration Certificate on file with the Division of Revenue and Enterprise Services within the Department of the Treasury.

#### Request of the Trenton Board of Education

All bidders or companies providing responses for requested proposals, are **requested** to submit with their response package a copy of their "New Jersey Business Registration Certificate" as issued by the Department of Treasury of the State of New Jersey.

The Board reminds all respondents that failure to submit the New Jersey Business Registration Certificate prior to the award of contract will result in the rejection of the proposal.

#### Subcontractors

Prior to contract award or authorization, the contractor shall provide the Contracting Agency with its proof of business registration and that of any named subcontractor(s).

Subcontractors named in a bid or other proposal shall provide proof of business registration to the bidder, who in turn, shall provide it to the Contracting Agency prior to the time a contract, purchase order, or other contracting document is awarded or authorized.

During the course of contract performance:

- 1. The contractor shall not enter into a contract with a subcontractor unless the subcontractor first provides the contractor with a valid proof of business registration.
- 2. The contractor shall maintain and submit to the Contracting Agency a list of subcontractors and their addresses that may be updated from time to time.
- 3. The contractor and any subcontractor providing goods or performing services under the contract, and each of their affiliates, shall 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, (N.J.S.A. 54:32B-1 et seq.) on all sales of tangible personal property delivered into the State. Any questions in this regard can be directed to the Division of Taxation at (609)292-6400. Form NJ-REG can be filed online at http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/revenue/busregcert.shtml.

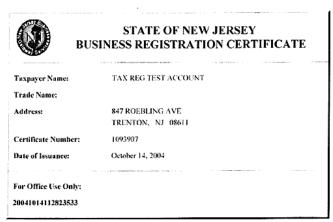
Before final payment is made under the contract, the contractor shall submit to the board, a complete and accurate list of all subcontractors used and their addresses.

#### N.J.S.A. 54:49-4.1: Violations of Registration Requirements; Penalties.

A business organization that fails to provide a copy of a business registration as required pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2001, c.134 (C.52:32-44 et al.) or subsection e. or f. of section 92 of P.L.1977, c.110 (C.5:12-92), or that provides false information of business registration under the requirements of either of those sections, shall be liable for a penalty of \$25 for each day of violation, not to exceed \$50,000 for each business registration copy not properly provided under a contract with a contracting agency or under a casino service industry enterprise contract.







#### 6. <u>CERTIFICATE (CONSENT) OF SURETY</u> □ REQUIRED ☑ NOT REQUIRED

When required, each respondent shall submit with its proposal a certificate from a surety company stating that the surety company will provide the contractor with a performance bond in an amount equal to the amount of the contract (N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-25). Such surety company must be licensed and qualified to do business in the State of New Jersey. The certificate (consent) of Surety, together with a power of attorney, must be submitted with the proposal.

Failure to complete, submit or to sign the Certificate (consent) of Surety, when requested, shall be cause for disqualification and rejection of proposal.

#### 7. CONTRACTOR/VENDOR REQUIREMENTS—ACCESS AND MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS

Contractors/vendors doing business with the Trenton Board of Education are reminded of the following legal requirements pertaining to the Office of the New Jersey State Comptroller:

#### A. Access to Relevant Documents and Information—N.J.S.A. 52:15C-14 (d)

Private vendors or other persons contracting with or receiving funds from a unit in the Executive branch of State government, including an entity exercising executive branch authority, independent State authority, public institution of higher education, or unit of local government or Trenton Board of Education shall upon request by the State Comptroller provide the State Comptroller with prompt access to all relevant documents and information as a condition of the contract and receipt of public monies. The State Comptroller shall not disclose any document or information to which access is provided that is confidential or proprietary.

If the State Comptroller finds that any person receiving funds from a unit in the Executive branch of State government, including an entity exercising executive branch authority, independent State authority, public institution of higher education, or unit of local government or Trenton Board of

Education refuses to provide information upon the request of the State Comptroller, or otherwise impedes or fails to cooperate with any audit or performance review, the State Comptroller may recommend to the contracting unit that the person be subject to termination of their contract, or temporarily or permanently debarred from contracting with the contracting unit.

#### B. Maintenance of Contract Records—N.J.A.C. 17:44-2.2

Relevant records of private vendors or other persons entering into contracts with covered entities are subject to audit or review by OSC pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:15C-14(d).

The contractor/vendor to whom a contract has been awarded, shall maintain all documentation related to products, transactions or services under this contract for a period of five years from the date of final payment. Such records shall be made available to the New Jersey Office of the State Comptroller upon request.

#### **Trenton Board of Education Requirement**

In addition to, and independent of, the requirements of N.J.S.A. 52:15C-14 (d) and N.J.A.C. 17:44-2.2, the Contractor shall also maintain and make any or all books and records related to products transactions or services rendered under this contract, available to the Trenton Board of Education upon request.

#### 8. <u>CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECKS/DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION</u>

When required, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.1, providers for the services of this contract, shall submit to the school district prior to commencement of contract, evidence or proof that each employee assigned to provide services and that comes in **regular contact with students**, has had a criminal history background check, and furthermore, that said background check indicates that no criminal history record information exists on file for that worker. Failure to provide a proof of criminal history background check for any employee whose position involves regular **contact with students**, prior to commencement of contact, may be cause for breach of contract.

If it is discovered during the course of the contract that an employee has a disqualifying criminal history or the employee has not had a criminal history background check, that employee is to be removed from the as a service provider immediately.

All contracted service providers shall comply with N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.6 et seq., as it pertains to disclosure of information from previous employers, and NJDOE Broadcast September 9, 2019, when applicable.

#### **9. DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, OR DISQUALIFICATION** N.J.S.A. 52:32-44.1 (a), N.J.A.C. 17:19-1.1 et seq.

The Trenton Board of Education will not enter into a contract for work with any person, company or firm that is on the State Department of Labor and Workforce Development; Prevailing Wage Debarment List, or the State of New Jersey Consolidated Debarment Report (<a href="www.state.nj.us/treasury/debarred">www.state.nj.us/treasury/debarred</a>). Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:32-44.1 (a), any person that is debarred at the federal level from contracting with a federal government agency shall be debarred from contracting for any public work in this State.

All respondents are required to submit a sworn statement indicating whether the entity listed on the proposal form or any person employed by this entity, nor the person's affiliates are not debarred from contracting with a federal government agency, nor debarred from contracting with the State of New Jersey. The Trenton Board of Education will verify the certification by consulting

• New Jersey Department of Treasury – Consolidated Debarment Report

- NJ Department of Labor and Workforce Development

   Prevailing Wage Debarment List
- Federal Debarred Vendor List—System for Award Management (SAM.gov)

#### 10. **DOCUMENTS, MISSING/ILLEGIBLE**

The respondent shall familiarize himself with all forms\* provided by the Board that are to be returned with the proposal. If there are any forms either missing or illegible, it is the responsibility of the respondent to contact the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary for duplicate copies of the forms. This must be done before the proposal opening date and time. The Board accepts no responsibility for duplicate forms that were not received by the respondent in time for the respondent to submit with his proposal.

#### 11. DOCUMENT SIGNATURES - ORIGINAL; BLUE INK

All documents returned to the Board shall be signed with an original signature in ink (blue). Failure to sign and return all required documents with the proposal package may be cause for disqualification and for the proposal to be rejected pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2(y) (non-responsive). The Board will not accept facsimile or rubber stamp signatures.

\*Forms provided by the Trenton Board of Education that must be returned with proposal.

- · Acknowledgement of Addenda
- Affirmative Action Questionnaire or Certificate of Employee Information Report
- Assurance of Compliance;
- Chapter 271 Political Contribution Disclosure Form
- Vendor Questionnaire and Certification
- Non-Collusion Affidavit
- Proposal Form
- Statement of Ownership Disclosure

#### 12. EXAMINATION OF SPECIFICATIONS, ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The respondent, by submitting a proposal, acknowledges that he has carefully examined the proposal specifications, documents, addenda (if any), and the site; and that from his investigation, he has satisfied himself as to the nature and location of the work, the general and local conditions and all matters which may in any way affect the work or its performance, and that as a result of such examination, he fully understands the intent and purpose thereof, his obligations thereunder, and that he will not make any claim for, or have any right to damages, because of the lack of any information.

Each respondent submitting a proposal for a service contract shall include in his proposal price all labor, materials, equipment, services, and other requirements necessary, or incidental to, the completion of the work, and other pertinent work as hereinafter described, in accordance with the proposal specifications and documents.

#### 13. FALSE MATERIAL REPRESENTATION - N.J.S.A. 2C:21-34-97(b)/TRUTH IN CONTRACTING

A person commits a crime if the person knowingly makes a material representation that is false in connection with the negotiation, award or performance of a government contract. If the contract amount is for \$25,000.00 or above, the offender is guilty of a crime of the second degree. If the contract amount exceeds \$2,500.00, but is less than \$25,000.00, the offender is guilty of a crime of the third degree. If the contract amount is for \$2,500.00 or less, the offender is guilty of a crime of the fourth degree.

Respondent should be aware of the following statutes that represent "Truth in Contracting" laws:

- N.J.S.A. 2C:21-34, et seq. governs false claims and representations by bidders. It is a serious crime for the bidder to knowingly submit a false claim and/or knowingly make material misrepresentation.
- N.J.S.A. 2C:27-10 provides that a person commits a crime if said person offers a benefit to a public servant for an official act performed or to be performed by a public servant, which is a violation of official duty.
- N.J.S.A. 2C:27-11 provides that a bidder commits a crime if said person, directly or indirectly, confers or agrees to confer any benefit not allowed by law to a public servant.
- Bidders/respondents should consult the statutes or legal counsel for further information.

#### 14. FINANCIAL GUARANTEE AND BONDING REQUIREMENTS

Please note: The name, address, and phone number of the Bond Underwriter as well as the Bond Number shall be included with all bonds submitted to the Trenton Board of Education.

Each proposal, when required, shall be accompanied by a bid bond, cashier's check or certified check for ten percent (10%) of the amount of the total contract, but not in excess of \$20,000 (twenty-thousand dollars). This guarantee shall be made payable to the TRENTON BOARD OF EDUCATION. Such deposit shall be forfeited upon refusal of a respondent to execute a contract; otherwise, checks shall be returned when the contract is executed. The financial guarantee check for unsuccessful respondents will be returned as soon after the proposal opening as possible but in no event later than (10) days after the proposal opening.

<u>Uncertified business checks, personal checks or money orders are not acceptable.</u>

All bid bonds submitted must be signed and witnessed with original signatures. The Board will not accept facsimile or rubber stamp signatures on the bid bond. Failure to sign the bid bond by either the Surety or Principal shall be deemed cause for disqualification of the proposal. The Attorney-in-Fact who executes the bond on behalf of the surety shall affix to the bond a certified and current copy of the Power of Attorney.

The Trenton Board of Education will only accept bid bonds from companies that are licensed and qualified to do business in the State of New Jersey. Such a list may be available upon request to the State of New Jersey, Department of Banking and Insurance, CN 325, Trenton, New Jersey 08625.

Failure to submit or failure to sign the financial guarantee, when required, shall be cause for disqualification and rejection of proposal.

#### 15. FORCE MAJEURE

Neither party shall be liable in damages for any failure, hindrance or delay in the performance of any obligation under this Agreement if such delay, hindrance or failure to perform is caused by conditions beyond the control of either party, including, but not limited to, Acts of God, flood, fire, war or the public enemy, explosion, government regulations whether or not valid (including the denial or cancellation of any export or other necessary license), court order, state funding, or other unavoidable causes beyond

the reasonable control of the party whose performance is affected which cannot be overcome by due diligence.

Vendors, and/or contractors who have a contract with the Trenton Board of Education to provide goods or services cannot unilaterally claim an increase in the cost of the contract because of Force Majeure.

#### 16. GENERAL CONDITIONS

#### • Authorization to Proceed -- Successful Vendor/Contractor

No service shall be rendered by the successful contractor unless the vendor/contractor receives an approved purchase order authorizing the vendor/contractor to render the service.

#### Award of Contract

It is the intention of the Trenton Board of Education to award the contract to the respondent(s) whose response is the most advantageous to the board, price and other factors considered, and who will provide the highest quality service at fair and competitive prices. The Board reserves the right to award contracts to multiple contractors when it is in the best interests of the Board.

#### • Return of Contract Documents—when required

Upon notification of award of contract by the Trenton Board of Education, the contractor may be required to sign and execute a formal contract with the Board.

#### Purchase Order—considered to be a contract. N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2 (n)

If a formal contract is not required by the Trenton Board of Education, an approved and signed Trenton Board of Education Purchase Order will constitute as a contractual agreement.

When a formal contract is required, the contractor shall sign and execute said contracts and return the contracts with other required documents to the Office of the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary. Failure to execute the contract and return said contract and related documents within the prescribed time may be cause for a delay in payment for services rendered or products received or the annulment of award by the Trenton Board of Education with any financial security becoming property of the Trenton Board of Education. The Trenton Board of Education reserves the right to accept the proposal of the next lowest responsible respondent.

#### Renewal of Contract; Availability and Appropriation of Funds—When Applicable

The Trenton Board of Education may, at its discretion, request that a contract for certain services be renewed in full accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-42. The School Business Administrator/Board Secretary may negotiate terms for a renewal of contract proposal and present such negotiated proposal to the Trenton Board of Education. All multi-year contracts and contract renewals are subject to the availability and appropriation annually of sufficient funds as may be needed to meet the extended obligation.

The Trenton Board of Education is the final authority in awarding renewals of contracts. Contracts for professional services may be awarded only for twelve (12) months and cannot be renewed.

#### • Term of Contract

The successful respondent, to whom the contract is awarded, will be required to do and perform the work/services and to provide and furnish the materials in connection therewith in accordance with the plans and specifications on or before the date listed in the Technical Specifications.

#### • Purchase Order Required; Notice to Proceed

No contractor or vendor shall commence any project or deliver any goods until he is in receipt of an approved purchase order authorizing work to begin or goods to be delivered.

#### 17. <u>INSURANCE AND INDEMNIFICATION</u> ☑ **REQUIRED** ☐ NOT REQUIRED

When required by the Trenton Board of Education, the vendor/contractor to whom the contract is awarded for any service, work, or supplying of goods, shall secure, pay the premiums for and keep in force until the contract expires, insurance of the types and amounts listed below:

**Commercial General Liability** with a \$1,000,000 and \$2,000,000 General Aggregate per each occurrence for Bodily Injury, Personal and Advertising Injury, Property Damage and Products Liability.

**Automobile Liability** with a \$1,000,000 Combined Single Limit of Liability for Bodily Injury and Property Damage per accident.

**Cyber Security and Privacy Liability** with a \$1,000,000 per occurrence or claim.

Other Insurance Coverage

- \$ 100,000 Pollution Cleanup
- \$ 50,000 Fire Damage
- \$ 5,000 Medical Expense

\$4,000,000 Excess Umbrella Liability \$1,000,000 Sexual Harassment, Abuse or Molestation

#### (A) Insurance Certificate – When Required

When required, the vendor/contractor must present to the Trenton Board of Education an insurance certificate in the above types and amounts before any work or service begins.

Automobile liability insurance shall be included to cover any vehicle used by the insured.

The certificate holder shall be as follows:

TRENTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
c/o School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
108 N. Clinton Ave.
TRENTON, NEW JERSEY 08609

Additional Insured Claim -- The vendor/contractor shall include the following clause on the insurance certificate.

#### "TRENTON BOARD OF EDUCATION is named as an additional insured"

<u>WORKERS COMPENSATION</u> Evidence of adequate Workers Compensation Insurance as required by the laws of the State of New Jersey and the United States, must be available to the Trenton Board of Education. The minimum limits are the following, unless a greater amount is required by law:

Bodily Injury by Accident \$1,000,000. Each Accident Bodily Injury by Disease \$1,000,000. Policy Limit \$1,000,000. Each Employee

#### (B) Indemnification

The vendor/contractor shall assume all risk of and responsibility for, and agrees to indemnify, defend, and save harmless the Trenton Board of Education and its agents, employees and Board members, from and against any and all claims, demands, suits, actions, recoveries, judgments and costs and expenses (including, but not limited to, attorney's fees) in connection therewith on account of the loss of life or property or injury or damage to any person, body or property of any person or persons whatsoever, which shall arise from or result directly or indirectly from the work and/or materials supplied under this contract and the performance by contractor of services under the contract or by a party for whom the contractor is liable.

This indemnification obligation is not limited by, but is in addition to, the insurance obligations contained in this agreement.

The vendor/contractor is to assume all liability of every sort incident to the work, including property damage caused by him or his men or by any subcontractor employed by him or any of the subcontractor' workers.

INSURANCE: PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY – ☑ Required ☐ Not Required

Including the Commercial Liability, Automobile Liability, Sexual Harassment, Abuse or Molestation coverage, the successful respondent to whom the contract is awarded shall secure, pay the premiums for and keep in force until the contract expires, insurance of the types and amounts listed below:

Professional Liability Insurance Certificate with the following limits:

\$1,000,000 Errors & Omissions Insurance or Professional Liability \$3,000,000 Aggregate

Other insurance coverage required when providing medical services:

Medical Malpractice--\$1,000,000

The successful respondent shall provide to the Trenton Board of Education an insurance certificate with the name as to the certificate holder shall be as follows:

TRENTON BOARD OF EDUCATION c/o The Business Office 108 N. Clinton Ave. TRENTON, NEW JERSEY 08609

#### 18. <u>INTERPRETATIONS AND ADDENDA</u>

Respondents are expected to examine the RFP with care and observe all their requirements. A Pre-Submission Proposal Conference may be held at a time, date and location identified in the Public Notice for this RFP. This Conference will afford the respondents the opportunity to make comments and submit questions regarding this RFP. **Attendance at the Pre-Proposal Conference is strongly recommended.** Recipients of the RFP package will have the option of submitting comments and questions at the Pre-Proposal Conference. All questions about the meaning or intent of this RFP, all interpretations and clarifications considered necessary by the District's representative in response to such comments and questions will be issued by Addenda mailed or delivered to all parties recorded by the District as having received the RFP package. Only comments and questions responded to by formal written Addenda will be binding. Oral interpretations, statements or clarifications will be without legal effect.

No interpretation of the meaning of the specifications will be made to any respondent orally. Every request for such interpretations should be made in writing to the School Business Administrator must be received at least ten (10) days, not including Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, prior to the date fixed for the opening of proposals to be given consideration. Any and all interpretations and any supplemental instructions will be distributed in the form of a written addenda to the specifications. The addenda will be provided in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-21(c) to the respondents by certified mail or certified fax no later than seven (7) days Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays excepted, prior to the date for acceptance of proposals. All addenda so issued shall become part of the contract document.

#### 19. IRAN DISCLOSURE OF INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES FORM N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-49.4

The Trenton Board of Education, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-49.4, shall implement and comply with Public Law 2012, c.25, Disclosure of Investment Activities in Iran—N.J.S.A. 52:32-55 et seq.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:32-57, et seq. (P.L. 2012, c.25 and P.L. 2021, c.4) any person or entity that submits a bid or proposal or otherwise proposes to enter into or renew a contract must certify that neither the person nor entity, nor any of its parents, subsidiaries, or affiliates, is identified on the New Jersey Department of the Treasury's Chapter 25 List as a person or entity engaged in investment activities in Iran. The Chapter 25 list is found on the Division's website at <a href="https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/pdf/Chapter25List.pdf">https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/pdf/Chapter25List.pdf</a>. Vendors/Bidders must review this list prior to completing the below certification. If the Director of the Division of Purchase and Property finds a person or entity to be in violation of the law, s/he shall take action as may be appropriate and provided by law, rule or contract, including but not limited to, imposing sanctions, seeking compliance, recovering damages, declaring the party in default and seeking debarment or suspension of the party.

In addition, bidders must provide a detailed, accurate and precise description of the activities of the bidding person/entity, or one of its parents, subsidiaries or affiliates, engaging in the investment activities in Iran outlined above by completing the boxes on the lower portion of the enclosed form.

The Board has provided within the specifications, a Disclosure of Investments Activities certification form for all persons or entities, that plan to submit a bid, respond to a proposal, or renew a contract with the board, to complete, sign and submit with the proposal.

The Disclosure of Investment Activities in Iran Form is to be completed, certified, and submitted prior to the award of contract.

#### 20. <u>LIABILITY – COPYRIGHT</u>

The contractor (vendor) shall hold and save the Trenton Board of Education, its officials and employees, harmless from liability of any nature or kind for or on account of the use of any copyrighted or uncopyrighted composition, secret process, patented or unpatented invention, article or appliance furnished or used in the performance of his contract.

#### 21. NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

A notarized Non-Collusion Affidavit shall be submitted with the bid/proposal. The bidder/respondent has to certify that he has not directly or indirectly, entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion, discussed any or all parts of this proposal with any potential bidders, or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free, competitive bidding in connection with the above named bid, and that all statements contained in said Proposal and in this affidavit are true and correct, and made with full knowledge that the Trenton Board of Education relies upon the truth of the statements contained in said Proposal and in the statements contained in this affidavit in awarding the contract for the said bid.

The respondent has to further warrant that no person or selling agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure such contract upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee, except bona fide employees of bona fide established commercial or selling agencies maintained by the respondent.

The Trenton Board of Education has provided a Non-Collusion Affidavit form here within the specifications package. All respondents are to complete, sign, have the signature notarized and submit the form with the proposal response.

Failure to submit the Non-Collusion Affidavit with the proposal may be cause for the disqualification of the proposal.

#### 22. PAYMENTS

Every effort will be made to pay vendors and contractors within thirty (30) to sixty (60) days provided the Trenton Board of Education receives the appropriate documentation including but not limited to:

- Signed voucher by vendor;
- Packing Slips; and
- Invoices.

Payment will be rendered upon completion of services or delivery of full order of goods/materials/supplies. Pursuant to the New Jersey Prompt Payment Law-- N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-10.1, unless otherwise provided for in the contract, the required payment date shall be ninety (90) calendar days from the date specified in the contract or if no required payment is specified in the contract, then the required payment date shall be 90 calendar days from the receipt of a properly executed invoice, or 90 calendar days from the receipt of goods or services, whichever is later. Interest shall not be paid unless goods and services are rendered.

All payments are subject to approval by the Trenton Board of Education at a public meeting. Payment may be delayed from time to time depending on the Trenton Board of Education meeting schedule.

☑ NOT REQUIRED

#### **23.** PERFORMANCE BOND ☐ REQUIRED

When required, the successful vendor shall furnish a Performance, Payment and Completion Bond in a sum of at least one hundred percent (100%) of the total amount payable by the terms of this Contract. Such bond shall be in the form required by Statute.

Such bond shall further carry a stipulation that no advance, premature, excessive or delayed payments by the Owner shall in any way affect the obligation of the Surety on its bond.

Such bond shall further stipulate that no payments made to the Contractor, nor partial or entire use of occupancy of the work by the Owner shall be an acceptance of any work or materials not in accordance with this Contract and the Surety shall be equally bound to the same extent as the Contractor.

It is expressly stipulated that the Surety for the Contractor on the project shall be obligated to make periodic inquiries of the Owner at reasonable times, to determine whether its Principal has performed or was performing the Contract in accordance with all of its terms and conditions, particularly in relation to the progress payments scheduled under said Contract with the Owner.

In the event the Contractor defaults or fails to perform or finish the work prescribed under the Contract for any reason whatsoever, it shall become the unqualified obligation of the Surety for the defaulting contractor to complete the Contract in accordance with its terms following receipt of notice from the owner of such default.

Successful respondent shall execute formal contract with the Board in the form required and in such number of counterparts as the Board may request. Such Performance, Payment and Completion Bond shall be furnished and such Contracts shall be executed and delivered by the successful respondent within ten (10) days after the receipt by the successful respondent of notice accepting his proposal by the Board.

The Trenton Board of Education will only accept performance bonds from surety companies that are licensed and qualified to do business in the State of New Jersey.

#### 24. POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT - PAY TO PLAY

#### **Annual Disclosure**

A business entity as defined by law is advised of its responsibility to file an annual disclosure statement on political contributions with the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.13 (P.L. 2005 Chapter 271 section 3) if the business entity receives contracts in excess of \$50,000 from public entities in a calendar year. It is the business entity's responsibility to determine if filing is necessary. Additional information on this requirement is available from the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement commission at 1-888-313-3532 or at <a href="https://www.elec.nj.us">www.elec.nj.us</a>.

#### **Chapter 271 Political Contribution Disclosure Form**

Business entities (excluding those that are not non-profit organizations) receiving contracts in access of \$17,500 from a Trenton Board of Education, are subject to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26. The law and rule provides that 10 days prior to the award of such a contract, the contractor shall disclose contributions to:

- any State, county, or municipal committee of a political party
- any legislative leadership committee\*
- any continuing political committee (a.k.a., political action committee)
- any candidate committee of a candidate for, or holder of, an elective office:

of the public entity awarding the contract of that county in which that public entity is located of another public entity within that county or of a legislative district in which that public entity is located or, when the public entity is a county, of any legislative district which includes all or part of the county.

The disclosure must list reportable contributions to any of the committees that exceed \$300 per election cycle that were made during the 12 months prior to award of the contract. See N.J.S.A. 19:44A-8 and 19:44A-16 for more details on reportable contributions.

The Trenton Board of Education has provided a Chapter 271 Political Contribution Disclosure Form within the specifications package for use by the business entity. The Board has also provided a list of agencies to assist the contractor. The enclosed list of agencies is provided to assist the contractor in identifying those public agencies whose elected official and/or candidate campaign committees are affected by the disclosure requirement. It is the contractor's responsibility to identify the specific committees to which contributions may have been made and need to be disclosed. The disclosed information may exceed the minimum requirement.

The enclosed Chapter 271 Political Contribution Disclosure form, a content-consistent facsimile, or an electronic data file containing the required details (along with a signed cover sheet) may be used as the contractor's submission and may be disclosed to the public under the Open Public Records Act.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26 (a), all business entities shall submit a completed and signed Chapter 271 Political Contribution Disclosure Form with their proposal.

#### POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS/AWARD OF CONTRACTS

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-6.3 (a) (1-4) please note the following:

Award of Contract -- Reportable Contributions -- N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-6.3 (a) (1)

"No Trenton Board of Education will vote upon or award any contract in the amount of \$17,500 or greater to any business entity which has made a contribution reportable by the recipient under P.L.1973, c83 (codified at N.J.S.A. 19:44A-1 et seq.) to a member of the Trenton Board of Education during the preceding one year period.

Contributions During Term of Contract – Prohibited -- N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-6.3 (a) (2-3)

"Contributions reportable by the recipient under P.L. 1973, c83 (codified at N.J.S.A. 19:44A-1 et seq.) to any member of the school board from any business entity doing business with the school district are prohibited during the term of the contract."

"When a business entity referred in 4.1(e) is a natural person, contribution by that person's spouse or child that resides therewith, shall be deemed to be a contribution by the business entity. When a business entity is other than a natural person, a contribution by any person or other business entity having an interest therein shall be deemed to be a contribution by the business entity."

• Chapter 271 Political Contribution Disclosure Form – Required -- N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-6.3 (a) (4)

All business entities shall submit with their bid/proposal package a completed and signed Chapter 271 Political Contribution Disclosure Form. The Chapter 271 form will be reviewed by the Board to determine whether the business entity is in compliance with the aforementioned N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-6.3 (a) (2) Award of Contract.

The Chapter 271 Political Contribution Disclosure form shall be submitted with the response to the bid/proposal. Failure to provide the completed and signed form may be cause for disqualification of the bid/proposal.

#### 25. PRE-EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS--CONTRACTED SERVICE PROVIDERS

When applicable, all contracted service providers, whose employees have regular contact with students, shall comply with the Pre-Employment Requirements in accordance with New Jersey P.L. 2018 c.5, N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.6 et seq. Contracted service providers are to review the following New Jersey Department of Education—Pre-Employment Resource P.L. 2018 c.5 link below for guidance and compliance procedures.

https://www.nj.gov/education/crimhist/preemployment/

#### 26. PRESENTATION AND INTERVIEWS—Negotiations Not Permitted

The Trenton Board of Education may at its option, require providers of its choice to attend interviews and make presentations to district officials. This process may only take place after proposals have been opened and reviewed and prior to the completion of the evaluation. **Under no circumstances shall the provisions of the proposal be subject to negotiation—N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.5 (b).** 

#### 27. PRE-SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL MEETING (Pre-Proposal Conference Meeting)

The Trenton Board of Education will hold a pre-submission of proposal meeting on

Not applicable 00:00 a.m.

in the (Not applicable)

The purpose of this meeting is to review all legal and technical requirements of the proposal. Respondents are encouraged to attend this meeting. Addenda to the proposal may be issued as a result of the meeting.

#### 28. RESPONDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL

It is the responsibility of the respondent to ensure that their proposal is presented to the Office of the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary and officially received before the advertised date and time of the proposal. It is understood and agreed upon that any person in the Trenton Board of Education will be absolved from responsibility for the premature opening of any proposal not properly labeled and sealed.

#### 29. RIGHT TO KNOW LAW

All potentially hazardous materials or substances must be properly labeled in full accordance with the <u>New Jersey Right to Know Law</u> - N.J.S.A. 34:5A-1 et seq. All contractors or vendors who need additional information about the <u>New Jersey Right to Know Law</u> are to contact the:

New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services
Right to Know Program
CN 368
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0368

#### 30. STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP

#### **Statement of Ownership**

No business organization, regardless of form of ownership, shall be awarded any contract for the performance of any work or the furnishing of any goods and services, unless, **prior to the receipt of the bid or accompanying the bid** of said business organization, bidders shall submit a statement setting forth the names and addresses of all persons and entities that own ten percent or more of its stock or interest of any type at all levels of ownership.

The included Statement of Ownership shall be completed and attached to the bid proposal. This requirement applies to all forms of business organizations, including, but not limited to, corporations and partnerships, publicly-owned corporations, limited partnerships, limited liability corporations, limited liability partnerships, sole proprietorship, and Subchapter S corporations. Failure to submit a disclosure document shall result in rejection of the bid as it cannot be remedied after bids have been opened.

Not-for-profit entities should fill in their name, check the not-for-profit box, and certify the form. No other information is required.

#### 31. SUBCONTRACTING; ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACT

Contractors, service providers, and all vendors with whom the Trenton Board of Education has an executed contract may not subcontract any part of any work done or assign any part of a contract for goods or services for the Board without first receiving written permission from the School Business Administrator.

Contractors, service providers, and vendors using subcontractors assume all responsibility for work performed by subcontractors. The Board Business Office may require the following documents to be secured from all approved subcontractors:

- Insurance Certificate as outlined in the proposal specifications;
- Affirmative Action Evidence as outlined in the proposal specifications;
- New Jersey Business Registration Certificate; and
- Other documents as may be required by the Trenton Board of Education.

In cases of subcontracting, the Trenton Board of Education shall only pay the prime contractor. It is the sole responsibility of the prime contractor to ensure that all subcontractors are paid. The Trenton Board of Education shall not be responsible for payments to subcontractors and shall be held harmless against any or all claims generated against prime contractors for non-payment to subcontractors.

Transportation carriers hired by the vendor to deliver goods and materials are not considered to be subcontractors.

#### 32. TAXES

As a New Jersey governmental entity, the Trenton Board of Education is exempt from the requirements under New Jersey state sales and use tax (N.J.S.A. 54:32B-1 et. seq.), and does not pay any sales or use taxes. Respondents should note that they are expected to comply with the provisions of said statute and the rules and regulations promulgated thereto to qualify them for examinations and reference to any and all labor, services, materials and supplies furnished to the Trenton Board of Education. Contractors may not use the Board's tax exempt status to purchase supplies, materials, service or equipment.

A contractor may qualify for a New Jersey Sales Tax Exemption on the purchase of materials, supplies and services when these purchases are used exclusively to fulfill the terms and conditions of the contract with the Trenton Board of Education. All contractors are referred to the New Jersey Division of Taxation—Tax Bulletin S&U-3 for guidance. Again, contractors are not permitted to use the Board's tax identification number to purchase supplies, materials, services of equipment.

#### 33. TERMINATION OF CONTRACT

If the Board determines that the contractor has failed to comply with the terms and conditions of the proposal upon which the issuance of the contract is based or that the contractor has failed to perform said service, duties and or responsibilities in a timely, proper, professional and/or efficient manner, then the Board shall have the authority to terminate the contract upon written notice setting forth the reason for termination and effective date of termination.

Termination by the Board of the contract does not absolve the contractor from potential liability for damages caused by the District by the contractor's breach of this agreement. The Board may withhold payment due the contractor and apply the same towards damages once established. The Board will act diligently in accordance with governing statutes to mitigate damages. Damages may include the additional cost of procuring said services or goods from other sources.

The contractor further agrees to indemnify and hold the District harmless from any liability to subcontractors or suppliers concerning work performed or goods provided arising out of the lawful termination of this agreement.

#### 34. WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSALS

#### **Before The Proposal Opening**

The School Business Administrator may consider a written request from a respondent to withdraw a proposal if the written request is received by the School Business Administrator before the advertised time of the proposal opening. Any respondent who has been granted permission by the School Business Administrator to have his/her proposal withdrawn cannot re-submit a proposal for the same advertised proposal project. That respondent shall also be disqualified from future proposals on the same project if the project is re-advertised.

#### After The Proposal Opening

The Trenton Board of Education may consider a written request from a respondent to withdraw a proposal, if the written request is received by the School Business Administrator within five (5) business

days after the proposal opening. A request to withdraw a proposal after the specified number of days will not be honored.

The contractor/vendor who wishes to withdraw a proposal must provide a certification supported by written factual evidence that an error or omission was made by the contractor and that the error or omission was a substantial computational error or an unintentional omission or both.

The request to withdraw a proposal after the proposal opening may be reviewed by the School Business Administrator, the Director of Facilities, other interested administrators', and the Architect of Record for the project (if necessary) and/or the Board Attorney and a recommendation will be made to the Trenton Board of Education. If the Trenton Board of Education grants permission to have the proposal withdrawn the contractor/vendor shall be disqualified from quoting on the same project if the project is readvertised. If the contractor/vendor fails to meet the burden of proof to have the proposal withdrawn, the request to withdraw the proposal will be denied and if the contractor/vendor fails to execute the contract the bid guarantee will be forfeited and become property of the Trenton Board of Education.



# Request for Proposal RFP

# PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

All documents in this section shall be completed, signed and submitted with the proposal package. Failure to submit the proposal documents and other documents so specified may be cause to reject the proposal for being non-responsive (N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2(y)).



Jayne S. Howard

School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

#### To be completed, signed below & returned with proposal.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ADDENDA**

RFP **2324-16** 

Proposal Date: Wednesday, October 25, 2023

The Respondent acknowledges receipt of the hereinafter enumerated Addenda which have been issued during period of bidding and agrees that said Addenda shall become a part of this contract. The respondent shall list below the numbers and issuing dates of the Addenda.

	<u>ADDENDA NO.</u>	<u>18</u>	SSUING DATES	
- -				
- □ No Addenda l				
Name of Compa	any			
Address			P.O. Box	
City, State, Zip	Code			
Name of Author	rized Representative			
Signature			Date	

### To be completed and signed below & returned with proposal.

#### **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION QUESTIONNAIRE**

RF	P 2	324-16	Date:	Wednesday, 0	October 2	5, 20	23
		is to be completed and returned with the proponaire, a current Affirmative Action Evidence—C		•			
1.	Our c	ompany has a federal Affirmative Action Plan a	pprova	ıl.	☐ Yes		No
		If yes, please attach a copy of the plan to the	is ques	tionnaire.			
2.	Our c	ompany has a N.J. State Certificate of Employe	ee Info	mation Report	☐ Yes		No
		If yes, please attach a copy of the certificate	to this	questionnaire.			
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#### To be completed, signed below & returned with proposal.

#### **ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE**

#### **Contact with Students**

There may be times during the performance of this contract, where a contracted service provider may come in contact with students of the school district. The district fully understands its obligation to provide all students and staff members, a safe educational environment. To this end, the district is requiring all respondents to sign a statement of Assurance of Compliance, acknowledging the respondent's understanding of the below listed requirements and further acknowledging the respondent's assurance of compliance with those listed requirements.

#### **Anti-Bullying Reporting--Requirement**

When applicable, the contracted service provider shall comply with all applicable provisions of the New Jersey Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act—N.J.S.A. 18A:37-13.1 et seq., all applicable code and regulations, and the Anti-Bullying Policy of the Trenton Board of Education. In accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:16-7.7 (c), a contracted service provider, who has witnessed, or has reliable information that a student has been subject to harassment, intimidation, or bullying shall immediately report the incident to any school administrator or safe schools resource officer, or the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

#### Criminal History Background Checks—N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.1--Requirement

When applicable, the contracted service provider, shall provide to the school district prior to commencement of contract, evidence or proof that each employee assigned to provide services and whose position involves **regular contact** with students, has had a criminal history background check, and furthermore, that said background check indicates that no criminal history record information exists on file for that worker. Failure to provide a proof of criminal history background check for any employee coming in regular contact with students, prior to commencement of contact, may be cause for breach of contract. Reference NJDOE Broadcast 9/9/19

#### **Pre-Employment Requirements**

When applicable, all contracted service providers, whose employees have **regular contact with students**, shall comply with the Pre-Employment Requirements in accordance with New Jersey P.L. 2018 c.5, N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.6 et seq. Contracted service providers are to review the following New Jersey Department of Education, Office of Student Protection—Pre-Employment Resource P.L. 2018 c.5 link below for guidance and compliance procedures.

https://www.nj.gov/education/crimhist/preemployment/

Signature	Date	
Name of Authorized Representative		
Traine or company		
Name of Company		

#### To be completed, signed below & returned with proposal.

#### TRENTON BOARD OF EDUCATION

#### Chapter 271

Political Contribution Disclosure Form (Contracts that Exceed \$17,500.00)

Ref. N.J.S.A. 52:34-25

The undersigned, being authorized and knowledgeable of the circumstances, does hereby certify that

(Business Entity) has made the following

reportable political contributions to any elected official, political candidate or any political committee as
defined in N.J.S.A. 19:44-20.26 during the twelve (12) months preceding this award of contract:

**Reportable Contributions** 

Date of Contribution	Amount of Contribution	Name of Recipient Elected Official/ Committee/Candidate	Name of Contributor
The Business Entit	 y may attach additior	nal pages if needed.	
□ No Reportable	Contributions (Plea	ase check (✓) if applicable.)	
I certify thatto any elected office	ial, political candidate	(Business E e or any political committee as de	Entity) made no reportable contribution fined in N.J.S.A. 19:44-20.26.
<u>Certification</u>			
I certify, that the in	formation provided al	pove is in full compliance with Pub	olic Law 2005—Chapter 271.
Name of Authorize	d Agent		
Signature		Title	

Business Entity\_\_\_\_\_

# C. 271 POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION DISCLOSURE FORM Contractor Instructions

Business entities (contractors) receiving contracts from a public agency that are NOT awarded pursuant to a "fair and open" process (defined at N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7) are subject to the provisions of P.L. 2005, c. 271, s.2 (N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26). This law provides that 10 days prior to the award of such a contract, the contractor shall disclose contributions to:

- any State, county, or municipal committee of a political party
- any legislative leadership committee\*
- any continuing political committee (a.k.a., political action committee)
- any candidate committee of a candidate for, or holder of, an elective office:
  - of the public entity awarding the contract
  - of that county in which that public entity is located
  - o of another public entity within that county
  - or of a legislative district in which that public entity is located or, when the public entity is a county, of any legislative district which includes all or part of the county

The disclosure must list reportable contributions to any of the committees that exceed \$300 per election cycle that were made during the 12 months prior to award of the contract. See N.J.S.A. 19:44A-8 and 19:44A-16 for more details on reportable contributions.

N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26 itemizes the parties from whom contributions must be disclosed when a business entity is not a natural person. This includes the following:

- individuals with an "interest" ownership or control of more than 10% of the profits or assets of a business entity or 10% of the stock in the case of a business entity that is a corporation for profit
- all principals, partners, officers, or directors of the business entity or their spouses
- · any subsidiaries directly or indirectly controlled by the business entity
- IRS Code Section 527 New Jersey based organizations, directly or indirectly controlled by the business entity and filing as continuing political committees, (PACs).

When the business entity is a natural person, "a contribution by that person's spouse or child, residing therewith, shall be deemed to be a contribution by the business entity." [N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26(b)] The contributor must be listed on the disclosure.

Any business entity that fails to comply with the disclosure provisions shall be subject to a fine imposed by ELEC in an amount to be determined by the Commission which may be based upon the amount that the business entity failed to report.

The enclosed list of agencies is provided to assist the contractor in identifying those public agencies whose elected official and/or candidate campaign committees are affected by the disclosure requirement. It is the contractor's responsibility to identify the specific committees to which contributions may have been made and need to be disclosed. The disclosed information may exceed the minimum requirement.

The enclosed form, a content-consistent facsimile, or an electronic data file containing the required details (along with a signed cover sheet) may be used as the contractor's submission and is disclosable to the public under the Open Public Records Act.

The contractor must also complete the attached Stockholder Disclosure Certification. This will assist the agency in meeting its obligations under the law. **NOTE: This section does not apply to Trenton Board of Education contracts.** 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 19:44A-3(s): "The term "legislative leadership committee" means a committee established, authorized to be established, or designated by the President of the Senate, the Minority Leader of the Senate, the Speaker of the General Assembly or the Minority Leader of the General Assembly pursuant to section 16 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-10.1) for the purpose of receiving contributions and making expenditures."

#### P.L. 2005, c.271

(Unofficial version, Assembly Committee Substitute to A-3013, First Reprint\*)

**AN ACT** authorizing units of local government to impose limits on political contributions by contractors and supplementing Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes and Title 19 of the Revised Statutes.

**BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

- 40A:11-51 1. a. A county, municipality, independent authority, Trenton Board of Education, or fire district is hereby authorized to establish by ordinance, resolution or regulation, as may be appropriate, measures limiting the awarding of public contracts therefrom to business entities that have made a contribution pursuant to P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-I et seq.) and limiting the contributions that the holders of a contract can make during the term of a contract, notwithstanding the provisions and parameters of sections 1 through 12 of P.L.2004, c.19 (C. 19:44A-20.2 et al.) and section 22 of P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-22).
- b. The provisions of P.L.2004, c.19 shall not be construed to supersede or preempt any ordinance, resolution or regulation of a unit of local government that limits political contributions by business entities performing or seeking to perform government contracts. Any ordinance, resolution or regulation in effect on the effective date of P.L.2004, c.19 shall remain in effect and those adopted after that effective date shall be valid and enforceable.
- c. An ordinance, resolution or regulation adopted or promulgated as provided in this section shall be filed with the Secretary of State.
- 52:34-25 2. a. Not later than 10 days prior to entering into any contract having an anticipated value in excess of \$17,500, except for a contract that is required by law to be publicly advertised for bids, a State agency, county, municipality, independent authority, Trenton Board of Education, or fire district shall require any business entity bidding thereon or negotiating therefor, to submit along with its bid or price quote, a list of political contributions as set forth in this subsection that are reportable by the recipient pursuant to the provisions of P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-I et seq.) and that were made by the business entity during the preceding 12 month period, along with the date and amount of each contribution and the name of the recipient of each contribution. A business entity contracting with a State agency shall disclose contributions to any State, county, or municipal committee of a political party, legislative leadership committee, candidate committee of a candidate for, or holder of, a State elective office, or any continuing political committee. A business entity contracting with a county, municipality, independent authority, other than an independent authority that is a State agency, Trenton Board of Education, or fire district shall disclose contributions to: any State, county, or municipal committee of a political party; any legislative leadership committee; or any candidate committee of a candidate for, or holder of, an elective office of that public entity, of that county in which that public entity is located, of another public entity within that county, or of a legislative district in which that public entity is located or, when the public entity is a county, of any legislative district which includes all or part of the county, or any continuing political committee.

The provisions of this section shall not apply to a contract when a public emergency requires the immediate delivery of goods or services.

b. When a business entity is a natural person, a contribution by that person's spouse or child, residing therewith, shall be deemed to be a contribution by the business entity. When a business entity is other than a natural person, a contribution by any person or other business entity having an interest therein shall be deemed to be a contribution by the business entity. When a business entity is other than a natural person, a contribution by: all principals, partners, officers, or directors of the business entity or their spouses; any subsidiaries directly or indirectly controlled by the business entity; or any political organization organized under section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code that is directly or indirectly controlled by the business entity, other than a candidate committee, election fund, or political party committee, shall be deemed to be a contribution by the business entity.

#### c. As used in this section:

"business entity" means a 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 this State or of any other state or foreign jurisdiction;

"interest" means the ownership or control of more than 10% of the profits or assets of a business entity or 10% of the stock in the case of a business entity that is a corporation for profit, as appropriate; and

- "State agency" means any of 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, the Legislature of the State and any office, board, bureau or commission within or created by the Legislative Branch, and any independent State authority, commission, instrumentality or agency.
- d. Any business entity that fails to comply with the provisions of this section shall be subject to a fine imposed by the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission in an amount to be determined by the commission which may be based upon the amount that the business entity failed to report.

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19:44A-20.13 3. a. Any business entity making a contribution of money or any other thing of value, including an in-kind contribution, or pledge to make a contribution of any kind to a candidate for or the holder of any public office having ultimate responsibility for the awarding of public contracts, or to a political party committee, legislative leadership committee, political committee or continuing political committee, which has received in any calendar year \$50,000 or more in the aggregate through agreements or contracts with a public entity, shall file an annual disclosure statement with the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, established pursuant to section 5 of P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-5), setting forth all such contributions made by the business entity during the 12 months prior to the reporting deadline.

- b. The commission shall prescribe forms and procedures for the reporting required in subsection a. of this section which shall include, but not be limited to:
- (1) the name and mailing address of the business entity making the contribution, and the amount contributed during the 12 months prior to the reporting deadline;
- (2) the name of the candidate for or the holder of any public office having ultimate responsibility for the awarding of public contracts, candidate committee, joint candidates committee, political party committee, legislative leadership committee, political committee or continuing political committee receiving the contribution; and
- (3) the amount of money the business entity received from the public entity through contract or agreement, the dates, and information identifying each contract or agreement and describing the goods, services or equipment provided or property sold.
  - c. The commission shall maintain a list of such reports for public inspection both at its office and through its Internet site.
- d. When a business entity is a natural person, a contribution by that person's spouse or child, residing therewith, shall be deemed to be a contribution by the business entity. When a business entity is other than a natural person, a contribution by any person or other business entity having an interest therein shall be deemed to be a contribution by the business entity. When a business entity is other than a natural person, a contribution by: all principals, partners, officers, or directors of the business entity, or their spouses; any subsidiaries directly or indirectly controlled by the business entity; or any political organization organized under section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code that is directly or indirectly controlled by the business entity, other than a candidate committee, election fund, or political party committee, shall be deemed to be a contribution by the business entity.

As used in this section:

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"interest" means the ownership or control of more than 10% of the profits or assets of a business entity or 10% of the stock in the case of a business entity that is a corporation for profit, as appropriate.

- e. Any business entity that fails to comply with the provisions of this section shall be subject to a fine imposed by the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission in an amount to be determined by the commission which may be based upon the amount that the business entity failed to report.
  - 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

<sup>\*</sup> Note: Bold italicized statutory references of new sections are anticipated and not final as of the time this document was prepared. Statutory compilations of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-51 is anticipated to show a reference to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-51 and to N.J.S.A. 52:34-25.

## List of Agencies with Elected Officials Required for Political Contribution Disclosure N.J.S.A. 52:34-25

**County Name: Mercer** 

State: Governor, and Legislative Leadership Committees

Legislative District #s: 12, 14, 15, & 30

State Senator and two members of the General Assembly per district.

County:

Freeholders County Clerk Sheriff

County Executive Surrogate

Municipalities (Mayor and members of governing body, regardless of title):

East Windsor Township Hopewell Township Trenton City

Ewing Township Lawrence Township Washington Township
Hamilton Township Pennington Borough West Windsor Township

Hightstown Borough
Hopewell Borough
Princeton Borough
Princeton Township

#### Boards of Education (Members of the Board):

Chesterfield-Hamilton Fire District No. 1

Hamilton Township Fire District No. 2

Hamilton Township Fire District No. 3

Hamilton Township Fire District No. 4

Hamilton Township Fire District No. 5

Hamilton Township Fire District No. 6

Hamilton Township Fire District No. 7

Hamilton Township Fire District No. 8

Hamilton Township Fire District No. 9

Hopewell Borough Fire District No. 1

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Hopewell Township Fire District No. 2

Hopewell Township Fire District No. 3

Pennington Borough Fire District No. 1

Washington Township Fire District No. 1

East Windsor Regional

**Ewing Township** 

Hamilton Township

Hopewell Valley Regional

Lawrence Township

Princeton Regional

Washington Township

West Windsor-Plainsboro

Regional

Fire Districts (Board of Fire

Commissioners):

## TRENTON BOARD OF EDUCATION Prohibited Russia-Belarus Activities & Iran Investment Activities

PERSON, OR ENTITY			
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#### **PART 1: CERTIFICATION**

#### COMPLETE PART 1 BY CHECKING ONE OF THE THREE BOXES BELOW

Pursuant to law, any person or entity that is a successful bidder or proposer, or otherwise proposes to enter into or renew a contract, for goods or services must complete the certification below prior to contract award to attest, under penalty of perjury, that neither the person or entity, nor any parent entity, subsidiary, or affiliate, is identified on the Department of Treasury's Russia-Belarus list or Chapter 25 list as a person or entity engaging in prohibited activities in Russia, Belarus or Iran. Before a contract for goods or services can be amended or extended, a person or entity must certify that neither the person or entity, nor any parent entity, subsidiary, or affiliate, is identified on the Department of Treasury's Russia-Belarus list. Both lists are found on Treasury's website at the following web addresses:

https://www.nj.gov/treasury/administration/pdf/RussiaBelarusEntityList.pdf www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/pdf/Chapter25List.pdf.

As applicable to the type of contract, the above-referenced lists must be reviewed prior to completing the below certification.

A person or entity unable to make the certification must provide a detailed, accurate, and precise description of the activities of the person or entity, or of a parent entity, subsidiary, or affiliate, engaging in prohibited activities in Russia or Belarus and/or investment activities in Iran. The person or entity must cease engaging in any prohibited activities and provide an updated certification before the contract can be entered into.

If a vendor or contractor is found to be in violation of law, action may be taken as appropriate and as may be provided by law, rule, or contract, including but not limited to imposing sanctions, seeking compliance, recovering damages, declaring the party in default, and seeking debarment or suspension of the party.

#### **CONTRACT AWARDS AND RENEWALS**

I certify, pursuant to law, that neither the person or entity listed above, nor any parent entity, subsidiary, or affiliate appears on the N.J. Department of Treasury's lists of entities engaged in prohibited activities in Russia or Belarus pursuant to P.L. 2022, c. 3 or in investment activities in Iran pursuant to P.L. 2012, c. 25 ("Chapter 25 List"). I further certify that I am the person listed above, or I am an officer or representative of the entity listed above and am authorized to make this certification on its behalf. (Skip Part 2 and sign and complete the Certification below.)

#### **CONTRACT AMENDMENTS AND EXTENSIONS**

I certify, pursuant to law, that neither the person or entity listed above, nor any parent entity, subsidiary, or affiliate is listed on the N.J. Department of the Treasury's lists of entities determined to be engaged in prohibited activities in Russia or Belarus pursuant to P.L. 2022, c. 3. I further certify that I am the person listed above, or I am an officer or representative of the entity listed above and am authorized to make this certification on its behalf. (Skip Part 2 and sign and complete the Certification below.)

# TRENTON BOARD OF EDUCATION Prohibited Russia-Belarus Activities & Iran Investment Activities

#### IF UNABLE TO CERTIFY

□ I am unable to certify as above because the person or entity and/or a parent entity, subsidiary, or affiliate is listed on the Department's Russia-Belarus list and/or Chapter 25 Iran list. I will provide a detailed, accurate, and precise description of the activities as directed in Part 2 below, and sign and complete the Certification below.

precise description of the activities as directed in Part 2 below, and sign and complete the Certification below. Failure to provide such will prevent the award of the contract to the person or entity, and appropriate penalties, fines, and/or sanctions will be assessed as provided by law.

#### **PART 2: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

PLEASE PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION RELATED TO PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES IN RUSSIA OR BELARUS AND/OR INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES IN IRAN.

You must provide a detailed, accurate, and precise description of the activities of the person or entity, or of a parent entity, subsidiary, or affiliate, engaging in prohibited activities in Russia or Belarus and/or investment activities in Iran in the **space below** and, if needed, on additional sheets provided by you.

#### PART 3: CERTIFICATION OF TRUE AND COMPLETE INFORMATION

I, being duly sworn upon my oath, hereby represent and state that the foregoing information and any attachments there, to the best of my knowledge, are true and complete. I attest that I am authorized to execute this certification on behalf of the above-referenced person or entity.

I acknowledge that the Anytown Board of Education is relying on the information contained herein and hereby acknowledge that I am under a continuing obligation from the date of this certification through the completion of any contracts with the Anytown Board of Education to notify the Anytown Board of Education in writing of any changes to the answers of information contained herein.

I acknowledge that I am aware that it is a criminal offense to make a false statement or misrepresentation in this certification. If I do so, I recognize that I am subject to criminal prosecution under the law and that it will also constitute a material breach of my agreement(s) with the <Anytown Board of Education> and that the <Anytown Board of Education> at its option may declare any contract(s) resulting from this certification void and unenforceable.

Name of Company, Entity		
Full Name (Print)	Title	
Signature	Date	
Anticipated Cessation Date		

#### **NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT**

#### **Title of Proposal**

Re: Proposal for the TRENTON BOARD OF EDUCATION		
STATE OF) Date:		
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of full age, being duly sworn according to law on my oath depose and say that:		
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in any collusion, discussed any or all parts of this proposal with any potential bidders, or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free, competitive bidding in connection with the above named bid, and that all statements contained in said Proposal and in this affidavit are true and correct, and made with full knowledge that the Trenton Board of Education relies upon the truth of the statements contained in said Proposal and in the statements contained in this affidavit in awarding the contract for the said proposal.  I further warrant that no person or selling agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure such contract upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee, except bona fide employees of bona fide established commercial or selling agencies maintained by		
(Print Name of Contractor/Vendor)		
Subscribed and sworn to:		
(SIGNATURE OF CONTRACTOR/VENDOR)		
before me this day of,  Month Year		
NOTARY PUBLIC SIGNATURE Print Name of Notary Public		
My commission expires,,		

#### To be completed, signed below & returned with proposal.

#### STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP DISCLOSURE

N.J.S.A. 52:25-24.2 (P.L. 1977, c.33, as amended by P.L. 2016, c.43)

This statement shall be completed, certified to, and included with all bid and proposal submissions. Failure to submit the required information is cause for automatic rejection of the bid or proposal.

Name of Organization:			
Organization Address:			
City, State, ZIP:			
Part I Check the box that represents the type of business organization:			
Sole Proprietorship (skip Parts II and III, execute certification in Part IV)			
Non-Profit Corporation (skip Parts II and III, execute certification in Part IV)			
For-Profit Corporation (any type) Limited Liability Company (LLC)			
Partnership Limited Partnership Limited Liability Partnership (LLP)			
Other (be specific):			
Part II Check the appropriate box			
The list below contains the names and addresses of all stockholders in the corporation who own 10 percent or more of its stock, of any class, or of all individual partners in the partnership who own a 10 percent or greater interest therein, or of all members in the limited liability company who own a 10 percent or greater interest therein, as the case may be. (COMPLETE THE LIST BELOW IN THIS SECTION)  OR			
No one stockholder in the corporation owns 10 percent or more of its stock, of any class, or no individual partner in the partnership owns a 10 percent or greater interest therein, or no member in the limited liability company owns a 10 percent or greater interest therein, as the case may be. ( <b>SKIP TO PART IV</b> )			
(Please attach additional sheets if more space is needed):			
Name of Individual or Business Entity Home Address (for Individuals) or Business Address			
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### <u>Part III</u> DISCLOSURE OF 10% OR GREATER OWNERSHIP IN THE STOCKHOLDERS, PARTNERS OR LLC MEMBERS LISTED IN PART II

If a bidder has a direct or indirect parent entity which is publicly traded, and any person holds a 10 percent or greater beneficial interest in the publicly traded parent entity as of the last annual federal Security and Exchange Commission (SEC) or foreign equivalent filing, ownership disclosure can be met by providing links to the website(s) containing the last annual filing(s) with the federal Securities and Exchange Commission (or foreign equivalent) that contain the name and address of each person holding a 10% or greater beneficial interest in the publicly traded parent entity, along with the relevant page numbers of the filing(s) that contain the information on each such person. Attach additional sheets if more space is needed.

Website (URL) containing the last annual SEC (or foreign equivalent) filing		

Please list the names and addresses of each stockholder, partner or member owning a 10 percent or greater interest in any corresponding corporation, partnership and/or limited liability company (LLC) listed in Part II other than for any publicly traded parent entities referenced above. The disclosure shall be continued until names and addresses of every non-corporate stockholder, and individual partner, and member exceeding the 10 percent ownership criteria established pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:25-24.2 has been listed. Attach additional sheets if more space is needed.

Stockholder/Partner/Member and Corresponding Entity Listed in Part II	Home Address (for Individuals) or Business Address
Corresponding Entity Listed in Fart II	

#### Part IV Certification

I, being duly sworn upon my oath, hereby represent that the foregoing information and any attachments thereto to the best of my knowledge are true and complete. I acknowledge: that I am authorized to execute this certification on behalf of the bidder/proposer; that the *TRENTON BOARD OF EDUCATION* is relying on the information contained herein and that I am under a continuing obligation from the date of this certification through the completion of any contracts with the *Trenton Board of Education* to notify the *Trenton Board of Education* in writing of any changes to the information contained herein; that I am aware that it is a criminal offense to make a false statement or misrepresentation in this certification, and if I do so, I am subject to criminal prosecution under the law and that it will constitute a material breach of my agreement(s) with the, permitting the *Trenton Board of Education* to declare any contract(s) resulting from this certification void and unenforceable.

Full Name (Print):	Title:	
Signature:	Date:	

This statement shall be completed, certified to, and included with all bid and proposal submissions. Failure to submit the required information is cause for automatic rejection of the bid or proposal.

## To be completed, signed below & returned with proposal. CONTRACTOR/VENDOR QUESTIONNAIRE CERTIFICATION

President or Authorized Agen	t	SIGNATU	IRE		
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I further certify that I understand representation that is false in cor					rial
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#### **EXHIBIT A**

## MANDATORY EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY LANGUAGE N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. (P.L. 1975, C. 127) N.J.A.C. 17:27 GOODS, PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND GENERAL SERVICE CONTRACTS

During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex. Except with respect to affectional or sexual orientation and gender identity or expression, the contractor will ensure that equal employment opportunity is afforded to such applicants in recruitment and employment, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex. Such equal employment opportunity shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the Public Agency Compliance Officer setting forth provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex.

The contractor or subcontractor will send to each labor union, with which it has a collective bargaining agreement, a notice, to be provided by the agency contracting officer, advising the labor union of the contractor's commitments under this chapter and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, agrees to comply with any regulations promulgated by the Treasurer pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq., as amended and supplemented from time to time and the Americans with Disabilities Act. The contractor or subcontractor agrees to make good faith efforts to meet targeted county employment goals established in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-5.2.

The contractor or subcontractor agrees to inform in writing its appropriate recruitment agencies including, but not limited to, employment agencies, placement bureaus, colleges, universities, and labor unions, that it does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex, and that it will discontinue the use of any recruitment agency which engages in direct or indirect discriminatory practices.

The contractor or subcontractor agrees to revise any of its testing procedures, if necessary, to assure that all personnel testing conforms with the principles of job related testing, as established by the statutes and court decisions of the State of New Jersey and as established by applicable Federal law and applicable Federal court decisions.

In conforming with the targeted employment goals, the contractor or subcontractor agrees to review all procedures relating to transfer, upgrading, downgrading and layoff to ensure that all such actions are taken without regard to age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex, consistent with the statutes and court decisions of the State of New Jersey, and applicable Federal law and applicable Federal court decisions.

The contractor shall submit to the public agency, after notification of award but prior to execution of a goods and services contract, one of the following three documents:

- Letter of Federal Affirmative Action Plan Approval;
- Certificate of Employee Information Report; or
- Employee Information Report Form AA-302 (electronically provided by the Division and distributed to the public agency through the Division's website at: http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/contract\_compliance/.

The contractor and its subcontractors shall furnish such reports or other documents to the Division of Purchase & Property, CCAU, EEO Monitoring Program as may be requested by the office from time to time in order to carry out the purposes of these regulations, and public agencies shall furnish such information as may be requested by the Division of Purchase & Property, CCAU, EEO Monitoring Program for conducting a compliance investigation pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:27-1.1 et seg.

## AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT Equal Opportunity for Individuals with Disability

The contractor must comply with all provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), P.L 101-336, in accordance with 42 U.S.C. S121 01 et seq.

The contractor and the Trenton Board of Education (hereafter "owner") do hereby agree that the provisions of Title 11 of the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990 (the "Act") (42 U.S.C. S121 01 et seq.), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability by public entities in all services, programs, and activities provided or made available by public entities, and the rules and regulations promulgated pursuant there unto, are made a part of this contract. In providing any aid, benefit, or service on behalf of the owner pursuant to this contract, the contractor agrees that the performance shall be in strict compliance with the Act. In the event that the contractor, its agents, servants, employees, or subcontractors violate or are alleged to have violated the Act during the performance of this contract, the contractor shall defend the owner in any action or administrative proceeding commenced pursuant to this Act. The contractor shall indemnify, protect, and save harmless the owner, its agents, servants, and employees from and against any and all suits, claims, loses mands, or damages, of whatever kind or nature arising out of or claimed to arise out of the lation. The contractor shall, at its own expense, appear, defend, and pay any and a charge other expenses arising from such action of a niscons production of the production of al services and any and all costs and Proceeding or incurred in connection therewith. In any and all complaints a light suant to the owner's grievance procedure, the contractor agrees to abid of the owner which is rendered pursuant to said grievance procedure. If any action or the strative proceeding results in an award of damages against the owner, or if the owner incurs any expense to cure a violation of the ADA which has been brought pursuant to its grievance procedure, the contractor shall satisfy and discharge the same at its own expense.

The owner shall, as soon as practicable after a claim has been made against it, give written notice thereof to the contractor along with full and complete particulars of the claim, If any action or administrative proceeding is brought against the owner or any of its agents, servants, and employees, the *owner shall* expeditiously forward or have forwarded to the contractor every demand, complaint, notice, summons, pleading, or other process received by the owner or its representatives.

It is expressly agreed and understood that any approval by the owner of the services provided by the contractor pursuant to this contract will not relieve the contractor of the obligation to comply with the Act and to defend, indemnify, protect, and save harmless the owner pursuant to this paragraph.

It is further agreed and understood that the owner assumes no obligation to indemnify or save harmless the contractor, its agents, servants, employees and subcontractors for any claim which may arise out of their performance of this Agreement. Furthermore, the contractor expressly understands and agrees that the provisions of this indemnification clause shall in no way limit the contractor's obligations assumed in this Agreement, nor shall they be construed to relieve the contractor from any liability, nor preclude the owner from taking any other actions available to it under any other provisions of the Agreement or otherwise at law.

## (Rev. October 2018)

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

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#### TRENTON BOARD OF EDUCATION



# Request for Proposal RFP

# TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS



#### Jayne S. Howard

School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

#### I. INTRODUCTION

The Trenton Public School District is currently seeking a qualified organization to provide a web-based, student support system to support the Special Education Program's Individualized Educational Plan (IEPs). The system must be able to translate all documents in Spanish and other languages as needed.

Trenton requires a New Jersey specific case management system that meets all special education requirements and supports ongoing updates related to regulations. The system should provide all letters, meeting invitations, notices, forms and other documentation, which are aligned to New Jersey special education requirements and are reviewed to ensure compliance, especially around Least Restrictive Environment. In addition, the system should support all special education state reporting including NJ SMART's Special Education and NJSLA/DLM submissions, and provide the ability to validate data as it is initially entered into the system against NJ SMART special education business rules and prevents data which would cause an error when submitted to NJ SMART from being entered, and alerts user to the type and source of the error.

#### II. BACKGROUND

Trenton, the state capital of New Jersey, has a public-school system that enrolls nearly 15,000 students and employs 2,000 individuals.

It is the Mission of the Trenton Public Schools to ensure that all students graduate with a vision for their futures, motivated to learn continually and be prepared to succeed in their choice of college or career.

#### III. GENERAL INFORMATION

The Trenton Board of Education is seeking organization(s) to provide a system that will at a minimum do the following:

- Web-based system to facilitate the development of compliant IEPs, related documentation, forms and reports
- Process-based IEP development workflow (i.e., not form-based) application design
- Seamless health-related service logging integration with the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program
- Service documentation tools, including service scheduling
- Integrated multiple language translation of the following using Google API in an existing reference able client implementation:
  - Invitation to a Meeting
  - Evaluation Planning Meeting documentation
  - o Eligibility
  - o IEP
- Integrated specialized transportation request functionality

- Demonstrated ability to integrate with Trenton Public Schools' current Student Information System (SIS) and other common Student Information Systems
- A secure, SOC II Type I compliant, vendor hosted solution for application and database tiers
- Embedded help and support tools (training videos, document library, FAQs, etc.)
- Role-based and individual permission settings
- Differentiated processes and documents for Child Study Team IEPs, speech IEPs, and service plans for students attending non-public schools
- On-screen content assistance according to district policy
- User-specific dashboards and visualizations upon login, for all user types
- Deliberate, embedded prompts between portions of the IEP document to support reflection, compliance and data quality from case managers
- Customizable standard dropdown and checkbox response options
- Dashboards containing visual indicators of IEP and eligibility compliance, specific to user type
- Visual alerts for when user action is needed for upcoming or overdue events
- Ability to view all events and documentation for a student in one location
- Ability to send and receive electronic versions of student records without vendor intervention
- A suite of preconfigured data extracts to facilitate state reporting, compliance needs and common research questions
- Configurable secure email alerts triggered by:
  - Student caseload additions or removals
  - Compliance events
  - Upcoming reporting dates
  - Communication between Help Desk and end user
- Integrated SAP Business Objects reporting tool to support ad-hoc data visualization creation and data exploration by district employees
- Embedded communication functions to facilitate conversation between Trenton Public Schools IEP team members
- Embedded tools and features for tracking parent and internal communications
- Creates portrait IEP documents with clean, easy-to-read formatting
- Ability to securely store confidential notes within the system, configurable by user type
- Electronic document storage options, including scanning and faxing technology
- Electronic Transfer feature between other IEP systems and districts
- Ability to capture electronic signatures
- Professional Development and Turnkey Training for Administrators.
- Professional Development for Child Study Teams, Teachers, and Staff
- Technical Support

All responses will be evaluated to determine whether they meet the following **Minimum Qualifications:** 

- At least 5 years of experience providing case management solutions to 5 or more New Jersey urban school districts, each with special education populations of 1,500 or more
- At least 5 years of experience working with and managing Special Education and General Education Student Data, Teacher Certification Data for New Jersey School districts
- Staff members with immediately relevant experience in special education compliance, teaching, administration, and operations; education technology development; project management; and business process consulting
- Demonstrated organizational stability (i.e., not acquired by another entity within the last 3 years) and not owned by a venture capital firm

### PROPOSALS THAT DO NOT CLEARLY EXHIBIT ALL OF THE ABOVE WILL NOT BE FURTHER EVALUATED.

#### IV. PROJECT DESCRIPTION/SCOPE OF WORK

The successful applicants must be able to provide a full-year plan for all the services listed in the introduction and the general description that will cover the period 2023-2024 school year.

#### V. PROPOSAL FORMAT

- Cover page: Include title of proposal, name of organization, name and position of individual responsible for proposal, address, phone and fax numbers, and e-mail address.
- Organization qualifications: Include description of organization (i.e., profit/nonprofit, number of employees, years in operation), experience performing work of a similar nature, and name and telephone numbers of two business references. List personnel and/or consultants to be involved in the performance of the work and attach resumes. Please note: Applicant organization will be responsible for ensuring that all teachers working with students hold appropriate education certification, and that any employee or consultant of the organization who provides direct services to students has passed a criminal background check. Affirmation of these conditions will be required before a contract is awarded by TBOE.
- Project Plan: Include a detailed project description of how the organization will assist
  the district's professional development to improve student achievement in math in
  accordance with section IV Project Description/Scope of Work.
- Demonstrated Effectiveness: Describe all projects of a similar size and scope within the public-school setting, including any work completed for the Trenton Public Schools within the last three years. The District reserves the right to verify any experience presented. The evidence presented should include a description of program's/model's success as related to improving student achievement in math. Independent evaluation reports of program success are a plus. A plan for monitoring and evaluating program outcomes for continuous improvement must be described.
- **Budget: Include** salaries for each employee providing services. All materials necessary to deliver professional development, services, and softwares must be included in the plan. Include travel, subcontracts, and other specified costs. Overhead should be calculated on costs other than salaries and a rate with details must be provided.

• Certifications and Assurances: Include all documents as required by federal/state law or TBOE policy.

#### **VI. CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION**

Evaluation of proposals will include, but will not be limited to, the following:

Response Category	Desired Characteristics
Technical Criteria-30 Points Organization Qualifications and demonstrated effectiveness	<ul> <li>Documented evidence that the organization has the human, organizational and technical capacity to deliver proposed plan</li> <li>Organization is capable of customizing services and has the capacity to meet the need of Trenton Public Schools as described</li> <li>Qualifications of key personnel included, and project lead identified</li> <li>Documented evidence of successful experience in public education, Trenton Public Schools, or similar urban districts for delivering proposed services</li> <li>Detailed method for collecting reporting evidence of ongoing program evaluation for continuous improvement</li> </ul>
Management Criteria- 45 Points Program Plan	<ul> <li>Plan is in full alignment with the Common Core State Standards and the New Jersey Model Curriculum and the guidelines for implementing these standards</li> <li>Plan includes a clear description of deliverable and a timeline for service delivery as well as SMART goals and plans for evaluation of service delivery</li> <li>Services are based on established research and best practices for adult learners</li> <li>Services address the needs of educators working with students with disabilities and English language learners</li> <li>Services are aligned with the Danielson Framework for teaching</li> </ul>
Cost Criteria-25 Points Fee Proposal	<ul> <li>Pricing outlines all related costs</li> <li>Costs are appropriate for the services proposed.</li> </ul>

Questions or comments regarding this proposal should be submitted in writing and directed to Georgette H. Bowman, fax (609) 278-3074 or email <a href="mailto:rfpbidquestions@trenton.k12.nj.us">rfpbidquestions@trenton.k12.nj.us</a>