

# REGIONAL CENTER PARTNERSHIP of SOMERSET COUNTY, INC.

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## NOTICE OF RFP

The Regional Center Partnership of Somerset County, Inc., through the competitive contracting process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.1, et seq.

Sealed RFP responses will be received by the Secretary of the Regional Center Partnership on **December 12, 2017 at 2:00 P.M.** in the offices of the Somerset County Planning Board, County Administration Building, 20 Grove St., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Somerville, New Jersey 08876 at which time and place responses will be opened for:

### **AUDITING SERVICES FOR THE REGIONAL CENTER PARTNERSHIP OF SOMERSET COUNTY, INC. AND PREPARATION OF FEDERAL TAX RETURN FORM 990 AND NJ CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION REGISTRATION/VERIFICATION STATEMENT CONTRACT #: RCP-COM-0001-18**

Specifications and instructions may be obtained from the Regional Center Partnership at the office of the Somerset County Planning Board (908-231-7021) or on the Regional Center Partnership's website: <http://www.regionalcenterpartnership.org/> under the heading "Request for Proposals" and Somerset County website [www.co.somerset.nj.us](http://www.co.somerset.nj.us) "Bids/RFP's" located below the picture. We are storing all responses electronically; therefore submit all pages of the response on a CD or USB Flash drive in addition to the printed copies.

Any RFP Addenda will be issued on the Regional Center Partnership and Somerset County Websites. Therefore, all interested respondents should check the websites from now through RFP opening. It is the sole responsibility of the respondent to be knowledgeable of all addenda related to this procurement.

**Notice:** Results of all RFP's will be posted on the Regional Center Partnership's website at [www.regionalcenterpartnership.org](http://www.regionalcenterpartnership.org) under the heading "Request for Proposals"

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.

Date Posted to Web: 11/14/17

## **1. Introduction**

The Regional Center Partnership of Somerset County is soliciting proposals for auditing services for the preparation of an audit and complete federal income tax return Form 990 and the NJ charitable organization statement for the Regional Center Partnership of Somerset County for all funds and activities under control of the Regional Center Partnership of Somerset County for year 2017 (2018 for year 2 of contract) and for the funds, records, books of accounts and internal control policies and practices associated with sound financial management of public funds.

### **1.1 BACKGROUND**

The Regional Center Partnership of Somerset County, Inc. (RCP), a 501(c)(3) organization made up of elected officials from the Borough of Somerville, the Borough of Raritan, the Township of Bridgewater, and the County of Somerset as well as members of the non-profit and business communities, requires the services of an auditor to prepare an audit report and Statement of Financial Position of the Regional Center Partnership of Somerset County for the year ending **December 31, 2017** (December 31, 2018 year 2 of contract) as well as prepare Federal Tax Return Form 990 and the N.J. Charities Statement for the same year.

In contrast with other non-profit organizations, the Regional Center Partnership of Somerset County receives all of its funding support from public funding sources provided by the three municipalities and the County of Somerset. The Regional Center Partnership of Somerset County apportions these funds through professional contracts, annual planning grants and other means to support and implement various local and regional planning initiatives within a multi-jurisdictional planning area in central Somerset County. The funds are allocated in accordance with an annually adopted budget and work program geared towards fulfilling the planning objectives of the Somerset County Regional Center Strategic Master Plan. Please note that the Regional Center Partnership has a total operating budget of \$248,652.49 for 2017 and writes approximately five checks per month on average. RCP has no employees or any paid staff. RCP generates approximately 60 checks a year and uses Microsoft Excel to manage its financial affairs.

Additional information concerning the Regional Center Partnership of Somerset County may be found at [www.regionalcenterpartnership.org](http://www.regionalcenterpartnership.org).

## **2. Administrative Conditions and Requirements**

The following items express the administrative conditions and requirements of this RFP. Together with the other RFP sections, they will apply to the RFP process, the subsequent contract, and project production. Any proposed change, modification, or exception to these conditions and requirements may be the basis for the County of Somerset-Regional Center Partnership, hereinafter referred to as owners, to determine the proposal as non-responsive to the RFP and will be a factor in the determination of an award of a contract. The contents of the proposal of the successful Respondent, as accepted by the owner, will become part of any contract awarded as a result of this RFP.

### **2.1 Schedule**

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| 1. Release of RFP:     | November 14, 2017            |
| 2. Questions Due Date: | November 29, 2017 at 2:00 PM |
| 3. Proposal Due Date:  | December 12, 2017 at 2:00 PM |

- 4. Evaluation Completed: December 20, 2017
- 5. Regional Center Partnership of Somerset County Action: January 17, 2018
- 6. Contract Execution: January 24, 2018

**2.2 Proposal Submission Information**

**Submission Date and Time:  
December 12, 2017 at 2:00 PM**

Responding firms shall submit one (1) original plus seven (7) complete copies **plus one (1) electronic version of the complete proposal on CD or USB Flash Drive saved as an Adobe pdf.**

**Submission Office:**

Secretary, Regional Center Partnership of Somerset County  
c/o Somerset County Planning Board - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Somerset County Administration Building  
20 Grove Street, Somerville, NJ 08876-1262

Attention: Regional Center Partnership of Somerset County  
James Ruggieri, Principal Community Planner

Clearly mark the submittal package with the title of this RFP and the name of the responding firm, addressed to the Regional Center Partnership of Somerset County. The original proposal shall be **signed in ink** and marked to distinguish it from the seven (7) copies. **Faxed or emailed proposals will NOT be accepted.**

Only those RFP responses received prior to or on the submission date and time will be considered. Responses delivered before the submission date and time specified above may be withdrawn upon written application of the respondent who shall be required to produce evidence showing that the individual is or represents the principal or principals involved in the proposal. After the submission date and time specified above, responses must remain firm for a period of sixty (60) days.

### **2.3 Using Entity Information**

Regional Center Partnership of Somerset County, Inc.  
c/o Somerset County Planning Board  
County Administration Building  
20 Grove Street, 2<sup>ND</sup> Floor, P.O. Box 3000  
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### **2.4 Regional Center Partnership of Somerset County Representative for this Solicitation**

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Somerset County Planning Division  
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20 Grove Street, 2<sup>ND</sup> Floor, P.O. Box 3000  
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Questions by prospective respondents concerning this RFP may be addressed to James Ruggieri, Somerset County Principal Community Planner, in writing via fax at (908) 707-1749 or by email: [ruggieri@co.somerset.nj.us](mailto:ruggieri@co.somerset.nj.us) . Please note the aforementioned contact is authorized only to direct the attention of prospective respondents to various portions of the requirements so that they may read and interpret each portion for themselves. **NO** employee of the County of Somerset is authorized to give interpretations of any portion of this RFP or to give information as to the requirements for the RFP in addition to that already contained in the RFP unless as a formal addenda.

Interpretations of the RFP or additional information as to its requirements, when necessary, shall be communicated to prospective respondents **only** by written addendum issued by the Purchasing Agent of the County of Somerset.

Please identify the contract name, number and note Request for Information as the subject line when submitting a request by fax or email.

### **2.5 Interpretations and Addenda**

Respondents are expected to examine the RFP with care and observe all its requirements. All questions about the meaning or intent of this RFP, all interpretations and clarifications considered necessary by the owner's representative in response to such comments and questions will be issued by Addenda mailed or delivered to all parties recorded as having received the RFP package. Only comments and questions responded to by formal written Addenda will be binding. Oral interpretations, statements or clarifications are without legal effect.

### **2.6 Quantities of Estimate**

Wherever the estimated quantities of work to be done are shown in any section of this RFP, including the Proposal Cost Form, they are given for use in comparing proposals. The owner especially reserves the right (except as herein otherwise specifically limited) to increase or diminish the quantities as may be deemed reasonably necessary or desirable by the owner to complete the work detailed by the contract. Such increase or diminution shall in no way violate this contract, nor shall any such increase or diminution give cause for claims or liability for damages.

## **2.7 Cost Liability and Additional Costs**

The owner assumes no responsibility and liability for costs incurred by the Respondents prior to the issuance of an agreement. The liability of the owner shall be limited to the terms and conditions of the contract.

Respondents will assume responsibility for all costs not stated in their proposals. All unit rates either stated in the proposal or used as a basis for its pricing are required to be all-inclusive. Additional charges, unless incurred for additional work performed by request of the owner, are not to be billed and will not be paid.

## **2.8 Statutory and Other Requirements**

### **2.8.1 Compliance with Laws**

Any contract entered into between the contractor and the owner must be in accordance with and subject to compliance by both parties with the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law. The contractor must agree to comply with the non-discrimination provisions and all other laws and regulations applicable to the performance of services there under. The respondent shall sign and acknowledge such forms and certificates as may be required by this section.

### **2.8.2 Mandatory EEO/Affirmative Action Compliance- N.J.S.A 10:5-31 et seq. and N.J.A.C 17:27 et seq.**

No firm shall be issued a contract unless it complies with the EEO/Affirmative Action requirements of P. L. 1975, C. 127 as identified in the documents attached hereto. The form shall be properly executed.

### **2.8.3 Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990- 42 U.S.C. S121 01 et seq.**

Discrimination on the basis of disability in contracting for the delivery of services is prohibited. Respondents are required to read American with Disabilities language that is part of the documents attached hereto and agree that the provisions of Title II of the Act are made part of the contract. The contractor is obligated to comply with the Act and hold the owner harmless.

### **2.8.4 Statement of Corporate Ownership-Stockholder Disclosure - N.J.S.A. 52:25-24.2 (P.L. 1977 c.33)**

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:25-24.2, no corporation, partnership, limited partnership, limited liability corporation, limited liability partnership, Subchapter S corporation or sole proprietorship, shall be awarded a contract, unless prior to the receipt of the RFP response/bid or accompanying the RFP response/bid of the corporation, partnership, limited partnership, limited liability corporation, limited liability partnership, subchapter S corporation or sole proprietorship, there is submitted to the County a statement setting forth the names and addresses of all stockholders who own 10% or more of the stock, of any class or of all individual partners who own a 10% or greater interest in the corporation, partnership, limited partnership, limited liability corporation, limited liability partnership, Subchapter S corporation or sole proprietorship. If one or more such stockholder or partner is itself a corporation or partnership, the stockholders holding 10% or more of that corporation's stock, or the individual partners owning 10% or greater interest in that partnership, as the case may be, shall also be listed. The disclosure shall be continued until names and addresses of every non-corporate stockholder and individual partner, exceeding the 10% ownership criteria established in this act has been listed. The form shall be signed and submitted with the RFP proposal/bid whether or not a stockholder or partner owns less than 10% of the business submitting the RFP proposal/bid. Failure to comply requires mandatory rejection of the RFP proposal/bid. The Respondent shall complete and submit the form of statement that is included in this RFP.

## **2.8.5 Non-Collusion Affidavit -N.J.S.A. 52:34-15**

The Non-Collusion Affidavit, which is part of this RFP, shall be properly executed and submitted with the RFP response.

## **2.8.6 Proof of N.J. Business Registration Certificate N.J.S.A. 52:32-44**

Each bidder (contractor) is required to submit proof of business registration prior to award of the contract. Proof of registration shall be a copy of the bidder's Business Registration Certificate (BRC).

N.J.S.A. 52:32-44 imposes the following requirements on contractors and all subcontractors that knowingly provide goods or perform services for a contractor fulfilling this contract:

1. The contractor shall obtain and provide the owner the BRC of subcontractors knowingly used on this contract.
2. The contractor shall maintain and submit to the contracting agency a list of subcontractor's and their addresses that may be updated from time to time during the course of the contract performance. A complete and accurate list shall be submitted before final payment is made for goods and services rendered under the contract.
3. During the term of this contract, the contractor and its affiliates shall collect and remit, and shall notify all subcontractors and their affiliates that they must collect and remit to the Director, New Jersey Division of Taxation, the use tax due pursuant to the Sales and Use Tax Act, (N.J.S.A. 54:32B-1 et seq.) on all taxable sales of tangible personal property delivered into the State.

Failure to submit the BRC with the proposal is NOT a cause for rejection. However, the County prefers the BRC be submitted with the proposal. If it is not provided prior to execution of a contract the bidder's bid guarantee shall be forfeited and the contract shall be awarded to the next lowest responsible bidder.

A contractor, subcontractor or supplier who fails to provide proof of business registration or provides false business registration information shall be liable to a penalty of \$25.00 for each day of violation, not to exceed \$50,000 for each business registration not properly provided or maintained under a contract with a contracting agency.

A BRC is obtained from the New Jersey Division of Revenue and Enterprise Services. Information on obtaining a BRC is available on the internet at [www.nj.gov/treasury/revenue/busregcert.shtml](http://www.nj.gov/treasury/revenue/busregcert.shtml) or by phone at (609) 292-2929.

## **2.8.7 Pay to Play – Notice of Disclosure Requirement**

Business entities are advised of their responsibility to file an annual disclosure statement of political contributions with the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission (ELEC) pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.27 if they receive contracts in excess of \$50,000 from public entities in a calendar year. Business entities are responsible for determining if filing is necessary. Additional information on this requirement is available from ELEC at 888-313-3532 or at [www.elec.state.nj.us](http://www.elec.state.nj.us).

## **2.8.8 Assign, Sublet or Transfer Any Rights/Interests**

Neither the County nor the Contractor shall assign, sublet, or transfer any rights or interest in this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other party. Unless specifically stated to the contrary, in writing, prior to an assignment, no assignment will release or discharge the assignor from any duty or responsibility under this Agreement. Nothing herein shall be construed to give any rights or benefits to anyone other than the County and the Contractor.

## **2.8.9 Insurance and Indemnification**

If it becomes necessary for the contractor, either as principal or by agent or employee, to enter upon the premises or property of the owner in order to construct, erect, inspect, make delivery or remove property hereunder, the contractor hereby covenants and agrees to take use, provide and make all proper, necessary and sufficient precautions, safeguards, and protection against the occurrence of happenings of any accident, injuries, damages, or hurt to person or property during the course of the work herein covered and be his/her sole responsibility.

The contractor shall maintain sufficient insurance to protect against all claims under Workers Compensation, General Liability and Automobile and shall be subject to approval for adequacy of protection and certificates of such insurance shall be provided.

### **Indemnification**

The contractor agrees to indemnify and save harmless the owner, its officers, agents and employees, hereinafter referred to as indemnitees, from all suits, including attorney's fees and costs of litigation, actions, loss damage, expense, cost of claims, of any character or on account of any act, claim or amount arising or recovered under Worker's Compensation law, or arising out of failure of the Contractor or those acting under Contractor to conform to any statutes, ordinances, regulations, law or court decree. It is the intent of the parties to this contract that the indemnities shall, in all instances, except for loss or damage resulting from the sole negligence of the indemnitee, be indemnified against all liability, loss or damage of any nature whatsoever.

### **Insurance Requirements:**

#### **Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance**

This insurance shall be maintained in full force during the life of this contract by the contractor covering all employees engaged in performance of this contract pursuant to N.J.S.A. 34:15-12(a) and N.J.A.C. 12:235-1.6. Minimum Employer's Liability \$1,000,000.00.

#### **General Liability Insurance**

This insurance shall have limits of not less than \$3,000,000.00 any one person and \$3,000,000.00 any one accident for bodily injury and \$3,000,000.00 aggregate for property damage, and shall be maintained in force during the life of the contract.

#### **Automobile Liability Insurance**

This insurance covering contractor for claims arising from owned, hired and non-owned vehicles with limits of not less than \$3,000,000.00 any one person and \$3,000,000.00 any one accident for bodily injury and \$3,000,000.00 each accident for property damage, shall be maintained in force during the life of this contract by the contractor.

#### **Professional Liability/Malpractice Insurance Policy (if applicable)**

Coverage in the amount of \$2,000,000.00/occurrence, \$4,000,000.00 aggregate and assurance that each such policy for each staff member remains full and in effect while providing services for owner.

The contractor shall provide the owner with a Certificate of Insurance naming the County of Somerset as additionally insured, evidencing the existence of required insurance prior to the commission of work. Said insurance must include coverage for complete operations, contractual insurance and independent contractor or subcontractor insurance, where and if applicable.

## **Errors and Omissions Insurance**

- A. The contractor shall purchase and maintain during the entire period of this contract, errors and omissions insurance that shall protect the contractor and the County from any and all claims that may arise out of or result from the contractor's performance of this contract. Specifically, the errors and omissions insurance shall have limits of not less than \$2,000,000.00 dollars per occurrence and \$4,000,000.00 dollars in the aggregate.
- B. Certificates of the Required Insurance  
Certificates as listed above shall be submitted along with the contract as evidence covering Errors and Omissions insurance. Such coverage shall be with acceptable insurance companies operating on an admitted basis in the State of New Jersey.

The contractor shall provide the County with a Certificate of Insurance naming the County, its employees, officers, and agents as additionally insured, and evidencing the existence of required insurance prior to the commission of work.

Somerset County will not accept Mutual Limitation of Liability terms.

### **2.8.10 Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 - HIPAA (If Applicable)**

Both parties agree to comply with all requirements of the Federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA") as maybe amended from time to time, and the corresponding HIPAA regulations for the confidentiality and security of medical information.

The Contractor shall:

- Not use or disclose protected health information other than as permitted or required by law
- Use appropriate safeguards to protect the confidentiality of the information
- Report any use or disclosure not permitted

The contractor, by execution of the contract, shall thereby indemnify and hold the owner harmless from any and all liabilities, claims, actions, costs and penalties which may be incurred as the result of the failure of the contractor to comply with the requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) or any other statute or case law protecting the privacy of persons using its services.

### **2.8.11 Proof of Licensure**

Proof of licensure for providing Services in the State of New Jersey, for either the firm or the person responsible for the work, shall be provided as required.

### **2.8.12 Disclosure of Investment Activities in Iran – P.L. 2012, c. 25**

P.L. 2012, c.25 prohibits State and local public contracts with persons or entities engaging in certain investment activities in energy or finance sectors of Iran.

## **2.9 Public Emergency**

In the event of a Public Emergency declared at the Local, State or Federal Level, if the owner opts to extend terms and conditions of this RFP, the contractor agrees to extend the terms and conditions of this RFP, whether existing, expiring or expired no longer than six months, for goods and/or services for the duration of the emergency. In the event the original contractor cannot meet this requirement, the owner may solicit the goods and/or services from any bidder on this contract.



## **2.10 Multiple Proposals Not Accepted**

More than one proposal from an individual, a firm or partnership, a corporation or association under the same or different names shall not be considered.

## **2.11 Subcontractors**

The owner will consider the primary contractor to be the sole point of contact with regard to contract matters. The primary contractor will be required to assume sole responsibility for delivery of all services.

### **2.11.1 Use of Sub-consultants**

Respondent may find it advantageous to include sub-consultants in their proposal. Such an arrangement is acceptable provided that the relationship between firms is clearly defined and the method of maintaining proper project management and oversight is described within the proposal. The use of sub-consultants is left to the discretion of respondent, provided that the criteria of adequate capability in all areas of the scope of work is met. Any sub-consultants must be identified in the same manner as the primary consultant.

## **2.12 Failure to Enter Contract**

Should the respondent, to whom the contract is awarded, fail to enter into a contract within ten (10) days, Sundays and holidays excepted, the owner may then, at its option, accept the proposal of another respondent.

## **2.13 Commencement of Work**

The contractor agrees to commence work after the date of award by the owner and upon notice from the using department.

## **2.14 Time of Completion**

It is hereby understood and mutually agreed, by and between the respondent and the owner, that the date on which the work shall be substantially complete as specified in the RFP is an essential condition of this contract. It is further mutually understood and agreed that the work and contract time embraced in this Contract shall commence on the date specified and that the resulting contract shall be completed in sequence and time frames identified by the owner.

The respondent agrees that said services shall be processed regularly, diligently, and uninterruptedly at such rate of progress as will insure full completion thereof within the time specified. It is expressly understood and agreed, by and between the respondent and the owner, that the time of completion of the services described herein is a reasonable time for the completion of it.

## **2.15 Termination of Contract**

If, through any cause, the contractor shall fail to fulfill in a timely and proper manner obligations under the Contract or if the contractor violates any requirements of the Contract, the owner shall thereupon have the right to terminate the Contract by giving written notice to the contractor of such termination at least thirty (30) days prior to the proposed effective date of the termination. Such termination shall relieve the owner of any obligation for the balances to the contractor of any sum or sums set forth in the Contract.

The contractor agrees to indemnify and hold the owner harmless from any liability to subcontractors/suppliers concerning payment for work performed or goods supplied arising out of the lawful termination of the Contract by the owner under this provision.

In case of default by the contractor, the owner may procure the articles or services from other sources and hold the contractor responsible for any excess cost occasioned thereby.

## **2.16 Non-Allocation of Funding Termination**

Each fiscal year payment obligation of the Owner is conditioned upon the availability of Owner funds appropriated or allocated for the payment of such an obligation. If funds are not allocated and available for the continuance of any services performed by the Contractor hereunder, whether in whole or in part, the Owner at the end of any particular fiscal year may terminate such services. The Owner will notify the Contractor in writing immediately of any services that will be affected by a shortage of appropriated funds. This provision shall not be construed so as to permit the Owner to terminate this Agreement during the term, or any service hereunder, merely in order to acquire identical services from a third party contractor.

## **2.17 Force Majeure**

Neither party shall be responsible for any resulting loss or obligation to fulfill duties as specified in any of the terms or provisions of this Agreement if the fulfillment of any term or provision of this Agreement is delayed or prevented by any revolutions, insurrections, riots, wars, acts of enemies, national emergencies, strikes, floods, fires, acts of God, or by any cause not within the control of the party whose performance is interfered with which by the exercise of reasonable diligence such party is unable to prevent. Additionally, if the fulfillment of any of the terms and provisions of this Agreement is delayed or prevented by any court order, or action or injunction or other such agreement, this Agreement shall become voidable by the County of Somerset by notice to each party.

**2.18** The owner and the Contractor each bind themselves and their successors, executors, administrators, heirs and assigns and legal representatives of the other party respecting all covenants and agreements and obligations of this contract.

**2.19** The terms of this Agreement shall be construed and interpreted, and all respective rights and duties of the parties shall be governed by the laws of the State of New Jersey.

## **2.20 Challenge of Specifications**

Any respondent who wishes to challenge a specification shall file such challenge in writing with the Purchasing Agent no less than three (3) business days prior to the opening of the RFP's.

Challenges filed after that time shall be considered void and having no impact on the owner or the award of contract.

## **2.21 Payment**

Invoices shall specify, in detail, the period for which payment is claimed, the services performed during the prescribed period, the amount claimed and correlation between the services claimed and the Proposal Cost Form.

Payment will be made on presentation of owner's voucher duly signed and executed.

The owner may withhold all or partial payments on account of subsequently discovered evidence including but not limited to the following:

- 1 Deliverables not complying with the project specification;
- 2 Claims filed or responsible evidence indicating probability of filing claims;
- 3 A reasonable doubt that the Contract can be completed for the balance then unpaid.

When the above grounds are removed, payment shall be made for amounts withheld because of them.

## **2.22 Non-payment of Penalties and Interest on Overdue Bills**

Public funds may be used to pay only for goods delivered or services rendered. Somerset County will not pay penalties and/or interest on overdue bills. No employee is authorized to sign a letter of credit or any other document that represents a legal commitment on the part of the County to pay additional fees.

## **2.23 Ownership of Material**

The owner shall retain all of its rights and interest in any and all documents and property both hard copy and digital furnished by the owner to the contractor for the purpose of assisting the contractor in the performance of this contract. All such items shall be returned immediately to the owner at the expiration or termination of the contract or completion of any related services, pursuant thereto, whichever comes first. None of the documents and/or property shall, without the written consent of the owner, be disclosed to others or used by the contractor or permitted by the contractor to be used by their parties at any time except in the performance of the resulting contract.

Ownership of all data, materials and documentation originated and prepared for the owner pursuant to this contract shall belong exclusively to the owner. All data, reports, computerized information, programs and materials related to this project shall be delivered to and become the property of the owner upon completion of the project. The contractor shall not have the right to use, sell, or disclose the total of the interim or final work products, or make available to third parties, without the prior written consent of the owner. All information supplied to the owner may be required to be supplied on CD-ROM/USB flash drive media compatible with the owner's computer operating system windows based, Microsoft Office 2010.

Under state and federal statutes, certain government records are protected from public disclosure. The County, the Contractor and any Subcontractors have a responsibility and an obligation to safeguard from public access an employee's personal information with which it has been entrusted when disclosure thereof would violate the employee's reasonable expectation of privacy. All payroll, personnel and health insurance related files are confidential. Additionally the Contractor and any Subcontractors may be privy to sensitive law enforcement information or investigations during their review which must remain confidential. The County reserves the right to make any public disclosure under the law. Also among government records deemed confidential are administrative or technical information regarding computer hardware, software and networks that, if disclosed, would jeopardize computer security. The Contractor and any Subcontractor(s) are prohibited from the sale or distribution of all supplied information to any third party.

## **2.24 Source of Specifications/RFP Packages**

Official County Request for Proposal (RFP) packages for routine goods and services are available from [www.co.somerset.nj.us](http://www.co.somerset.nj.us) at no cost to the prospective respondents. All addenda are posted on this site. Potential respondents are cautioned that they are responding at their own risk if a third party supplied the specifications that may or may not be complete. The County is not responsible for third party supplied RFP documents.

## **2.25 Altering Official Document**

Respondents shall not write in any margins or alter the official content of Somerset County RFP document.

## **2.26 RFP Preparation of Forms**

RFPs ***must be signed in ink by the respondent***; all quotations shall be made with a typewriter/computer or pen and ink. Any quotation showing any erasure alteration must be initialed by the respondent in ink. Unit prices and totals are to be inserted in spaces provided.

## **2.27 W-9**

Successful bidder/respondent shall complete W-9 Form and submit to Purchasing prior to contract award. The form is available at the following link: [www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf](http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf)

### **3. Scope of Work (SOW)**

#### **Major tasks are as follows:**

Auditing and Federal Tax Return and NJ Charities Statement Preparation Services

**3.1** Preparation of an audit and complete the federal income tax return form and NJ charitable organization statement for the Regional Center Partnership of Somerset County for all funds and activities under control of the Regional Center Partnership of Somerset County and for the funds, records, books of accounts and internal control policies and practices associated with sound financial management of public funds. This Scope of Work includes the delivery of audit documents by April 13, 2018 (first year of the contract) and April 15, 2019 (second year of contract).

#### **Part 1: Minimum requirements**

The following are the minimum threshold requirements for eligible persons and/or firms to be considered for the requested services:

Consultant shall:

- Possess a RMA (Registered Municipal Accountant) and has had a multi-disciplinary accounting practice in the area of State of New Jersey local governmental accounting and finance for a minimum of five (5) years.
- Have knowledge and experience with the rules, regulations and process of the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Local Finance Board on behalf of local and county governments, local improvement and utility authority's, 501(c)(3) corporations, etc.
- Have experienced staff with knowledge and expertise with the audit of programs and activities covered by NJSA 40A: 11-1 et seq.; (NJ Local Public Contracts Law), N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.1 et seq. & N.J.A.C. 5:30-11.1 et seq. (Administrative Code).
- Have a minimum five (5) years of demonstrable experience in the representation of non-profit organizations, public-private organizations and public bodies, including but not limited to, counties, municipalities, State of New Jersey or boards or instrumentalities of the County and the State.
- Have enough staff resources to separately staff the described audit as Project managers or team leaders.

Respondents shall provide individual or corporate resumes or portfolios as a response to this request for minimum qualifications.

#### **Part 2: Fee proposal for auditing and consulting services for the Regional Center Partnership of Somerset County.**

Respondents are asked to provide fees for each specific item listed below as well as hourly or per diem fees for other services or types of activities; Scope of Work, Tasks 1-3, and total consultant costs shall not exceed the amount of **\$3,400.00 per each year of the contract.**

#### **Task 1: Preparation of Audit Report**

Prepare an Audit Report of all books and accounts under the control of the Regional Center Partnership of Somerset County, not otherwise separately identified in this RFP, pursuant to and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4 and any other law governing accounts under the control of non-profit organizations involved with the use of public funds, for the year ending December 31,

2017 (December 31, 2018 year 2 of contract). The audit is to be made in accordance with U.S. generally accepted audited standards and is to include tests of the accounting records of the Regional Center Partnership and other procedures deemed necessary in order to render an unqualified written opinion that the financial statements are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. The Audit Report shall include a Statement of Financial Position for the Regional Center Partnership of Somerset County as of December 31, 2017. (December 31, 2018 second year of the contract)

- Provide five (5) paper copies and one (1) electronic copy of the draft audit report
- Provide 25 paper copies and one (1) electronic copy of the final audit report

**Task 2: Preparation of Federal Tax Return Form 990**

Prepare Federal Tax Return Form 990

- By April 13, 2018, provide one (1) completed original paper copy of the Federal Tax Return Form 990 for year ending December 31, 2017 (December 31, 2018 year 2 of contract).

**Task 3: Preparation of N.J. Charitable Organization Registration/Verification Statement**

Prepare N.J. Charitable Organization Registration/Verification Statement

- By April 13, 2018, provide one (1) paper copy of the completed NJ Charitable Organization Registration/Verification Statement for year ending December 31, 2017 (December 31, 2018 year 2 of contract).

The contractor shall correct any errors found in the draft of the three required documents.

**SUMMARY OF PRODUCTS TO BE DELIVERED:**

In addition to the prescribed number of paper copies, the consultant shall provide one (1) electronic version of both the draft and final audit reports:

1. Preparation of an audit report of all books and accounts under the control of the Regional Center Partnership of Somerset County for Year Ending December 31, 2017 (December 31, 2018 year 2 of contract)
2. Preparation of Federal Tax Return Form 990 for Year Ending December 31, 2017 (December 31, 2018 year 2 of contract)
3. Preparation of NJ Charitable Organization Registration/Verification Statement for Year Ending December 31, 2017 (December 31, 2018 year 2 of contract)



## **4. Proposal Requirements**

### **4.1 Qualification Statement**

A statement is to be provided by the respondent who will serve as the primary contractor. The statement shall set forth brief details of the firm's principal activities, the number of personnel in the firm and the firm's location. Please provide a list of (3) three clients for whom similar services have been provided. Include the following in your response:

1. Name of government agency.
2. Contact person's name, position, and current telephone number.
3. Dates, cost and scope of service.
4. Status and comments

### **4.2 Key Personnel Information**

The respondent shall provide the identity and the professional credentials of the principals and other key personnel either working for the contractor and their areas of responsibilities.

### **4.3 Subcontractors**

Respondents may engage the services of subcontractors for completion of this project. If their proposal involves any subcontractors, full details on the nature of the work to be performed by them and the location in which the work is to be performed must be provided. The respondent understands that if selected, the owner prior to initiating any subcontracted work, must approve the use of subcontractors in writing. (Refer to Section 2.11 and Item 2.11.1 for more details)

### **4.4 Proposal Forms**

The following forms are contained in the attachments. All forms are required and shall be completed and made part of the proposal submitted.

1. Proposal Cost/Signature Form
2. Non-Collusion Affidavit
3. Stockholder Disclosure
4. Affirmative Action Statement
5. Acknowledgement of Receipt of Addenda
6. Disclosure of Investment Activities In Iran

### **4.5 Location of Servicing Office**

The proposal must list the location and address of the present, active office that will service and manage this contract.

## **5. Evaluation, Review and Selection Process**

### **5.1 Proposals to Remain Subject to Acceptance**

RFP responses shall remain open for a period of sixty (60) calendar days from the stated submittal. The owner will either award the Contract within the applicable time period or reject all proposals.

The owner may extend the decision to award or reject all proposals beyond the sixty (60) calendar days when the proposals of any respondents who consent thereto may, at the request of the owner, be held for consideration for such longer period as may be agreed.

### **5.2 Rejection of Proposals**

The owner reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to reject any proposals if the evidence submitted by, or investigation of such respondent fails to satisfy the owner that such



respondent is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the RFP and to complete the work contemplated therein. The owner reserves the right to waive any minor informality in the RFP.

### **5.3 Evaluation Process**

An evaluation team will review all proposals to determine if they satisfy the Proposal Requirements, determine if a proposal should be rejected and evaluate the proposals based upon the Evaluation Criteria. The highest-ranking respondent will then be recommended to the governing body for award of contract, based on most advantageous price and other factors. The County reserves the right to reach out to the respondents to get clarification on Proposals on specific items if necessary during the deliberation process.

*Evaluation Team* – RFP respondents are prohibited from contacting any member of the evaluation team directly without a formal invitation. If it is found that a respondent has attempted to discuss their proposal with a team member without an invite then their proposal may be deemed unresponsive. All questions during the evaluation period shall be directed to the Purchasing Agent.

### **5.4 Evaluation Criteria**

The criteria considered in the evaluation of each proposal follows. The arrangement of the criteria is not meant to imply order of importance in the selection process. All criteria will be used to select the successful respondent.

This will be based on the quality of the content of the RFP and the respondent's ability to communicate a thorough understanding of the required tasks and the approach to meet the scope of work outlined in the RFP. The proposals will be evaluated for general compliance with instructions and requests issued in the RFP. Non-compliance with significant instructions will be grounds for disqualification of proposals.

#### **5.4.1 Understanding of the Requested Work**

The proposals will be evaluated for general compliance with instructions and requests issued in the RFP. Non-compliance with significant instructions shall be grounds for disqualification of proposals.

#### **5.4.2 Knowledge and Technical Competence**

This includes the ability of the respondent to perform all of the tasks and fulfill adequately the stated requirements.

#### **5.4.3 Management, Experience and Personnel Qualifications**

Expertise of the firm shall be demonstrated by past contract successes providing government or other agencies with similar services. The respondent will be evaluated on knowledge, experience, prior collaboration and successful completion of projects/services similar to that requested in this RFP. In addition to relevant experience, respondents shall provide personnel qualifications in the Proposal.

#### **5.4.4 Ability to Complete the Services in a Timely Manner**

This is based on the estimated duration of the tasks and the respondent's ability to accomplish these tasks as stated.

#### **5.4.5 Cost**

Price shall be based on hourly rates and schedules of fees submitted with the proposal.

Prices and estimated hours shall be broken down by tasks, by staff person listed in the scope of work. Direct costs including travel and reproduction shall also be stated.

The respondent shall clearly state the proposed cost to complete the tasks and detail how the cost estimate was determined. The estimate shall include the following items:

- 1) Salary rate table identifying key personnel, job titles, and their salary rates.
- 2) Cost breakdown on a task basis, including labor, travel, overhead, and other necessary expenses. Food and beverages costs are excluded.
- 3) Direct and reimbursable expenses including rates charged for each type of expense. Food expenses are not a reimbursable expense.
- 4) Estimate of total cost to complete audit report, federal tax return and NJ Charities Statement in accordance with the Scope of Work, Tasks 1-3, and total consultant costs shall not exceed the amount of **\$3,400.00 each year**.

Any services not included as part of any resulting contract scope of services must be approved and authorized by the owner before such work is initiated. The owner shall pay for such approved services, at the rate or cost agreed upon between the owner and contractor, provided the respondent has provided a schedule of fees for additional services with this RFP.

Price shall be based on hourly rates and schedules of fees submitted with the proposal. Any services not included as part of any resulting contract scope of services must be approved and authorized by the owner before such work is initiated. The owner shall pay for such approved services, at the rate or cost agreed upon between the owner and contractor, provided the respondent has provided a schedule of fees for additional services with this RFP.

## **5.5 Payment**

Payments will be made on a monthly basis based on the submission of invoices and documentation of work completed to date.

## **5.6 Term of Contract:**

The term of this contract is for two years.

The following schedule applies to each year of the contract:

Project initiation will be mid- February upon receipt of bank statements for January

Final draft of all products due April 13

Project completion of April 30<sup>th</sup> of each year.

## **5.7 Notice of Award**

The successful respondent will be notified of the award of contract upon a favorable decision by the governing body.

**REGIONAL CENTER PARTNERSHIP OF SOMERSET COUNTY  
RFP DOCUMENT CHECKLIST**

**Read,  
Acknowledged,  
Signed & Submitted  
Respondent's  
Initial**

**A. FAILURE TO SUBMIT ANY OF THESE ITEMS IS MANDATORY CAUSE FOR REJECTION OF RFP**

- Ownership Statement - Stockholder Disclosure Certification \_\_\_\_\_
- Non-Collusion Affidavit \_\_\_\_\_
- EEO/Affirmative Action Compliance Notice – Submit Copy of State Certificate of Employee Information Report \_\_\_\_\_
- Proposal Cost Form/Signature Page \_\_\_\_\_
- Acknowledgement of Receipt of Addenda (To be Completed if Addenda are Issued) \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**B. REQUIRED NO LATER THAN TIME PERIOD INDICATED**

**B.1 SUBMIT DOCUMENTS AT TIME OF RFP RESPONSE DUE DATE**

- Qualification Statement \_\_\_\_\_
- Key Personnel Information \_\_\_\_\_
- Three (3) references for similar projects \_\_\_\_\_
- Projected project plan and timeline (Gantt Chart) \_\_\_\_\_
- CD or USB Flash Drive with PDF of RFP along with Printed Copies (Ref: Notice of RFP and/or Section 2.2) \_\_\_\_\_
- Disclosure of Activities in Iran \_\_\_\_\_

**B.2 MUST POSSESS CERTIFICATE BY CONTRACT AWARD DATE  
"SUBMISSION OF CERTIFICATE WITH RESPONSE PREFERRED"**

- New Jersey Business Registration Certificate \_\_\_\_\_
- New Jersey Business Registration Certificate – Named /Listed Subcontractor(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**B.3 MUST SUBMIT BY CONTRACT AWARD DATE**

- Certificates of the Required Insurance naming County Additionally Insured \_\_\_\_\_
- Evidence of Medical Malpractice or Professional Liability Insurance supply certificate prior to processing a purchase order \_\_\_\_\_

**C. READ ONLY**

- Americans With Disability Act of 1990 Language \_\_\_\_\_

**This checklist is provided for respondent's use in assuring compliance with required documentation; however, it does not necessarily include all specifications requirements and does not relieve the respondent of the need to read and comply with the specifications.**

Name of Respondent: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**By Authorized Representative:**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name & Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**REGIONAL CENTER PARTNERSHIP OF SOMERSET COUNTY**  
**PROPOSAL COST FORM/SIGNATURE PAGE**

**TO THE REGIONAL CENTER PARTNERSHIP OF SOMERSET COUNTY:**

The undersigned declares that he/she has read the Notice, Instructions, Affidavits and Scope of Work attached, that he/she has determined the conditions affecting the proposal and agrees, if this proposal is accepted, to furnish and deliver services for the following:

AUDITING SERVICES – REGIONAL CENTER PARTNERSHIP OF SOMERSET COUNTY, INC. AND PREPARATION OF FEDERAL TAX RETURN FORM 990 AND NJ CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION REGISTRATION/VERIFICATION STATEMENT

Scope of Work – Tasks 1-3, total auditing services costs shall not exceed the amount of **\$3,400.00 each year.**

**Cost amount proposed by Respondent for SOW Tasks 1-3 for year one (1):**                     \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Cost amount proposed by Respondent for SOW Tasks 1-3 for year two (2):**                     \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**The Respondent shall include a fee schedule for the amount proposed.**

(Corporate)  
The undersigned is a (Partnership) under the laws of the State of \_\_\_\_\_ having its  
(Individual)  
principal office at \_\_\_\_\_

Company	Federal I.D. # or Social Security #
Address	
Signature of Authorized Agent	Type or Print Name
Telephone Number	Date
Fax Number	Email Address

**REGIONAL CENTER PARTNERSHIP OF SOMERSET COUNTY  
OWNERSHIP STATEMENT - STOCKHOLDER DISCLOSURE FORM**

**LEGAL NAME OF BIDDER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Check the box that represents the type of business organization:**

- |   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership              | <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sole Proprietorship           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Partnership      | <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Liability Corporation | <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Liability Partnership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Subchapter S Corporation | <input type="checkbox"/> Other, Please List _____      |  |

List the names and addresses of all stockholders who own ten (10%) percent or more of the above company's stock, and if there **are NO STOCKHOLDERS OF 10% OR MORE, simply check the second box below**. If one or more such stockholders or partner is itself a corporation or partnership, the stockholders holding 10% or more of that corporation's stock, or the individual partners owning 10% of that corporation's stock, or the individual partners owning 10% or greater interest in that partnership, as the case may be, must also be listed.

**The disclosure shall be continued until names and addresses of every person who is a non-corporate stockholder, or individual partner, exceeding the 10% ownership criteria established in this act, has been listed, in full compliance with Chapter 33 of the New Jersey Public Laws of 1977.**

**BIDDERS/RESPONDENTS MUST CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX:**

- I certify that the **list below** contains the names and addresses of all **stockholders holding 10% or more** of the issued and outstanding stock of the undersigned.
- I certify that **no one stockholder** owns 10% or more of the issued and outstanding stock of the undersigned.

Publicly Traded - For publicly traded entities to comply with N.J.S.A. 52:25-24.2 they may submit the name and address of each publicly traded entity, and the name and address of each person holding 10% or more beneficial interest in the publicly traded entity as of the last annual filing with the Security Exchange Commission (SEC), or foreign equivalent

Submit here the Website (URL) providing the last annual Security Exchange Commission (SEC) filing, or foreign equivalent:

\_\_\_\_\_

The requested information is available on the following page number(s) of the SEC, or foreign equivalent, filing:

\_\_\_\_\_

**Stockholder**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Percentage of Ownership \_\_\_\_\_ %.

**Stockholder**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Percentage of Ownership \_\_\_\_\_ %.

**Stockholder**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Percentage of Ownership \_\_\_\_\_ %.

*(Note: Attach additional pages if necessary)*

\_\_\_\_\_

(Respondent/Respondent Authorized Signature)

(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_

(Print name of authorized signatory)

(Title)

**REGIONAL CENTER PARTNERSHIP OF SOMERSET COUNTY  
NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT**

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State of \_\_\_\_\_  
County of \_\_\_\_\_

SS:

I, \_\_\_\_\_ of the City of \_\_\_\_\_

in the County of \_\_\_\_\_ and State of \_\_\_\_\_ of full age, being  
duly sworn according to law on my oath depose and say that:

I am \_\_\_\_\_ of the firm of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Title or position) (Name of firm)

the bidder making this Proposal for the above named project, and that I executed the said proposal with full authority so to do; that said bidder has not, directly or indirectly entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free, competitive bidding in connection with the above named project; and that all statements contained in said proposal and in this affidavit are true and correct, and made with full knowledge that the County of Somerset 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 project.

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 or bona fide established commercial or selling agencies maintained by \_\_\_\_\_.

(name of contractor)

(N.J.S.A. 52:34-15)

Subscribed and sworn to

before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day

of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Type or print name of affiant under signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary public of

My Commission expires \_\_\_\_\_.

**REGIONAL CENTER PARTNERSHIP OF SOMERSET COUNTY  
EEO/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION COMPLIANCE NOTICE  
N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 and N.J.A.C. 17:27  
GOODS, PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND GENERAL SERVICE CONTRACTS**

All successful bidders are required to submit evidence of appropriate affirmative action compliance to the County and Division of Public Contracts Equal Employment Opportunity Compliance. During a review, Division representatives will review the County files to determine whether the affirmative action evidence has been submitted by the vendor/contractor. Specifically, each vendor/contractor shall submit to the County, prior to execution of the contract, one of the following documents:

**Goods and General Service Vendors**

1. Letter of Federal Approval indicating that the vendor is under an existing Federally approved or sanctioned affirmative action program. A copy of the approval letter is to be provided by the vendor to the County and the Division. This approval letter is valid for one year from the date of issuance.

**Do you have a federally-approved or sanctioned EEO/AA program?** Yes  No   
**If yes, please submit a photostatic copy of such approval.**

2. A Certificate of Employee Information Report (hereafter "Certificate"), issued in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-1.1 et seq. The vendor must provide a copy of the Certificate to the County as evidence of its compliance with the regulations. The Certificate represents the review and approval of the vendor's Employee Information Report, Form AA-302 by the Division. The period of validity of the Certificate is indicated on its face. Certificates must be renewed prior to their expiration date in order to remain valid.

**Do you have a State Certificate of Employee Information Report Approval?** Yes  No   
**If yes, please submit a photostatic copy of such approval.**

3. The successful vendor shall complete an Initial Employee Report, Form AA-302 and submit it to the Division with \$150.00 Fee and forward a copy of the Form to the County. Upon submission and review by the Division, this report shall constitute evidence of compliance with the regulations. Prior to execution of the contract, the EEO/AA evidence must be submitted.

The successful vendor may obtain the Affirmative Action Employee Information Report (AA302) on the Division website [www.state.nj.us/treasury/contract\\_compliance](http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/contract_compliance).

The undersigned vendor certifies that he/she is aware of the commitment to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 and N.J.A.C. 17:27 and agrees to furnish the required forms of evidence.

The undersigned vendor further understands that his/her bid shall be rejected as non-responsive if said contractor fails to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 and N.J.A.C. 17:27.

COMPANY: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**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

Employee Information Report Form AA302 (electronically provided by the Division and distributed to the public agency through the Division's website at [ww.state.nj.us/treasury/contract\\_compliance](http://ww.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 **Subchapter 10 of the Administrative Code at N.J.A.C. 17:27**.



# SAMPLE CERTIFICATE OF EMPLOYEE INFORMATION REPORT


Certification 111XX

**CERTIFICATE OF EMPLOYEE INFORMATION REPORT**

**INITIAL**

This is to certify that the contractor listed below has submitted an Employee Information Report pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:27-1.1 et. seq. and the State Treasurer has approved said report. This approval will remain in effect for the period of 15-DEC-20XX to 15-DEC-20XX

**SAMPLE COMPANY, INC.**  
**33 WEST STATE STREET**  
**TRENTON, NJ 08625**

  
State Treasurer

**VOID**

**AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990**  
**Equal Opportunity for Individuals with Disability**

The Contractor and the 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, losses, demands, or damages, of whatever kind or nature arising out of or claimed to arise out of the alleged violation. The contractor shall, at its own expense, appear, defend, and pay any and all charges for legal services and any and all costs and other expenses arising from such action or administrative proceeding or incurred in connection therewith. In any and all complaints brought pursuant to the owner's grievance procedure, the contractor agrees to abide by any decision of the owner which is rendered pursuant to said grievance procedure. If any action or administrative 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.

**REGIONAL CENTER PARTNERSHIP OF SOMERSET COUNTY**

THESE ARE **SAMPLES** OF THE **ONLY** ACCEPTABLE  
**BUSINESS REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES**

PREFER WITH RFP RESPONSE, REQUIRED BY LAW PRIOR TO AWARD OF CONTRACT

STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
BUSINESS REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE  
FOR STATE AGENCY AND CASINO SERVICE CONTRACTORS


DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY  
DIVISION OF REVENUE  
PO BOX 252  
TRENTON, N J 08646-0252

TAXPAYER NAME: TAX REGISTRATION TEST ACCOUNT  
TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION#: 970-097-382/500  
ADDRESS: 847 ROEBLING AVE  
TRENTON NJ 08611  
EFFECTIVE DATE: 01/01/01  
FORM-BRC(08-01)

TRADE NAME: CLIENT REGISTRATION  
SEQUENCE NUMBER: 0107330  
ISSUANCE DATE: 07/14/04

*John S. Tully*  
Acting Director

This Certificate is NOT assignable or transferable. It must be conspicuously displayed at above address.

 STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
BUSINESS REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

**Taxpayer Name:** TAX REG TEST ACCOUNT  
**Trade Name:**  
**Address:** 847 ROEBLING AVE  
TRENTON, NJ 08611  
**Certificate Number:** 1093907  
**Date of Issuance:** October 14, 2004

**For Office Use Only:**  
20041014112823533

**REGIONAL CENTER PARTNERSHIP OF SOMERSET COUNTY**  
**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF ADDENDA**

The undersigned Bidder hereby acknowledges receipt of the following Addenda:

<b>ADDENDUM NUMBER</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT (Initial)</b>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Acknowledged for: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Bidder)

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Authorized Representative)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print or Type)

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**FORM NOT REQUIRED IF NO ADDENDA ISSUED**

County of Somerset New Jersey  
Division of Purchasing  
DISCLOSURE OF INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES IN IRAN

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**BID/RFP/Solicitation Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Bidder/Offeror:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Part 1: Certification**

BIDDERS ARE TO COMPLETE PART 1 BY CHECKING **EITHER BOX**

Pursuant to Public Law 2012, c. 25, any person or entity that submits a bid or proposal or otherwise proposes to enter into or renew a contract must complete the certification below to attest, under penalty of perjury, that neither the person or entity, nor any of its parents, subsidiaries, or affiliates, is identified on the Department of the Treasury's Chapter 25 list as a person or entity engaging in investment activities in Iran. The Chapter 25 list is found on the Division's website at <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/pdf/Chapter25List.pdf>. Bidders must review this list prior to completing the below certification. Failure to complete the certification may render a bidder's proposal non-responsive. If the Director 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.

**PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX:**

I certify, pursuant to Public Law 2012, c. 25, that neither the bidder listed above nor any of the bidder's parents, subsidiaries, or affiliates is listed on the N.J. Department of the Treasury's list of entities determined to be engaged in prohibited 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. I will skip Part 2 and sign and complete the Certification below.

**OR**

I am unable to certify as above because the bidder and/or one or more of its parents, subsidiaries, or affiliates is listed on the Department's Chapter 25 List. I will provide a detailed, accurate and precise description of the activities in Part 2 below, sign and complete the Certification below.

**PART 2: PLEASE PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION RELATED TO INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES IN IRAN**

You 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 on additional sheets provided by you.

Certification: I, being duly sworn upon my oath, hereby represent and state that the foregoing information and any attachments thereto 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 Somerset County is relying on the information contained herein and thereby acknowledge that I am under a continuing obligation from the date of this certification through the completion of any contracts with the County to notify the County 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, and 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 Somerset County, New Jersey and that the County at its option may declare any contract(s) resulting from this certification void and unenforceable.

Full Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_