

NOTE: The Joint Meeting of Essex and Union Counties will consider proposals only from firms or organizations that have demonstrated the capability and willingness to provide high quality services in the manner described in this Request for Qualifications.

**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
FOR THE PROVISION OF AUDITING SERVICES**

ISSUE DATE: September 30, 2022

DUE DATE: October 19, 2022

Issued by:

Joint Meeting of Essex and Union Counties

GLOSSARY

The following definitions shall apply to and are used in this Request for Qualifications:

"JointMeeting" - refers to the Joint Meeting of Essex and Union Counties, defined more particularly herein.

"QualificationStatement" - refers to the complete responses to this RFQ submitted by the Respondents.

"QualifiedRespondent" - refers to those Respondents who (in the sole judgment of the Joint Meeting) have satisfied the qualification criteria set forth in this RFQ.

"RFQ" - refers to this Request for Qualifications, including any amendments thereof or supplements thereto.

"Respondent" or "Respondents" - refers to the interested firm(s) that submit a Qualification Statement.

SECTION 1

INTRODUCTION AND GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1. **Introduction and Purpose.**

The Joint Meeting of Essex and Union Counties is a public body politic and corporate, established pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:63-68 et seq., as amended, with its principal office at 500 South First Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07202. The Joint Meeting owns and operates sewage trunk lines in Essex and Union Counties and a wastewater treatment facility located in Elizabeth, New Jersey where it treats and disposes of sewage for its eleven constituent municipalities in Essex and Union Counties and the City of Elizabeth. It has the power and authority to sue and be sued, acquire and hold real property, to enter contracts, and to carry out essential governmental functions. N.J.S.A. 40:48B-2.1a(1).

The Joint Meeting is soliciting Qualification Statements from interested persons and/or firms for the provision of financial services, as more particularly described herein. Through a Request for Qualification process described herein, persons and/or firms interested in assisting the Joint Meeting with the provision of such services must prepare and submit a Qualification Statement in accordance with the procedure and schedule in this RFQ. The Joint Meeting will review Qualification Statements only from those firms that submit a Qualification Statement which includes all the information required to be included as described herein (in the sole judgment of the Joint Meeting). The Joint Meeting intends to qualify person(s) and/or firm(s) that (a) possesses the professional, financial and administrative capabilities to provide the proposed services, and (b) will agree to work under the compensation terms and conditions determined by the Joint Meeting to provide the greatest benefit to the taxpayers of Essex and Union County.

1.2. **Procurement Process and Schedule.**

The selection of Qualified Respondents is not subject to the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. The selection is subject to the "New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play" Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., however, the Joint Meeting has structured a procurement process that seeks to obtain the desired results described above, while establishing a competitive process to assure that each person and/or firm is provided an equal opportunity to submit a Qualification Statement in response to the RFQ. Qualification Statements will be evaluated in accordance with the criteria set forth in Section 2 of this RFQ, which will be applied in the same manner to each Qualification Statement received.

Qualification Statements will be reviewed and evaluated by the Joint Meeting and its legal and/or financial advisors (collectively, the "Review Team"). The Qualification Statements will be reviewed to determine if the Respondent has met the minimum professional, administrative and financial areas described in this RFQ. Under no circumstances will a member of the review team review responses to an RFQ for a job which they or their firm submitted a response. Based upon

the totality of the information contained in the Qualification Statement, including information about the reputation and experience of each Respondent, the Joint Meeting will (in its sole judgment) determine which Respondents are qualified (from professional, administrative and financial standpoints). Each Respondent that meets the requirements of the RFQ (in the sole judgment of the Joint Meeting) will be designated as a Qualified Respondent and will be given the opportunity to participate in the selection process determined by the Joint Meeting.

The RFQ process commences with the issuance of this RFQ. The steps involved in the process and the anticipated completion dates are set forth in Table 1, Procurement Schedule. The Joint Meeting reserves the right to, among other things, amend, modify or alter the Procurement Schedule upon notice to all potential Respondents.

All communications concerning this RFQ or the RFQ process shall be directed to the Joint Meeting's Designated Contact Person, in writing.

Designated Contact Person:

Ms. Hanifa Z. Johnson
Executive Director
Joint Meeting of Essex and Union Counties
500 South First Street
Elizabeth, N.J. 07202

Qualification Statements must be submitted to, and be received by the Joint Meeting, electronically at <https://jmeucprocurement.ionwave.net>, by 2:00 p.m. Prevailing Time on Oct. 19, 2022. Qualification Statements will not be accepted by facsimile transmission, e-mail or Postal Service.

Subsequent to issuance of this RFQ, the Joint Meeting (through the issuance of addenda to all firms that have received a copy of the RFQ) may modify, supplement or amend the provisions of this RFQ in order to respond to inquiries received from prospective Respondents or as otherwise deemed necessary or appropriate by (and in the sole judgment of) the Joint Meeting.

TABLE 1
ANTICIPATED PROCUREMENT SCHEDULE

ACTIVITY	DATE
1. Issuance of Request for Qualifications	Sept. 30, 2022
2. Receipt of Qualification Statements	Oct. 19, 2022
3. Completion of Evaluation of Qualification Statements by the Review Team, Joint Meeting Review of Review Team Recommendations and Designation of Qualified Respondents on or about	Nov. 1, 2022

Section 1.3. Conditions Applicable to RFQ.

Upon submission of a Qualification Statement in response to this RFQ, the Respondent acknowledges and consents to the following conditions relative to the submission and review and consideration of its Qualification Statement:

- This document is an RFQ and does not constitute an RFP.
- This RFQ does not commit the Joint Meeting to issue an RFP.
- All costs incurred by the Respondent in connection with responding to this RFQ shall be borne solely by the Respondent.
- The Joint Meeting reserves the right (in its sole judgment) to reject for any reason any and all responses and components thereof and to eliminate any and all Respondents responding to this RFQ from further consideration for this procurement.
- The Joint Meeting reserves the right (in its sole judgment) to reject any Respondent that submits incomplete responses to this RFQ, or a Qualification Statement that is not responsive to the requirements of this RFQ.
- The Joint Meeting reserves the right, without prior notice, to supplement, amend, or otherwise modify this RFQ, or otherwise request additional information.

- All Qualification Statements shall become the property of the Joint Meeting and will not be returned.
- All Qualification Statements will be made available to the public at the appropriate time, as determined by the Joint Meeting (in the exercise of its sole discretion) in accordance with law.
- The Joint Meeting may request Respondents to send representatives to the Joint Meeting for interviews.
- Any and all Qualification Statements not received by the Joint Meeting by 2:00 p.m. Prevailing Time on **October 19, 2022** will be rejected.
- Neither the Joint Meeting, nor their respective staffs, consultants or advisors (including but not limited to the Review Team) shall be liable for any claims or damages resulting from the solicitation or preparation of the Qualification Statement, nor will there be any reimbursement to Respondents for the cost of preparing and submitting a Qualification Statement or for participating in this procurement process.

Section 1.4. RightsofJointMeeting.

The Joint Meeting reserves, holds and may exercise, at its sole discretion, the following rights and options with regard to this RFQ and the procurement process in accordance with the provisions of applicable law:

- To determine that any Qualification Statement received complies or fails to comply with the terms of this RFQ.
- To supplement, amend or otherwise modify the RFQ through issuance of addenda to all prospective Respondents who have received a copy of this RFQ.
- To waive any technical non-conformance with the terms of this RFQ.
- To change or alter the schedule for any events called for in this RFQ upon the issuance of notice to all prospective Respondents who have received a copy of this RFQ.
- To conduct investigations of any or all of the Respondents, as the Joint Meeting deems necessary or convenient, to clarify the information provided as part of the Qualification Statement and to request additional information to support the information included in any Qualification Statement.

- To suspend or terminate the procurement process described in this RFQ at any time (in its sole discretion.) If terminated, the Joint Meeting may determine to commence a new procurement process or exercise any other rights provided under applicable law without any obligation to the Respondents.

The Joint Meeting shall be under no obligation to complete all or any portion of the procurement process described in this RFQ.

1.5 Addenda or Amendments to RFQ.

During the period provided for the preparation of responses to the RFQ, the Joint Meeting may issue addenda, amendments or answers to written inquiries. Those addenda will be noticed by the Joint Meeting and will constitute a part of the RFQ. All responses to the RFQ shall be prepared with full consideration of the addenda issued prior to the proposal submission date.

1.6 Cost of Proposal Preparation.

Each proposal and all information required to be submitted pursuant to the RFQ shall be prepared at the sole cost and expense of the respondent. There shall be no claims whatsoever against the Joint Meeting, its staff or consultants for reimbursement for the payment of costs or expenses incurred in the preparation of the Qualification Statement or other information required by the RFQ.

1.7 Proposal Format.

Responses should cover all information requested in the Questions to be answered in this RFQ.

Responses which in the judgment of the Joint Meeting fail to meet the requirements of the RFQ or which are in any way conditional, incomplete, obscure, contain additions or deletions from requested information, or contain errors may be rejected.

SECTION 2

SCOPE OF SERVICES

It is the intent of the Joint Meeting to solicit Qualification Statements from Respondents that have expertise in the provision of Auditing Services. Firms and/or persons responding to this RFQ shall be able to demonstrate that they will have the continuing capabilities to perform these services:

1. Perform Annual Audit to include department and agencies pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4;
2. Review the Annual Budget, Financial and Debt Statement prior to their filing/adoption

consistent with statutory deadlines;

3. Perform audit of all required plans, grants, etc. as needed;
4. Respond to inquiries concerning financial and tax matters associated with the Joint Meeting on an as needed basis.
5. Such other accounting and auditing services as the Joint Meeting may require.

The audit must be done in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial statements contained in the Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the audit requirements prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey and the provisions of U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments and Non-Profit Organizations" and State of New Jersey OMB Circular 04-04, "Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants and State Aid".

SECTION 3

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Section 3.1 General Requirements.

The Qualification Statement submitted by the Respondent must meet or exceed the professional, administrative and financial qualifications set forth in this Section 3 and shall incorporate the information requested below.

In addition to the information required as described below, a Respondent may submit supplemental information that it feels may be useful in evaluating its Qualification Statement. Respondents are encouraged to be clear, factual, and concise in their presentation of information.

Section 3.2 Administrative Information Requirements.

The Respondent shall, as part of its Qualification Statement, provide the following information:

1. An executive summary (not to exceed two (2) pages) of the information contained in all the other parts of the Qualification Statement.
2. An executed Letter of Qualification (See Appendix B to this RFQ).

3. Name, address and telephone number of the firm or firms submitting the Qualification Statement pursuant to this RFQ, and the name of the key contact person.
4. A description of the business organization (i.e., corporation, partnership, joint venture, etc.) of each firm, its ownership and its organizational structure.
 - (a) Provide the names and business addresses of all Principals of the firm or firms submitting the Qualification Statement. For purposes of this RFQ, "Principals" means persons possessing an ownership interest in the Respondent. If the Respondent is a corporation, "Principals" shall include each investor who would have any amount of operational control over the Respondent and every stockholder having an ownership interest of 10% or more in the firm.
 - (b) If a firm is a partially owned or a fully-owned subsidiary of another firm, identify the parent company and describe the nature and extent of the parents' approval rights over the activities of the firm submitting a Qualification Statement. Describe the approval process.
 - (c) If the Respondent is a partnership or a joint venture or similar organization, provide comparable information as required in (b) above for each member of the partnership, joint venture or similar organization.
 - (d) A statement that the Respondent has complied with all applicable affirmative action (or similar) requirements with respect to its business activities, together with evidence of such compliance (See Appendix A for a list of acceptable documents that may be submitted).
5. An executed Letter of Intent (See Appendix C).
6. The number of years your organization has been in business under the present name.
7. The number of years the business organization has been under the current management.
8. A statement that the Respondent is in compliance with all applicable affirmative action (or similar) requirements with respect to its business activities, together with evidence of such compliance.
9. Any judgments within the last three (3) years in which Respondent has been adjudicated liable for professional malpractice. If yes, please explain.

10. Whether the business organization is now or has been involved in any bankruptcy or re-organization proceedings in the last ten (10) years. If yes, please explain.
11. Confirm appropriate federal and state licenses to perform activities.

Section 3.3 Professional Information Requirements.

- a. Respondent shall submit a description of its overall experience in providing the type of services sought in the RFQ. At a minimum, the following information on past experience should be included as appropriate to the RFQ:
 1. Description and scope of work by Respondent
 2. Name, address and contact information of references
 3. Explanation of perceived relevance of the experience to the RFQ
- b. Describe the services that Respondent would perform directly.
- c. Describe those portions of the Respondent's services, if any that are sub-contracted out. Identify all subcontractors the Respondent anticipates using in connection with this project.
- d. Does the Respondent normally employ union or non-union employees?
- e. Resumes of key employees.
- f. A narrative statement of the Respondent's understanding of the Joint Meeting's needs and goals.
- g. List all immediate relatives of Principal(s) of Respondent who are Joint Meeting employees or elected officials of the Joint Meeting. For purposes of the above, "immediate relative" means a spouse, parent, stepparent, brother, sister, child, stepchild, direct-line aunt or uncle, grandparent, grandchild, and in-laws by reason of relation.

SECTION 4

INSTRUCTIONS TO RESPONDENTS

4.1 **Submission of Qualification Statements.**

Respondents must submit their Qualification Statement at the following website <https://jmeucprocurement.ionwave.net>.

Qualification Statements must be received by the Joint Meeting no later than 2:00 p.m. (prevailing time) on **Oct. 19, 2021**. Qualification Statements forwarded by facsimile, e-mail or parcel will not be accepted.

To be responsive, Qualification Statements must provide all requested information, and must be in strict conformance with the instructions set forth herein. Qualification Statements and all related information must be bound, and signed and acknowledged by the Respondent.

SECTION 5

EVALUATION

The Joint Meeting's objective in soliciting Qualification Statements is to enable it to select a firm or organization that will provide high quality and cost effective services to the Joint Meeting. The Joint Meeting will consider Qualification Statements only from firms or organizations that, in the Joint Meeting's judgment, have demonstrated the capability and willingness to provide high quality services to the citizens of the Joint Meeting in the manner described in this RFQ.

Proposals will be evaluated by the Joint Meeting on the basis of the most advantageous, all relevant factors considered. The evaluation will consider:

1. Experience and reputation in the field;
2. Knowledge of the sewage treatment facilities like the Joint Meeting and the subject matter addressed under the contract;
3. Availability to attend the required meetings of the Joint Meeting; and
4. Other factors demonstrated to be in the best interest of the Joint Meeting.

APPENDIX 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 www.state.nj.us/treasury/contract_compliance)

The contractor and its subcontractors shall furnish such reports or other documents to the Division of Public Contracts Equal Employment Opportunity Compliance 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 Public Contracts Equal Employment Opportunity Compliance for conducting a compliance investigation pursuant to Subchapter 10 of the Administrative Code at N.J.A.C. 17:27.

APPENDIX B

LETTER OF QUALIFICATION

(Note: To be typed on Respondent's Letterhead. No modifications may be made to this letter)

[insert date]

Attn: Ms. Hanifa Z. Johnson
Executive Director
Joint Meeting of Essex and Union Counties
500 South First Street
Elizabeth, N.J. 07202

Dear Ms. Johnson:

The undersigned have reviewed our Qualification Statement submitted in response to the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) issued by the Joint Meeting of Essex and Union Counties ("Joint Meeting"), dated **September 30, 2022**, in connection with the Joint Meeting's need for Financial Services – Auditor.

We affirm that the contents of our Qualification Statement (which Qualification Statement is incorporated herein by reference) are accurate, factual and complete to the best of our knowledge and belief and that the Qualification Statement is submitted in good faith upon express understanding that any false statement may result in the disqualification of (Name of Respondent).

(Respondent shall sign and complete the spaces provided below. If a joint venture, appropriate officers of each company shall sign.)

(Signature of Chief
Executive Officer)

(Signature of Chief
Financial Officer)

(Type Name and Title)

(Type Name and Title)

(Type Name of Firm)*

(Type Name of Firm)*

Dated: _____

Dated: _____

* If a joint venture, partnership or other formal organization is submitting a Qualification Statement, each participant shall execute this Letter of Qualification.

APPENDIX C

LETTER OF INTENT

(Note: To be typed on Respondent's Letterhead. No modifications may be made to this letter)

[Insert date]

Attn: Ms. Hanifa Z. Johnson
Executive Director
Joint Meeting of Essex and Union Counties
500 South First Street
Elizabeth, N.J. 07202

Dear Ms. Johnson:

The undersigned, as Respondent, has (have) submitted the attached Qualification Statement in response to a Request for Qualifications (RFQ), issued by the Joint Meeting of Essex and Union Counties ("Joint Meeting"), dated **September 30, 2022** in connection with the Joint Meeting's need for Financial Services – Auditor.

(Name of Respondent) HEREBY STATES:

1. The Qualification Statement contains accurate, factual and complete information.
2. (Name of Respondent) agrees (agree) to participate in good faith in the procurement process as described in the RFQ and to adhere to the Joint Meeting's procurement schedule.
3. (Name of Respondent) acknowledges (acknowledge) that all costs incurred by it (them) in connection with the preparation and submission of the Qualification Statement and any proposal prepared and submitted in response to the RFP, or any negotiation which results therefrom shall be borne exclusively by the Respondent.
4. (Name of Respondent) hereby declares (declare) that the only persons participating in this Qualification Statement as Principals are named herein and that no person other than those herein mentioned has any participation in this Qualification Statement or in any contract to be entered into with respect thereto. Additional persons may subsequently be included as participating Principals, but only if acceptable to the Joint Meeting. (Name of Respondent) declares that this Qualification Statement is made without connection with any other person, firm

or parties who has submitted a Qualification Statement, except as expressly set forth below and that it has been prepared and has been submitted in good faith and without collusion or fraud.

5. (Name of Respondent) acknowledges and agrees that the Joint Meeting may modify, amend, suspend and/or terminate the procurement process (in its sole judgment). In any case, the Joint Meeting shall have any liability to the Respondent for any costs incurred by the Respondent with respect to the procurement activities described in this RFQ.

6. (Name of Respondent) acknowledges that any contract executed with respect to the provision of [insert services] must comply with all applicable affirmative action and similar laws. Respondent hereby agrees to take such actions as are required in order to comply with such applicable laws.

(Respondent shall sign and complete the space provided below. If a joint venture, appropriate officers of each company shall sign.)

(Signature of Chief Executive Officer)

(Type Name and Title)

(Type Name of Firm)*

Dated: _____

* If a joint venture, partnership or other formal organization is submitting a Qualification Statement, each participant shall execute this Letter of Intent.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION COMPLIANCE NOTICE
N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 and N.J.A.C. 17:27

GOODS AND SERVICES CONTRACTS

This form is a summary of the successful bidder's requirement to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 and N.J.A.C. 17:27-1 et seq. The successful bidder shall submit to the public agency, after notification of award but prior to execution of this contract, one of the following three documents as forms of evidence:

- (a) A photocopy of a valid letter that the contractor is operating under an existing Federally approved or sanctioned affirmative action program (good for one year from the date of the letter);

OR

- (b) A photocopy of a Certificate of Employee Information Report approval, issued in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-4;

OR

- (c) (c) A photocopy of an Employee Information Report (Form AA302) provided by the Division and distributed to the public agency to be completed by the contractor in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-4.

The successful vendor may obtain the Affirmative Action Employee Information Report (AA302) from the contracting unit during normal business hours.

The successful vendor(s) must submit the copies of the AA302 Report to the Division of Contract Compliance and Equal Employment Opportunity in Public Contracts (Division). The Public Agency copy is submitted to the public agency, and the vendor copy is retained by the vendor.

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. 17:27.1 et seq. 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. 17:27-1 et seq.

COMPANY: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

PRINT NAME: _____ TITLE: _____

DATE: _____

**Request for Taxpayer
Identification Number and Certification**

► Go to www.irs.gov/FormW9 for instructions and the latest information.

**Give Form to the
requester. Do not
send to the IRS.**

Print or type.
See Specific Instructions on page 3.

1 Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank.	
2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above	
3 Check appropriate box for federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one of the following seven boxes. <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC <input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=Partnership) ► <input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ► Note: Check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner. Do not check LLC if the LLC is classified as a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner unless the owner of the LLC is another LLC that is not disregarded from the owner for U.S. federal tax purposes. Otherwise, a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner.	4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3): Exempt payee code (if any) _____ Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) _____ <small>(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)</small>
5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) See instructions.	Requester's name and address (optional)
6 City, state, and ZIP code	
7 List account number(s) here (optional)	

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN*, later.

Note: If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. Also see *What Name and Number To Give the Requester* for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number									
				-			-		
or									
Employer identification number									
				-					

Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

- The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
- I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
- I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
- The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part II, later.

**Sign
Here**

Signature of
U.S. person ►

Date ►

General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Future developments. For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to www.irs.gov/FormW9.

Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following.

- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)

- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
- Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
- Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
- Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
- Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)
- Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
- Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
- Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.

If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See What is backup withholding, later.

JOINT MEETING OF ESSEX AND UNION COUNTIES
STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP
(OWNERSHIP DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATION)
N.J.S.A. 52:25-24.2 (P.L. 1977, c.33, as amended by P.L. 2016, c.43)

Name of Business: _____

Address of Business: _____

Name of person completing this form: _____

N.J.S.A. 52:25-24.2:

"No corporation, partnership, or limited liability company shall be awarded any contract nor shall any agreement be entered into for the performance of any work or the furnishing of any materials or supplies, unless prior to the receipt of the bid or proposal, or accompanying the bid or proposal of said corporation, said partnership, or said limited liability company there is submitted a statement setting forth 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.

If one or more such stockholder or partner or member is itself a corporation or partnership or limited liability company, the stockholders holding 10 percent or more of that corporation's stock, or the individual partners owning 10 percent or greater interest in that partnership, or the members owning 10 percent or greater interest in that limited liability company, as the case may be, shall also be listed. The disclosure shall be continued until names and addresses of every noncorporate stockholder, and individual partner, and member, exceeding the 10 percent ownership criteria established in this act, has been listed.

To comply with this section, a bidder with any direct or indirect parent entity which is publicly traded may submit the name and address of each publicly traded entity and the name and address of each person that holds a 10 percent or greater beneficial interest in the publicly traded entity as of the last annual filing with the federal Securities and Exchange Commission or the foreign equivalent, and, if there is any person that holds a 10 percent or greater beneficial interest, also shall submit links to the websites containing the last annual filings with the federal Securities and Exchange Commission or the foreign equivalent and the relevant page numbers of the filings that contain the information on each person that holds a 10 percent or greater beneficial interest."

The Attorney General has advised that the provisions of N.J.S.A. 52:25-24.2, which refer to corporations and partnerships apply to limited partnerships, limited liability partnerships, and Subchapter S corporations.

This Ownership Disclosure Certification form shall be completed, signed and notarized.

Failure of the bidder/proposer to submit the required information is cause for automatic rejection of the bid or proposal

Part I

Check the box that represents the type of business organization:

- ☐ Sole Proprietorship (skip Parts II and III, sign and notarize at the end)
☐ Non-Profit Corporation (skip Parts II and III, sign and notarize at the end)
☐ Partnership ☐ Limited Partnership ☐ Limited Liability Partnership
☐ Limited Liability Company
☐ For-profit Corporation (including Subchapters C and S or Professional Corporation)
☐ Other (be specific): _____

Part II

- ☐ I certify that 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.

OR

- ☐ I certify that 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 that no member in the limited liability company owns a 10 percent or greater interest therein, as the case may be.

Sign and notarize the form below, and, if necessary, complete the list below. (Please attach additional sheets if more space is needed):

Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Part III - Any Direct or Indirect Parent Entity Which is Publicly Traded:

“To comply with this section, a bidder with any direct or indirect parent entity which is publicly traded may submit the name and address of each publicly traded entity and the name and address of each person that holds a 10 percent or greater beneficial interest in the publicly traded entity as of the last annual filing with the federal Securities and Exchange Commission or the foreign equivalent, and, if there is any person that holds a 10 percent or greater beneficial interest, also shall submit links to the websites containing the last annual filings with the federal Securities and Exchange Commission or the foreign equivalent and the relevant page numbers of the filings that contain the information on each person that holds a 10 percent or greater beneficial interest.”

- ☐ Pages attached with name and address of each publicly traded entity as well as the name and address of each person that holds a 10 percent or greater beneficial interest.

OR

- ☐ Submit here the links to the Websites (URLs) containing the last annual filings with the federal Securities and Exchange Commission or the foreign equivalent.

AND

- ☐ Submit here the relevant page numbers of the filings containing the information on each person holding a 10 percent or greater beneficial interest.

Subscribed and sworn before me this ____ day of
_____, 2 _____.

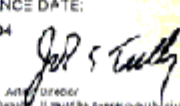
(Affiant)

(Notary Public)

My Commission expires:

(Print name of affiant and title if applicable)

(Corporate Seal if a Corporation)

STATE OF NEW JERSEY BUSINESS REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE FOR STATE AGENCY AND CASINO SERVICE CONTRACTORS		DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY DIVISION OF REVENUE PO BOX 252 TRENTON, NJ 08646-0252
TAXPAYER NAME: TAX REGISTRATION TEST ACCOUNT	TRADE NAME: CLIENT REGISTRATION	
TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION: 970-007-000/500	SEQUENCE NUMBER: 0107200	
ADDRESS: 847 ROEBLING AVE TRENTON, NJ 08611	ISSUANCE DATE: 07/14/04	
EXPIRATION DATE: 01/01/05	 <small>ANY OFFICER</small>	
FORM-BRC(08.01)		

This Certificate is NOT negotiable or transferrable. It must be continuously 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:	1092907
Date of Issuance:	October 14, 2004
For Office Use Only:	
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