

**WILLINGBORO BOARD OF EDUCATION
WILLINGBORO, NEW JERSEY 08046**



**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
(RFP)**

Proposal Specifications & General Requirements

LEGAL SERVICES; BOND COUNSEL

RFP 02-2024/25

Dr. Steven A. Lewis
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Submission Date:
Wednesday, May 8, 2024
11:00 a.m.

**WILLINGBORO BOARD OF EDUCATION
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**Invitation to Participate
Request for Proposal (RFP) Process**

The Willingboro Board of Education hereby invites your firm to participate in the competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) process to procure a contract with the District for

RFP 02-2024/25 LEGAL SERVICES; BOND COUNSEL

All RFP responses must be submitted in a sealed envelope and delivered to

Dr. Steven A. Lewis
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Willingboro Board of Education
440 Beverly Rancocas Road
Willingboro, New Jersey 08046

Responses are to be received **on or before** the date and time indicated below. The envelope is to bear the following information:

Title: **LEGAL SERVICES; BOND COUNSEL**
RFP No.: **RFP 02-2024/25**
Name and Address Respondent
RFP Due Date: **Wednesday, May 8, 2024**
RFP Deadline Time: **11:00 a.m.**

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

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any non-responsive proposals or all proposals, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-22, and to waive minor informalities or non-material exceptions, that may be in the best interest of the Board.

Dr. Steven A. Lewis
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

ETHICS IN PURCHASING

Statement to Vendors

SCHOOL DISTRICT RESPONSIBILITY

Recommendation of Purchases

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

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

Solicitation/Receipt of Gifts – Prohibited

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

VENDOR RESPONSIBILITY

Offer of Gifts, Gratuities -- Prohibited

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

Vendor Influence -- Prohibited

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

VENDOR CERTIFICATION

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

Dr. Steven A. Lewis

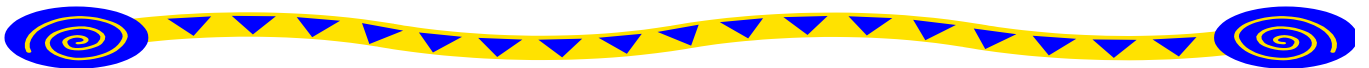
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

WILLINGBORO BOARD OF EDUCATION



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS



Dr. Steven A. Lewis
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

WILLINGBORO BOARD OF EDUCATION

Request for Proposal (RFP)

Legal Services; Bond Counsel

Instructions for Respondents

PROPOSALS ARE

TO BE SUBMITTED TO:

Dr. Steven A. Lewis
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Willingboro Board of Education
440 Beverly Rancocas Road
Willingboro, New Jersey 08046

BY: 11:00 a.m. PREVAILING TIME

ON: Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Proposals are to be submitted in a sealed envelope and may be submitted by mail, delivery service, or in person.

Proposals must be placed in a *sealed* envelope/package and clearly marked with the **Legal Services; Bond Counsel** on the front of the envelope/package. Proposals ***must be*** submitted in ***duplicate*** on the submittal forms as provided, and in the manner designated. The Board requires one original and one duplicate copy of the proposal package.

Envelope Label Information

All respondents are to clearly label the cover of the sealed envelope as follows:

Title: **Legal Services; Bond Counsel**
RFP Number: RFP 02-2024/25
Name and Address Respondent
RFP Due Date: Wednesday, May 8, 2024
RFP Deadline Time: 11:00 a.m.

Failure to properly label the proposal envelope may lead to the rejection of the proposal!

The Board of Education does not accept electronic (e-mail) submissions of proposals at this time.

1. AFFIRMATIVE ACTION—EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

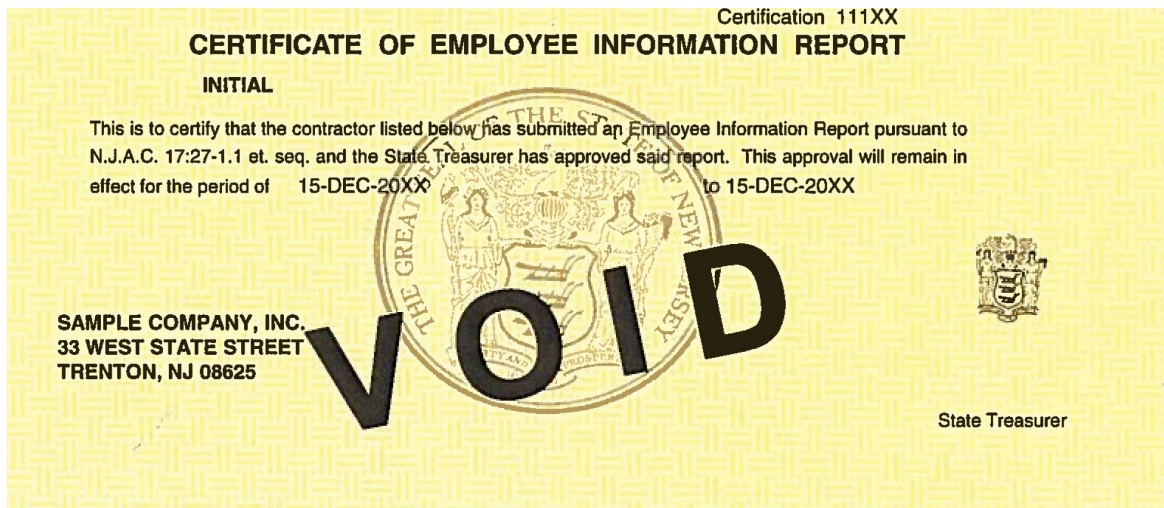
Each company shall submit to the Board of Education, after notification of award, but prior to execution of a goods and services contract, one of the following three (3) documents:

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

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

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

Sample Certificate of Employee Information Report



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

2. AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

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

3. AMERICAN GOODS (N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-20)

The District intends to purchase, wherever available, and practical, goods and materials manufactured in the United States

4. ANTI-BULLYING BILL OF RIGHTS—REPORTING OF HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION AND BULLYING CONTRACTED SERVICE PROVIDER

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

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

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

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

b. No contractor, subcontractor, nor any person on his behalf shall, in any manner, discriminate against or intimidate any employee engaged in the performance of work under this contract or any subcontract hereunder, or engaged in the procurement, manufacture, assembling or furnishing of any such materials, equipment, supplies or services to be acquired under such contract, on account of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, gender identity or expression, affectional or sexual orientation or sex;

c. There may be deducted from the amount payable to the contractor by the contracting public agency, under this contract, a penalty of \$50.00 for each person for each calendar day during which such person is discriminated against or intimidated in violation of the provisions of the contract; and

d. This contract may be canceled or terminated by the contracting public agency, and all money due or to become due hereunder may be forfeited, for any violation of this section of the contract occurring after notice to the contractor from the contracting public agency of any prior violation of this section of the contract.

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

6. AWARD OF CONTRACT; RESOLUTION; NUMBER OF DAYS

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

7. BUSINESS REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE (N.J.S.A. 52:32-44)

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

Request of the Board of Education

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

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

Subcontractors

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

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

During the course of contract performance:

1. The contractor shall not enter into a contract with a subcontractor unless the subcontractor first provides the contractor with valid proof of business registration.
2. The contractor shall maintain and submit to the Contracting Agency a list of subcontractors and their addresses that may be updated from time to time.
3. The contractor and any subcontractor providing goods or performing services under the contract, and each of their affiliates, shall collect and remit to the Director of the Division of Taxation in the Department of the Treasury, the use tax due pursuant to the Sales and Use Tax Act, (N.J.S.A. 54:32B-1 et seq.) on all sales of tangible personal property delivered into the State.

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

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

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

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
TRADE NAME: CLIENT REGISTRATION
TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION#: 970-097-382/500
SEQUENCE NUMBER: 0107530
ADDRESS: 847 ROEBLING AVE
TRENTON NJ 08611
ISSUANCE DATE: 07/14/04
EFFECTIVE DATE: 01/01/01
FORM-BRC(08-01)

Acting Director
John S. Tully

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:
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Sample Business Registration Certificates

8. CONTRACTOR/VENDOR REQUIREMENTS—ACCESS AND MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS

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

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

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

If the State Comptroller finds that any person receiving funds from a unit in the Executive branch of State government, including an entity exercising executive branch authority, independent State authority, public institution of higher education, or unit of local government or board of education refuses to provide information upon the request of the State Comptroller, or otherwise impedes or fails to cooperate with any audit or performance review, the State Comptroller may recommend to the contracting unit that the person be subject to termination of their contract, or temporarily or permanently debarred from contracting with the contracting unit.

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

Relevant records of private vendors or other persons entering into contracts with covered entities are subject to audit or review by OSC pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:15C-14(d). The contractor/vendor to whom a contract has been awarded shall maintain all documentation related to products, transactions, or services under this contract for a period of five years from the date of final payment. Such records shall be made available to the New Jersey Office of the State Comptroller upon request.

- **Board of Education Requirement**

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

9. CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECKS/DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION

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

If it is discovered during the course of the contract that an employee has a disqualifying criminal history or the employee has not had a criminal history background check, that employee is to be removed from the as a service provider immediately. All contracted service providers shall comply with N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.6 et seq., as it pertains to disclosure of information from previous employers, and NJDOE Broadcast September 9, 2019, when applicable.

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

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

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

- New Jersey Department of Treasury – Consolidated Debarment Report
- NJ Department of Labor and Workforce Development– Prevailing Wage Debarment List
- Federal Debarred Vendor List—System for Award Management (SAM.gov/exclusions)

11. DOCUMENTS, MISSING/ILLEGIBLE

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

12. DOCUMENT SIGNATURES – ORIGINAL; BLUE INK

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

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

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

13. EXAMINATION OF SPECIFICATIONS, ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

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

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

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

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

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

15. FORCE MAJEURE

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

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

16. GENERAL CONDITIONS

- **Authorization to Proceed -- Successful Vendor/Contractor**

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

- **Award of Contract**

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

- **Return of Contract Documents—when required**

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

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

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

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

- **Renewal of Contract; Availability and Appropriation of Funds—When Applicable**

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

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

- **Term of Contract**

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

- **Purchase Order Required; Notice to Proceed**

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

17. INSURANCE AND INDEMNIFICATION REQUIRED

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

- Commercial General Liability with a \$1,000,000 and \$2,000,000 General Aggregate per occurrence for Bodily Injury, Personal and Advertising Injury, Property Damage, and Product Liability.
- Automobile Liability with a \$1,000,000 Combined Single Limit of Liability for Bodily Injury and Property Damage per accident.
- Cyber Security and Privacy Liability with a \$1,000,000 per occurrence or claim.

Other Insurance Coverage

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

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

Insurance Certificate – When Required

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

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

The certificate holder shall be as follows:

Willingboro Board of Education
c/o School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
440 Beverly Rancocas Road
Willingboro, New Jersey 08046

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

“Willingboro Board of Education is named as an additional insured”

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

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

Indemnification

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

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

The vendor/contractor is to assume all liability for every sort of incident to the work, including property damage caused by their workers or by any subcontractor employed by the firm or any of the subcontractor’s workers.

18. INSURANCE; PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY – REQUIRED

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

Professional Liability Insurance Certificate with the following limits:

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

Other insurance coverage required when providing medical services:

Medical Malpractice--\$1,000,000

The successful respondent shall provide to the board of education an insurance certificate with the name of the certificate holder shall be as follows:

Willingboro Board of Education
c/o The Business Office
440 Beverly Rancocas Road
Willingboro, New Jersey 08046

19. INTERPRETATIONS AND ADDENDA

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

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

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

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

N.J.S.A. 52:32-57, et seq. (P.L. 2012, c.25 and P.L. 2021, c.4)

a. A person or entity that, at the time of bid or proposal for a new contract or renewal of an existing contract, is identified on a list created pursuant to subsection b. of this section as a person or entity engaging in investment activities in Iran as described in subsection f. of section 2 of this act, shall be ineligible to, and shall not, bid on, submit a proposal for, or enter into or renew, a contract with a State agency for goods or services.

N.J.S.A. 52:32-58: Certification Required.

a. A State agency shall require a person or entity that submits a bid or proposal or otherwise proposes to enter into or renew a contract **to certify, prior to the time a contract is awarded** and at the time the contract is renewed, that the person or entity is not identified on a list created pursuant to subsection b. of section 3 of this act as a person or entity engaging in investment activities in Iran described in subsection f. of section 2 of this act.

Any person or entity that is a successful bidder or proposer, 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 parent entity, subsidiary, or affiliate is identified on the State Department of Treasury's Chapter 25 list as a person or entity engaging in investment activities in Iran. The list is found on the Treasury's website at www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/pdf/Chapter25List.pdf

The Board has provided within the specifications, a Disclosure of Investments Activities in Iran certification form for all persons or entities, that plan to submit a bid, respond to a proposal, or renew a contract with the Board, to complete, sign, and submit with the proposal. Such certification is required to be submitted prior to the award of the contract.

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

21. LIABILITY – COPYRIGHT

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

22. NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

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

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

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

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

23. PAYMENTS

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

- Signed voucher by vendor;
- Invoices.

Payment will be rendered upon completion of services or delivery of full order of goods/materials/supplies. Pursuant to the New Jersey Prompt Payment Law-- N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-10.1, unless otherwise provided for in the contract, the required payment date shall be ninety (90) calendar days from the date specified in the contract or if no required payment is specified in the contract, then the required payment date shall be 90 calendar days from the receipt of a properly executed invoice, or 90 calendar days from the receipt of goods or services, whichever is later. Interest shall not be paid unless goods and/or services have been rendered. All payments are subject to approval by the Board of Education at a public meeting. Payment may be delayed from time to time depending on the Board of Education meeting schedule.

24. POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT – PAY TO PLAY

- Annual Disclosure

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

- Chapter 271 Political Contribution Disclosure Form

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

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

The disclosure must list reportable contributions to any of the committees that exceed \$200 per election cycle that were made during the 12 months prior to the award of the contract. See N.J.S.A. 19:44A-8 and 19:44A-16 for more details on reportable contributions.

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

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

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

25. POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS/AWARD OF CONTRACTS

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

- **Award of Contract -- Reportable Contributions -- N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-6.3 (a) (1)**
"No board of education will vote upon or award any contract in the amount of \$17,500 or greater to any business entity which has made a contribution reportable by the recipient under P.L.1973, c83 (codified at N.J.S.A. 19:44A-1 et seq.) to a member of the board of education during the preceding one year period.
- **Contributions During Term of Contract – Prohibited -- N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-6.3 (a) (2-3)**
"Contributions reportable by the recipient under P.L. 1973, c83 (codified at N.J.S.A. 19:44A-1 et seq.) to any member of the school board from any business entity doing business with the school district are prohibited during the term of the contract."

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

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

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

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

26. PRE-EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS--CONTRACTED SERVICE PROVIDERS

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

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

27. PRESENTATION AND INTERVIEWS—Negotiations Not Permitted

The Board of Education may at its option, require providers of its choice to attend interviews and make presentations to district officials. This process may only take place after proposals have been opened and reviewed and prior to the completion of the evaluation. Under no circumstances shall the provisions of the proposal be subject to negotiation.

28. PRE-SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL MEETING NONE SCHEDULED

29. RESPONDENT’S RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL

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

30. RIGHT TO KNOW LAW

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

New Jersey Department of Health
Workplace, Health and Safety, Right to Know Unit CN 368
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0368

31. RUSSIA OR BELARUS; PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

The Board of Education shall comply with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-49.5 and N.J.S.A. 52:32-60.1, (L 2022, c.3) which requires a person (or entity) to certify, before a contract is awarded, renewed, amended, or extended, by the Board indicating whether or not the Vendor is identified on the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons list, available here: <https://sanctionssearch.ofac.treas.gov/>. If the Department of the Treasury finds that a Vendor has made a certification in violation of the law, it shall take any 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.

The Board has provided within the specifications, a Certification on Non-Involvement in Prohibited Activities in Russia or Belarus Form for all persons or entities, that plan to submit a bid, respond to a proposal, or renew a contract with the board, to complete, sign and submit with the proposal. The Certification on Non-Involvement in Prohibited Activities in Russia or Belarus Form is to be completed, certified, and submitted prior to the award of the contract.

32. STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP

No business organization, regardless of the form of ownership, shall be awarded any contract for the performance of any work or the furnishing of any goods and services, unless, prior to the receipt of the bid or accompanying the bid of said business organization, bidders shall submit a statement setting forth the names and addresses of all persons and entities that own ten percent or more of its stock or interest of any type at all levels of ownership. The included Statement of Ownership Form shall be completed and attached to the bid proposal. This requirement applies to all forms of business organizations, including, but not limited to, corporations and partnerships, publicly-owned corporations, limited partnerships, limited liability corporations, limited liability partnerships, sole proprietorship, and Subchapter S corporations. Failure to submit a disclosure document shall result in rejection of the bid as it cannot be remedied after bids have been opened. Not-for-profit entities should fill in their name, check the not-for-profit box, and certify the form. No other information is required.

33. SUBCONTRACTING; ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACT

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

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

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

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

34. TAXES

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

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

35. TERMINATION OF CONTRACT

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

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

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

36. WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSALS

- **Before The Proposal Opening**

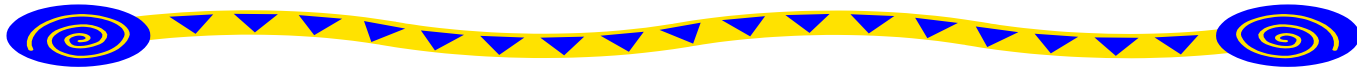
The School Business Administrator may consider a written request from a respondent to withdraw a proposal if the written request is received by the School Business Administrator before the advertised time of the proposal opening. Any respondent who has been granted permission by the School Business Administrator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

- **After The Proposal Opening**

The Board of Education may consider a written request from a respondent to withdraw a proposal if the written request is received by the School Business Administrator within five (5) business days after the proposal opening. A request to withdraw a proposal after the specified number of days will not be honored.

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

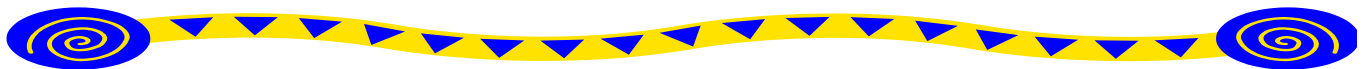
The request to withdraw a proposal after the proposal opening may be reviewed by the School Business Administrator, the Board Attorney, and a recommendation will be made to the Board of Education. If the Board of Education grants permission to have the proposal withdrawn the contractor/vendor shall be disqualified from quoting on the same project if the project is re-advertised. If the contractor/vendor fails to meet the burden of proof to have the proposal withdrawn, the request to withdraw the proposal will be denied, and if the contractor/vendor fails to execute the contract the bid guarantee will be forfeited and become the property of the Board of Education.



Request for Proposal RFP

PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

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



Dr. Steven A. Lewis
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

To be completed, signed, and returned with the proposal

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ADDENDA

RFP 01-2024/25

Proposal Date: Wednesday, May 8, 2024

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

ADDENDA NO.	ISSUING DATES
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

NO ADDENDA RECEIVED

Name of Company _____

Address _____ P.O. Box _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Name of Authorized Representative _____

Signature _____ Title _____

To be completed, signed, and returned with the proposal

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION QUESTIONNAIRE
Goods and Services Contracts

This form is to be completed and returned with the bid/proposal. However, the Board will accept in lieu of this Questionnaire, an Affirmative Action Evidence Certificate of Employee Information Report.

1. Our company has a Federal Affirmative Action Plan approval. Yes No
If yes, please attach a copy of the plan to this questionnaire.

2. Our company has an N.J. State Certificate of Employee Information Report Yes No
If yes, please attach a copy of the certificate to this questionnaire.

3. If you answered "NO" to both questions No. 1 and 2, you must apply for an Affirmative Action Employee Information Report – Form AA302.

Please visit the New Jersey Department of Treasury website for the Division of Public Contracts Equal Employment Opportunity Compliance:

[NJ Department of the Treasury Contract Compliance \(state.nj.us\)](http://state.nj.us)

Select "Online Submission/Payment of EE/AA Employee Information Report" and Please follow all the "Online Submission Instructions".

If completing the forms manually please mail your forms and the \$150.00 certificate fee, in the form of a check or money order, made payable to: "Treasurer, State of New Jersey" to the address below:

NJ Department of the Treasury
Division of Purchase and Property Contract Compliance and Audit Unit
EEO Monitoring Program
PO Box 206 Trenton, NJ 08625-0206

All fees for this application are to be paid directly to the Treasurer, State of New Jersey. A copy of the Employee Information Report and a copy of the check shall be submitted to the Board of Education before the execution or award of the contract.

Name: _____

Signature _____

Title _____ Date _____

Name of Company _____

City, State, Zip _____

ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE

Contact with Students

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

Anti-Bullying Reporting--Requirement

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

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

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

Pre-Employment Requirements

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

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

Name of Company _____

Name of Authorized Representative _____

Signature _____ Date _____

To be completed, signed, and returned with the proposal

WILLINGBORO BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Chapter 271
POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION DISCLOSURE FORM
(Contracts that Exceed \$17,500.00)
N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26**

The undersigned, being authorized and knowledgeable of the circumstances, does hereby certify that _____ (Business Entity) has made the following **reportable** political contributions to any elected official, political candidate or any political committee as defined in N.J.S.A. 19:44-20.26 during the twelve (12) months preceding this award of contract:

Reportable Contributions

<u>Date of Contribution</u>	<u>Amount of Contribution</u>	<u>Name of Recipient Elected Official/ Committee/Candidate</u>	<u>Name of Contributor</u>

No Reportable Contributions (Please check (✓) if applicable.)

I certify that _____ (Business Entity) made no reportable contributions to any elected official, political candidate or any political committee as defined in N.J.S.A. 19:44-20.26.

Certification

I certify, that the information provided above is in full compliance with Public Law 2005—Chapter 271.

Name of Authorized Agent _____

Signature _____ Title _____

Business Entity _____

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C. 271 POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION DISCLOSURE FORM

Contractor Instructions

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

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

The disclosure must list reportable contributions to any of the committees that exceed \$200 per election cycle that were made during the 12 months prior to award of the contract. See N.J.S.A. 19:44A-8 and 19:44A-16 for more details on reportable contributions.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

List of Agencies with Elected Officials Required for Political Contribution Disclosure N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26

County Name: Burlington
 State: Governor, and Legislative Leadership Committees
 Legislative District #: 6, 7, 8, 9, & 12
 State Senator and two members of the General Assembly per district.

County: County Commissioners County Clerk Sheriff Surrogate

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

- | | | |
|-------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| Bass River Township | Florence Township | Pemberton Township |
| Beverly City | Hainesport Township | Riverside Township |
| Bordentown City | Lumberton Township | Riverton Borough |
| Bordentown Township | Mansfield Township | Shamong Township |
| Burlington City | Maple Shade Borough | Southampton Township |
| Burlington Township | Medford Lakes Borough | Springfield Township |
| Chesterfield Township | Medford Township | Tabernacle Township |
| Cinnaminson Township | Moorestown Township | Washington Township |
| Delanco Township | Mount Holly Township | Westampton Township |
| Delran Township | Mount Laurel Township | Willingboro Township |
| Eastampton Township | New Hanover Township | Woodland Township |
| Edgewater Park Township | North Hanover Township | Wrightstown Borough |
| Evesham Township | Palmyra Borough | |
| Fieldsboro Borough | Pemberton Borough | |

Boards of Education (Members of the Board):

- | | | |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Bass River Township | Lenape Regional | Pemberton Township |
| Beverly City | Lumberton Township | Rancocas Valley Regional |
| Bordentown Regional | Mansfield Township | Riverside Township |
| Burlington City | Maple Shade Township | Riverton |
| Burlington Township | Medford Lakes Borough | Shamong Township |
| Chesterfield Township | Medford Township | Southampton Township |
| Cinnaminson Township | Moorestown Township | Springfield Township |
| Delanco Township | Mount Holly Township | Tabernacle Township |
| Delran Township | Mount Laurel Township | Washington Township |
| Eastampton Township | New Hanover Township | Westampton |
| Edgewater Park Township | North Hanover Township | Willingboro Township |
| Evesham Township | Northern Burlington Regional | Woodland Township |
| Florence Township | Palmyra Borough | |
| Hainesport Township | Pemberton Borough | |

**List of Agencies with Elected Officials Required for Political Contribution Disclosure
N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26**

County Name: Burlington

Fire Districts

Beverly City Fire District No. 1

Bordentown Township Fire District No. 1

Bordentown Township Fire District No. 2

Burlington Township Fire District No. 1

Chesterfield-Hamilton Fire District No. 1

Chesterfield Township Fire District No. 2

Cinnaminson Township Fire District No. 1

Delanco Township Fire District No. 1

Delran Township Fire District No. 1

Eastampton Township Fire District No. 1

Edgewater Park Township Fire District No. 1

Evesham Township Fire District No. 1

Florence Township Fire District No. 1

Moorestown Township Fire District No. 1

Moorestown Township Fire District No. 2

Mount Holly Township Fire District No. 1

Mount Laurel Township Fire District No. 1

Riverside Township Fire District No. 1

Tabernacle Township Fire District No. 1

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BID SOLICITATION/PROPOSAL TITLE _____
VENDOR/BIDDER PROPOSER NAME _____

PART 1 COMPLETE BY CHECKING EITHER BOX.

Pursuant to Public Law 2012, c. 25, any person or entity that is a successful bidder or proposer, 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 parent entity, subsidiary, or affiliate is identified on the State Department of Treasury's Chapter 25 list as a person or entity engaging in investment activities in Iran. The list is found on the Treasury's website at www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/pdf/Chapter25List.pdf.

The Chapter 25 list must be reviewed prior to completing the below certification. If a vendor or contractor is found to be in violation of law, action may be taken as appropriate and as may 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.

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX

- I certify, pursuant to Public Law 2012, c. 25, that neither the person or entity listed above, nor any parent entity, subsidiary, or affiliate thereof 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 person or entity and/or a parent entity, subsidiary, or affiliate thereof is listed on the N.J. Department of the Treasury'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 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please Provide Further Information Related to Investment Activities in Iran.

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

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PART 3: CERTIFICATION OF TRUE AND COMPLETE INFORMATION

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

I acknowledge that the **Willingboro Board of Education** 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 **Willingboro Board of Education** to notify the **Willingboro Board of Education** in writing of any changes to the answers of information contained herein.

I acknowledge that I am aware that it is a criminal offense to make a false statement or misrepresentation in this certification, 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 the **Willingboro Board of Education** and that the **Willingboro Board of Education** at its option may declare any contract(s) resulting from this certification void and unenforceable.

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

Name of Vendor, Bidder, or Proposer _____
Print Full Name

Authorized Agent _____ Title _____

Signature _____ Date _____

To be completed, signed, and returned with the proposal

NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

Legal Services; Bond Counsel

RFP No. 01-2024/25

Proposal Date: Wednesday, May 8, 2024

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

I am _____ of the _____
Position in Company Name of Company

and the respondent making the Proposal for the above names contract, and that I executed the said Proposal with full authority so to do; that I have not, directly or indirectly, entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion, discussed any or all parts of this proposal with any potential bidders, or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free, competitive bidding in connection with the proposal, and that all statements contained in said proposal and this affidavit are true and correct, and made with full knowledge that the Board of Education relies upon the truth of the statements contained in said Proposal and in the statements contained in this affidavit in awarding the contract for the said proposal.

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

(Print Name of Contractor/Vendor)

Subscribed and sworn to: _____
(SIGNATURE OF CONTRACTOR/VENDOR)

before me this _____ day of _____, _____.
Month Year

NOTARY PUBLIC SIGNATURE Print Name of Notary Public

My commission expires _____, _____.
Month Day Year

SEAL

STAMP

To be completed, signed, and returned with the proposal

STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP DISCLOSURE

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

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

Name of Organization: _____

Organization Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Part I Check the box that represents the type of business organization:

- Sole Proprietorship (skip Parts II and III, execute certification in Part IV)
- Non-Profit Corporation (skip Parts II and III, execute certification in Part IV)
- For-Profit Corporation (any type) Limited Liability Company (LLC)
- Partnership Limited Partnership Limited Liability Partnership (LLP)
- Other (be specific): _____

Part II Check the appropriate box

The list below contains the names and addresses of all stockholders in the corporation who own 10 percent or more of its stock, of any class, or of all individual partners in the partnership who own a 10 percent or greater interest therein, or of all members in the limited liability company who own a 10 percent or greater interest therein, as the case may be. **(COMPLETE THE LIST BELOW IN THIS SECTION)**

OR

No one stockholder in the corporation owns 10 percent or more of its stock, of any class, or no individual partner in the partnership owns a 10 percent or greater interest therein, or no member in the limited liability company owns a 10 percent or greater interest therein, as the case may be. **(SKIP TO PART IV)**

Name of Individual or Business Entity	Address

Part III DISCLOSURE OF 10% OR GREATER OWNERSHIP IN THE STOCKHOLDERS, PARTNERS OR LLC MEMBERS LISTED IN PART II

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

Website (URL) containing the last annual SEC (or foreign equivalent) filing	Page #'s

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

Stockholder/Partner/Member and Corresponding Entity Listed in Part II	Address

Part IV Certification

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

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

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

To be completed, signed, and returned with the proposal

CONTRACTOR/VENDOR QUESTIONNAIRE CERTIFICATION

Legal Services; Bond Counsel

Name of Company _____
Address _____ PO Box _____
City, State, Zip _____
Business Phone Number (____) _____ Emergency Phone Number (____) _____
FAX No. (____) _____ E-Mail _____
FEIN No. _____
Unique Entity Identifier (If Applicable) _____ CAGE Code (if applicable) _____

References – Work previously done for School Systems in New Jersey

<u>Name of District</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Contact Person/Title</u>	<u>Phone</u>
1. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____

Vendor Certifications

Direct/Indirect Interests

I declare and certify that no member of the Willingboro Board of Education, nor any officer, employee, or person whose salary is payable in whole or in part by said Board of Education or their immediate family members are directly or indirectly interested in this bid or in the supplies, materials, equipment, work or services to which it relates, or in any portion of profits thereof. If a situation so exists where a Board member, employee, officer of the board has an interest in the bid, etc., then please attach a letter of explanation to this document, duly signed by the president of the firm or company.

Gifts; Gratuities; Compensation

I declare and certify that no person from my firm, business, corporation, association, or partnership offered or paid any fee, commission, or compensation, or offered any gift, gratuity, or other things of value to any school official, board member, or employee of the Willingboro Board of Education.

Vendor Certifications

I declare and certify that I fully understand N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-6.3(a) (1-4) concerning vendor contributions to school board members.

Debarment Certification

I certify that my company and any person employed by my company, nor any affiliates are not debarred from contracting with a Federal government agency, nor debarred from contracting with the State of New Jersey.

I further certify that I understand that it is a crime in the second degree in New Jersey to knowingly make a material representation that is false in connection with the negotiation, award, or performance of a government contract.

President or Authorized Agent

SIGNATURE

CERTIFICATION OF NON-INVOLVEMENT IN PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES IN RUSSIA OR BELARUS

WILLINGBORO BOARD OF EDUCATION

N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-49.5

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:32-60.1, et seq. ([L. 2022, c. 3](#)) any person or entity (hereinafter "Vendor") that seeks to enter into or renew a contract with a State agency for the provision of goods or services, or the purchase of bonds or other obligations, must complete the certification below indicating whether or not the Vendor is identified on the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons list, available here: <https://sanctionssearch.ofac.treas.gov/>. If the Department of the Treasury finds that a Vendor has made a certification in violation of the law, it shall take any 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.

I, the undersigned, certify that I have read the definition of "Vendor" below, and have reviewed the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons list, and having done so certify:

(Check the Appropriate Box)

A. That the Vendor is not identified on the [OFAC Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons list on account of activity related to Russia and/or Belarus](#).

OR

B. That I am unable to certify as to "A" above, because the Vendor is identified on the [OFAC Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons list on account of activity related to Russia and/or Belarus](#).

OR

C. That I am unable to certify as to "A" above, because the Vendor is identified on the [OFAC Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons list](#). However, the Vendor is engaged in activity related to Russia and/or Belarus consistent with federal law, regulation, license or exemption. A detailed description of how the Vendor's activity related to Russia and/or Belarus is consistent with federal law is set forth below.

(Attach Additional Sheets If

Necessary.)

_____ Signature of Vendor's Authorized Representative	_____ Date
_____ Print Name and Title of Vendor's Authorized Representative	_____ Vendor's FEIN
_____ Vendor's Name	_____ Vendor's Phone Number
_____ Vendor's Address (440 Beverly Rancocas Road)	_____ Vendor's Fax Number
_____ Vendor's Address (City/State/Zip Code)	_____ Vendor's Email Address

Vendor means: (1) A natural person, corporation, company, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, limited liability company, business association, sole proprietorship, joint venture, partnership, society, trust, or any other nongovernmental entity, organization, or group; (2) Any governmental entity or instrumentality of a government, including a multilateral development institution, as defined in Section 1701(c)(3) of the International Financial Institutions Act, 22 U.S.C. 262r(c)(3); or (3) Any parent, successor, subunit, direct or indirect subsidiary, or any entity under common ownership or control with, any entity described in paragraph (1) or (2). NJ Rev. 1.22.2024

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. 17:27-1.1 et seq.

GOODS, GENERAL SERVICES, AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES 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 re-recruitment agency which engages in direct or indirect discriminatory practices.

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

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

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

Letter of Federal Affirmative Action Plan Approval;

Certificate of Employee Information Report; or

Employee Information Report Form AA-302 (electronically provided by the Division through the Division's website at:

http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/contract_compliance.

The contractor and its subcontractors shall furnish such reports or other documents to the Division of Purchase & Property, CCAU, EEO Monitoring Program as may be requested by the office from time to time in order to carry out the purposes of these regulations, and public agencies shall furnish such information as may be requested by the Division of Purchase & Property, CCAU, EEO Monitoring Program for conducting a compliance investigation pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:27-1.1 et seq. (July 2022)

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

Equal Opportunity for Individuals with Disability

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

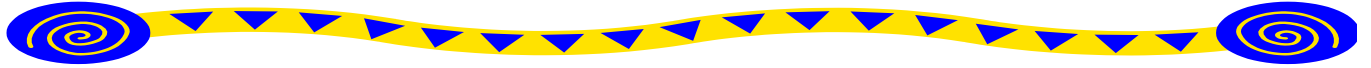
The contractor and the Board of Education (hereafter "owner") do hereby agree that the provisions of Title 11 of the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990 (the "Act") (42 U.S.C. S121 01 et seq.), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability by public entities in all services, programs, and activities provided or made available by public entities, and the rules and regulations promulgated pursuant there unto, are made a part of this contract. In providing any aid, benefit, or service on behalf of the owner pursuant to this contract, the contractor agrees that the performance shall be in strict compliance with the Act. In the event that the contractor, its agents, servants, employees, or subcontractors violate or are alleged to have violated the Act during the performance of this contract, the contractor shall defend the owner in any action or administrative proceeding commenced pursuant to this Act. The contractor shall indemnify, protect, and save harmless the owner, its agents, servants, and employees from and against any and all suits, claims, 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.

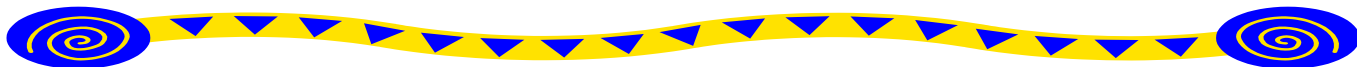
It is further agreed and understood that the owner assumes no obligation to indemnify or save harmless the contractor, its agents, servants, employees and subcontractors for any claim which may arise out of their performance of this Agreement. Furthermore, the contractor expressly understands and agrees 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.

WILLINGBORO BOARD OF EDUCATION



Request for Proposal RFP

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS



Dr. Steven A. Lewis
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

**WILLINGBORO BOARD OF EDUCATION
WILLINGBORO, NEW JERSEY 08046**

**LEGAL SERVICES; BOND COUNSEL
As-needed Services
Technical Specifications**

Scope of Contract

The Willingboro Board of Education (Board, District) solicits proposals from qualified respondents to provide Bond Counsel legal services for the Board of Education as specified in this request for proposal on an “as-needed” basis.

Background of School District

The Willingboro Township Public School District is a Type II, Prek-12 public school district located in Willingboro Township, in Burlington County. The district is comprised of nine schools, with an enrollment of approximately 4200 students. The budget for the 2023-2024 school year is \$113,959,892.

The district’s administration is led by **Dr. Malcolm X. Outlaw**, Superintendent of Schools and the chief financial officer is **Dr. Steven A. Lewis**, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

SCOPE OF SERVICE—BOND COUNSEL

The Board of Education desires to contract legal services for a Bond Counsel who will be the primary legal representative of the Board of Education in all matters relating to the issuance of public debt instruments including bonds and bond anticipation notes of the Board.

SCOPE OF SERVICE

The Bond Counsel will provide representation and assistance with the bond referendum process.

The Bond Counsel will serve as legal counsel and advice to the Board and Administration in all matters relating to the issuance of bonds and bond anticipation notes of the Board.

The Bond Counsel will provide specialized legal work and services in connection with matters of public finance and other matters as directed by the Board of Education, including but not limited to

- The authorization, issuance, sale, and delivery of Bonds and/or Bond anticipation notes for the District,
- The preparation of any bond resolutions;
- Prepare all applications and filings and appear before the appropriate state agencies, if necessary, in connection with the sale of the Bonds or Notes.
- Provide assurance statements as required for financial audits, bonding matters, and grant compliance.

- The preparation of resolutions authorizing financing, the preparation, and review of the notice of sale and the bond or bond anticipation notes,
- The assistance in the preparation and review of Official Statements,
- Review or draft all authorizing and operative financial documents necessary to effectuate the transaction. In developing a financial plan, Bond Counsel will give advice with respect to tax law, securities law, and state law consequences and will review the proposed use of the proceeds of the Bonds or Notes to ensure compliance with the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code and the regulations promulgated thereunder.
- The preparation of all closing documents necessary for the issuance of bonds or bond anticipation notes, attendance at the closing of the bonds or bond anticipation notes, preparation and
- Providing final legal opinions approving bond or bond anticipation note issues;
- After the sale of the Bonds or Notes, Bond Counsel will prepare and arrange for the preparation of the Bonds or Notes for execution, will prepare and oversee the execution of the necessary closing certifications, and will establish a time and place for delivery of the Bonds or Notes to the purchaser.
- Bond Counsel will attend the closing with appropriate Board officials, at which time the Bonds or Notes will be delivered, payment will be made for the Bonds or Notes and Bond Counsel will issue a written legal opinion based on facts and laws existing as of said date that the Bonds or Notes are legal, valid and binding obligations of the Board.

The Bond Counsel contracted by the Board of Education shall provide the following services:

❖ **Attendance at Board Meetings**

The Bond Counsel shall attend all public meetings of the Board of Education and other meetings if deemed necessary by the Superintendent of Schools or the School Business Administrator. Attendance at Board meetings shall be in-person or virtual when so requested by the District.

❖ **Legal Counsel and Advice**

The Bond Counsel shall:

- Provide timely advice and counsel on emergent matters. The Bond Counsel is expected to respond, at least verbally to be followed in writing, within a maximum of twenty-four hours when an inquiry is made by the Board or the Administration. take action or make a decision.

- **Legal Opinions; Formal**

Prepare oral and/or written legal opinions or provide legal advice when requested by the Superintendent of Schools or the School Business Administrator. All respondents submitting a proposal for legal services are reminded that as part of this contract, the Bond Counsel shall respond to all inquiries **in writing**, whenever requested, and that legal advice shall be maintained on file in the school business office.

- **Representation of the Board**

Represent the school district in all judicial and/or administrative proceedings within the specific service area in which the district or any of its board members, administrators, or agents may be a party or have an interest as it relates to bonding matters.

- **Attendance at Meetings; Other Than Board Meetings**

Attend and participate in strategy sessions, using phone, fax, US mail, text messages, virtual meeting process, and e-mail or in person, as may be required.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

❖ **Communication with District Personnel**

As part of this contract, the following officials are authorized to contact the Bond Counsel:

- Superintendent of Schools
- School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

The Superintendent of Schools may designate other school officials who may be authorized to contact the Bond Counsel.

❖ **Timely Response/Availability**

The Bond Counsel is expected to respond, at least verbally or in writing, via phone, video conferencing, email, or text message process within a maximum of twenty-four (24) hours when an inquiry is made by the Board President, or Superintendent of Schools, and/or designee. The Bond Counsel shall be available for all telephone or virtual conferences with the Superintendent of Schools, and/or designee, especially in urgent and emergent matters. All opinions and guidance provided by the Bond Counsel are to be memorialized in writing.

❖ **Log of Services—The District**

All respondents are reminded that the District will be keeping a log of services for legal counsel contacts and that log of services will be compared to the invoices submitted by the legal firm.

❖ **Professional Hourly Rate**

The Board requests all respondents to submit a professional hourly fee for legal services on the enclosed Fee Proposal Form.

❖ **Paralegal and Attorney Support—Hourly Rate**

The Board recognizes that paralegal support staff may be needed from time to time to assist the Bond Counsel in the performance of services. All respondents are to provide a list of support staff and the hourly rate fee for each support staff.

❖ **Administrative and Secretarial Services and Related Expenses**

Administrative and secretarial costs and related expenses are considered part of the firm's overhead and are built into the hourly rate structure. The District will not pay for these costs. The District will consider on a case-by-case basis any extraordinary administrative or secretarial services costs and if agreeable, shall pre-approve such extraordinary costs as may be applicable.

QUALIFICATIONS OF RESPONDENTS

All legal counsels shall:

- Have a law degree from an accredited law school or a college or university.
- Hold a license to practice law in the State of New Jersey.
- Show evidence of experience and competence as a practicing attorney with a New Jersey public school district, especially as it relates to bonding matters;
- Must have a minimum of five (5) years of experience representing school boards in connection with the approval issuance of school board bonds and/or notes.
- The Board requires all respondents to show evidence of currently providing services to at least two (2) New Jersey public school districts as it relates to the issuance of school board bonds and/or notes.
- Demonstrate the ability to communicate effectively in English, both orally and in writing, using proper grammar and vocabulary.
- Exhibit a personality that demonstrates interpersonal skills to relate well to the Board, administration, staff, parents, and the community.
- Meet all qualifications as noted in the Management Criteria Section of this proposal.
- Be able to use appropriate electronic media, including Virtual Meeting platforms needed to carry out job functions and responsibilities.
- Display the highest ethical and professional behavior in working with school personnel and other agencies.
- Protect the confidentiality of records and information gained as part of exercising professional duties and use discretion in sharing such information with legal confines.
- Observe strictly and exceed, to avoid the appearance of conflict, all requirements of the School Ethics Act (N.J.S.A. 18A:12-21 et seq.) regarding conflicts of interest in employment, purchasing, and other decisions, including solicitation and acceptance of gifts and favors.

FEE SCHEDULE PAYMENT—Professional Hourly Rate

The Board of Education intends to award the contract to one legal firm to provide the Bond Counsel legal services as so written in this Request for Quotation (RFP).

❖ **Professional Hourly Fee—Litigation Services; One Tenth Hour Billing Rate**

The Board requests all respondents to submit a professional hour rate fee for services rendered. Payment will be made on an hourly basis with a one-tenth-hour billing rate.

Respondents are to provide a professional hourly rate fee for the services as noted in the RFP.

• **Support Staff Fees:**

All respondents are to note in their Presentation Package a list of support staff needed to assist the legal firm in the performance of the services. Respondents are to provide the list of an hourly rate fee for each support person.

• **Billing Invoices**

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.2 (a) (3) (iv), the District will maintain a log of services for all legal counsel and that log will be compared to the billing invoices submitted by the legal firm.

The billing invoice for the services shall be submitted on a monthly basis to the School Business Administrator. Payment will be made after monthly services have been provided by the Bond Counsel. There shall be no advance payments. N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.2 (a) (4) (i).

Invoices for hourly services shall at a minimum include the following information:

- Date of Service
- Attorney name
- Matter name
- Hourly rate
- Amount of time spent on each particular service
- The total charge of the particular service
- The total amount of the invoice
- Other items and services agreed upon

All invoices shall be signed with an original signature and are to be sent to the School Business Administrator for review and approval in accordance with board policy. The legal bills submitted will be compared to the legal log of services as maintained by District personnel to ensure accuracy. (N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.2 (a) (3) (iv).

❖ **Board Meeting Rate—Minimum Two (2) Hours**

The length of time for the public and closed session (executive) meetings of the Board of Education varies depending on issues and topics of concern to the board and the general public. The Board realizes the value of the Bond Counsel’s time and as part of this contract, the Bond Counsel will be paid a minimum of two (2) hours based upon the approved hourly rate. Any time after two (2) hours will be billed on a one-tenth hourly basis.

Procurement Process-Request for Proposal (RFP)

The School Business Administrator/Board Secretary has determined this contract will be less than the Districts' bid threshold and therefore has elected to use the Request for Proposal (RFP) process pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.2 (a) (5) and N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-9.3 (c) (11).

PRESENTATION PACKAGE – Submit with the RFP Response

The Board of Education seeks from all participating respondents, information that will assist the district in selecting the respondent who will provide the highest quality services at a fair and competitive price.

All respondents shall prepare a presentation package to be submitted with the RFP.

The Presentation Package shall include at a minimum the following:

I. Technical Criteria

Description of Services

Respondents should list all services to be rendered with their explanation in a detailed plan on how they will provide the services. Respondents shall also provide evidence of how services of a similar type were provided to other public school districts in New Jersey. (Success stories only). Respondents, by submitting a proposal, acknowledge that they fully understand the scope of service, work, and activity to be performed. Respondents are to provide evidence of any innovation and/or successful approach in providing the services requested.

Conflicts

Describe any existing or potential legal or other policy conflicts of interest or appearance of a conflict of interest, you may have, or which reasonably might arise, because of your proposed representation of the Board of Education.

II. Management Criteria

Business Organization

The respondent shall submit a full description of the business organization to include, but not be limited to:

- Name, address, phone, fax, website, and other information of the professional firm or individual;
- An organizational chart noting the names of all principals and partners;
- Resumes of key staff members;
- Names of individuals who will perform required tasks as well as the listing of their licenses and identify the person who will be primarily responsible for the services required by the Board of Education and provide a description of the experience of the primary person with projects and issues similar to those more specifically set forth in this RFP and on behalf of the Board of Education.
- Identify persons who will serve as backup to the primary person including resumes of all parties
- Resume of the attorney who will be assigned to the Board of Education; and
- Other information concerning individuals of the professional firm that would assist the District in the evaluation process.

Qualifications; Relevant Experience

Respondents shall submit documentation highlighting qualifications and experience they have that will assist the District in the evaluation and selection process. Such documentation may include, but not be limited to:

- Must have a minimum of five (5) years of experience representing school boards in connection with the approval issuance of school board bonds and/or notes.
- The Board requires all respondents to show evidence of currently providing services to at least two (2) New Jersey public school districts as it relates to the issuance of school board bonds and/or notes.
- Copies of professional licenses that are required to perform the services as listed in the specifications;
- Other information concerning the firm and/or individuals of the firm that would assist the school district in the evaluation process;
- Provide a list of New Jersey public school district clients within the past ten (10) years; and
- Availability of personnel, facilities, equipment, and other resources to provide the services requested.

III. Cost Criteria

Fee Proposal—Hourly Rate; One-tenth Billing

Respondents are to submit a fee proposal schedule that compliments the service that is being requested by the District. Respondents are to provide a professional hourly rate fee for the services as noted in the RFP. Pro-rata billing will be a one-tenth billing rate.

The cost criteria are a significant part of the evaluation process.

Contract Expenses

Respondents are to note the following as it pertains to expenses related to the contract:

- Expenses; Related to Contract; Incidental

All incidental expenses related to this contract, incurred by the respondent to whom the contract is awarded, shall be the responsibility of the respondent. Charges such as telecommunications, postage, copy charges, food and drink, and other incidental costs are the responsibility of the respondent.

The Board will not reimburse any vendor for any incidental expenses related to the contract.

- Expenses Not Related to the Contract; District Procedures

There may be a circumstance where a request is made for the respondent to provide services not directly related to the contract. These services not related to the contract are not to be provided by the respondent. The District will procure these services separately.

- **Extraordinary Expenses**

Extraordinary expenses to be incurred by the respondent in the performance of their duties may be brought to the Board prior to the actual expenditure. The Board, upon recommendation of the School Business Administrator, may consider reimbursing the expense, or the Board may procure the services separately.

- **Travel/Parking Reimbursement**

The Board of Education will consider reimbursing the respondent for all reasonable travel and parking fees while attending judicial and administrative hearings outside the school district environs:

- Mileage Reimbursement –IRS Mileage Rate
- Tolls – receipts required; EZ Pass
- Parking – self-parking rates

Other Fees

- **Legal Filing Fees; Other Legal Fees:**

The Board of Education will reimburse the firm all legal filing fees and other necessary legal fees during the course of this contract.

- **Copying Fees; Extraordinary--\$.10 per Page**

The Board of Education will reimburse all **extraordinary** copying fees when pre-approved by the School Business Administrator. Extraordinary copying fees will be reimbursed at a ten cents (\$.10) per page fee and only when pre-approved by the School Business Administrator.

PACKAGING/SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL—Form of Submission

The Board requires that all proposals be placed in a sealed envelope with one (1) proposal clearly marked “Original Proposal” and one clearly marked “Copy.” All proposals are to be submitted as so noted in the legal advertisement and instructions to respondents.

CONTRACT PERIOD—Twelve Month /One Year Contract

The term of the contract for Bond Counsel/Legal Services shall be from on or about July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, a twelve (12) month contract. N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3 (b) and N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-42.

COORDINATION OF ACTIVITIES

All activities for the procurement of the contract will be coordinated through the office of:

Dr. Steven A. Lewis

School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

EVALUATION PROCESS; METHODOLOGY OF AWARDING THE CONTRACT

All RFP responses are to be evaluated on the basis of whose response is the most advantageous to the District, price and other factors considered, and whose response will provide the highest quality of service at fair and competitive prices.

The Board of Education will use a one hundred (100) point system in evaluating all proposals. The criteria to be evaluated are identified as follows:

	Category	Value Points
I.	Technical Criteria	30
II.	Management Criteria	30
III.	Cost Criteria	40

EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS—Evaluation Committee

The Chief School Administrator and the School Business Administrator, shall initially evaluate all proposals received and make recommendations to the Board for the award of the contract. The School Business Administrator may appoint a committee to assist in the evaluation process. Committee members will be identified in the final report submitted to the Board.

PRESENTATIONS AND INTERVIEWS

The Board of Education may at its option, require respondents of its choice to attend interviews and make presentations to school officials as to clarification regarding their submission. This process may only take place after proposals have been opened and reviewed and prior to the completion of the evaluation. **Under no circumstances shall the provisions of the proposal be subject to negotiation.**

AWARD OF CONTRACT

The Board of Education intends to award the contract in accordance with the process established and recommendations from the Chief School Administrator, the School Business Administrator, and the Evaluation Committee, if any, to the respondent whose response is the most advantageous to the Board, price, and other factors considered; and who will provide the highest quality service at fair and competitive prices.

**WILLINGBORO BOARD OF EDUCATION
WILLINGBORO, NEW JERSEY 08046**

RFP 02-202425

Date of Submission: May 8, 2024

LEGAL SERVICES; BOND COUNSEL

Fee Proposal Form

I/we submit the following proposal prices based on the specifications here:

Bond Counsel – Legal Services \$ _____ Per Hour

Support Staff Fees—List of Staff and Fees

All respondents are to list in their Presentation Package, a list of support staff needed to assist the legal firm in the performance of the services. Respondents are to provide the list of an hourly rate fee for each support person.

The respondent by signing this proposal form acknowledges that they have carefully examined the proposal specifications and documents, and further acknowledges they understand and are able to render the scope of activity and services outlined in the proposal:

Name of Firm _____

Address _____ P.O. Box _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Office Phone Number _____ Primary Cell Phone Number _____

Fax No. () _____ E-Mail _____

Authorized Agent _____ Title _____

Agent's Signature _____ **Date** _____