Rockaway Township Board of Education

P.O. Box 500, Hibernia, NJ 07842-0500 16 School Road, Rockaway, NJ 07866

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

AUDIT SERVICES

Submission Date: April 14, 2021 10:00 a.m.

PURPOSE & INTENT

The purpose of this Request for Proposal (RFP) is to solicit proposals to provide:

Audit Services

The Rockaway Township Board of Education (RTBOE) is soliciting request for proposals (RFP's) for the purpose of having a qualified professional accounting firm perform the annual audit for the school year ending June 30, 2021 as required by N.J.S.A 18A:23-1 to 18A:23-11. RTBOE is seeking optional proposed pricing for the school years ending June 30, 2022 and June 30, 2023.

This RFP will encompass the performance of an audit of the books, accounts and funds and a verification of all cash and bank balances of the District, and of any officer or employee thereof, and of any organization of public school pupils conducted under the auspices of the District.

The Rockaway Township original budget for the school year 2020-2021 is \$56,095,387. The District K-8 school district serving approximately 2400 students with approximately 600 employees.

Proposals are being solicited through a fair and open process. Under Title 18a-18a-5 (1) professional services are not required to be bid or advertised and the board is not required to award on the basis of lowest price and will award based on criteria as outlined in this request for proposals. The requests are being made to ensure the district receives the highest quality services at a fair and competitive price.

Background

The legislature has charged that an annual audit of every school district's accounts and financial transactions shall be made by a Public School Accountant and that audit must be completed not later than four (5) months after the end of the school fiscal year.

N.J.S.A.18A: 23-8 requires that an audit of the accounts of a school district be made only by a registered municipal accountant or a certified public accountant of New Jersey who holds an uncancelled registration license as a public school accountant for New Jersey. Such registration license shall be issued to qualified person by the New Jersey State Board of Public Accountants to those who have complied with statutory requirements and are authorized to make audits of accounts, and records of school districts of the State of New Jersey. New Jersey State Statute (N.J.S.A. 18A: 4-14) requires a uniform system of double-entry bookkeeping which is consistent with the generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board and which is consistent with the financial accounting terminology and classifications established by the National Center for Education Statistics for use in all school districts. The financial reporting requirements of GAAP include the issuance of a Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) that encompasses all funds and account groups. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Rockaway Township Schools' management and are its representation of the financial position at a given point in time and the operations of the District during a period of time. The District is required to prepare the financial statements and have them ready for the annual audit. The auditor's responsibility is to express an opinion on the annual financial statements based on their audit. The financial and compliance audit must be performed in accordance with the provisions of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, "Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit

Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance)" and the New Jersey State Treasury Circular Letter 15-08 OMB, "Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants, and State Aid."

In accordance with NJOMB Circular 15-08 OMB, a copy of the audit firm's latest external quality control review report (peer review) shall be submitted to the school district prior to appointing said firm for the annual audit.

The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) must be prepared and submitted by the District in accordance with the New Jersey Department of Education publication, Financial Reporting for New Jersey School Districts, A Sample Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

The audit must be completed no later than the date stated in the Audit Program. No provision is made for the issuance of extensions beyond the statutory due date.

DISTRICT BACKGROUND

The Rockaway Township School district provides education to pre-K through eighth grade students in six schools.

An elected seven-member Board of Education (the "Board") serves as the policy maker for the School District. The Board adopts an annual budget and directly approves all expenditures which serve as the basis for control over and authorization for all expenditures of School District tax money.

The Superintendent is the chief executive officer of the School District, responsible to the Board for total educational and support operations. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary is the chief financial officer of the School District, responsible to the Board for maintaining all financial records, issuing warrants in payment of liabilities incurred by the School District, acting as custodian of all School District funds, and investing idle funds as permitted by New Jersey law.

INSTRUCTIONS TO RESPONDENTS

All proposals are to be submitted in writing and received no later than **April 14. 2021 at 10:00 a.m.** Proposals are to be submitted in accordance with specifications to:

Rachel DeCarlo P.O. Box 500 Hibernia, NJ 07842

or overnight address: 16 School Road, Rockaway NJ 07688

GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS

1. ETHICS IN PURCHASING

a. School District Responsibilities

• 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 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.

b. Vendor Responsibilities

• 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 thing of value of any kind to any official or employee of the Board of Education or to any member of the official's or employee's immediate family.

• Vendor Influence – Prohibited

No vendor shall cause to influence or attempt to cause to influence, any official or employee of the 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 have, directly or indirectly, any interest in any portion of the profits thereof. The vendor participating in this request must be an independent vendor and not an official or employee of the Board of Education.

2. EXAMINATION OF SPECIFICATIONS, ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

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

3. DOCUMENTS, MISSING/ILLEGIBLE

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

4. INTERPRETATIONS AND ADDENDA

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

No interpretation of the meaning of the specifications will be made to any respondent orally. Every request for such interpretations should be made in writing to the School Business Administrator must be received at least ten (10) days prior to the date fixed for the opening of proposals to be given consideration. Any and all interpretations and any supplemental instructions will be distributed in the form of a written addenda to the specifications. The addenda will be provided in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-21(c) to the respondents by certified mail or certified fax no later than seven (7) days Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays excepted, prior to the date for acceptance of proposals. All addenda so issued shall become part of the contract document.

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

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

Date:	NOT APPLICABLE
Time:	
Location:	

6. DOCUMENT SIGNATURES – ORIGINAL; BLUE INK

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

7. FALSE MATERIAL REPRESENTATION – N.J.S.A. 2C:21-34-97(b)

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

8. DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, OR DISQUALIFICATION

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).

All respondents are required to submit a sworn statement indicating whether or not the respondent is, at the time of the proposal, included on the State Department of Labor and Workforce Development; Prevailing Wage Debarment List or the State of New Jersey Consolidated Debarment Report, or the Federal Debarred Vendor List-Excluded Parties List System—System for Award Management – SAM.gov

9. RESPONDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL

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

10. PRESENTATION AND INTERVIEWS

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* – *N.J.S.A.* 18A:18A-4.5 (b)

11. WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSALS

- a. <u>Before The Proposal Opening</u> The School Business Administrator may consider a written request from a respondent to withdraw a proposal if the written request is received by the School Business Administrator before the advertised time of the proposal opening. Any respondent who has been granted permission by the School Business Administrator to have his/her proposal withdrawn cannot re-submit a proposal for the same advertised proposal project. That respondent shall also be disqualified from future proposals on the same project if the project is re-advertised.
- b. <u>After The Proposal Opening</u> 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 an unintentional omission or both.

The request to withdraw a proposal after the proposal opening may be reviewed by the School Business Administrator, and/or 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 property of the Board of Education.

12. 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).

13. GENERAL CONDITIONS

- a. <u>Authorization to Proceed</u> 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.
- b. <u>Award of Contract</u> It is the intention of the Board of Education to award the contract to the respondent(s) whose response is the most advantageous to the board, price and other factors considered, and who will provide the highest quality service at fair and competitive prices.
- c. <u>Contracts</u> Upon notification of award of contract by the Board of Education, the successful vendor shall sign and execute a contract and return it along with other required documents as may be outlined in the proposal specifications within ten (10) days of notification of award of contract.
 - Failure to execute the contract and return said contract and related documents within the prescribed time may be cause for a delay in payment for services rendered or products received or the annulment of award by the Board of Education with any financial security becoming property of the Board of Education. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept the proposal of the next lowest responsible respondent.
- d. Renewal of Contract; Availability and Appropriation of Funds 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 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.
- e. <u>Term of Contract</u> 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.

14. 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 the District by the contractor's breach of this agreement. The Board may withhold payment due the contractor and apply 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.

15. INSURANCE AND INDEMNIFICATION

⊠Required

□Not Required

The respondent, to whom the contract is awarded for any service work or construction work, 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:

\$2,000,000 General Aggregate

\$2,000,000 Products

\$1,000,000 Personal Injury

\$1,000,000 Each Occur. Comb. Single Limit for Bodily Injury and Property Damage

\$50,000 Fire Damage \$5,000 Medical Expense

• Excess Umbrella Liability

\$5,000,000

• Workers' Compensation

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
Contract Liability	Same as Gene	eral Liability
Automobile Liability	\$1,000,000	Per Occurrence

Insurance Certificate Requirements:

- The contractor must present to the insurance certificate in the above types and amounts before any work or service begins, and remain in effect for the term of the project.
- Automobile liability insurance shall be included to cover any vehicle used by the insured.
- The certificate holder shall be "Rockaway Township Board of Education"
- Additional Insured Claim The contractor must include "Rockaway Township Board of Education is named as additional insured" on the insurance certificate.

Indemnification – The contractor shall assume all risk of and responsibility for, and agrees to indemnify, defend, and save harmless the Board 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 or the performance of services by the contractor under the agreement or by a party for the whole contract is liable. This indemnification obligation is not limited by, but is in addition to, the insurance obligations contained in this agreement. The contractor is to assume all liability of every sort incident to the work, including property damage caused by him or his men or by any subcontractor employed by him or any of the subcontractor's men.

16. PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE

☑ Required ☐ Not Required

The successful respondent to whom the contract is awarded shall provide to the Board of Education with contract documents a Professional Liability Insurance Certificate that shall remain in effect for the term of the contract, identify the certificate holder as the Rockaway Township Board of Education, and comply with the following limits:

\$5,000,000 Each Incident, Occurrence, Wrongful Act

\$5,000,000 Aggregate

17. 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 his contract.

18. CERTIFICATE (CONSENT) OF SURETY

☐ Required ☑ Not Required

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

19. BONDING

☐ Required ☑ Not Required

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

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

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

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

Department of Banking and Insurance, CN 325, Trenton, New Jersey 08625. Failure to submit or failure to sign the financial guarantee shall be cause for disqualification and rejection of proposal.

20. PERFORMANCE BOND

☐ Required ☑ Not Required

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

21. SUBCONTRACTING; ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACT

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

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

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

22. CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECKS—N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.1 REQUIRED

All providers for the services of this contract shall provide to the school district, prior to commencement of contract, evidence or proof that each employee assigned to provide services and that comes in regular contact with students, has had a criminal history background check, and that said check indicates that no criminal history record information exists on file for that worker.

Failure to provide a proof of criminal history background check for any employee coming in regular contact with students, prior to commencement of contact, may be cause for breach of contract.

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.

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 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, service or equipment.

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

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.

23. RIGHT TO KNOW LAW

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

24. 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.

25. AFFIRMATIVE ACTION REQURIEMENTS

Each respondent 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:

- Appropriate evidence that the respondent is operating under an existing federally approved or sanctioned affirmative action program; **or**
- A certificate of employee information report approval issued in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-4; or
- An employee information report (Form AA302) provided by the Division and distributed to the public agency to be completed by the contractor, in accordance with N.J.A.C.17:27-4.

Please note: A completed and signed Affirmative Action Questionnaire is required with submission of proposal. However, the Board will accept in lieu of the Questionnaire, the Certificate of Employee Information Report, Affirmative Action Evidence stapled to the Affirmative Action Questionnaire form. "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."

26. NON COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

A notarized Non-Collusion Affidavit must be submitted with proposal package. (N.J.S.A. 52:34-15)

27. STOCKHOLDERS' DISCLOSURE

All respondents are hereby notified that every corporation and partnership, according to the provision of Chapter 33, Laws of 1977 of the State of New Jersey, must submit a statement prior to the receipt of the proposal or accompanying the proposal, setting forth the names and addresses of all stockholders in the corporation or partnership who own 10% or more of its stock, of any class or of all partners in the partnership, who own 10% or greater interest herein, as the case may be. If one or more such stockholder or partner is itself a corporation or partnership, the stockholders holding 10% or more of that corporation's stock, or the individual partners 10% or greater interest in that partnership, as the case may be, shall also be listed. The disclosure shall be continued until names and addresses of every non-corporate stockholder, and individual partner, exceeding the 10% ownership criteria established in this act, has been listed. (N.J.S.A.52:25-24.2)

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

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:32-44 as amended by P.L. 2004 – Chapter 57, all respondents shall submit with their proposal package a copy of their "New Jersey Business Registration Certificate" as issued by the Department of Treasury of the State of New Jersey. Failure to provide the New Jersey Business Registration Certification with the proposal package, or prior to the award of contract, will be cause for the rejection of the entire proposal.

Goods and Services Contracts

N.J.S.A. 52:32-44 imposes the following requirements on contractors and all subcontractors that knowingly provide goods or perform services for a contractor fulfilling this contract: 1) The contractor shall provide written notice to its subcontractors to submit proof of business registration to the contractor; 2) prior to receipt of final payment from a contracting agency, a contractor must submit to the contracting agency an accurate list of all subcontractors or attest that none was used; 3) during the term of this contract, the contractor and its affiliates shall collect, remit, and notify all subcontractors and their affiliates that they must collect and remit to the Director of the New Jersey Division of Taxation, the use tax due pursuant to the Sales and Use Tax Act, (N.J.S.A. 54:32B-1 et seq.) on all sales of tangible personal property delivered into this State.

A contractor, subcontractor or supplier who fails to provide proof of business registration or provides false business registration information shall be liable to a penalty of \$25 for each day of violation, not to exceed \$50,000 for each business registration not properly provided or maintained under a contract with a contracting agency. Information on the law and its requirements is available by calling (609) 292-9292.

29. POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT – PAY TO PLAY

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

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

a. 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."

b. 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."

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

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

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

Pursuant to Public Law 2012, c. 25, any person or entity that submits a bid or proposal or otherwise proposes to enter into or renew a contract must complete the certification below to attest, under penalty of perjury, that neither the person or entity, nor any of its parents, subsidiaries, or affiliates, is identified on the Department of Treasury's Chapter 25 list as a person or entity engaging in investment activities in Iran. The Chapter 25 list is found on the Division's website at http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/pdf/Chapter25List.pdf. Respondents must review this list prior to completing the below certification. If the Director finds a person or entity to be in violation of law, s/he shall take action as may be appropriate and provided by law, rule or

contract, including but not limited to, imposing sanctions, seeking compliance, recovering damages, declaring the party in default and seeking debarment or suspension of the party.

In addition, respondents must provide a detailed, accurate and precise description of the activities of the bidding person/entity, or one of its parents, subsidiaries or affiliates, engaging in the investment activities in Iran outlined above by completing the boxes on the lower portion of the enclosed form. Failure to complete, sign and submit the Disclosure of Investment Activities in Iran form with the proposal shall be cause for rejection of the proposal.

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

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 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.

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

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

- a. In the hiring of persons for the performance of work under this contract or any subcontract hereunder, or for the procurement, manufacture, assembling or furnishing of any such materials, equipment, supplies or services to be acquired under this contract, no contractor, nor any person acting on behalf of such contractor or subcontractor, shall, by reason of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, gender identity or expression, affectional or sexual orientation or sex, discriminate against any person who is qualified and available to perform the work to which the employment relates;
- b. No contractor, subcontractor, nor any person on his behalf shall, in any manner, discriminate against or intimidate any employee engaged in the performance of work under this contract or any subcontract hereunder, or engaged in the procurement, manufacture, assembling or furnishing of any such materials, equipment, supplies or services to be acquired under such contract, on account of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, gender identity or expression, affectional or sexual orientation or sex;
- c. There may be deducted from the amount payable to the contractor by the contracting public agency, under

this contract, a penalty of \$50.00 for each person for each calendar day during which such person is discriminated against or intimidated in violation of the provisions of the contract; and

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

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

33. CONTRACTOR/VENDOR REQUIREMENTS—OFFICE OF THE NEW JERSEY STATE COMPTROLLER

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:

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

Private vendors or other persons contracting with or receiving funds from a unit in the Executive branch of State government, including an entity exercising executive branch authority, independent State authority, public institution of higher education, or unit of local government or 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.

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

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

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

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

1. SCOPE OF WORK

Objectives of Audit

The primary objective of the Audit is the auditor's expression of an opinion on the District's annual financial statements, the District's system of internal controls and compliance with general and specific requirements of Federal and State financial assistance as described in the Audit Program issued by the State of New Jersey Department of Education. The district will prepare the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for audit.

Entrance Conference

An entrance conference or engagement meeting will be held with the Business Administrator/Board Secretary of the Rockaway Township to discuss in detail the scope and purpose of the audit.

The Audit

The 2020-2021 annual audit and option years shall be conducted pursuant to the Audit Program-Financial Accounting for New Jersey School Districts and is to include the books, accounts and monies and a verification of all cash and bank balances of the board of education, and any officer or employee of any organization conducted under the auspices of the District. The audit should include the review of the following areas:

- 1. General Fund
- 2. Special Revenue Funds
- 3. Capital Projects Funds
- 4. Debt Service Fund
- 5. Permanent Funds
- 6. Enterprise Funds and Internal Service Funds
- 7. Trust and Agency Funds
- 8. Student Activity Funds

Standards

The selected contractor will be responsible for examining, reviewing and commenting upon all other supplementary items which fall within the performance of an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, Government Auditing Standards, and as specified by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA).

Exit Conference

Upon completion of the audit, and prior to submission of the final report, or at any time so designated by the Assistant Superintendent for Business or as deemed necessary by the contractor, the contractor will meet with the Assistant Superintendent for Business or his designated liaison to discuss audit findings.

Deliverable Products and Schedule

The contractor shall prepare twelve (12) soft cover bound copies and one (1) unbound copy in a three ring binder of the final Management Report and of the CAFR to be delivered to the Rockaway Township BOE, P.O. Box 500, Hibernia, NJ 07842 or overnight address 16 School Road, Rockaway NJ 07688. The Final audit report shall be prepared as required by directions specified in the Audit Program, as revised, and completed and submitted no later than the date, as noted in the Audit Program.

Special Projects/Additional Work

Should additional work, such as special projects, hearings, meetings or other activities beyond the scope of this RFP be needed by the Rockaway Township during the period as noted in the resultant contract from the award of this RFP, the contracted vendor must present to the Rockaway Township the same hourly rates for staff as presented in its RFP response for the 2020-2021 Audit. These rates shall be detailed out in written form in response to requests from the District for services beyond the scope of this RFP that may occur during the year term of the contract between the District and the contractor, (Section 3, Cost Proposal). Should the Rockaway Township elect or order additional items covered under the tasks and subtasks detailed in the scope of work section of this RFP the contractor will be paid the unit cost for each item in accordance with applicable unit costs or rates as submitted on the price sheets in Section 3, for task or subtask. Contractor shall not begin performing any additional work prior to obtaining written approval from the District Assistant Superintendent for Business. Complete documentation must be submitted along with request for additional work. Additionally where District and Contractor cannot agree on requests for additional payment based upon findings of contract, both parties shall submit to non-binding arbitration before an arbitrator who is a member of American Arbitrators Association (AAA). This action shall only be applicable where additional work shall cause the total payment due contractor to exceed the contractual amount of work agreed to between both parties.

Auditors RFP Proposed Timetable

Activity

Release of RFP

Proposal Due

Award of Contract

Due Date

March 14, 2021

April 14, 2021

May 19, 2021

How to Submit Your Proposal

One original and Five (5) copies of your proposal should be submitted by April 14, 2021, no later than 10:00 am to:

Rachel DeCarlo Rockaway Township Board of Education P.O. Box 500, Hibernia, NJ 07842

or overnight address 16 School Road, Rockaway NJ 07688

Questions should be directed to: Rachel DeCarlo, Business Administrator/Board Secretary (973) 627-8200 ext. 6097.

2. PROPOSAL EVALUATION CRITERIA

The following criteria, not necessarily listed in order or significance, will be used to evaluate proposals. These evaluation criteria categories may be used to develop more detailed criteria for the evaluation process.

- a) The bidder's general approach and plans to meet the requirements of the RFP.
- b) The bidder's detailed approach and plans to perform the services required by the scope of work of this RFP.
- c) Bidding firm's documented experience in successfully completing projects of a similar size and scope to those required by this RFP.
- d) Qualifications and experience of personnel assigned to the project with emphasis on documented experience in successfully completing work on projects of a similar size and scope to those required by this RFP.
- e) Cost of Proposal

3. BIDDER'S COST PROPOSAL:

Cost Proposal

Prices must include proposed fee for base year 2020-2021 and two optional years 2021-2022 and 2022-2023. Options years are to be approved annually at the Board's discretion. The proposed fees for year 2 and 3 will be considered in awarding the audit for 2020-2021school year. Hourly rates for all key personnel must be included.

The audit fee proposed should include all work, inclusive of reimbursable expenses, needed to complete the annual audit in accordance with the above and the annual school audit program issued by the State of New Jersey Department of Education.

A pricing sheet has been provided and is located at the end of the Technical Specifications.

Oral Presentation

Bidders who submit a proposal in response to this RFP may be required to give an oral presentation of their proposal to the Rockaway Township. The purpose of such presentation is to provide an opportunity for the vendor to clarify or elaborate on his or her proposal.

Original submissions cannot be supplemented, changed or corrected in any way. No comments regarding other bidders or proposals are permitted, and bidders may not attend presentations by their competitors. Bidders must clearly understand that it is the Rockaway Township's sole option to determine which bidders, if any, will be invited to make oral presentations. Bidders shall not construe the list of firms invited, if any, to imply acceptance or rejection of any bid(s). The Rockaway Township will schedule the time and location of any such presentation.

Letter of Intent to Award

The BusinessAdministrator/Board Secretary will notify all bidders in writing of the Rockaway Township Board of Education's intent to award a contract.

Execution of Contract

Following award, the successful firm will submit a service contract/engagement letter to the Board of Education within 10 days of award notification. Failure to do so may disqualify bidder.

4. AUDITOR QUALIFICATIONS

- Auditor shall be duly licensed as a public school accountant, fully authorized to do business in the state of New Jersey, and be in current good standing with the New Jersey state board of public accountants.
- Auditor must have a minimum of ten (10) years experience in providing auditing services to New Jersey public school districts.
- Auditor shall be familiar with all current state and federal regulations pertaining to public school state and federal funds management and audit requirements.
- Auditor must maintain a current physical office within the State of New Jersey.
- In responding to this RFP, auditor attests and warrants it possesses the expertise, experience, resources and a sufficient number of well qualified and duly licensed personnel to perform the scope of services required in a diligent, timely and professional manner consistent with the highest standards of the industry.

5. SUBMISSION REQUREMENTS

Proposals must be placed in a *sealed* envelope/package and marked as "**RFP** – **Audit Services**" on the front of the envelope/package.

Proposals should be sufficient to allow the district to evaluate in accordance with the evaluation criteria. Submissions shall include:

One (1) original and one (5) unbound copies of the proposal, organized as follows:

- 1. Firm Overview
- 2. Audit Approach, both General and Detailed
- 3. Key Personnel & Qualifications of Key Personnel
- 4. Description of New Jersey Schools Audit Experience
- 5. Current NJ School District Client List
- 6. References from at least three (3) New Jersey School District Clients
- 7. Most recent Peer Review
- 8. Proposal Pricing Sheet
- 9. Required Documents:
 - a. Affirmative Action Questionnaire or Evidence of Compliance
 - b. Non-Collusion Affidavit
 - c. Stockholders'/Partnership Disclosure Affidavit, and Ownership Declaration
 - d. New Jersey Business Registration Certificate
 - e. Chapter 271 Political Contribution Disclosure Form
 - f. Iran Disclosure of Investment Activities Form

6. OTHER TERMS & CONDITIONS

Respondent acknowledges the following terms and conditions:

- The Respondent acknowledges that he/she has read this Request for Proposal, understands it, and agrees to be bound by its terms and conditions. Proposals must be submitted on or before the time and date specified, by mail, or hand delivered to the Board of Education at the above noted address. The Board is not responsible for lost or misdirected proposals.
- Respondent shall be licensed or authorized to transact business in the State of New Jersey.
- Any conditions or terms must be written and included with the RFP.
- The Rockaway Township Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all proposals in whole.
- Proposals received after the date and time prescribed shall not be opened and will be returned unopened.
- Proposal shall remain firm for a period of sixty (60) days after the date specified for the receipt of proposals.
- Final determination will be made by the Rockaway Township Board of Education based upon evaluation of the selection criteria and what is in the best interest of the District.

Pricing Sheet for Audit Proposal

		2020-2021	Option Year	Option Year
Total Audit Fee				
Partner	Hourly Rate Hours			
Manager	Hourly Rate Hours			
Supervisor	Hourly Rate Hours			
Senior Accountant	Hourly Rate Hours			
Junior Accountant	Hourly Rate Hours			
Other	Hourly Rate Hours			
Total				
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Name				
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Phone Number ()		Extension	
Authorized Agent		Title		
Agent's Signature			Date	

SIGNATURE_____

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION QUESTIONNAIRE

This form is to be completed and returned with the proposal. However, the Board will accept in lieu of this Questionnaire, Affirmative Action Evidence stapled to this page.

1. Our company has a federal Affirmative Action Plan approval.
YESNO
A. If yes, a copy of said approval shall be submitted to the Purchasing Agent within five (5) working days of the notice of intent to award the contract or the signing of the contract.
2. Our company has a New Jersey State Certificate of Approval.
YESNO
A. If yes, a copy of the New Jersey State Certificate shall be submitted to the Purchasing Agent within five (5) working days of the notice of intent to award the contract or the signing of the contract.
3. If you answered NO to both questions above, an affirmative action <i>Employee Information Report (AA-302)</i> is attached for your convenience. Complete the form and forward it to the Affirmative Action Office, Department of Treasury, CN 209, Trenton, NJ 08625. A copy shall be submitted to the Purchasing Agent within five (5) working days of the notice of the intent to award the contract or the signing of the contract.
I certify that the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge.
Name of Company/Firm
Name of Authorized AgentTitle

NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

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Corporation--

STOCKHOLDER/PARTNERSHIP DISCLOSURE AND STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP

Limited Partnership--

Please check one type of Ownership, complete the form, and execute where provided.

Partnership	Limited Li	ability Corp	
Sole Proprieto		ability Partnership	
Sub Chapter S			
No corporation "or partnership" performance of any work or the fipublic funds, by the State or any an authority, board or commission accompanying the bid of said correlational and individual partners in the partners uch stockholder "or partner" is corporation "or partnership" the in be, shall also be listed. The discless and individual partner, exceeding IT IS MANDATORY THAT There are no persons who own the certified below as part of this disc. Name of Company Address City, State, Zip City, State, Zip	county, municipality or so county, municipality or so on which exercises govern poration or said partnership ership who own a 10% or itself a corporation "or prodividual partners owning osure shall be, continued ur the 10% ownership criterical this form be compared to the losure.	or supplies, the cost of which is to hool district, or any subsidiary of mental functions, unless prior up, there is submitted a statement of greater interest therein, as the content of the stockholder holds 10% or greater interest in that partial names and addresses of every an established in this act, has been established or ownership of the bidde	to be paid with or out of any ragency of the State, or by to the receipt of the bid or setting forth the names and ase may be." If one or more lding 10% or more of that partnership, as the case may non-corporate stockholder, listed. TH BID. In the event that
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<i>NOTE</i> : If you need more space the information for any remaining per		ease use an extra sheet for furnis	hing the above required
Signature		Date	
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STOCKHOLDER/PARTNERSHIP DISCLOSURE AND STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP (con't)

If your firm is not a corporation and/or partnership, please explain below how your firm is organized and include a list of the various principals.

Our firm,	, is o	organized
Names of Principals	<u>Title</u>	
Use additional paper if needed. Check here	if additional sheets are attached.	
Name of Company		
Address		
City, State, Zip		
Authorized Agent	Title	
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SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED AGENT

Chapter 271 Political Contribution Disclosure Form (Contracts that Exceed \$17,500.00) Ref. N.J.S.A. 52:34-25

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Business Entity_____

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

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

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

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

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

the business entity, other than a candidate committee, election fund, or political party committee, shall be deemed to be a contribution by the business entity.

c. As used in this section:

"business entity" means a natural or legal person, business corporation, professional services corporation, limited liability company, partnership, limited partnership, business trust, association or any other legal commercial entity organized under the laws of this State or of any other state or foreign jurisdiction;

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

"State agency" means any of the principal departments in the Executive Branch of the State Government, and any division, board, bureau, office, commission or other instrumentality within or created by such department, the Legislature of the State and any office, board, bureau or commission within or created by the Legislative Branch, and any independent State authority, commission, instrumentality or agency.

- d. Any business entity that fails to comply with the provisions of this section shall be subject to a fine imposed by the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission in an amount to be determined by the commission which may be based upon the amount that the business entity failed to report.
- 19:44A-20.13 3. a. Any business entity making a contribution of money or any other thing of value, including an inkind contribution, or pledge to make a contribution of any kind to a candidate for or the holder of any public office having ultimate responsibility for the awarding of public contracts, or to a political party committee, legislative leadership committee, political committee or continuing political committee, which has received in any calendar year \$50,000 or more in the aggregate through agreements or contracts with a public entity, shall file an annual disclosure statement with the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, established pursuant to section 5 of P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-5), setting forth all such contributions made by the business entity during the 12 months prior to the reporting deadline.
- b. The commission shall prescribe forms and procedures for the reporting required in subsection a. of this section which shall include, but not be limited to:
- (1) the name and mailing address of the business entity making the contribution, and the amount contributed during the 12 months prior to the reporting deadline;
- (2) the name of the candidate for or the holder of any public office having ultimate responsibility for the awarding of public contracts, candidate committee, joint candidates' committee, political party committee, legislative leadership committee, political committee or continuing political committee receiving the contribution; and
- (3) the amount of money the business entity received from the public entity through contract or agreement, the dates, and information identifying each contract or agreement and describing the goods, services or equipment provided or property sold.
- c. The commission shall maintain a list of such reports for public inspection both at its office and through its Internet site.

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

As used in this section:

"business entity" means a natural or legal person, business corporation, professional services corporation, limited liability company, partnership, limited partnership, business trust, association or any other legal commercial entity organized under the laws of this State or of any other state or foreign jurisdiction; and

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

- e. Any business entity that fails to comply with the provisions of this section shall be subject to a fine imposed by the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission in an amount to be determined by the commission which may be based upon the amount that the business entity failed to report.
 - 4. This act shall take effect immediately.
 - * Note: Bold italicized statutory references of new sections are anticipated and not final as of the time this document was prepared. Statutory compilations of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-51 is anticipated to show a reference to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-51 and to N.J.S.A. 52:34-25.

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

The contractor and the Rockaway Township (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.

EXHIBIT A

MANDATORY EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY LANGUAGE N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq., N.J.A.C. 17:27

GOODS, PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND GENERAL SERVICE CONTRACTS

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

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex. Except with respect to affectional or sexual orientation and gender identity or expression, the contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that such applicants are recruited and employed, 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 action shall include, but not 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, where applicable, will send to each labor union or representative or workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice, to be provided by the agency contracting officer advising the labor union or workers' representative of the contractor's commitments under this act 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 employ minority and women workers consistent with the applicable county employment goals established in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-5.2, or a binding determination of the applicable county employment goals determined by the Division, pursuant to 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, labor unions, that it does not discriminate on the basis of age, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex, and that it will discontinue the use of any recruitment agency which engages in direct or indirect discriminatory practices.

The contractor or subcontractor agrees to revise any of its testing procedures, if necessary, to assure that all personal 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 applicable 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, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex, consistent with the statutes and court decisions of the State of New Jersey, and applicable Federal law and applicable Federal court decisions.

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

- Letter of Federal Affirmative Action Plan Approval
- Certificate of Employee Information Report
- Employee Information Report Form AA302

The contractor and its subcontractor shall furnish such reports or other documents to the Division of Contract Compliance & EEG as may be requested by the Division 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 Contract Compliance & EEG for conducting a compliance investigation pursuant to Subchapter 10 of the Administrative Code at N.J.A.C.17:27.

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ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: AUDIT SERVICES

Form AA302 Rev. 1/00

NEW JERSEY FACILITY

STATE OF NEW JERSEY Division of Contract Compliance & Equal Employment Opportunity EMPLOYEE INFORMATION REPORT

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