

Jersey City Redevelopment Agency

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

PROFESSIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Contract Term

August 2017 to August 2018

EPA Brownfield Grant Funds

**Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Grant Funds
and Other Funded Work**

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

11:00 A.M.

August 10th, 2017

ADDRESS ALL PROPOSALS TO:

**Benjamin Delisle
Director of Development
Jersey City Redevelopment Agency
66 York Street, 3rd floor
Jersey City, New Jersey 07302
201-761-0822**

GENERAL INFORMATION & SUMMARY

ORGANIZATION REQUESTING STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATION

Jersey City Redevelopment Agency
66 York Street, 3rd floor
Jersey City, NJ 07302

CONTACT PERSON

Benjamin Delisle
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PURPOSE OF REQUEST

The Jersey City Redevelopment Agency (Agency) is requesting qualification statements from qualified individuals and firms to provide Professional Environmental Services. Proposals will be evaluated in accordance with the criteria set forth in this Request for Qualifications (RFQ). Using this RFQ, the Agency, intends to work with Environmental Firms who will be available to provide professional services as needed during the contract term. One or more individuals/firms may be selected to provide services. If selected, the Board of Commissioners will approve a resolution awarding a “fair and open” contract, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., for professional services for a sum not to exceed a specified amount to be determined by the Agency on a case by case basis.

Note: This Request for Proposals is a reissuance of the one due on May 26th 2017, which was not awarded. Respondents interested in being qualified for the August 2017-2018 Contract Period who previously submitted for the May 2017-2018 Contract Period may revise and resubmit their proposal, or send a letter affirming that the previously submitted Qualification Statement is still accurate and valid for the August 2017-2018 Contract Period and requesting that it be considered for the August 2017-2018 Contract Period.

PERIOD OF QUALIFICATION

August 2017 through August 2018

CONTRACT FORM

If selected to provide services, the successful Respondent shall be required to execute the Agency’s form of contract, which includes indemnification, insurance, termination and licensing provisions. A complete copy of a draft Agency contract is available upon request.

GLOSSARY

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

"Agency" - refers to the Jersey City Redevelopment Agency.

"City" - refers to the City of Jersey City.

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

"Qualified Respondent" - refers to those Respondents who in the sole judgment of the Agency have satisfied the qualification criteria set forth in this RFQ.

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

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

SECTION 1

INTRODUCTION AND GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1. Introduction and Purpose

The Agency is soliciting Qualification Statements from interested persons and/or firms for the provision of professional services, as more particularly described herein. Through a RFQ process described herein, persons and/or firms interested in assisting the Agency with the provision of such services must prepare and submit a Qualification Statement in accordance with the procedure and schedule in this RFQ. The Agency will review Qualification Statements only from those persons and/or firms that submit a Qualification Statement which includes all information required to be included as described herein.

The Agency intends to qualify persons and/or firm(s) that:

- a. possess the professional, financial and administrative capabilities to provide the proposed services; and
- b. will agree to work under the compensation terms and conditions determined by the Agency.

1.2. Procurement Process and Schedule

The selection of Qualified Respondents is subject to the “New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play” Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4, et seq. In addition, the selection of the Qualified Respondents is also subject to the City of Jersey City Contractor Pay-to-Play local requirements, City Ordinance 08-128. The Agency has structured a procurement process that seeks to obtain the desired results described above, while establishing a competitive process to assure that each person and/or firm is provided an equal opportunity to submit a Qualification Statement in response to the RFQ. Qualification Statements will be evaluated in accordance with the criteria set forth in this RFQ, which will be applied in the same manner to each Qualification Statement received.

Qualification Statements will be reviewed and evaluated by the Agency’s executive staff. The Qualification Statements will be reviewed to determine if the Respondent has met the minimum professional, administrative and financial areas described in this RFQ. Based upon the totality of the information contained in the Qualification Statement, including information about the reputation and experience of each Respondent, executive staff will determine which Respondents are qualified under the aforesaid criteria.

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

All communications concerning this RFQ or the RFQ process shall be directed to the Agency’s designated Contact Person, in writing.

Qualification Statements must be submitted to, and be received by, the Agency via mail or hand delivery by **11:00 a.m. prevailing time on August 10th, 2017**. Qualification Statements will not be accepted by facsimile transmission or e-mail. Qualification Statements shall be opened in public in the Agency’s Conference Room located at 66 York Street, 3rd floor, Jersey City, New Jersey.

Subsequent to issuance of this RFQ, the Agency (through the issuance of addenda to all persons and/or firms that have received a copy of the RFQ) may modify, supplement or amend the provisions of this RFQ in order to respond to inquiries received from prospective Respondents or as otherwise deemed necessary or appropriate by and in the sole judgment of the Agency. Respondents are responsible to check the website to verify whether or not any addenda have been posted.

TABLE 1

PROCUREMENT SCHEDULE

ACTIVITY	DATE
1. Issuance of Request for Qualifications	July 21, 2017
2. Receipt of Qualification Statements	August 10, 2017
3. Completion of Evaluation of Qualification Statements	August 15, 2017
4. Qualifying Firms	August 15, 2017
5. Award of Professional Services Contract	August 2017– 2018

1.3 Conditions Applicable to RFQ

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

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

7. All Qualification Statements shall become the property of the Agency and will not be returned.
8. The Agency may request Respondents to send representatives to the Agency for interviews.
9. Any and all Qualification Statements not received by the Agency by 11:00 a.m. prevailing time on **August 10, 2017** be rejected.
10. Neither the Agency nor its officers, officials or employees shall be liable for any claims for damages resulting from the solicitation or preparation of the Qualification Statement, nor will there be any reimbursement to Respondents for the cost of preparing and submitting a Qualification Statement or for participating in this procurement process.

1.4. Rights of Agency

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

1. To determine that any Qualification Statement received complies or fails to comply with the terms of this RFQ.
2. To supplement, amend or otherwise modify the RFQ through issuance of addenda to all prospective Respondents who have received a copy of this RFQ.
3. To waive any technical non-conformance with the terms of this RFQ.
4. To change or alter the schedule for any events called for in this RFQ upon the issuance of notice to all prospective Respondents who have received a copy of this RFQ.
5. To conduct investigations of any or all of the Respondents, as the Agency deems necessary or convenient, to clarify the information provided as part of the Qualification Statement and to request additional information to support the information included in any Qualification Statement.
6. To suspend or terminate the procurement process described in this RFQ at any time, in its sole discretion. If terminated, the Agency may determine to commence a new procurement process or exercise any other rights provided under applicable law without any obligation to the Respondents.
7. The Agency shall be under no obligation to complete all or any portion of the procurement process described in this RFQ.

1.5 Addenda or Amendments to RFQ

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

1.6 Cost of Qualification Statement Preparation

Each Qualification Statement and all information required to be submitted pursuant to the RFQ shall be prepared at the sole cost and expense of the Respondent. There shall be no claims whatsoever against the Agency, its officers, officials or employees for reimbursement for the payment of costs or expenses incurred in the preparation of the Qualification Statement or other information required by the RFQ.

1.7 Qualification Statement Format

Qualification Statements must cover all information requested in this RFQ. Qualification Statements which in the judgment of the Agency fail to meet the requirements of the RFQ or which are in any way conditional, incomplete, obscure, contain additions or deletions from requested information, or contain errors may be rejected.

SECTION 2

SCOPE OF SERVICES

It is the intent of the Agency to solicit Qualification Statements from Respondents that have expertise in the provision of professional services as described below and as set forth in the attached Notice of Solicitation for Responses. Respondents must demonstrate that they will have the continuing capabilities to perform these services.

The Agency has secured multiple U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grants to help fund the Agency's Environmental Brownfields Program. In addition, the Agency secures State Hazardous Discharge Site Investigation Fund (HDSRF) grants as well as other funding for investigation and remediation activities associated with its Brownfields Program. This program involves conducting environmental investigations, remediation planning, possible remediation and other related activities in order to pursue the redevelopment of brownfield sites within the City of Jersey City. Specific activities could include: Phase I, II, III investigations and reporting, geophysical surveys, monitoring well installations and sampling, underground tank removals, GIS mapping services, project management, grant writing, grant management and other related tasks necessary to support the Agency's brownfield redevelopment efforts and activities. The Agency anticipates that it will retain Licensed Site Remediation Professionals (LSRP) to provide many of these services.

The scope of services will be determined on an as-needed, site-specific basis. The selected respondent(s) may be required to prepare a brief scope of work and cost estimate for each project at no additional charge. The selected respondent(s) will be expected to prepare a draft and final reports detailing sampling procedures, testing protocols, results and conclusions and any recommendations. Prior to sampling, Work Plans, Health and Safety Plans, and Quality Control/Quality Assurance Plans will be prepared by the selected respondent(s) for each site(s), if required.

Respondents must be familiar with the programs, rules, and regulations of the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection as they pertain to the scope of services described herein. Specifically, consultants must be thoroughly familiar with the Spill Compensation and Control Act, N.J.S.A. 58:10-23.11 et seq., the Brownfield and Contaminated Site Remediation Act N.J.S.A. 58:10B-1 et seq., and the Site Remediation Reform Act, N.J.S.A. 58:10C-1 et seq.

SECTION 3

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

3.1 General Requirements

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

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

3.2 Administrative Information Requirements

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

1. An executive summary (not to exceed two (2) pages) of the information contained in all the other parts of the Qualification Statement.
2. Name, address and telephone number of the Respondent submitting a qualification Statement pursuant to this RFQ, and the name of the key contact person.
3. The number of years Respondent has been in business under the present name.
4. The number of years Respondent has been under the current management.

5. Any judgments within the last three (3) years in which Respondent has been adjudicated liable for professional malpractice. If any, please explain.
6. Whether the Respondent is now or has been involved in any bankruptcy or re-organization proceedings in the last ten (10) years. If yes, please explain.
7. Confirmation of appropriate federal and state licenses to perform activities, to include copies of LSRP license(s) for the lead staff proposed for the work.
8. Completed certificates, forms and other paperwork as set forth in this RFQ.

3.3 Professional Information Requirements

1. Respondent shall submit a description of its overall experience in providing the type of services sought in the RFQ. At a minimum, the following information on past experience should be included as appropriate to this RFQ:
 - a. Description and scope of work by Respondent.
 - b. Name, address and contact information of references.
 - c. Explanation of perceived relevance of the experience to the services sought in the RFQ.
2. Brief description of Respondent's relevant clients, including municipal government clients, during the last three (3) years. Contact information for the recipients of the similar services must be provided. The Agency may obtain references from any of the parties listed.
3. Resumes of key employees, including those individuals who are expected to perform the tasks described in the scope of services described herein.
4. A narrative statement of the Respondent's understanding of the Agency's needs and goals.
5. List all immediate relatives of Principal(s) of Respondent who are Agency and City employees or elected officials of the Agency. For purposes of the above, "immediate relative" means a spouse, parent, stepparent, brother, sister, child, stepchild, direct-line aunt or uncle, grandparent, grandchild and in-laws or anyone living in Respondent's household.
6. A billing rate sheet identifying cost details including, but not limited to, the hourly rates of each of the individuals who will be performing services, expenses, unit pricing for laboratory analysis, and subcontractors. List any management fees

(markup percentage) that are applied to subcontracted or outsourced work, including laboratory analysis. Please note that should a contract be awarded to a qualified firm in the future, any fees on markups should not exceed 10%.

3.4 Indemnification and Insurance Requirements

The contractor agrees to protect, defend and save harmless the City, the Agency, and the EPA against damage for payment for the use of any patented material process, article or devise that may enter into the manufacture, construction or form a part of the work covered by either order or contract, and further agrees to indemnify and save harmless the City, the Agency, and the EPA from suits or actions of every nature and description brought against it for, or on account of, any injuries or damages received or sustained by any party or parties by, or from, any of the acts of the contractor, its servants or agents.

The contractor shall maintain sufficient insurance to protect against all claims under Workmen's Compensation, General, Professional and Automobile Liability, and shall be subject to approval for adequacy of protection. Certificates of such insurance shall be provided naming the Agency and the EPA as additional insured for each work assignment awarded when required. Insurance requirements are as follows:

- a. Comprehensive General Liability in the amount of \$2,000,000
- b. Workers Compensation in the statutory amount, with a minimum limit of \$1,000,000
- c. Automobile Liability in the amount of \$1,000,000
- d. Professional Liability in the amount of \$1,000,000

SECTION 4

INSTRUCTIONS TO RESPONDENTS

4.1. Submission of Qualification Statements

Respondents must submit an original and one electronic copy (PDF) copy of their Qualification Statement to the designated Contact Person.

Qualification Statements must be received by the Agency **no later than 11:00 a.m. prevailing time on August 10, 2017**, and must be mailed or hand-delivered. Qualification Statements forwarded by or e-mail will not be accepted.

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

The submission shall be accompanied by a completed Respondent's checklist and all of the required forms and documents, in their entirety, and notarized where required.

SECTION 5

EVALUATION

The Agency's objective in soliciting Qualification Statements is to enable it to select a Respondent(s) that will provide high quality and cost effective services to the Agency. The Agency will consider Qualification Statements only from Respondents that, in the Agency's sole judgment, have demonstrated the capability and willingness to provide high quality services to the Agency in the manner described in this RFQ.

Qualification Statements will be evaluated and scored by the Agency as to which are the most advantageous, price and other factors considered. The evaluation will consider (weighted in parenthesis):

1. Quality, thoroughness, and responsiveness of the Qualification Statement to the submission requirements (20 points);
2. Experience with environmental investigations and remediation, especially with regard to brownfield redevelopment and urban settings (20 points);
3. Knowledge of the Agency, Jersey City, and other pertinent government experience (15 points);
4. Price proposal (including billing rate sheet) (20 points);
5. Staffing, personnel, and the ability to complete assignments in a timely manner and meet project schedules (15 points);
6. Other factors demonstrated to be in the best interests of the Agency (10 points).

The Agency will select the most advantageous Qualification Statements based on all of the evaluation factors set forth in this RFQ. The Agency will make the award(s) that is in the best interest of the Agency.

Each Qualification Statement must satisfy the objectives and requirements detailed in this RFQ. Successful Respondents shall be determined by an evaluation of the total content of the Qualification Statement submitted. The Agency reserves the right to:

- a. Not select any of the Qualification Statements; and
- b. Award a contract(s) for the requested services at any time within the qualification period. Every Qualification Statement should be valid through this time period.

The Agency shall not be obligated to explain the results of the evaluation process to any Respondent.

SECTION 6

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. The Agency reserves the right to reject any or all Qualification Statements, if necessary, or to waive any informalities in the Qualification Statements, and, unless otherwise specified by the Agency, to accept any item, items or services in the Qualification Statement should it be deemed in the best interest of the Agency to do so.
2. Each Qualification Statement must be signed by the person authorized to do so.
3. Qualification Statements may be hand delivered or mailed consistent with the provisions of the legal notice to Respondents. In the case of mailed Qualification Statements, the Agency assumes no responsibility for Qualification Statements received after the designated date and time and will return late Qualification Statements unopened. Qualification Statements will not be accepted by facsimile or e-mail.
4. In accordance with Affirmative Action Law, P.L. 1975 c. 127 (N.J.A.C. 17:27) with implementation of July 10, 1978, successful Respondents must agree to submit individual employer certifications and numbers or complete Affirmative Action employee information reports (form AA-302). Also, during the performance of the contract awarded based upon this RFQ, the Respondent agrees as follows: (a) The Respondent or subcontractor where applicable, will not discriminate against any employee because of age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status or affectional or sexual orientation. The Respondent 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, sex or handicap. Such action 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 section for training, including apprenticeship. The Respondent agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notice to be provided by the Public Agency Compliance Officer setting forth provisions of this nondiscrimination clause: (b) the Respondent 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, sex or handicap; (c) the Respondent 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's contracting officer advising the labor union or worker's representative of the Respondent's commitments under this act and shall post copies of the notice; (d) the Respondent or subcontractor,

where applicable, agrees to comply with any regulations promulgated by the treasurer pursuant to the P.L. 1975, c.127, as amended and supplemented from time to time.

5. No Respondent shall influence, or attempt to influence, or cause to be influenced, any Agency officer or employee to use his/her official capacity in any manner which might tend to impair the objectivity or independence of judgment of said officer or employee.
6. No Respondent shall cause or influence, or attempt to cause or influence, any Agency/City officer or employee to use his/her official capacity to secure unwarranted privileges or advantages for the Respondent or any other person.
7. Should any difference arise between the parties as to the meaning or intent of these instructions or specifications, the decision of the Agency's General Counsel shall be final and conclusive.
8. The Agency shall not be responsible for any expenditure of monies or other expenses incurred by the Respondent in making its proposal.

SECTION 7

MISCELLANEOUS REQUIREMENTS

When grants are used to fund work, firms selected and contracted must adhere to all applicable requirements and will be subject to the terms and conditions of the cooperative agreement(s) and other grant agreements as applicable between the Agency, the EPA and/or the State of New Jersey. These requirements include, but are not limited to:

1. The contract will be subject to those conditions of the cooperative agreement that relate to eligibility of costs and to contracts, including the administrative cost prohibition.
2. The contract is subject to regulations that govern contracts under cooperative agreements (such as, but not limited to, 40 CFR Part 31 requirements for accounting and record keeping, 40 CFR Part 30 requirements for financial reporting, and 40 CFR Part 35 Sub Part O).
3. The contract will be subject to general Federal requirements for contracts under cooperative agreements, including mandatory steps for contractors to follow related to areas such as the Davis Bacon Act and utilization of Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE).
4. All Respondents must verify that they are not debarred from receiving Federal funds. In addition, the Respondent must ensure that any subcontractors used are not debarred from receiving federal funds. The Qualification Statement submission shall contain a

completed verification form included as included in the attachments certifying that the Respondent is not debarred from receiving Federal funds. This certification shall be contained on the respondent's letterhead and executed by an individual with the authority to do so.

While evaluating the Qualification Statements, the Agency will consult the most current "List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement or Non-procurement Programs" to ensure that the Respondents submitting Qualification Statements are not prohibited from participation in assistance programs. The Agency will comply with the requirements regarding sub awards to debarred and suspended parties described in 40 CFR 31.35 or 40 CFR 30.13.

5. The Minority-owned Business Enterprise (MBE) goal set under the grant agreement funding this work is 7%. The Women-owned Business Enterprise (WBE) goal is 3%. Jersey City Ordinance C-829 establishes a goal of awarding 20% of the dollar amount of total Agency procurement to minority and woman owned business enterprises.

END OF GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Jersey City Redevelopment Agency

Request for Qualifications: Professional Environmental Services 2017

RESPONDENT: _____

RESPONDENT'S CHECKLIST

Item	Respondent Initials	AA/EEO Review
A. Letter of Qualification		
B. Letter of Intent		
C. Non-Collusion Affidavit		
D. Public Disclosure Statement		
E. Mandatory Affirmative Action Language		
F. Americans with Disabilities Act		
G. Affirmative Action Compliance Notice		
H. M/WBE Questionnaire		
I. Form AA302 Employee Information Report		
J. Business Registration Certificate		
K. Certification of Compliance with Jersey City Pay-To-Play Ordinance 08-128		
L. Federal Disbarment Certification		
M. Original signature(s) on all required forms.		

LETTER OF QUALIFICATION

**Note: To be typed on Respondent's Letterhead.
No Modifications may be made to this letter.**

[Insert date]

Attn: Benjamin Delisle
Director of Development
Jersey City Redevelopment Agency
66 York Street, 3rd floor
Jersey City, New Jersey 07302

Dear Mr. Delisle:

The undersigned have reviewed the Qualification Statement submitted in response to the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) issued by the Jersey City Redevelopment Agency, dated **[insert date]**, in connection with the Agency's need for professional environmental services.

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

(Signature of Chief Executive Officer)

(Typed Name and Title)

(Typed Name of Firm)*

Dated

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

LETTER OF INTENT

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

[Insert date]

Attn: Benjamin Delisle
Director of Development
Jersey City Redevelopment Agency
66 York Street, 3rd floor
Jersey City, New Jersey 07302

Dear Mr. Delisle:

The undersigned as Respondent, has (have) submitted the attached Qualification Statement in response to a Request for Qualifications (RFQ), issued by the Jersey City Redevelopment Agency, dated **[insert date]**, in connection with the Agency's need for professional environmental services.

Name of Respondent HEREBY STATES

1. The Qualification Statement contains accurate, factual and complete information.
2. **(Name of Respondent)** agrees (agree) to participate in good faith in the procurement process as described in the RFQ and to adhere to the Agency's procurement schedule.
3. **(Name of Respondent)** acknowledges (acknowledge) that all costs incurred by it (them) in connection with the preparation and submission of the Qualification Statement and any Qualifications Statement prepared and submitted in response to the RFQ, or any negotiation which results therefrom shall be borne exclusively by the Respondent.
4. **(Name of Respondent)** hereby declares (declare) that the only persons participating in this Qualification Statement as Principals are named herein and that no person other than those herein mentioned has any participation in this Qualification Statement or in any contract to be entered into with respect thereto. Additional persons may subsequently be included as participating Principals, but only if acceptable to the Agency.
5. **(Name of Respondent)** declares that this Qualification Statement is made without connection with any other person, firm or parties who has submitted a Qualification Statement, except as expressly set forth below and that it has been prepared and has been submitted in good faith and without collusion or fraud.
6. **(Name of Respondent)** acknowledges and agrees that the Agency may modify, amend, suspend and/or terminate the procurement process (in its sole judgment). In any case, the

Agency shall not have any liability to the Respondent for any costs incurred by the Respondent with respect to the procurement activities described in this RFQ.

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

(Signature of Chief Executive Officer)

(Typed Name and Title)

(Typed Name of Firm)*

Dated

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

NON COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

COUNTY OF _____ ss:

I certify that I am _____

of the firm of _____

the Respondent making the proposal for Professional Environmental Services, and that I executed the said proposal with full authority so to do; that said Respondent has not, directly or indirectly, entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free, competitive bidding in connection with the above named project; and that all statements contained in said proposal and in this affidavit are true and correct, and made with full knowledge that the Jersey City Redevelopment Agency relies upon the truth of the statements contained in said proposal and in the statements contained in this affidavit in awarding the contract for the said project.

I further warrant that no person or selling agency has been employed to solicit or secure such contract upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee, except bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial or selling agencies maintained by (N.J.S.A. 52: 34-25)

(Signature of respondent) _____

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO
BEFORE ME THIS DAY _____ OF 20_____

(TYPE OR PRINT NAME OF AFFIANT UNDER SIGNATURE)

NOTARY PUBLIC OF
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: 20 .

PUBLIC DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Chapter 33 of the Public Laws of 1977 provides that no Corporation or Partnership shall be awarded any State, City, Municipal or Schools District contracts for the performance of any work or the furnishing of any materials or supplies, unless prior to the receipt of the bid or accompanying the bid of said corporation or partnership there is submitted a public disclosure information statement. The statement shall set forth the names and addresses of all stockholders in the corporation or partnership who own ten percent (10%) or more of its stock of any class, or of all individual partners in the partnership who own a ten percent (10%) or greater interest therein.

STOCKHOLDERS:

Name	Address	% owned

SIGNATURE: _____

TITLE: _____

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO
BEFORE ME THIS DAY _____ OF 20 _____

(TYPE OR PRINT NAME OF AFFIANT UNDER SIGNATURE)

NOTARY PUBLIC OF
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: 20 .

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

Goods, Professional Services and General Service Contracts
(Mandatory Affirmative Action Language)

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 or sex. Except with respect to affectional or sexual orientation, 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 or sex. Such action 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 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 or sex, and that it will discontinue the

**MANDATORY EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY LANGUAGE
N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 and N.J.A.C. 17:27 (continued)**

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

In conforming with the 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 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 and its subcontractors shall furnish such reports or other documents to the Division of Contract Compliance & EEO 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 & EEO for conducting a compliance investigation pursuant to **Subchapter 10 of the Administrative Code at N.J.A.C.17:27** .

The undersigned Respondent certifies that he/she received, read, and is aware of the commitment to comply with:

N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 and N.J.A.C. 17:27

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Goods, Professional Services and General Service Contracts
(Mandatory Affirmative Action Language)**

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

Representative's Name/Title (Print):_____

Representative's Signature:_____

Name of Company:_____

Tel. No.:_____ **Date:**_____

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

The Respondent and the Jersey City Redevelopment Agency, (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. 5121 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.

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Equal Opportunity for Individuals with Disability (continued)

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.

Representative's Name/Title Print): _____

Representative's Signature: _____

Name of Company: _____

Tel. No.: _____ **Date:** _____.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION COMPLIANCE NOTICE

N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 and N.J.A.C. 17:27

GOODS AND SERVICES CONTRACTS (INCLUDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES)

This form is a summary of the successful Respondent's requirement to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 and N.J.A.C. 17:27.

The successful Respondent shall submit to the public agency, after notification of award but prior to execution of this contract, one of the following three documents as forms of evidence:

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

OR

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

OR

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

The successful Respondent may obtain the Affirmative Action Employee Information Report (AA302) from the contracting unit during normal business hours. The successful Respondent(s) must submit the copies of the AA302 Report to the Division of Contract Compliance and Equal Employment Opportunity in Public Contracts (Division). The Public Agency copy is submitted to the public agency, and the Respondent copy is retained by the Respondent.

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

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

COMPANY: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

PRINT

NAME: _____ TITLE: _____.

MINORITY/WOMAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (MWBE)

Questionnaire for Respondents

Jersey City Ordinance C-829 establishes a goal of awarding 20% of the dollar amount of total Agency procurement to minority and woman owned business enterprises. To assist us in monitoring our achievement of this goal, please indicate below whether your company is or is not a minority owned and/or woman owned business, and return this form with your bid proposal.

Business Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone No.: _____

Contact Name: _____

Please check applicable category:

_____ Minority Owned

_____ Minority & Woman Owned

_____ Woman Owned

_____ Neither

Definition of Minority Business Enterprise

Minority Business Enterprise means a business which is a sole proprietorship, partnership or corporation at least 51% of which is owned and controlled by persons who are African American, Hispanic, Asian American, American Indian or Alaskan native, defined as follows:

African American: a person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa

Hispanic: a person of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Central or South American or other non-European Spanish culture or origin regardless of race.

Asian: a person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, South East Asia, Indian subcontinent, Hawaii or the Pacific Islands.

American Indian or Alaskan Native: a person having origins in any of the original peoples of North America and who maintains cultural identification through tribal affiliation or community recognition.

Woman Business Enterprise

Woman Business Enterprise means a business which is a sole proprietorship, partnership or corporation at least 51% of which is owned and controlled by a woman or women.

BUSINESS REGISTRATION LANGUAGE CERTIFICATE

P.L. 2004, c. 57 (N.J.S.A. 52:32-44)

MANDATORY BUSINESS REGISTRATION LANGUAGE

Non Construction Contracts

P.L. 2004, c. 57 (Chapter 57) amends and supplements the business registration provisions of N.J.S.A. 52:32-44 which impose certain requirements upon a business competing for, or entering into a contract with a local contracting agency whose contracting activities are subject to the requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2).

"New Jersey Business Registration Requirements"

The contractor shall provide written notice to its subcontractors of the responsibility to submit proof of business registration to the contractor.

Before final payment on the contract is made by the contracting agency, the contractor shall submit an accurate list and the proof of business registration of each subcontractor or supplier used in the fulfillment of the contract, or shall attest that no subcontractors were used.

For the term of the contract, the contractor and each of its affiliates and a subcontractor and each of its affiliates [N.J.S.A. 52:32-44(g)(3)] shall collect and remit to the Director, New Jersey Division of Taxation, the use tax due pursuant to the Sales and Use Tax Act on all sales of tangible personal property delivered into this State, regardless of whether the tangible personal property is intended for a contract with a contracting agency.

A business organization that fails to provide a copy of a business registration as required pursuant to section 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 business registration information 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."

The undersigned Respondent certifies that a copy of the Respondent's Business Registration Certificate is attached and that Respondent shall comply with the terms of N.J.S.A. 52:32-44.

Representative's Name/Title (print): _____

Representative's Signature: _____

Name of Company: _____

Date: _____

FEDERAL DISBARMENT CERTIFICATION

This statement must be reproduced on company letterhead and signed by an authorized representative of the firm.

I, _____ an authorized representative of _____ (company) certify
that _____(company) is not debarred from receiving Federal funds.

(signature)

(print name)

(title)

(date)

**CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE CITY OF JERSEY CITY
CONTRACTOR PAY-TO-PLAY REFORM ORDINANCE 08-128 ADOPTED
ON SEPTEMBER 3, 2008**

PART I - Vendor Affirmation

The undersigned, being authorized and knowledgeable of the circumstances, does hereby certify that _____ (name of business entity) has not made any reportable contributions in the **one-year period preceding _____ (date City Council awards contract) that would be deemed to be violations of Section One of the City of Jersey City's Contractor Pay-to-Play Reform Ordinance 08-128 (attached hereto) and that would bar the award of this contract. I further certify that during the term of the contract _____ (name of business entity) will not make any reportable contributions in violation of Ordinance 08-128.

PART II - Signature and Attestation:

The undersigned is fully aware that if I have misrepresented in whole or part this affirmation and certification, I and/or the business entity, will be liable for any penalty permitted under law.

Name of Business Entity: _____

Signed _____ Title: _____

Print Name _____ Date: _____

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

My Commission expires:

(Affiant)

(Print name & title of affiant) (Corporate Seal)

****Pursuant to Section 2 of Ordinance 08-128, no contributions or solicitation of contributions made prior to the effective date Ordinance 08-128 (September 23, 2008) shall be deemed to be a violation of the Ordinance.**

City Clerk File No. Ord. 08-128

Agenda No. INITIATIVE PETITION 1st Reading

Agenda No. 4.A. 2nd Reading & Final Passage



ORDINANCE OF JERSEY CITY, N.J.

COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

offered and moved adoption of the following ordinance:

CITY ORDINANCE 08-128

TITLE:

An ordinance establishing that a Business Entity which makes political contributions to municipal candidates and municipal and county political parties in excess of certain thresholds shall be limited in its ability to receive public contracts from the City of Jersey City (CONTRACTOR PAY-TO-PLAY REFORM ORDINANCE)

The Municipal Council of the City of Jersey City does hereby ordain:

WHEREAS, large political contributions from those seeking or performing contracts with a municipality raise reasonable concerns on the part of taxpayers and residents as to their trust in government and its business practices; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:48-2, a municipality is authorized to adopt such ordinances, regulations, rules and by-laws as necessary and proper for good government, as well as the public health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to P.L.2005, c.271 (codified at N.J.S.A. 40A:11-51) a municipality is authorized to adopt by ordinance, measures limiting the awarding of public contracts to business entities that have made political contributions, and limiting the contributions that the recipient of such a contract can make during the term of a contract; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of good government, the people and the government of the City of Jersey City desire to establish a policy that will avoid the perception of improper influence in public contracting and local elections;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, it shall be the policy of the City of Jersey City to create such a regulation which states that a Business Entity which makes political contributions to municipal candidates and municipal and county political parties in excess of certain thresholds shall be limited in its ability to receive public contracts from the City of Jersey City; and

BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Jersey City, in the County of Hudson, and State of New Jersey, as follows:

DEFINITIONS

As used in this ordinance:

- (a) "Campaign Committee" means (i) every candidate for City of Jersey City elective municipal office; (ii) every candidate committee established by or for the benefit of a candidate for City of Jersey City elective municipal office; (iii) every joint candidate committee established in whole or in part by or for the benefit of a candidate for City of Jersey City elective municipal office; (iv) every political party committee of the City of Jersey City; (v) every political party committee of the County of Hudson; and (vi) every political committee, continuing political committee, or other form of association or organization that regularly engages in the support of candidates for the City of Jersey City municipal or Hudson county elective offices or City of Jersey City municipal or Hudson county political parties or political party committees. The terms in the foregoing paragraph have the meaning prescribed in N.J.A.C. 19:25-1.7,

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- (b) "Contribution" has the meaning prescribed in N.J.A.C. 19:25-1.7. By way of illustration, and not limitation, this definition includes pledges, loans, and in-kind contributions.
- (c) A "contract for professional or extraordinary services" means all contracts for "professional services" and "extraordinary unspecifiable services" as such term is used in N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5
- (d) For purposes of this Ordinance, a "Business Entity" whose contributions are regulated by this ordinance means: (i) an individual including the individual's spouse, and any child/children; (ii) a firm; corporation; professional corporation; partnership; limited liability company; organization; association; and any other manner and kind of business entity; (iii) any person who owns 10% or more of the equity or ownership or income interests in a person or entity as defined in sections (i) and (ii) above and their spouses and child/children; (iv) all partners or officers of such an entity, in the aggregate, and their spouses and child/children; (v) any person, subcontractor, subsidiary, corporation, firm, partnership, limited liability company, organization or association who has received or indefeasibly acquired the right to receive, from a person described in subparagraph (i) above, more than \$100,000.00 in compensation or income of any kind (including, by way of illustration, and not limitation: wages, salaries, sums paid to independent contractors, benefits, dividends, profit-sharing, pension contributions, deferred contributions, stock, stock options or gifts), in any twelve (12) month period prior to the award of, or during the term of, a contract subject to this ordinance; and (vi) all persons who are an "affiliate" of a Business Entity as defined in sections (i), (ii) and (v) above, as such term is used in 11 U.S.C. 101(2).

SECTION 1 - PROHIBITION ON AWARDING PUBLIC CONTRACTS TO CERTAIN CONTRIBUTORS

- (e) To the extent that it is not inconsistent with state or federal law, the City of Jersey City and any of its departments, instrumentalities or purchasing agents shall not enter into any agreement or otherwise contract to procure "professional services" as such term is defined at N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(6) and used at N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i) and/or banking, insurance or other consulting service (hereinafter "Professional Services"), nor "extraordinary unspecified services" as such term is defined at N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(7) and used at N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(ii) and/or media, public relations, lobbying, parking garage management or other consulting and/or management service (hereinafter "Extraordinary Unspecified Services") from any Business Entity if such Business Entity has solicited or made any Contribution to (i) a candidate, candidate committee or joint candidates committee of any candidate for elective municipal office in Jersey City or a holder of public office having ultimate responsibility for the award of a contract, or (ii) to any Jersey City or Hudson County political committee or political party committee, or (iii) to any continuing political committee or political action committee that regularly engages in the support of Jersey City municipal or Hudson County elections and/or Jersey City municipal or Hudson County candidates, candidate committees, joint candidate committees, political committees, political parties, political party committees, (hereinafter "PAC"), in excess of the thresholds specified in subsection (g) within one calendar year immediately preceding the date of the contract or agreement.
- (f) No Business Entity who submits a proposal for, enters into negotiations for, or agrees to any contract or agreement with the City of Jersey City or any of its departments or instrumentalities, for the rendition of Professional Services or Extraordinary Unspecified Services shall knowingly solicit or make any Contribution, to (i) a candidate, candidate committee or joint candidates committee of any candidate for elective municipal office in Jersey City, or a holder of public office having ultimate responsibility for the award of a contract, or (ii) to any Jersey City or Hudson County political committee or political party committee, or (iii) any PAC between the time of first communication between that Business Entity and the municipality regarding a specific agreement for Professional Services or Extraordinary Unspecified Services, and the later of the termination of negotiations or rejection of any proposal, or the completion of the performance or specified time period of that contract or agreement.
- (g) The monetary thresholds of this Ordinance are: (i) a maximum of \$300 per calendar year each for any purpose to any candidate or candidate committee for mayor or governing body, or \$500 per calendar year to any joint candidates committee for mayor or governing body, or \$300 per calendar year to a political committee or political party committee of the City of Jersey City; (ii) \$500 maximum per calendar year to a Hudson County political committee or political party committee; and (iii) \$500 maximum per calendar year to any PAC. However, for each Business Entity party to a contract for Professional or Extraordinary Unspecified Services as defined in subparagraph (a), or engaged in negotiations for a contract defined in subparagraph (a), when such Business Entity's Contribution is aggregated with all "persons" defined in subparagraph (d)

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of "Definitions" above, by virtue of their affiliation to that Business Entity party, a maximum of \$2,500 to all City of Jersey City candidates, candidate committees, joint candidate committees, and holders of public office having ultimate responsibility for the award of a contract, all City of Jersey City or Hudson County political committees and political party committees as described herein combined, without violating subsection (a) of this section.

- (h) For purposes of this section, the office that is considered to have ultimate responsibility for the award of the contract shall be (i) the City of Jersey City Mayor or Governing body, if the contract requires approval or appropriation from the Mayor or Governing body, or (ii) the Mayor of the City of Jersey City, if the contract requires approval of the Mayor, or if a public officer who is responsible for the award of a contract is appointed by the Mayor.
- (i) Rules regarding subcontractors. No person may be awarded a subcontract to perform under a contract subject to this Ordinance, if the subcontractor would be disqualified by paragraph (a) from receiving the contract at the time that the subcontract is awarded. Nor may any person who would be disqualified by paragraph (a) from receiving the contract perform substantially all of obligations described in a contract for professional or extraordinary services that is subject to this ordinance.

SECTION 2 - CONTRIBUTIONS MADE PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE

No Contribution or solicitation of contributions made prior to the effective date of this Ordinance shall be deemed to give rise to a violation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3 - CONTRACT RENEWAL

No contract subject to this ordinance may be renewed, extended, or materially modified unless the resulting renewal, extension, or modification would be allowable under the provisions of this ordinance if it were an initial contract.

SECTION 4 - CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT BY BUSINESS ENTITY

- (j) Prior to awarding any contract or agreement to procure Professional Services" or Extraordinary Unspecified Services" from any Business Entity, the City of Jersey City or its purchasing agents and departments, as the case may be, shall receive a sworn statement from said Business Entity which is the intended recipient of said contract that he/she/it has not made a Contribution in violation of Section 1 of this Ordinance. The City of Jersey City, its purchasing agents and departments shall be responsible for informing the City Council that the aforementioned sworn statement has been received and that the Business Entity is not in violation of this ordinance, prior to awarding the contract or agreement.
- (k) A Business Entity shall have a continuing duty to report to the City of Jersey City any Contributions that constitute a violation of this act that are made during the negotiation, proposal process or the duration of a contract. The City of Jersey City, its purchasing agents and departments shall be responsible for informing the governing body within ten (10) business days after receipt of said report from the Business Entity, or at the next City Council meeting following receipt of said report from the Business Entity, or whichever comes first.
- (l) The certification required under this subsection shall be made prior to entry into the contract or agreement with the City of Jersey City, or prior to the provision of services or goods, as the case may be, and shall be in addition to any other certifications that may be required by any other provision of law.

SECTION 5 - RETURN OF EXCESS CONTRIBUTIONS

A Business Entity that is a party to a contract for Professional Services or Extraordinary Unspecified Services may cure a violation of Section 1 of this Ordinance, if, within 30 days after the date on which the applicable ELEC report is published, said Business Entity notifies the municipality in writing and seeks and receives reimbursement of the Contribution from the recipient of such Contribution.

SECTION 6 - EXEMPTIONS

The contribution limitations prior to entering into a contract in Section 1(a) do not apply to contracts which (i) are awarded to the lowest responsible bidder after public advertising for bids and bidding therefor within the meaning of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4, or (ii) are awarded in the case of emergency under N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6. There is no exemption for contracts awarded pursuant to a "Fair and Open Process" under N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20 *et seq.*

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SECTION 7 - PENALTY

- (m) It shall be a material breach of the terms of a City of Jersey City agreement or contract for Professional Services or Extraordinary Unspecified Services when a Business Entity that is a party to such agreement or contract has: (i) made or solicited a Contribution in violation of this Ordinance; (ii) knowingly concealed or misrepresented a Contribution given or received; (iii) made or solicited Contributions through intermediaries for the purpose of concealing or misrepresenting the source of the Contribution; (iv) made or solicited any Contribution on the condition or with the agreement that it will be re-contributed to a candidate, candidate committee or joint candidates committee of any candidate for elective municipal office in Jersey City, or a holder of public office having ultimate responsibility for the award of a contract, or any Jersey City or Hudson County political committee or political party committee, or any PAC; (v) engaged or employed a lobbyist or consultant with the intent or understanding that such lobbyist or consultant would make or solicit any Contribution, which if made or solicited by the professional Business Entity itself, would subject that entity to the restrictions of this Ordinance; (vi) funded contributions made by third parties, including consultants, attorneys, family members, and employees; (vii) engaged in any exchange of Contributions to circumvent the intent of this Ordinance; or (viii) directly or indirectly, through or by any other person or means, done any act which if done directly would subject that entity to the restrictions of this Ordinance.
- (n) Furthermore, any Business Entity that violates Section 7 (a) (i-viii) shall be disqualified from eligibility for future City of Jersey City contracts for a period of four (4) calendar years from the date of the violation.
- (o) Any person who knowingly, purposely, or recklessly violates any provision of this ordinance, or who conspires with another person to violate any provision of this ordinance, or who, with the purpose of promoting or facilitating a violation of this ordinance, solicits another person to commit it, or aids or agrees, or attempts to aid another person in planning or committing it, shall be subject to punishment including fines and/or imprisonment as fixed by law for violations of the ordinances of the City of Jersey City.

SECTION 8 - CITIZENS PRIVATE RIGHT OF ACTION

In addition to any rights that were heretofore available, or which may hereafter be available, to citizens, taxpayers, or associations, to challenge violations of this ordinance, every person aggrieved by a violation of the ordinance, or any taxpayer or resident of the City of Jersey City has the right, consistent with the Rules of Court, to file charges in a court of competent jurisdiction, and/or to pursue a civil action for a violation of this ordinance in a court of competent jurisdiction, and to seek and obtain declaratory, injunctive, or other legal or equitable relief, including but not limited to, attorneys fees and costs, arising from or related to a violation of this ordinance.

SECTION 9 - SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this Ordinance, or the application of any such provision to any person or circumstances, shall be held invalid, the remainder of this Ordinance to the extent it can be given effect, or the application of such provision to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid shall not be affected thereby, and to this extent the provisions of this Ordinance are severable. The drafters of this Ordinance, the persons signing the petition in support of this Ordinance, and the persons who cast votes in favor of the Ordinance, declare that they would have supported the Ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or provision or application thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more other sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, phrases, or provisions or applications thereof may be held invalid.

COMMITTEE OF PETITIONERS pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:69A-186

James Carroll, 44 Terrace, Jersey City, New Jersey 07307
Steven Fulop, 76 Essex Street, Jersey City, N.J. 07302
Daniel Levin, 228 1/2 Third Street, Jersey City, NJ 07302
Aaron Morrill, 209 Washington Street, Jersey City, N.J. 07302
Shelly Skinner, 286 Pavonia, Jersey City, N.J. 07302

SECTION 10 - REPEALER

All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent with any provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed as to the extent of such inconsistencies.

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SECTION 11 - INDEXING

The monetary thresholds of "Definitions" Section (d) and Section 1(c) of this ordinance shall be increased effective March 1 of each calendar year by the percentage increase, in the prior calendar year, of the consumer price index for all urban consumers (CPI-U) for the New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island region, rounded to the nearest \$10.00. The Clerk of the City of Jersey City shall, by no later than April 1 of each calendar year, prepare and publish the revised thresholds on the official municipal website and in an official municipal newspaper.

SECTION 12 - EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall become effective twenty (20) days following the final adoption thereof by the Municipal Council of the City of Jersey City and shall be published as required by law.

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM

APPROVED: _____

Corporation Counsel

APPROVED: _____

Business Administrator

Certification Required

Not Required

Ordinance of the City of Jersey City, N.J.

ORDINANCE NO. 4.A. Ord. 08-128

TITLE: An ordinance establishing a Business Entity which makes political contributions to municipal candidates and municipal and county political parties in excess of certain thresholds shall be limited to its ability to receive public contracts from the City of Jersey City (Contractor Pay-to-Play Reform Ordinance)



INITIATED BY PETITION CERTIFIED AUGUST 20, 2008

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTE ON INTRODUCTION											
				N/A							
COUNCILPERSON	AYE	NAY	N.V.	COUNCILPERSON	AYE	NAY	N.V.	COUNCILPERSON	AYE	NAY	N.V.
SOTTOLANO				GAUGHAN				BRENNAN			
SPINELLO				FULOP				FLOOD			
LIPSKI				RICHARDSON				VEGA, PRES.			

✓ Indicates Vote
 JAMES F. WADDLETON AARON MORRILL JAMES CARROLL N.V.-Not Voting (Abstain)
 BRET SCHUNDLER RAYLIE VUNKEL SEBASTIAN BERNHEIM
 STEVE DAVISON TOM GIBBONS HEATHER TAYLOR
 TOM WILEN SHELLEY SKINNER DANIEL LEVIN

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTE TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING											
SOTTOLANO / SPINELLO				SEP 03 2008				9-0			
COUNCILPERSON	AYE	NAY	N.V.	COUNCILPERSON	AYE	NAY	N.V.	COUNCILPERSON	AYE	NAY	N.V.
SOTTOLANO	✓			GAUGHAN	✓			BRENNAN	✓		
SPINELLO	✓			FULOP	✓			FLOOD	✓		
LIPSKI	✓			RICHARDSON	✓			VEGA, PRES.	✓		

✓ Indicates Vote
 DAN FALCON YVONNE BALCER N.V.-Not Voting (Abstain)
 ANTHONY MORELLI
 ANDREW HUBSCH
 MAHALEY BOWLES

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTE ON AMENDMENTS, IF ANY											
COUNCILPERSON	AYE	NAY	N.V.	COUNCILPERSON	AYE	NAY	N.V.	COUNCILPERSON	AYE	NAY	N.V.
SOTTOLANO				GAUGHAN				BRENNAN			
SPINELLO				FULOP				FLOOD			
LIPSKI				RICHARDSON				VEGA, PRES.			

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RECORD OF FINAL COUNCIL VOTE											
				SEP 03 2008				9-0			
COUNCILPERSON	AYE	NAY	N.V.	COUNCILPERSON	AYE	NAY	N.V.	COUNCILPERSON	AYE	NAY	N.V.
SOTTOLANO	✓			GAUGHAN	✓			BRENNAN	✓		
SPINELLO	✓			FULOP	✓			FLOOD	✓		
LIPSKI	✓			RICHARDSON	✓			VEGA, PRES.	✓		

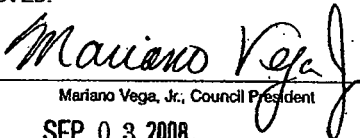
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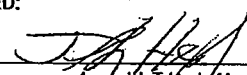
Initiated by Petition Certified August 20, 2008

Adopted on second and final reading after hearing on SEP 03 2008

This is to certify that the foregoing Ordinance was adopted by the Municipal Council at its meeting on SEP 03 2008


 Robert Byrne, City Clerk

APPROVED:

 Mariano Vega, Jr., Council President
 Date: SEP 03 2008

APPROVED:

 Jeremiah T. Healy, Mayor
 Date: SEP 05 2008
 Date to Mayor: SEP 04 2008

*Amendment(s):