

Jersey City Redevelopment Agency

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

REDEVELOPMENT SPECIAL COUNSEL SERVICES

Contract Term

January 2025 to December 2026

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

10:00 A.M.

December 5, 2024

ADDRESS ALL PROPOSALS TO:

**Jesamil Lozano, Assistant to Executive Director
Jersey City Redevelopment Agency
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Jersey City, NJ 07305
201-761-0820**

GENERAL INFORMATION & SUMMARY

ORGANIZATION REQUESTING STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATION

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CONTACT PERSON

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PURPOSE OF REQUEST

The Jersey City Redevelopment Agency (Agency) is requesting qualification statements from qualified individuals and firms to provide Redevelopment Special Counsel 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 attorneys who will be available to provide legal 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 contract to the attorney based on an hourly rate of compensation as follows: for legal services for the Agency in connection with regular Agency business; this would include meetings, telephone conferences, correspondence and legal services for the Agency. The billing would be at \$200.00 per hour rate and for a sum not to exceed a specified amount to be determined by the Agency on a case by case basis. The Agency and the qualified respondent with regard to matters involving redevelopers or prospective redevelopers may negotiate a rate above the \$350.00/hour Agency rate. Legal clerk and paralegal services will be billed at a rate of \$75.00 per hour for all Agency related work, matters involving redevelopers or prospective redevelopers may negotiate a rate of \$90.00 per hour.

PERIOD OF QUALIFICATION

January, 2025 to December, 2025

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.

Respondents and their subcontractors must at all times comply with all applicable obligations pursuant to The New Jersey Campaign Contributions and Expenditure Reporting Act, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-1, et seq., and New Jersey's Election Transparency Act (ETA) Bill No. A4372/S2866 regarding political contributions. 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 Section 5 of this RFQ, which will be applied in the same manner to each Qualification Statement received.

Qualification Statements will be reviewed and evaluated by the 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 **10:00 a.m. prevailing time on December 5, 2024**. Qualification Statements will not be accepted by facsimile transmission or e-mail.

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.

TABLE 1
ANTICIPATED PROCUREMENT SCHEDULE

ACTIVITY	DATE
1. Issuance of Request for Qualifications	October 30, 2024
2. Receipt of Qualification Statements	December 5, 2024
3. Completion of Evaluation of Qualification Statements	December 10, 2024
4. Qualification of Firms for Counsel Services	December 17, 2024

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. All Qualification Statements will be made available to the public at the appropriate time, as determined by the Agency, in the exercise of its sole discretion, in accordance with law.
9. The Agency may request Respondents to send representatives to the Agency for interviews.
10. Any and all Qualification Statements not received by the Agency by 10:00 a.m. prevailing time on December 5, 2024 will be rejected.
11. Neither the Agency nor its officers, officials or employees shall be liable for any claims or damages resulting from the solicitation or preparation of the Qualification Statement, nor will there be any reimbursement to Respondents for the cost of preparing and submitting a Qualification Statement or for participating in this procurement process.

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 is seeking redevelopment special counsel services to provide counsel for the Agency on redevelopment matters. (The subject matter includes, but is not limited to, matters and/or challenges to governmental actions.) Counsel will have a close working relationship with the Agency's executive staff.

The Agency is requesting Qualification Statements for Redevelopment Special Counsel. Counsel will, on an "as needed" basis, be assigned and required to provide representation in one or more of the following aspects, including but not limited to, litigation, preparation of redeveloper agreements, resolutions, condemnation documents, participation in negotiations of redeveloper agreements, Abandoned Properties Rehabilitation Act procedure, environmental regulations, bonding and financing matters and real estate and condemnation matters, and participation in and attendance at settlement conferences, pre-trial motions and trials.

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. An executed Letter of Qualification.
3. Name, address and telephone number of the Respondent submitting a Qualification Statement pursuant to this RFQ, and the name of the key contact person.
4. The number of years Respondent has been in business under the present name.
5. The number of years Respondent has been under the current management.
6. Any judgments within the last three (3) years in which Respondent has been adjudicated liable for professional malpractice. If any, please explain.
7. 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.
8. Confirmation of appropriate federal and state licenses to perform activities.

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.

3. Resumes of key employees.
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. Limits of Malpractice insurance coverage.
7. A listing of all other engagements where services of the types being proposed were provided in the past five (5) years. This should include other municipal governments and other levels of government. Contact information for the recipients of the similar services must be provided. The Agency may obtain references from any of the parties listed.
8. Respondents must list all cases where they represented the Agency, sued the Agency, or represented a client against the Agency.

SECTION 4

INSTRUCTIONS TO RESPONDENTS

4.1. Submission of Qualification Statements.

Respondents must submit an original and two (2) copies of their Qualification Statement to the designated Contact Person.

Qualification Statements must be received by the Agency no later than 10:00 a.m. prevailing time on December 5, 2024, and must be mailed or hand-delivered. Qualification Statements forwarded by facsimile 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.

SECTION 5

EVALUATION

The Agency's objective in soliciting Qualification Statements is to enable it to select a Respondent 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 by the Agency on the basis of which is the most advantageous, price and other factors considered. The evaluation will consider:

1. Experience and reputation in the field;
2. Knowledge of the Agency and Local Redevelopment and Housing Law;
3. Ability to produce assignments in a timely manner or as prescribed by the Agency;
4. Price proposal;
5. Availability to accommodate the required meetings of the Agency;
6. Experience in the areas of law described in Section 2 of this RFQ;
7. Pertinent government experience; and
8. Other factors demonstrated to be in the best interests of the Agency.

Each Qualification Statement must satisfy the objectives and requirements detailed in this RFQ.

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 for the requested services at any time within the qualification period. Every Qualification Statement should be valid through December 31, 2024.

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 contractor 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 contractor's commitments under this act and shall post copies of the notice; (d) the contractor 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.

END OF GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Jersey City Redevelopment Agency

RESPONDENT: _____

RESPONDENT’S CHECKLIST

Item	Respondent Initials	AA/EEO Review
A. Non-Collusion Affidavit properly notarized		
B. Public Disclosure Statement		
C. Mandatory Affirmative Action Language		
D. Americans with Disabilities Act		
E. Affirmative Action Compliance Notice		
F. MWBE Questionnaire (2 copies)		
G. Form AA302 – Employee Information Report		
H. Business Registration Certificate		
I. Political Contribution Disclosure Form		
J. Prohibited Russia-Belarus Activities & Iran Investment Activities Disclosure Form		
K. Original signature(s) on all required forms.		

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 Redevelopment Special Counsel 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 .

(NOTE: THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED, NOTARIZED AND RETURNED WITH THIS PROPOSAL).

STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP DISCLOSURE

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

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

Name of Organization: _____

Organization Address: _____

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

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

Part II

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

OR

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

(Please attach additional sheets if more space is needed):

Name of Individual or Business Entity	Address

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

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

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

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

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

Part IV Certification

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

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

**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. 12101 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.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990
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.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE EMPLOYEE INFORMATION REPORT (FORM AA302)

IMPORTANT:

Read the following instructions carefully before completing the form. Print or type all information. Failure to properly complete the entire form may delay issuance of your certificate. **If you have a current certificate of employee information report, do not complete this form. Send copy of current certificate to the public agency. Do not complete this form for construction contract awards.**

ITEM 1 - Enter the Federal Identification Number assigned by the Internal Revenue Service, or if a Federal Employer Identification Number has been applied for, or if your business is such that you have not or will not receive a Federal Employer Identification Number, enter the Social Security Number of the owner or of one partner, in the case of a partnership.

ITEM 2 - Check the box appropriate to your TYPE OF BUSINESS. If you are engaged in more than one type of business check the predominate one. If you are a manufacturer deriving more than 50% of your receipts from your own retail outlets, check "Retail".

ITEM 3 - Enter the total "number" of employees in the entire company, including part-time employees. This number shall include all facilities in the entire firm or corporation.

ITEM 4 - Enter the name by which the company is identified. If there is more than one company name, enter the predominant one.

ITEM 5 - Enter the physical location of the company. Include City, County, State and Zip Code.

ITEM 6 - Enter the name of any parent or affiliated company including the City, County, State and Zip Code. If there is none, so indicate by entering "None" or N/A.

ITEM 7 - Check the box appropriate to your type of company establishment. "Single-establishment Employer" shall include an employer whose business is conducted at only one physical location. "Multi-establishment Employer" shall include an employer whose business is conducted at more than one location.

ITEM 8 - If "Multi-establishment" was entered in item 8, enter the number of establishments within the State of New Jersey.

ITEM 9 - Enter the total number of employees at the establishment being awarded the contract.

ITEM 10 - Enter the name of the Public Agency awarding the contract. Include City, County, State and Zip Code.

ITEM 11 - Enter the appropriate figures on all lines and in all columns.

THIS SHALL ONLY INCLUDE EMPLOYMENT DATA FROM THE FACILITY THAT IS BEING AWARDED THE CONTRACT.

DO NOT list the same employee in more than one job category.

DO NOT attach an EEO-1 Report.

Racial/Ethnic Groups will be defined:

Black: Not of Hispanic origin. Persons having origin in any of the Black racial groups of Africa.

Hispanic: Persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or Central or South American or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.

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

Asian or Pacific Islander: Persons having origin in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian Sub-continent or the Pacific Islands. This area includes for example, China, Japan, Korea, the Philippines Islands and Samoa.

Non-Minority: Any Persons not identified in any of the aforementioned Racial/Ethnic Groups.

ITEM 12 - Check the appropriate box. If the race or ethnic group information was not obtained by 1 or 2, specify by what other means this was done in 3.

ITEM 13 - Enter the dates of the payroll period used to prepare the employment data presented in Item 12.

ITEM 14 - If this is the first time an Employee Information Report has been submitted for this company, check block "Yes".

ITEM 15 - If the answer to Item 15 is "No", enter the date when the last Employee Information Report was submitted by this company.

ITEM 16 - Print or type the name of the person completing the form. Include the signature, title and date.

ITEM 17 - Enter the physical location where the form is being completed. Include City, State, Zip Code and Phone Number.

TYPE OR PRINT IN SHARP BALL POINT PEN

The Respondent is to complete the employee information report form (AA302) and retain copy for the Respondent's own files. The Respondent is to submit a copy to the public agency awarding the contract and forward a copy to:

**NJ Department of the Treasury
Division of Contract Compliance & Equal Employment Opportunity
P.O. Box 209
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0209 Telephone No. (609) 292-5475**

Form: http://nj.gov/treasury/contract_compliance/pdf/aa302.pdf

Instructions: http://nj.gov/treasury/contract_compliance/pdf/aa302ins.pdf

Note that the sample form shown on the following page is for illustrative purposes only and should not be submitted. Use the state website links above to obtain the actual form.

BUSINESS REGISTRATION LANGUAGE AND SAMPLE BRC

Refer to <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/revenue/busregcert.htm>

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: _____

C. 271 POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION DISCLOSURE FORM

Contractor Instructions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

County Name: Hudson

State: Governor

Legislative District #: 31, 32, & 33

State Senator and two members of the General Assembly per district.

County:

County Commissioners

County Clerk

Sheriff

County Executive

Surrogate

Registrar of Deeds

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

Bayonne City

Hoboken City

Secaucus Town

East Newark Borough

Jersey City

Union City City

Guttenberg Town

Kearny Town

Weehawken Township

Harrison Town

North Bergen Township

West New York Town

Boards of Education (Members of the Board):

East Newark Borough

Kearny Town

Weehawken Township

Guttenberg Town

North Bergen Township

Hoboken City

Secaucus Town

Fire Districts (Board of Fire Commissioners):

(None)

Prohibited Russia-Belarus Activities & Iran Investment Activities

Person or Entity

Part 1: Certification

COMPLETE PART 1 BY CHECKING ONE OF THE THREE BOXES BELOW

Pursuant to law, any person or entity that is a successful bidder or proposer, or otherwise proposes to enter into or renew a contract, for goods or services must complete the certification below prior to contract award to attest, under penalty of perjury, that neither the person or entity, nor any parent entity, subsidiary, or affiliate, is identified on the Department of Treasury's Russia-Belarus list or Chapter 25 list as a person or entity engaging in prohibited activities in Russia, Belarus or Iran. Before a contract for goods or services can be amended or extended, a person or entity must certify that neither the person or entity, nor any parent entity, subsidiary, or affiliate, is identified on the Department of Treasury's Russia-Belarus list. Both lists are found on Treasury's website at the following web addresses:

<https://www.nj.gov/treasury/administration/pdf/RussiaBelarusEntityList.pdf>
www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/pdf/Chapter25List.pdf

As applicable to the type of contract, the above-referenced lists must be reviewed prior to completing the below certification.

A person or entity unable to make the certification must provide a detailed, accurate, and precise description of the activities of the person or entity, or of a parent entity, subsidiary, or affiliate, engaging in prohibited activities in Russia or Belarus and/or investment activities in Iran. The person or entity must cease engaging in any prohibited activities and provide an updated certification before the contract can be entered into.

If a vendor or contractor is found to be in violation of law, action may be taken as appropriate and as may be 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.

CONTRACT AWARDS AND RENEWALS



I certify, pursuant to law, that neither the person or entity listed above, nor any parent entity, subsidiary, or affiliate appears on the N.J. Department of Treasury's lists of entities engaged in prohibited activities in Russia or Belarus pursuant to P.L. 2022, c. 3 or in investment activities in Iran pursuant to P.L. 2012, c. 25 ("Chapter 25 List"). I further certify that I am the person listed above, or I am an officer or representative of the entity listed above and am authorized to make this certification on its behalf. (Skip Part 2 and sign and complete the Certification below.)

CONTRACT AMENDMENTS AND EXTENSIONS



I certify, pursuant to law, that neither the person or entity listed above, nor any parent entity, subsidiary, or affiliate is listed on the N.J. Department of the Treasury's lists of entities determined to be engaged in prohibited activities in Russia or Belarus pursuant to P.L. 2022, c. 3. I further certify that I am the person listed above, or I am an officer or representative of the entity listed above and am authorized to make this certification on its behalf. (Skip Part 2 and sign and complete the Certification below.)

IF UNABLE TO CERTIFY



I am unable to certify as above because the person or entity and/or a parent entity, subsidiary, or affiliate is listed on the Department's Russia-Belarus list and/or Chapter 25 Iran list. I will provide a detailed, accurate, and precise description of the activities as directed in Part 2 below, and sign and complete the Certification below. Failure to provide such will prevent the award of the contract to the person or entity, and appropriate penalties, fines, and/or sanctions will be assessed as provided by law.

Part 2: Additional Information

PLEASE PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION RELATED TO PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES IN RUSSIA OR BELARUS AND/OR INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES IN IRAN.

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

Part 3: Certification of True and Complete Information

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

I acknowledge that the Contracting Unit is relying on the information contained herein and hereby acknowledge that I am under a continuing obligation from the date of this certification through the completion of any contracts with the Contracting Unit to notify the Contracting Unit in writing of any changes to the answers of information contained herein.

I acknowledge that I am aware that it is a criminal offense to make a false statement or misrepresentation in this certification. If I do so, I recognize that I am subject to criminal prosecution under the law and that it will also constitute a material breach of my agreement(s) with the Contracting Unit and that the Contracting Unit at its option may declare any contract(s) resulting from this certification void and unenforceable.

Full Name (Print)		Title	
Signature		Date	