

1445 State Route 31 South, Annandale, NJ 08801

# REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS RFP NO: 20-03

School Board Attorney / Legal Services
Term of Contract: February 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021

Dated: December 1, 2020 By: Kathryn Blew

School Business Administrator/

**Board Secretary** 

### NOTICE FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS SCHOOL BOARD ATTORNEY/LEGAL SERVICES

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.2 (a)(5), the **North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District Board of Education** (hereinafter referred to as the "Board') is requesting proposals (RFP) to obtain from interested and qualified firms a proposal for **School Board Attorney / Legal Services** as outlined in the RFP. The understanding of the parties with respect to the services to be rendered and the various fee arrangements are required to be set forth in a formal agreement. The Board Office is located at 1445 State Route 31 South, Annandale, NJ 08801.

All necessary proposal specifications and proposal forms may be secured upon written request to:

Kathryn Blew, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District 1445 State Route 31 South Annandale, NJ 08801

**OR** Documents may be downloaded at www.nhvweb.net

All respondents submitting proposals must use and complete all forms and include all information required in the RFP. An original and one (1) copy of the Proposal must be submitted with a USB digital copy, in a sealed envelope with "RFP – School Board Attorney/Legal Services" marked on the front of the envelope.

Proposals must be submitted to the North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District Board of Education no later than **Tuesday**, **December 22**, **2020 by 10:00 a.m. EST**. It must be clearly marked as "RFP – School Board Attorney/LegalServices" The proposals should be addressed to North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District Board of Education, Attn: Kathryn Blew, School Business Administrator, 1445 State Route 31 South, Annandale, NJ 08801.

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

Pursuant to <u>P.L.</u> 2004, <u>c.</u>57, all proposals must be accompanied by a New Jersey Business Registration Certificate issued by the New Jersey Department of Treasury, Division of Revenue. All vendors are required to comply with the requirements of <u>P.L.</u> 1975, <u>c.</u> 127, "Law Against Discrimination" and the Affirmative Action statutes and regulations, <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 10:5-31 <u>et seq.</u> and <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 17:27-1.1 <u>et seq.</u>

A Non-Collusion Affidavit and a Contractor Questionnaire/Certification also must be filed with the proposal. The proposal package will also include other documents that must be completed and returned with the RFP package. Failure to complete and submit all required forms may be cause for disqualification and rejection of the proposal.

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all proposals pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2(s), (t), (x), (y), 18A:18A-4(a), 18A:18A-22, and to waive any informalities. The Board further reserves the right to take such alternates as they deem appropriate, and in any order that the Board feels may be in the best interest of the North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District Board of Education.

Kathryn Blew School Business Administrator/Board Secretary Notice Date: December 1, 2020



#### **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

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# TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

**Kathryn Blew** 

School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

NORTH HUNTERDON-VOORHEES REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION 1445 State Route 31 South, Annandale, NJ 08801

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL SCHOOL BOARD ATTORNEY / LEGAL SERVICES

#### A. PURPOSE

The North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District Board of Education is seeking proposals from qualified respondents as follows: **School Board Attorney / Legal Services.** 

#### B. SCOPE OF SERVICE

#### General Counsel

The attorney and/or law firm contracted by the Board of Education shall provide the following services under the general counsel retainer contract:

#### 1. Attendance at Board Meetings

The Board attorney shall be available to attend one (1) to two (2) public meetings per month of the North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District Board of Education and all Executive Sessions that the Board of Education shall convene. The Board attorney shall attend Board of Education committee meetings when so invited by the committee chairperson. The Board attorney shall be the parliamentarian at all Board meetings.

The following is a typical meeting schedule of the Board of Education:

- One to Two Regular Public meetings per month; and
- Special, Emergency and Executive Session meetings as required.

#### 2. Board Policy Guidance and Review

The Board attorney shall prepare and/or review all Board policy as to legal form prior to review and adoption by the Board of Education when required.

#### 3. Code of Ethics/Ethics Compliance

The Board attorney shall provide in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:32-3.2 annual training on the School Ethics Act and the Code of Ethics to the members of the Board of Education at a regularly scheduled Board meeting.

The Board attorney will provide advice and counsel concerning the conduct of public meetings as governed by statute regulations and Board by-laws including the Open Public Meetings Act.

The Board attorney shall provide guidance to all Board members with reference to all ethics questions that may arise during the course of the year.

#### 4. Legal Counsel and Advice

The Board Attorney shall:

- Advise the Board of Education as to the legal and contractual procedures on which the Board must take action or make a decision.
- Prepare oral and written legal opinions or provide legal advice when requested by the Superintendent or the Board president, designee or when requested by the majority of the Board of Education at a public Board meeting.

- Advise on all grievance hearings arising from the various employee collective bargaining groups of the Board. The Board of Education negotiates with two (2) collective bargaining units.
- Represent the Board of Education in all general legal matters.
- Prepare all legal documents and contracts when necessary for the Board of Education.
- Draft and review all lease agreements, easements and deeds to be entered into by the Board of Education of all third parties.
- Represent the Board in all budgetary appeals to the Commissioner of Education.
- Advise and represent the Board in all matters relating to Charter Schools.
- Provide legal advice on all personnel disciplinary actions, including increment withholdings, non-renewals and tenure/non-tenured dismissals and other employment related matters.
- Advise the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools and/or his designee of all laws, administrative code and policy related matters including employee discipline, seniority and tenure.
- Attend and participate in strategy sessions, using phone, fax, US mail, text messages and e- mail as may be required.

#### 5. <u>Legal Information—Sharing with the Board/Superintendent</u>

The Board attorney, from time to time, and when necessary, shall share with the Board of Education and the Superintendent and/or his designee, all information concerning changes in school law, court cases, school ethics decisions, court opinions and/or other legal matters that may affect the decisions made by the Board and Superintendent.

#### Management Decisions—Legal Counsel

It is noted and understood that the Board attorney is not to be contacted unnecessarily for management decisions and in no circumstances is the Board attorney to direct any employee to take any action in the performance of his duties or contact any vendor to provide goods or render services to the district.

#### 6. Preparation of Contracts—Vendors

The Board attorney shall assist when requested to prepare and deliver (electronically) to the Business Office written contracts for vendors who were awarded contracts by the North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District Board of Education. Contracts are to be prepared and delivered to the Business Office within seven (7) business days after the award of contract by the Board.

#### 7. Purchasing and Procurement

The Board attorney shall work with the Purchasing Agent of the school district to ensure that all purchasing of the school district is in compliance with the Public School Contracts Law and all other federal, state and local procurement law and administrative code. Included but not limited in these duties are:

- Providing legal advice on all purchasing and contract matters;
- Provide guidance on bidding procedures;
- Providing legal opinions when requested by the Purchasing Agent; and
- Reviewing all bids and other procurement documents as to legal form.

#### 8. Representation—Other Government Agencies

The Board attorney shall represent the Board in non-litigant matters involving the other governmental entities and agencies where applicable, including but not limited to joint municipal and Board of Education meetings.

#### 9. Review All Contracts

The Board attorney shall review when requested all contracts presented to the Board of Education as to legal form and to determine whether the contracts are in the best interests of the Board.

#### 10. Student Issues

The Board attorney shall provide advice and counsel and represent on all matters related to regular student issues including, but not limited to discipline, attendance, adherence to rules and regulations, suspension/expulsion hearings and other matters pertaining to the student population.

#### 11. Residency

The Board attorney shall represent the Board in all disputes concerning residency requirements and enrollment eligibility and attend Board Committee residency hearings as necessary.

#### 12. Timely Response/Availability

The Board attorney is expected to respond, at least verbally, e-mail, fax or via text message, within a maximum of two (2) hours when an inquiry is made by the Board of Education or Superintendent of Schools, and/or his designee.

The Board attorney shall be available immediately for all telephone conferences with the Superintendent of Schools, and/or his designee, for urgent and emergent matters.

#### Specialized In-service Programs—Hourly Rate Payment

From time to time, the Board attorney may be asked to provide specialized in-service programs to district personnel at the request of the Superintendent of Schools. (e.g. Sexual Harassment, Bullying Programs, etc.) The Board attorney will be paid the hourly rate for presenting such programs.

#### 13. Other Legal Services

The Board attorney shall perform any or all other legal services that may be requested by the Board from time to time under the retainer contract except those services listed under the litigation services contract.

#### **Litigation Matters**

The Board attorney shall handle all litigation matters on behalf of the Board of Education on general legal issues and represent the school district in judicial and/or administrative proceedings within specific service area in which the district or any of its Board members, administrators, or agents may be a party or have an interest, including but not limited to:

- Represent the Board in all hearings and legal proceedings as they pertain to purchasing procurement; personnel matters and student matters.
- Represent the district in litigation where the Superintendent has been subpoenaed as the chief school administrator; and
- Represent the district in all special education matters including but not limited to mediation, due process hearings and other judicial and administrative hearings. The Board attorney will serve as the district's liaison to the legal representatives/advocates of parents.

Initiate and/or defend lawsuits as necessary only by direction and approval of the Board of Education. Attend all judicial hearings and proceedings as they pertain to the said lawsuit.

#### **Hourly Rate—Litigation Services**

The Board requests all respondents to submit a per hour fee for litigation services on the enclosed Fee Proposal Form. Payment will be made on an hourly basis with quarter hour increments (15 minutes.)

#### Paralegal and Attorney Support—Hourly Rate

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

Please note: Administrative and Secretarial Services and Related Expenses

Administrative and secretarial costs and related expenses are considered part of the firm's overhead and is built in the hourly rate structure. The district will not pay for these costs.

#### **Determination of Litigation/Possible Litigation**

The School Business Administrator, in consultation with the Superintendent of Schools and with other administrators, shall be the final determining authority on whether an issue or concern could be considered litigation or potential litigation.

#### **Communication with District Personnel**

All communication with school district personnel for items under the contract, whether it be through electronic transmission (e-mail; text message, etc.), fax or telephone calls, shall be considered part of the contract.

As part of this contract, the Superintendent of Schools has determined that the following district personnel are authorized to contact the Board attorney on legal matters:

- 1. Superintendent of Schools
- 2. School Business Administrator
- 3. Any other person so designated by the Superintendent of Schools.

#### **Communication with Board Members**

All communication with members of the Board of Education will be regulated by the President of the Board of Education. All communication with Board members, whether it be through electronic transmission (e-mail; text message, etc.), fax or telephone calls, shall be considered part of the retainer contract.

#### **Board Attorney—Appointed**

It is the desire of the Board of Education to have the contracted legal firm to provide one (1) attorney to the Board to act as the official Board attorney. It is understood in the absence of the Board attorney the firm shall provide another attorney of similar experience to provide services as noted. The district will not accept inconsistent representative from the firm. The Board requests all respondents to submit the name of the attorney that will be appointed by the firm to represent the district.

The District expects to undertake the following schedule:

Action	Date
Public notice requesting proposals:	Tuesday, December 1, 2020
Submission of RFP	Tuesday, December 22, 2020 @ 10:00 AM
Board of Education will review all proposals:	The week of January 4, 2021
Mandatory Presentation North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District 1445 State Route 31 South Annandale NJ, 08801	Finalist must be present and be available for interviews during the week of January 4, 2021. Dates and times are to be determined.
Bid Award (Estimated)	Tuesday, January 19, 2021

#### C. QUALIFICATIONS OF RESPONDENTS

The Board Attorney shall:

- The legal firms shall name the individual within the firm who will be assigned to the
  represent the interest of the school district. The Individual must be licensed to practice
  law in the State of NJ and eligible to appear before all state and federal courts and
  administrative offices of his state of NJ for the period of not less than ten (10) years
  proceeding appointment and be in good standing.
- Have a law degree from an accredited Law School of a college or university.
- Hold a license to practice law in the State of New Jersey.
- Be employed by a firm with at least 5 NJ licensed attorneys. The firm shall employee 3 or more licensed professional on staff, of which their primary focus and work has been (and remains) providing professional services to New Jersey Boards of Education.

- Show evidence of experience and competence as a practicing attorney, with a minimum
  of 8 public school district for minimum for the past 10 years with a working knowledge of
  school law, including statutes, regulations and case law including the following areas:
  - Collective Bargaining
  - Personnel Matters
  - > Contracts and Procurement
  - > Criminal
  - ➤ Real Estate
  - Special Education
  - Administrative
  - > New Jersey Administrative Code
  - ➤ New Jersey Statute Law
  - > Civil Rights
  - > Shared services/inter-local agreements
  - ➤ Charter School Law
- Demonstrate the ability to communicate effectively in English, both orally and in writing, using proper grammar and vocabulary.
- Exhibit a personality that demonstrates interpersonal skills to relate well to the Board, administration, staff, parents, and the community.
- Provide evidence that health is adequate to fulfill job functions and responsibilities with reasonable accommodation pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 12101.
- Be able to use appropriate electronic media needed to carry out job functions and responsibilities.
- Display the highest ethical and professional behavior in working with school personnel and other agencies.
- Protect confidentiality of records and information gained as part of exercising professional duties and use discretion in sharing such information with legal confines.
- Observe strictly and exceed, to avoid the appearance of conflict, all requirements of the School Ethics Act (N.J.S.A. 18A:12-21 et. seq.) regarding conflicts of interest in employment, purchasing, and other decisions, including solicitation and acceptance of gifts and favors.

#### D. CONTRACT PERIOD

The term of contract for School Board Attorney / Legal Services shall be from *February 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021*, an eleven (11) month contract. The District appoints on an annual calendar year basis (January through December).

#### E. COORDINATION OF ACTIVITIES

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

Jeffrey Bender
Superintendent of Schools
Phone: 908-735-2846, extension 5101
E-mail: ibender@nhvweb.net

Or

Kathryn Blew
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Phone: 908-735-2846, extension 5102
E-mail: kblew@nhvweb.net

#### F. FEE SCHEDULE - PAYMENT

It is the intention of the Board of Education to award the contract for legal services to one legal firm/attorney to provide the legal services as so written in this Request for Proposal. All respondents are to submit on the appropriate Request for Proposal Cost Criteria form provided in this RFP the following fees:

#### 1. General Counsel - Hourly Rate (One Quarter Hour Increments)

Respondents are to provide an hourly rate fee for the General Counsel Services as noted in the RFP. All respondents agree by submitting a response to this proposal that they will bill the Board on one quarter-hour increments for services provided less than one hour. The district will pay the legal firm/attorney on a pro-rated monthly basis.

#### 2. Support Staff Fees:

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

#### **Billing Invoices**

The contracted legal firm shall provide billing invoices as follows:

#### A. Retainer Contract

The invoice for the contract shall be submitted on a monthly basis to the School Business Administrator after the month of services has been provided.

#### B. Hourly Services Contracts

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

- 1. Date of Service
- 2. Attorney name
- 3. Matter name
- 4. Hourly rate
- 5. Amount of time spent on each particular service
- 6. Total charge of the particular service
- 7. Total amount of invoice
- 8. Other items and services agreed upon

All invoices will be sent to the School Business Administrator for review and approval in accordance with Board policy.

#### G. PRESENTATION PACKAGE - Submit with the RFP Response

The North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District Board of Education seeks from all participating respondent's information that will assist the district in selecting the respondent who will provide the highest quality services at a fair and competitive price.

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

The Presentation Package shall include at a minimum the following:

#### 1. Technical Criteria

#### a. Description of Services

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

#### b. Conflicts

Describe any existing or potential legal or other policy conflicts of interest or appearance of conflict of interest, you may have, or which reasonably might arise, because of your proposed representation of the North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District Board of Education.

#### 2. Management Criteria

#### a. Business Organization

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

- Name, address, phone, fax, website, and other information of the professional firm or individual:
- An organizational chart noting the names of all principals and partners;
- Resumes of key staff members; and
- Other information concerning individuals of the professional firm that would assist the school district in the evaluation process.

#### b. Qualifications & Relevant Experience

Respondents shall submit documentation highlighting qualifications and experience as further defined on page 8-9, Section C, that will assist the school district in the evaluation and selection process. Such documentation shall include, but not be limited to:

- Complete list of all school districts who you currently represent (minimum of at least 5 years) and the number of years they have retained/used your firm on a retainer basis;
- Names of three (3) Superintendents from public school districts in New Jersey who would be willing to offer a letter of recommendation on your behalf;
- Copies of all professional licenses that are required to perform the services as listed in the specifications;

- List of any judgments against you or your firm within the last five (5) years and/or
  a list of bankruptcy or re-organization proceedings within the last ten (10) years
  against you or your firm;
- Other information concerning the firm and/or individuals of the firm that would assist the school district in the evaluation process;
- Availability of personnel, facilities, equipment and other resources to provide the services requested;
- Disciplinary Proceedings Indicate whether any of your attorneys have been the subject of professional disciplinary proceedings and the outcome thereof.
- Malpractice have any malpractice actions been commenced against you within the past five years, and the outcome thereof.

#### 3. Cost Criteria

#### a. Fee Proposal

Respondents are to submit a fee proposal schedule that compliments the service that is being requested by the school district. The district in its proposal requests that fee proposals be submitted as follows:

Hourly rate with 15-minute intervals for General Counsel

Again, the respondent's fee schedule shall compliment the fee payment type as requested by the district.

The fee schedule provided by the respondent shall be a significant part of the evaluation process as conducted by the district and respondents should provide a full detailed analysis of their fee proposal. All fees are to be reported on the Fee Proposal Form as provided in the RFP package.

#### b. Contract Expenses

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

#### • Expenses; Related to Contract; Incidental

All incidental expenses related to this contract, incurred by the respondent to whom the contract is awarded, shall be the responsibility of the respondent. The Board will not reimburse any vendor for any incidental expenses related to the contract.

#### • Expenses Not Related to the Contract; District Procedures

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

#### Extraordinary Expenses

Extraordinary expenses to be incurred by the respondent in the performance of his/her duties may be brought to the Board prior to the actual expenditure. The Board, upon recommendation of the appropriate administrator, may consider reimbursing the expense, or the Board may procure the services separately.

#### Travel/Parking Reimbursement

The Board of Education will consider reimbursing the respondent for all reasonable travel and parking fees while attending judicial and administrative hearings outside the North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District as follows:

- Mileage Reimbursement \$0.35 per State of NJ Dept of Treasury Circular: 99-08-OMB (Mileage will be reimbursed on the lessor of the distance of the Firm's address or the Board's address to/from the hearing location)
- > Tolls EZ Pass statement or receipts required
- Parking self-parking rates receipt required

#### 4. Other Fees

#### Legal Filing Fees; Other Legal Fees:

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

#### Copying Fees; Extraordinary

The Board of Education will reimburse all **extraordinary** copying fees when so preapproved by the School Business Administrator. Extraordinary copying fees will be reimbursed at ten cents (\$.10) per page.

#### H. EVALUATION PROCESS; METHODOLOGY OF AWARDING CONTRACT

The procedures developed for the award of the contract constitutes a "fair and open" process pursuant to <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 19:44A-20.7. The contract, if awarded, shall be awarded to the Firm who submits the most advantageous proposal based on price and the qualifications of the Firm and other factors considered. The evaluation will consider:

- a. Experience and reputation in the field; (20 points)
- b. Knowledge of the subject matter to be addressed under the contract; (20 points)
- c. Availability to accommodate any required meetings of the Board; (20 points)
- d. Compensation proposal; (20 points)
- e. Other factors, if demonstrated, to be in the best interest of the Board. (20 points)

#### I. EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS

All proposals shall be evaluated by the following:

- 1. Superintendent of Schools
- 2. School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
- 3. North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District Board of Education

#### J. AWARD OF CONTRACT

It is the intention of the Board of Education to award the contract to the respondent that is the most advantageous to the Board, price and other factors considered; and will provide the highest quality service at fair and competitive prices. A decision on whether the contract will be awarded and to whom it will be awarded shall be made within sixty (60) days from the date the proposals are opened.

#### K. AFFIRMATIVE ACTION REQUIREMENTS

Each respondent shall submit one of the following three documents:

- 1. Appropriate evidence that the respondent is operating under an existing federally approved or sanctioned affirmative action program; or
- 2. A certificate of employee information report approval issued in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-4; or
- 3. 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.

A completed and signed Affirmative Action Questionnaire is required with submission of proposal. However, when awarded a contract the successful firm will be required to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et. seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:27 et seq.

#### L. AUTHORIZATION TO WORK - PURCHASE ORDER REQUIRED

No service shall be rendered unless the successful respondent receives an approved purchase order authorizing the respondent to render the service.

#### M. BUSINESS REGISTRATION CERTFICATE (N.J.S.A. 52:32-44)

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:32-44, all proposals must be accompanied by a New Jersey Business Registration Certificate issued by the New Jersey Department of Treasury, Division of Revenue. N.J.S.A. 52:32-44 imposes the following requirements on contractors and all subcontractors that **knowingly** provide goods or perform services for a contractor fulfilling this contract:

- No contract with a subcontractor shall be entered into until the subcontractor provides a copy of a valid business registration certificate to the contractor. The contractor shall provide copies of a current Business Registration Certificate for each subcontractor immediately upon entering into each subcontract. The contractor shall provide written notice to its subcontractors and suppliers of the responsibility to submit proof of business registration to the contractor. The requirement of proof of business registration extends down through all levels (tiers) of the Project. Subcontractors through all tiers of a Project must provide written notice to their subcontractors and suppliers to submit proof of business registration and subcontractors shall collect such proofs of business registration and maintain them on file;
- 2. The contractor shall maintain and submit a current, updated list of subcontractors and their current Business Registration Certificate as a continuing obligation under this contract. 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.
- 3. For the term of this contract, the contractor and each of its affiliates and each subcontractor and supplier and each of its affiliates as defined in N.J.S.A. 52:32-44(g) (3) shall collect and remit and shall notify all subcontractors and their affiliates that they must collect and remit to the Director, New Jersey Division of Taxation, the use tax due pursuant to the Sales and Use Tax Act (N.J.S.A. 54:32B-1 et seq.) on all sales of tangible personal property delivered into this State, regardless of whether the tangible personal property is intended for a contract with a contracting agency.

A contractor, subcontractor or supplier that fails to provide a copy of a business registration as required pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:32-44 et seq., or that provides false business registration information under the requirements of either of those sections, shall be liable for a penalty of \$25.00 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 contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the Owner from and against any and all fines, taxes, penalties, interest, claims, losses, costs and expenses of any kind arising out of or resulting from or in connection with the contractor's failure to comply with N.J.S.A. 52:32-44 as amended from time to time.

#### N. CONTRACTS

Upon notification of award of contract by the North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District Board of Education, the successful respondent shall sign and execute a formal contract agreement with the Board of Education. The successful respondent shall sign and execute said contract and return it together with documents required by the district such as but not limited to:

- Professional Liability Certificate;
- Criminal History Background evidence; (if required)
- Other required documents as may be outlined in the proposal specifications.

Within ten (10) days of receipt of notification of award of contract, the executed contracts and related documents must be returned to:

Kathryn Blew
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District
Board of Education
1445 State Route 31 South
Annandale, New Jersey 08801

#### O. DISCLOSURE OF INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES IN IRAN N.J.S.A. 18A18A-49.4

Pursuant to Public Law 2012, c. 25, any person or entity that submits a bid or proposal or otherwise proposes to enter into or renew a contract must complete the certification below to attest, under penalty of perjury, that neither the person or entity, nor any of its parents, subsidiaries, or affiliates, is identified on the Department of Treasury's Chapter 25 list as a person or entity engaging in investment activities in Iran. The Chapter 25 list is found on the Division's website at <a href="http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/pdf/Chapter25List.pdf">http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/pdf/Chapter25List.pdf</a>. Bidders must review this list prior to completing the below certification. If the Director finds a person or entity to be in violation of law, s/he shall take action as may be appropriate and provided by law, rule or contract, including but not limited to, imposing sanctions, seeking compliance, recovering damages, declaring the party in default and seeking debarment or suspension of the party.

In addition, respondents must provide a detailed, accurate and precise description of the activities of the bidding person/entity, or one of its parents, subsidiaries or affiliates, engaging in the investment activities in Iran outlined above by completing the boxes on the lower portion of the enclosed form.

Failure to complete, sign and submit the Disclosure of Investment Activities in Iran form with the proposal shall be cause for rejection of the proposal.

#### P. DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED WITH THE PROPOSAL

The respondent shall familiarize himself with all forms\* provided by the Board that are to be returned with the proposal. If there are any forms that the Board is to provide that are either missing or illegible, it is the responsibility of the respondent to contact the Business Office at 908-735-2846 for duplicate copies of the forms. This must be done before the proposal date and time. The Board accepts no responsibility for duplicate forms that were not received by the respondent in time for the respondent to submit with his RFP package.

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

\*Forms provided by the Board of Education that must be returned:

- Affirmative Action Questionnaire;
- Stockholders Disclosure Statement:
- Vendor Questionnaire/Certification;
- New Jersey Business Registration Certificate;
- Chapter 271 Political Contribution Disclosure Form;
- Non-Collusion Affidavit; and
- Disclosure of Investment Activities in Iran
- NJ Business Registration Certificate

Review your RFP package for these forms. If any forms are not found within the Request for Proposal, it is incumbent upon the proposer to either contact the School Business Administrator's office or retrieve said forms on line. Failure to submit any required forms may disqualify your proposal.

The Board of Education to evaluate all proposals on the basis of the responses that are most advantageous to the district, price and other factors considered. Included in the evaluation process, but not limited to are:

- Experience and ability to perform services;
- Qualifications and references;
- Organization; staffing; facilities;
- Cost proposal;
- Knowledge of North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District Board of Education/Public School District and subject matter discussed in proposal;
- Other factors demonstrated in the respondent's presentation package that may be in the best interests of the school district.

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

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

#### R. INCIDENTAL EXPENSES

All incidental expenses related to the services provided are the responsibility of professional service provider. The school district will not reimburse any provider for any incidental expenses related to the contract.

<u>Travel</u> – The proposal costs submitted by respondents shall include any or all costs pertaining to travel to and from any site where the services are to be performed. The North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District Board of Education will not pay any costs for travel except for travel noted in the Scope of Services. Travel time is not to be charged on any hourly or service rate. Travel time to and from the site of service is to be borne by the respondent.

#### S. INSURANCE: PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY - CERTIFICATE REQUIRED

Required Not Required

The respondent must include proof of the following minimum insurance coverage.
\$1,000,000 Each Incident; Occurrence; Wrongful Act; Errors and Omissions

\$3,000,000 Professional liability annual aggregate

The successful Firm will provide an insurance certificate naming the Board of Education as to the certificate holder shall be as follows and remain in full force during the term of contract:

North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District Board of Education 1445 State Route 31 South, Annandale, NJ 08801

Failure by the Professional to supply such shall result in default.

The insurance companies for the above coverage must be licensed by the State of New Jersey and acceptable to the Board. The Firm shall not take any action to cancel any of the insurance required under the agreement without the approval of the Board. The maintenance of insurance under this section shall not relieve the Professional of any liability greater than the insurance coverage.

All policies must incorporate a provision requiring the giving of notice to the Owner by certified mail, return receipt requested, at least thirty (30) days prior to the cancellation or non-renewal of any insurance policy required herein.

#### T. INTERPRETATIONS AND ADDENDA

No interpretation of the meaning of the specifications will be made to any Respondent orally. Every request for such interpretations should be made in writing to the School Business Administrator and must be received by 3:00 P.M. on December 11, 2020. Any and all interpretations and any supplemental instructions will be distributed in the form of a written addenda to the specifications. The addenda will be provided in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-21(c) to the respondents by certified mail or certified fax and will be delivered on December 15, 2020. All addenda so issued shall become part of the contract document.

#### U. INTERVIEWS—BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board of Education reserves the right to interview any or all of the respondents who submit a response, including the individual within the firm named as the attorney that will be assigned to represent the district. It is understood that the interview process will involve aspects of the Qualifications of respondents, Technical and Management Criteria of the submitted proposals and under no circumstances shall the cost provisions of the proposal be subject to negotiations by the Board.

#### V. POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT - PAY TO PLAY

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

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-6-3 (a1-4) please note the following:

Award of Contract -- Reportable Contributions -- N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-6.3 (a) (2)

"No Board of Education will vote upon or award any contract in the amount of \$17,500 or greater to any business entity which has made a contribution reportable by the recipient under P.L.1973, c83 (codified at N.J.S.A. 19:44A-1 et seq.) to a member of the Board of Education during the preceding one-year period."

<u>Contributions During Term of Contract</u> – Prohibited -- N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-6.3 (a) (2,3) "Contributions reportable by the recipient under P.L. 1973, c83 (codified at N.J.S.A. 19:44A-1 et seq.) to any member of the School Board from any business entity doing business with the school district are prohibited during the term of the contract."

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

<u>Chapter 271 Political Contribution Disclosure Form – Required -- N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-6.3 (a)(4)</u> All respondents shall submit with their bid package a completed and signed Chapter 271 Political Contribution Disclosure Form. The Chapter 271 form will be reviewed by the district to determine whether the vendor is in compliance with the aforementioned N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-6.3 (a2) Award of Contract.

#### W. PRE-PROPOSAL MEETING ☐ Applicable ☑ Not Applicable

#### X. SUBCONTRACTING: ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACT

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

#### Y. SUBMISSION DEADLINE

The deadline to submit all RFP Packages is:

Tuesday, December 22, 2020 10:00 A.M.

Submissions received after the date and time noted in the RFP Package shall not be considered.

#### Z. SUBMISSION OF RFP PACKAGE - (Original and Copies)

All RFP Proposal Packages including the Letter of Transmittal and the Presentation Package are to be addressed to:

Kathryn Blew
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District
Board of Education
1445 State Route 31 South
Annandale, NJ 08801

Respondents are to include:

- One original RFP Package with original signature
- One (1) copy of the RFP Package
- USB flash drive with digital copy of submission

#### **AA. TERMINATION OF CONTRACT**

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

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

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

#### **BB. WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSALS**

#### Before the Proposal Due Date

The School Business Administrator may consider a written request from a respondent to withdraw a proposal if the written request is received by the School Business Administrator before the proposal due date. Any respondent who has been granted permission by the School Business Administrator to have his/her proposal withdrawn cannot re-submit a proposal for the same project.

#### After the Proposal Due Date

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

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

The request to withdraw a proposal after the proposal due date may be reviewed by the School Business Administrator, and/or the current Board Attorney and a recommendation will be made to the full Board of Education.

The Board of Education will be the final determining authority in permitting the proposal to be withdrawn.



#### **Fee Proposal Form**

#### School Board Attorney / Legal Services RFP

I/we submit the following propo	sal prices based	l upon the specifications here within.
Contract General Counsel	\$	/Per Hour
Contract Support Staff	\$	/Per Hour
	ents; and furthe	edges that he/she has carefully examined r acknowledges he/she understands and ined in the proposal
Name Address		
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City, State, Zip Code		
Federal Tax ID Number		
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Fax No. ()		
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Authorized Agent	Title	
Agent's Signature		Date
All proposals must be received no later	r than <b>Tuesday</b> ,	December 22, 2020 at 10:00 A.M.
All propo	osals are to be s	ent to:

Kathryn Blew
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District
Board of Education
1445 State Route 31 South
Annandale, New Jersey 08801

### ETHICS IN PURCHASING Statement to Vendors

#### School District Responsibility

#### Recommendation of Purchases

It is the desire of the North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District Board of Education to have all Board employees and officials practice exemplary ethical behavior in the procurement of goods, materials, supplies, and services.

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

#### Solicitation/Receipt of Gifts - Prohibited

School officials and employees are prohibited from soliciting and/or receiving funds, gifts, materials, goods, services, favors, and any other items of value from vendors doing business with the North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District Board of Education.

#### Vendor Responsibility

Any vendor doing business or proposing to do business with the North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District Board of Education, shall neither pay, offer to pay, either directly or indirectly, any fee, commission, or compensation, nor offer any gift, gratuity, or other thing of value of any kind to any official or employee of the North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District Board of Education or to any member of the official's or employee's immediate family.

No vendor shall cause to influence or attempt to cause to influence, any official or employee of the North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District, in any manner which might tend to impair the objectivity or independence of judgment of said official or employee.

#### **Vendor Certification**

Vendors will be asked to certify that the goods and services itemized in the bills have been delivered or rendered, that no bonus has been given or received by any person or persons with the knowledge of the department; and that the bill is true and correct.

Kathryn Blew School Business Administrator/Board Secretary



1445 State Route 31 South Annandale, NJ 08801 908-735-2846 908-735-6914 Fax www.NHVweb.net JEFFREY BENDER
Superintendent of Schools

RICHARD A. BERGACS, Ed.D.
Assistant Superintendent of Schools

KATHRYN BLEW, CPA School Business Administrator Board Secretary

TO: All Vendors

#### **UNAUTHORIZED ORDERS**

#### Official Notification

#### **Authorized Purchases**

The North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District Board of Education only recognizes purchases made through the approved purchase order process. All purchases require a <u>Written Purchase</u> <u>Order</u> with <u>authorized signatures</u> and a <u>purchase</u> <u>order number</u>.

#### **Unauthorized Purchases**

Any Board of Education employee who orders and/or receives any materials, supplies or services without first going through the approved purchase order process has made an unauthorized purchase.

#### Vendors' Responsibility

#### Do NOT Honor Requests!

Vendors are not to honor or accept any requests for goods or services unless the vendor receives a **written purchase order** with **authorized signatures** and a **purchase order number**.

#### Contact the Business Office!

Please alert Kathryn Blew, School Business Administrator at 908-735-2846, extension 5102 if any Board Member or employee attempts to place an order without an authorized purchase order.

#### You will NOT Get Paid!

The North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District Board of Education will not be held responsible for any unauthorized orders or purchases.

#### **Authorized Signatures**

The North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District Board of Education will only recognize purchase orders signed by:

Kathryn Blew

Kathryn Blew

School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

#### **EXHIBIT A**

#### MANDATORY EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY LANGUAGE N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. (P.L. 1975, C. 127) N.J.A.C. 17:27

#### GOODS, PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND GENERAL SERVICE CONTRACTS

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

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex. Except with respect to affectional or sexual orientation and gender identity or expression, the contractor will ensure that equal employment opportunity is afforded to such applicants in recruitment and employment, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex. Such equal employment opportunity shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the Public Agency Compliance Officer setting forth provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex.

The contractor or subcontractor will send to each labor union, with which it has a collective bargaining agreement, a notice, to be provided by the agency contracting officer, advising the labor union of the contractor's commitments under this chapter and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, agrees to comply with any regulations promulgated by the Treasurer pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq., as amended and supplemented from time to time and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The contractor or subcontractor agrees to make good faith efforts to meet targeted county employment goals established in accordance with N.J.A.C. I7:27-5.2.

The contractor or subcontractor agrees to inform in writing its appropriate recruitment agencies including, but not limited to, employment agencies, placement bureaus, colleges, universities, and labor unions, that it does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex, and that it will discontinue the use of any recruitment agency which engages in direct or indirect discriminatory practices.

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

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

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

Letter of Federal Affirmative Action Plan Approval
Certificate of Employee Information Report
Employee Information Report Form AA302 (electronically provided by the Division and distributed to the public agency through the Division's website at <a href="www.state.nj.us/treasury/contract\_compliance">www.state.nj.us/treasury/contract\_compliance</a>)

The contractor and its subcontractors shall furnish such reports or other documents to the Division of Public Contracts Equal Employment Opportunity Compliance as may be requested by the office from time to time in order to carry out the purposes of these regulations, and public agencies shall furnish such information as may be requested by the Division of Public Contracts Equal Employment Opportunity Compliance for conducting a compliance investigation pursuant to <u>Subchapter 10 of the Administrative Code at N.J.A.C. 17:27.</u>

The failure to submit such appropriate evidence will result in rescission of the contract.

#### To be completed, signed and returned with proposal.

#### **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION QUESTIONNAIRE**

Date: Tuesday. December 22. 2020 10:00 a.m.

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

Qu	estionnaire, Affirmative Action Evidence stapled to this page.
1.	Our company has a federal Affirmative Action Plan approval. $\Box$ Yes $\Box$ No
	If yes, please attach a copy of the plan to this questionnaire.
2.	Our company has a N.J. State Certificate of Employee Information Report $\ \square$ Yes $\ \square$ No
	If yes, please attach a copy of the certificate to this questionnaire.
3.	If you answered "NO" to both questions No. 1 and 2, you must apply for an affirmative action Employee Information Report – Form AA302.
Со	ease visit the New Jersey Department of Treasury website for the Division of Public ntracts Equal Employment Opportunity Compliance: <a href="https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/contract">www.state.nj.us/treasury/contract</a>
	<ul> <li>Click on "Employee Information Report</li> <li>Complete and submit the form with the appropriate payment to:</li> </ul>
	Department of Treasury Division of Public Contracts/EEO Compliance P.O. Box 209 Trenton, NJ 08625-0002
cop	fees for this application are to be paid directly to the State of New Jersey by the respondent. A by shall be submitted to the Board of Education within seven (7) days of the notice of the intent award the contract or the signing of the contract.
l ce	ertify that the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge.
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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip

#### STATE OF NEW JERSEY -- DIVISION OF PURCHASE AND PROPERTY DISCLOSURE OF INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES IN IRAN

Ouote Number:	Bidder/Offeror:

#### PART 1: CERTIFICATION BIDDERS MUST COMPLETE PART 1 BY CHECKING EITHER BOX.

#### FAILURE TO CHECK ONE OF THE BOXES WILL RENDER THE PROPOSAL NON-RESPONSIVE.

Pursuant to Public Law 2012, c. 25, any person or entity that submits a bid or proposal or otherwise proposes to enter into or renew a contract must complete the certification below to attest, under penalty of perjury, that neither the person or entity, nor any of its parents, subsidiaries, or affiliates, is identified on the Department of Treasury's Chapter 25 list as a person or entity engaging in investment activities in Iran. The Chapter 25 list is found on the Division's website at <a href="http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/pdf/Chapter25List.pdf">http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/pdf/Chapter25List.pdf</a>. Bidders must review this list prior to completing the below certification. Failure to complete the certification will render a bidder's proposal non-responsive. If the Director finds a person or entity to be in violation of law, s/he shall take action as may be appropriate and provided by law, rule or contract, including but not limited to, imposing sanctions, seeking compliance, recovering damages, declaring the party in default and seeking debarment or suspension of the party

#### PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX:

I certify, pursuant to Public Law 2012, c. 25, that neither the bidder listed above nor any of the bidder's parents, subsidiaries, or affiliates is <u>listed</u> on the N.J. Department of the Treasury"s list of entities determined to be engaged in prohibited activities in Iran pursuant to P.L. 2012, c. 25 ("Chapter 25 List"). I further certify that I am the person listed above, or I am an officer or representative of the entity listed above and am authorized to make this certification on its behalf. I will skip Part 2 and sign and complete the Certification below.

#### OR

I am unable to certify as above because the bidder and/or one or more of its parents, subsidiaries, or affiliates is listed on the Department's Chapter 25 list. I will provide a detailed, accurate and precise description of the activities in Part 2 below and sign and complete the Certification below. Failure to provide such will result in the proposal being rendered as non-responsive and appropriate penalties, fines and/or sanctions will be assessed as provided by law.

#### PART 2: PLEASE PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION RELATED TO INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES IN IRAN

You must provide a detailed, accurate and precise description of the activities of the bidding person/entity, or one of its parents, subsidiaries or affiliates, engaging in the investment activities in Iran outlined above by completing the boxes below.

EACH BOX WILL PROMPT YOU TO PROVIDE INFORMATION RELATIVE TO THE ABOVE QUESTIONS. PLEASE PROVIDE THOROUGH ANSWERS TO EACH QUESTION. IF YOU NEED TO MAKE ADDITIONAL ENTRIES, CLICK THE "ADD AN ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES ENTRY" BUTTON.

Name	Relationship to Bidder/Offeror
Description of Activities	
Duration of Engagement	Anticipated Cessation Date
Bidder/Offeror Contact Name	Contact Phone Number
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Certification: I, being duly sworn upon my oath, hereby represent and state that the foregoing information and any attachments thereto 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 State of New Jersey is relying on the information contained herein and thereby acknowledge that I am under a continuing obligation from the date of this certification through the completion of any contracts with the State to notify the State in writing of any changes to the answers of information contained herein. I acknowledge that I am aware that it is a criminal offense to make a false statement or misrepresentation in this certification, and if I do so, I recognize that I am subject to criminal prosecution under the law and that it will also constitute a material breach of my agreement(s) with the State of New Jersey and that the State at its option may declare any contract(s) resulting from this certification void and unenforceable.

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

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#### Vendor Questionnaire/Certification

#### **School Board Attorney / Legal Services**

Name of Company		
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Gifts; Gratuities; Compensation		
paid any fee, commission or compensation, or	rm, business, corporation, association or partnershi r offered any gift, gratuity or other thing of value to th Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School Distr	any school
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declare and certify that I fully understand N.J. school Board members.	A.C. 6A:23A-6.3(a) (1-4) concerning vendor contribu	utions to
certify that I am not an official or employee of Education.	the North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High Scho	ol District Board
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President or Authorized Agent	SIGNATURE	

#### <u>NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT</u> School Board Attorney / Legal Services

Re: Proposal for the North Hunterdon-Voorhees R	egional High School District Board of Education.
STATE OF NEW JERSEY	Date:
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of full age, being duly sworn according to law on m	ny oath depose and say that:
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so to do; that I have not, directly or indirectly, er discussed any or all parts of this proposal with any of free, competitive bidding in connection with the a Proposal and in this affidavit are true and correct, of the City of North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional contained in said Proposal and in the statements said bid.  I further warrant that no person or selling agen	and the bidder ct, and that I executed the said Proposal with full authority intered into any agreement, participated in any collusion, potential bidders, or otherwise taken any action in restraint above named bid, and that all statements contained in said and made with full knowledge that the Board of Education High School District relies upon the truth of the statements contained in this affidavit in awarding the contract for the cy has been employed or retained to solicit or secure such a commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee, and commercial or selling agencies maintained by
(Print Name o	of Contractor/Vendor)
•	or contractor, vendor)
Subscribed and sworn to: (SIGNATU	RE OF CONTRACTOR/VENDOR)
before me thisday of Month	Year
NOTARY PUBLIC SIGNATURE	Print Name of Notary Public
My commission expires Month Da	, – Seal – ay Year

### STOCKHOLDER/PARTNERSHIP DISCLOSURE AND STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP

#### **School Board Attorney / Legal Services**

Re: Proposal for the North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District Board of Education.

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#### STOCKHOLDER/PARTNERSHIP DISCLOSURE AND STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP (cont.)

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

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

### North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School Board of Education

1445 State Route 31 South Annandale, New Jersey 08801

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

The undersigne	ed, being authorized	and knowledgeable of the circums (Bi	tances, does hereby certify that usiness Entity) has made the		
		utions to any elected official, poli 44-20.26 during the twelve (12) n	tical candidate or any political		
		Reportable Contributions			
<u>Date of</u> Contribution	Amount of Contribution	Name of Recipient Elected Official/ Committee/Candidate	Name of Contributor		
The Business E	ntity may attach addi	tional pages if needed.			
☐ No Report	able Contributions	(Please check (✓) if applicable.)			
I certify that contributions to N.J.S.A. 19:44-2	any elected official, p	(Busi political candidate or any political c	ness Entity) made no reportable ommittee as defined in		
<u>Certification</u>					
I certify, that the	information provided	dabove is in full compliance with F	Public Law 2005—Chapter 271.		
Name of Author	ized Agent				
Signature					
Title					

Business Entity\_\_\_\_\_

#### P.L. 2005, c.271

(Unofficial version, Assembly Committee Substitute to A-3013, First Reprint\*)

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

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

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

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

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

#### c. As used in this section:

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

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

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

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d. Any business entity that fails to comply with the provisions of this section shall be subject to a fine imposed by the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission in an amount to be determined by the commission which may be based upon the amount that the business entity failed to report.

- 19:44A-20.13 3. a. Any business entity making a contribution of money or any other thing of value, including an in-kind contribution, or pledge to make a contribution of any kind to a candidate for or the holder of any public office having ultimate responsibility for the awarding of public contracts, or to a political party committee, legislative leadership committee, political committee or continuing political committee, which has received in any calendar year \$50,000 or more in the aggregate through agreements or contracts with a public entity, shall file an annual disclosure statement with the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, established pursuant to section 5 of P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-5), setting forth all such contributions made by the business entity during the 12 months prior to the reporting deadline.
- b. The commission shall prescribe forms and procedures for the reporting required in subsection a. of this section which shall include, but not be limited to:
- (1) the name and mailing address of the business entity making the contribution, and the amount contributed during the 12 months prior to the reporting deadline;
- (2) the name of the candidate for or the holder of any public office having ultimate responsibility for the awarding of public contracts, candidate committee, joint candidates committee, political party committee, legislative leadership committee, political committee or continuing political committee receiving the contribution; and
- (3) the amount of money the business entity received from the public entity through contract or agreement, the dates, and information identifying each contract or agreement and describing the goods, services or equipment provided or property sold.
  - c. The commission shall maintain a list of such reports for public inspection both at its office and through its Internet site.
- d. When a business entity is a natural person, a contribution by that person's spouse or child, residing therewith, shall be deemed to be a contribution by the business entity. When a business entity is other than a natural person, a contribution by any person or other business entity having an interest therein shall be deemed to be a contribution by the business entity. When a business entity is other than a natural person, a contribution by: all principals, partners, officers, or directors of the business entity, or their spouses; any subsidiaries directly or indirectly controlled by the business entity; or any political organization organized under section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code that is directly or indirectly controlled by the business entity, other than a candidate committee, election fund, or political party committee, shall be deemed to be a contribution by the business entity.

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- e. Any business entity that fails to comply with the provisions of this section shall be subject to a fine imposed by the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission in an amount to be determined by the commission which may be based upon the amount that the business entity failed to report.
  - 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

<sup>\*</sup> Note: Bold italicized statutory references of new sections are anticipated and not final as of the time this document was prepared. Statutory compilations of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-51 is anticipated to show a reference to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-51 and to N.J.S.A. 52:34-25.

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

County Name: Hunterdon

State: Governor, and Legislative Leadership Committees

Legislative District #s: 23, & 24

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

County: Freeholders County Clerk Sheriff Surrogate

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

Alexandria Township Franklin Township Lebanon Township Bethlehem Township Frenchtown Borough Milford Borough Raritan Township Bloomsbury Borough Glen Gardner Borough Califon Borough Hampton Borough Readington Township Clinton Town High Bridge Borough Stockton Borough Clinton Township Holland Township **Tewksbury Township** Kingwood Township Union Township **Delaware Township** 

East Amwell Township

Lambertville City

West Amwell Township

Lebanon Borough

Boards of Education (Members of the Board):

Alexandria Township Franklin Township Lebanon Township Bethlehem Township Frenchtown Borough Milford Borough Bloomsbury Borough Glen Gardner Borough N Hunt/Voorhees Regional Califon Borough Hampton Borough Readington Township Clinton Town High Bridge Borough South Hunterdon Regional Holland Township Stockton Borough Clinton Township

Delaware Township
Delaware Valley Regional

Hunterdon Central Regional

Kingwood Township

Union Township

East Amwell Township

Lambertville City

West Amwell Township

Lebanon Borough

Fire Districts (Board of Fire Commissioners):

East Amwell Township Fire District No. 1 Franklin Township Fire District No. 1 Lambertville City Fire District No. 1 Form AA302 Rev. 11/11

#### **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

Division of Purchase & Property Contract Compliance Audit Unit EEO Monitoring Program

#### **EMPLOYEE INFORMATION REPORT**

IMPORTANT-READ INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING FORM. FAILURE TO PROPERLY COMPLETE THE ENTIRE FORM AND TO SUBMIT THE REQUIRED \$150.00 FEE MAY DELAY ISSUANCE OF YOUR CERTIFICATE. DO NOT SUBMIT EEO-1 REPORT FOR SECTION B, ITEM 11. For Instructions on completing the form, go to: https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/contract\_compliance/documents/pdf/forms/aa302ins.pdf

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#### **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 <u>AND TO SUBMIT THE REQUIRED \$150.00 NON-REFUNDABLE FEE MAY DELAY ISSUANCE OF YOUR CERTIFICATE</u>. IF YOU HAVE A CURRENT CERTIFICATE OF EMPLOYEE INFORMATION REPORT, DO NOT COMPLETE THIS FORM UNLESS YOUR ARE RENEWING A CERTIFICATE THAT IS DUE FOR EXPIRATION. 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 predominate 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. This is not applicable if you are renewing a current Certificate.

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:

Racial/Ethnic Groups.

**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 Subcontinent or the Pacific Islands. This area includes for example, China, Japan, Korea, the Phillippine Islands and Samoa.

Non-Minority: Any Persons not identified in any of the aforementioned

- **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

#### TYPE OR PRINT IN SHARP BALL POINT PEN

THE VENDOR IS TO COMPLETE THE EMPLOYEE INFORMATION REPORT FORM (AA302) AND RETAIN A COPY FOR THE VENDOR'S OWN FILES. THE VENDOR SHOULD ALSO SUBMIT A COPY TO THE PUBLIC AGENCY AWARDING THE CONTRACT IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST REPORT; AND FORWARD ONE COPY WITH A CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150.00 PAYABLE TO THE TREASURER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY(FEE IS NON-REFUNDABLE) TO:

NJ Department of the Treasury Division of Public Contracts Equal Employment Opportunity Compliance P.O. Box 206

Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0206 Telephone No. (609) 292-5473

### STATE OF NEW JERSEY BUSINESS REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE FOR STATE AGENCY AND CASINO SERVICE CONTRACTORS

DEPARTMENT OF THEASURY/ DIVISION OF REVENUE PO BOX 252 TRENTON, N J 00044-0252

TAXPAYER NAME:

TAX REGISTRATION TEST ACCOUNT

TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION#:

970-097-382/500

ADDRESS:

847 ROEBLING AVE TRENTON NJ 08611

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** 

01/01/01

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TRADE NAME:

CLIENT REGISTRATION

SEQUENCE NUMBER:

0107330

ISSUANCE DATE:

07/14/04

Active Director
This Certificate is NOT assignable or transferable. If must be

must be conspicuously displayed at above address



#### STATE OF NEW JERSEY BUSINESS REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

Taxpayer Name: TAX REG TEST ACCOUNT

Trade Name:

Address: 847 ROEBLING AVE

TRENTON, NJ 08611

Certificate Number: 1093907

Date of Issuance: October 14, 2004

For Office Use Only:

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