

EAST ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR

BOND COUNSEL

RFQ #2802

East Orange Board Of Education

Contract Term

JULY 1, 2017 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2018

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

THURSDAY, APRIL 27TH 2017

1:00 P.M.

PURCHASING DEPT

ADDRESS ALL QUALIFICATIONS TO:

BUSINESS OFFICE/PURCHASING DIVISION

199 4th AVE 5TH FLOOR

EAST ORANGE, N.J. 07017

ATTN: CRAIG SMITH, PURCHASING AGENT

GENERAL INFORMATION & SUMMARY

ORGANIZATION REQUESTING QUALIFICATIONS

EAST ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
199 4TH AVENUE
EAST ORANGE, NEW JERSEY 07017

CONTACT PERSON

CRAIG SMITH, PURCHASING AGENT
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PURPOSE OF REQUEST

The East Orange Board of Education is requesting submissions from qualified individuals and firms to provide Bond Counsel Services of a specialized nature to the Board. Submissions will be evaluated in accordance with the criteria set forth in this RFQ. One or more individuals/firms may be selected to provide services.

PERIOD OF CONTRACT

July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018

CONTRACT FORM

The successful submitter shall be required to execute the Board's form of contract, which includes the indemnification, insurance, termination and licensing provisions. A complete copy of a draft Board form contract is available upon request.

It is also agreed and understood that the acceptance of the final payment by Contractor shall be considered a release in full of all claims against the Board arising out of, or by reason of, the work done and materials furnished under this Contract.

DETAILED REQUIREMENTS OF THE REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR BOND COUNSEL SERVICE

1. **EAST ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION FACTS AND FIGURES** – The East Orange Board of Education is a school board entity and operates pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A: and 6: and 6A: et seq.

The Board's student enrollment is approximately 9,800 and it consists of 22 schools. The Board employs approximately 1900 people in about 16 departments. It owns various school buildings, and facilities.

The Board's operating budget is approximately \$243 million. It provides significant and diverse services to its students, including education for pre K-12, use of facilities for educational, sports, recreation, entertainment, etc.

2. **NATURE/ SCOPE OF SERVICES** – The East Orange Board of Education is requesting submissions for Bond Counsel Services. The provider of Bond Counsel Services will have a close working relationship with the Board Secretary/Business Administrator, and will be required to provide the following professional services:

- a. On an "as needed" basis, prepares reviews and provides opinions on bond ordinances related to capital projects.
- b. Assists in reviews and updates of official statements associated with debt issuances.
- c. Assists in relationship management with rating agencies.
- d. Provides advice on legal and financial matters to ensure Board's fiscal strengths.
- e. Provides Legal opinions on sale of bonds and notes.
- f. Attends meetings when requested.

Counsel may also be called upon to provide other types of legal services of a specialized nature.

3. **STANDARD REQUIREMENTS OF TECHNICAL QUALIFICATIONS** – Submitters should submit technical qualifications which contain the following:

- a. The name of the submitter, the principal place of business and, if different, the place where the services will be provided.
- b. Submitter must have a minimum of ten (10) years of experience as Bond Counsel servicing Boards of Educations or other governmental agencies.
- c. The education, qualifications, experience, and training of all persons who would be assigned to provide services along with their names and titles.
- d. A listing of all other engagements where services of the types being proposed were provided in the past five (5) years. This should include Boards of Education, municipal governments and other levels of government. Contact information for the recipients of the similar services must be provided. The Board may obtain references from any of the parties listed. A description of all other areas of Bond Counsel services of the submitter, with emphasis on a description of those services of interest to a Board government client.
- e. A statement that neither the firm nor any individuals assigned to this engagement are disbarred, suspended, or otherwise prohibited from professional practice by any federal, state, or local agency.
- f. An Affirmative Action Statement

- g. A completed Non-Collusion Affidavit
- h. A statement that the submitter will comply with the General Terms and Conditions required by the Board and enter into the Board's standard Professional Services Contract.
- i. A copy of the submitter's Business Registration Certificate.
- j. A completed partnership Disclosure Statement

4. COST PROPOSAL - Submitters should submit a cost proposal which would include any proposed retainer, the services to be provided for the retainer, if services will be provided at a flat rate, if all or any services will be billed through hourly rates and what are the established rate(s). Proposal should include charges for expenses, *if any*, such as legal research, mailings, copies, reproductions and faxes. Also include a monthly flat fee that would be charged to advise on routine matters that may be handled over the telephone or otherwise without extensive research or legal work. The Board does not provide payment for or reimbursement for travel expenses. The Board reserves the right to negotiate with Submitters on the structure of the billing and/or retainer fee.

5. PROPOSAL EVALUATION – The Board will select the most advantageous proposals based on all of the evaluation factors set forth at the end of this RFQ. The Board will make the award(s) that is in the best interest of the Board.

Each proposal must satisfy the objectives and requirements detailed in this RFQ. The successful submitter shall be determined by an evaluation of the total content of the proposal submitted. The Board reserves the right to:

- a. Not select any of the submissions.
- b. Select only portions of a particular submitter's qualifications for further consideration. (However, submitters may specify portions of the proposal that they consider "bundled".)
- c. Award a contract for the requested services at any time within 60 days of the selection of the most advantageous submission; every submission should be valid through this time period.

The Board shall not be obligated to explain the results of the evaluation process to any submitter.

6. SUBMISSION LIMITATIONS - This RFQ is not intended to be an offer, order or contract and should not be regarded as such, nor shall any obligation or liability be imposed on the Board by issuance of this RFQ. The Board reserves the right at the Board's sole discretion to refuse any submission.

7. USE OF INFORMATION - Any specifications, drawings, sketches, models, samples, data, computer programs, documentation, technical or business information and the like ("Information") furnished or disclosed by the Board to the submitter in connection with this RFQ shall remain the property of the Board. When in tangible form, all copies of such information shall be returned to the Board upon request. Unless such information was previously known to the submitter, free of any obligation to keep it confidential, or has been or is subsequently made public by the Board or a third party, it shall be held in confidence by the submitter, shall be used only for the purposes of this RFQ,

and may not be used for other purposes except upon such terms and conditions as may be mutually agreed upon in writing.

8. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS –

- a. The Board reserves the right to reject any or all submissions, if necessary, or to waive any informalities in the submission, and, unless otherwise specified by the submitter, to accept any item, items or services in the submission should it be deemed in the best interest of the Board to do so.
- b. In case of failure by the successful submitter, the East Orange Board of Education may procure the articles or services from other sources, deduct the cost of the replacement from money due to the submitter under the contract and hold the submitter responsible for any excess cost occasioned thereby.
- c. The submitter shall maintain sufficient insurance to protect against all claims under Workmen's Compensation, General, Professional and Automobile Liability.
- d. Each submission must be signed by the person authorized to do so.
- e. The contract shall be in effect through June 30, 2018, unless otherwise stated.
- f. Submissions may be hand delivered or mailed consistent with the provisions of the legal notice to submitters. In the case of mailed submissions, the Board assumes no responsibility for submissions received after the designated date and time and will return late submissions unopened. Submissions will not be accepted by facsimile or e-mail.
- g. In accordance with Affirmative Action Law, P.L. 1975, c.127 (N.J.A.C. 17:27) with implementation of July 10, 1978, successful submitters must agree to submit individual employer certifications and numbers or complete Affirmative Action employee information report (form AA-302). Also, during the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows: (a) The contractor 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 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, 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 contractor 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 non-discrimination clause: (b) 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, sex or handicap; (c) 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 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.

- h. By submission of qualifications, the submitter certifies that the service to be furnished will not infringe upon any valid patent, trademark or copyright and the successful submitter shall, at its expense, defend any and all actions or suits charging such infringement, and will save the Board harmless in any case of any such infringement.
- i. No submitter shall influence, or attempt to influence, or cause to be influenced, any Board 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.
- j. No submitter shall cause or influence, or attempt to cause or influence, any Board officer or employee to use his/her official capacity to secure unwarranted privileges or advantages for the submitter or any other person.
- k. Should any difference arise between the contracting parties as to the meaning or intent of these instructions or specifications, the Board Counsel's decision shall be final and conclusive.
- l. The East Orange Board of Education shall not be responsible for any expenditure of monies or other expenses incurred by the submitter in making its proposal.
- m. The checklist, affidavits, notices and the like presented at the end of this Request for Qualifications are a part of this Request for Qualifications and shall be completed and submitted as part of this submission.

END OF GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

BASIS OF AWARD

(To be completed by Board evaluation committee)

EVALUATION FACTORS

- A. Relevance and Extent of Qualifications, Experience, Reputation and Training of Personnel to be assigned
- B. Knowledge of the East Orange Board of Education and the subject matter to be addressed under this engagement
- C. Relevance and Extent of Similar Engagements performed
- D. Technical Qualifications contains all required information
- E. Reasonableness of Cost Analysis

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS CHECKLIST

THIS CHECKLIST MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED WITH YOUR QUALIFICATION PACKAGE:

**Please initial below, indicating that your proposal includes the itemized document.
A SUBMISSION WITHOUT THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS IS CAUSE FOR REFUSAL.**

INITIAL BELOW

- A. An original, and one (1) CD-ROM or FLASH DRIVE of your complete qualifications. _____
- B. Non-Collusion Affidavit properly notarized _____
- C. Authorized signatures on all forms. _____
- D. Business Registration Certificate(s) _____
- E. Affirmative Action Statement _____
- F. Owner's Disclosure Political Contribution -----
- G. Disclosure of Activities in Iran _____

THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGES AND HAS COMPLIED WITH THE REQUIREMENTS LISTED ABOVE.

NAME OF SUBMITTER:

Person, Firm or Corporation

BY: _____ (NAME) _____ (TITLE)

EXHIBIT A
N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 and N.J.A.C. 17:27
MANDATORY EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY LANGUAGE
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 for the 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 Board employment goals established in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-5.2 or a binding determination of the applicable Board 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 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.

Exhibit A (Continued)

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

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

The contractor and its subcontractors shall furnish such reports or other documents to the Division of Contract Compliance and 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.

Business Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Respondent's Name: _____

Signature: _____

NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
COUNTY OF ESSEX

ss:

I AM _____

OF THE FIRM OF _____

UPON MY OATH, I DEPOSE AND SAY:

1. THAT I EXECUTED THE SAID SUBMISSION WITH FULL AUTHORITY SO TO DO;
2. THAT THIS SUBMITTER HAS NOT, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ENTERED INTO ANY AGREEMENT, PARTICIPATED IN ANY COLLUSION, OR OTHERWISE TAKEN ANY ACTION IN RESTRAINT OF FAIR AND OPEN COMPETITION IN CONNECTION WITH THIS ENGAGEMENT;
3. THAT ALL STATEMENTS CONTAINED IN SAID SUBMISSION AND IN THIS AFFIDAVIT ARE TRUE AND CORRECT, AND MADE WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE THAT THE EAST ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION RELIES UPON THE TRUTH OF THE STATEMENTS CONTAINED IN SAID SUBMISSION AND IN THE STATEMENTS CONTAINED IN THIS AFFIDAVIT IN AWARDING THE CONTRACT FOR THE SAID ENGAGEMENT; AND
4. THAT NO PERSON OR SELLING AGENCY HAS BEEN EMPLOYED TO SOLICIT OR SECURE THIS ENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT OR UNDERSTANDING FOR A COMMISSION, PERCENTAGE, BROKERAGE OR CONTINGENT FEE, EXCEPT BONA FIDE EMPLOYEES OR BONA FIDE ESTABLISHED COMMERCIAL SELLING AGENCIES OF THE SUBMITTER. (N.J.S.A.52: 34-25)

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO

BEFORE ME THIS _____ DAY

OF _____ 20____.

(TYPE OR PRINT NAME OF
AFFIANT UNDER SIGNATURE)

NOTARY PUBLIC

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: _____, 20____.

OWNER DISCLOSURE and POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION CERTIFICATION
This Statement MUST BE INCLUDED with RFQ Submissions

OWNER DISCLOSURE SECTION

Name of Business _____

I certify that the list below contains the names and home addresses of all stockholders holding 10% or more of the issued and outstanding stock of the undersigned.

OR

I certify that no one stockholder owns 10% or more of the issued and outstanding stock of the undersigned.

OR

I certify that there are no stockholders

Check the box that represents the type of business organization:

Partnership
Proprietorship

Corporation

Sole

Limited Partnership
Liability Partnership

Limited Liability Corporation Limited

Subchapter S Corporation Other (describe) _____

AND

POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION DISCLOSURE SECTION

(The following section must be completed)

I hereby attest that the undersigned business entity, its subsidiaries, assigns or principals controlling in excess of 10% of the company has neither made a contribution, that is reportable pursuant to the Election Law Enforcement Commission pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-8 or 19:44A-16, in the one (1) year period preceding the award of the contract that would, pursuant to P.L. 2004, c.19, affect its eligibility to perform this contract, nor will it make a reportable contribution during the term of the contract to any political party committee in the *East Orange Board of Education and/or County of Essex*, if a member of that political party is serving in an elective public office of that *East Orange Board of Education and/or County of Essex* when the contract is awarded, or to any candidate committee of any person serving in an elective public office of that *East Orange Board of Education and/or County of Essex* when the contract is awarded.

OR

I hereby attest that the undersigned business entity, its subsidiaries, assigns or principals controlling in excess of 10% of the company has made reportable political contributions (more than \$300 per election cycle) over the 12 months prior to submission to the committees of the government entities listed below:

Contributor Name	Recipient Name	Date	Dollar Amount
			\$

Sign and notarize the form below, and, if necessary, complete the stockholder list below.

Stockholders:

Name : _____

Name : _____

Home Address :

Home Address :

Name :

Home Address :

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

(Notary Public)

My Commission expires:

Name :

Home Address :

(Affiant)

(Print name & title of affiant)

(Corporate Seal)

C. 271 POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION DISCLOSURE FORM

Contractor Instructions

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

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

The disclosure must list reportable contributions to any of the committees that exceed \$300 per election cycle that were made during the 12 months prior to award of the contract. See N.J.S.A. 19:44A-8 and 19:44A-16 for more details on reportable contributions.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Check here if the information is continued on subsequent page(s)

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

County Name:

State: Governor, and Legislative Leadership Committees

Legislative District #s:

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

County:

Freeholders

County Clerk

Sheriff

{County Executive}

Surrogate

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

**USERS SHOULD CREATE THEIR OWN FORM, OR DOWNLOAD
FROM WWW.NJ.GOV/DCA/LGS/P2P A COUNTY-BASED,
CUSTOMIZABLE FORM.**

STOCKHOLDER DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATION

Name of Business:

I certify that the list below contains the names and home addresses of all stockholders holding 10% or more of the issued and outstanding stock of the undersigned.

OR

I certify that no one stockholder owns 10% or more of the issued and outstanding stock of the undersigned.

Check the box that represents the type of business organization:

Partnership

Corporation

Sole Proprietorship

Limited Partnership

Limited Liability Corporation

Limited Liability Partnership

Subchapter S Corporation

Sign and notarize the form below, and, if necessary, complete the stockholder list below.

Stockholders:

Name:	Name:
Home Address:	Home Address:
Name:	Name:
Home Address:	Home Address:
Name:	Name:
Home Address:	Home Address:

Subscribed and sworn before me this ____ day of _____, 2 ____.	_____
(Notary Public)	(Affiant)
My Commission expires:	_____
	(Print name & title of affiant)
	(Corporate Seal)

East Orange Board of Education
STATE OF NEW JERSEY – DIVISION OF PURCHASE AND PROPERTY
DISCLOSURE OF INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES IN IRAN

Quote 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 <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/pdf/Chapter25Listpdf>. 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, 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 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 box below.

PLEASE PROVIDE THOROUGH ANSWERS TO EACH QUESTION.

Name: _____ Relationship to Bidder/Offeror _____
Description of Activities _____ _____
Duration of Engagement _____ Anticipated Cessation Date _____
Bidder/Offeror Contact Name _____ Contact Phone Number _____

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 the State at its option may declare any contract(s) resulting from this certification void and unenforceable.

Full Name (Print): _____ Signature _____

Title: _____ Date: _____

Name of Company: _____ City/State/Zip: _____