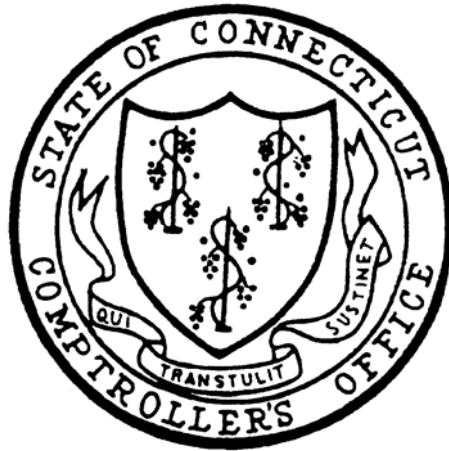


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I. STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVES

The Connecticut State Employees Retirement Commission (Commission) and the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC) are seeking to secure proposals for the provision of pension actuarial services over a four-year contract period. The parties' objective is to engage the services of an actuarial firm with public pension plan experience to perform annual actuarial valuations of the Connecticut Municipal Employees Retirement System (CMERS) and the Policemen and Firemen Survivors' Benefit Fund (P&FSBF), and for the performance of other actuarial reporting duties related to each as directed by the Commission. The contract period will commence on or about July 1, 2009 and expire on June 30, 2013.

II. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

CMERS is a voluntary, multi-employer pension plan, the provisions of which are contained in Title 7, Chapter 113, Part II of the Connecticut General Statutes. Information concerning the CMERS and P&FSBF systems including copies of the latest actuarial valuation report(s) may be obtained from the OSC website located at <http://www.osc.state.ct.us/rbsd/cmers/index.html>. The Commission is responsible for the general supervision of CMERS and the Retirement Services Division ("Division") located in the Office of the State Comptroller is responsible for the day to day management and operation of the CMERS and P&FSBF systems. Pursuant to Chapter 34, the Office of the State Comptroller, through the Division, maintains an in-house data base system with information on members' retirement plan membership and beneficiaries, employment records, earnings and applicable contributions and additional service credit.

Annually, four normal contribution rates are established by the Commission in accordance with the following breakdown: a) general employees with social security; b) general employees without social security; c) police and fire with social security; and d) police and fire without social security. The unfunded accrued liability of participating municipalities, if any, is calculated on an individual basis. On June 30, 2008, CMERS had a total membership of 14,260 composed as follows: 8,805 active members, and 5,455 retirees and beneficiaries. On that date, the actuarial asset value of the system was \$1.78 billion; CMERS is in a fully funded position.

P&FSBF is a voluntary, multi-employer pension supplement, the provisions of which are contained in Title 7, Chapter 104, Part V of the Connecticut General Statutes. Upon the death of an active or retired member, P&FSBF pays survivor benefits. Annually, the Commission establishes a normal contribution rate for participating municipalities. The unfunded accrued liability is calculated on an individual basis for new municipalities joining the fund. On June 30, 2008, P&FSBF had a total membership of 1082 composed as follows: 588 active members; 395 retirees, and 99 annuitants. On that date, the fund's assets for valuation purposes were \$24 million; P&FSBF is in a fully funded position.

The proposal specifications are detailed within the following sections of this document.

III. SCOPE OF SERVICES – STATE RETIREMENT COMMISSION

The contractor will be expected to perform the following services for the Commission:

1. The preparation of annual actuarial valuation reports for both CMERS and P&FSBF for each of the four contract years. The valuations will be based on annual retirement system data for fiscal years ending June 30, with draft valuations due the Division by the December 1st and the final results reported to the Commission by the following February. In addition to the standard valuation detail, the reports must include a) the accounting information required in accordance with applicable Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statements (this specifically includes the preparation of “Notes to Financial Statements” - GASB Statement No. 25 which must be received by the Division by December 1st of each year) and b) a detailed gain/loss analysis.
2. The preparation of one CMERS and one P&FSBF experience study report during the contract period. Each report must include a) an analysis of the economic and demographic experience of the retirement system over the defined study period, b) the development of a set of actuarial assumptions based on the study results, including a financial analysis of the proposed changes, and c) a review of the existing actuarial funding method and asset valuation method.
3. Attendance at up to a total of eight meetings per year with the Commission (or a Subcommittee thereof) to present relevant actuarial reports, experience studies and related findings in connection with both the CMERS and P&FSBF.
4. Special projects requested by the Commission to carry out the statutorily required actuarial duties.
5. Routine consultations with the staff of the CMERS unit located in the Retirement Services Division regarding fiscal and other questions and issues impacting CMERS and P&FSBF.
6. Periodically municipalities and other entities request cost estimates (initial actuarial valuations and costs associated with CMERS membership) for their prospective or retrospective participation in CMERS and/or P&FSBF. The contractor must provide an estimate of the cost for this valuation process for comparing accrued liabilities on a per head basis. Although the preparation of new municipal participation cost estimates is a required service under this RFP, the cost of an estimate for participation in the CMERS and P&FSBF is borne by the requesting municipality.

IV. SCOPE OF SERVICES – OFFICE OF THE STATE COMPTROLLER

1. Performance of special projects as specified by the OSC relative to CMERS and P&FSBF provisions.
2. Routine consultations with the OSC and Division staff regarding fiscal, legal, and regulatory issues that fall outside of the scope of the Commission's actuarial duties and which impact CMERS and P&FSBF.

V. LETTER OF INTENT REQUIREMENT

A letter of intent is required from all contractors who intend to bid on this work. The purpose of this letter is to indicate the contractor's intention to respond to this RFP. The letter of intent must be received at the offices of the Retirement Services Division by 4:30 p.m. on March 13, 2009. Proposals will not be accepted if this requirement is not met.

In this letter the contractor must provide an email address for the communication of information about the RFP. As indicated in Section VI, PROPOSAL SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS, of this RFP, contractors may submit questions regarding the RFP by email. Answers to questions submitted as well as other information related to the contractor selection process will be provided to all contractors at the email address provided in the letter of intent.

VI. PROPOSAL SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Each proposal must include the following:

1. **Title Page**

A title page indicating the date, subject, name of the contractor, central office address and the local office address – if a local office will be performing the contracted services – and the address, telephone number, name and title of the contractor's contact person for the purpose of clarifying any information submitted.

2. **Organizational Structure**

A general description of the contractor's organization is required, including the legal structure (corporation, partnership, franchise, etc.), the number of professional and support staff employed and the primary business functions (benefits consulting, actuarial consulting, asset management, insurance provider, etc.). Identify each actuary available for assignment to this engagement and descriptive materials relating to the professional qualifications of each actuary.

3. **Experience**

Provide a listing of all public employee retirement systems to which the contractor currently provides actuarial valuation and consulting services including contact information from an

individual for each such system. This listing should include the name of the retirement system, the number of system members (active and retired), and the number of years that the contractor has been retained to provide actuarial services to the system. Of the staff members designated for the engagement that is the subject of this RFP, the contractor must also identify which, if any, serve as lead consultant to the public retirement systems listed. In addition to the above information, contractors are encouraged to identify other experience, factors, or strengths that they possess which may assist the Commission in its selection process.

4. **Computer Systems**

Description of on-site computer system contractor will be using.

5. **Backup Equipment**

Description of alternative backup for all equipment which may be used by contractor.

6. **Subcontracts**

Identification of the subcontractor(s), if any, to be utilized in meeting the service requirements of this RFP and a listing of the specific tasks to be assigned to the subcontractor(s).

7. **Recommended Workplan**

A statement of the contractor's capacity to provide each of the deliverables specified in Section III of this RFP within the expressed time frame.

8. **Work Samples**

A sample of any relevant publications or notifications that the contractor transmits to clients on a regular basis concerning topical issues in the area of public pension plan administration.

9. **Fee Structure**

In determining a fee structure, please be aware that for active and retired members of CMERS and PFSBF, the Division supplies plan membership data, dates of service, demographic data and purchased service data to the contractor. Vesting and credited service are generally determined by the contractor based on the data provided. Submission of total fixed and variable fees for the tasks listed in Sections III and IV of this RFP, expressed as follows:

1. **Scope of Services: Retirement Commission**

The Commission is considering the valuation of assets and liabilities on a biennial rather than annual basis. The Commission therefore requests submission of total fixed and variable fees for the tasks listed in Section III of this RFP, expressed as follows, on both an annual and a separate, biennial basis:

A. Annual Basis

- a) A fixed fee for each of the four actuarial valuation reports required for CMERS (Section III, Subsection 1);
- b) A fixed fee for each of the four actuarial valuation reports required for P&FSBF (Section III, Subsection 1);
- c) A fixed fee for the experience study report required for CMERS (Section III, Subsection 2);
- d) A fixed fee for the experience study report required for P&FSBF (Section III, Subsection 2);
- e) For each of the contract's four fiscal years (ending June 30), a fixed fee for attendance at up to a total of eight meetings with the Commission (or a Subcommittee thereof) in connection with the CMERS and/or P&FSBF, (Section III, Subsection 3);
- f) For each of the contract's four fiscal years (ending June 30), hourly billing rates by position classification for special projects, fiscal impact statements, and routine consultations (Section III, Subsections 4 & 5); and
- g) A fee structure based upon the number of potential employees for the initial actuarial valuations and costs associated with CMERS membership for municipalities and entities wishing to join the CMERS system. Although the preparation of new municipal participation cost estimates is a required service under this RFP, the cost of an estimate for participation in the CMERS and the PFSBF is borne by the requesting municipality. The current fee schedule can be found on the CMERS website.

B. Alternative Fee Schedule: Biennial Basis (Performed Every Two Years)

- a) A fixed fee for each of the two actuarial (biennial) valuation reports required for CMERS & P&FSBF (Section III, Subsection 1);
- b) A fixed fee for the experience study report required for CMERS (Section III, Subsection 2);
- c) A fixed fee for the experience study report required for P&FSBF (Section III, Subsection 2);
- d) A fixed fee for attendance at up to a total of sixteen meetings with the Commission (or a Subcommittee thereof) during the life of this contract in connection with the CMERS and/or P&FSBF, (Section III, Subsection 3);

- e) For each of the contract's four fiscal years (ending June 30), hourly billing rates by position classification for special projects, fiscal impact statements, and routine consultations (Section III, Subsections 4 & 5); and
- f) A fee structure based upon the number of potential employees for the initial actuarial valuations and costs associated with CMERS membership for municipalities and entities wishing to join the CMERS system. Although the preparation of new municipal participation cost estimates is a required service under this RFP, the cost of an estimate for participation in the CMERS and the PFSBF is borne by the requesting municipality. The current fee schedule can be found on the CMERS website.

2. Scope of Services: Office of the State Comptroller

- a) For each of the contract's four fiscal years (ending June 30), hourly billing rates by position classification for special projects, fiscal impact statements, and routine consultations (Section IV, Subsections 1 & 2) with a not to exceed cap for each year.

Fees proposed, whether fixed or variable, shall be deemed inclusive of all expenses and all cost estimates will be considered as "not to exceed" quotations.

Fee proposals should not include start-up or exit costs.

The State of Connecticut is exempt from the payment excise, transportation, and sales tax imposed by the Federal Government and the State; accordingly, such taxes must not be reflected in the proposed price.

10. **Conflict of Interest - Past/Pending Litigation**

Disclose any current or past (within the last ten years) business relationships which pose or may pose a conflict of interest with the work requested by this RFP. Each contractor shall include in its proposal a complete disclosure of any civil or criminal litigation, investigation or lawsuit within the last ten years or pending which involves the Contractor and a pension plan or retirement system. Such disclosure will include the case caption, the docket number of the case, the court in which the litigation has been or is being conducted and a brief statement of the nature of the litigation. Significant settlements involving the Contractor's work with pension plans or retirement systems shall also be disclosed. This is a continuing disclosure requirement.

11. **Regulatory Issues**

Disclose any regulatory problems experienced in the past ten years.

12. **Affirmative Action**

The contract to be awarded is subject to contract compliance requirements mandated by Sections 4a-60 and 4a-60a of the Connecticut General Statutes; and, when the awarding

agency is the State, Sections 46a-71(d) and 46a-81i(d) of the Connecticut General Statutes. There are Contract Compliance Regulations codified at Section 46a-68j-21 through 43 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, which establish a procedure for awarding all contracts covered by Sections 4a-60 and 46a-71(d) of the Connecticut General Statutes. According to Section 46a-68j-30(9) of the Contract Compliance Regulations, every agency awarding a contract subject to the contract compliance requirements has an obligation to consider certain factors when reviewing the bidder's qualifications under the contract compliance requirements.

By submitting a bid, the Contractor is acknowledging that it has reviewed the applicable statutes and regulations as noted above and is aware of the factors that will be considered by the Commission in this area. More information about the State of Connecticut's Contract Compliance requirements is available on the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities' web site at www.state.ct.us/chro under "Contract Compliance." The Contractor must complete and submit the CHRO's *Workforce Analysis Affirmative Action Report-State Contractors* form (attached) with the proposal.

13. Format of Proposals and Required Information

An authorized agent for the contractor with authority to negotiate and contractually bind the contractor must sign the proposal; such individual's title, address, and telephone number must also be provided. The contractor must submit one original, one unbound, plus eleven (11) copies of their proposal in a sealed envelope upon which a clear indication has been made of the RFP reference title and the date and time the proposal is submitted. Hard copies must also be accompanied by electronic copy on CD/DVD format. Proposals shall be submitted to:

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
Office of the State Comptroller
Attention: Helen M. Kemp, Assistant Director
Retirement Services Division
55 Elm Street
Hartford, CT 06106

Contractors who have questions regarding this RFP should submit them by email to the following address: osc.mersactrfp@po.state.ct.us no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, March 27, 2009. Answers to questions will be transmitted by Friday, April 3, 2009. No phone calls will be accepted relative to this RFP. Except as allowed in this RFP vendors may not communicate with the Commission, the Office of the State Comptroller or the Retirement Services Division about the RFP.

Proposals **must be** time stamped by the Division as received by the Division no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, April 17, 2009. This time limit will be strictly enforced and failure to submit the RFP by this date and time will result in the rejection of the RFP response.

Some contractors may be asked to attend an oral interview in front of the Actuarial Subcommittee of the Commission. Such contractors will be notified by email to arrange the time and date for the interview.

14. Freedom of Information Act and Confidential Information

All proposals submitted in response to this RFP are to be the sole property of the Commission and the Office of the State Comptroller subject to the terms of the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and its corresponding rules, regulations and interpretations. Those particular sentences, paragraphs, pages or sections that the bidder believes are proprietary or confidential in nature, and therefore exempt from disclosure under the FOIA, must be specifically identified as such. If the bidder indicates that certain documentation is submitted in confidence, by specifically and clearly marking said documentation as CONFIDENTIAL, the Commission and OSC will endeavor to keep said information confidential to the extent permitted by law. The Commission and the OSC however, have no obligation to initiate, prosecute or defend any legal proceeding or to seek a protective order or other similar relief to prevent disclosure of any information that is sought pursuant to a FOIA request. The bidder shall have the burden of establishing the FOIA exemption in any proceeding where it is an issue. In no event shall the Commission, OSC or the State have any liability for the disclosure of any documents in its possession which the Commission or OSC believe are required to be disclosed pursuant to the FOIA or other requirements of law.

The Commission and OSC expect that a bidder will in good faith mark only sentences, paragraphs, sections or pages that qualify as proprietary or confidential under the FOIA. Without waiving the proposal due date and time noted in Section 13 of this RFP, the Commission and OSC reserve the right to return any proposals having the majority of their pages marked as confidential or proprietary back to the bidder for compliance with this section.

With regard to the above Paragraph referring to the Freedom of Information Act and Confidential Information, the bidder will submit two (2) copies of a CD ROM of its entire proposal (including all attachments) in a form compatible with Microsoft WORD, current version, with: (1) all confidential and propriety information redacted; (2) a description of those particular sentences, paragraphs, pages or sections that the bidder believes are exempt from disclosure under the FOIA; and (3) an explanation and rationale sufficient to justify each exemption. The Division will submit a copy of the CD containing the redacted proposal as necessary in response to any relevant FOIA request it receives with regard to this RFP. Failure to provide such a CD will signify the bidder's agreement with the disclosure of all submitted information relative to a FOIA request.

15. Qualified Personnel

At all times, the contractor shall utilize approved, qualified personnel necessary to perform contracted services. The contractor shall advise the Commission and OSC promptly, in writing, of any personnel related occurrence(s) known to the contractor involving their employees which may reasonably be expected to affect the contractor's performance of contracted services. The Commission or OSC may then, at its option, request that the contractor make alternate personnel arrangements to the mutual satisfaction of the parties in order to perform the contracted services.

VII. SELECTION PROCESS AND SCHEDULE

Request for Proposal Questions and Response Phase (all dates are 2009)

February 27, 2009	Release of RFP by OSC
March 13, 2009	Letters of intent with contractor's email address due at Division
March 27, 2009	Questions, if any, due at osc.mersactrfp@po.state.ct.us
April 3, 2009	Division provides email response to questions received
April 17, 2009	Proposals due at Division

Proposal Review and Contractor Selection Schedule

May 4-8, 2009	Finalist Interviews
May 22, 2009	Contractor Selection

VIII. EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS

Each proposal will be evaluated by the Actuarial Subcommittee of the Commission using the following criteria to determine which contractor is most capable of implementing the contract requirements:

1. Contractor's experience with and ability to perform the required services.
2. Contractor's understanding of the project's purpose and scope, as evidenced by the proposed approach and level of effort.
3. Proposed cost.
4. Availability and competence of contractor's personnel.
5. Conformity with specifications contained herein.
6. Contractor's ability to keep the Commission informed of significant changes in the laws and regulations governing public pension plan administration.
7. Proximity of involved contractor's staff to Hartford, Connecticut.
8. Demonstration of contractor's commitment to affirmative action by full compliance with the regulations of the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities.
9. Possible and previous conflicts of interest (within the last ten years).
10. Past (within the last ten years) and pending litigation involving the contractor and pension plans or retirement systems.

11. Previous work experience with the Commission or OSC on similar projects. Contractors will be evaluated on their past performance and prior dealings with the Commission and OSC to include, but not limited to, failure to meet specifications, poor quality and late delivery.
12. At the option of the Committee, contractor's oral interview.

IX. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Contractors responding to this RFP must be willing to adhere to the following conditions and must affirmatively state their adherence to these requirements with a transmittal letter appended to their proposal response.

1. **Acceptance or Rejection by the State** - The Commission and OSC reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals submitted for consideration. All proposals will be kept sealed and safe until the deadline for submission has passed.
2. **Conformance with Statutes** - Any contract awarded as a result of this RFP must be in full conformance with statutory requirements of the State of Connecticut and the Federal Government.
3. **Ownership of Proposals** - All proposals in response to this RFP are to be the sole property of the Commission and OSC, and subject to the applicable Freedom of Information provisions of Connecticut General Statutes, Section 1-19.
4. **Ownership of Subsequent Products** - Any product, whether acceptable or unacceptable, developed under a contract award as a result of this RFP is to be the sole property of the Commission and OSC, unless explicitly stated otherwise in the RFP or contract.
5. **Availability of Work Papers** - All work papers and data used in the process of performing this project must be available for inspection by the State of Connecticut Auditors of Public Accounts for a period of three (3) years or until audited.
6. **Timing and Sequence** - All timing and sequence of events resulting from this RFP will ultimately be determined by the Commission and OSC.
7. **Stability of Proposed Prices** - Any price offerings from contractors must be valid from the due date of the contractor proposals until and including the signing of the actual contract.
8. **Oral Agreements** - Any alleged oral agreement or arrangement made by a contractor with any agency or employee will be superseded by the written agreement.
9. **Amending or Canceling Requests** - The Commission and OSC reserve the right to amend or to cancel this RFP prior to the due date and time, if such action is deemed to be in the best interest of the Commission.

10. **Rejection for Default or Misrepresentation** - The Commission and OSC reserve the right to reject the proposal of any contractor that is in default of any prior contract or for misrepresentation.
11. **State's Clerical Errors in Awards** - The Commission and OSC reserve the right to correct inaccurate awards resulting from its clerical errors.
12. **Rejection of Qualified Proposals** - Proposals are subject to rejection in whole or in part if they limit or modify any of the terms and conditions and/or specifications of the RFP.
13. **Contractor Presentation of Supporting Evidence** - A contractor, if requested, must be prepared to present evidence of experience, ability, service facilities and financial standing necessary to satisfactorily meet the requirements set forth or implied in the proposal.
14. **Changes to Proposal** - No additions or changes to the original proposal will be allowed after submittal. While changes are not permitted, clarification at the request of the agency may be required at the contractor's expense.
15. **Expenses Incurred** - The Commission nor OSC will reimburse any contractor for any costs or expenses incurred in preparing proposals or in any other connection with the RFP, including travel expenses relating to an oral presentation.
16. **Collusion** - By responding to this RFP, the contractor implicitly states that the proposal is not made in connection with any competing contractor submitting a separate response to the RFP, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. It is further implied that the contractor did not participate in the RFP development process, had no knowledge of the specific contents of the RFP prior to its issuance, and that no employee of the agency participated directly or indirectly in the contractor's proposal preparation.

X. RIGHTS RESERVED TO THE STATE

The State reserves the right to award in part, to reject any and all proposals in whole or in part, to waive technical defects, irregularities and omissions if, in its judgment, the best interest of the State will be served. Bidders should be advised that all State contracts must strictly adhere to certain terms and conditions with respect to liability and litigation. The contractor must agree that the contract shall be governed by, construed, and enforced in accordance with the laws and court decisions of the State of Connecticut without giving effect to its principles of conflicts of laws. Under no circumstances may a State contract contain limited liability and/or binding arbitration provisions. The State or Commission may not indemnify a contractor and shall not waive its sovereign immunity.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

GIFT AND CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION CERTIFICATION

Certification to accompany a State contract with a value of \$50,000 or more in a calendar or fiscal year, pursuant to C.G.S. §§ 4-250 and 4-252(c); Governor M. Jodi Rell's Executive Orders No. 1, Para. 8, and No. 7C, Para. 10; and C.G.S. §9-612(g)(2), as amended by Public Act 07-1

INSTRUCTIONS:

Complete all sections of the form. Attach additional pages, if necessary, to provide full disclosure about any awful campaign contributions made to campaigns of candidates for statewide public office or the General Assembly, as described herein. Sign and date the form, under oath, in the presence of a Commissioner of the Superior Court or Notary Public. Submit the completed form to the awarding State agency at the time of initial contract execution (and on each anniversary date of a multi-year contract, if applicable).

CHECK ONE: _____ Initial Certification _____ Annual Update (Multi-year contracts only.)

GIFT CERTIFICATION:

As used in this certification, the following terms have the meaning set forth below:

- 1) "Contract" means that contract between the State of Connecticut (and/or one or more of its agencies or instrumentalities) and the Contractor, attached hereto, or as otherwise described by the awarding State agency below;
- 2) If this is an Initial Certification, "Execution Date" means the date the Contract is fully executed by, and becomes effective between, the parties; if this is an Annual Update, "Execution Date" means the date this certification is signed by the Contractor;
- 3) "Contractor" means the person, firm or corporation named as the contractor below;
- 4) "Applicable Public Official or State Employee" means any public official or state employee described in C.G.S. §4-252(c)(1)(i) or (ii);
- 5) "**Gift**" has the same meaning given that term in C.G.S. § 4-250(1);
- 6) "Planning Start Date" is the date the State agency began planning the project, services, procurement, lease or licensing arrangement covered by this Contract, as indicated by the awarding State agency below; and
- 7) "Principals or Key Personnel" means and refers to those principals and key personnel of the Contractor, and its or their agents, as described in C.G.S. §§ 4-250(5) and 4-252(c)(1)(B) and (C).

I, the undersigned, am the official authorized to execute the Contract on behalf of the Contractor. I hereby certify that, between the Planning Start Date and Execution Date, neither the Contractor nor any Principals or Key Personnel has made, will make (or has promised, or offered, to, or otherwise indicated that he, she or it will, make) any **Gifts** to any Applicable Public Official or State Employee.

I further certify that no Principals or Key Personnel know of any action by the Contractor to circumvent (or which would result in the circumvention of) the above certification regarding **Gifts** by providing for any other principals, key personnel, officials, or employees of the Contractor, or its or their agents, to make a **Gift** to any Applicable Public Official or State Employee. I further certify that the Contractor made the bid or proposal for the Contract without fraud or collusion with any person.

CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION CERTIFICATION:

I further certify that, on or after December 31, 2006, neither the Contractor nor any of its principals, as defined in C.G.S. § 9-612(g)(1), has made any **campaign contributions** to, or solicited any contributions on behalf of, any exploratory committee, candidate committee, political committee, or party committee established by, or supporting or authorized to support, any candidate for statewide public office, in violation of C.G.S. § 9-612(g)(2)(A). I further certify that **all lawful campaign contributions** that have been made on or after December 31, 2006 by the Contractor or any of its principals, as defined in C.G.S. § 9-612(g)(1), to, or solicited on behalf of, any exploratory committee, candidate committee, political committee, or party committee established by, or supporting or authorized to support any candidates for statewide public office or the General Assembly, are listed below:

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

GIFT AND CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION CERTIFICATION

Lawful Campaign Contributions to Candidates for Statewide Public Office:

<u>Contribution Date</u>	<u>Name of Contributor</u>	<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Description</u>

Lawful Campaign Contributions to Candidates for the General Assembly:

<u>Contribution Date</u>	<u>Name of Contributor</u>	<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Description</u>

Sworn as true to the best of my knowledge and belief, subject to the penalties of false statement.

Printed Contractor Name

Signature of Authorized Official

Subscribed and acknowledged before me this ____ day of _____, 20__.

Commissioner of the Superior Court (or Notary Public)

For State Agency Use Only

Awarding State Agency

Planning Start Date

Contract Number or Description

STATE OF CONNECTICUT CONSULTING AGREEMENT AFFIDAVIT

Affidavit to accompany a State contract for the purchase of goods and services with a value of \$50,000 or more in a calendar or fiscal year, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §§ 4a-81(a) and 4a-81(b)

INSTRUCTIONS:

If the bidder or vendor has entered into a consulting agreement, as defined by Connecticut General Statutes § 4a-81(b)(1): Complete all sections of the form. If the bidder or vendor has entered into more than one such consulting agreement, use a separate form for each agreement. Sign and date the form in the presence of a Commissioner of the Superior Court or Notary Public. **If the bidder or vendor has not entered into a consulting agreement, as defined by Connecticut General Statutes § 4a-81(b)(1):** Complete only the shaded section of the form. Sign and date the form in the presence of a Commissioner of the Superior Court or Notary Public.

Submit completed form to the awarding State agency with bid or proposal. For a sole source award, submit completed form to the awarding State agency at the time of contract execution.

This affidavit must be amended if the contractor enters into any new consulting agreement(s) during the term of the State contract.

AFFIDAVIT: [Number of Affidavits Sworn and Subscribed On This Day: _____]

I, the undersigned, hereby swear that I am the chief official of the bidder or vendor awarded a contract, as described in Connecticut General Statutes § 4a-81(a), or that I am the individual awarded such a contract who is authorized to execute such contract. I further swear that I have not entered into any consulting agreement in connection with such contract, **except for the agreement listed below:**

Consultant's Name and Title	Name of Firm (if applicable)
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Start Date	End Date	Cost
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Description of Services Provided: _____

Is the consultant a former State employee or former public official? ____ YES ____ NO

If YES: _____

Name of Former State Agency	Termination Date of Employment
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Sworn as true to the best of my knowledge and belief, subject to the penalties of false statement.

Printed Name of Bidder or Vendor	Signature of Chief Official or Individual	Date
	Printed Name (of above)	Awarding State Agency

Sworn and subscribed before me on this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Commissioner of the Superior Court or Notary Public

CERTIFICATION

(By corporate or other business entity regarding support of nondiscrimination against persons on account of their race, color, religious creed, age, marital or civil union status, national origin, ancestry, sex, mental retardation, physical disability or sexual orientation.)

I, _____, _____ of
Signer's Name Signer's Title

_____, an entity lawfully organized and existing under the
Name of Entity

laws of _____, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct
State or Commonwealth

copy of a resolution adopted on the _____ day of _____, 20____ by the governing
body of _____, in accordance with all of its documents of
Name of Entity

governance and management and the laws of _____, and further
State or Commonwealth

certify that such resolution has not been modified, rescinded or revoked, and is, at present, in full
force and effect.

RESOLVED: That _____ hereby adopts as its
Name of Entity
policy to support the nondiscrimination agreements and warranties required under
Connecticut General Statutes § 4a-60(a)(1) and § 4a-60a(a)(1), as amended in State of
Connecticut Public Act 07-245 and sections 9(a)(1) and 10(a)(1) of Public Act 07-142, as
those statutes may be amended from time to time.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this certificate this _____ day of
_____, 20____.

By: _____
Signature

Print Name: _____

Title: _____

Effective 08/02/07

CERTIFICATION

(By individual contractor regarding support of nondiscrimination against persons on account of their race, color, religious creed, age, marital or civil union status, national origin, ancestry, sex, mental retardation, physical disability or sexual orientation.)

I, _____ of
Signer's Name

Business Address

am entering into a contract (or an extension or other modification of an existing contract) with the State of Connecticut (the "State") in my individual capacity for:

_____.
Contract #, if available, or general description of goods or services to be provided

In order to induce the State to consummate said contract, I hereby certify that I support the nondiscrimination agreements and warranties required under Connecticut General Statutes § 4a-60(a)(1) and § 4a-60a(a)(1), as amended in State of Connecticut Public Act 07-245 and sections 9(a)(1) and 10(a)(1) of Public Act 07-142.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this certificate this _____ day of _____, 20____.

By: _____
Signature

Print Name: _____

Effective June 25, 2007

STATE OF CONNECTICUT STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

20 Trinity Street Hartford, Connecticut 06106—1628

SEEC FORM 10

NOTICE TO EXECUTIVE BRANCH STATE CONTRACTORS AND PROSPECTIVE STATE CONTRACTORS OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION AND SOLICITATION BAN

This notice is provided under the authority of Connecticut General Statutes 9-612(g)(2), as amended by P.A. 07-1, and is for the purpose of informing state contractors and prospective state contractors of the following law (italicized words are defined on page 2):

Campaign Contribution and Solicitation Ban

No *state contractor, prospective state contractor, principal of a state contractor or principal of a prospective state contractor*, with regard to a *state contract or state contract solicitation* with or from a state agency in the executive branch or a quasi-public agency or a holder, or principal of a holder of a valid prequalification certificate, shall make a contribution to, or *solicit* contributions on behalf of (i) an exploratory committee or candidate committee established by a candidate for nomination or election to the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer, (ii) a political committee authorized to make contributions or expenditures to or for the benefit of such candidates, or (iii) a party committee;

In addition, no holder or principal of a holder of a valid prequalification certificate, shall make a contribution to, or solicit contributions on behalf of (i) an exploratory committee or candidate committee established by a candidate for nomination or election to the office of State senator or State representative, (ii) a political committee authorized to make contributions or expenditures to or for the benefit of such candidates, or (iii) a party committee.

Duty to Inform

State contractors and prospective state contractors are required to inform their principals of the above prohibitions, as applicable, and the possible penalties and other consequences of any violation thereof.

Penalties for Violations

Contributions or solicitations of contributions made in violation of the above prohibitions may result in the following civil and criminal penalties:

Civil penalties—\$2000 or twice the amount of the prohibited contribution, whichever is greater, against a principal or a contractor. Any state contractor or prospective state contractor which fails to make reasonable efforts to comply with the provisions requiring notice to its principals of these prohibitions and the possible consequences of their violations may also be subject to civil penalties of \$2000 or twice the amount of the prohibited contributions made by their principals.

Criminal penalties—Any knowing and willful violation of the prohibition is a Class D felony, which may subject the violator to imprisonment of not more than 5 years, or \$5000 in fines, or both.

Contract Consequences

Contributions made or solicited in violation of the above prohibitions may result, in the case of a state contractor, in the contract being voided.

Contributions made or solicited in violation of the above prohibitions, in the case of a prospective state contractor, shall result in the contract described in the state contract solicitation not being awarded to the prospective state contractor, unless the State Elections Enforcement Commission determines that mitigating circumstances exist concerning such violation.

The state will not award any other state contract to anyone found in violation of the above prohibitions for a period of one year after the election for which such contribution is made or solicited, unless the State Elections Enforcement Commission determines that mitigating circumstances exist concerning such violation.

Receipt acknowledged: _____
(signature) (date)

Print name: _____ Title: _____

Company Name: _____

Additional information and the entire text of P.A 07-1 may be found on the website of the State Elections Enforcement Commission, www.ct.gov/seec. Click on the link to “State Contractor Contribution Ban”

Definitions:

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"Prospective state contractor" means a person, business entity or nonprofit organization that (i) submits a response to a state contract solicitation by the state, a state agency or a quasi-public agency, or a proposal in response to a request for proposals by the state, a state agency or a quasi-public agency, until the contract has been entered into, or (ii) holds a valid prequalification certificate issued by the Commissioner of Administrative Services under section 4a-100. "Prospective state contractor" does not include a municipality or any other political subdivision of the state, including any entities or associations duly created by the municipality or political subdivision exclusively amongst themselves to further any purpose authorized by statute or charter, or an employee in the executive or legislative branch of state government or a quasi-public agency, whether in the classified or unclassified service and full or part-time, and only in such person's capacity as a state or quasi-public agency employee.

"Principal of a state contractor or prospective state contractor" means (i) any individual who is a member of the board of directors of, or has an ownership interest of five per cent or more in, a state contractor or prospective state contractor, which is a business entity, except for an individual who is a member of the board of directors of a nonprofit organization, (ii) an individual who is employed by a state contractor or prospective state contractor, which is a business entity, as president, treasurer or executive vice president, (iii) an individual who is the chief executive officer of a state contractor or prospective state contractor, which is not a business entity, or if a state contractor or prospective state contractor has no such officer, then the officer who duly possesses comparable powers and duties, (iv) an officer or an employee of any state contractor or prospective state contractor who has managerial or discretionary responsibilities with respect to a state contract, (v) the spouse or a dependent child who is eighteen years of age or older of an individual described in this subparagraph, or (vi) a political committee established or controlled by an individual described in this subparagraph or the business entity or nonprofit organization that is the state contractor or prospective state contractor.

"State contract" means an agreement or contract with the state or any state agency or any quasi-public agency, let through a procurement process or otherwise, having a value of fifty thousand dollars or more, or a combination or series of such agreements or contracts having a value of one hundred thousand dollars or more in a calendar year, for (i) the rendition of services, (ii) the furnishing of any goods, material, supplies, equipment or any items of any kind, (iii) the construction, alteration or repair of any public building or public work, (iv) the acquisition, sale or lease of any land or building, (v) a licensing arrangement, or (vi) a grant, loan or loan guarantee. "State contract" does not include any agreement or contract with the state, any state agency or any quasi-public agency that is exclusively federally funded, an education loan or a loan to an individual for other than commercial purposes.

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT
STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION
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**COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES
CONTRACT COMPLIANCE REGULATIONS
NOTIFICATION TO BIDDERS**

(Revised 09/17/07)

The contract to be awarded is subject to contract compliance requirements mandated by Sections 4a-60 and 4a-60a of the Connecticut General Statutes; and, when the awarding agency is the State, Sections 46a-71(d) and 46a-81i(d) of the Connecticut General Statutes. There are Contract Compliance Regulations codified at Section 46a-68j-21 through 43 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, which establish a procedure for awarding all contracts covered by Sections 4a-60 and 46a-71(d) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

According to Section 46a-68j-30(9) of the Contract Compliance Regulations, every agency awarding a contract subject to the contract compliance requirements has an obligation to “aggressively solicit the participation of legitimate minority business enterprises as bidders, contractors, subcontractors and suppliers of materials.” “Minority business enterprise” is defined in Section 4a-60 of the Connecticut General Statutes as a business wherein fifty-one percent or more of the capital stock, or assets belong to a person or persons: “(1) Who are active in daily affairs of the enterprise; (2) who have the power to direct the management and policies of the enterprise; and (3) who are members of a minority, as such term is defined in subsection (a) of Section 32-9n.” “Minority” groups are defined in Section 32-9n of the Connecticut General Statutes as “(1) Black Americans . . . (2) Hispanic Americans . . . (3) persons who have origins in the Iberian Peninsula . . . (4) Women . . . (5) Asian Pacific Americans and Pacific Islanders; (6) American Indians . . .” An individual with a disability is also a minority business enterprise as provided by Section 4a-60g of the Connecticut General Statutes. The above definitions apply to the contract compliance requirements by virtue of Section 46a-68j-21(11) of the Contract Compliance Regulations.

The awarding agency will consider the following factors when reviewing the bidder’s qualifications under the contract compliance requirements:

- (a) the bidder’s success in implementing an affirmative action plan;
- (b) the bidder’s success in developing an apprenticeship program complying with Sections 46a-68-1 to 46a-68-17 of the Administrative Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, inclusive;
- (c) the bidder’s promise to develop and implement a successful affirmative action plan;
- (d) the bidder’s submission of employment statistics contained in the “Employment Information Form”, indicating that the composition of its workforce is at or near parity when compared to the racial and sexual composition of the workforce in the relevant labor market area; and
- (e) the bidder’s promise to set aside a portion of the contract for legitimate minority business enterprises. See Section 46a-68j-30(10)(E) of the Contract Compliance Regulations.

INSTRUCTIONS AND OTHER INFORMATION

The following BIDDER CONTRACT COMPLIANCE MONITORING REPORT must be completed in full, signed, and submitted with the bid for this contract. The contract awarding agency and the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities will use the information contained thereon to determine the bidders compliance to Sections 4a-60 and 4a-60a CONN. GEN. STAT., and Sections 46a-68j-23 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies regarding equal employment opportunity, and the bidder’s good faith efforts to include minority business enterprises as subcontractors and suppliers for the work of the contract.

1) Definition of Small Contractor

Section 4a-60g CONN. GEN. STAT. defines a small contractor as a company that has been doing business under the same management and control and has maintained its principal place of business in Connecticut for a one year period immediately prior to its application for certification under this section, had gross revenues not exceeding ten million dollars in the most recently completed fiscal year, and at least fifty-one percent of the ownership of which is held by a person or persons who are active in the daily affairs of the company, and have the power to direct the management and policies of the company, except that a nonprofit corporation shall be construed to be a small contractor if such nonprofit corporation meets the requirements of subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subdivision 4a-60g CONN. GEN. STAT.

2) Description of Job Categories (as used in Part IV Bidder Employment Information)

MANAGEMENT: Managers plan, organize, direct, and control the major functions of an organization through subordinates who are at the managerial or supervisory level. They make policy decisions and set objectives for the company or departments. They are not usually directly involved in production or providing services. Examples include top executives, public relations managers, managers of operations specialties (such as financial, human resources, or purchasing managers), and construction and engineering managers.

BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS: These occupations include managers and professionals who work with the financial aspects of the business. These occupations include accountants and auditors, purchasing agents, management analysts, labor relations specialists, and budget, credit, and financial analysts.

MARKETING AND SALES: Occupations related to the act or process of buying and selling products and/or services such as sales engineer, retail sales workers and sales representatives including wholesale.

LEGAL OCCUPATIONS: In-House Counsel who is charged with providing legal advice and services in regards to legal issues that may arise during the course of standard business practices. This category also includes assistive legal occupations such as paralegals, legal assistants.

COMPUTER SPECIALISTS: Professionals responsible for the computer operations within a company are grouped in this category. Examples of job titles in this category include computer programmers, software engineers, database administrators, computer scientists, systems analysts, and computer support specialists.

ARCHITECTURE AND ENGINEERING: Occupations related to architecture, surveying, engineering, and drafting are included in this category. Some of the job titles in this category include electrical and electronic engineers, surveyors, architects, drafters, mechanical engineers, materials engineers, mapping technicians, and civil engineers.

OFFICE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT: All clerical-type work is included in this category. These jobs involve the preparing, transcribing, and preserving of written communications and records; collecting accounts; gathering and distributing information; operating office machines and electronic data processing equipment; and distributing mail. Job titles in this category include telephone operators, bill and account collectors, customer service representatives, dispatchers, secretaries and administrative assistants, computer operators and clerks (such as payroll, shipping, stock, mail and file).

BUILDING AND GROUNDS CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE: This category includes occupations involving landscaping, housekeeping, and janitorial services. Job titles found in this category include supervisors of landscaping or housekeeping, janitors, maids, grounds maintenance workers, and pest control workers.

CONSTRUCTION AND EXTRACTION: This category includes construction trades and related occupations. Job titles found in this category include boilermakers, masons (all types), carpenters, construction laborers, electricians, plumbers (and related trades), roofers, sheet metal workers, elevator installers, hazardous materials removal workers, paperhangers, and painters. Paving, surfacing, and tamping equipment operators; drywall and ceiling tile installers; and carpet, floor and tile installers and finishers are also included in this category. First line supervisors, foremen, and helpers in these trades are also grouped in this category.

INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR: Occupations involving the installation, maintenance, and repair of equipment are included in this group. Examples of job titles found here are heating, ac, and refrigeration mechanics and installers; telecommunication line installers and repairers; heavy vehicle and mobile equipment service technicians and mechanics; small engine mechanics; security and fire alarm systems installers; electric/electronic repair, industrial, utility and transportation equipment; millwrights; riggers; and manufactured building and mobile home installers. First line supervisors, foremen, and helpers for these jobs are also included in the category.

MATERIAL MOVING WORKERS: The job titles included in this group are Crane and tower operators; dredge, excavating, and lading machine operators; hoist and winch operators; industrial truck and tractor operators; cleaners of vehicles and equipment; laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand; machine feeders and offbearers; packers and packagers, hand; pumping station operators; refuse and recyclable material collectors; and miscellaneous material moving workers.

PRODUCTION WORKERS: The job titles included in this category are chemical production machine setters, operators and tenders; crushing/grinding workers; cutting workers; inspectors, testers sorters, samplers, weighers; precious stone/metal workers; painting workers; cementing/gluing machine operators and tenders; etchers/engravers; molders, shapers and casters except for metal and plastic; and production workers.

3) Definition of Racial and Ethnic Terms (as used in Part IV Bidder Employment Information)

White (not of Hispanic Origin)- All persons having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, North Africa, or the Middle East.

Black (not of Hispanic Origin) - All persons having origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa.

Hispanic- All persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.

Asian or Pacific Islander- All persons having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands. This area includes China, India, Japan, Korea, the Philippine Islands, and Samoa.

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

BIDDER CONTRACT COMPLIANCE MONITORING REPORT

PART I – Bidder Information

Company Name Street Address City, State & Zip Chief Executive	Bidder Federal Employer Identification Number _____ OR Social Security Number _____
Major Business Activity (Brief Description)	Bidder Identification (Response optional/definitions on page 1) -Bidder is a small contractor. Yes____ No____ -Bidder is a minority enterprise. Yes____ No____ (If yes, check ownership category) Black____ Hispanic____ Asian American____ American Indian/Alaska Native____ Iberian Peninsula____ Individual(s) with a Physical Disability____ Female____
Bidder Parent Company (If any)	-Bidder is certified as above by the State of CT? Yes____ No____ DAS Certification Number _____
Other Locations in CT (If any)	

PART II - Bidder Nondiscrimination Policies and Procedures

1. Does your company have a written Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity statement posted on company bulletin boards? Yes_____ No_____	7. Do all of your company contracts and purchase orders contain non-discrimination statements as required by Sections 4a-60 & 4a-60a Conn. Gen. Stat.? Yes_____ No_____
2. Does your company have the state-mandated sexual harassment prevention in the workplace policy posted on company bulletin boards? Yes_____ No_____	8. Do you, upon request, provide reasonable accommodation to employees, or applicants for employment, who have physical or mental disability? Yes_____ No_____
3. Do you notify all recruitment sources in writing of your company's Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity employment policy? Yes_____ No_____	9. Does your company have a mandatory retirement age for all employees? Yes_____ No_____
4. Do your company advertisements contain a written statement you are an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer? Yes_____ No_____	10. If your company has 50 or more employees, have you provided at least two (2) hours of sexual harassment training to all of your supervisors? Yes_____ No_____ NA_____
5. Do you notify the Ct. State Employment Service of all employment openings with your company? Yes_____ No_____	11. If your company has apprenticeship programs, do they meet the Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity requirements of the apprenticeship standards of the CT. Dept. of Labor? Yes_____ No_____ NA_____
6. Does your company have a collective bargaining agreement with workers? Yes_____ No_____	12. Does your company have a written affirmative action plan? Yes_____ No_____
6a. If yes, do the collective bargaining agreements contain nondiscrimination clauses covering all workers? Yes_____ No_____	If no, please explain.
6b. Have you notified each union in writing of your commitments under the nondiscrimination requirements of contracts with the State of CT? Yes_____ No_____	13. Is there a person in your company who is responsible for equal employment opportunity? Yes_____ No_____
	If yes, give name and phone number.

Part III - Bidder Subcontracting Practices

1. Will the work of this contract include subcontractors or suppliers? Yes_____ No_____
1a. If yes, please list all subcontractors and suppliers and report if they are a small contractor and/or a minority business Enterprise. (Defined on page 1; use additional sheets if necessary.)
1b. Will the work of this contract require additional subcontractors or suppliers other than those identified in 1a. above? Yes_____ No_____

Part IV – Bidder Employment Information

Date:

JOB CATEGORY*	OVERALL TOTALS	WHITE (not of Hispanic origin)		BLACK (not of Hispanic origin)		HISPANIC		ASIAN or PACIFIC ISLANDER		AMERICAN INDIAN or ALASKAN NATIVE	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Management											
Business & Financial Ops											
Marketing & Sales											
Legal Occupations											
Computer Specialists											
Architecture/ Engineering											
Office & Admin. Support											
Bldg/Grounds Cleaning/Maint.											
Construction & Extraction											
Installation, Maint. & Repair											
Material Moving Workers											
Production Operations											
TOTALS OF ABOVE											
Total One Year Ago											

FORMAL ON THE JOB TRAINEES (ENTRE FIGURES FOR THE SAME CATEGORIES AS ARE SHOWN ABOVE)

Apprentices											
Trainees											

***NOTE:** Job Categories can be changed or added to (EX. Sales can be added or replace a category not used in your company).

PART V – Bidder Hiring and Recruitment Practices

1. Which of the following recruitment sources are used by you? (Check yes or no and report percentage used.)				2. Check (X) any of the below listed requirements that you use as a hiring qualification.		3. Describe below any other practices or actions that you take which show that you hire, train and promote employees without discrimination.
SOURCE	YES	NO	% of applicants provided by source			
State Employment Service					Work Experience	
Private Employment Agencies					Ability to Speak or Write English	
Schools and Colleges					Written Tests	
Newspaper Advertisements					High School Diploma	
Walk Ins					College Degree	
Present Employees					Union Membership	
Labor Organizations					Personal recommendation	
Minority/Community Organizations					Height or weight	
Other (please identify)					Car Ownership	
					Arrest Record	
					Wage Garnishments	

CERTIFICATION (Read this form and check your statements on it CAREFULLY before signing).

I certify that the statements made by me on this BIDDER CONTRACT COMPLIANCE MONITORING REPORT are complete and true to the best of my knowledge and belief, and are made in good faith. I understand that if I knowingly make any misstatements of facts, I am subject to be declared in non-compliance with Section 4a-60, 4a-60a, and related sections of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Signature	Title	Date Signed	Telephone

**COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES
CONTRACT COMPLIANCE REGULATIONS
NOTIFICATION TO BIDDERS**

The contract to be awarded is subject to contract compliance requirements mandated by Sections 4a-60 and 4a-60a of the Connecticut General Statutes; and, when the awarding agency is the State, Sections 46a-71(d) and 46a-81i(d) of the Connecticut General Statutes. There are Contract Compliance Regulations codified at Section 46a-68j-21 through 43 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, which establish a procedure for awarding all contracts covered by Sections 4a-60 and 46a-71(d) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

According to Section 46a-68j-30(9) of the Contract Compliance Regulations, every agency awarding a contract subject to the contract compliance requirements has an obligation to “aggressively solicit the participation of legitimate minority business enterprises as bidders, contractors, subcontractors and suppliers of materials.” “Minority business enterprise” is defined in Section 4a-60 of the Connecticut General Statutes as a business wherein fifty-one percent or more of the capital stock, or assets belong to a person or persons: “(1) Who are active in daily affairs of the enterprise; (2) who have the power to direct the management and policies of the enterprise; and (3) who are members of a minority, as such term is defined in subsection (a) of Section 32-9n.” “Minority” groups are defined in Section 32-9n of the Connecticut General Statutes as “(1) Black Americans . . . (2) Hispanic Americans . . . (3) persons who have origins in the Iberian Peninsula . . . (4) Women . . . (5) Asian Pacific Americans and Pacific Islanders; (6) American Indians . . .” An individual with a disability is also a minority business enterprise as provided by Section 4a-60g of the Connecticut General Statutes. The above definitions apply to the contract compliance requirements by virtue of Section 46a-68j-21(11) of the Contract Compliance Regulations.

The awarding agency will consider the following factors when reviewing the bidder’s qualifications under the contract compliance requirements:

- (a) the bidder’s success in implementing an affirmative action plan;
- (b) the bidder’s success in developing an apprenticeship program complying with Sections 46a-68-1 to 46a-68-17 of the Administrative Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, inclusive;
- (c) the bidder’s promise to develop and implement a successful affirmative action plan;
- (d) the bidder’s submission of employment statistics contained in the “Employment Information Form”, indicating that the composition of its workforce is at or near parity when compared to the racial and sexual composition of the workforce in the relevant labor market area; and
- (e) the bidder’s promise to set aside a portion of the contract for legitimate minority business enterprises. See Section 46a-68j-30(10)(E) of the Contract Compliance Regulations.

This form is **MANDATORY** and must be completed, signed, and returned with the vendor’s bid.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CONTRACT COMPLIANCE
NOTIFICATION TO BIDDERS**

INSTRUCTION: Bidder must sign acknowledgment below, and return this form to the awarding agency with the bid proposal.

The undersigned duly authorized representative of the bidding vendor acknowledges receiving and reading a copy of the **NOTIFICATION TO BIDDERS**. (*Please print name under signature line.*)

Signature

Title

Date

On behalf of:

Vendor Name

Street Address

City State Zip

Federal Employee Identification Number
(FEIN/SSN)

This form is **MANDATORY** and must be completed, signed, and returned with the vendor's bid.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

OFFICE OF THE STATE COMPTROLLER

Notice to Proposers

Please be advised that the Office of the State Comptroller requires that each Proposer fill out sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 of the following Standard Contract and Conditions and return the completed document with their proposal.

OSC Standard Contract and Conditions

SECTION 1

This Agreement ("Agreement") is made and entered into as of the _____ of _____, 2009 ("Effective Date") by and between the State of Connecticut by and through the Office of the State Comptroller ("Comptroller"), and _____ ("Contractor") under the authority of Conn. Gen. Stat. Sections 3-112.

SECTION 2

CONTRACT PERIOD AND DEFINITIONS

This Agreement shall begin effective (start date) and shall expire on (end date), and the duties of the Contractor as set forth in Section 4 of this Agreement shall be completed by the Contractor no later than (hereinafter "end date").

Whenever the following terms or phrases are used in this Agreement, they shall have the following meaning unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

SECTION 3

NOTICE OF CHANGE AND TERMINATION

Unless otherwise expressly provided to the contrary, any other notice provided under this Agreement shall be in writing and may be delivered personally or by certified or registered mail. All notices shall be effective if delivered personally, or by certified or registered mail, to the following addresses:

Comptroller: Office of the Comptroller
55 Elm Street
Hartford, CT 06106
Attention: Michael Moschetti

Contractor: _____

Any request for written notice under this Agreement shall be made in the manner set forth in this section. The parties may change their respective addresses for notices under this paragraph upon prior written notification to the other.

If for any reason, the Contractor shall fail to fulfill in a timely manner and proper manner its obligations under this Agreement, the Comptroller shall thereupon have the right to terminate this Agreement by giving written notice to the Contractor of such termination and the reason therefore specifying the effective date thereof at least thirty (30) days before the effective date of such termination. In such event, all records and data prepared by the Contractor under this Agreement shall become available for audit. The Contractor shall not be relieved of liability to the Comptroller for damages sustained by the Comptroller by virtue of any breach of the Agreement by the Contractor, and the Comptroller may withhold any payments to the Contractor for the purposes of set-off until such time as the exact amount of damages to the Comptroller is determined.

The Comptroller or the Contractor may terminate this Agreement for any time by giving at least 60 days notice in writing to the other party. If the agreement is terminated by the Comptroller as provided herein, all fees earned up to the date of termination pursuant to _____ shall accrue and be paid to the Contractor.

SECTION 4 SPECIFICATION OF SERVICES

(Insert Outline of Work)

SECTION 5 COST AND SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

The COMPTROLLER shall pay the CONTRACTOR a total sum not to exceed _____ for services performed under this AGREEMENT.

The Contractor shall be compensated for fees based upon work performed, documented, and accepted by the Comptroller.

The Contractor shall submit invoices on a periodic basis, not less often than monthly. Invoices shall, at a minimum, include the Contractor name, the Contract Number, the Contractor's Federal Employer Identification Number, the billing period, and an itemization of expenses by line item.

Invoices for deliverables shall include an identification of the deliverable; if printed material, a copy of the deliverable; and the date that the deliverable was provided to the Comptroller.

Invoices for services billed by the hour shall include the name and title of the individual providing the services, the dates worked, the number of hours worked each day with a brief synopsis of the work performed, the rate being charged for the individual, and the total cost for that person's work during the billing period.

Invoices for expenses, if allowed, shall include a detailed account of expenses specifying the day when and purpose for which they were incurred as well as all receipts, invoices, bills and other available documentation as evidence of the actual cost of such expenses.

Such expenses may include, but are not limited to: mileage @ 50.5 cents per mile; costs of travel including airfare and hotels, and office expenses such as, phone calls, copying, postage and package delivery incurred in connection with the service pertaining to this AGREEMENT. All expenses will be reimbursed at cost.

SECTION 6 OTHER CONDITIONS

A. Entire Agreement

This Agreement embodies the entire agreement between the Comptroller and the Contractor on matters specifically addressed herein. The parties shall not be bound by or be liable for any statement, representation, promise, inducement or understanding of any kind or nature not set forth herein. This Agreement shall supersede all prior written agreements between the parties and their predecessors. No changes, amendments or modifications of any terms or conditions of the Agreement shall be valid unless reduced to writing and signed by both parties and where applicable approved by the Office of the Attorney General. The Contractor's proposal response was used as determinative in the request for proposal process that resulted in this Agreement.

B. Changes in Service

When changes in the services are required or requested by the Comptroller, Contractor shall promptly estimate their monetary effect and so notify the Comptroller. No change shall be implemented by Contractor unless it is approved by the Comptroller in writing; and, unless otherwise agreed to in writing, the provisions of this Agreement shall apply to all changes in the services. If the Comptroller determines that any change materially affects the cost or time of performance of this Agreement as a whole, Contractor and the Comptroller will mutually agree in writing to an equitable adjustment.

C. Independent Contractor

Contractor represents that it is fully experienced and properly qualified to perform the services provided for herein, and that it is properly licensed, equipped, organized, and financed to perform such services. Contractor shall act as an independent Contractor in performing this Agreement, maintaining complete control over its employees and all of its subcontractors. Contractor shall furnish fully qualified personnel to perform the services under this Agreement. Contractor shall perform all services in accordance with its methods, subject to compliance with this Agreement and all applicable laws and regulations. It is acknowledged that services rendered by the Contractor to the Comptroller hereunder do not in any way conflict with other contractual commitments with or by the Contractor.

If applicable, Contractor shall deliver copies of any and all current license(s) and registration(s) relating to the services to be performed under this Agreement to the Comptroller, at the time of the execution of this Agreement, as evidence that such are in full force and effect.

D. Laws and Regulations

The Agreement shall be deemed to have been made in the City of Hartford, State of Connecticut. Both Parties agree that it is fair and reasonable for the validity and construction of this Agreement that it shall be governed by, construed, and enforced in accordance with the laws and court decisions of the State of Connecticut without giving effect to its principles of conflicts of laws.

The Contractor agrees that the sole and exclusive means for the presentation of any claims against the State arising from this Agreement shall be in accordance with Chapter 53 of the Connecticut General Statutes (Claims Against the State) and the Contractor further agrees not to initiate legal proceedings in any State or Federal Court in addition to, or in lieu of, said Chapter 53 proceedings.

To the extent that any immunities provided by Federal law or the laws of the State of Connecticut do not bar an action against the State, and to the extent that these courts are courts of competent jurisdiction, for the purpose of venue, the complaint shall be made returnable to the Judicial District of Hartford only or shall be brought in the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut only, and shall not be transferred to any other court, provided, however, that nothing here constitutes a waiver or compromise of the sovereign immunity of the State of Connecticut. The Contractor waives any objection which it may now have or will have to the laying of venue of any Claims in any forum and further irrevocably submits to such jurisdiction in any suit, action or proceeding.

The Contractor shall provide written notice to the State of any litigation that relates to the services directly or indirectly financed under this Agreement or that has the potential to impair the ability of the Contractor to fulfill the terms and conditions of this Agreement, including but not limited to financial, legal or any other situation which may prevent the Contractor from meeting its obligations under the Agreement.

Contractor, its employees and representatives shall at all times comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, statutes, rules, regulations, and orders of governmental authorities, including those having jurisdiction over its registration and licensing to perform services under this Agreement.

E. Labor and Personnel

At all times, Contractor shall utilize approved, qualified personnel and any Comptroller approved subcontractors necessary to perform the services under this Agreement. Contractor shall advise the Comptroller promptly, in writing, of any labor dispute or anticipated labor dispute or other labor related occurrence known to Contractor involving Contractor's employees or subcontractors which may reasonably be expected to affect Contractor's performance of services under this Agreement. The Comptroller may then, at its option, ask Contractor to arrange for a temporary employee(s) or subcontractor(s) satisfactory to the Comptroller to provide the services otherwise performable by Contractor hereunder. The Contractor will be responsible to the Comptroller for any economic detriment caused the Comptroller by such subcontract arrangement.

Contractor shall, if requested to do so by the Comptroller, reassign from the Comptroller's account any employee or authorized representatives whom the Comptroller, in its sole discretion, determines is incompetent, dishonest, or uncooperative. In requesting the reassignment of an

employee under this paragraph, the Comptroller shall give ten (10) days notice to Contractor of the Comptroller's desire for such reassignment. Contractor will then have five (5) days to investigate the situation and attempt, if it so desires, to satisfy the Comptroller that the employee should not be reassigned; however, the Comptroller's decision in its sole discretion after such five (5) day period shall be final. Should the Comptroller still desire reassignment, then five days thereafter, or ten (10) days from the date of the notice of reassignment, the employee shall be reassigned from the Comptroller's account.

F. Conflicts, Errors, Omissions, and Discrepancies

In the event of any conflict between the provision of this Agreement and the provisions of Form CO-802A to which this Agreement is attached, the provisions of this Agreement shall control.

In case of conflicts, discrepancies, errors, or omissions among the various parts of this Agreement, any such matter shall be submitted immediately by Contractor to the Comptroller for clarification. The Comptroller shall issue such clarification within a reasonable period of time. Any services affected by such conflicts, discrepancies, errors, or omissions which are performed by Contractor prior to clarification by the Comptroller shall be at Contractor's risk.

G. Indemnity

Contractor hereby indemnifies and shall defend and hold harmless the State of Connecticut, the Comptroller, its officers, and its employees from and against any and all suits, actions, legal or administrative proceedings, claims, demands, damages, liabilities, monetary loss, interest, attorney's fees, costs and expenses of whatsoever kind or nature arising out of the performance of this Agreement, including those arising out of injury to or death of Contractor's employees or subcontractors, whether arising before, during, or after completion of the services hereunder and in any manner directly or indirectly caused, occasioned or contributed to in whole or in part, by reason of any act, omission, fault or negligence of Contractor or its employees, agents or subcontractors.

H. Nondisclosure

Contractor shall not release any information concerning the services provided pursuant to the Agreement or any part thereof to any member of the public, press, business entity or any official body unless prior written consent is obtained from the Comptroller.

I. Quality Surveillance and Examination of Records

All services performed by Contractor shall be subject to the inspection and approval of the Comptroller at all times, and Contractor shall furnish all information concerning the services.

The Comptroller or its representatives shall have the right at reasonable hours to examine any books, records, and other documents of Contractor or its subcontractors pertaining to work performed under this Agreement and shall allow such representatives free access to any and all such books and records. The Comptroller will give the Contractor at least twenty-four (24) hours notice of such intended examination. At the Comptroller's request, the Contractor shall provide the Comptroller with hard copies of or magnetic disk or tape containing any data or information in the possession or control of the Contractor which pertains to the Comptroller's business under

this Agreement. The Contractor shall incorporate this paragraph verbatim into any Agreement it enters into with any subcontractor providing services under this Agreement.

The Contractor shall retain and maintain accurate records and documents relating to performance of services under this Agreement for a minimum of three (3) years after the final payment by the Comptroller and shall make them available for inspection and audit by the Comptroller.

In the event that this Agreement constitutes a grant Agreement, and the Contractor is a public or private agency other than another state agency, the Contractor shall provide for an audit acceptable to the Comptroller, in accordance with the provisions of Conn. Gen. Stat. Sec. 7-396a.

J. Insurance

The Contractor, at its sole expense, agrees to secure and keep in full force and effect at all times during the term of this Agreement as defined in Section 2 above, a one million dollar (\$1,000,000) liability insurance policy or policies provided by an insurance company or companies licensed to do business in the State of Connecticut. Said policy or policies shall cover all of the Contractor's activities under this Agreement and shall state that it is primary insurance in regard to the, State of Connecticut, the Comptroller, its officers and employees. The State of Connecticut shall be named as an additional insured.

In addition, the Contractor shall at its sole expense maintain in effect at all times during the performance of its obligations hereunder the following additional insurance coverages with limits not less than those set forth below with insurers and under forms of policies approved by the State Insurance Commissioner to do business in Connecticut:

Coverage:

Minimum Amounts and Limits

- | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Workers' Compensation | Connecticut Statutory Requirements |
| 2. Employer's Liability | To the extent included under Workers' Compensation Insurance Policy |
| 3. Adequate comprehensive Vehicle Liability Insurance covering all vehicles owned or leased by Contractor and in the course of work under this Agreement: | |
| a. Bodily Injury Insurance meeting Connecticut statutory requirements; | |
| b. Property Damage Insurance meeting Connecticut statutory requirements; | |

None of the requirements contained herein as to types, limits, and approval of insurance coverage to be maintained by Contractor are intended to and shall not in any way limit or qualify the liabilities and obligations assumed by Contractor under this Agreement.

Contractor shall deliver Certificates of Insurance relating to all of the above referenced coverages to the Comptroller at the time of the execution of this Agreement as evidence that policies providing such coverage and limits of insurance are in full force and effect, which

Certificate shall provide that no less than thirty (30) days advance notice will be given in writing to the Comptroller prior to cancellation, termination or alteration of said policies of insurance.

K. Non-Waiver

None of the conditions of this Agreement shall be considered waived by the Comptroller or the Contractor unless given in writing. No such waiver shall be a waiver of any past or future default, breach, or modification of any of the conditions of this Agreement unless expressly stipulated in such waiver.

L. Promotion

Unless specifically authorized in writing by the Comptroller, the Contractor shall have no right to use, and shall not use, the name of the State of Connecticut, its officials or employees, the seal of the Comptroller, or the seal of the Comptroller:

1. In any advertising, publicity, promotion; nor
2. To express or imply any endorsement of the Contractor's products or services; nor

To use the names of the Comptroller, its officials or employees or the Comptroller seal or Comptroller's seal in any manner (whether or not similar to uses prohibited by subparagraphs 1 and 2 above), except as only to manufacture and deliver in accordance with this Agreement such items as are hereby contracted by the Comptroller, provided however, the use of the Comptroller seal shall require specific and express permission from the Secretary of the Comptroller.

M. Confidentiality

All data provided to Contractor by the Comptroller or developed internally by Contractor with regard to the Comptroller will be treated as proprietary to the Comptroller and confidential unless the Comptroller agrees in writing to the contrary. Contractor agrees to forever hold in confidence all files, records, documents, or other information as designated, whether prepared by the Comptroller or others, which may come into Contractor's possession during the term of this Agreement, except where disclosure of such information by Contractor is required by other governmental authority to ensure compliance with laws, rules, or regulations, and such disclosure will be limited to that actually so required. Where such disclosure is required, Contractor will provide advance notice to the Comptroller of the need for the disclosure and will not disclose absent consent from the Comptroller.

N. Subpoenas

In the event the Contractor's records are subpoenaed pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. Section 36a-43, the Contractor shall, within twenty-four (24) hours of service of the subpoena, notify the person designated for the Comptroller in Section 3 of this Agreement of such subpoena. Within thirty-six (36) hours of service, the Contractor shall send a written notice of the subpoena together with a copy of the same to the person designated for the Comptroller in Section 3 of this Agreement.

O. Survival

The rights and obligations of the parties which by their nature survive termination or completion of the Agreement, including but not limited to those set forth herein in sections relating to Indemnity, Nondisclosure, Promotion, and Confidentiality of this Agreement, shall remain in full force and effect.

P. Americans with Disabilities Act

This clause applies to those Contractors which are or will become responsible for compliance with the terms of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 during the term of the contract. Contractor represents that it is familiar with the terms of this Act and that it is in compliance with the law. Failure of the Contractor to satisfy this standard either now or during the term of the contract as it may be amended will render the contract voidable at the option of the Comptroller upon notice to the Contractor. Contractor warrants that it will hold the Comptroller harmless from any liability which may be imposed upon the Comptroller as a result of any failure of the Contractor to be in compliance with this Act.

Q. Non-Discrimination and Executive Orders

This Agreement is subject to the provisions of Executive Order No. Three of Governor Thomas J. Meskill, promulgated June 16, 1971, concerning labor employment practices, Executive Order No. Seventeen of Governor Thomas J. Meskill, promulgated February 15, 1973, concerning the listing of employment openings and Executive Order No. Sixteen of Governor John G. Rowland promulgated August 4, 1999, concerning violence in the workplace, all of which are incorporated into and are made a part of the Contract as if they had been fully set forth in it. At the Contractor's request, the Client Agency shall provide a copy of these orders to the Contractor.

This Agreement may also be subject to Executive Order No. 7C of Governor M. Jodi Rell, promulgated July 13, 2006, concerning contracting reforms and Executive Order No. 14 of Governor M. Jodi Rell, promulgated April 17, 2006, concerning procurement of cleaning products and services, in accordance with their respective terms and conditions.

Non-Discrimination -The Contractor agrees to the following provisions required pursuant to 4a-60a of the Connecticut General Statutes:

For the purposes of this section, "minority business enterprise" means any small Contractor or supplier of materials fifty-one percent or more of the capitol stock, if any, or assets of which is owned by a person or persons. (1) who are active in the daily affairs of the enterprise; (2) who have the power to direct the management and policies of the enterprise; and (3) who are member of a minority, as such term is defined in subsection (a) of Connecticut General Statutes section 32-9n; and "good faith" means that degree of diligence which a reasonable person would exercise in the performance of legal duties and obligations. "Good faith efforts" shall include, but not be limited to, those reasonable initial efforts necessary to comply with statutory or regulatory requirements and additional or substituted efforts when it is determined that such initial efforts will not be sufficient to comply with such requirements. For purposes of this section, "Commission" means the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities. For

purposes of this section, "Public works contract" means any agreement between any individual, firm or corporation and the state or any political subdivision of the state other than a municipality for construction, rehabilitation, conversion, extension, demolition or repair of a public building, highway or other changes or improvements in real property, or which is financed in whole or in part by the state, including but not limited to, matching expenditures, grants, loans, insurance or guarantees.

(1) The Contractor agrees and warrants that in the performance of the Agreement such Contractor will not discriminate or permit discrimination against any person or group of persons on the grounds of race, color, religious creed, age, marital status, national origin, ancestry, sex, mental retardation or physical disability, including, but not limited to blindness, unless it is shown by such Contractor that such disability prevents performance of the work involved, in any manner prohibited by the laws of the United States or of the State of Connecticut. The Contractor further agrees to take affirmative action to insure that applicants with job related qualifications are employed and that employees are treated when employed without regard to their race, color, religious creed, age, marital status, national origin, ancestry, sex, mental retardation, or physical disability, including, but not limited to, blindness unless it is shown by the Contractor that such disability prevents performance of the work involved; (2) the Contractor agrees, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, to state that it is an "affirmative action – equal opportunity employer" in accordance with regulations adopted by the Commission; (3) the Contractor agrees to provide each labor union or representative of workers with which the Contractor has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding and each vendor with which the Contractor has a contract or understanding, a notice to be provided by the Commission, advising the labor union or workers' representative of the Contractor's commitments under this section and to post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment; (4) the Contractor agrees to comply with each provision of this section and Connecticut General Statutes sections 46a-68e and 46a-68f and with regulation or relevant order issued by said Commission pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes sections 46a-56, 46a-68e and 46a-68f; (5) the Contractor agrees to provide the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities with such information requested by the Commission and permit access to pertinent books, records and accounts, concerning the works contract, the Contractor agrees and warrants that he will make good faith efforts to employ minority business enterprise as subcontractors and suppliers of materials on employment practices and procedures of this Contractor as relate to the provisions of this section and section 46a-56. If the contract is a public works contract, the Contractor agrees and warrants that he will make good faith efforts to employ minority business enterprises as subcontractors and suppliers of materials on such public works projects.

Determination of the Contractor's good faith efforts shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following factors: The Contractor's employment and subcontracting policies, patterns and practices: affirmative advertising, recruiting; technical assistance activities and such other reasonable activities or efforts as the Commission may prescribe that are designed to ensure the participation of minority business enterprises in public works projects.

The Contractor shall develop and maintain adequate documentation, in a manner prescribed by the Commission, of its good faith efforts.

The Contractor shall include the provisions of subsection _____ of this section in every subcontract or purchase order entered into in order to fulfill any obligation of a contract with the

State and such provisions shall be binding on a subcontractor, vendor or manufacturer unless exempted by regulations or orders of the Commission. The Contractor shall take such action with respect to any such subcontract or purchase order as the Commission may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 46a-56; provided, if such Contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the Commission, the Contractor may request the State of Connecticut to enter into any such litigation or negotiation prior thereto to protect the interests of the State and the State may so enter.

The Contractor agrees to comply with the regulations referred to in this Section as they exist on the date of this Agreement and as they may be adopted or amended from time to time during the term of this Agreement and any amendments thereto.

Non-discrimination Regarding Sexual Orientation - Unless otherwise provided by Connecticut General Statutes, Section 46a-51p, the Contractor agrees to the following provisions required pursuant to Section 4a-60a of the Connecticut General Statutes:

(1) The Contractor agrees and warrants that in the performance of the Agreement such Contractor will not discriminate or permit discrimination against any person or group of persons on the grounds of sexual orientation, in any manner prohibited by the laws of the United States or the State of Connecticut, and that employees are treated when employed without regard to their sexual orientation; (2) the Contractor agrees to provide each labor union or representative of workers with which such Contractor has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, and each vendor with which such Contractor has a contract or understanding, a notice to be provided by the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities advising the labor union or workers' representative of the Contractor's commitments under this section, and to post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment; (3) the Contractor agrees to comply with each provision of this section and with each regulation or relevant order issued by said Commission pursuant to Section 46a-56 of the Connecticut General Statutes; (4) the Contractor agrees to provide the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities with such information requested by the Commission, and permit access to pertinent books, records and accounts concerning the employment practices and procedures of the Contractor which relate to provisions of this section and Section 46a-56 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

The Contractor shall include the provisions of the foregoing paragraph in every subcontract or purchase order entered into in order to fulfill any obligation of a contract with the State and such provisions shall be binding on any subcontractor, vendor or manufacturer unless exempted by regulations or orders of the Commission. The Contractor shall take such action with respect to any such subcontract or purchase order as the Commission may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for non compliance in accordance with Section 46a-56 of the Connecticut General Statutes provided, if such Contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the Commission, the Contractor may request the State of Connecticut to enter into any such litigation or negotiation prior thereto to protect the interests of the State and the State may so enter.

S. Sovereign Immunity

Notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary contained in this Agreement, it is agreed and understood that the State of Connecticut shall not be construed to have waived any rights or defenses of sovereign immunity which it may have with respect to all matters arising out of this Agreement.

T. Assignment

This Agreement shall not be assigned by either party without the express prior written consent of the other.

U. Severability

If any part or parts of this Agreement shall be held to be void or unenforceable, such part or parts shall be treated as severable, leaving valid the remainder of this Agreement notwithstanding the part or parts found to be void or unenforceable.

V. Headings

The titles of the several sections, subsections, and paragraphs set forth in this Agreement are inserted for convenience of reference only and shall be disregarded in construing or interpreting any of the provisions of this Agreement.

W. Third Parties

The Comptroller shall not be obligated or liable hereunder to any party other than the Contractor.

X. Non Waiver

In no event shall the making by the Comptroller of any payment to the Contractor constitute or be construed as a waiver by the Comptroller of any breach of covenant, or any default which may then exist, on the part of the Contractor and the making of any such payment by the Comptroller while any such breach or default exists shall in no way impair or prejudice any right or remedy available to the Comptroller in respect to such breach or default.

Y. Contractor Certification

The Contractor certifies that the Contractor has not been convicted of bribery or attempting to bribe an officer or employee of the Comptroller, nor has the Contractor made an admission of guilt of such conduct which is a matter of record.

Z. Summary of State Ethics Laws

Pursuant to the requirements of section 1-101qq of the Connecticut General Statutes, the summary of State ethics laws developed by the State Ethics Commission pursuant to section 1-81b of the Connecticut General Statutes is incorporated by reference into and made a part of the Agreement as if the summary had been fully set forth in the Contract. (See Attachment A, attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein.)

Guide to the Code of Ethics For Current or Potential State Contractors



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INTRODUCTION

The Connecticut Office of State Ethics (OSE) is an independent regulatory agency for the state of Connecticut, charged with administering and enforcing Connecticut General Statutes, Chapter 10, Part I and Part II, with limited jurisdiction over Part IV.

The Ethics Codes under the OSE's jurisdiction are comprised of:

- The Code of Ethics for Public Officials (Part I);
- The Code of Ethics for Lobbyists (Part II); and
- Limited jurisdiction over Ethical Considerations Concerning Bidding and State Contracts (Part IV).

This guide provides general information only. The descriptions of the law and the OSE are not intended to be exhaustive. Please contact the OSE with any questions regarding interpretation of the law.

For more information on the subjects discussed in this guide, call, write or visit:

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18-20 Trinity Street
Suite 205
Hartford, CT 06106
860/566-4472
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THE OFFICE OF STATE ETHICS (OSE)

The Connecticut Office of State Ethics (OSE) was officially created on July 1, 2005, by Public Act 05-183. The governing body of the OSE is the Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board (CEAB), nine members appointed by the Governor and legislative leadership. The CEAB holds monthly meetings that are open to the public and that are often covered by CT-N. A schedule of CEAB meeting dates, times and locations is available on the OSE's Web site, www.ct.gov/ethics.

The OSE is an independent watchdog agency for the state of Connecticut that administers Connecticut General Statutes, Chapter 10, Parts I and II, with limited jurisdiction over Part IV.

Simply put, the OSE educates all those covered by the law (the "regulated community"); provides information to the public; interprets and applies the codes of ethics; and investigates potential violations of the codes.

The OSE is made up of the following components:

- Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board
- Executive Director
- Legal Division
- Enforcement Division

THE BIG PICTURE

All state officials and employees (except judges) are covered by Part I of the Code of Ethics for Public Officials (henceforth, Part I, or the Code). It is important to remember that certain provisions of the Code also apply to public officials and state employees after they leave state service.

As you read through this guide, be aware that these laws were enacted to prevent individuals from using their public position or authority for personal, financial benefit.

Each state agency also has its own ethics policy, which in many cases may be more restrictive than what follows. Be sure to obtain a copy of the agency's policy before you attempt to provide any benefit to an agency official or employee.

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GIVING BENEFITS TO STATE PERSONNEL

Gifts

As a current or potential state contractor, you are presumably doing business with or seeking to do business with a state agency, and are therefore considered to be a **regulated donor**. In general, public officials or state employees may not accept gifts from regulated donors.

Regulated Donors

Regulated donors include:

- Registered lobbyists (the OSE can tell you who is registered);
- Individuals or groups doing business with a state department or agency;
- Individuals or groups seeking to do business with a state department or agency;
- Individuals or groups engaged in activities regulated by a state department or agency; or
- Contractors pre-qualified by the Connecticut Department of Administrative Services (Conn. Gen. Stat. § 4a-100).

A **gift** is defined as anything of value that is directly and personally received by a public official or state employee (or sometimes family members of those two categories) *unless* consideration of equal or greater value is provided. Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-79 (e).

Gift Exceptions

There are, however, certain exceptions to this definition of gift. Not all exceptions are covered below; see Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-79 (e) (1) – (17) for the complete list.

- *Token Items* – Regulated donors such as current or potential state contractors may provide any item of value that is under \$10 (such as a pen, mug, or inexpensive baseball cap) to a public official or state employee, provided that the annual aggregate of such items from a single source is under \$50. Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-79 (e) (16).
- *Food and Beverage* – Regulated donors may also provide up to \$50 worth of food and beverage in a calendar year to a public official or state employee, provided that the regulated donor or his/her representative is in attendance when the food and/or beverage is being consumed. Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-79 (e) (9).
- *Training* – Vendors may provide public officials and state employees with training for a product purchased by a state or quasi-public agency provided such training is offered to all customers of that vendor. Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-79 (e)(17).

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- *Gifts to the State* – Regulated donors may provide what are typically referred to as “gifts to the state.” These gifts are goods and services provided to a state agency or quasi-public agency for use on state or quasi-public agency property or that support an event, and which facilitate state or quasi-public action or functions. Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-79 (e) (5).
- *Other Exceptions* – There are a total of 17 separate gift exceptions in the Code. Also exempt from the definition of gift are items such as informational materials germane to state action, ceremonial plaques or awards costing less than \$100, or promotional items, rebates or discounts also available to the general public. See Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-79 (e) (1) – (17).

Note: The popularly-cited exception for major life events does not apply to those who are regulated by, doing business with or seeking to do business with a state agency. The only regulated donor that can make use of this very narrow exception is a registered lobbyist.

Gift Provisions

Example: You are in the process of submitting a contracting bid to a state agency. You provide the agency head with a gift certificate for \$45 to a popular West Hartford eatery for her to use on her own. You have not previously given anything of value to this individual. Even though you are under the permissible \$50 food and beverage limit, this gift is not allowed because you or your representative will not be in attendance while the food and beverage is being consumed.

Reporting Requirements

Should you or your representative give anything of value to a public official or state employee, you must, within **10 days**, give the gift recipient and the head of that individual’s department or agency a written report stating:

- Name of the donor;
- Description of item(s) given;
- Value of such item(s); and
- Total cumulative value of all items to date given to that recipient during the calendar year.

This helps both you and the state employee keep track of the gift exceptions noted above, so that permissible limits are not exceeded. Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-84 (o).

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Necessary Expenses

You may provide necessary expenses to a public official or state employee **only** if the official or employee, in his/her official capacity, is actively participating in an event by giving a speech or presentation, running a workshop, or having some other active involvement.

Necessary expenses can include:

- Travel (not first class);
- Lodging (standard cost of room for the nights before, of, and immediately following the event);
- Meals; and
- Related conference expenses.

Entertainment costs (tickets to sporting events, golf outings, night clubs, etc.) are **not** necessary expenses. Necessary expense payments also **do not** include payment of expenses for family members or other guests.

Please note, within 30 days of receiving payment or reimbursement of necessary expenses for lodging or out-of-state travel, state employees must file an ETH-NE form with the Office of State Ethics (OSE). Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-84 (k).

Fees/Honorariums

Public officials and state employees may **not** accept fees or honorariums for an article, appearance, speech or participation at an event in their official capacity.

Fees or honorariums for such activities, if offered based solely on expertise and without any regard to official capacity, may be acceptable. Contact the OSE before offering such payment to an official or employee. Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-84 (k).

Necessary Expenses, Fees and Honorariums

Example: You invite a state employee to travel to New York City to give a speech to your managers on issues surrounding contracting with a state agency. You provide Amtrak fare for the employee as well as his spouse, who will spend the day in the city. The evening of the speech you will treat the employee and his spouse with complimentary tickets to a Broadway show in lieu of a speaking fee.

You may provide non-first class travel expenses only to the state employee who is actively participating in an event. In this case, you may only provide Amtrak fare for the employee giving the speech, not his spouse. Entertainment costs, such as tickets to a show, are not considered necessary expenses and may not be provided. Additionally, state employees may not accept fees or honorariums for a speech given in their official capacity.

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HIRING STATE PERSONNEL

Post-state Employment (Revolving Door)

If you are considering hiring a *former* state employee, you should be aware of the Code's post-state employment, or revolving door, provisions.

Lifetime Bans

- Former state employees may **never** disclose any confidential information they learned during the course of their state service for anyone's financial gain. Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-84a.
- A former state official or employee may **never** represent anyone other than the state regarding a particular matter in which he or she was personally or substantially involved while in state service and in which the state has a substantial interest. This prevents side-switching. Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-84b (a).

One-year Bans

- If you hire or otherwise engage the services of a former state official or employee, he or she may not represent you before his or her former agency for a period of **one year** after leaving state service. Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-84b (b). (See Advisory Opinion 2003-3, which provides a limited exception to this provision if the employee is providing purely technical expertise, for example, to help implement a previously-awarded contract. This exception applies to extremely limited circumstances; contact the OSE for guidance.)
- You are prohibited from hiring a former state official or employee for a period of **one year** after he or she leaves state service if that individual was substantially involved in, or supervised, the negotiation or award of a contract (that you or your business was a party to) valued at \$50,000 or more, and the contract was signed within his or her last year of state service. Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-84b (f).
- Employees who held certain specifically-designated positions (with significant decision-making or supervisory responsibility) at certain state regulatory agencies are prohibited from seeking or accepting employment with any business subject to regulation by the individual's agency within **one year** of leaving the agency. Note that there is an exception for *ex-officio* board or commission members. Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-84b (c).

Post-state Employment

Example: You run a hospital regulated by the Office of Health Care Access (OHCA). You would like to offer a job to the former Commissioner of OHCA, who has been out of state service for 5 months.

Because the hospital is regulated by a state agency whose Commissioner is specifically designated in 1-84b (c), the former head of such agency would not be permitted to accept employment with you for one full year after leaving state service. See Advisory Opinion 2003-19.

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Outside Employment for Current Public Officials and State Employees

If you are considering hiring a *current* state employee, especially from a state agency with which you do business or by which you are regulated, you should be aware of the following rules regarding the employment of current state employees.

- A current state employee may not accept outside employment that impairs his or her independence of judgment regarding his or her state duties, or that encourages him or her to disclose confidential information learned in his or her state job. Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-84 (b).
- A current state employee may not use his or her state position for financial gain, however inadvertent that use may be. For example, a current state employee who exercises any contractual, supervisory or regulatory authority over you or your business may not be able to work for you. Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-84 (c).

Other Considerations

Business entities engaged in Indian gaming activities in the state should be aware of specific provisions that apply to present or former Gaming Policy Board or Division of Special Revenue public officials or employees. See Conn. Gen. Stat. §§ 1-84b (d) and (e).

Outside Employment

Example: Your small business occasionally receives grants or contracts from Agency X. You know that a particular contract manager with Agency X has the skills you need to help you grow your business. This employee has expressed interest in earning a little extra money for himself, while helping you with your business in the evenings and on weekends.

It would constitute an impermissible impairment of judgment for the employee of Agency X, who has contract management responsibilities, to accept outside employment with your business - a business that receives grants or contracts from Agency X.

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OTHER PROVISIONS

Prohibited Activities for Consultants or Independent Contractors

If you are hired by the state as a consultant or independent contractor, you are prohibited from the following:

- Using your authority under the contract or any confidential information acquired during the course of the contract for your financial gain or the financial gain of your immediate family;
- Accepting another state contract that would impair your independence of judgment or your performance in your existing state contract;
- Accepting anything of value based on the understanding that your actions on behalf of the state would be influenced;

Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-86e (1) – (3); see also Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-101nn.

Gift and/or Campaign Contribution Certifications

Contractors seeking large state contracts must provide certifications regarding gifts and/or campaign contributions made to certain state employees or public officials in the two-year period prior to the submission of a bid or proposal. Copies of these certifications and other updated information regarding state contractors can be found on the Web sites of the Department of Administrative Services (www.das.state.ct.us) and the Office of Policy and Management (www.opm.state.ct.us).

Investment Services and the Office of the Treasurer

If you or your business provides investment services, as defined in the Code, and you make a political contribution in connection with the Office of the Treasurer, you may be prohibited from contracting with that office. See Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-84 (n).

Registering as a Lobbyist

If you or your business spends or receives over \$2,000 in a calendar year for activities that constitute lobbying under Part II of the Code of Ethics (whether to affect legislation or the actions of an administrative state agency), you/your business may have to register as a lobbyist with the Office of State Ethics. Lobbyist registration information is available at www.ct.gov/ethics.

Contribution Ban for Communicator Lobbyists (Conn. Gen. Stat. § 9-610 (g) and (h).)

Registered communicator lobbyists, their affiliated political action committees (PACs) as well as members of their immediate families are banned from soliciting or donating political campaign contributions. Please contact the State Elections Enforcement Commission at 860-566-1776 for more information.

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Sessional Contribution Ban for Client Lobbyists (Conn. Gen. Stat. § 9-610 (e).)

Registered lobbyists and their affiliated political action committees (PACs) are banned from soliciting or donating political campaign contributions. Specifically, there is a temporary ban while the General Assembly is in session that applies to all registered client lobbyists and their affiliated PACs. Please contact the State Elections Enforcement Commission at 860-566-1776 for more information.

Public Act 05-287

Public Act 05-287 prohibits anyone who is a party (or seeking to become a party) to a large state construction, procurement, or consultant services contract over \$500,000 from:

- Soliciting information from a public official or state employee that is not available to other bidders for that contract, with the intent to obtain a competitive advantage;
- Intentionally or recklessly charging a state agency for work not performed or goods or services not provided;
- Falsifying invoices or bills; or
- Intentionally violating or circumventing state competitive bidding and ethics laws.

This Act also requires any prospective state contractor to affirm in writing that he or she has received a summary of the state's ethics laws and that his or her key employees have read and understood the summary and agree to comply with the applicable provisions. Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-101qq.

An affirmation form is available through the Department of Administrative Services.

Executive Orders

Executive Order 3

Under this Order, the Department of Administrative Services established and maintains on its Web site the State Contracting Portal for purposes of posting all contracting opportunities with state agencies and providing information on contracting processes and procedures.

Executive Order 7C

This Order covers the State Contracting Standards Board, established to conduct a comprehensive review of existing procurement and contracting laws and prepare a uniform code to govern all aspects of procurement and contracting by January 1, 2007.

The full text of these Executive Orders can be found on the Governor's Web site, www.ct.gov/governorrell/site/default.asp.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION

This guide provides general information only. The descriptions of the law and the OSE are not intended to be exhaustive. For more information regarding the Code of Ethics as it pertains to current or potential state contractors, please contact the Office of State Ethics, Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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