

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)**  
**UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION ADMINISTRATION**

**I. STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVES**

The State of Connecticut, Office of the State Comptroller, is soliciting proposals to enter into an agreement with a contractor qualified to administer the State of Connecticut Unemployment Compensation Program. The contractor must be thoroughly knowledgeable in Connecticut Unemployment Compensation laws and must fulfill the defined expectations in this RFP. The contract will be effective for a three-year period beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2018. At the Comptroller's option the contract may be extended for up to two additional one-year periods.

**II. BACKGROUND**

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 3-117a, the Comptroller has contracted for the services of an administrator for its Unemployment Compensation Program since 1987. The selected vendor will report to the Healthcare Policy & Benefit Services Division, Employee Benefits Unit and will not operate as an independent agent unless specifically requested to do so by the Division. The State of Connecticut is a reimbursable employer with approximately 78,000 active employees. The current unemployment claims vendor is Employers Edge, LLC. A summary of claims activity for the past three years, prepared by Employers Edge, is attached as Exhibit 1 hereto.

**III. SCOPE OF WORK**

The Comptroller's Office will utilize the services of the contractor to administer and manage Unemployment Compensation claims filed by State employees, to provide counseling to State agencies in fulfilling their responsibilities with regard to such claims, to represent the State at all administrative hearings involving such claims, and to assist with providing employment, income and wage verification services in connection with inquiries from the State Labor Department and other governmental agencies.

## **A. Scope**

Contractor will provide administration and management of the Unemployment Compensation claims filed by State employees, counseling to and representation of the State at all administrative hearings involving such claims, and provision of employment, income and wage verification services in response to requests for information and audits by the State Department of Labor, social Security and other governmental entities.

## **B. Contractor Responsibilities**

### **1. State's Agent for Unemployment Compensation Claims**

The Contractor shall be the State's agent for notices of all Unemployment Compensation claims filed by State employees. There are currently 151 agencies with individual State UI tax identification numbers. The Contractor shall establish itself as the agent of record for the State with the Employment Security Division (ESD) of the State Labor Department in order to facilitate and expedite notice and representation of Unemployment Compensation claims for all agencies of the State. In addition, the Contractor will be the State's agent for receipt of and compliance with employment, wage and income verification requests from the State Labor Department or other governmental agencies, such as Social Security, child support enforcement agencies, etc.

### **2. Unemployment Compensation Claims Administration**

Upon receipt of the initial Unemployment Compensation claim notice issued by ESD, the Contractor shall examine the employee separation data files, consult with agency personnel to determine the reason for separation, and conduct any other necessary investigation to establish the existence of any other current Unemployment Compensation claims for the claimant.

The Contractor shall develop a response (protest) to the claim on behalf of the State and forward the same to the ESD within the time permitted by law.

The Contractor shall enter the claim and all supporting data produced as the result of Contractor's investigation into the computer claim data base maintained by Contractor.

Upon receipt of a determination of an Unemployment Compensation claim by the ESD, the Contractor shall make a timely review of the determination. If the determination is favorable to the State, the Contractor shall update the status of the claim in Contractor's data base. In the event the ESD approves the Unemployment Compensation claim, the Contractor shall consult on a timely basis with the appropriate personnel of the employing agency to obtain any required additional

information or to clarify any points that have developed since the hearing on the claim. Unless new information is developed which indicates that the determination should not be appealed, the Contractor on behalf of the State shall file a timely appeal. The Contractor shall update its data base to reflect each appeal. Upon the conclusion of the appeal process the Contractor shall notify OSC and the employing State agency of the final disposition of the claim.

### **3. Employment, Wage and Income Verification**

Upon receipt of requests for Audit or Certification of Income from the State Labor Department, Social Security Administration, or state courts in connection with child support obligations, the Contractor shall retrieve information from the State's payroll files and provide the requested information in the format specified in a timely fashion. Sample Certification of Earnings Forms as used by the Department of Labor are attached as Exhibit 2.

**Please Note:** State Department of Labor Audit responses require that wage and income data be furnished in the specified format using a Sunday through Saturday schedule. For most employees, the State's biweekly payroll schedules are based on pay periods beginning on Friday and ending on Thursday. The selected vendor will be expected to work with the State to develop a process to deliver requested information to the State Labor Department in the required format.

State employees are paid via an Oracle/Peoplesoft mainframe system, known as CORE-CT. The State will arrange for the selected vendor to have access to payroll data to assist with certification of earnings and income verification. Approximately 75% of employees are currently assigned to agencies using the Peoplesoft HRMS Time & Labor and Payroll modules.

The remaining 25% of employees (assigned to the Judicial Department, Legislative Management, University of Connecticut, and University of Connecticut Healthcare Center) are paid through CORE-CT; however, their time and labor details are not present in the system.

Although there is a plan to migrate non-participating agencies to the CORE-CT Time and Labor and Payroll Modules; the selected vendor should anticipate that an interim solution will need to be developed for obtaining relevant information from these agencies and for submitting data to the State Labor Department in a timely fashion.

### **4. Level of Activity**

The State experienced the following claims activity calendar year 2014. See Exhibit 1 (attached):

<b>2014</b>	
Claims Processed	1815
Claims Protested	442
Hearings Conducted	106
2 <sup>nd</sup> Level Appeals Filed	2

<b>2013</b>	
Claims Processed	2143
Claims Protested	516
Hearings Conducted	110
2 <sup>nd</sup> Level Appeals Filed	3

<b>2012</b>	
Claims Processed	2108
Claims Protested	656
Hearings Scheduled	167
2 <sup>nd</sup> Level Appeals Filed	18

#### **IV. EXPECTED RESULTS**

The contractor is expected to respond to the following requirements:

- A. Evaluate all pertinent State personnel handbooks and Unemployment Compensation procedures; determine the best method of coverage under the law.
- B. Process and store employee payroll and separation data relating to unemployment claims.
- C. Processing of all unemployment claim forms; responding promptly and accurately to all claim inquiries.
- D. Protested all questionable claims and improper determinations.
- E. Auditing the claimant's eligibility, the State's liability, and the benefit period for each claim.
- F. Counseling and representation at all levels of unemployment compensation hearings, assisting agency personnel to prepare for hearings and conducting factual investigations, representing the State at administrative appeal hearings, including first and second level hearings...
- G. Auditing all benefit charges assessed against the State and protesting all improper charges.
- H. Ensuring that all disqualifications are fully enforced.
- I. Production and distribution of appropriate management reports.
- J. Provide unemployment compensation claims procedure manuals for State of Connecticut management personnel.

- K. Make written and verbal recommendations to reduce unemployment compensation costs and implement cost control programs.
- L. Provide timely responses to requests for verification of earnings in connection with audits and other requests for information by the State Labor Department in the format required;
- M. Provide timely responses to requests for verification of employment and earnings issued by Social Security, child support enforcement and similar governmental agencies;
- N. Where time and labor information is not available in CORE-CT data files, and in consultation with the State develop a process for obtaining and transmitting necessary information to State Department of Labor and other governmental agencies, in response to audit and income verification requests in a timely manner.

## **V. SELECTION PROCESS AND SCHEDULE**

### **A. Request for Proposals and Response Phase**

1/30/2015	Release of RFP
2/10/2015	1:30 p.m. Deadline for submitting Notice of Intent to Bid to OSC
2/10/2015	1:30 p.m. Deadline for vendors to submit questions via email using <a href="mailto:osc.rfp.@ct.gov">osc.rfp.@ct.gov</a> .
2/17/2015	OSC answers questions received via email to all Contractors
2/27/2015	1:30 p.m. Deadline for submitting proposals to OSC.

### **B. Estimated Dates for Review and Selection Schedule**

3/1/2015- 3/08/2015	Reading and Scoring of Proposals by Screening Committee	
3/16/2015- 3/17/2015	Finalist Interviews	See note 1
3/25/2015	Vendor Selection	
4/01/2015	Contract negotiations	
4/15/2015	Conversion Process begins	See note 2
7/01/2015	Effective date	

#### ***Notes:***

1. **Finalist Interviews.** Contractors may be expected to make a presentation in Hartford, Connecticut to the Screening Committee, followed by a question and answer period. The number of finalists to be selected for interviews has yet to be determined.

2. **Conversion.** It is the State's requirement that, following the successful conclusion of contract negotiations, the selected vendor will develop and thereafter follow a work plan with implementation on July 1, 2015.

## **VI. INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS**

### **A. Terms and Conditions**

Any Contractor responding to this RFP must be willing to adhere to the following conditions and must so state in its submission:

1. **Acceptance or Rejection by the State** - The State reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals submitted for consideration. All proposals will remain sealed 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.
3. **Ownership of Proposals** - All proposals in response to this RFP are to be the sole property of the State. The State of Connecticut is not responsible for any costs incurred by any party in responding to this RFP.
4. **Ownership of Subsequent Products** - Any product, whether acceptable or unacceptable, developed under the contract awarded as a result of this RFP is to be the sole property of the State unless otherwise stated 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** - Timing and sequence of events resulting from this RFP will ultimately be determined by the State.
7. **Stability of Proposed Prices** - Any price offerings from Contractors must be valid for a period of one hundred eighty (180) days from the due date of contractor proposals.
8. **"Not to Exceed" Quotations** - All cost estimates will be considered as "not to exceed" quotations.
9. **Exclusion of Taxes from Prices** - The State of Connecticut is exempt from the payment of excise, transportation, and sales taxes imposed by the Federal Government and the State. Such taxes must be excluded from quoted prices.
10. **Prohibition of Commissions** - The State of Connecticut will contract directly with organizations capable of performing the requirements of this RFP. Contractors must be represented directly. Participation by brokers or commissioned agents will not be allowed during the proposal process or during the term of the proposed contract.
11. **Oral Agreements** - Any alleged oral agreement or arrangement made by a Contractor with any agency or employee will be superseded by the written agreement.

12. **Amending or Canceling Requests** - The State reserves the right to amend or cancel this RFP, prior to the due date and time, if it is in the best interests of the State.
13. **Rejection for Default or Misrepresentation** - The State reserves the right to reject the proposal of any Contractor which is in default of any prior contract or for misrepresentation.
14. **State's Clerical Errors in Awards** - The State reserves the right to correct inaccurate awards resulting from its clerical errors.
15. **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.
16. **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.
17. **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 State may be required at the Contractor's expense.
18. **Collusion** - By responding, 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.
19. **Remittance File Layout/ Submission Requirements** - The selected Contractor must conform to the file layout requirements of the State of Connecticut Core-CT. In addition, all Contractors must confirm that they can access the Core-CT portal address from the Production Supplier Portal URL:  
<https://corect.ct.gov:10400/psp/PSPRD/?cmd=login> and the Test Supplier Portal URL: <https://corect.ct.gov:15000/psp/PSTPR/?cmd=login>, as set forth below.
20. **Freedom of Information** – After the contract is awarded all materials associated with this RFP and the eventual contract may be subject to disclosure under the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”), Conn. Gen. Stat. §§1-210 *et seq.* and all corresponding rules, regulations and interpretations. **Any Contractor who submits matter that the Contractor in good faith determines to contain trade secrets or confidential commercial or financial information must label such information as “CONFIDENTIAL” and provide two redacted copies of its RFP response in electronic format (CD or DVD), which may be disclosed without objection in the event that the State receives a FOIA request for its proposal.**

**B. Proposal Submission Requirements**

1. **Conformance** - All responses to this RFP must conform to these instructions. Failure to conform may be considered appropriate cause for rejection of the response.
2. **Communication Blackout Period** - Except as called for in this RFP, Contractors may not communicate about the RFP with any of the following: the Healthcare

Policy & Benefit Services Division (HPBSD) within the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC); until the successful bidder is selected.

3. **Notice of Intent to Bid** - The notice of intent to bid (Exhibit 3) will be due at the Office of the State Comptroller by 1:30 P.M. on February 10, 2015. In the notice, the Contractor must provide an email address for communication of information about the RFP, answers to questions submitted by Contractors, and other matters about the Contractor selection process. The form may be submitted by fax to 860-702-3662 or emailed to [osc.rfp@ct.gov](mailto:osc.rfp@ct.gov).

**No bids will be accepted from Contractors that fail to submit a Notice of Intent to Bid.**

4. **Questions regarding RFP**--Contractors who may have questions regarding the proposal must submit them in writing addressed to the screening committee at: [osc.rfp@ct.gov](mailto:osc.rfp@ct.gov) by 1:30 p.m. on Monday, February 10, 2015. It is expected that the screening committee will provide responses to those questions submitted by **3:00 p.m. on February 17, 2015.**
5. **Delivery of Responses** - The Contractor shall submit **an original plus six (6) copies** of its proposal in loose-leaf binders. The original must include **two (2) electronic copies on CD/DVD format** of all materials submitted in response to the RFP.

RFP responses must be in sealed envelopes upon which a clear indication has been made of the RFP reference title, as well as the date and time the proposal is due. The name and address of the Contractor must appear on the envelope. FAX responses are not acceptable. **Proposals shall be submitted to:**

STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
Office of the State Comptroller  
**Attention: Sarah Ormerod**  
**Business Services Office**  
55 Elm Street  
Hartford, CT 06106

6. **Deadline for Submission:** Final proposals must be in writing and received by 1:30 p.m. on **Friday, February 27, 2015.**

**C. Structure of Proposals.** Contractors must structure the responses as outlined below:

1. **Title Page:** The title page should indicate the date, subject, name(s) and title of Contractor, address (es), e-mail address, telephone and fax number(s) of the Contractor and/or individual(s) responsible for responding to this request.
2. **Signature of Responsible Persons:** The proposal must be signed by an authorized official. The proposal must also provide name, title, address, and telephone number for individuals with authority to negotiate and contractually bind the Contractor, and for those who may be contacted for the purpose of clarifying the information provided.



3. **Organizational Structure:** A general description of the Contractor's organization, 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.).
4. **Offices:** A description of the Contractor's office that would support the contractual services, including its geographic location, staffing level, the background, experience, and qualifications of personnel, as well as other available resources.
5. **Questionnaire:** Contractors must complete the Questionnaire in Section VIII below.
6. **Experience/Qualifications:** A description of the Contractor's experience specific to the services requested in this RFP, including the relevant experience of the staff/principal(s) who would be assigned to this project. List all comparable governmental agencies, corporations, and organizations for which the staff members designated for the engagement of services sought by this RFP have provided these services to within the past two (2) years, specifying those with a unionized workforce. In addition, the listing should include the number of years that the Contractor has been retained by comparable governmental agencies, corporations, and organizations to provide such services. Contractors are encouraged to identify other experience, factors, or strengths that they possess which may assist the Comptroller in its selection process.
7. **Financial Condition:** If the Proposer is a firm or corporation, include the two most recent annual financial statements prepared by an independent Certified Public Accountant, and reviewed or audited in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (USA). If a Proposer has been in business for less than two years, such Proposer must include any financial statements prepared by a Certified Public Accountant, and reviewed or audited in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (USA) for the entire existence of such firm or corporation.
8. **References:** Names, addresses, and phone numbers of individuals who can serve as references. References should be managers and union officials who have worked directly with the Contractor in engagements relevant to the scope of the work proposed in the RFP.
9. **Computer Systems:** Description of on-site computer system Contractor will be using and any specific file layouts required by Contractor in order to provide employment, wage and income verifications.
10. **Backup Equipment:** Description of alternative backup for all equipment which may be used by Contractor.
11. **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).
12. **Recommended Work Plan:** 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.
13. **Work Samples and Reporting Capability:** A sample of any relevant publications, reports, policy and procedural recommendations, memoranda, etc. from previous consulting engagements that the Contractor transmits to clients on a regular basis concerning the scope of work proposed in this RFP. Include information about

website capability and customizable reports and available data that can be provided to the State.

14. **Fee Structure:** Provide aggregate rates, along with the total maximum, not to exceed cost per month. Please note that the State pays invoices monthly, in arrears. 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.
15. **Conflict of Interest:** Disclose any current or past (within the last ten years) business relationships which may pose a conflict of interest.
16. **Regulatory Issues:** Disclose any regulatory problems experienced in the past ten years.
17. **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](http://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.

18. **Gift and Campaign Certification:** The Contractor is required by the Office of the State Comptroller to provide an affidavit detailing campaign contributions and any gifts, as that term is defined in Section 1-79(e) of the Connecticut General Statutes, given to officers or employees of the OSC for the two year period preceding the issuance of the RFP. (See attached form.)
19. **Consulting Affidavit Form:** The affidavit is required to be submitted as part of the contractor's response (See attached form).
20. **Affirmations Concerning Contract and Conditions:** Include a statement that the Proposer has read and accepts the RFP's conditions, the agency's standard contract and conditions, and the State's contract compliance requirements in their entirety and without amendment. (See attached sample contract.)
21. **Executive Summary:** At the Contractor's option, an Executive Summary may be included in the Proposal.
22. **Redacted CD/DVD:** If the Contractor asserts that any portion of its proposal constitutes confidential or trade secret information, the Contractor must submit 2

electronic copies of its proposal from which all materials asserted to contain trade secrets or confidential commercial information and exempt from disclosure under Connecticut's Freedom of Information Act have been redacted.

## **VII. EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS**

Each Proposal will be evaluated by a screening committee against the following criteria to determine which contractor is most capable of implementing the State's requirements.

- The benefit of the product or service to the State
- The price or rate of the product or service, including competitiveness of proposed cost.
- The skill, ability, competence and integrity of the Contractor and Contractor's personnel to deliver such service including the Contractor's understanding of the project's purpose and scope, as evidenced by the proposed approach and the level of effort.
- The past performance of the Contractor. In considering past performance, the screening committee will evaluate the skill, ability and integrity of the applicant in terms of the applicant's fulfillment of past contract obligations, and experience or lack thereof in delivering the same or similar services.
- At the Comptroller's option, presentation to a screening committee.
- Any other information that the screening committee or the Comptroller deems necessary.

## **VIII. QUESTIONNAIRE**

### **A. Organization and History**

1. Provide a brief overview and history of your company, including a functional organizational chart. Describe any parent/subsidiary/affiliate relationships.
2. Are you currently participating in any alliances or joint marketing efforts? If so, please describe in detail.
3. Indicate how many years your company has been providing unemployment claims administration services.
4. Are there any pending contracts to merge or sell your company or any portion thereof?
5. Has your company undergone any change in senior management in the last five years? If so, describe the change in detail.
6. What was the total staff turnover for 2014?
7. Describe the resources your company maintains to monitor legislation affecting unemployment insurance benefits and how you communicate this information to your clients.
8. If any portion of this contract is to be subcontracted, please set forth the parts to be subcontracted and the reasons for the subcontracting, indicating the percent of total contract to be subcontracted, and the number of years you have worked with the subcontractor, and subcontractor's relevant work history.

**B. Relevant Experience**

1. Give the number of years' experience your company has providing unemployment claims administration services.
2. Identify the number of entities for which you provide unemployment insurance administration by the number of covered employees.

<b>Unemployment Claims Administration Clients by Size</b>	
<b>Number of Employees</b>	<b>Number of Clients</b>
Up 500	
500 to 5000	
5000 to 25,000	
25,000 to 50,000	
Over 50,000	
Total	

3. Please provide the requested detail about the mix of clients for which you provide unemployment claims processing.

<b>Unemployment Claims Administration by Client Type</b>	
	<b>Number of Clients</b>
Corporate Clients	
Municipal Clients	
State Government Clients	

4. Identify the number of entities for which you provide income verification or wage audit services?

<b>Wage and Income Verification Clients by Size</b>	
<b>Number of Employees</b>	<b>Number of Clients</b>
Up 500	
500 to 5000	
5000 to 25,000	
25,000 to 50,000	
Over 50,000	
Total	

5. Describe your methods for protecting the security of demographic and wage information obtained from clients.

6. Have you had any data breaches or security problems involving client data or wage information in the past five years? If so, describe the incidents and the measures implemented by you to correct them.
7. How many of unemployment administration clients have you gained in the last three years?
8. How many unemployment administration clients have you lost in the last three years?
9. List the five clients most recently retained by your firm for unemployment claims administration, including the number of employees the client has, annual claims activity and claims expenditures and the year when your company was retained.
10. How many of your clients for unemployment compensation administration are based in Connecticut? Please describe.

**C. Claims Administration**

1. How many of your staff would be assigned to this account? What percentage of their time would be devoted to this account? Please provide resumes for key account members and the proposed reporting structure.
2. What training is provided to staff regarding Connecticut unemployment law?
3. Describe your processes for receiving and processing claims notices?
4. Describe your experience in working with employer groups and your expectations of your responsibilities for obtaining and preserving protest rights if there is a delay in receipt of claims notices?
5. Describe your approach to resolving claims where agency sources are being uncooperative in providing necessary information. What steps would you take to resolve the situation?
6. Do you have client experience with government agencies utilizing sworn (Police and Fire) personnel?
7. Describe your client experience with processing unemployment claims for institutions of higher education utilizing large numbers of adjunct and part-time faculty? Indicate your methods for demonstrating reasonable assurance of rehire in connection with claims for unemployment by adjunct and part-time faculty during summer and semester breaks.
8. Describe the decision making process for reaching a determination that a discharge or voluntary quit should not be protested. Do you contact the employer to request approval prior to closing out these claims?

**D. Hearing Representation**

1. Please describe how you propose to provide representation at unemployment claims hearings on behalf of the State of Connecticut?
2. What qualifications are required for hearing representation?
3. What measures are in place to maintain standards and assess the effectiveness of hearing representatives?
4. Describe your hearing representatives' approach to preparing for a hearing?

5. Is it your practice to have representatives conduct investigations and prepare witnesses prior to the hearing taking place?
6. Please describe your process for assisting clients determine whether or not to pursue an appeal of an adverse determination?
7. If an appeal is required describe your process for constructing an appeal and submit two sample appeals.

**E. Auditing, Reporting and Data**

1. Describe your verification process for claims and any process for determining whether overpayment exists.
2. Will you protest overpayment on individual claims?
3. Describe how you will create records and produce reports of claims expenditures to include data on each claim. How many working days will it take to update your systems?
4. Describe your capabilities for generating ad hoc reports and whether you can commit to a 24-hour turnaround for data request.
5. Can you customize reporting according to agencies or higher education?
6. Enclose samples of your standard reports.

**F. Wage Verification and Audit**

1. Describe your process for conducting wage/income verification in response to Department of Labor requests for Certification of Income or Audit.
2. What data fields do you require to perform such verifications?
3. Can you report wage data to the Department of Labor in the format required (Sunday through Saturday) notwithstanding that the majority of state employees are paid biweekly using a Friday through Thursday pay cycle?
4. How would you propose to assist the State in providing Department of Labor audit response functions for the approximately 25% of the workforce not currently covered by the CORE-CT Time and Labor and Payroll Modules?
5. Please confirm that, if necessary, you would be able to comply with the following File Exchange Protocol and willing to accept data and provide electronic data feeds in the appropriate State defined format.

There are currently two methods for exchanging files with the State's Core-CT system:

a. The carrier logs into the secure Core-CT Production Supplier Portal via https to download files. The URL is <https://corect.ct.gov:10400/psp/PSPRD/signon.html>

-or-

b. The carrier logs into the secure Core-CT Axway Server. The URL is <https://sfile.ct.gov/> For those using an automated system Axway

has a client available at <http://www.axway.com/productssolutions/securetransport>

**Testing Requirements:**

At least one test cycle must be completed successfully prior to going live employing one of the previously mentioned file transports.

The Core-CT Supplier Portal uses a non-standard port (10400 for Production, 15000 for Test) and that may require action by the carrier's Tech Support area to accomplish this. Vendors must report in their response to this RFP whether they were able to successfully reach the portal sign on page at: <https://corect.ct.gov:10400/psp/PSPRD/signon.html> or have obtained Axway client software and successfully connected to: <https://sfile.ct.gov/>

For testing purposes, the link to the TEST supplier portal is:

<https://corect.ct.gov:15000/psp/PSTPR/?cmd=login&languageCd=ENG&>

Additional information for all parties that exchange data with State's Core-CT system is available at: <http://www.core-ct.state.ct.us/hrint/>

**G. Fee Proposal and Performance Guarantees**

1. Please provide a fee proposal for unemployment claims administration for all three years of the contract and indicate the assumptions upon which that proposal is based. Provide aggregate rates, along with the total maximum, not to exceed cost per month.
2. Please provide a fee proposal for wage verification services for all three years of the contract and disclose the assumptions upon which that proposal is based. Provide aggregate rates, along with the total maximum, not to exceed cost estimate per month.
3. Describe all performance guarantees and indicate the amount of fees that you will place at risk.

**H. References**

1. Provide five references of current clients of similar plan demographics (e.g., plan size, assets and participant demographics). If possible, provide at least one reference from the State of Connecticut.

Client name  
Contact name  
Address  
Phone number

Services provided  
Year they became a client  
Number of Employees  
Claims Activity.

2. If possible, provide two references of former clients who had similar demographics as described above. Provide:

Client name  
Contact name  
Address  
Phone number  
Services provided  
Year they became a client  
Year they ceased to be a client  
Number of Employees  
Claims Activity  
The reason(s) for departure.



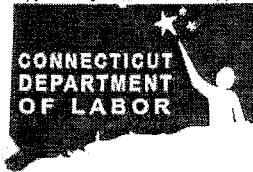
## EXHIBIT 1

## CLAIMS ACTIVITY REPORT

Connecticut, State of



<i>Summary Of New Claims Activity</i>	01/01/12 To 12/31/12	01/01/13 To 12/31/13	01/01/14 To 12/31/14
New Claims This Period	2,108	2,143	1,815
Additional Claims This Period	116	246	240
<b>Data Below is Based on All Qualified Claims:</b>			
Protestable Claims	660	516	442
Eligible Claims	1,448	1,627	1,373
Percentage Of Claims Protested	31.3%	24.1%	24.4%
<b>Of the Protestable Claims:</b>			
Decided Claims	656	498	323
Pending Claims	4	18	119
<b>Of Decided Claims:</b>			
Favorable Claims	463	387	231
Unfavorable Claims	193	111	92
Claims Win Ratio	70.6%	77.7%	71.5%
<b>Appellate:</b>			
Hearings During Period	167	110	106
Appeals To Board (including Employer & Claimant Appeals)	18	3	2
Hearings as % of Claims Protested	25.3%	21.3%	24.0%
<b>Liability &amp; Benefit Charges:</b>			
Potential Liability	\$11,413,648.04	\$10,511,613.81	\$8,834,244.15
Benefits Charged To Your Accounts	\$6,247,664.44	\$6,230,683.08	\$3,022,299.14
Charge Credits Received	(\$92,605.00)	(\$56,934.77)	(\$15,448.87)
Net Charges To Date	\$6,155,059.44	\$6,173,748.31	\$3,006,850.27
Liability Removed	\$1,568,491.00	\$1,140,873.00	\$853,807.00
Liability Remaining	\$3,690,097.60	\$3,196,992.50	\$4,973,586.88
Average Liability per Claim	\$5,414.44	\$4,905.09	\$4,867.35



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

200 Folly Brook Blvd  
Wethersfield, CT 06109-1114  
Employment Security Division  
CERTIFICATION OF EARNINGS

EXHIBIT 2

SAMPLE AUDIT REQUEST

DEPT OF EDUCATION - ST OF CONN  
% EMPLOYERS EDGE LLC  
PO BOX 351567  
WESTMINSTER CO 80035-156767

Date: 05-09-2014

Claimant:  
S. S. No:

Dear Employer:

The Department of Labor needs information for a routine audit of the above referenced claimant. In order for our department to complete our audit, you must provide the weekly wage information requested below and return it within twenty-one (21) days of the date of this letter, using the envelope provided, or you may fax your reply to (860) 263-6343.

Unemployment compensation is paid on a calendar week basis, beginning on Sunday and ending on Saturday midnight. You must use a calendar week, not a payroll week to report gross wages for the week in which those wages were earned. If the referenced employee did not work during the weeks listed, write "NONE" across the page, complete the lower portion and return the form. Please call (860) 263-6335 if you need assistance in the completion of this form.

FROM: (SUNDAY)	TO: (SATURDAY)	TOTAL HOURS WORKED THIS WEEK	GROSS WAGES EARNED THIS WEEK	LIST OTHER PAY AMOUNT	TYPE	FROM (SUNDAY)	TO (SATURDAY)	TOTAL HOURS WORKED THIS WEEK	GROSS WAGES EARNED THIS WEEK	LIST OTHER PAY AMOUNT	TYPE
06-30-13	07-06-13					09-29-13	10-05-13				
07-07-13	07-13-13					10-06-13	10-12-13				
07-14-13	07-20-13					10-13-13	10-19-13				
07-21-13	07-27-13					10-20-13	10-26-13				
07-28-13	08-03-13					10-27-13	11-02-13				
08-04-13	08-10-13					11-03-13	11-09-13				
08-11-13	08-17-13					11-10-13	11-16-13				
08-18-13	08-24-13					11-17-13	11-23-13				
08-25-13	08-31-13					11-24-13	11-30-13				
09-01-13	09-07-13					12-01-13	12-07-13				
09-08-13	09-14-13					12-08-13	12-14-13				
09-15-13	09-21-13					12-15-13	12-21-13				
09-22-13	09-28-13					12-22-13	12-28-13				

ALL INFORMATION MUST BE CORRECT BECAUSE IT MAY BE USED FOR PROSECUTION PURPOSES. YOU MAY BE CALLED INTO COURT TO CONFIRM THE PAYMENTS.

FAILURE TO RESPOND TO THIS CERTIFICATE MAY RESULT IN A SUBPOENA BEING ISSUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 31-245 OF THE CONNECTICUT STATUTES.

UI NO. 02-007-85 T13

DATE EMPLOYEE STARTED WORK	DATE EMPLOYEE LAST PERFORMED WORK	REASON EMPLOYEE SEPARATED (LAID OFF, QUIT, DISCHARGED, ETC.)			
I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION GIVEN ABOVE IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.		DATE SIGNED	AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE	TITLE	TELEPHONE NUMBER ( )



### CERTIFICATION OF EARNINGS

All information furnished in this certification must be correct because it may be used for prosecution purposes. You may be called into court to confirm the payments. This report must be signed and dated by an authorized official.

FAILURE TO RESPOND TO THIS CERTIFICATE WILL RESULT IN A SUBPOENA BEING ISSUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 31-245 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES REQUIRING YOUR ATTENDANCE, TESTIMONY AND ALL BOOKS AND PAPERS PERTAINING TO SUCH INFORMATION AT A TIME AND PLACE TO BE DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF LABOR OR AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE.

[illegible]

3.\* Hours covered by payments shown in Items 2 and 4.

4.\*\* "Other Pay" - Vacation pay or compensation of any kind for loss of wages.

5.\*\*\* If work was available during the week and claimant was voluntarily absent, enter amount of wages and hours lost.

How many hours are considered full time for this employee? \_\_\_\_\_

If during the above weeks the employee started or left work, please complete.

Date started \_\_\_\_\_ Last Day of Work \_\_\_\_\_ Reason for separation \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS:

**EXHIBIT 3**

**INTENT TO BID FORM**

*Please fill out the Intent to Bid Form and fax it to 860.702.3556 or email a PDF of the completed form to [osc.rfp@ct.gov](mailto:osc.rfp@ct.gov).*

**Note: This form must be received by 1:30 PM on February'32, 2015  
to be considered for selection.**

*Attention to: Unemployment Compensation RFP*

Plan Sponsor Name: **The STATE OF CONNECTICUT**

Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Personnel: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**This is to confirm that we have received the Request for Proposal for the State of Connecticut.**

**We wish to advise you that we \_\_\_ will \_\_\_ will not submit a proposal to provide:**

**Unemployment Compensation Claims Management.**

**We are not submitting a proposal because**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of this form presents your intent to bid.

*Signature:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Email address:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Date:* \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit any questions you may have concerning the RFP to [osc.rfp@ct.gov](mailto:osc.rfp@ct.gov) no later than **1:30 p.m. on February 32, 2015.**

# OSC Standard Contract and Conditions

## SECTION 1

This Agreement ("Agreement") is made and entered into as of the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014 ("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: Business Office

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 capital 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.)

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

(Revised 09/17/07)

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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.

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- (a) the bidder’s success in implementing an affirmative action plan;
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- (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.

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**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
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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.)*

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Signature

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Title

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Date

**On behalf of:**

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Vendor Name

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Street Address

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City State Zip

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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**  
**NONDISCRIMINATION CERTIFICATION – New Resolution**  
**By Entity**  
**For Contracts Valued at \$50,000 or More**

*Documentation in the form of a corporate, company, or partnership policy adopted by resolution of the board of directors, shareholders, managers, members or other governing body of a contractor that certifies the contractor complies with the nondiscrimination agreements and warranties under Connecticut General Statutes §§ 4a-60(a)(1) and 4a-60a(a)(1), as amended*

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

For use by an entity (corporation, limited liability company, or partnership) when entering into any contract type with the State of Connecticut valued at \$50,000 or more for any year of the contract. Complete all sections of the form. Submit to the awarding State agency prior to contract execution.

**CERTIFICATION OF RESOLUTION:**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_,  
Authorized Signatory Title Name of Entity

an entity duly formed and existing under the laws of \_\_\_\_\_,  
Name of State or Commonwealth

certify that the following is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of

\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ by the governing body of \_\_\_\_\_,  
Name of Entity

in accordance with all of its documents of governance and management and the laws of

\_\_\_\_\_, and further certify that such resolution has not been modified  
Name of State or Commonwealth

or revoked, and is in full force and effect.

RESOLVED: That the policies of \_\_\_\_\_ comply with the  
Name of Entity

nondiscrimination agreements and warranties of Connecticut General Statutes

§§ 4a-60(a)(1) and 4a-60a(a)(1), as amended.

The undersigned has executed this certificate this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signatory

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name





## STATE OF CONNECTICUT

### GIFT AND CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION CERTIFICATION

*Written or electronic 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)*

#### INSTRUCTIONS:

Complete all sections of the form. Attach additional pages, if necessary, to provide full disclosure about any lawful 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 if there is a change in the information contained in the most recently filed certification, such person shall submit an updated certification either (i) not later than thirty (30) days after the effective date of such change or (ii) upon the submittal of any new bid or proposal for a contract, whichever is earlier. Such person shall also submit an accurate, updated certification not later than fourteen days after the twelve-month anniversary of the most recently filed certification or updated certification.

**CHECK ONE:**    ☐ Initial Certification    ☐ 12 Month Anniversary Update (Multi-year contracts only.)  
                          ☐ Updated Certification because of change of information contained in the most recently filed certification or twelve-month anniversary update.

#### 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 a twelve-month anniversary 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) "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 a Principal or Key Personnel of the person, firm or corporation authorized to execute this certification on behalf of the Contractor. I hereby certify that, no gifts were made by (A) such person, firm, corporation, (B) any principals and key personnel of the person firm or corporation who participate substantially in preparing bids, proposals or negotiating state contracts or (C) any agent of such, firm, corporation, or principals or key personnel who participates substantially in preparing bids, proposals or negotiating state contracts, to (i) any public official or state employee of the state agency or quasi-public agency soliciting bids or proposals for state contracts who participates substantially in the preparation of bid solicitations or request for proposals for state contracts or the negotiation or award of state contracts or (ii) any public official or state employee of any other state agency, who has supervisory or appointing authority over such state agency or quasi-public agency.

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:

**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

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Printed Name of Authorized Official**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Authorized Official**

**Subscribed and acknowledged before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Commissioner of the Superior Court (or Notary Public)**



## STATE OF CONNECTICUT CONSULTING AGREEMENT AFFIDAVIT

*Affidavit to accompany a bid or proposal 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). For sole source or no bid contracts the form is submitted at time of contract execution.*

### 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 contractor 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 contractor 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 there is any change in the information contained in the most recently filed affidavit not later than (i) thirty days after the effective date of any such change or (ii) upon the submittal of any new bid or proposal, whichever is earlier.

**AFFIDAVIT:** [Number of Affidavits Sworn and Subscribed On This Day: \_\_\_\_]

I, the undersigned, hereby swear that I am a principal or key personnel of the bidder or contractor awarded a contract, as described in Connecticut General Statutes § 4a-81(b), 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)
Start Date	End Date	Cost
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

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

	<b>Signature of Principal or Key Personnel</b>	<b>Date</b>
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**



## STATE OF CONNECTICUT

### AFFIRMATION OF RECEIPT OF STATE ETHICS LAWS SUMMARY

*Written or electronic affirmation to accompany a large State construction or procurement contract, having a cost of more than \$500,000, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §§ 1-101mm and 1-101qq*

#### INSTRUCTIONS:

Complete all sections of the form. Submit completed form to the awarding State agency or contractor, as directed below.

#### CHECK ONE:

- ☐ I am a person seeking a large State construction or procurement contract. I am submitting this affirmation to the awarding State agency with my bid or proposal. [Check this box if the contract will be awarded through a competitive process.]
- ☐ I am a contractor who has been awarded a large State construction or procurement contract. I am submitting this affirmation to the awarding State agency at the time of contract execution. [Check this box if the contract was a sole source award.]
- ☐ I am a subcontractor or consultant of a contractor who has been awarded a large State construction or procurement contract. I am submitting this affirmation to the contractor.
- ☐ I am a contractor who has already filed an affirmation, but I am updating such affirmation either (i) no later than thirty (30) days after the effective date of any such change or (ii) upon the submittal of any new bid or proposal, whichever is earlier.

#### IMPORTANT NOTE:

Within fifteen (15) days after the request of such agency, institution or quasi-public agency for such affirmation contractors shall submit the affirmations of their subcontractors and consultants to the awarding State agency. Failure to submit such affirmations in a timely manner shall be cause for termination of the large State construction or procurement contract.

#### AFFIRMATION:

I, the undersigned person, contractor, subcontractor, consultant, or the duly authorized representative thereof, affirm (1) receipt of the summary of State ethics laws\* developed by the Office of State Ethics pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 1-81b and (2) that key employees of such person, contractor, subcontractor, or consultant have read and understand the summary and agree to comply with its provisions.

\* The summary of State ethics laws is available on the State of Connecticut's Office of State Ethics website.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Firm or Corporation (if applicable)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City

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State

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Awarding State Agency

Guide to the Code of Ethics  
For Current or Potential  
State Contractors  
2010

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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 the Connecticut Codes of Ethics, located in the Connecticut General Statutes, Chapter 10.

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 in this guide are not intended to be exhaustive. Please review the Advisory Opinions and Declaratory Rulings on our website or contact the Legal Division of the OSE with any questions regarding interpretation of the law.

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

**Connecticut Office of State Ethics**  
**18-20 Trinity Street**  
**Suite 205**  
**Hartford, CT 06106**  
**860/263-2400**  
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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](http://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, and otherwise enforces 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 **restricted donor**. In general, public officials, state employees and candidates for public office may not accept gifts from restricted donors.

#### Restricted Donors

Restricted donors include:

- Registered lobbyists (a list is available on the OSE's Web site) or a lobbyist's representative;
- 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* – Restricted donors such as current or potential state contractors may provide any item of value that is not more than \$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 \$50 or less. Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-79 (e) (16).
- *Food and Beverage* – Restricted donors may also provide less than \$50 worth of food and beverage in a calendar year to a public official or state employee, provided that the restricted 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* – Restricted 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 restricted 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 \$49.99 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 something of \$10 or more in 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). A courtesy form is available for this notification on the OSE’s Web site, in the “Forms” section.

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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 are limited to:

- Travel (coach or economy class);
- Lodging (standard cost of room for the nights before, of, and immediately following the event);
- Meals; and
- Related conference expenses.

Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-79 (9).

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.

### 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 coach 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 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. Likewise, such businesses may not hire those employees. 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 his or her own financial gain or the gain of his or her family (spouse, child, child's spouse, parent, brother or sister) or an associated business, however inadvertent that use may be. 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; and
- 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](http://www.das.state.ct.us)) and the Office of Policy and Management ([www.opm.state.ct.us](http://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 to the State Treasurer's campaign, you may be prohibited from contracting with the Office of the Treasurer. 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](http://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 860-256-2940 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 860-256-2940 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 Connecticut Office of Policy and Management.

### **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.

The full text of these Executive Orders can be found on the Governor's Web site, [www.ct.gov/governorrell/site/default.asp](http://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 in this guide 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 Legal Division of the Office of State Ethics, Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Office of State Ethics**  
**18-20 Trinity Street**  
**Hartford, CT 06106-1660**  
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Lobbyist filing/reporting questions: [lobbyist.OSE@ct.gov](mailto:lobbyist.OSE@ct.gov)  
Public official filing/reporting questions: [SFI.OSE@ct.gov](mailto:SFI.OSE@ct.gov)  
Enforcement questions: [Ethics.Enforcement@ct.gov](mailto:Ethics.Enforcement@ct.gov)  
All other inquiries: [ose@ct.gov](mailto:ose@ct.gov)



# 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](http://www.ct.gov/seec). Click on the link to "State Contractor Contribution Ban"

### Definitions:

"State contractor" means a person, business entity or nonprofit organization that enters into a state contract. Such person, business entity or nonprofit organization shall be deemed to be a state contractor until December thirty-first of the year in which such contract terminates. "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.

"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.

"State contract solicitation" means a request by a state agency or quasi-public agency, in whatever form issued, including, but not limited to, an invitation to bid, request for proposals, request for information or request for quotes, inviting bids, quotes or other types of submittals, through a competitive procurement process or another process authorized by law waiving competitive procurement.

"Managerial or discretionary responsibilities with respect to a state contract" means having direct, extensive and substantive responsibilities with respect to the negotiation of the state contract and not peripheral, clerical or ministerial responsibilities.

"Dependent child" means a child residing in an individual's household who may legally be claimed as a dependent on the federal income tax of such individual.

"Solicit" means (A) requesting that a contribution be made, (B) participating in any fund-raising activities for a candidate committee, exploratory committee, political committee or party committee, including, but not limited to, forwarding tickets to potential contributors, receiving contributions for transmission to any such committee or bundling contributions, (C) serving as chairperson, treasurer or deputy treasurer of any such committee, or (D) establishing a political committee for the sole purpose of soliciting or receiving contributions for any committee. Solicit does not include: (i) making a contribution that is otherwise permitted by Chapter 155 of the Connecticut General Statutes; (ii) informing any person of a position taken by a candidate for public office or a public official, (iii) notifying the person of any activities of, or contact information for, any candidate for public office; or (IV) serving as a member in any party committee or as an officer of such committee that is not otherwise prohibited in this section.

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT**

Written or electronic PDF copy of the written certification to accompany a large state contract pursuant to P.A. No. 13-162 (Prohibiting State Contracts With Entities Making Certain Investments In Iran)

**Respondent Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

**CHECK ONE:** ☐ Initial Certification.  
☐ Amendment or renewal.

**A. Who must complete and submit this form.** Effective October 1, 2013, this form must be submitted for any large state contract, as defined in section 4-250 of the Connecticut General Statutes. This form must always be submitted with the bid or proposal, or if there was no bid process, with the resulting contract, regardless of where the principal place of business is located.

Pursuant to P.A. No. 13-162, upon submission of a bid or prior to executing a large state contract, **the certification portion of this form must be completed** by any corporation, general partnership, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, joint venture, nonprofit organization or other business organization **whose principal place of business is located outside of the United States**. United States subsidiaries of foreign corporations are exempt. For purposes of this form, a "foreign corporation" is one that is organized and incorporated outside the United States of America.

**Check applicable box:**

- ☐ Respondent's principal place of business is within the United States or Respondent is a United States subsidiary of a foreign corporation. Respondents who check this box **are not required to complete the certification portion of this form**, but must submit this form with its Invitation to Bid ("ITB"), Request for Proposal ("RFP") or contract package if there was no bid process.
- ☐ Respondent's principal place of business is outside the United States and it is not a United States subsidiary of a foreign corporation. **CERTIFICATION required.** Please complete the certification portion of this form and submit it with the ITB or RFP response or contract package if there was no bid process.

**B. Additional definitions.**

- 1) "Large state contract" has the same meaning as defined in section 4-250 of the Connecticut General Statutes;
- 2) "Respondent" means the person whose name is set forth at the beginning of this form; and
- 3) "State agency" and "quasi-public agency" have the same meanings as provided in section 1-79 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

**C. Certification requirements.**

No state agency or quasi-public agency shall enter into any large state contract, or amend or renew any such contract with any Respondent whose principal place of business is located outside the United States and is not a United States subsidiary of a foreign corporation unless the Respondent has submitted this certification.

Complete all sections of this certification and sign and date it, under oath, in the presence of a Commissioner of the Superior Court, a Notary Public or a person authorized to take an oath in another state.

**CERTIFICATION:**

I, the undersigned, am the official authorized to execute contracts on behalf of the Respondent. I certify that:

- ☐ Respondent has made no direct investments of twenty million dollars or more in the energy sector of Iran on or after October 1, 2013, as described in Section 202 of the Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability and Divestment Act of 2010.
- ☐ Respondent has either made direct investments of twenty million dollars or more in the energy sector of Iran on or after October 1, 2013, as described in Section 202 of the Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability and Divestment Act of 2010, or Respondent made such an investment prior to October 1, 2013 and has now increased or renewed such an investment on or after said date, or both.

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

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**Printed Respondent Name**

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**Printed Name of Authorized Official**

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**Signature of Authorized Official**

**Subscribed and acknowledged before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Commissioner of the Superior Court (or Notary Public)**