REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) BY THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT ECONOMIC FORECASTING SERVICES BACKGROUND

The State of Connecticut, Office of Policy and Management (hereinafter State) is seeking a proposer to provide economic and revenue forecasting services. The State requires access to economic data in order to produce ongoing reports and analyses. In particular, an economic forecast is necessary to produce the revenue forecast which forms the basis of the Governor's annual budget and consensus revenue forecasts. The contracting firm shall supply ongoing economic data and support services which will allow the State to produce economic analyses and revenue estimates. The contracting organization shall also provide professional and technical support and training to assist the State analysts in accessing their services.

These services are authorized in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes §§ 4-8 and 4-65a.

SCOPE OF SERVICES

The contracting firm shall perform the following tasks:

- 1 With regard to United States (national) data:
 - a. Provide web-based access to extensive historical U.S. economic timeseries data in a frequency consistent with the original data source, which can be downloaded into a format compatible with Microsoft Excel.
 - b. Provide web-based access to forecasts of major U.S. economic variables and indicators at least twenty quarters into the future which can be downloaded into a format compatible with Microsoft Excel.
 - c. Provide web-based access to updated U.S. quarterly forecasts each month to reflect changes in the economic environment and data revisions, which can be downloaded into a format compatible with Microsoft Excel.
 - d. Provide web-based special forecasts issued whenever warranted, such as when major tax cuts or tax increases are proposed/enacted or during political upheavals or economic crises, which can be downloaded in a format compatible with Microsoft Excel, and/or in an appropriate narrative format (i.e., Microsoft Word, PDF, etc.).
 - e. Provide telephone access to senior staff for discussion of forecasts and related planning issues.
 - f. Provide telephone access to technical systems support staff for discussion and resolution of systems-related and software-related issues.

- g. Provide a monthly analysis that covers the U.S. economy. Commentary should include but not be limited to: the U.S. overview; forecast risks; short-term outlook; consumer income/spending; employment; inflation; financial and global markets; housing; energy; and production.
- h. Conduct one on-site executive outlook presentation in the autumn of each year.
- Extend invitations, with paid registration fees, for two individuals, to at least two off-site seminars, roundtables and/or workshops annually. (These may also be regional in nature.)
- 2 With regard to northeast (regional) data:
 - a. Provide web-based access to extensive historical New England (regional) economic time-series data in a frequency consistent with the original data source, which can be downloaded into a format compatible with Microsoft Excel.
 - b. Provide web-based access to forecasts of major regional economic variables and indicators at least twenty quarters into the future which can be downloaded into a format compatible with Microsoft Excel.
 - c. Provide web-based access to updated quarterly regional forecasts each quarter to reflect changes in the economic environment and data revisions, which can be downloaded into a format compatible with Microsoft Excel.
 - d. Provide telephone access to senior staff for discussion of forecasts and related planning issues.
 - e. Provide telephone access to technical systems support staff for discussion and resolution of systems-related and software-related issues.
 - f. Conduct one on-site executive outlook presentation each year which may be in conjunction with the U.S. presentation.
- 3 With regard to Connecticut (state) data:
 - a. Provide web-based access to extensive historical state economic timeseries data in a frequency consistent with the original data source, which can be downloaded into a format compatible with Microsoft Excel.
 - b. Provide web-based access to forecasts of major state economic variables and indicators at least twenty quarters into the future, which can be downloaded into a format compatible with Microsoft Excel.
 - c. Provide web-based access to updated quarterly state forecasts each quarter to reflect changes in the economic environment and data revisions, which can be downloaded into a format compatible with Microsoft Excel.
 - d. Provide telephone access to senior staff for discussion of forecasts and related planning issues.
 - e. Provide telephone access to technical systems support staff for discussion and resolution of systems-related and software-related issues.
 - f. Provide a quarterly analysis that covers the state's economy. Commentary should include but not be limited to: the Connecticut

overview; forecast risks; short-term outlook; employment; income; housing; industrial diversity; and demographics.

- g. Conduct one on-site executive outlook presentation each year which may be in conjunction with the U.S. presentation.
- 4 With regard to tax models:
 - a. Provide an econometric model to forecast Connecticut personal income tax receipts and update annually.
 - b. Provide an econometric model to forecast Connecticut sales and use tax receipts and update annually.

CONTRACT PERIOD

The State anticipates that the successful proposer will commence work on or about September 1, 2014 and continue until August 31, 2017, with an option to extend, upon mutual consent, for two additional years.

CONTRACTOR QUALIFICATIONS

Eligible proposers will be those consultants, companies, and institutions that have the following:

- 1. Demonstrated knowledge of and experience in analyzing economic and business conditions throughout the economy, and the ability to identify their essence and to clearly articulate their relevance and significance.
- 2. Extensive experience in dealing with clients both in government and the business sector.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

The due date for proposals is 5:00 PM **on Tuesday, July 1, 2014.** Proposals must be received in the required packaging and labeling at the Office of Policy and Management, (OPM) 450 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106 (ATTN: Matthew Pellowski) not later than the deadline. Late submissions will not be accepted.

No additions or changes to the original proposal will be allowed after submittal. While changes are not permitted, clarification of proposals may be required by the State at the proposer's sole cost and expense.

RFP PROCEDURES

A. Official State Contact. The State contact person for the purpose of this RFP is:

Matthew Pellowski

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All communications with the State regarding this RFP must be directed to the Official State Contact.

- B. *Proposer's Authorized Representative*. Proposers must designate an authorized representative and one (1) alternate. Provide the name, title, address, telephone and facsimile numbers, e-mail address, and normal working hours for each representative. This information must be submitted to the Official State Contact with the RFP submission.
- C. Communications Notice. All communications with the State or any person representing the State concerning this RFP are strictly prohibited, except as permitted by this RFP. Any violation of this prohibition by proposers or their representatives may result in disqualification or other sanctions, or both.
- D. Inquiry Procedures. All questions regarding this RFP and submission requirements must be directed, in writing, to the Official State Contact by 5:00 PM on Friday, June 13, 2014. Proposers are required to limit their contact regarding this RFP to the person named herein. Written responses to all questions received will be posted to the Office of Policy and Management website at <u>http://ct.gov/opm/rfp</u> and the DAS website at <u>http://das.ct.gov/cr1.aspx?page=12</u> by 5:00 PM on Friday, June 20, 2014.
- E. Packaging and Labeling Requirements. All proposals must be submitted in sealed envelopes or packages. All proposals must be addressed to the Official State Contact. The name and address of the proposer must appear in the upper left hand corner of the envelope or package. An original (clearly identified as such) and four (4) copies of the proposal must be submitted. The proposal must be signed by the proposer. Unsigned proposals will be rejected. Proposals transmitted by facsimile may not be accepted or reviewed.
- F. *Proposals Due*. An original and four (4) copies as well as an electronic version of proposal in software compatible with Microsoft Word 7.0 must be received no later than 5:00 PM on Tuesday, July 1, 2014.
- G. *Minimum Submission Requirements.* Proposals must be (1) submitted before the deadline, (2) satisfy the packaging and labeling requirements, (3) follow the required format, (4) be complete, (5) include all required forms, and (6) be duly executed.

Proposals that fail to meet these minimum submission requirements may be disqualified and not reviewed further.

- H. Selection Committee. A Selection Committee comprised of State staff or other designees as deemed appropriate will evaluate qualified proposals submitted in response to this RFP and recommend finalists for consideration. The Selection Committee shall evaluate all proposals that meet the Minimum Submission Requirements.
- I. *Meetings with Proposers.* At its discretion, the State may convene meetings with proposers in order to gain a fuller understanding of the proposals. The meetings may involve demonstrations, interviews, presentations, or site visits. If the State decides meetings are warranted, the Official State Contact will contact proposers to make an appointment. Any such meetings are tentatively scheduled for the week of July 7, 2014.
- J. *Contractor Selection*. It is the State's intention to notify the successful proposer by Thursday, July 24, 2014 and to initiate this engagement as soon as possible thereafter.
- K. *Timeline*. The following timeline, up to and including the deadline for submitting proposals, shall be changed only by an amendment to this RFP. Dates after the submittal deadline are target dates only.

Tuesday June 3, 2014 Friday, June 13, 2014, 5:00 PM Friday, June 20, 2014, 5:00 PM Tuesday, July 1, 2014, 5:00 PM Week of July 7, 2014 Thursday July 24, 2014 Friday, July 25, 2014 Monday, September 1, 2014 RFP Released Deadline for Questions Written Answers to Questions Released Proposals Due Meetings with Proposers Contractor Selection Start of Contract Negotiations Start of Contract

RFP CONDITIONS

All proposers must be willing to adhere to the following conditions and must positively state this in the proposal by completing the **OPM Vendor/Bidder Profile Sheet (OPM-A-15, June 2008)**.

- A. The State is an Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action employer and does not discriminate in its hiring, employment, or business practices. The State is committed to complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) and does not discriminate on the basis of disability, in admission to, access to, or operation of its programs, services, or activities.
- B. All proposals in response to this RFP are to be the sole property of the State. Proposers are encouraged **NOT** to include in their proposals any information that is proprietary. All materials associated with this procurement process are subject to the

terms of State laws defining freedom of information and privacy and all rules, regulations and interpretations resulting from those laws. The Connecticut Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) generally requires the disclosure of documents in the possession of the State upon request of any citizen, unless the content of the document falls within certain categories of exemption. An example of an exemption is a "trade secret," as defined by Connecticut General Statutes Section 1-210(b)(5)(A). Confidential information must be separated and isolated from other material in the proposal and labeled **CONFIDENTIAL** and enclosed in a separate envelope.

If the proposer indicates that certain documentation, as required by this RFP, is submitted in confidence, by specifically and clearly marking said documentation as **CONFIDENTIAL**, OPM will endeavor to keep said information confidential to the extent permitted by law. OPM, however, has no obligation to initiate, prosecute or defend any legal proceeding or to seek a protective order or other similar relief to prevent disclosure of any information pursuant to a FOIA request. As set forth below, the proposer has the burden of establishing the availability of any FOIA exemption in any proceeding where it is an issue. In no event shall OPM or any of its staff have any liability for disclosure of documents or information in the possession of OPM which OPM or such staff believes to be required pursuant to the FOIA or other requirements of law.

IMPORTANT NOTE: If the information is not readily available to the public from other sources and the proposer submitting the information requests confidentiality, then the information generally is considered to be "given in confidence." A convincing explanation and rationale sufficient to justify each exemption from release consistent with Section 1-210(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes shall be prepared by the proposer and shall accompany the proposal. The rationales and explanation shall be simply stated in terms of the prospective harm to the competitive position of the proposer that would result if the identified information were to be released, and you shall state the reasons why you believe the materials are legally exempt from release pursuant to Section 1-210(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

- C. Any product, whether acceptable or unacceptable, developed under a contract awarded as a result of the RFP is to be the sole property of the State.
- D. Timing and sequence of events resulting from this RFP will ultimately be determined by the State.
- E. The proposer's proposal shall remain valid for a period of 180 days after the closing date for the submission and may be extended beyond that time by mutual agreement.
- F. All proposed costs must be fixed through the period of the agreement. No cost submissions that are contingent on a State action will be accepted.
- G. The State may amend or cancel this RFP, prior to the due date and time, if the State deems it to be necessary, appropriate or otherwise in the best interests of the State. Failure to acknowledge receipt of amendments, in accordance with the instructions contained in the amendments, may result in a firm's proposal not being considered.

- H. The personnel identified in the proposer's response to this RFP will be the persons actually assigned to the project. Any additions, deletions or changes in personnel from the proposal during the course of the project must be approved by the State, with the exception of personnel who have terminated employment. Replacements for personnel who have terminated employment are subject to approval by the State. At its discretion, the State may require the removal and replacement of any of the proposer's personnel who do not perform adequately, regardless of whether they were previously approved by the State.
- I. Any costs and expenses incurred by proposers in preparing or submitting proposals are the sole responsibility of the proposer.
- J. A proposer 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.
- K. No additions or changes to the original proposal will be allowed after submission. While changes are not permitted, clarification of proposals may be required by the State at the proposer's sole cost and expense.
- L. Proposers may be asked to give demonstrations, interviews, presentations or further explanation to the RFP Selection Committee.
- M. The proposer represents and warrants that the proposal is not made in connection with any other proposer and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. The proposer further represents and warrants that they did not participate in any part of the RFP development process, had no knowledge of the specific contents of the RFP prior to its issuance, and that no agent, representative or employee of the State participated directly in the proposer's proposal preparation.
- N. All responses to the RFP must conform to instruction. Failure to include any required signatures, provide the required number of copies, meet deadlines, answer all questions, follow the required format, or failure to comply with any other requirements of this RFP may be considered appropriate cause for rejection of the response.
- O. The proposer accepts the State's Standard Contract Language.
- P. This RFP is not an offer and neither this RFP nor any subsequent discussions shall give rise to any commitment on the part of the State or confer any rights on any proposer unless and until a contract is fully executed by the necessary parties. The contract document will represent the entire agreement between the proposer and the State and will supersede all prior negotiations, representations or agreements, alleged or made, between the parties. The State shall assume no liability for payment of services under the terms of the contract until the successful proposer is notified that the contract has been accepted and approved by the State and by the Attorney General's Office. The contract may be amended only by means of a written instrument signed by the State, the proposer, and the Attorney General's Office.

- Q. Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 4a-81, bids or proposals for state contracts with a value of \$50,000 or more in a calendar or fiscal year, excluding leases and licensing agreements of any value, shall include a Consulting Agreement Affidavit attesting to whether any consulting agreement has been entered into in connection with the bid or proposal. Such affidavit shall be required if any duties of the consultant included communications concerning business of such State agency, whether or not direct contact with a State agency, State or public official or State employee was expected or made. As used herein "consulting agreement" means any written or oral agreement to retain the services, for a fee, of a consultant for the purposes of (A) providing counsel to a contractor, vendor, consultant or other entity seeking to conduct, or conducting, business with the State, (B) contacting, whether in writing or orally, any executive, judicial, or administrative office of the State, including any department, institution, bureau, board, commission, authority, official or employee for the purpose of solicitation, dispute resolution, introduction, requests for information or (C) any other similar activity related to such contract. Consulting agreement does not include any agreements entered into with a consultant who is registered under the provisions of Chapter 10 of the general statutes as of the date such affidavit is submitted in accordance with the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes § 4a-81.
- R. Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 1-101qq, bids or proposals for a large state construction or procurement contract shall include an Affirmation of Receipt of Summary of State Ethics Laws affirming that the key employees of such proposer have received, reviewed and understand the Summary and agree to comply with the provisions of the State ethics laws. "Large state construction or procurement contract" means any contract, having a cost of more than five hundred thousand dollars, for (A) the remodeling, alteration, repair or enlargement of any real asset, (B) the construction, alteration, reconstruction, improvement, relocation, widening or changing of the grade of a section of a state highway or a bridge, (C) the purchase or lease of supplies, materials or equipment, as defined in Section 4a-50 of the Connecticut General Statutes, or (D) the construction, reconstruction, alteration, remodeling, repair or demolition of any public building. Furthermore, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 1-101qq, the proposer shall incorporate and include the Summary in all contracts with any subcontractor or consultant working or assisting the Contractor with the large state construction or procurement contract. The proposer shall require in said contracts that the key employees of any subcontractor or consultant affirm that they have received, reviewed and understand the Summary and agree to comply with the provisions of the State ethics laws. The proposer shall supply such affirmations to OPM promptly.
- S. With regard to a State contract as defined in P.A. 07-1 having a value in a calendar year of \$50,000 or more or a combination or series of such agreements or contracts having a value of \$100,000 or more, the authorized signatory to this submission in response to the State's solicitation expressly acknowledges receipt of the State Elections Enforcement Commission's notice advising prospective state contractors of state campaign contribution and solicitation prohibitions, and will inform its principals of the contents of the notice. See Exhibit A.

T. Effective October 1, 2013, OPM Iran Certification Form 7 <u>must</u> be submitted for any large state contract, as defined in section 4-250 of the Connecticut General Statutes. OPM Iran Certification Form 7 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. Entities whose principal place of business is located outside of the United States are required to complete the entire form, including the certification portion of the form. United States subsidiaries of foreign corporations are exempt from having to complete the certification portion of the form. Those entities whose principal place of business is located inside of the United States must also fill out the form, but do not have to complete the certification portion of the form.

REQUIRED FORMAT FOR PROPOSALS

All proposals must follow the required format and address all requirements listed in the prescribed order using the prescribed numbering system. Failure to follow the required format may result in disqualification of a proposal.

- Font Size: 12 pitch
- Margins: 1" minimum on the top, bottom, and sides of all pages
- Maximum number of pages: fifty (50) not including Section 1, Table of Contents; Section 2, Proposer Information; Section 3d, Financial Condition; Section 3e, References; Section 5b, Resumes of Key Personnel; Section 7 Conflict of Interest; and Section 8 Affidavits.
- **DO NOT** use material dependant on color distinctions, animated electronics, etc. in submissions.
- Number of Copies: An original and four (4) copies of the proposal must be received no later than 5:00 PM on Tuesday, July 1, 2014.
- One (1) Electronic Version. Format: Microsoft Word 7.0 or compatible software.

Section 1 – TABLE OF CONTENTS

Proposers must include a Table of Contents that lists sections and subsections with page numbers that follow the organization and sequence for this proposal as required.

Section 2 – PROPOSER INFORMATION

Complete the following forms and include any other requested documentation that may pertain to your legal status. Unfortunately, the forms are redundant in certain areas, however, each form satisfies a solicitation/contracting requirement of the State, and the redundancy cannot be avoided at this time.

- a. OPM Vendor/Bidder Profile Sheet (OPM-A-15, June 2008)
- b. Agency Vendor Form (SP-26NB)
- c. W-9 available at <u>http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf</u>
- d. Contract Compliance Package:
 - Notification to Bidders Form
 - Bidder Contract Compliance Monitoring Report

Section 3 - INDIVIDUAL OR ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE

- a. *Qualifications*. Describe how your experience, education and training, or special knowledge, skills or abilities meet the required minimum qualifications of this RFP.
- b. Summary of Relevant Experience. Provide a listing of projects that the proposer has completed within the last three (3) years in the subject area with emphasis on activities relevant and related to the proposed project. Additionally, please list any contracts in the last three (3) years between the proposer and any agency of the State of Connecticut.
- c. *Organization Chart.* If the proposer is a firm or corporation, provide a diagram showing the hierarchical structure of functions and positions within the organization.
- d. *Financial Condition.* If the proposer is a firm or corporation, include the two (2) 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 Accountant, and reviewed or audited in accordance with Generally Accepted Accountant, and reviewed or audited in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (USA) for the entire existence of such firm or corporation.
- e. *References.* Include three (3) letters of reference from recent clients. Provide the following information for each reference: name, title, name of company, company address, and telephone number.

Section 4 - STATEMENT OF WORK

- a. *Work Plan.* Provide a detailed, task-oriented breakdown for each activity/task specified in the Scope of Services. Proposers wishing to add activities/tasks to those specified in the Scope of Services must show the additions as separately numbered activities/tasks.
- b. *Methodologies.* Describe how each activity/task will be accomplished, providing a detailed explanation of the procedures or processes that will be used to attain the expected outcomes.
- c. *Deliverables.* List and describe the form and content of each deliverable (outcome). Include a description of the proposed method of working with the State, the resources or services requested of the State (if any), and the proposed method of receiving State approval of deliverables.
- d. Schedule. Include a proposed work schedule, by activity/task, indicating when each activity/task will be accomplished. Identify any significant milestones or deadlines. Include due dates for all deliverables.

Section 5 – PERSONNEL RESOURCES

- a. *Staffing Plan.* Identify the personnel resources that will be assigned to each activity/task delineated in the work plan above. State the proportion of time that personnel will allocate to each activity/task of the project. Include a job description for each title assigned to the personnel identified.
- b. *Key Personnel.* Identify the key personnel that will be assigned to this project. Attach resumes reflecting their qualifications and work experience in the subject area. [Note: The State must be notified in writing and in advance regarding the departure of any key personnel from the project.]

Section 6 - PROPOSED COST

Include a cost proposal using the required format in Exhibit B. Any fee proposals must be valid for the entire duration of the contract. *Note: The State of Connecticut is exempt from the payment of excise, transportation and sales taxes imposed by the Federal Government and/or the State. Such taxes must not be included in the proposed cost.*

Section 7 – CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Include a disclosure statement concerning any current business relationships (within the last three (3) years) that pose a conflict of interest as defined by Connecticut General Statutes Section 1-85.

<u>SECTION 8 – AFFIDAVITS (Consulting Agreement, Summary of State Ethics Laws and Iran Certification)</u>

Submit a **Consulting Agreement Affidavit** if the bid or proposal is for a state contract (only to be used with contracts for the purchase of goods and services) with a value of \$50,000 or more in a calendar or fiscal year, excluding leases and licensing agreements of any value, attesting to whether any consulting agreement has been entered into in connection with the bid or proposal.

Submit an Affirmation of Receipt of Summary of State Ethics Laws if the bid or proposal is for a large state construction or procurement contract having a cost of \$500,000 or more for (A) the remodeling, alteration, repair or enlargement of any real asset, (B) the construction, alteration, reconstruction, improvement, relocation, widening or changing of the grade of a section of a state highway or a bridge, (C) the purchase or lease of supplies, materials or equipment, as defined in Section 4a-50 of the Connecticut General Statutes, or (D) the construction, reconstruction, alteration, remodeling, repair or demolition of any public building.

Submit an **OPM Iran Certification Form 7** with the bid or proposal, or if there was no bid process, with the resulting contract for any large state contract, as defined in section 4-250 of the Connecticut General Statutes, regardless of where the principal place of business is located.

Section 9 - ADDITIONAL DATA

Provide any additional information which the proposer wishes to bring to the attention of the State that is relevant to this RFP.

EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS

The following criteria shall be those utilized in the selection process. They are presented as a guide for the proposer in understanding the State's requirements and expectations for this project and are not necessarily presented in order of importance.

1. PROPOSED WORK PLAN. Emphasis will be on grasp of the problems involved, soundness of approach and the quality of the overall proposal including the proposer's ability to complete the activities/tasks and produce the necessary products within the required time frame.

2. PROPOSED COST.

- 3. *EXPERIENCE, EXPERTISE, AND CAPABILITIES.* Background, qualifications, and previous experience of personnel to be assigned to the project and their demonstrated competence, experience and expertise in the type of work to be performed.
- 4. REFERENCES.
- 5. DEMONSTRATED COMMITMENT TO AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:

Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies Section 46a-68j-30(10) require an agency to consider the following factors when awarding a contract that is subject to contract compliance requirements:

- (a) the proposer's success in implementing an affirmative action plan;
- (b) the proposer's success in developing an apprenticeship program complying with Sections 46a-68-1 to 46a-68-17 of the Administrative Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, inclusive;
- (c) the proposer's promise to develop and implement a successful affirmative action plan;
- (d) the proposer's submission of EEO-1 data indicating that the composition of its work force is at or near parity when compared to the racial and sexual composition of the work force in the relevant labor market area; and
- (e) the proposer's promise to set aside a portion of the contract for legitimate minority business enterprises (see Contract Compliance Package).

RIGHTS RESERVED TO THE STATE

The State reserves the right to award in part, to reject any and all bids in whole or in part for misrepresentation or if the proposer is in default of any prior State contract, or if the bid or proposal limits or modifies any of the terms and conditions and/or specifications of the RFP. The State also reserves the right to waive technical defect, irregularities and omissions if, in its judgment, the best interest of the State will be served.

The State reserves the right to correct inaccurate awards resulting from its clerical errors. This may include, in extreme circumstances, revoking the awarding of a contract already made to a proposer and subsequently awarding the contract to another proposer. Such action on the part of the State shall not constitute a breach of contract on the part of the State since the contract ever with the initial proposer is deemed to be void *ab initio* and of no effect as if no contract ever existed between the State and the proposer.

EXHIBIT A

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 Section 9-612(g)(2), as amended by P.A. 10-1, and is for the purpose of informing state contractors and prospective state contractors of the following law (italicized words are defined below):

Campaign Contribution and Solicitation Limitations

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 (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 (which includes town committees).

In addition, no holder or principal of a holder of a valid prequalification certificate, shall make a contribution to (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.

On and after January 1, 2011, 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 **knowingly** *solicit* contributions from the state contractor's or prospective state contractor's employees or from a *subcontractor* or *principals of the subcontractor* 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.

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:

<u>Civil penalties</u>—Up to \$2,000 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 up to \$2,000 or twice the amount of the prohibited contributions made by their principals.

<u>Criminal penalties</u>—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 not more than \$5,000 in fines, or both.

Contract Consequences

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

In the case of a prospective state contractor, contributions made or solicited in violation of the above prohibitions 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 shall 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.

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, a loan to an individual for other than commercial purposes or any agreement or contract between the state or any state agency and the United States Department of Navy or the United States Department of Defense.

"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 fundraising 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.

"Subcontractor" means any person, business entity or nonprofit organization that contracts to perform part or all of the obligations of a state contractor's state contract. Such person, business entity or nonprofit organization shall be deemed to be a subcontractor until December thirty first of the year in which the subcontract terminates. "Subcontractor" does not include (i) 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 (ii) 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 subcontractor" 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 subcontractor, 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 subcontractor, which is a business entity, as president, treasurer or executive vice president, (iii) an individual who is the chief executive officer of a subcontractor, which is not a business entity, or if a subcontractor has no such officer, then the officer who duly possesses comparable powers and duties, (iv) an officer or an employee of any subcontractor who has managerial or discretionary responsibilities with respect to a subcontract with a state contractor, (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 subcontractor.

EXHIBIT B ECONOMIC AND REVENUE FORECASTING SERVICES PROPOSED FEE STRUCTURE

TIME PERIOD	ANNUAL FEE FOR SERVICES PROVIDED IN TASKS 1 THROUGH 4
September 1, 2014 – August 31, 2015	\$
September 1, 2015 – August 31, 2016	\$
September 1, 2016 – August 31, 2017	\$
September 1, 2017 – August 31, 2018 (if contract is extended)	\$
September 1, 2018 – August 31, 2019 (if	\$
contract is extended)	
TOTAL	\$

Annual Fee shall include all expenses for the sum of Tasks 1 through 4. No additional costs shall be incurred by the state for expenses such as personnel, travel, or any other costs necessary to perform all services and tasks specified above. The stated price must reflect all expenses including any and all increases projected to occur during the terms of this contract, including if the contract is extended. The state shall not provide resources, apart from remuneration, for these services.

NAME OF CONTRACTOR

SIGNATURE

TITLE

DATE

OTHER INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS/DOCUMENTS AND/OR REQUIRED FORMS

OPM VENDOR/BIDDER PROFILE SHEET

Complete Vendor/Bidder Name	Federal Employer Id Number/SSN				
Vendor/Bidder Address					
Contact Person's Name	Telephone Number(s)				
AFFIRMATION OF VENDOR/BIDDER The undersigned Vendor/Bidder affirms and declares:					
 That this proposal is executed and signed by said Vendor/Bidder with full knowledge and acceptance of the conditions as stated in the CONDITIONS Section of the RFP. 					
 [] YES [] NO [] No RFP 2) That the services shall be delivered to the agency at the prices proposed therein and within the timeframes as delineated in the RFP. 					
 [] YES [] NO [] No RFP 3) That neither the Vendor/Bidder and/or any company official nor any subcontractor to the Vendor/Bidder and/or any subcontractor company official has received any notices of debarment and/or suspension from contracting with the State of Connecticut or the Federal Government. 					
 [] YES [] NO 4) That neither the Vendor/Bidder and/or any company official nor any subcontractor to the Vendor/Bidder and/or any subcontractor company official has received any notices of debarment and/or suspension from contracting with other states within the United States. 					
[] YES [] NO	[]YES []NO				
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VEND	OR/BIDDER				
With regard to a State contract as defined in Public Act 07-1 having a value in a calendar year of \$50,000 or more or a combination or series of such agreements or contracts having a value of \$100,000 or more, the undersigned expressly acknowledges:					
Receipt of the State Elections Enforcement Commission's notice advising prospective state contractors of state campaign contribution and solicitation prohibitions.					
[] YES [] NO					
Written Signature of Person Authorized to Bind the Vendor/Bidder Date Contractually					
Type or Print Name of Authorized Signator Tit	itle of Signator				
IF VENDOR/BIDDER IS A CORPORATION					
What is the authority of signator to bind the Vendor/Bidder contractually?					
[] Corporate Resolution [] Corporate By Laws [] Other (Please provide a written copy.)					

Is your business income reportable to the IRS? [] Yes [] No

Are you a DAS certified minority owned	l business? [] Yes [] No	If YES, check al	l that apply.
[] Women Owned	[] Black [] Hispanic	[] American In	dian
[] Disabled	[] Iberian Peninsula	[] Asian	[] Other

Subject of RFP	Submission Due	Division	Date Issued

Standard Contract Language

- Form CO-802A
- Attachment A
- Attachment B
- Attachment C

PERSONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT CO-802A REV. 2/08

STATE OF CONNECTICUT OFFICE OF THE STATE COMPTROLLER

1. PREPARE IN QUADRUPLICATE

2. THE STATE BUSINESS UNIT AND THE CONTRACTOR AS LISTED BELOW HEREBY ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS STATED HEREIN AND/OR ATTACHED HERETO AND SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 4-98 OF THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES AS APPLICABLE.

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	(5) AGENCY NAME AND ADDRESS								
STATE AGENCY									
CONTRACT PERIOD	(6) DATE (i	FROM)	THROUGH (TO)	(7)	NDICATE MASTER AGREE		RACT AWARD NO.		
CANCELLATION CLAUSE	PERIOD	THIS AGREEMENT SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT FOR THE ENTIRE TERM OF THE CONTRACT PERIOD STATED ABOVE UNLESS CANCELED BY THE STATE BUSINESS UNIT, BY GIVING THE CONTRACTOR WRITTEN NOTICE OF SUCH INTENTION (REQUIRED DAYS NOTICE SPECIFIED AT RIGHT) (8) REQUIRED NO. OF DAYS WRITTEN NOTIC					RITTEN NOTICE		
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(23) CONTRACTOR (OWNE	R OR AUTHOR	RIZED SIGNATURE)			TITLE			DATE	
(24) AGENCY (AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL)		TITLE	TITLE DATE						
(25) OFFICE OF POLICY & MANAGEMENT/DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES			TITLE	TITLE DATE					
(26) ATTORNEY GENERAL	(APPROVED A	S TO FORM)						DATE	

DISTRIBUTION:

ATTACHMENT A

SECTION 1

This Agreement (hereinafter referred to as "Agreement") is entered into between the State of Connecticut (hereinafter "State") acting through the Office of Policy and Management (hereinafter "OPM") pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §§ 4-8, 4-65a and 4-66, and _____, a ____, having its principal offices at (hereinafter "Contractor"). The parties agree that the services specified below shall be provided by Contractor in strict compliance with the provisions of this Agreement.

SECTION 2 CONTRACT PERIOD AND DEFINITIONS

- This Agreement shall commence as of the date this Agreement is fully executed by the parties hereto and the duties of the Contractor as set forth in Section 5 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:

State - Wherever the term 'State' is used in this Agreement, it shall include the Secretary of OPM, or his authorized agents, employees or designees.

SECTION 3 CANCELLATION PROVISION

This Agreement may be canceled at will by either party upon days written notice delivered by certified mail.

SECTION 4 NOTICE

- 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 mail in the manner set forth in this section. All notices shall be effective if delivered personally or by certified mail to the following addresses:
 - State: State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management 450 Capitol Ave. - MS# Hartford, CT 06106-1379 Attention:

Contractor:

The parties may change their respective addresses for notices under this paragraph upon prior written notification to the other.

SECTION 5 SPECIFICATION OF SERVICES

Please submit SECTION 5 SPECIFICATION OF SERVICES in a separate word document.

SECTION 6 COST AND SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

- The State 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 State.
- 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 State.
- 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 or if no documentation is available, a detailed accounting of the computation used to determine the reimbursable cost, as evidence of the actual cost of such expenses. Such expenses may include, but are not limited to: mileage at current State approved reimbursement rate; costs of travel including coach 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.
- The State shall assume no liability for payment for services under the terms of this Agreement until the Contractor is notified that the Agreement has been accepted by the contracting agency, and if applicable, approved by OPM, the Department of Administrative Services and/or by the Attorney General of the State.

SECTION 7 OTHER CONDITIONS

A. Entire Agreement

This Agreement embodies the entire agreement between the State and Contractor on the 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 of the terms or conditions of the Agreement shall be valid unless reduced to writing, signed by both parties, and approved by the Attorney General or his Deputy. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of each party's heirs, successors, and assigns.

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 State 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 State, at the time of the execution of this Agreement, as evidence that such are in full force and effect.

D. Laws and Regulations

This Agreement shall be interpreted under and governed by the laws of the State of Connecticut. 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 State approved subcontractors necessary to perform the services under this Agreement. Contractor shall advise the State 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 State may then, at its option, ask Contractor to arrange for a temporary employee(s) or subcontractor(s) satisfactory to the State to provide the services otherwise performable by Contractor hereunder. The Contractor will be responsible to the State for any economic detriment caused the State by such subcontract arrangement.
- Contractor shall, if requested to do so by the State, reassign from the State's account any employee or authorized representatives whom the State, in its sole discretion, determines is incompetent, dishonest, or uncooperative. In requesting the reassignment of an employee under this paragraph, the State shall give ten (10) days notice to Contractor of the State'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 State that the employee should not be reassigned; however, the State's decision in its sole discretion after such five (5) days to final. Should the State still desire reassignment, then five (5) days thereafter, or ten (10) days from the date of the notice of reassignment, the employee shall be reassigned from the State'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 State for clarification. The State 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 State shall be at Contractor's risk.

Contractor hereby indemnifies and shall defend and hold harmless the State, 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 State.

I. Quality Surveillance and Examination of Records

- All services performed by Contractor shall be subject to the inspection and approval of the State at all times, and Contractor shall furnish all information concerning the services.
- The State or its representatives shall have the right, at reasonable hours, to inspect or examine the part of the plant or place of business or 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 plants, places of business, books and records. The State will give the Contractor at least twenty-four (24) hours notice of such intended examination. At the State's request, the Contractor shall provide the State with hard copies or an electronic format of any data or information in the possession or control of the Contractor which pertains to the State's business 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 State and shall make them available for inspection and audit by the State. Any subcontractor under this Agreement shall retain and maintain accurate records and documents relating to performance of services under this Agreement for a minimum of three (3) years from the expiration of the subcontract.
- 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 State, in accordance with the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes § 7-396a.
- The Contractor must incorporate this paragraph verbatim into any Agreement it enters into with any subcontractor providing services under this Agreement.

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, its officers and employees. The State 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:

1. Workers' Compensation

Minimum Amounts and Limits

- 2. Employer's Liability

Connecticut Statutory Requirements 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; and
 - 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 State 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 State 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 State 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 Secretary of OPM, on a case by case basis, Contractor shall have no right to use, and shall not use, the name of the State of Connecticut, its officials, agencies, or employees or the seal of the State of Connecticut or its agencies:

- (1) in any advertising, publicity, promotion; or
- (2) to express or to imply any endorsement of Contractor's products or services; or
- (3) to use the name of the State of Connecticut, its officials, agencies, or employees or the seal of the State of Connecticut or its agencies in any other manner (whether or not similar to uses prohibited by subparagraphs (1) and (2) above), except only to manufacture and deliver in accordance with this Agreement such items as are hereby contracted for by the State. In no event may the Contractor use the State Seal in any way without the express written consent of the Secretary of State.

M. Confidentiality

All data provided to Contractor by the State or developed internally by Contractor with regard to the State will be treated as proprietary to the State and confidential unless the State 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 State 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 State of the need for the disclosure and will not disclose absent consent from the State.

N. Subpoenas

In the event the Contractor's records are subpoenaed pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 36a-43, the Contractor shall, within twenty-four (24) hours of service of the subpoena, notify the person designated for the State in Section 4 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 State in Section 4 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 this Agreement. 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 this Agreement as it may be amended will render the contract voidable at the option of the State upon notice to the Contractor.

Q. Non-Discrimination

(a) For purposes of this Section, the following terms are defined as follows:

- i. "Commission" means the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities;
- ii. "Contract" and "contract" include any extension or modification of the Contract or contract;
- iii. "Contractor" and "contractor" include any successors or assigns of the Contractor or contractor;
- iv. "Gender identity or expression" means a person's gender-related identity, appearance or behavior, whether or not that gender-related identity, appearance or behavior is different from that traditionally associated with the person's physiology or assigned sex at birth, which gender-related identity can be shown by providing evidence including, but not limited to, medical history, care or treatment of the gender-related identity, consistent and uniform assertion of the gender-related identity or any other evidence that the gender-related identity is sincerely held, part of a person's core identity or not being asserted for an improper purpose.
- v. "good faith" means that degree of diligence which a reasonable person would exercise in the performance of legal duties and obligations;
- vi. "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;
- vii. "marital status" means being single, married as recognized by the State of Connecticut, widowed, separated or divorced;
- viii. "mental disability" means one or more mental disorders, as defined in the most recent edition of the American Psychiatric Association's "Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders", or a record of or regarding a person as having one or more such disorders;
- ix. "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 members of a minority, as such term is defined in subsection (a) of Connecticut General Statutes § 32-9n; and
- x. "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.

For purposes of this Section, the terms "Contract" and "contract" do not include a contract where each contractor is (1) a political subdivision of the state, including, but not limited to, a municipality, (2) a quasi-public agency, as defined in Connecticut General Statutes § 1-120, (3) any other state, including but not limited to any federally recognized Indian tribal governments, as defined in Connecticut General Statutes § 1-267, (4) the federal government, (5) a foreign government, or (6) an agency of a subdivision, agency, state or government described in the immediately preceding enumerated items (1), (2), (3), (4) or (5).

(b) (1) The Contractor agrees and warrants that in the performance of the Contract 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, gender identity or expression, mental retardation, mental disability 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; and 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, gender identity or expression, mental retardation, mental disability 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 §§ 46a-68e and 46a-68f and with each regulation or relevant order issued by said Commission pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §§ 46a-56, 46a-68e and 46a-68f; and (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 employment practices and procedures of the Contractor as relate to the provisions of this Section and Connecticut General Statutes § 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.

- (c) 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, recruitment and training; 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.
- (d) The Contractor shall develop and maintain adequate documentation, in a manner prescribed by the Commission, of its good faith efforts.
- (e) The Contractor shall include the provisions of subsection (b) 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 §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.
- (f) The Contractor agrees to comply with the regulations referred to in this Section as they exist on the date of this Contract and as they may be adopted or amended from time to time during the term of this Contract and any amendments thereto.
- (g) (1) The Contractor agrees and warrants that in the performance of the Contract 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 Connecticut General Statutes § 46a-56; and (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 the provisions of this Section and Connecticut General Statutes § 46a-56.
- (h) 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 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 § 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.

R. 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 and, as such, this Agreement may be canceled, terminated or suspended by the State Labor Commissioner for violation of or noncompliance with said Executive Order No. Three, or any State or federal law concerning nondiscrimination, notwithstanding that the Labor Commissioner is not a party to this Agreement. The parties to this Agreement, as part of the consideration hereof, agree that said Executive Order No. Three is incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof. The parties agree to abide by said Executive Order and agree that the State Labor Commissioner shall have continuing jurisdiction in respect to contract performance in regard to nondiscrimination until the Agreement is completed or terminated prior to completion.
- The Contractor agrees, as part consideration hereof, that this Agreement is subject to the Guidelines and Rules issued by the State Labor Commissioner to implement Executive Order No. Three, and that it will not discriminate in its employment practices or policies, will file all reports as required, and will fully cooperate with the State of Connecticut and the State Labor Commissioner.
- This Ågreement is subject to the provisions of Executive Order No. Seventeen of Governor Thomas J. Meskill promulgated February 15, 1973, concerning the listing of employment openings and, as such, this Agreement may be canceled, terminated or suspended by the contracting agency or the State Labor Commissioner for violation of or noncompliance with said Executive Order No. Seventeen, notwithstanding that the Labor Commissioner may not be party to this Agreement. The parties to this Agreement, as part of the consideration hereof, agree that Executive Order No. Seventeen is incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof. The parties agree to abide by said Executive Order and agree that the contracting agency and the State Labor Commissioner shall have joint and several continuing jurisdiction in respect to contract performance in regard to listing all employment openings with the Connecticut State Employment Service.
- This Agreement is subject to the provisions of Executive Order No. 16 of Governor John G. Rowland promulgated August 4, 1999, concerning violence in the workplace and, as such, the contract may be canceled, terminated or suspended by the State for violation of or noncompliance with said Executive Order No. 16. The parties to this contract, as part of the consideration hereof, agree that said Executive Order No. 16 is incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof. The parties agree to abide by such Executive Order.
- Pursuant to Governor M. Jodi Rell's Executive Order No. 7C, paragraph 10, promulgated July 13, 2006, concerning contracting reforms, Contractor shall comply with the certification requirements of Connecticut General Statutes §§ 4-250 and 4-252, and Governor M. Jodi Rell's Executive Order No 1, for all personal service agreement contracts with a value of \$50,000 or more in a calendar or fiscal year by executing and filing the respective certifications with OPM. The Contract may also be subject to 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. If Executive Orders 7C and 14 are applicable, they are deemed to be incorporated into and are made a part of the Contract as if they had been fully set forth in it.

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 State 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 State of any payment to the Contractor constitute or be construed as a waiver by the State 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 State while any such breach or default exists shall in no way impair or prejudice any right or remedy available to the State 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 State, nor has the Contractor made an admission of guilt of such conduct which is a matter of record.

Z. Large State Contracts

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §§ 4-250 and 4-252, Contractor must present at the execution of each large State contract (having a total cost to the State of more than \$500,000 in a calendar or fiscal year) an executed gift certification, which Contractor shall update on an annual basis in accordance with paragraph 8 of Governor M. Jodi Rell's Executive Order No. 1. In addition, pursuant to paragraph 8 of Governor M. Jodi Rell's Executive Order No. 1, anyone who executes and files said gift certification shall also execute and file a campaign contribution certification disclosing all contributions made to campaigns of candidates for statewide public office or the General Assembly.

AA. State Contracting Standards Board

Pursuant to paragraph 6(a) of Governor M. Jodi Rell's Executive Order No. 7C, Contractor acknowledges and accepts that, for cause, the State Contracting Standards Board may review and recommend, for OPM's consideration and final OPM determination, termination of this contract. "For Cause" means:
(1) a violation of the State ethics laws (Chapter 10 of the Connecticut General Statutes) or Connecticut General Statutes § 4a-100 or (2) wanton or reckless disregard of any State contracting and procurement process by any person substantially involved in such contract or State contracting agency.

BB. Large State Construction Or Procurement Contract

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 1-101qq, every contractor to a Large State construction or procurement contract shall review the summary of State ethics laws developed by the Office of State Ethics pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 1-81b (the "Summary") and shall promptly affirm to OPM in writing that the key employees of such Contractor have received, reviewed and understand the Summary and agree to comply with the provisions of the State ethics laws. A copy of the Summary is attached and incorporated herein as Attachment B. Further, Contractor shall incorporate and include the Summary in all contracts with any subcontractor or consultant working or assisting the Contractor with the large state construction or procurement contract. Contractor shall require in said contracts that the key employees of any subcontractor or consultant affirm that they have received, reviewed and understand the Summary and agree to comply with the provisions of the State ethics laws. Contractor shall supply such affirmations to OPM promptly. "Large state construction or procurement contract" means any contract, having a cost of more than five hundred thousand dollars, for (A) the remodeling, alteration, repair or enlargement of any real asset, (B) the

construction, alteration, reconstruction, improvement, relocation, widening or changing of the grade of a section of a state highway or a bridge, (C) the purchase or lease of supplies, materials or equipment, as defined in Section 4a-50 of the Connecticut General Statutes, or (D) the construction, reconstruction, alteration, remodeling, repair or demolition of any public building.

CC. Disclosure of Consulting Agreements

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 4a-81, the chief official of the Contractor, for all contracts with a value to the State of fifty thousand dollars or more in any calendar or fiscal year, shall attest in an affidavit as to whether any consulting agreement has been entered into in connection with such contract. Such affidavit shall be required if any duties of the consultant included communications concerning business of such State agency, whether or not direct contact with a State agency, State or public official or State employee was expected or made. As used herein "consulting agreement" means any written or oral agreement to retain the services, for a fee, of a consultant for the purposes of (A) providing counsel to a contractor, vendor, consultant or other entity seeking to conduct, or conducting, business with the State, (B) contacting, whether in writing or orally, any executive, judicial, or administrative office of the State, including any department, institution, bureau, board, commission, authority, official or employee for the purpose of solicitation, dispute resolution, introduction, requests for information or (C) any other similar activity related to such contract. Consulting agreement does not include any agreements entered into with a consultant who is registered under the provisions of Chapter 10 of the general statutes as of the date such affidavit is submitted in accordance with the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes § 4a-81.

DD. Retaliation Prohibition

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 4-61dd, a large state contractor shall be liable for a civil penalty of not more than five thousand dollars for each offense, up to a maximum of twenty per cent of the value of the contract, if an officer, employee or appointing authority of a large state contractor takes or threatens to take any personnel action against any employee of the large state contractor in retaliation for such employee's disclosure of information to any employee of the contracting State or quasi-public agency or the Auditors of Public Accounts or the Attorney General under the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes § 4-61dd(a). Each violation shall be a separate and distinct offense and in the case of a continuing violation each calendar day's continuance of the violation shall be deemed to be a separate and distinct offense. Each large state contractor shall post a notice of the provisions of this section relating to large state contractor. As used in Connecticut General Statutes § 4-61dd, a "large state contract" means a contract between an entity and a state or quasi-public agency having a value of five million dollars or more and (2) "large state contractor" means an entity that has entered into a large state contract with a state or quasi-public agency.

EE. Campaign Contribution and Solicitation Prohibitions

For all State contracts as defined in Connecticut General Statutes § 9-612(g)(1)(2) having a value in a calendar year of \$50,000 or more or a combination or series of such agreements or contracts having a value of \$100,000 or more, the authorized signatory to this Agreement expressly acknowledges receipt of the State Elections Enforcement Commission's notice advising state contractors of state campaign contribution and solicitation prohibitions, and will inform its principals of the contents of the notice. See Attachment C.

FF. Non-Discrimination Certification

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §§ 4a-60(a)(1) and 4a-60a(a)(1), every Contractor is required to provide the State with a non-discrimination certificate for all State contracts regardless of type, term, cost or value. The appropriate form must be submitted to the awarding State agency prior to contract execution. Copies of "nondiscrimination certification" forms that will satisfy the statutory requirements may be found on OPM's website. The applicable certification form must be signed by an authorized signatory of the Contractor (or, in the case of an individual contractor, by the individual).

GG. Iran Certification

Effective October 1, 2013, OPM Iran Certification Form 7 must be submitted for any large state contract, as defined in section 4-250 of the Connecticut General Statutes. OPM Iran Certification Form 7 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. Entities whose principal place of business is located outside of the United States are required to complete the entire form, including the certification portion of the form. United States subsidiaries of foreign corporations are exempt from having to complete the certification portion of the form. Those entities whose principal place of business is located inside of the United States must also fill out the form, but do not have to complete the certification portion of the form.

HH. Forum and Choice of Law

The parties deem the Contract 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 the Contract to be, and it shall be, governed by the laws and court decisions of the State of Connecticut, without giving effect to its principles of conflicts of laws. 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.

ATTACHMENT B

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



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INTRODUCTION

The Connecticut Office of State Ethics (OSE) is an independent regulatory agency for the state of Connecticut, charged with administering and enforcing the Connecticut Codes of Ethics, located in the Connecticut General Statutes, Chapter10.

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 www.ct.gov/ethics



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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 Website, www.ct.gov/ethics.

The OSE is an independent watch dog agency for the state of Connecticut that administers Connecticut General Statutes, Chapter10, Parts I and II, with limited jurisdiction over Part IV.

Simply put, the OSE <u>educates</u> all those covered by the law (the "regulated community"); provides <u>information</u> to the public; <u>interprets</u> and <u>applies</u> the codes of ethics; and <u>investigates</u> potential violations, and otherwise <u>enforces</u> 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 (hence forth, 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.

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 Website) 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).

<u>Gift Exceptions</u> 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).

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 Website, in the "Forms" section.

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





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.

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.

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. State § 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 (<u>www.das.state.ct.us</u>) and the Office of Policy and Management(<u>www.opm.state.ct.us</u>).

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.

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.

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

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

<u>Executive Order 3</u> Under this Order, the Department of Administrative Services established and maintains on its Website the State Contracting Portal for purposes of posting all contracting opportunities with state agencies and providing information on contracting processes and procedures.

<u>Executive Order 7C</u> 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 Website, <u>www.ct.gov/governorrell/site/default.asp</u>.

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.

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ATTACHMENT C

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

This notice is provided under the authority of Connecticut General Statutes §9-612(g)(2), as amended by P.A. 10-1, and is for the purpose of informing state contractors and prospective state contractors of the following law (italicized words are defined on the reverse side of this page).

CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION AND SOLICITATION LIMITATIONS

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 (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 (which includes town committees).

In addition, no holder or principal of a holder of a valid prequalification certificate, shall make a contribution to (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.

On and after January 1, 2011, 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 **knowingly** *solicit* contributions from the state contractor's or prospective state contractor's employees or from a *subcontractor* or *principals* of the *subcontractor* 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.

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—Up to \$2,000 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 up to \$2,000 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 not more than \$5,000 in fines, or both.

CONTRACT CONSEQUENCES

In the case of a state contractor, contributions made or solicited in violation of the above prohibitions may resulting the contract being voided.

In the case of a prospective state contractor, contributions made or solicited in violation of the above prohibitions 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 shall 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.

Additional information may be found on the website of the State Elections Enforcement Commission, <u>www.ct.gov/seec</u>. Click on the link to "Lobbyist/Contractor Limitations."

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, a loan to an individual for other than commercial purposes or any agreement or contract between the state or any state agency and the United States Department of the Navy or the United States Department of Defense.

"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.

"Subcontractor" means any person, business entity or nonprofit organization that contracts to perform part or all of the obligations of a state contractor's state contract. Such person, business entity or nonprofit organization shall be deemed to be a subcontractor until December thirty first of the year in which the subcontract terminates. "Subcontractor" does not include (i) 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 (ii) 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 subcontractor" 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 subcontractor, 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 subcontractor, which is a business entity, as president, treasurer or executive vice president, (iii) an individual who is the chief executive officer of a subcontractor, which is not a business entity, or if a subcontractor has no such officer, then the officer who duly possesses comparable powers and duties, (iv) an officer or an employee of any subcontractor, (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 subcontractor.

Forms

The following Ethics Affidavits and Certification forms with instructions are available at:

http://www.ct.gov/opm/cwp/view.asp?a=2982&q=386038

Form 1. Gift and Campaign Contribution Certification

- Form 5. Consulting Agreement Affidavit
- Form 6. Affirmation of Receipt of State Ethics Laws Summary
- Form 7. Iran Certification

The Nondiscrimination Certification Form with instructions is available at:

http://www.ct.gov/opm/cwp/view.asp?a=2982&q=390928&op mNav_GID=1806

STATE OF CONNECTICUT - AGENCY VENDOR FORM

IMPORTANT: ALL parts of this form must be completed, signed and returned by the vendor.

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	If the account is in more than one name, see the chart on page 4 for guidelines on whose	Employer identification nur	nber
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Par	t II Certification		

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

- 1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and
- I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and

3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below).

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions on page 4.

Sign	Signature of
Here	U.S. person ►

General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Purpose of Form

A person who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) to report, for example, income paid to you, real estate transactions, mortgage interest you paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, or contributions you made to an IRA.

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN to the person requesting it (the requester) and, when applicable, to:

1. Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),

2. Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or

3. Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income. Date •

Note. If a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

Definition of a U.S. person. For federal tax purposes, you are considered a U.S. person if you are:

- An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien,
- A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States,
- An estate (other than a foreign estate), or
- A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

Special rules for partnerships. Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax on any foreign partners' share of income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, a partnership is required to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid withholding on your share of partnership income.

The person who gives Form W-9 to the partnership for purposes of establishing its U.S. status and avoiding withholding on its allocable share of net income from the partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States is in the following cases:

• The U.S. owner of a disregarded entity and not the entity,

• The U.S. grantor or other owner of a grantor trust and not the trust, and

• The U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust) and not the beneficiaries of the trust.

Foreign person. If you are a foreign person, do not use Form W-9. Instead, use the appropriate Form W-8 (see Publication 515, Withholding of Tax on Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Entities).

Nonresident alien who becomes a resident alien. Generally, only a nonresident alien individual may use the terms of a tax treaty to reduce or eliminate U.S. tax on certain types of income. However, most tax treaties contain a provision known as a "saving clause." Exceptions specified in the saving clause may permit an exemption from tax to continue for certain types of income even after the payee has otherwise become a U.S. resident alien for tax purposes.

If you are a U.S. resident alien who is relying on an exception contained in the saving clause of a tax treaty to claim an exemption from U.S. tax on certain types of income, you must attach a statement to Form W-9 that specifies the following five items:

1. The treaty country. Generally, this must be the same treaty under which you claimed exemption from tax as a nonresident alien.

2. The treaty article addressing the income.

3. The article number (or location) in the tax treaty that contains the saving clause and its exceptions.

4. The type and amount of income that qualifies for the exemption from tax.

5. Sufficient facts to justify the exemption from tax under the terms of the treaty article.

Example. Article 20 of the U.S.-China income tax treaty allows an exemption from tax for scholarship income received by a Chinese student temporarily present in the United States. Under U.S. law, this student will become a resident alien for tax purposes if his or her stay in the United States exceeds 5 calendar years. However, paragraph 2 of the first Protocol to the U.S.-China treaty (dated April 30, 1984) allows the provisions of Article 20 to continue to apply even after the Chinese student becomes a resident alien of the United States. A Chinese student who qualifies for this exception (under paragraph 2 of the first protocol) and is relying on this exception to claim an exemption from tax on his or her scholarship or fellowship income would attach to Form W-9 a statement that includes the information described above to support that exemption.

If you are a nonresident alien or a foreign entity not subject to backup withholding, give the requester the appropriate completed Form W-8.

What is backup withholding? Persons making certain payments to you must under certain conditions withhold and pay to the IRS a percentage of such payments. This is called "backup withholding." Payments that may be subject to backup withholding include interest, tax-exempt interest, dividends, broker and barter exchange transactions, rents, royalties, nonemployee pay, and certain payments from fishing boat operators. Real estate transactions are not subject to backup withholding.

You will not be subject to backup withholding on payments you receive if you give the requester your correct TIN, make the proper certifications, and report all your taxable interest and dividends on your tax return.

Payments you receive will be subject to backup withholding if:

1. You do not furnish your TIN to the requester,

2. You do not certify your TIN when required (see the Part II instructions on page 3 for details),

3. The IRS tells the requester that you furnished an incorrect TIN,

4. The IRS tells you that you are subject to backup withholding because you did not report all your interest and dividends on your tax return (for reportable interest and dividends only), or

5. You do not certify to the requester that you are not subject to backup withholding under 4 above (for reportable interest and dividend accounts opened after 1983 only).

Certain payees and payments are exempt from backup withholding. See the instructions below and the separate Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9.

Also see Special rules for partnerships on page 1.

Updating Your Information

You must provide updated information to any person to whom you claimed to be an exempt payee if you are no longer an exempt payee and anticipate receiving reportable payments in the future from this person. For example, you may need to provide updated information if you are a C corporation that elects to be an S corporation, or if you no longer are tax exempt. In addition, you must furnish a new Form W-9 if the name or TIN changes for the account, for example, if the grantor of a grantor trust dies.

Penalties

Failure to furnish TIN. If you fail to furnish your correct TIN to a requester, you are subject to a penalty of \$50 for each such failure unless your failure is due to reasonable cause and not to willful neglect.

Civil penalty for false information with respect to withholding. If you make a false statement with no reasonable basis that results in no backup withholding, you are subject to a \$500 penalty.

Criminal penalty for falsifying information. Willfully falsifying certifications or affirmations may subject you to criminal penalties including fines and/or imprisonment.

Misuse of TINs. If the requester discloses or uses TINs in violation of federal law, the requester may be subject to civil and criminal penalties.

Specific Instructions

Name

If you are an individual, you must generally enter the name shown on your income tax return. However, if you have changed your last name, for instance, due to marriage without informing the Social Security Administration of the name change, enter your first name, the last name shown on your social security card, and your new last name.

If the account is in joint names, list first, and then circle, the name of the person or entity whose number you entered in Part I of the form.

Sole proprietor. Enter your individual name as shown on your income tax return on the "Name" line. You may enter your business, trade, or "doing business as (DBA)" name on the "Business name/disregarded entity name" line.

Partnership, C Corporation, or S Corporation. Enter the entity's name on the "Name" line and any business, trade, or "doing business as (DBA) name" on the "Business name/disregarded entity name" line.

Disregarded entity. Enter the owner's name on the "Name" line. The name of the entity entered on the "Name" line should never be a disregarded entity. The name on the "Name" line must be the name shown on the income tax return on which the income will be reported. For example, if a foreign LLC that is treated as a disregarded entity for U.S. federal tax purposes has a domestic owner, the domestic owner's name is required to be provided on the "Name" line. If the direct owner of the entity is also a disregarded entity, enter the first owner that is not disregarded for federal tax purposes. Enter the disregarded entity's name on the "Business name/disregarded entity name" line. If the owner of the disregarded entity is a foreign person, you must complete an appropriate Form W-8.

Note. Check the appropriate box for the federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on the "Name" line (Individual/sole proprietor, Partnership, C Corporation, S Corporation, Trust/estate).

Limited Liability Company (LLC). If the person identified on the "Name" line is an LLC, check the "Limited liability company" box only and enter the appropriate code for the tax classification in the space provided. If you are an LLC that is treated as a partnership for federal tax purposes, enter "P" for partnership. If you are an LLC that has filed a Form 8832 or a Form 2553 to be taxed as a corporation, enter "C" for C corporation or "S" for S corporation. If you are an LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner under Regulation section 301.7701-3 (except for employment and excise tax), do not check the LLC box unless the owner of the LLC (required to be identified on the "Name" line) is another LLC that is not disregarded for federal tax purposes. If the LLC is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner, enter the appropriate tax classification of the owner identified on the "Name" line. **Other entities.** Enter your business name as shown on required federal tax documents on the "Name" line. This name should match the name shown on the charter or other legal document creating the entity. You may enter any business, trade, or DBA name on the "Business name/ disregarded entity name" line.

Exempt Payee

If you are exempt from backup withholding, enter your name as described above and check the appropriate box for your status, then check the "Exempt payee" box in the line following the "Business name/ disregarded entity name," sign and date the form.

Generally, individuals (including sole proprietors) are not exempt from backup withholding. Corporations are exempt from backup withholding for certain payments, such as interest and dividends.

Note. If you are exempt from backup withholding, you should still complete this form to avoid possible erroneous backup withholding.

The following payees are exempt from backup withholding:

1. An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a), any IRA, or a custodial account under section 403(b)(7) if the account satisfies the requirements of section 401(f)(2),

2. The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities,

3. A state, the District of Columbia, a possession of the United States, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities,

4. A foreign government or any of its political subdivisions, agencies, or instrumentalities, or

5. An international organization or any of its agencies or instrumentalities.

Other payees that may be exempt from backup withholding include: 6. A corporation,

7. A foreign central bank of issue,

8. A dealer in securities or commodities required to register in the United States, the District of Columbia, or a possession of the United States,

9. A futures commission merchant registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission,

10. A real estate investment trust,

11. An entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940,

12. A common trust fund operated by a bank under section 584(a),

13. A financial institution,

14. A middleman known in the investment community as a nominee or custodian, or

15. A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947.

The following chart shows types of payments that may be exempt from backup withholding. The chart applies to the exempt payees listed above, 1 through 15.

IF the payment is for	THEN the payment is exempt for
Interest and dividend payments	All exempt payees except for 9
Broker transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 5 and 7 through 13. Also, C corporations.
Barter exchange transactions and patronage dividends	Exempt payees 1 through 5
Payments over \$600 required to be reported and direct sales over \$5,000 ¹	Generally, exempt payees 1 through 7 ²

¹See Form 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Income, and its instructions.

² However, the following payments made to a corporation and reportable on Form 1099-MISC are not exempt from backup withholding: medical and health care payments, attorneys' fees, gross proceeds paid to an attorney, and payments for services paid by a federal executive agency.

Part I. Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. If you are a resident alien and you do not have and are not eligible to get an SSN, your TIN is your IRS individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN). Enter it in the social security number box. If you do not have an ITIN, see *How to get a TIN* below.

If you are a sole proprietor and you have an EIN, you may enter either your SSN or EIN. However, the IRS prefers that you use your SSN.

If you are a single-member LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner (see *Limited Liability Company (LLC)* on page 2), enter the owner's SSN (or EIN, if the owner has one). Do not enter the disregarded entity's EIN. If the LLC is classified as a corporation or partnership, enter the entity's EIN.

Note. See the chart on page 4 for further clarification of name and TIN combinations.

How to get a TIN. If you do not have a TIN, apply for one immediately. To apply for an SSN, get Form SS-5, Application for a Social Security Card, from your local Social Security Administration office or get this form online at *www.ssa.gov*. You may also get this form by calling 1-800-772-1213. Use Form W-7, Application for IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, to apply for an ITIN, or Form SS-4, Application for Employer Identification Number, to apply for an EIN vou can apply for an EIN online by accessing the IRS website at *www.irs.gov/businesses* and clicking on Employer Identification Number (EIN) under Starting a Business. You can get Forms W-7 and SS-4 from the IRS by visiting IRS.gov or by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

If you are asked to complete Form W-9 but do not have a TIN, write "Applied For" in the space for the TIN, sign and date the form, and give it to the requester. For interest and dividend payments, and certain payments made with respect to readily tradable instruments, generally you will have 60 days to get a TIN and give it to the requester before you are subject to backup withholding on payments. The 60-day rule does not apply to other types of payments. You will be subject to backup withholding on all such payments until you provide your TIN to the requester.

Note. Entering "Applied For" means that you have already applied for a TIN or that you intend to apply for one soon.

Caution: A disregarded domestic entity that has a foreign owner must use the appropriate Form W-8.

Part II. Certification

To establish to the withholding agent that you are a U.S. person, or resident alien, sign Form W-9. You may be requested to sign by the withholding agent even if item 1, below, and items 4 and 5 on page 4 indicate otherwise.

For a joint account, only the person whose TIN is shown in Part I should sign (when required). In the case of a disregarded entity, the person identified on the "Name" line must sign. Exempt payees, see *Exempt Payee* on page 3.

Signature requirements. Complete the certification as indicated in items 1 through 3, below, and items 4 and 5 on page 4.

1. Interest, dividend, and barter exchange accounts opened before 1984 and broker accounts considered active during 1983. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

2. Interest, dividend, broker, and barter exchange accounts opened after 1983 and broker accounts considered inactive during 1983. You must sign the certification or backup withholding will apply. If you are subject to backup withholding and you are merely providing your correct TIN to the requester, you must cross out item 2 in the certification before signing the form.

3. Real estate transactions. You must sign the certification. You may cross out item 2 of the certification.

4. Other payments. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification unless you have been notified that you have previously given an incorrect TIN. "Other payments" include payments made in the course of the requester's trade or business for rents, royalties, goods (other than bills for merchandise), medical and health care services (including payments to corporations), payments to a nonemployee for services, payments to certain fishing boat crew members and fishermen, and gross proceeds paid to attorneys (including payments to corporations).

5. Mortgage interest paid by you, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, qualified tuition program payments (under section 529), IRA, Coverdell ESA, Archer MSA or HSA contributions or distributions, and pension distributions. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

What Name and Number To Give the Requester

For this type of account:	Give name and SSN of:
 Individual Two or more individuals (joint account) 	The individual The actual owner of the account or, if combined funds, the first individual on the account ¹
3. Custodian account of a minor (Uniform Gift to Minors Act)	The minor ²
 a. The usual revocable savings trust (grantor is also trustee) b. So-called trust account that is not a legal or valid trust under state law 	The grantor-trustee '
 Sole proprietorship or disregarded entity owned by an individual 	The owner ³
 Grantor trust filing under Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 1 (see Regulation section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(A)) 	The grantor*
For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
7. Disregarded entity not owned by an individual	The owner
8. A valid trust, estate, or pension trust	Legal entity 4
9. Corporation or LLC electing corporate status on Form 8832 or Form 2553	The corporation
 Association, club, religious, charitable, educational, or other tax-exempt organization 	The organization
11. Partnership or multi-member LLC	The partnership
12. A broker or registered nominee	The broker or nominee
13. Account with the Department of Agriculture in the name of a public entity (such as a state or local government, school district, or prison) that receives agricultural program payments	The public entity
14. Grantor trust filing under the Form 1041 Filing Method or the Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 2 (see Regulation section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(B))	The trust

¹List first and circle the name of the person whose number you furnish. If only one person on a joint account has an SSN, that person's number must be furnished.

² Circle the minor's name and furnish the minor's SSN.

³You must show your individual name and you may also enter your business or "DBA" name on the "Business name/disregarded entity" name line. You may use either your SSN or EIN (if you have one), but the IRS encourages you to use your SSN.

⁴List first and circle the name of the trust, estate, or pension trust. (Do not furnish the TIN of the personal representative or trustee unless the legal entity itself is not designated in the account title.) Also see *Special rules for partnerships* on page 1.

*Note. Grantor also must provide a Form W-9 to trustee of trust.

Note. If no name is circled when more than one name is listed, the number will be considered to be that of the first name listed.

Secure Your Tax Records from Identity Theft

Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal information such as your name, social security number (SSN), or other identifying information, without your permission, to commit fraud or other crimes. An identity thief may use your SSN to get a job or may file a tax return using your SSN to receive a refund.

To reduce your risk:

- Protect your SSN,
- Ensure your employer is protecting your SSN, and
- Be careful when choosing a tax preparer.

If your tax records are affected by identity theft and you receive a notice from the IRS, respond right away to the name and phone number printed on the IRS notice or letter.

If your tax records are not currently affected by identity theft but you think you are at risk due to a lost or stolen purse or wallet, questionable credit card activity or credit report, contact the IRS Identity Theft Hotline at 1-800-908-4490 or submit Form 14039.

For more information, see Publication 4535, Identity Theft Prevention and Victim Assistance.

Victims of identity theft who are experiencing economic harm or a system problem, or are seeking help in resolving tax problems that have not been resolved through normal channels, may be eligible for Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) assistance. You can reach TAS by calling the TAS toll-free case intake line at 1-877-777-4778 or TTY/TDD 1-800-829-4059.

Protect yourself from suspicious emails or phishing schemes. Phishing is the creation and use of email and websites designed to mimic legitimate business emails and websites. The most common act is sending an email to a user falsely claiming to be an established legitimate enterprise in an attempt to scam the user into surrendering private information that will be used for identity theft.

The IRS does not initiate contacts with taxpayers via emails. Also, the IRS does not request personal detailed information through email or ask taxpayers for the PIN numbers, passwords, or similar secret access information for their credit card, bank, or other financial accounts.

If you receive an unsolicited email claiming to be from the IRS, forward this message to *phishing@irs.gov*. You may also report misuse of the IRS name, logo, or other IRS property to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration at 1-800-366-4484. You can forward suspicious emails to the Federal Trade Commission at: *spam@uce.gov* or contact them at *www.ftc.gov/idtheft* or 1-877-IDTHEFT (1-877-438-4338).

Visit IRS.gov to learn more about identity theft and how to reduce your risk.

Privacy Act Notice

Section 6109 of the Internal Revenue Code requires you to provide your correct TIN to persons (including federal agencies) who are required to file information returns with the IRS to report interest, dividends, or certain other income paid to you; mortgage interest you paid; the acquisition or abandonment of secured property; the cancellation of debt; or contributions you made to an IRA, Archer MSA, or HSA. The person collecting this form uses the information on the form to file information returns with the IRS, reporting the above information. Routine uses of this information include giving it to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation and to cities, states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. possessions for use in administering their laws. The information also may be disclosed to other countries under a treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce civil and criminal laws, or to federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies to combat terrorism. You must provide your TIN whether or not you are required to file a treat return. Under section 3406, payers must generally withhold a percentage of taxable interest, dividend, and certain other payments to a payee who does not give a TIN to the payer. Certain penalties may also apply for providing false or fraudulent information.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT

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I.

CONTRACTOR/GRANTEE CONTRACT COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT

CONTRACTOR/GRANTEE COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

NOTE: - THESE REQUIREMENTS APPLY TO ALL CONTRACTORS - INCLUDING GRANTEES AND INDIVIDUALS

Connecticut General Statute Section 4a-60 was adopted to insure that State agencies do not enter into contracts with organizations or businesses that discriminate against protected class persons. To carry out the provisions of the Statute, the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities developed Regulations concerning Contract Compliance and approval of Contract Compliance Programs which impose certain obligations on State agencies as well as contractors doing business with the State of Connecticut.

These regulations require that as an awarding agency, in this instance, the Office of Policy and Management (OPM), must consider the following factors in its selection of any contractor:

- The bidder's success in implementing an affirmative action plan;
- If the bidder does not have a written affirmative action plan, the bidder's promise to develop and implement a successful affirmative action plan;
- The bidder's success in developing an apprenticeship program complying with Sections 46a-68-1 to 46a-68-17 of the Administrative Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, inclusive;
- 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
- The bidder's promise to set aside a portion of the contract for legitimate minority business enterprises.

In order to assess the factors above, contractors are required to provide OPM with information about their organizations.

A package of information (see Section II. Bidder's Packet) is provided with forms (and instructions) that must be completed, signed by responsible parties and returned to OPM with the response to the Request for Proposal or with the Grant Application.

PLEASE NOTE: If you indicate that you will be sub-contracting a portion of this contract, you will be sent further forms for completion as required in the contract compliance regulations. Thank you for your cooperation.

II.

BIDDER'S PACKET

OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT

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

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CONTRACT COMPLIANCE NOTIFICATION TO BIDDERS

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

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

	Signature			
		Title		
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		Date		
		On behalf	of:	
		Vendor Na	ime	
		Street Add	ress	
City			State	Zip
	Federal Er	mployee Ident (FEIN/SS		mber

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

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

(Revised 09/17/07)

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

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

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

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

INSTRUCTIONS AND OTHER INFORMATION

The following <u>BIDDER CONTRACT COMPLIANCE MONITORING REPORT</u> 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.

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 listed 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) (Page 3)

<u>White</u> (not of Hispanic Origin)- All persons having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, North	<u>Asian or Pacific Islander</u> - All persons having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the
Africa, or the Middle East.	Indian subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands. This area includes
Black(not of Hispanic Origin)- All persons having	China, India, Japan, Korea, the Philippine Islands, and
origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa.	Samoa.
Hispanic- All persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban,	American Indian or Alaskan Native- All persons having
Central or South American, or other Spanish culture or	origins in any of the original peoples of North America, and
origin, regardless of race.	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 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. YesNo -Bidder is a minority business enterprise YesNo (If yes, check ownership category) BlackHispanicAsian AmericanAmerican Indian/Alaskan NativeIberian PeninsulaIndividual(s) with a Physical Disability Female
Bidder Parent Company (If any)	- Bidder is certified as above by State of CT Yes No
Other Locations in Ct. (If any)	- DAS Certification Number

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? YesNo	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? YesNo	8. Do you, upon request, provide reasonable accommodation to employees, or applicants for employment, who have physical or mental disability? YesNo
3. Do you notify all recruitment sources in writing of your company's Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity employment policy? YesNo	9. Does your company have a mandatory retirement age for all employees? YesNo
4. Do your company advertisements contain a written statement that 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? YesNo 6a. If yes, do the collective bargaining agreements contain non-discrimination clauses covering all workers? YesNo 	12. Does your company have a written affirmative action Plan? 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? YesNo	13. Is there a person in your company who is responsible for equal employment opportunity? Yes_No_ If yes, give name and phone number.

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 sheet 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		HTE Hispanic	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/Maintenance											
Construction & Extraction											
Installation , Maintenance & Repair											
Material Moving Workers											
Production Occupations											
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Total One Year Ago											
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Apprentices											
Trainees											

PART IV - Bidder Employment Information

*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

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 Which of the following (Check yes or no, and r 	recruitme report perc	ent source ent used)	s are used by you?	2. Check (X) any of the below listed requirements that you use as a hiring qualification(X)		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 Advertisement					High School Diploma					
Walk Ins					College Degree					
Present Employees					Union Membership					
Labor Organizations					Personal Recommendation					
Minority/Community Organizations					Height or Weight					
Others (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 CONN. GEN. STAT.

(Signature)	(Title)	(Date Signed)	(Telephone)

III.

PERTINENT STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

OF THE

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES Current through Gen. St., Rev. to 1-1-09**

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TITLE 46A. HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES CONTRACT COMPLIANCE

§ 46a-68j-21 -- § 46a-68j-43 and § 46a-68k-1 -- § 46a-68k-8.

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