# NEW JERSEY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION TRENTON, NEW JERSEY 08618

# Request for Proposals (RFP)

**Proposal Specifications & General Requirements** 

# TECHNOLOGY BASED ACCESS CONTROL AND EMERGENCY ALARM SYSTEM

Proposal No: NJSBA 2025-09

**Proposal Opening Date** 

**Tuesday September 3, 2025** 

Proposal Opening Time **2:00 p.m.** 

Carl Tanksley, Jr. Esq.
General Counsel, New Jersey School Boards Association



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# REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS 2025-09 FOR TECHNOLOGY BASED ACCESS CONTROL AND EMERGENCY ALARM SYSTEM

Introduction Letter

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July 29, 2025

To Interested Respondents:

The New Jersey School Boards Association, hereinafter NJSBA, is a local governmental entity, a body corporate and politic, with corporate succession, established by the New Jersey Legislature. All boards of education of the various school districts in New Jersey are members of NJSBA, *N.J.S.A.* 18A:6-45. Additionally, New Jersey's public charter schools and other governmental entities may voluntarily join NJSBA. Collectively, these public schools and other permissible entities are referred to as "NJSBA's membership."

NJSBA has developed a Technology and Cybersecurity Solutions program under the NJSBA's TEC (Technology for Education and Career), as part of the NJSBA's Cooperative Pricing System (CPS) E-8801-NJSBA-ACESCPS. This program will enable its membership to purchase technology and cybersecurity products and services at reduced costs; the program will also assist schools and other permissible entities by providing cost-saving alternatives for managing and reducing the risk of building, personnel and cybersecurity attacks. A further enhancement to the program is consulting offered by the successful Respondent to the membership in use of the products and services.

NJSBA, is requesting proposals from respondents for Technology Based Access Control and Emergency Alarm Systems to NJSBA's membership under this program and CPS E-8801-NJSBA-ACESCPS. The successful respondent(s) will provide discounted prices off their catalog or the manufacturers' price to New Jersey public school districts, charter schools and other permissible entities that procure from the contract.

NJSBA will select one or more respondent(s) through a "fair and open" contracting process to enter into a five (5) year contract. The proposal to offer a Technology Based Access Control and Emergency Alarm System contract shall be in accordance with the attached Request for Proposals and fully comply with the following:

- i. Public School Contracts Law <u>N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq.</u>, N.J.S.A <u>18A:18A-5e</u>, <u>N.J.A.C. 5:34-4</u> et. seq. and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7 et. seq. and 5:34-7.30;
- ii. Federal and New Jersey State law and regulations, as applicable; and
- iii. New Jersey Open Public Records Act, N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et. seq.

The deadline for proposals is 2:00 p.m. E.S.T. on September 3, 2025. Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

Lou Schimenti

Associate Director of Exhibitions and Cooperatives

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#### **NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by the General Counsel of the New Jersey School Boards Association, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey on Wednesday September 3, 2025 at 2:00 pm prevailing time at 413 West State Street, Trenton, New Jersey 08618 at which time and place bids will be opened and read in public for **Proposal No. NJSBA 2025-09 Technology Based Access Control and Emergency Alarm System**.

The New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA) seeks the services for Technology Based Access Control and Emergency Alarm System that offers the features outlined in NJSBA's Request for Proposals 2025-09 — Technology Based Access Control and Emergency Alarm System. This solicitation seeks the services of a highly qualified and experienced technology company to provide efficient, economical, and customized Technology Based Access Control and Emergency Alarm System to NJSBA's membership

Specifications and other bid information may be obtained at 413 West State Street, Trenton New Jersey 08618 during regular business hours, or by requesting a digital copy from <a href="mailto:ctanksley@njsba.org">ctanksley@njsba.org</a> and Lou Schimenti, Ischimenti@njsba.org.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of 17:27-1 et seq.	N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq.	and N.J.A.C.
Carl Tanksley, Jr., Esq., General Counsel		
Publication date:		

The New Jersey School Boards Association solicits proposals through the public bidding and contracting process in accordance with *N.J.S.A.* 18A:18A-1 et seq.

### Proposal No. NJSBA 2025-09— TECHNOLOGY BASED ACCESS CONTROL AND EMERGENCY ALARM SYSTEM

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

#### CARL TANKSLEY, JR. ESQ., GENERAL COUNSEL

413 West State Street
Trenton, New Jersey 08618
Email ctanksley@njsba.org
cc: Lou Schimenti lscimenti@njsba.org

Responses may be hand-delivered or sent by mail in a sealed envelope and delivered to the Office of the General Counsel of the New Jersey School Boards Association listed above, copy to Lou Schimenti, <u>on or</u> <u>before</u> the date and time indicated below. Respondents are to submit two (2) electronic copies of the proposal on a USB drive and one (1) printed copy of the proposal. **No email submissions will be accepted**.

The envelope is to bear the following information:

Title: TECHNOLOGY BASED ACCESS CONTROL AND EMERGENCY ALARM SYSTEM

Proposal No.: NJSBA 2025-09

Name and Address of the Respondent:

Proposal Due Date: Wednesday September 3, 2025

Proposal Opening Time: 2:00 p.m.

Location of Proposal Opening

NEW JERSEY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

413 West State Street Trenton, New Jersey 08618

The proposal opening process will begin on the advertised date and time at the New Jersey School Boards Association, 413 West State Street, Trenton, New Jersey 08618. Proposals may also be submitted to the General Counsel or designee at the proposal opening meeting, prior to the advertised date and time. On the advertised date and time, the General Counsel shall publicly receive and open all proposals.

No proposals shall be received after the time designated in the advertisement. (N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-21(b)).



Carl Tanksley, Jr. Esq. General Counsel

**NEW JERSEY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION** 

Request for Proposals (RFP)

#### I. PART A - INSTRUCTIONS FOR BIDDERS AND STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

### TECHNOLOGY BASED ACCESS CONTROL AND EMERGENCY ALARM SYSTEM

#### 1. PROJECT OVERVIEW

In 1914, the New Jersey Legislature authorized local boards of education to form a federation to "investigate such subjects relating to education in its various branches as it may think proper, and ... encourage and aid all movements for the improvement of the educational affairs of New Jersey." So began the New Jersey Federation of District Boards of Education, later renamed the New Jersey School Boards Association.

NJSBA is a local governmental entity, a body corporate and politic, with corporate succession, established by the New Jersey Legislature. All boards of education of the various school districts in New Jersey are members of NJSBA, *N.J.S.A.* 18A:6-45. Additionally, New Jersey's public charter schools and other local governing entities may voluntarily join NJSBA cooperative pricing system. Collectively, these entities are referred to as "NJSBA's membership."

NJSBA has developed a Technology and Cybersecurity Solutions program under the NJSBA's TEC (Technology for Education and Career), as part of the NJSBA's Cooperative Pricing System (CPS) #E-8801-NJSBA-ACESCPS. This program will enable its membership to purchase technology and cybersecurity products and services at reduced costs; the program will also assist schools and other permissible entities by providing cost-saving alternatives for managing and reducing the risk of building, personnel and cybersecurity attacks. A further enhancement to the program is consulting offered by the successful Respondent to the membership in use of the products and services.

Any technical questions relating to the specifications described herein should be directed to **Lou Schimenti at (609) 278-5271**.

#### PROPOSALS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED TO:

Carl Tanksley, Jr., Esq.
General Counsel
New Jersey School Boards Association
413 West State Street
Trenton, New Jersey 08618

BY: 2:00 p.m. PREVAILING TIME ON: Wednesday, September 3, 2025

The proposals may be delivered by mail, delivery service, or in person. Proposals are to be submitted in a sealed envelope. **No email submissions will be accepted**. Proposals will be unsealed, and the contents announced at the proposal opening meeting.

All proposals must be placed in a *sealed* envelope/package and clearly marked with **TECHNOLOGY BASED ACCESS CONTROL AND EMERGENCY ALARM SYSTEM RFP 2025-09** on the front of the envelope/package.

All proposals <u>must be</u> submitted in <u>duplicate</u> on the submittal forms provided and, in the manner designated. In addition to one printed copy, NJSBA requires two digital copies of the proposal to be submitted on a USB drive to assist in internal processing. Respondents should also keep a complete copy of the proposal packet, exactly as submitted.

#### **Envelope Label Information**

All respondents are to clearly label the cover of the sealed envelope as follows:

Title: RFP/CC Number	TECHNOLOGY BASED ACCESS CONTROL AND EMERGENCY ALARM SYSTEM NJSBA 2025-09
Name and Address Respon	
Due Date: Deadline Time:	Wednesday, September 3, 2025 2:00 p.m.

Failure to properly label the proposal envelope may lead to the rejection of the proposal!

#### INVITATION FOR BIDS

# 2. TECHNOLOGY BASED ACCESS CONTROL AND EMERGENCY ALARM SYSTEM – BID # 2025-09

The New Jersey School Boards Association is soliciting the services of a highly qualified and experienced security company to provide efficient, economical, and customized Technology Based Access Control and Emergency Alarm System to their membership, on September 3, 2025. All bids must be delivered to the General Counsel, 413 W. State St., Trenton, NJ 08618, NO LATER THAN 2:00 PM prevailing time on said date. Bids will then be publicly opened. Bids received after the time set for the opening cannot be considered. The bids shall include all labor, materials, and management services necessary to fully administer delivery of the specification listed herein.

Blank forms of bids, specifications and general information may be obtained by applying to Carl Tanksley (609) 278-5254, or via email <a href="mailto:ctanksley@njsba.org">ctanksley@njsba.org</a> cc to Lou Schimenti, <a href="mailto:lschimenti@njsba.org">lschimenti@njsba.org</a>. The New Jersey School Board Association reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any non-material informality in the bidding. **No bidder may withdraw** their bid within 30 days after the actual date of opening thereof.

#### **PURPOSE**

NJSBA is soliciting requests for proposals for competitive contracting (RFPs) in accordance with *N.J.S.A.* 18A:18A-1 *et seq.* for the purpose of entering into a contract for Technology Based Access Control and Emergency Alarm System for its membership.

#### 3. BUSINESS REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE (N.J.S.A. 52:32-44)

Pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 52:32-44, NJSBA is prohibited from entering into a contract with an entity unless the vendor and each subcontractor that is named in the bid response has a valid Business Registration Certificate on file with the Division of Revenue and Enterprise Services within the Department of the Treasury. A subcontractor named in a bid or other proposal shall provide a copy of its business registration to the contractor who shall provide it to NJSBA.

Pursuant to *N.J.S.A.*54:49-4.1, a business organization that fails to provide a copy of a business registration, or that provides false business registration information, shall be liable for a penalty of \$25 for each day of violation, not to exceed \$50,000 for each business registration copy not properly provided under a contract with a contracting agency.

#### A Request of NJSBA

All companies responding to requests for proposals are requested to submit with their response package a copy of their "New Jersey Business Registration Certificate" as issued by the Department of Treasury of the State of New Jersey.

# NJSBA reminds all respondents that failure to submit the New Jersey Business Registration Certificate with the bid response will result in the rejection of the proposal.

Subcontractors and Business Registration Certificates

Prior to contract award or authorization, the contractor shall provide NJSBA with its proof of business registration and that of any named subcontractor(s).

Subcontractors named in a bid or other proposal shall provide proof of business registration to the respondent who in turn, shall provide it to NJSBA prior to the time a contract, purchase order, or another contracting document is awarded or authorized.

During the course of contract performance:

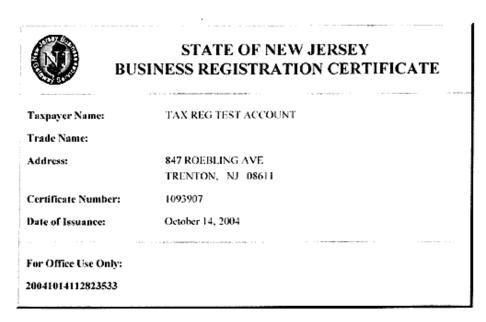
- o The contractor shall not enter into a contract with a subcontractor unless the subcontractor first provides the contractor with valid proof of business registration.
- o The contractor shall maintain and submit to NJSBA a list of subcontractors and their addresses that may be updated from time to time.
- o The contractor and any subcontractor providing goods or performing services under the contract, and each of their affiliates, shall collect and remit to the Director of the Division of Taxation in the Department of the Treasury, the use tax due pursuant to the Sales and Use Tax Act, (*N.J.S.A.* 54:32B-1 *et seq.*) on all sales of tangible personal property delivered into the State. Any questions in this regard can be directed to the Division of Taxation at (609)292-6400. Form NJ-REG can be filed with the Department of Community Affairs <a href="https://www.nj.gov/dca/dlgs/programs/NJ\_LAPL.shtml">https://www.nj.gov/dca/dlgs/programs/NJ\_LAPL.shtml</a>.

Before final payment is made under the contract, the contractor shall submit to NJSBA a complete and accurate list of all subcontractors used and their addresses. *N.J.S.A.* 54:49-4.1: Violations of Registration Requirements; Penalties.

A business organization that fails to provide a copy of a business registration as required pursuant to section 1 of P.L. 2001, c.134 (C.52:32-44 et al.) or subsection e. or f. of section 92 of P.L.1977, c.110 (C.5:12-92), or that provides false information of business registration under the requirements of either of those sections, shall be liable for a penalty of \$25 for each day of violation, not to exceed \$50,000 for each business registration copy not properly provided under a contract with a contracting agency or under a casino service industry enterprise contract.

#### **Sample Business Registration Certificates**





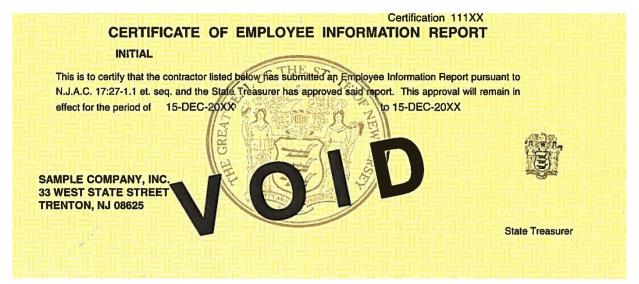
#### 4. AFFIRMATIVE ACTION REQURIEMENTS

Each company shall submit to the New Jersey School Boards Association, after notification of award, but prior to execution of a goods and services contract, **one** of the following three documents:

- Appropriate evidence that the contractor is operating under an existing federally approved or sanctioned affirmative action program;
- A Certificate of Employee Information Report approval issued in accordance with *N.J.A.C.* 17:27-4; or
- The successful bidder (respondent) shall complete an Employee Information Report, Form AA-302, and submit it to the Division of Purchase and Property Contract Compliance and Audit Unit with a check or money order for \$150.00 made payable to the Treasurer, State of NJ and forward a copy of the form and check/money order to NJSBA. Upon submission and review by the Division, the Report shall constitute evidence of compliance with the regulations.

Please note: A completed and signed Affirmative Action Questionnaire is requested with the submission of the bid/proposal. However, NJSBA will accept in lieu of the Questionnaire, Affirmative Action Evidence in the form of a current Certificate of Employee Information Report submitted with the bid/proposal. If awarded a contract your company/firm will be required to comply with the requirements of *N.J.S.A.* 10:5-31 *et seq.* and *N.J.A.C.* 17:27 *et seq.*, and the terms and conditions of the Mandatory Equal Employment Opportunity Language—Exhibit A.

#### **Sample Certificate of Employee Information Report**



All respondents are requested, but not required, to submit with their response, a copy of their firm's Certificate of Employee Information Report. Failure to submit the Certificate or other required documentation prior to the award of the contract will result in the rejection of the bid/proposal.

#### 5. AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

The contractor must comply with all provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), *P.L.* 101-336, in accordance with 42 U.S.C. S121 01 *et seq*.

#### 6. AMERICAN GOODS (*N.J.S.A.* 18A:18A-20)

NJSBA intends to purchase, wherever available, and practical, goods and materials manufactured in the United States.

#### 7. ANTI-DISCRIMINATION PROVISIONS—*N.J.S.A.* 10:2-1

*N.J.S.A.* 10:2-1. Anti-discrimination provisions. Every contract for or on behalf of the State or any county or municipality or other political subdivision of the State, or any agency of or authority created by any of the foregoing, for the construction, alteration or repair of any public building or public work or for the acquisition of materials, equipment, supplies or services shall contain provisions by which the contractor agrees that:

a. In the hiring of persons for the performance of work under this contract or any subcontract hereunder, or for the procurement, manufacture, assembling or furnishing of any such materials, equipment, supplies or services to be acquired under this contract, no contractor, nor any person acting on behalf of such contractor or subcontractor, shall, by reason of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, gender identity or expression, affectional or sexual orientation or sex, discriminate against any person who is qualified and available to perform the work to which the employment relates;

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- b. No contractor, subcontractor, nor any person on his behalf shall, in any manner, discriminate against or intimidate any employee engaged in the performance of work under this contract or any subcontract hereunder, or engaged in the procurement, manufacture, assembling or furnishing of any such materials, equipment, supplies or services to be acquired under such contract, on account of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, gender identity or expression, affectional or sexual orientation or sex;
- c. There may be deducted from the amount payable to the contractor by the contracting public agency, under this contract, a penalty of \$50.00 for each person for each calendar day during which such person is discriminated against or intimidated in violation of the provisions of the contract; and
- d. This contract may be canceled or terminated by the contracting public agency, and all money due or to become due hereunder may be forfeited, for any violation of this section of the contract occurring after notice to the contractor from the contracting public agency of any prior violation of this section of the contract.

No provision in this section shall be construed to prevent NJSBA from designating that a contract, subcontract, or other means of procurement of goods, services, equipment, or construction shall be awarded to a small business enterprise, minority business enterprise, or a women's business enterprise pursuant to P.L. 1985, c.490 (*N.J.S.A.* 18A:18A-51 *et seq.*).

#### 8. AWARD OF CONTRACT; RESOLUTION; NUMBER OF DAYS

Any contract awarded under this process shall be made by resolution of the NJSBA. It is anticipated that the award will be made within sixty (60) days of the receipt of the proposals, however such award is subject to extension pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 18A:18A-36(a).

9. CONTRACTOR REQUIREMENTS—ACCESS AND MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS Vendors doing business with NJSBA are reminded of the following legal requirements pertaining to the Office of the New Jersey State Comptroller:

#### Access to Relevant Documents and Information—N.J.S.A. 52:15C-14 (d)

Private vendors or other persons contracting with or receiving funds from a unit in the Executive branch of State government, including an entity exercising executive branch authority, independent State authority, public institution of higher education, or unit of local government or NJSBA shall upon request by the State Comptroller provide the State Comptroller with prompt access to all relevant documents and information as a condition of the contract and receipt of public monies. The State Comptroller shall not disclose any document or information to which access is provided that is confidential or proprietary. If the State Comptroller finds that any person receiving funds from a unit in the Executive branch of State government, including an entity exercising executive branch authority, independent State authority, public institution of higher education, or unit of local government or the successful vendor refuses to provide information upon the request of the State Comptroller, or otherwise impedes or fails to cooperate with any audit or performance review, the State Comptroller may recommend to the contracting unit that the person be subject to termination of their contract, or temporarily or permanently debarred from contracting with the contracting unit.

#### Maintenance of Contract Records—N.J.A.C. 17:44-2.2

Relevant records of private vendors or other persons entering into contracts with covered entities are subject to audit or review by OSC pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 52:15C-14(d).

The contractor/vendor to whom a contract has been awarded shall maintain all documentation related to products, transactions, or services under this contract for a period of five years from the date of final payment. Such records shall be made available to the New Jersey Office of the State Comptroller upon request.

#### New Jersey School Boards Association Requirements

In addition to, and independent of, the requirements of *N.J.S.A.* 52:15C-14 (d) and *N.J.A.C.* 17:44-2.2, the Contractor shall also maintain and make any or all books and records related to product transactions or services rendered under this contract, available to NJSBA upon request.

#### 10. ETHICS IN PURCHASING

#### NJSBA Responsibility

<u>Recommendation of Purchases</u> - It is the desire of the NJSBA to have all employees and officers practice exemplary ethical behavior in the procurement of goods, materials, supplies, and services.

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

<u>Solicitation/Receipt of Gifts</u> – NJSBA officers and employees are prohibited from soliciting and receiving funds, gifts, materials, goods, services, favors, and any other items of value from vendors doing business with or anyone proposing to do business with the NJSBA.

#### **Vendor Responsibility**

#### Offer of Gifts, Gratuities -- Prohibited

Any vendor doing business or proposing to do business with the NJSBA shall neither pay, offer to pay, either directly or indirectly, any fee, commission, or compensation, nor offer any gift, gratuity, or other thing of value of any kind to any official or employee of the NJSBA or to any member of an officer or employee's immediate family.

#### Vendor Influence -- Prohibited

No vendor shall cause to influence or attempt to cause to influence, any officer or employee of the NJSBA in any manner which might tend to impair the objectivity or independence of judgment of said officer or employee.

#### **Vendor Certification**

Vendors or potential vendors will be asked to certify that no officer or employee of the NJSBA, or immediate family members are directly or indirectly interested in this request or have any interest in any portions of profits thereof. The vendor participating in this request must be an independent vendor and not an official or employee of the NJSBA.

#### II. PART B - LEGAL SPECIFICATIONS

#### **COORDINATION OF ACTIVITIES**

The NJSBA General Counsel will coordinate the activities for this proposal.

#### 1. DEBARMENT; SUSPENSION; DISQUALIFICATION; N.J.A.C. 17:19-4.1 et seq.

NJSBA will not enter into a contract for work with any person, company, or firm that is on the State Department of Labor and Workforce Development; Prevailing Wage Debarment List, or the State of New Jersey Consolidated Debarment Report (<a href="www.state.nj.us/treasury/debarred">www.state.nj.us/treasury/debarred</a>). In addition, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:32-44.1 (a), any person that is debarred at the federal level from contracting with a federal government agency shall be debarred from contracting for any public work in this State.

All respondents are required to certify on the Contractor/Vendor Questionnaire and Certification form, indicating whether the entity listed on the proposal form, or any person employed by this entity, nor the person's affiliates are not debarred from contracting with a federal government agency, nor debarred from contracting with the State of New Jersey. NJSBA will verify the certification by consulting:

- New Jersey Department of Treasury Consolidated Debarment Report
- NJ Department of Labor and Workforce Development

   Prevailing Wage Debarment List
- Federal Debarred Vendor List—System for Award Management (SAM.gov/exclusions)

The New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development (NJDOL) created a list on its website, dubbed the Workplace Accountability in Labor List (The WALL), of any person found in violation of any State wage, benefit, and tax laws and against whom a final order has been issued by the NJDOL for such violation. Any person or business named on The WALL is prohibited from contracting with any contracting unit until the liability for violations of State wage, benefit, and tax laws have been paid in full. The WALL is now live at <a href="https://www.nj.gov/labor/ea/osec/wall.shtml">https://www.nj.gov/labor/ea/osec/wall.shtml</a>.

#### a. DOCUMENTS, MISSING/ILLEGIBLE

The respondent shall familiarize himself with all forms provided by NJSBA that are to be returned with the proposal. If there are any forms either missing or illegible, it is the responsibility of the respondent to contact the General Counsel; NJSBA's Representative for duplicate copies of the forms. This must be done before the proposal opening date and time.

#### b. DOCUMENT SIGNATURES - ORIGINAL; BLUE INK

All documents returned to NJSBA shall be signed with an original signature in ink (blue). Failure to sign and return all required documents with the proposal package may be cause for disqualification and for the proposal to be rejected pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 18A:18A-2(y) (non-responsive). Facsimile, rubber-stamped, electronic, or digital signatures are not acceptable.

#### 2. FORMS PROVIDED BY NJSBA

- a. Acknowledgment of Addenda
- b. Proposal Form
- c. Affirmative Action Questionnaire or Certificate of Employee Information Report
- d. Chapter 271 Political Contribution Disclosure Form
- e. <u>Bid Security/Bonding & Consent of Surety</u>
- f. Insurance and Indemnification
- g. Conflict of Interest Certification/References
- h. Stockholder Disclosure Certification
- i. Non-Collusion Affidavit
- j. Disclosure of Investment Activities in Iran
- k. Certification of Federal Non-Debarment
- I. Prohibited Activities with Russia or Belarus
- m. Statement of Compliance with NJSBA Policies
- n. Public Works Contractor Registration Act (Notice only, no form required)
- o. Disclosure of Investigations and Other Actions
- p. Prevailing Wage Act
- q. Buy American (Notice only, no form required)
- r. Domestic Materials (Notice only, no form required)

#### 3. EXAMINATION OF SPECIFICATIONS, ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The respondent, by submitting a proposal, acknowledges that a careful examination of the proposal specifications, documents, addenda (if any), and the site; and that from this investigation, is satisfied as to the nature and location of the work, the general and local conditions and all matters which may in any way affect the work or its performance, and that as a result of such examination, fully understands the intent and purpose thereof, the obligations thereunder, and will not make any claim for, or have any right to damages, because of the lack of any information. Each respondent submitting a proposal for a service contract shall include in the proposal price all labor, materials, equipment, services, and other requirements necessary, or incidental to, the completion of the work, and other pertinent work as hereinafter described, in accordance with the proposal specifications and documents.

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

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

<sup>\*</sup>Please check your RFP package for these forms, if any forms are missing, please contact Carl Tanksley, General Counsel, <a href="mailto:ctanksley@njsba.org">ctanksley@njsba.org</a>. as soon as possible.

Respondents should be aware of the following statutes that represent "Truth in Contracting" laws:

- i. *N.J.S.A.* 2C:21-34, *et seq.* governs false claims and representations by respondents. It is a serious crime for the bidder to knowingly submit a false claim and/or knowingly make a material misrepresentation.
- ii. *N.J.S.A.* 2C:27-10 provides that a person commits a crime if said person offers a benefit to a public servant for an official act performed or to be performed by a public servant, which is a violation of official duty.
- iii.N.J.S.A. 2C:27-11 provides that a bidder commits a crime if the said person, directly or indirectly, confers or agrees to confer any benefit not allowed by law to a public servant.

#### 5. FORCE MAJEURE

Neither party shall be liable in damages for any failure, hindrance, or delay in the performance of any obligation under this Agreement if such delay, hindrance, or failure to perform is caused by conditions beyond the control of either party, including, but not limited to, Acts of God, flood, fire, war or the public enemy, explosion, government regulations whether or not valid (including the denial or cancellation of any export or other necessary license), court order, state funding, or other unavoidable causes beyond the reasonable control of the party whose performance is affected which cannot be overcome by due diligence.

Vendors, and/or contractors who have a contract with NJSBA to provide goods or services cannot unilaterally claim an increase in the cost of the contract because of Force Majeure.

#### 6. GENERAL CONDITIONS

#### Authorization to Proceed -- Successful Vendor/Contractor

No service shall be rendered by the successful contractor unless the vendor/contractor receives an approved notice to proceed letter authorizing the vendor/contractor to render the service.

#### Award of Contract

NJSBA intends to award the contract for this proposal pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.1 et seq.

#### Renewal of Contract; Availability and Appropriation of Funds—When Applicable

NJSBA may, at its discretion, request that a contract for certain services be renewed in full accordance with *N.J.S.A.* 18A:18A-42. The General Counsel may negotiate terms for a renewal of the contract proposal and present such negotiated proposal to NJSBA. All multi-year contracts and contract renewals are subject to the availability and appropriation annually of sufficient funds as may be needed to meet the extended obligation.

NJSBA is the final authority in awarding renewals of contracts.

#### • Term of Contract

The successful respondent, to whom the contract is awarded, will be required to do and perform the work/services and to provide and furnish the materials in connection therewith in accordance with the plans and specifications on or before the date listed in the Technical Specifications.

#### 7. INSURANCE AND INDEMNIFICATION REQUIRED

Prior to the commencement of any work, the vendor/contractor to whom the contract is awarded for any service, work, or supplying of goods, shall secure, pay the premiums for and keep in force until the contract expires, insurance of the types and amounts listed below:

- Commercial General Liability with a \$1,000,000 and \$2,000,000 General Aggregate per occurrence for Bodily Injury, Personal and Advertising Injury, Property Damage, and Products Liability.
- Cyber Security and Privacy Liability with a \$1,000,000 per occurrence or claim.

Other Insurance Coverage

- \$ 50,000 Fire Damage
- \$ 5,000 Medical Expense

Insurance Certificate – Required upon contract execution. The vendor/contractor must present to NJSBA an insurance certificate in the above types and amounts before any work or service begins.

Automobile liability insurance shall be included to cover any vehicle used by the insured.

The certificate holder shall be as follows:

#### **New Jersey School Boards Association**

413 West State Street
Trenton, New Jersey 08618
Attn: General Counsel

Additional Insured Claim -- The vendor/contractor shall include the following clause on the insurance certificate. "New Jersey School Boards Association is named as an additional insured." Any such insurance shall be primary as to NJSBA.

The contractor shall secure and maintain in force for the term of the contract, insurance as provided herein. All policies must be endorsed to provide thirty (30) days written notice to NJSBA at the above address. If the contractor's insurer cannot provide thirty (30) days advance written notice, then it will become the obligation of the contractor to provide same. The contractor shall provide JNSBA with current certificates of insurance for all coverages and renewal thereof. Renewal certificates shall be provided within thirty (30) days of the expiration of the expiration of the insurance. The contractor shall not begin to provide goods or services to NJSBA until evidence of the required insurance is provided.

<u>WORKERS COMPENSATION</u> Evidence of adequate Workers Compensation Insurance as required by the laws of the State of New Jersey and the United States must be available to NJSBA. The minimum limits are the following unless a greater amount is required by law:

Bodily Injury by Accident \$1,000,000. Each Accident
Bodily Injury by Disease \$1,000,000. Policy Limit
Bodily Injury by Disease \$1,000,000. Each Employee

#### <u>Indemnification</u>

The vendor/contractor shall assume all risk of and responsibility for, and agrees to indemnify, defend, and save harmless NJSBA and its agents, employees, and Board members, from and against all claims, demands, suits, actions, recoveries, judgments and costs and expenses (including, but not limited to, attorney's fees) in connection therewith on account of the loss of life or property or injury or damage to any person, body or property of any person or persons whatsoever, which shall arise from or result directly or indirectly from the work and/or materials supplied under this contract and the performance by contractor of services under the contract or by a party for whom the contractor is liable.

This indemnification obligation is not limited by but is in addition to, the insurance obligations contained in this agreement.

The vendor/contractor is to assume all liability for every sort of incident to the work, including property damage caused by him or his workers or by any subcontractor employed by him or any of the subcontractor's workers.

#### 8. INTERPRETATIONS AND ADDENDA

Respondents are expected to examine the RFP with care and observe all their requirements. All questions about the meaning or intent of this RFP, all interpretations and clarifications considered necessary by the representative in response to such comments and questions will be issued by Addenda mailed or delivered to all parties recorded by NJSBA as having received the RFP package. Only comments and questions responded to by formal written Addenda will be binding. Oral interpretations, statements, or clarifications will be without legal effect.

No interpretation of the meaning of the specifications will be made to any respondent orally. Every request for such interpretations should be made in writing to the NJSBA's Representative and must be received at least ten (10) days, not including Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, prior to the date fixed for the opening of proposals to be given consideration.

All interpretations and any supplemental instructions will be distributed in the form of a written addendum to the specifications. The addenda will be provided in accordance with *N.J.S.A.* 18A:18A-21(c) to the respondents by certified mail or certified fax no later than seven (7) days Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays excepted, prior to the date for acceptance of proposals. All addenda so issued shall become part of the contract document.

#### 9. IRAN DISCLOSURE OF INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES FORM N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-49.4

NJSBA, pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 18A:18A-49.4, shall implement and comply with Public Law 2012, c.25, Disclosure of Investment Activities in Iran—*N.J.S.A.* 52:32-55 *et seg*.

Pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 52:32-57, *et seq.* (P.L. 2012, c.25 and P.L. 2021, c.4) any person or entity that submits a bid or proposal or otherwise proposes to enter into or renew a contract must certify prior to the time a contract is awarded and the time the contract is renewed that neither the person nor entity, nor any of its parents, subsidiaries, or affiliates, is identified on the New Jersey Department of the Treasury's Chapter 25 List as a person or entity engaged in investment activities in Iran. The Chapter 25 list is found on the Division's website at

https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/pdf/Chapter25List.pdf. Vendors/Bidders must review this list prior to completing the below certification. If the Director of the Division of Purchase and Property finds a person or entity to be in violation of the law, s/he shall take action as may be appropriate and provided by law, rule or contract, including but not limited to, imposing sanctions, seeking compliance, recovering damages, declaring the party in default and seeking debarment or suspension of the party.

If NJSBA determines that a person or entity has submitted a false certification concerning its engagement in investment activities in Iran under section 4 of P.L. 2012, c.25 (C.52:32-49.4), the NJSBA shall report to the New Jersey Attorney General the name of that person or entity, and the Attorney General shall determine whether to bring a civil action against the person to collect the penalty prescribed in paragraph (1) of subsection a. of section 5 of P.L. 2012, c.25 (C.52:32-59).

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

NJSBA has provided within the specifications, a Disclosure of Investments Activities certification form for all persons or entities, which plan to submit a bid, respond to a proposal, or renew a contract with NJSBA, to complete, sign and submit with the proposal.

The Disclosure of Investment Activities in Iran Form is to be completed, certified, and submitted prior to the award of the contract.

#### 10. LIABILITY – COPYRIGHT

The contractor shall hold and save the NJSBA and co-sponsors, officers, and employees, harmless from liability of any nature or kind for or on account of the use of any copyrighted or un-copyrighted composition, secret process, patented or unpatented invention, article or appliance furnished or used in the performance of his contract.

#### 11. NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

A notarized Non-Collusion Affidavit shall be submitted with the bid/proposal. The bidder/respondent has to certify that the respondent has not directly or indirectly, entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion, discussed any or all parts of this proposal with any potential bidders, or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free, competitive bidding in connection with the proposal and that all statements contained in said proposal and this affidavit are true and correct, and made with full knowledge that NJSBA relies upon the truth of the statements contained in said proposal and in the statements contained in this affidavit in awarding the contract for the said bid.

The respondent must further warrant that no person or selling agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure such contract upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee, except bona fide employees of bona fide established commercial or selling agencies maintained by the respondent.

NJSBA has provided a Non-Collusion Affidavit form here within the specifications package. All respondents are to complete, sign, have their signature notarized, and submit the form with the proposal response.

Failure to submit the Non-Collusion Affidavit with the proposal may be cause for the disqualification of the proposal.

#### 12. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

The contractor's status shall be that of an independent contractor.

#### 13. OPENING OF PROPOSALS

Sealed proposals shall be opened publicly by the General Counsel on

Wednesday, September 3, 2025 2:00 p.m.

The names and addresses of the respondents submitting proposals will be read publicly. All vendors, agents of the vendors, and the general public are invited to attend the opening of proposals.

#### 14. POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS DISCLOSURE – REQUIREMENTS

Annual Disclosure

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

• Chapter 271 Political Contribution Disclosure Form

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

- any State, county, or municipal committee of a political party
- any legislative leadership committee\*
- any continuing political committee (a.k.a., political action committee)
- any candidate committee of a candidate for, or holder of, an elective office:

- o of the public entity awarding the contract
- o of that county in which that public entity is located
- o of another public entity within that county
- o or of a legislative district in which that public entity is located or, when the public entity is a county, of any legislative district which includes all or part of the county.

The disclosure must list reportable contributions to any of the committees that exceed \$200 per election cycle that were made during the 12 months prior to award of the contract. See *N.J.S.A.* 19:44A-8 and 19:44A-16 for more details on reportable contributions.

NJSBA has provided a Chapter 271 Political Contribution Disclosure Form within the specifications package for use by the business entity. NJSBA has also provided a list of agencies to assist the contractor. The enclosed list of agencies is provided to assist the contractor in identifying those public agencies whose elected officials and/or candidate campaign committees are affected by the disclosure requirement. It is the contractor's responsibility to identify the specific committees to which contributions may have been made and need to be disclosed. The disclosed information may exceed the minimum requirement.

The enclosed Chapter 271 Political Contribution Disclosure Form, a content-consistent facsimile, or an electronic data file containing the required details (along with a signed cover sheet) may be used as the contractor's submission and is disclosable to the public under the Open Public Records Act. for a list of agencies, please see <u>Appendix B</u>.

#### 15. PRESENTATION AND INTERVIEWS

NJSBA may, at its option, invite respondents to attend interviews to provide the opportunity for the vendors to provide clarification regarding their submission. This process, pursuant to *N.J.A.C.* 5:34-4.3 (d) (3), may only take place after proposals have been opened and reviewed and prior to the completion of the evaluation. Under no circumstances shall the provisions of the proposal be subject to negotiation: *N.J.S.A.* 18A:18A-4.5 (b)

#### 16. RESPONDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL

It is the responsibility of the respondent to ensure that their proposal is presented to the General Counsel's office and officially received before the advertised date and time of the proposal. It is understood and agreed upon that any person at NJSBA will be absolved from responsibility for the premature opening of any proposal not properly labeled and sealed.

#### 17. STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP (N.J.S.A. 52:25-24.2)

No business organization, regardless of the form of ownership, shall be awarded any contract for the performance of any work or the furnishing of any goods and services, unless, prior to the receipt of the bid or accompanying the bid of said business organization, bidders shall submit a statement setting forth the names and addresses of all persons and entities that own ten percent or more of its stock or interest of any type at all levels of ownership. The included Statement of Ownership shall be completed and attached to the bid proposal. This requirement applies to all forms of business organizations, including, but not limited to, corporations and partnerships, publicly owned corporations, limited partnerships, limited liability corporations, limited liability partnerships, sole proprietorship, and Subchapter S corporations. Failure to submit a disclosure document shall result in rejection of the bid as it cannot be remedied after bids have been opened.

Not-for-profit entities should fill in their name, check the not-for-profit box, and certify the form. No other information is required.

#### 18. SUBCONTRACTING; ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACT

Contractors, service providers, and all vendors with whom NJSBA has an executed contract may not subcontract any part of any work done or assign any part of a contract for goods or services for NJSBA without first receiving written permission from NJSBA's Representative.

Contractors, service providers, and vendors using subcontractors assume all responsibility for work performed by subcontractors. NJSBA's Business Office may require the following documents to be secured from all approved subcontractors:

- Insurance Certificate as outlined in the proposal specifications;
- Affirmative Action Evidence as outlined in the proposal specifications;
- New Jersey Business Registration Certificate; and
- Other documents as may be required by NJSBA.

In cases of subcontracting, NJSBA shall only pay the prime contractor. It is the sole responsibility of the prime contractor to ensure that all subcontractors are paid. NJSBA shall not be responsible for payments to subcontractors and shall be held harmless against any or all claims generated against prime contractors for non-payment to subcontractors.

Transportation carriers hired by the vendor to deliver goods and materials are not considered to be subcontractors.

#### 19. TAXES

As a New Jersey governmental entity, NJSBA is exempt from the requirements under New Jersey state sales and use tax (*N.J.S.A.* 54:32B-1 *et. seq.*) and does not pay any sales or use taxes. Respondents should note that they are expected to comply with the provisions of the said statute and the rules and regulations promulgated thereto to qualify them for examinations and reference to all labor, services, materials, and supplies furnished to NJSBA. Contractors may not use NJSBA's tax-exempt status to purchase supplies, materials, services, or equipment.

A contractor may qualify for a New Jersey Sales Tax Exemption on the purchase of materials, supplies, and services when these purchases are used exclusively to fulfill the terms and conditions of the contract with NJSBA. All contractors are referred to the New Jersey Division of Taxation—Tax Bulletin S&U-3 for guidance. Again, contractors are not permitted to use NJSBA's tax identification number to purchase supplies, materials, services, or equipment.

#### 20. TERMINATION OF CONTRACT

If NJSBA, in its sole capacity, determines that the contractor has failed to comply with the terms and conditions of the proposal, including the specifications and requirements set forth in this request, which is hereby incorporated by reference into the contract, upon which the issuance of the contract

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is based or that the contractor has failed to perform said service, duties, and or responsibilities in a timely, proper, professional and/or efficient manner, then NJSBA shall have the authority to terminate the contract upon written notice setting forth the reason for termination and effective date of termination. Such termination shall relieve NJSBA of any obligation for balances to the contractor of any sum or sums set forth in the contract. NJSBA will pay only for goods and services accepted prior to termination.

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

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

#### 21. WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSALS

#### Before The Proposal Opening

NJSBA may consider a written request from a respondent to withdraw a proposal if the written request is received by the NJSBA's Representative before the advertised time of the proposal opening. Any respondent who has been granted permission by the NJSBA's Representative to have their proposal withdrawn cannot re-submit a proposal for the same advertised proposal project. That respondent shall also be disqualified from future proposals on the same project if the project is readvertised.

#### After The Proposal Opening

NJSBA may consider a written request from a respondent to withdraw a proposal if the written request is received by the NJSBA's Representative within five (5) business days after the proposal opening. A request to withdraw a proposal after the specified number of days will not be honored. The contractor/vendor who wishes to withdraw a proposal must provide a certification supported by written factual evidence that an error or omission was made by the contractor and that the error or omission was a substantial computational error or unintentional omission or both.

If NJSBA grants permission to have the proposal withdrawn the contractor/vendor shall be disqualified from quoting on the same project if the project is re-advertised. If the contractor/vendor fails to meet the burden of proof to have the proposal withdrawn, the request to withdraw the proposal will be denied, and if the contractor/vendor fails to execute the contract the bid guarantee will be forfeited and become the property of NJSBA.

#### **NEW JERSEY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION**

# **Documentation**

### III. PART C - PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

All documents in this section shall be completed, signed, and submitted with the proposal package – Failure to submit the proposal documents and other documents so specified may constitute cause to reject the proposal for being non-responsive (*N.J.S.A.* 18A:18A-2(y)).

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## BID DOCUMENT CHECKLIST COMPETITIVE CONTRACT RFP 2025-09

Initial each

#### Required if **Submission Requirement** required entry and checked submit the item $\overline{\mathbf{V}}$ Acknowledgement Of Addenda Bid Proposal Form, must include proposed administrative fee to be $\square$ remitted to NJSBA $\overline{\mathbf{A}}$ **Proof of Business Registration** $\overline{\mathbf{A}}$ Affirmative Action Questionnaire $\mathbf{V}$ Chapter 271 Political Contribution Disclosure Form $\overline{\mathbf{A}}$ Must include proposed administrative fee to be remitted to NJSBA $\sqrt{\phantom{a}}$ Insurance and Indemnification $\overline{\mathbf{V}}$ Conflict Of Interest Certification/References $\overline{\mathbf{Q}}$ Stockholder Disclosure Certification Non-Collusion Affidavit $\overline{\mathbf{Q}}$ $\sqrt{\phantom{a}}$ Disclosure Of Investment Activities in Iran $\square$ Certification Of Non-Debarment for Federal Government Contracts $\overline{\mathbf{V}}$ Prohibited Activities with Russia or Belarus $\mathbf{V}$ Statement Of Compliance with NJSBA Policies Submit using your $\mathbf{\Lambda}$ **Status of Present Contracts** own form Submit using your $\mathbf{\Lambda}$ **Public Works Contractor Registration Act** own form $\mathbf{V}$ Submit using your **Professional References** own form $\square$ Disclosure Of Investigations and Other Actions $\mathbf{V}$ **Prevailing Wage Act Certification** $\sqrt{}$ Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 Language

## TO BE COMPLETED, SIGNED AND RETURNED WITH PROPOSAL

### a. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ADDENDA

Proposal Number	NJSBA 2025-09	Proposal Date: Wednesday Se	eptember 3, 2025
issued during perio	od of proposal and agrees t	e hereinafter enumerated Addenda hat said Addenda shall become a par and issuing dates of the Addenda.	
	ADDENDA NO.	ISSUING DATES	
□ No Addenda Re	ceived		
Name of Company			
Address		P.O. Box	
City, State, Zip Cod	le		
Name of Authorize	ed Representative		
Signature		Title	

# TECHNOLOGY BASED ACCESS CONTROL AND EMERGENCY ALARM SYSTEM

#### b. PROPOSAL FORM

C/RFP Number NJSBA 2025-09	Submission Date: Wednesday, September 3, 2025
I/we hereby submit the following pricing as h	ere within specified.

(Description of goods/services being bid)

The undersigned proposes to furnish and deliver the above goods/services pursuant to the bid specification and made part hereof:

The undersigned Respondent being duly authorized and on behalf of the firm named above:

Having examined these documents and having full knowledge of the condition under which the products and services described herein must be performed, hereby propose that the respondent shall fulfill the obligations contained herein in accordance with all terms, conditions, specifications, and proposal criteria set forth, and that will furnish all required products and payments in strict conformity with these documents for the stated process as payment in full.

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In signing this proposal, we hereby certify that:

- We possess the qualifications and credentials to fulfil the contract outlined in the Request for Proposals.
- We have reviewed the contract documents, site, facilities, and all local conditions, laws, and regulations that in any manner may affect cost, progress, or performance.
- We have not, either directly or indirectly, entered into any agreement participated in any
  collusion, or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free competition; no attempt has been
  made to induce any other person or firm to submit or not to submit a proposal; that this
  proposal has been independently arrived at without collusion with any other respondent,
  competitor or potential competitor; that this proposal has not been knowingly disclosed prior
  to the opening of proposals to any other respondent or competitor; and that the above
  statement is accurate under penalty of perjury.
- We have read and fully understand the Request for Proposals. This proposal is submitted with having had any and all questions answered and fully and satisfactorily explained.

The undersigned certifies his/her position as a representative of the named firm and is authorized by the Respondent to submit the Proposal for and bind the firm and that the said Proposal is executed with full authority to do so.

Amount in Words:		
Amount in numbers:		
Company Name	Federal I.D. # or Social Security #	
Street Address		
City	State	Zip Code

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### c. <u>AFFIRMATIVE ACTION QUESTIONNAIRE</u>

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### **New Jersey School Boards Association Chapter 271**

# d. POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION DISCLOSURE FORM (Contracts that Exceed \$17,500.00)

The undersigned, being authorized and knowledgeable of the circumstances, does hereby certify that (Business Entity) has made the following **reportable** political contributions to any elected official, political candidate or any political

committee as defined in *N.J.S.A.* 19:44-20.26 during the twelve (12) months preceding this award of contract:

### **Reportable Contributions**

Date of Contribution	Amount of Contribution	Name of Recipient Elected Official/ Committee/Candidate	Name of Contributor
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The Business Entity may	y attach additional p	pages if needed.	
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### e. BID SECURITY/BONDING & CONSENT OF SURETY FORM

The following provisions if indicated by an (X), shall be applicable to this bid and be made a part of the bid documents:
A. BID GUARANTEE
Bidder shall submit with the bid a certified check, cashier's check or bid bond in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total price bid, but not in excess of \$20,000, payable unconditionally to the owner. When submitting a Bid Bond, it shall contain Power of Attorney for full amount of Bid Bond from a surety company authorized to do business in the State of New Jersey and acceptable to the owner. The check or bond of the unsuccessful bidder(s) shall be returned pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-24a. The check or bond of the bidder to whom the contract is awarded shall be retained until a contract is executed and the required performance bond or other security is submitted. The check or bond of the successful bidder shall be forfeited if the bidder fails to enter into a contract pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-21.
Failure to submit a bid guarantee shall result in rejection of the bid.
B. CONSENT OF SURETY
Bidder shall submit with the bid a Certificate (Consent of Surety) with Power of Attorney for full amount of bid price from a Surety Company authorized to do business in the State of New Jersey and acceptable to the owner stating that it will provide said bidder with a Performance Bond in the full amount of the bid. This certificate shall be obtained in order to confirm that the bidder to whom the contract is awarded will furnish Performance and Payment Bonds from an acceptable surety company on behalf of said bidder, any or all subcontractors or by each respective subcontractor or by any combination thereof which results in performance security equal to the total amount of the contract, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-22.
Failure to submit a consent of surety form shall result in rejection of the bid.
C. PERFORMANCE BOND
Bidder shall simultaneously with the delivery of the executed contract, submit an executed bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the acceptable bid as security for the faithful performance of this contract.
The performance bond provided shall not be released until final acceptance of the whole work and then only if any liens or claims have been satisfied. The surety on such bond or bonds shall be a duly authorized surety company authorized to do business in the State of New Jersey pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:31-5.

	submit this with the executed contract shall be cause for declaring the contract null and lant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-22.
D. LA	BOR AND MATERIAL (PAYMENT) BOND
guarantee	all with the delivery of the performance bond submit an executed payment bond to payment to laborers and suppliers for the labor and material used in the work d under the contract.
	submit a labor and material bond with the performance bond shall be cause for declarin act null and void.
E. MA	AINTENANCE BOND
(N.J.S.A. 4 defective	eptance of the work by the owner, the contractor shall submit a maintenance bond OA:11-16.3) in an amount not to exceed% of the project costs guaranteeing agains quality of work or materials for the period of: year years
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### f. INSURANCE AND INDEMNIFICATION

The insurance documents indicated by an (X) shall include but are not limited to the following coverage's.

A. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS
1. Worker's Compensation Insurance Workers Compensation insurance shall be maintained in full force during the life of the contract, covering all employees engaged in performance of the contract pursuant to N.J.S.A. 34:15-12(a) and N.J.A.C. 12:235-1.6.
2. General Liability Insurance
General liability insurance shall be provided with limits of not less than \$1,000,000 any one person and \$1,000,000 any one accident for bodily injury and \$1,000,000 aggregate for property damage and shall be maintained in full force during the lift of the contract.
3. Automotive Liability Insurance
Automotive liability insurance covering contractor for claims arising from owned, hired and non-owned vehicles with limit of not less than \$ any one accident for bodily injury and \$ any one accident for bodily injury and \$ each accident for property damage, shall be maintained in full force during the life of the contract.
4. Other Forms of Insurance Required a. Cybersecurity \$1,000,000 in the aggregate.
B. CERTIFICATES OF THE REQUIRED INSURANCE
Certificates of Insurance for those policies required above shall be submitted with the contract. Such coverage shall be with an insurance company authorized to do business in the State of New Jersey and shall name the owner as an additional insured.
Self-insured contractors shall submit an affidavit attesting to their self-insured coverage and shall name the owner as an additional insured.
C. INDEMNIFICATION
Bidder shall indemnify and hold harmless the owner from all claims, suits or actions, and damages or costs of every name and description to which the owner may be subjected or put by reason of injury to the person or property of another, or the property of the owner, resulting from negligent acts or omissions on the part of the contractor, the contractor's agents, servants or subcontractors in the delivery of goods and services, or in the performance of the work under the contract.

# C. 271 POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION DISCLOSURE FORM Contractor Instructions

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

- any State, county, or municipal committee of a political party
- any legislative leadership committee<sup>1</sup>
- any continuing political committee (a.k.a., political action committee)
- any candidate committee of a candidate for, or holder of, an elective office:
  - o of the public entity awarding the contract
  - o of that county in which that public entity is located
  - o of another public entity within that county
  - or of a legislative district in which that public entity is located or, when the public entity is a county, of any legislative district which includes all or part of the county.

The disclosure must list reportable contributions to any of the committees that exceed \$200 per election cycle that were made during the 12 months prior to award of the contract. See <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 19:44A-8 and 19:44A-16 for more details on reportable contributions.

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

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

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

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

The enclosed list of agencies is provided to assist the contractor in identifying those public agencies

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 19:44A-3(s): "The term "legislative leadership committee" means a committee established, authorized to be established, or designated by the President of the Senate, the Minority Leader of the Senate, the Speaker of the General Assembly or the Minority Leader of the General Assembly pursuant to section 16 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-10.1) for the purpose of receiving contributions and making expenditures.

whose elected official and/or candidate campaign requirement. It is the contractor's responsibility to contributions may have been made and need to be minimum requirement.	
The enclosed form, a content-consistent facsimile, details (along with a signed cover sheet) may be us the public under the Open Public Records Act.	or an electronic data file containing the required sed as the contractor's submission and is disclosable to
The contractor must also complete the attached Stagency in meeting its obligations under the law.	cockholder Disclosure Certification. This will assist the
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# g. CONFLICT OF INTEREST CERTIFICATION/REFERENCES

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Name of Company			
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City, State, Zip			
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	VENDO	R CERTIFICATION	
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President or Authorized Agen	t (Print)	SIGNATURE	
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# h. STOCKHOLDER DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATION

N.J.S.A. 52:25-24.2 (P.L. 1977, c.33, as amended by P.L. 2016, c.43)

This statement shall be completed, certified to, and included with all bid and proposal submissions. Failure to submit the required information is cause for automatic rejection of the bid or proposal.

Name of Organization:		
Organization Street Address:		
City, State, ZIP:		
Part I Check the box that represents the type of	f business organization:	
Sole Proprietorship (skip Parts II and III,	execute certification in Part IV)	
Non-Profit Corporation (skip Parts II and	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
For-Profit Corporation (any type)	nited Liability Company (LLC)	
Partnership Limited Partnership	Limited Liability Partnership (LLP)	
Other (be specific):		
Part II Check the appropriate box.		
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No one stockholder in the corporation owns 10 percent or more of its stock, of any class, or no individual partner in the partnership owns a 10 percent or greater interest therein, or no member in the limited liability company owns a 10 percent or greater interest therein, as the case may be. (SKIP TO PART IV)		
(Please attach additional sheets if more spa	ice is needed):	
Name of Individual or Business Entity	Address	

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# <u>Part III</u> DISCLOSURE OF 10% OR GREATER OWNERSHIP IN THE STOCKHOLDERS, PARTNERS OR LLC MEMBERS LISTED IN PART II

If a bidder has a direct or indirect parent entity which is publicly traded, and any person holds a 10 percent or greater beneficial interest in the publicly traded parent entity as of the last annual federal Security and Exchange Commission (SEC) or foreign equivalent filing, ownership disclosure can be met by providing links to the website(s) containing the last annual filing(s) with the federal Securities and Exchange Commission (or foreign equivalent) that contain the name and address of each person holding a 10% or greater beneficial interest in the publicly traded parent entity, along with the relevant page numbers of the filing(s) that contain the information on each such person. Attach additional sheets if more space is needed.

Website (URL) containing the last annual SEC (or foreign equivalent) filing	Page #'s

**Please list** the names and addresses of each stockholder, partner or member owning a 10 percent or greater interest in any corresponding corporation, partnership and/or limited liability company (LLC) listed in Part II **other than for any publicly traded parent entities referenced above**. The disclosure shall be continued until names and addresses of every non-corporate stockholder, and individual partner, and member exceeding the 10 percent ownership criteria established pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 52:25-24.2 has been listed. **Attach additional sheets if more space is needed.** 

Stockholder/Partner/Member and Corresponding Entity Listed in Part II	Address

### OWNERSHIP STATEMENT -STOCKHOLDER DISCLOSURE FORM

LEGAL NAME OF BIDDER:
List the names and addresses of all stockholders who own ten (10%) percent or more of the above company's stock, and if there <b>are NO STOCKHOLDERS OF 10% OR MORE, simply check the second box below.</b> If one or more such stockholders or partner is itself a corporation or partnership, the stockholders holding 10% or more of that corporation's stock, or the individual partners owning 10% of that corporation's stock, or the individual partners owning 10% or greater interest in that partnership, as the case may be, must also be listed.
The disclosure shall be continued until names and addresses of every person who is a non-corporate stockholder, or individual partner, exceeding the 10% ownership criteria established in this act, has been listed, in full compliance with Chapter 33 of the New Jersey Public Laws of 1977.
BIDDERS/RESPONDENTS MUST CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX:
□ I certify that the <b>list below</b> contains the names and addresses of all <b>stockholders holding 10% or more</b> of the issued and outstanding stock of the undersigned.
$\Box$ I certify that <b>no one stockholder</b> owns 10% or more of the issued and outstanding stock of the undersigned.
□ Publicly Traded - For publicly traded entities to comply with <i>N.J.S.A.</i> 52:25-24.2 they may submit the name and address of each publicly traded entity, and the name and address of each person holding 10% or more beneficial interest in the publicly traded entity as of the last annual filling with the Security Exchange Commission (SEC), or foreign equivalent
Submit here the /ebsite (URL) providing the last annual Security Exchange Commission (SEC) filing, or foreign equivalent:
The requested information is available on the following page number(s) of the SEC, or foreign equivalent, filing:
Stockholder Name.
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Percentage of Ownership%  (Note: Attach additional pages if necessary)  (Respondent/Respondent Authorized Signature) (Date)  (Print name of authorized signatory) (Title)
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### **PART IV CERTIFICATION**

I, being duly sworn upon my oath, hereby represent that the foregoing information and any attachments thereto to the best of my knowledge are true and complete. I acknowledge: that I am authorized to execute this certification on behalf of the bidder/respondent; that the *New Jersey School Boards Association* is relying on the information contained herein and that I am under a continuing obligation from the date of this certification through the completion of any contracts with NJSBA to notify NJSBA in writing of any changes to the information contained herein; that I am aware that it is a criminal offense to make a false statement or misrepresentation in this certification, and if I do so, I am subject to criminal prosecution under the law and that it will constitute a material breach of my agreement(s) with the, permitting NJSBA to declare any contract(s) resulting from this certification void and unenforceable.

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

This statement shall be completed, certified to, and included with all bid and proposal submissions. Failure to submit the required information is cause for automatic rejection of the bid or proposal.

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# i. NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

# **TECHNOLOGY BASED ACCESS CONTROL AND EMERGENCY ALARM SYSTEM**

Proposal Date: Wednesday, September 3, 2025

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# j. <u>DISCLOSURE OF INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES IN IRAN</u>

BID SOLICITATION/PROPOSAL TITLE	
VENDOR/BIDDER NAME	
proposal or otherwise proposes to enter into nor any of its parents, subsidiaries, or affiliat Chapter 25 List as a person or entity engaged Division's website at <a href="https://www.state.nj.ureview">https://www.state.nj.ureview</a> this list prior to completing the below finds a person or entity to be in violation of the state of the stat	2012, c.25 and P.L. 2021, c.4) any person or entity that submits a bid or or renew a contract must certify that neither the person nor entity, res, is identified on the New Jersey Department of the Treasury's d in investment activities in Iran. The Chapter 25 list is found on the sytreasury/purchase/pdf/Chapter25List.pdf. Vendors/Bidders must by certification. If the Director of the Division of Purchase and Property the law, s/he shall take action as may be appropriate and provided by ed to, imposing sanctions, seeking compliance, recovering damages, abarment or suspension of the party.
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Vendor/Bidder listed above nor any of its par	seq. (P.L. 2012, c.25 and P.L. 2021, c.4), that neither the ents, subsidiaries, or affiliates is listed on the New Jersey of entities determined to be engaged in prohibited activities in Iran.
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or affiliates is listed on the New Jersey Depart accurate and precise description of the activity	he Vendor/Bidder and/or one or more of its parents, subsidiaries, tment of the Treasury's Chapter 25 List. I will provide a detailed, ties of the Vendor/Bidder, or one of its parents, subsidiaries or activities in Iran by completing the information requested below.  Description
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Signature	Date

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# k. CERTIFICATION OF FEDERAL NON-DEBARMENT

BID SOLICITATION # 2025-09

BID TIT	TLE:		
VENDOR NAME:			
This certification shall be	N.J.S.A. 52:32-44.1 (P.L. 201 completed, certified to, and sub emergency contracts where sub	(9, c.406)	ntracting unit prior to
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Name of Individual or Organization	
Physical Address	
OR	No one stockholder in the corporation owns more than 50 percent of its voting stock, or no partner in the partnership owns more than 50 percent interest therein, or no member in the limited liability company owns more than 50 percent interest therein, as the case may be.
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Section A				
Below is the name and address of the corporation(s) in which the  Organization listed in Part I owns more than 50 percent of voting stock, or of the partnership(s) in which the Organization listed in Part I owns more than 50 percent interest therein, or of the limited liability company or companies in which the Organization listed above in Part I owns more than 50 percent interest therein, as the case may be.  Name of Business Entity  Physical Address				
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Section B (skip if no business entities are listed in Section A of Part IV)				
	Below are the names and addresses of any entities in which an entity listed in Part III A owns greater than 50 percent of the voting stock (corporation) or owns greater than 50 percent interest (partnership or limited liability company).			
	Name of Business Entity Controlled by Entity Listed in Section A of Part IV  Physical Address			

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# 1. PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES WITH RUSSIA OR BELARUS

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:32-60.1, a person or entity seeking to enter into or renew a contract for the provision of goods or services shall certify that it is not identified on the Department of Treasury's List of Persons or entities engaging in Prohibited Activities in Russia or Belarus. If the contractor is unable to certify, the contractor shall provide an detailed and precise description of such activities. A contractor's failure to submit a certification will preclude the award or renewal of a contract to said contractor.

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### CERTIFICATION OF NON-INVOLVEMENT IN PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES IN RUSSIA OR BELARUS

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:32-60.1, et seq. (L. 2022, c. 3) any person or entity (hereinafter "Vendor<sup>1</sup>") that seeks to enter into or renew a contract with a State agency for the provision of goods or services, or the purchase of bonds or other obligations, must complete the certification below indicating whether or not the Vendor is identified on the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) Specially Designated **Nationals** and Blocked Persons list. available https://sanctionssearch.ofac.treas.gov/. If the Department of the Treasury finds that a Vendor has made a certification in violation of the law, it shall take any action as may be appropriate and provided by law, rule or contract, including but not limited to, imposing sanctions, seeking compliance, recovering damages, declaring the party in default and seeking debarment or suspension of the party.

I, the undersigned, certify that I have read the definition of "Vendor" below, and have reviewed the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons list, and having done so certify:

(Check the Appropriate Box)
 That the Vendor is not identified on the OFAC Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons list on account of activity related to Russia and/or Belarus.
 OR
 That I am unable to certify as to "A" above, because the Vendor is identified on the OFAC Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons list on account of activity related to Russia and/or Belarus.
 OR
 That I am unable to certify as to "A" above, because the Vendor is identified on the OFAC Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons list. However, the Vendor is engaged in activity related to Russia and/or Belarus consistent with federal law, regulation, license or exemption. A detailed description of how the Vendor's activity related to Russia and/or Belarus is consistent with federal law is set forth below.

(Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary.)	
Signature of Vendor's Authorized Representative	Date
Print Name and Title of Vendor's Authorized Representative	Vendor's FEIN
Vendor's Name	Vendor's Phone Number
Vendor's Address (Street Address)	Vendor's Fax Number
Vendor's Address (City/State/Zip Code)	Vendor's Email Address

Vendor means: (1) A natural person, corporation, company, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, limited liability company, business association, sole proprietorship, joint venture, partnership, society, trust, or any other nongovernmental entity, organization, or group; (2) Any governmental entity or instrumentality of a government, including a multilateral development institution, as defined in Section 1701(c)(3) of the International Financial Institutions Act, 22 U.S.C. 262r(c)(3); or (3) Any parent, successor, subunit, direct or indirect subsidiary, or any entity under common ownership or control with, any entity described in paragraph (1) or (2).

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# m. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH NJSBA POLICIES

The undersigned, being authorized and knowledgeable certify that  NJSBA has adopted certain policies and regulations the this RFP. The successful contractor acknowledges that of the successful vendor and agrees to comply with sa Governance and Operations File Code 4111.1 – Equal	(Vendor) is aware that at are applicable protect students under these policies are applicable to the services ame:
I certify that	(Vendor) is aware that the policies of the nt to this RFP.
Name of Authorized Agent	
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### n. PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION ACT

The Public Works Contractor Registration Act (PWCRA) requires that all contractors, including named subcontractors, to register with the Department of Labor prior to submitting price proposals or engaging on certain public works contracts that exceed the prevailing wage threshold. The prevailing wage threshold is \$11,892 for municipalities and \$2,000 for all non-municipal entities, such as boards of education, authorities, fire districts, counties, etc.

Because the PWCRA uses the definition of public works contracts under the prevailing wage law, where the law uses the term "bidding", contracting units are advised to read that as meaning to "submit" a price proposal." Thus, the law applies to the formal bidding process where the contract is awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, and the receipt of informal quotations awarded to the vendor whose proposal is the "most advantageous, price and other factors considered."

Under the law a *contractor* is a "person, partnership, association, joint stock company, trust, corporation, or other legal business entity or successor thereof who enters into a contract" which is subject to the provisions of the New Jersey Prevailing Wage Act [N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.25 et seq.]. It applies to contractors based in New Jersey or in another state.

The PWCRA defines "public works projects" as contracts for "public work" as defined in the Prevailing Wage Act [N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.26(5)]. The term means:

- "Construction, reconstruction, demolition, alteration, or repair work, or maintenance work, including painting and decorating, done under contract and paid for in whole or in part out of the funds of a public body, except work performed under a rehabilitation program.
- "Public work" shall also mean construction, reconstruction, demolition, alteration, or repair work, done on any property or premises, whether or not the work is paid for from public funds,..."
- "Maintenance work" means the repair of existing facilities when the size, type or extent of such facilities is not thereby changed or increased. While "maintenance" includes painting and decorating and is covered under the law, it does not include work such as routine landscape maintenance or janitorial services.

In order to provide guidance to contracting officials on implementing the law, nine key principles have been identified in the law. The nine items follow:

- 1. The law applies to all "public works contracts" that exceed the contracting unit's prevailing wage threshold, as set by N.J.S.A 34:11-56.26 (a) and (b).
- 2. The law applies to contracts for which public bidding is required, as well as those for which quotations are received.
- 3. All named contractors in a bid proposal (including out-of-state contractors) must be registered with the Department of Labor's Division of Wage and Hour Compliance at the time proposals are received by the public entity.
  - For clarity, Local Finance Notice 2004-9 dated 4/28/04 uses the following term: "Received," in context of when "proposals are received," means the deadline or moment in time when proposals are formally opened and no other proposals are accepted.
- 4. The law requires contractors to submit certificates after a bid proposal is received and prior to awarding the contract. (N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.55)
- 5. After bid proposals are received, and prior to contract award, the contractor most likely to receive the contract award must submit to the public entity copies of certifications of all listed sub-contractors.
- 6. The contracting agent must review the certificates to be sure they were in effect at the time the bid proposals were received.
- 7. Non-listed subcontractors do not have to be registered until they physically start the public work assigned to them.

- 8. Bid proposal documents need to inform those submitting proposals of these requirements.
- 9. Emergency work is covered under the provisions of the Prevailing Wage Act and the PWCRA.

It is specifically recommended that language be included in specifications especially those sections regarding "Instructions to Bidders" advising potential bidders that:

- All named sub-contractors must be registered with the Department of Labor pursuant to the PWCRA at the time the proposal is received, or the proposal will be determined to be nonresponsive.
- 2. Any non-listed sub-contractor must be registered with the Department of Labor prior to physically starting work.

A contractor's certification can be confirmed by contacting the Department of Labor's <u>Division of Wage and Hour Compliance website</u> (<u>www.nj.gov/labor/lsse/lspubcon.html</u>). This site only shows approved contractors; there is no "pending" approval or a "grace" period. If a contracting unit encounters a problem in its review of certifications, or difficulty in making an award because of a non-registered contractor, they should contact the Contractor Registration Unit as soon as possible.

N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.56 provides several methods for the Department of Labor to enforce the law. The Department can deny renewal, revoke or suspend the registration of a contractor for a period of not more than five years, or, as a condition of initial or continued registration, require a surety bond payable to the State of New Jersey.

Additional information on the PWCRA can be obtained from the:

Contractor Registration Telephone: 609-292-9464

Unit

Division of Wage and Fax: 609-633-8591

**Hour Compliance** 

New Jersey E-mail: <a href="mailto:contreg@dol.state.nj.us">contreg@dol.state.nj.us</a>

Department of Labor

PO Box 389 Web site:

www.nj.gov/labor/lsse/lspubcon.html

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The web site has links to the PWCRA Registration Form, Listing of Contractors, Prevailing Wages and other useful information.

Contact the Division of Local Government Services at (609) 292-7842, by fax at (609) 633-6243 or by email at <a href="mailto:lpcl@dca.state.nj.us">lpcl@dca.state.nj.us</a> for assistance in the application of the Local Public Contracts Law or related PWCRA issues. As specific situations are presented to the contracting unit, local legal advisors should review this guidance as to its applicability.

# To be completed, signed and returned with Proposal

# o. DISCLOSURE OF INVESTIGATIONS AND OTHER ACTIONS

The contractor is required submit the Disclosure of Investigations and Other Actions form which Iprovides a detailed description of any investigation, litigation, including administrative complaints or other administrative proceedings, involving any public sector clients during the past five (5) years, including the nature and status of the investigation, and for any litigation, the caption of the action, a brief description of the action, the date of inception, current status, and if applicable, disposition. If a contractor does not submit the form with the bis response, the contractor must comply within seven (7) business days of NJSBA's request or NJSBA may deem the bid response to be non-responsive.

# DISCLOSURE OF INVESTIGATIONS AND OTHER ACTIONS INVOLVING THE VENDOR FORM

BID SOLICITATION # AND TITLE:	
Vendor Name:	
	<u>PART 1</u>
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	OVE AND/OR THE PERSONS AND/OR ENTITIES LISTED ON THE FORM WHEN ANSWERING THESE QUESTIONS.
. Has any person or entity listed on this form or its attachn	nents ever been arrested, charged, indicted, or convicted in a criminal or
	political subdivision thereof), or by any other state or the U.S. Government?
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Has any person or entity listed on this form or its attachn	nents ever been suspended, debarred or otherwise declared ineligible by any
government agency from bidding or contracting to provi	de services, labor, materials or supplies?
3. Are there currently any pending criminal matters or debasinvolved?	arment proceedings in which the firm and/or its officers and/or managers are
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IF ALL OF THE ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS 1-5 ARE "NO", NO FURTHER ACTION IS NEEDED; PLEASE SIGN AND DATE THE FORM.

### PART 3

### DESCRIPTION OF THE INVESTIGATION OR LITIGATION, ETC.

If you answered "YES" to any of questions 1 - 5 above, you must provide a detailed description of any investigation or litigation, including, but not limited to, administrative complaints or other administrative proceedings involving public sector clients during the past five (5) years. The description must include the nature and status of the investigation, and for any litigation, the caption and a brief description of the action, the date of inception, current status, and if applicable, the disposition.

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CONTACT NAME	PHONE NUMBER
CASE CAPTION	
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	<u>CERTIFICATION</u> authorized to execute this certification on behalf of the Vendor,
complete. I acknowledge that the Star and that the Vendor is under a conti- completion of any contract(s) with a information contained herein; that I ar misrepresentation in this certification law, and it will constitute a material	attachments hereto, to the best of my knowledge are true and the of New Jersey is relying on the information contained herein, anuing obligation from the date of this certification through the the State to notify the State in writing of any changes to the maware that it is a criminal offense to make a false statement or a statement of the state of my contract(s) with the State, permitting the State to this certification void and unenforceable.
Signature	Date
Print Name and Title	<del></del>

# p. PREVAILING WAGE ACT

The New Jersey Prevailing Wage Act, *N.J.S.A.* 34:11-56.25 *et seq.*, is hereby made a part of every contract entered into on behalf of NJSBA, except those that are not within contemplation of the Act. The contractor's signature on the bid response is a guarantee that neither the contractor nor any subcontractor providing services under the awarded contract has been suspended by the Commissioner, Department of Labor and Workforce Development for violation of the provisions of the Prevailing Wage Act and/or the Public Works Contractor Registration Acts; the contractor's signature on the bid response is also a guarantee that the contractor and any subcontractors shall comply with the provisions of the Prevailing Wage Act and/or the Public Works Contractor Registration Acts.

# To be completed, signed and returned with Bid.

### PREVAILING WAGES COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION

### TECHNOLOGY BASED ACCESS CONTROL AND EMERGENCY ALARM SYSTEM

The NJSBA has determined that this is a public works project that in total will exceed \$2,000.00 (two thousand dollars), therefore prevailing wages rules and regulations apply as promulgated by the New Jersey Prevailing Wage Act and in conformance with N.J.S.A. 34:11-56:25 et seq.

### Certification

I certify that our company understands that this project for NJSBA requires prevailing wages to be paid in full accordance with the law.

I further certify that all subcontractors named in this bid understand that this project requires the subcontractor to pay prevailing wages in full accordance with the law.

### **Non-compliance Statement**

If it is found that any worker, employed by the contractor or any subcontractor covered by said contract, has been paid a rate of wages less than the prevailing wage required to be paid by such contract, NJSBA, may begin proceedings to terminate the contractor's or subcontractor's right to proceed with the work, or such part of the work as to which there has been a failure to pay required wages and to prosecute the work to completion or otherwise. The contractor and his sureties shall be liable for any excess costs occasioned thereby to the public body.

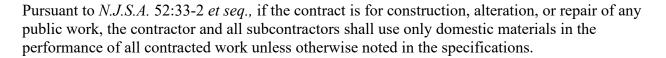
NOTIFICATION OF VIOLATIONS – New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development Has the bidder or any person having an "interest" with the bidder, been notified by the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development by notice issued pursuant to N.J.S.A. 34:11-56:37 that he/she has been in violation for failure to pay prevailing wages as required by the 18 within the last five (5) years?

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ng any/or all administrative proceedings with Please include any pending administrative
the person named below who is coordinating General Counsel New Jersey School Board
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# q. BUY AMERICAN

Pursuant to N.J.S.A.52:32-1, if manufactured items or form products will be provided under this contract to be used in public work, they shall be manufactured or produced in the United States, whenever available, and the contractor shall be required to so certify.

# r. **DOMESTIC MATERIALS**



# **TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS**

# **Technical Specifications**

# 1. Intent

The New Jersey School Boards Association, hereinafter (NJSBA), is soliciting proposals to obtain Technology Based Access Control and Emergency Alarm System to NJSBA's membership as part of their Cooperative Pricing System #E-8801-NJSBA-ACESCPS

NJSBA intends to select one or more respondents based on manufacture, cost to the membership and the evaluation criteria. The successful vendor(s) must meet or exceed the professional, administrative, and financial qualifications and requirements set forth in the RFP and shall provide all of the information requested herein. Respondents may submit supplemental information that they deem would be useful for NJSBA in evaluating its proposal. Respondents are encouraged to be clear, factual, and concise in the presentation of information. Respondents are cautioned, however, that the response must meet the minimum RFP requirements. Failure to comply with the requirements of this RFP may disqualify the Respondent's response from consideration.

# 2. Scope of Services

The successful Respondent(s) will offer Technology Based Access Control and Emergency Alarm System to NJSBA's membership that are customizable to the member's needs.

- A. Pricing and Fee Proposal NJSBA is requesting Respondents to submit a price list to include manufacture, part number, suggested retail price or Respondents sales price, and NJSBA membership pricing for all equipment, accessories, hardware and software that is incorporated with the installation, maintenance, testing and routine inspections to include leasing and annual subscription or license cost, if applicable, as well as any labor rates and categories. Pricing offered to NJSBA membership shall be discounted from the manufacturers' price lists or catalogues, or fixed price, or combination of both with indefinite quantities. Respondents must include the Administration Fee that they propose to reimburse NJSBA for administrative costs.
- B. <u>Technology Based Access Control and Emergency Alarm System Requirements</u>: The purpose of this section is to define the technical requirements for the provision of Technology Based Access Control and Emergency Alarm System to support and protect infrastructure, application hosting, data storage, and instructional tools in a secure, scalable, and compliant environment.

Please note that any hardware and equipment utilized as part of any proposed solutions must be manufactured by vendors not owned, operated, or controlled—directly or indirectly— by entities headquartered in or affiliated with foreign adversaries, including but not limited to the People's Republic of China, as defined by the U.S. Department of Commerce and in accordance with applicable federal, state and district-level procurement and cybersecurity regulations.

Respondents proposing Technology Based Access Control and Emergency Alarm System must include, at a minimum:

Alarm System RFP Requirements – Please and submit with RFP Response			Comments (Optional-if necessary, attach additional documentation)
Access Control	YES	NO	
Does your platform offer the following:			
Video Monitoring and Recording System?			
Secure building entry points using Key cards, fobs, PINs, biometric readers?			
Manage permissions based on user role			
(student, staff, vendor)?			
PA systems and intercoms?			
Remote locking/unlocking of interior/exterior doors and gates?			
Does your system offer any Access Control features not listed above?			
Lockdown System	YES	NO	
Does your platform offer the following:			
Remote lockdown controls from admin			
panels or mobile apps?	$\vdash$	$\Box$	
Automated lockdown triggers tied to panic buttons or alarm systems?			
Integration with Electronic door locks?			
Integration with first responders (911)?			
Does your system offer any Lockdown features not listed above?			
Visitor Management System	YES	NO	
Does your platform offer the following:			
Visitor badge printing capability?			
Visitor check in/out device?			
Visitor Management Software to track visitors?			
Visitor log of visitors in the building at specific day and time?			
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Does your system offer any Visitor Management features not listed above?		
Emergency Alarm System	YES	NO
Does your platform offer the following:		
Burglar, Fire and Panic alarms?		
Mass notification tools (email, SMS, intercom, app alerts)?		
Integration with first responders?		
Visual/Audio based intrusion and detection		
sensors?		
Does your system offer any Emergency Alarm features not listed above?		

Additionally, the Respondent must provide details as to the administrative fees it would pay to NJSBA to enable NJSBA to be reimbursed for the costs it incurs to manage and administer this contract. Such administrative fees could be expressed as a flat fee or as a percentage of the fees the Respondent earns in providing its services via its proposal.

- C. <u>Attendance at meetings:</u> The successful Respondent(s) shall be required to attend meetings, remotely or in person as needed, as requested by the members to assure quality delivery of the services, upon reasonable notice.
- D. <u>Marketing Assistance</u>: Respondent's marketing and partnering responsibilities should, at a minimum, include:

Assist NJSBA and its staff in educating the membership about NJSBA and the NJSBA TEC (Technology for Education and Career) program on Technology Based Access Control and Emergency Alarm System by assisting in the preparation of promotional materials and by providing other marketing assistance; providing presentations online and at local, regional and state-wide meetings/training opportunities, including the Annual Workshop Conference held in October at the Atlantic City Convention Center, Atlantic City, New Jersey;

- a. Develop a marketing plan in conjunction with NJSBA;
- b. Conduct all sales, promotions, presentations, inquiries and quotations for the products and services they will be providing to school districts and charter schools;
- c. On at least a semi-annual basis, meet with NJSBA to review and evaluate the marketing plan and to ensure the terms of the agreement are being upheld.

NJSBA will provide the following marketing support to promote the partnership:

- a. Inclusion of the partnership on the TEC area of NJSBA's website;
- b. Inclusion of the partnership on all TEC print materials;
- c. Inclusion of the partnership in all TEC promotions;

- d. Social media promotions (Facebook/Twitter) announcing the new services available within the TEC program;
- e. Hosting of a product webinar, as part of the TEC webinar series, presented live and included on the NJSBA website.
- E. <u>Customer Service:</u> The successful Respondent shall provide ongoing and timely Customer Service to members, answering general questions, facilitating use of any and all services provided, explaining benefits of the program, and addressing related issues raised by membership.
- F. <u>Preparing Proposals:</u> The successful Respondent shall provide proposals NJSBA membership based on the requests of the member. All proposals shall contain the NJSBA procurement number, retail or original sales price and the discounted price the membership.
- G. Provide Reports: The successful Respondent shall provide quarterly accurate reports to NJSBA quotations and sales to NJSBA membership. It is the Respondents obligation to keep all pricing up-to-date and provide NJSBA with most current pricing lists. Respondents shall, at their sole expense, maintain precise and accurate records of purchases made by NJSBA and its members under this agreement. NJSBA reserves the right to audit Respondents' records of accounting at any time during the duration of the agreement
- H. <u>Draft Agreement:</u> Respondent shall submit a draft agreement with NJSBA (contract) that sets forth the terms and conditions of all elements necessary for administration including reimbursement of NJSBA's administration fees. Agreements with language contradictory to the RFP must be submitted during the question-and-answer period.

# 3. Proposal Evaluation Process

### **Proposal Evaluation**

Proposal evaluation will be performed by NJSBA. The award of the contract shall be made pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 18A:18A-4.1 *et seq.*, to the responsible Respondent whose responsive proposal is determined to be the most advantageous to NJSBA taking price and other factors into consideration in a review of the proposal criteria set forth below. Respondents may be contacted for clarification regarding their proposals. Documented poor performance of respondents on previous contracts with NJSBA will be considered during evaluation and may be sufficient cause not to award.

### ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Step #	Item	Date
1.	Request for Proposals (RFP) Published	July 29, 2025
2.	RFP Questions Due	August 12, 2025
3.	RFP Questions Answered	August 19, 2025
4.	RFP Due Date	September 3, 2025
5.	Award Contract	September 16, 2025

# 4. Evaluation Criteria

All proposals will be reviewed by NJSBA. Only those proposals found by NJSBA to be fully responsive to the submission requirements will be evaluated pursuant to these criteria.

### **Evaluating Responses**

The following evaluation criteria, not necessarily listed in order of significance, will be used to evaluate responses to this RFP.

### Company Overview and Qualifications

Preference will be given to respondents demonstrating strong capabilities, experience, and a proven track record and reputation in undertakings similar to those described in this RFP including a record of industry experience and availability and quality of personnel and other resources including documentation of experience of proposed staff in performing similar work.

### Ability to Implement Program

- Fee Proposal
- Technical expertise
- Responsiveness to program specific evaluation criteria as noted below.

### Evaluation Criteria Scoring

The following evaluation criteria and weighting shall be used to formally evaluate all proposals and to subsequently determine a final contract award.

### 1. Technical criteria (20%):

- i. Proposed methodology
  - (1) Does the vendor's proposal demonstrate a clear understanding of the scope of work and related objectives?
    - a. Does the system have the ability to reach all relevant personnel (e.g., users, staff, students) quickly and reliably during an emergency, including options for targeted messaging based on location or role.?
    - b. Does the system integrate with other systems, notification methods (text, email, phone)
  - (2) Is the vendor's proposal complete and responsive to the specific RFP requirements?
  - (3) Has the vendor's methodology been confirmed by independent references or former clients?

### 2. Management criteria (20%):

- i. History and experience in performing the work:
  - (1) Did the vendor provide references that exhibited long term client relationships?
  - (2) Does the vendor document industry or program experience?
  - (3) Does the vendor have a record of moral integrity?

### 3. System Capabilities criteria (20%):

- i. Availability of personnel, facilities, equipment and other resources:
  - (1) Does the vendor document experience in performing similar work by employees and when appropriate, sub-contractors?
  - (2) Does the vendor make use of business capabilities or initiatives that involve women, the disadvantaged, small and/or minority owned business establishments?
  - (3) Does the vendor demonstrate cultural sensitivity in hiring and training staff?

### 4. Cost criteria (40%):

- i. Cost of goods to be provided or services to be performed:
  - (1) Did the vendor provide an itemized price list for all equipment and accessories including both the vendor retail price and a savings cost for the member?
  - (2) Did the price list include labor cost, licensing fees and leasing?
  - (3) Did the vendor include an appropriate administration fee to NJSBA?
  - (4) How does the cost compare to other similarly scored proposals?

### **Evaluation Committee**

A committee may be selected to evaluate proposals that have been submitted. Committee members will be familiar with the need for services to be performed in the request for proposal. Committee members, if chosen, will be identified in the award of contract resolution.

All proposals will be evaluated pursuant to guidance issued in N.J.A.C. 5:34-4.2-Model Evaluation Criteria and in accordance with guidance issued by the Office of State Comptroller and its 2010 publication, *Best Practices in Awarding service Contracts*.

# 5. Interviews

NJSBA may conduct interviews with finalists to clarify the information provided in the proposals. Any presentation shall address only those matters pertaining to the respondent's submission, pursuant to *N.J.A.C.* 5:34-4.3. NJSBA will make a final selection of respondents to interview based upon such factors as deemed to be in NJSBA's best interests, in NJSBA's sole and absolute discretion. **Such interviews, if scheduled, will not be used to negotiate terms or prices.** 

# **6. Best Practices for Awarding Services Contracts**

# Presentation Package – Submit with Proposal Response.

This RFP seeks information from all participating respondent's information that will assist NJSBA in selecting the respondent who will provide the highest quality services at a fair and competitive price. All respondents shall prepare a presentation package to be submitted with the Proposal.

The proposal must be submitted in the format outlined in this section. Each proposal will be reviewed to determine if it is complete prior to actual evaluation. NJSBA reserves the right to eliminate from further consideration any proposal deemed to be substantially or materially unresponsive to the requests for information contained herein.

The first page that should appear is the <u>Proposal Form</u>. This shall include the name and address of the company along with the name, address, telephone number, fax number, and e-mail address of the individual responsible for the preparation of the proposal. Thereafter, the Proposal should contain the following numbered sections in the following order:

# a. Executive Summary

The executive summary should be no more than two pages and be suitable for those audiences who do not require the entire proposal. The Executive Summary should briefly describe the respondents' understanding and experience.

# b. Response to Technical Specifications

This Section of the proposal should contain the respondent's response to all of the Technical Specifications in Section C of this Request for Proposal followed by such additional information as the Respondent believes would be helpful to NJSBA in evaluating the respondent's ability to implement the terms of this RFP.

# c. Company Profile

Provide a profile of the company and specify contact/responsibility information relative to the contract, i.e., management, staffing, number of staff to be assigned to this contract, and primary contacts. Provide a description of the respondent's experience in performing services of the type described in this RFP. Specifically, identify client size and specific examples of work within the scope of services required under this RFP in similarly sized entities. Indicate if the firm is or has any affiliation with a product, manufacturer, or utility and describe any such relationship(s). The respondent shall also provide the location of the primary office or offices responsible for the engagement and describe the company's presence in New Jersey.

# d. Experience, Qualifications and Ability to Implement

This Section of the proposal should contain all of the information that NJSBA will reasonably require to evaluate the Respondent's experience, qualifications, and ability to manage and implement Technology Based Access Control and Emergency Alarm System.

This shall include a staffing plan and organization chart listing those persons who will be assigned to the engagement if the Respondent is selected, including the designation of the person who would be the Respondent's officer responsible for all services required under the contract.

This portion of the proposal should include the relevant resume information for individuals who will be assigned, including, at a minimum, a description of the person's relevant professional experience, years and type of experience, and number of years with the Respondent, and any applicable degrees and/or certifications.

# e. Sample implementation plan with suggested timelines.

# f. References and Experience

Provide references, including projects administered in the last five years, which demonstrate the scope of the respondent's ability to manage and implement Technology Based Access Control and Emergency Alarm System . The selection should include contracts that demonstrate the respondent's familiarity with Technology Based Access Control and Emergency Alarm System . In submitting the references, the Respondent grants NJSBA the authority to contact the owners of those projects to discuss the Program and the Respondent with them.

# g. Draft Agreements

Provide both a draft Master Agreement/Contract to be executed with NJSBA and a draft Agreement/Contract to be signed with the individual NJSBA member, to include a non-disclosure agreement with the member.

# 7. Questions or Requests for Clarification

Respondents shall direct all questions or requests for information in writing by certified mail, facsimile, or e-mail to Carl Tanksley, Esq, General Counsel at <a href="mailto:ctanksley@njsba.org">ctanksley@njsba.org</a>, cc Lou Schimenti <a href="mailto:lschimenti@njsba.org">lschimenti@njsba.org</a>. All questions and/or requests for information must contain a physical or electronic address where responses can be directed.

All questions and/or requests for information should reference the section or addendum of the RFP and the page number to which they pertain and should be asked in consecutive order, from beginning to end, following the organization of the RFP. Except for brief procedural matters, there will be no response to oral inquiries.

Questions must be submitted no later than August 12, 2025. Potential respondents are urged to submit questions pertaining to core Terms of Agreement as soon as possible, but no later than the date provided, above, so available time is maximized to resolve those questions before the proposal is due.

# 8. Contract Period/Renewal of Contract

Pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 18A:18A-1 *et seq.*, the term of the contract shall commence upon award of the contract and terminate five (5) years after the contract is executed or as specified in the contract executed with NJSBA. If terms should conflict, the terms of the contract shall prevail over this RFP. Note, the terms of this RFP are hereby incorporated by reference into any agreement with NJSBA.

# 9. Deadline for Responses

Responses to the RFP must be submitted to NJSBA's Representative no later than 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday September 3, 2025. Proposals must be in a sealed opaque envelope and clearly marked:

**Technology Based Access Control and Emergency Alarm System** Bid # NJSBA 2025-09." Proposals should identify a contact person and the name and office of the person who prepared the proposal and must be signed by a person authorized to bind the entity submitting the proposal.

Responses may be hand-delivered or sent by mail to in a sealed envelope and delivered to the Office of the General Counsel of the New Jersey School Boards Association listed above, <u>on or before</u> the date and time indicated below. Respondents are to submit two (2) electronic copies of the proposal on a USB drive and one (1) hard copy of the proposal. **No email submissions will be accepted**.

NJSBA's Representative: Carl Tanksley, Jr., Esq., General Counsel

413 West State Street Trenton, New Jersey

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ctanksley@njsba.org
cc: lschimenti@njsba.org

# 10. Proprietary Information

All information included in any proposal that is of a proprietary nature must be clearly marked as such. NJSBA shall be held harmless from any claims arising from the release of proprietary information not clearly designated as such by the proposing firm.

Because of the need for public accountability, the following information concerning the proposal will not be considered proprietary, even if such information is clearly marked as such: prices of the proposal, non-financial information concerning compliance with specifications, guarantees, and warranties. In addition, NJSBA cannot guarantee that information marked proprietary may not otherwise be required to be disclosed by New Jersey law and NJSBA shall not be liable for any information released in good faith in compliance with the Open Public Records Act.

# 11. Use of Agency's Name

Except as otherwise provided in this RFP, the successful respondent shall not use NJSBA's name in advertising unless the request is received in writing and approved in writing by NJSBA. Any license to utilize NJSBA's name will be contingent upon mutual agreement on the amount of compensation to be provided to NJSBA for such use.

# 12. Respondent Representation

The proposal must be signed by a duly authorized signatory and shall provide the full business address on the signature form provided in this proposal. Proposals by partnerships shall be signed with the partnership name by one of the members or by an authorized representative. Proposals by corporations or other business entities shall be signed with the name of the corporation or other business entity followed by the signature and title designation of an individual authorized to bind the corporation or business entity in the matter.

# APPENDIX A

# AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990 Equal Opportunity for Individuals with Disability

The contractor must comply with all provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), P.L 101-336, in accordance with 42 U.S.C. S121 01 et seq.

The contractor and the New Jersey School Boards Association (hereafter "NJSBA") do hereby agree that the provisions of Title 11 of the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990 (the "Act") (42 U.S.C. S121 01 et seq.), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability by public entities in all services, programs, and activities provided or made available by public entities, and the rules and regulations promulgated pursuant there unto, are made a part of this contract. In providing any aid, benefit, or service on behalf of NJSBA /pursuant to this contract, the contractor agrees that the performance shall be in strict compliance with the Act. In the event that the contractor, its agents, servants, employees, or subcontractors violate or are alleged to have violated the Act during the performance of this contract, the contractor shall defend NJSBA in any action or administrative proceeding commenced pursuant to this Act. The contractor shall indemnify, protect, and save harmless NJSBA, its agents, servants, and employees from and against any and all suits, claims, losses, demands, or damages, of whatever kind or nature arising out of or claimed to arise out of the alleged violation. The contractor shall, at its own expense, appear, defend, and pay any and all charges for legal services and any and all costs and other expenses arising from such action or administrative proceeding or incurred in connection therewith. In any and all complaints brought pursuant to NJSBA's grievance procedure, the contractor agrees to abide by any decision of NJSBA which is rendered pursuant to said grievance procedure. If any action or administrative proceeding results in an award of damages against NJSBA, or if NJSBA incurs any expense to cure a violation of the ADA which has been brought pursuant to its grievance procedure, the contractor shall satisfy and discharge the same at its own expense.

NJSBA shall, as soon as practicable after a claim has been made against it, give written notice thereof to the contractor along with full and complete particulars of the claim, If any action or administrative proceeding is brought against NJSBA or any of its agents, servants, and employees, NJSBA shall expeditiously forward or have forwarded to the contractor every demand, complaint, notice, summons, pleading, or other process received by NJSBA or its representatives.

It is expressly agreed and understood that any approval by NJSBA of the services provided by the contractor pursuant to this contract will not relieve the contractor of the obligation to comply with the Act and to defend, indemnify, protect, and save harmless NJSBA pursuant to this paragraph.

It is further agreed and understood that NJSBA assumes no obligation to indemnify or save harmless the contractor, its agents, servants, employees and subcontractors for any claim which may arise out of their performance of this Agreement. Furthermore, the contractor expressly understands and agrees that the provisions of this indemnification clause shall in no way limit the contractor's obligations assumed in this Agreement, nor shall they be construed to relieve the contractor from any liability, nor preclude NJSBA from taking any other actions available to it under any other provisions of the Agreement or otherwise at law.

APPENDIX B  A List of Agencies with Elected Officials Required for Political Contribution Disclosure N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26 can be found at <a href="https://www.nj.gov/dca/dlgs/programs/pay">https://www.nj.gov/dca/dlgs/programs/pay</a> 2 play.shtml

To All Respondents
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### **REMINDER!**

Did you sign all of the documents?

All proposal documents returned to NJSBA shall be signed with original signatures. Please use **blue ink.** 

NJSBA will not accept facsimile, rubber stamp, electronic or digital signatures.

Failure to sign all proposal documents may be cause for disqualification and rejection of the proposal.

Carl Tanksley, Jr. Esq. General Counsel

**NEW JERSEY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION**