

Lakewood Board of Education
Lakewood, New Jersey



Competitive Contracting

Proposal Specifications
&
General Requirements
For

**STUDENT TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT
SERVICES**

Proposal No: CC 09-1920

Wednesday, August 21, 2019

Proposal Opening Date

11:00 am

Proposal Opening Time

Robert S. Finger
Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

LAKEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Competitive Contracting

The Lakewood Board of Education of Lakewood, New Jersey, solicits proposals through the Competitive Contracting process for

Proposal No. CC 09-1920 Student Transportation Management Services

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

Robert S. Finger
Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Lakewood Board of Education
200 Ramsey Avenue
Lakewood, New Jersey 08701
E mail: dpiasentini@lakewoodpiners.org

Proposals must be sealed and delivered to the Office of the School Business Administrator/ Board Secretary of Lakewood Board of Education, **on or before** date and time indicated below. The envelope is to bear the following information:

Title: **Student Transportation Management Services**
Proposal No.: **CC 09-1920**
Name and Address of the Respondent
Date: **Wednesday, August 21, 2019**
Time: **11:00 am**

Location of Proposal Opening

LAKEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
200 Ramsey Avenue
Lakewood, New Jersey 08701

The proposal opening process will begin on the above date and time at the Lakewood Board of Education, Lakewood, New Jersey. Proposals may also be submitted to the Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary or his designee at the proposal opening meeting, in the Board Meeting Room, prior to the advertised date and time. On the advertised date and time, the Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary 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)).

The Board of Education does not accept electronic (e-mail) submission of Competitive Contracting proposals.

All respondents are required to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq., Affirmative Action Against Discrimination and N.J.A.C. 17:27 et seq.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a bid bond, cashier's check or certified check made payable to the Lakewood Board of Education, for ten percent (10%) of the amount of the total contract, but not in excess of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00).

Statement of Ownership Requirement: Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:25-24.2, 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.

A Non-Collusion Affidavit and a Contractor Questionnaire/Certification also must be filed with the proposal. The proposal package will also include other documents that must be completed and returned with the proposal. Failure to complete and submit all required forms, may be cause for disqualification and rejection of the proposal.

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all proposals pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2(s), (t), (x), (y), 18A:18A-4(a), 18A:18A-22, and to waive any informalities.

All proposals solicited and received are done so pursuant to the Competitive Contracting Process. N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.1 et seq.

*Please note: The Lakewood School District has received permission from the Department of Community Affairs to use the Competitive Contracting procurement process for these services and award of this contract subject to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.1(k).

Robert S. Finger

School Business Administrator, Board Secretary

ETHICS IN PURCHASING
Statement to Vendors

Board of Education Responsibility

Recommendation of Purchases

It is the desire of the Board of Education to have all Board employees and officials practice exemplary ethical behavior in the procurement of goods, materials, supplies, and services.

School district officials 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.

Solicitation/Receipt of Gifts – Prohibited

School district officials 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 the Board of Education or anyone proposing to do business with the Board.

Vendor Responsibility

Offer of Gifts, Gratuities -- Prohibited

Any vendor doing business or proposing to do business with the Board of Education, 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 Board of Education or to any member of the official's or employee's immediate family.

Vendor Influence -- Prohibited

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

Vendor Certification

Vendors or potential vendors will be asked to certify that no official or employee of the Board of Education 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 Board of Education.

LAKEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION

ADVISORY INFORMATION FOR RESPONDENTS

1. PROMPTNESS OF PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL

It is the responsibility of the respondent to ensure that their proposal is presented in a sealed envelope at the Office of the Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary or designee, prior to the advertised date and time fixed for the receipt of the proposal. This will occur promptly for this proposal on **Wednesday, August 21, 2019 @ 11:00 a.m.** No extensions or exceptions will be made. The Business Office is opened Monday through Friday from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm according to the school calendar and 8:30 am – 3:30 pm during the summer. Access to the Business Office may be delayed because of security clearance. Respondents may also submit proposals to the Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary or his designee at the proposal opening meeting held at the Lakewood Board of Education Administration Building, 200 Ramsey Avenue, Lakewood, New Jersey 08701, prior to the advertised proposal opening date and time. Once again, proposals will not be received after the time designated in the advertisement.

2. PARKING

Parking in the vicinity of the Board of Education Administration Building is at a premium. ***Allow enough time to locate a parking space.*** Be prepared to park two or three blocks from the Board Offices.

Heavy traffic hours by the Board Offices on school days are from **7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.**, and between **1:40 p.m. and 3:10 p.m.** Be aware of parking signs as you may receive a parking ticket or have your vehicle towed.

3. MAIL

Mail is brought to the Board Offices in mailbags, approximately **11:00 am** each day. The mail is then sorted within the district system, by departments. The Business Office routinely receives its mail at approximately **11:30 a.m.**

4. UPS / FED EX / AND OTHER EXPRESS DELIVERY SERVICES

Deliveries of this type are usually made from **11:00 a.m.** on. These items are brought only to the receptionist at the main building entrance. The receptionist then calls the various departments with a request to pick up their items. There may be some delay in getting proposals to the Business Office.

5. HAND DELIVER PROPOSALS – SUGGESTED PRACTICE

Keeping the aforementioned items in mind, the Board suggests that respondents arrange to hand deliver their proposal to the Office of the Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary before the advertised date and time. Please understand that proposals arriving after the advertised date and time for any reason, cannot be accepted or opened or considered.

LAKEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION

PROPOSAL CHECKLIST

A. Documents to be Returned with Proposal

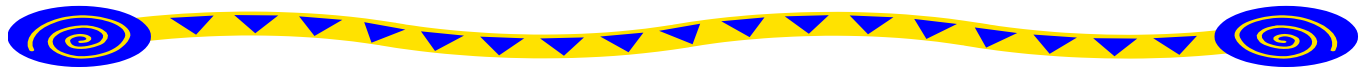
1. Acknowledgement of Addenda
2. Affirmative Action Questionnaire or Certificate of Employee Information Report
3. Assurance of Compliance
4. Chapter 271 Political Contribution Disclosure Form
5. Contractor/Vendor Questionnaire / Certification
6. Disclosure of Investment Activities in Iran
7. Financial Guarantee (Bid Bond, Cashier's Check, or Certified Check)—If Required
8. New Jersey Business Registration Certificate
9. Non-Collusion Affidavit
10. Proposal Form
11. Respondent's Comment Form – Optional
12. Statement of Ownership

The documents listed above when required, are to be submitted with the Proposal package. Failure to submit them may be cause for disqualification for being non-responsive pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2(y).

B. Reminder Checklist

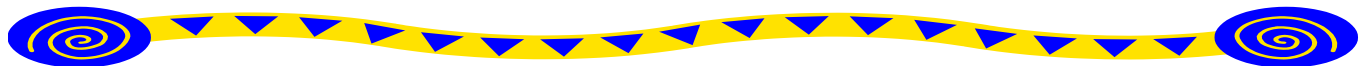
As a courtesy, the Office of the School Business Administrator has prepared this reminder checklist for items pertaining to this Proposal. The checklist is not considered to be all-inclusive. Respondents are to read and become familiar with all instructions outlined in the Proposal package.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
1. Have you verified your pricing to ensure accuracy?		
2. Have you answered question fully and accurately?		
3. Have you signed all your documents (blue ink)? No facsimile signature.		
4. Have you prepared all documents for submission?		
5. Did you make a copy of the Proposal package for your records?		
6. Did you submit a Proposal Guarantee? Consent of Surety? (Only if required)		
7. Did you correctly address the envelope? (Page 8 Item #2)		
8. Have you allowed ample time for the Proposal to reach the Business Office?		



Competitive Contracting

GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS



Robert S. Finger
Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

LAKEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION

Competitive Contracting

Student Transportation Management Services

Instructions for Respondents

1. PROPOSALS ARE

TO BE SUBMITTED TO:

Robert S. Finger

Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Lakewood Board of Education

200 Ramsey Avenue

Lakewood, New Jersey 08701

BY: **11:00 am** PREVAILING TIME

ON: **Wednesday, August 21, 2019**

The proposals may be delivered by mail, delivery service or in person. Proposals that are submitted are to be sealed and will be unsealed and announced at the proposal opening meeting.

2. Proposals must be placed in a *sealed* envelope/package and marked as shown below on the front of the envelope/package. Proposals ***must be*** submitted in ***duplicate*** on the submittal forms as provided, and in the manner designated. The Board of Education requires one original and one duplicate copy of the proposal package. The duplicate is necessary for processing the proposals. Respondents should also keep a complete copy of the proposal packet, exactly as submitted.

Envelope Label Information:

District:	<u>Lakewood Board of Education</u>
Proposal No.:	<u>CC 09-1920</u>
Project:	<u>Student Transportation Management Services</u>
Date:	<u>Wednesday, August 21, 2019</u>
Time:	<u>11:00 am</u>
Respondent	
Respondent Address	
City, State Zip	

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

3. PURPOSE

The Board of Education is soliciting request for proposals (RFP's) through the Competitive Contracting Process (N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.1 et seq.) for the purpose of entering into contract for Student Transportation Management Services.

4. AFFIRMATIVE ACTION REQUIREMENTS

Each company shall submit to the Lakewood Board of Education, 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 the board of education. 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 submission of bid/proposal. However, the Board 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

Certification 111XX

CERTIFICATE OF EMPLOYEE INFORMATION REPORT

INITIAL

This is to certify that the contractor listed below has submitted an Employee Information Report pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:27-1.1 et. seq. and the State Treasurer has approved said report. This approval will remain in effect for the period of 15-DEC-20XX to 15-DEC-20XX

SAMPLE COMPANY, INC.
33 WEST STATE STREET
TRENTON, NJ 08625


State Treasurer

VOID

All respondents are requested 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 execution or award of contract will result in the rejection of the bid/proposal.

**5. ANTI-BULLYING BILL OF RIGHTS—REPORTING OF HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION AND BULLYING—
CONTRACTED SERVICE**

The contracted service provider shall comply with all applicable provisions of the New Jersey Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act—N.J.S.A. 18A:37-13.1 et seq., all applicable code and regulations, and the Anti-Bullying Policy of the Board of Education. The district shall provide to the contracted service provider a copy of the board's Anti-Bullying Policy.

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:16-7.7 (c), a contracted service provider, who has witnessed, or has reliable information that a student has been subject to harassment, intimidation, or bullying shall immediately report the incident to any school administrator or safe schools resource officer, or the Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

6. ANTI-DISCRIMINATION PROVISIONS—N.J.S.A. 10:2-1

N.J.S.A. 10:2-1. Antidiscrimination 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;

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 a board of education 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](#) (C.18A:18A-51 et seq.).

7. AWARD OF CONTRACT; RESOLUTION; NUMBER OF DAYS

Any contract awarded under this process shall be made by resolution of the Board of Education. The award must be made within sixty (60) days of the receipt of the proposals, however subject to extension pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-36 (a).

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

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:32-44, the board of education is prohibited from entering into a contract with an entity unless the bidder/proposer/contractor, and each subcontractor that is required by law to be named in a bid/proposal/contract has a valid Business Registration Certificate on file with the Division of Revenue and Enterprise Services within the Department of the Treasury.

Request of the Board of Education

All bidders or companies providing responses for requested 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.

The Board reminds all respondents that failure to submit the New Jersey Business Registration Certificate prior to the award of contract will result in the rejection of the proposal.

Subcontractors

Prior to contract award or authorization, the contractor shall provide the Contracting Agency 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 bidder, who in turn, shall provide it to the Contracting Agency prior to the time a contract, purchase order, or other contracting document is awarded or authorized.

During the course of contract performance:

- (1) The contractor shall not enter into a contract with a subcontractor unless the subcontractor first provides the contractor with a valid proof of business registration.
- (2) The contractor shall maintain and submit to the Contracting Agency a list of subcontractors and their addresses that may be updated from time to time.
- (3) 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 online at <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/revenue/busregcert.shtml>.

Before final payment is made under the contract, the contractor shall submit to the Contracting Agency 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.

**SAMPLES OF NEW
JERSEY BUSINESS
REGISTRATION
CERTIFICATES**



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
BUSINESS REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE
FOR STATE AGENCY AND CASINO SERVICE CONTRACTORS

TAXPAYER NAME: TAX REGISTRATION TEST ACCOUNT
TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION#: 970-097-382/500
ADDRESS: 847 ROEBLING AVE
TRENTON NJ 08611
EFFECTIVE DATE: 01/01/01
FORM-BRC(08-01)

TRADE NAME: CLIENT REGISTRATION
SEQUENCE NUMBER: 0107330
ISSUANCE DATE: 07/14/04

DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY
DIVISION OF REVENUE
PO BOX 252
TRENTON, N.J. 08646-0252

Acting Director
John S. Tully

This Certificate is NOT assignable or transferable. It must be conspicuously displayed at above address.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
BUSINESS REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

Taxpayer Name: TAX REG TEST ACCOUNT
Trade Name:
Address: 847 ROEBLING AVE
TRENTON, NJ 08611
Certificate Number: 1093907
Date of Issuance: October 14, 2004

For Office Use Only:
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All respondents are requested to submit with their response, a copy of their firm's New Jersey Business Registration Certificate. Failure to submit the Certificate prior to the award of contract will result in the rejection of the proposal.

9. **CERTIFICATE (CONSENT) OF SURETY** ☒ **Required** ☐ **Not Required**

When required, each respondent shall submit with its proposal a certificate from a surety company stating that the surety company will provide the contractor with a performance bond in an amount equal to the amount of the contract (N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-25). Such surety company must be licensed and qualified to do business in the State of New Jersey. The certificate (consent) of Surety, together with a power of attorney, must be submitted with the proposal.

Failure to sign the Certificate (Consent) of Surety by either the Surety or Principal, and/or failure to submit the properly executed Certificate (Consent) of Surety with the proposal, shall be deemed cause for disqualification and rejection of the proposal.

10. **CONTRACTOR/VENDOR REQUIREMENTS—OFFICE OF THE NEW JERSEY STATE COMPTROLLER**

Contractors/vendors doing business with the board of education are reminded of the following legal requirements pertaining to the Office of the New Jersey State Comptroller:

A. 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 board of education 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 board of education 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.

B. 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.

11. COORDINATION OF ACTIVITIES

The Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary will coordinate the activities for this proposal.

12. CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECKS/DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION

When required, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.1, providers for the services of this contract shall submit to the school district, prior to commencement of contract, evidence or proof that each employee assigned to provide services and that comes in **regular contact with students**, has had a criminal history background check, and that said check indicates that no criminal history record information exists on file for that worker. Failure to provide a proof of criminal history background check for any employee coming in **regular contact with students**, prior to commencement of contact, may be cause for breach of contract. If it is discovered during the course of the contract that an employee has a disqualifying criminal history or the employee has not had a criminal history background check, that employee is to be removed from the as a service provider immediately.

All contracted service providers shall comply with N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.6 et seq., as it pertains to disclosure of information from previous employers, when applicable.

13. DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, OR DISQUALIFICATION

The Board of Education 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 (www.state.nj.us/treasury/debarred).

All respondents are required to submit a sworn statement indicating whether or not the respondent is, at the time of the proposal, included on the State Department of Labor and Workforce Development; Prevailing Wage Debarment List or the State of New Jersey Consolidated Debarment Report, or the Federal Debarred Vendor List--Excluded Parties List System—System for Award Management—SAM.gov

14. DOCUMENTS, MISSING/ILLEGIBLE

The respondent shall familiarize himself with all forms* provided by the Board 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 Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary for duplicate copies of the forms. This must be done before the proposal opening date and time. The Board accepts no responsibility for duplicate forms that were not received by the respondent in time for the respondent to submit with his proposal.

15. DOCUMENT SIGNATURES – ORIGINAL; BLUE INK

All documents returned to the Board 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). The Board will not accept facsimile or rubber stamp signatures.

*Forms provided by the Board of Education that must be returned with proposal.

- Acknowledgement of Addenda
- Affirmative Action Questionnaire or Certificate of Employee Information Report
- Assurance of Compliance
- Chapter 271 – Political Contribution Disclosure Form
- Contractor/Vendor Questionnaire and Certification
- Iran - Disclosure of Investment Activities
- Non Collusion Affidavit
- Proposal Form
- Statement of Ownership
- Federal Certifications—when applicable

*Please check your RFP package for these forms!

16. EXAMINATION OF SPECIFICATIONS, ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The respondent, by submitting a proposal, acknowledges that he has carefully examined the proposal specifications, documents, addenda (if any), and the site; and that from his investigation, he has satisfied himself 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, he fully understands the intent and purpose thereof, his obligations thereunder, and that he 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 his 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.

17. 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 for \$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 for \$2,500.00 or less, the offender is guilty of a crime of the fourth degree.

18. FINANCIAL GUARANTEE AND BONDING REQUIREMENTS

Please note: The name, address, and phone number of the Bond Underwriter as well as the Bond Number shall be included with all bonds submitted to the Board of Education.

Financial Guarantee

☒ **REQUIRED** ☐ Not Required

Each proposal, when required, shall be accompanied by a bid bond, cashier's check or certified check for ten percent (10%) of the amount of the total contract, but not in excess of \$20,000 (twenty-thousand dollars). This guarantee shall be made payable to the Lakewood Board of Education. Such

deposit shall be forfeited upon refusal of a respondent to execute a contract; otherwise, checks shall be returned when the contract is executed. The financial guarantee check for unsuccessful respondents will be returned as soon after the proposal opening as possible but in no event later than (10) days after the proposal opening.

Uncertified business checks, personal checks or money orders are not acceptable.

All bid bonds submitted must be signed and witnessed with original signatures. The Board will not accept facsimile or rubber stamp signatures on the bid bond. Failure to sign the bid bond by either the Surety or Principal shall be deemed cause for disqualification of the proposal. The Attorney-in-Fact who executes the bond on behalf of the surety shall affix to the bond a certified and current copy of the Power of Attorney.

The Board of Education will only accept bid bonds from companies that are licensed and qualified to do business in the State of New Jersey. Such a list may be available upon request to the State of New Jersey, Department of Banking and Insurance, CN 325, Trenton, New Jersey 08625.

Failure to submit or failure to sign the financial guarantee shall be cause for disqualification and rejection of proposal.

19. 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 the Board of Education to provide goods or services cannot unilaterally claim an increase in the cost of the contract because of Force Majeure.

20. GENERAL CONDITIONS

A. Authorization to Proceed -- Successful Vendor/Contractor

No service shall be rendered by the successful contractor unless the vendor/contractor receives an approved purchase order authorizing the vendor/contractor to render the service.

B. Award of Contract

It is the intention of the Board of Education to award the contract for this proposal pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.3, 18A:18A-4.4(b), and 18A:18A-4.5(d) (e).

C. Contracts

Upon notification of award of contract by the Board of Education, the successful vendor shall sign and execute a formal agreement between the board and the vendor.

Purchase Order—considered to be a contract. N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2 (n)

If a formal contract is not required by the Board of Education, an approved and signed Board of Education Purchase Order will constitute as a contractual agreement. When a formal contract is required, the contractor shall sign and execute said contracts and return the contracts with other required documents to the Office of the Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

Failure to execute the contract and return said contract and related documents within the prescribed time may be cause for a delay in payment for services rendered or products received or the annulment of award by the Board of Education with any financial security becoming property of the Board of Education. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept the proposal of the next lowest responsible respondent.

D. Renewal of Contract; Availability and Appropriation of Funds—When Applicable

The Board of Education 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 Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, may negotiate terms for a renewal of contract proposal and present such negotiated proposal to the Board of Education. 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.

The Board of Education is the final authority in awarding renewals of contracts.

E. 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.

F. Purchase Order Required; Notice to Proceed

No contractor or vendor shall commence any project or deliver any goods until he is in receipt of an approved purchase order authorizing work to begin or goods to be delivered.

G. Deadline for Submitting Proposals

All proposals shall be addressed to:

Robert S. Finger
Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Lakewood Board of Education
200 Ramsey Avenue
Lakewood, New Jersey 08701

All proposals are to be received by the Board of Education no later than

Wednesday, August 21, 2019

11:00 am

Proposals received after the date and time noted shall not be accepted or considered.

H. Number of Copies to be Submitted -- One (1) Original; One (1) Copy; and Digital Copy on Thumb Drive.

The district requires one (1) original proposal and one (1) copy and one Digital Copy to be submitted at the proposal date and time. Other instructions on submission may be found in the technical specifications.

21. INSURANCE AND INDEMNIFICATION ☒Required ☐ Not Required

The respondent, to whom the contract is awarded for any service work or construction work, 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

\$2,000,000. General Aggregate
\$2,000,000. Products
\$1,000,000. Personal Injury
\$1,000,000. Each Occurrence Combined Single Limit for Bodily Injury and Property Damage
\$50,000 Fire Damage
\$5,000 Medical Expense

Excess Umbrella Liability

\$4,000,000
\$1,000,000 Sexual Harassment

Comprehensive Automobile Liability Insurance

\$1,000,000 Combined Single Limit for Bodily Injury and Property Damage

(A) Insurance Certificate – When Required

- a. The contractor must present to the Board of Education an insurance certificate in the above types and amounts before any work or service begins.
- b. Automobile liability insurance shall be included to cover any vehicle used by the insured.
- c. The certificate holder shall be as follows:

Lakewood Board of Education
c/o Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

- d. Additional Insured Claim -- The contractor must include the following clause on the insurance certificate.

“Lakewood Board of Education is named as an additional insured”

OTHER INSURANCES

WORKERS COMPENSATION Evidence of adequate Workers Compensation Insurance as required by the laws of the State of New Jersey and the United States, must be available for perusal. 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

(B) Indemnification

The contractor shall assume all risk of and responsibility for, and agrees to indemnify, defend, and save harmless the Board and its agents, employees and Board members, from and against any and 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 or the performance of services by the contractor under the agreement or by a party for the whole contract is liable. This indemnification obligation is not limited by, but is in addition to, the insurance obligations contained in this agreement.

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

22. INTERPRETATIONS AND ADDENDA

Respondents are expected to examine the RFP with care and observe all their requirements. A Pre-Submission Proposal Conference **may** be held at a time, date and location identified in the Public Notice for this RFP. This Conference will afford the respondents the opportunity to make comments and submit questions regarding this RFP. Recipients of the RFP package will have the option of submitting comments and questions at the Pre-Proposal Conference. All questions about the meaning or intent of this RFP, all interpretations and clarifications considered necessary by the District's representative in response to such comments and questions will be issued by Addenda mailed or delivered to all parties recorded by the District 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 School Business Administrator 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. Any and all interpretations and any supplemental instructions will be distributed in the form of a written addenda 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.

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

The Lakewood Board of Education, 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 seq.

Pursuant to Public Law 2012, c. 25, any person or entity that submits a bid or proposal or otherwise proposes to enter into or renew a contract, must complete a certification attesting, under penalty of perjury, that neither the person or entity, nor any of its parents, subsidiaries, or affiliates, is identified on the Department of Treasury's Chapter 25 list as a person or entity engaging in investment activities in Iran.

The Chapter 25 list is found on the Divisions website

<http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/pdf/Chapter25List.pdf>.

If the Board 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.52:32-58), the board 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.

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

Failure to complete, sign and submit the Disclosure of Investment Activities in Iran form with the bid/proposal shall be cause for rejection of the proposal.

24. LIABILITY – COPYRIGHT

The contractor (vendor) shall hold and save the Board of Education, its officials and employees, harmless from liability of any nature or kind for or on account of the use of any copyrighted or uncopyrighted composition, secret process, patented or unpatented invention, article or appliance furnished or used in the performance of his contract.

25. NON COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

A notarized Non-Collusion Affidavit shall be submitted with the bid/proposal. The bidder/respondent has to certify that he 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 above named bid, and that all statements contained in said Proposal and in this affidavit are true and correct, and made with full knowledge that the Board of Education 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 has to 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.

The Lakewood Board of Education has provided a Non-Collusion Affidavit form here within the specifications package. All respondents are to complete, sign, have the 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.

26. OPENING OF PROPOSALS

Sealed proposals shall be opened publicly by the Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary on

Wednesday, August 21, 2019

11:00 am

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.

27. PAYMENTS

Every effort will be made to pay vendors and contractors within thirty (30) to sixty (60) days provided the Board of Education receives the appropriate documentation including but not limited to:

- Signed voucher by vendor;
- Packing Slips; and
- Invoices.

Payment will be rendered upon completion of services or delivery of full order to the satisfaction of the Board of Education, unless otherwise agreed to by written contract or mandated by N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-40.1. The Board may, at its discretion may make partial payments. All payments are subject to approval by the Board of Education at a public meeting. Payment may be delayed from time to time depending on the Board of Education meeting schedule.

Invoices

The invoice clearly outlines the goods received or services rendered and the date(s) the services were rendered.

- The invoice must include the full name and address of the company.
- The invoice must include the board of education purchase order number.
- The invoice must have the company's invoice number that may be used as reference.
- The invoice must list the goods or services rendered.
- The invoice must be submitted to the Business Office.
- Invoices must be submitted within thirty (30) days of service.

28. PERFORMANCE BOND

☒ **Required** ☐ **Not Required**

When required, the successful vendor shall furnish a Performance, Payment and Completion Bond in a sum of at least one hundred percent (100%) of the total amount payable by the terms of this Contract. Such bond shall be in the form required by Statute.

Such bond shall further carry a stipulation that no advance, premature, excessive or delayed payments by the Owner shall in any way affect the obligation of the Surety on its bond.

Such bond shall further stipulate that no payments made to the Contractor, nor partial or entire use of occupancy of the work by the Owner shall be an acceptance of any work or materials not in accordance with this Contract and the Surety shall be equally bound to the same extent as the Contractor.

It is expressly stipulated that the Surety for the Contractor on the project shall be obligated to make periodic inquiries of the Owner at reasonable times, to determine whether its Principal has performed or was performing the Contract in accordance with all of its terms and conditions, particularly in relation to the progress payments scheduled under said Contract with the Owner.

In the event the Contractor defaults or fails to perform or finish the work prescribed under the Contract for any reason whatsoever, it shall become the unqualified obligation of the Surety for the defaulting contractor to complete the Contract in accordance with its terms following receipt of notice from the owner of such default.

Successful respondent shall execute formal contract with the Board in the form required and in such number of counterparts as the Board may request. Such Performance, Payment and Completion Bond shall be furnished and such Contracts shall be executed and delivered by the successful respondent within ten (10) days after the receipt by the successful respondent of notice accepting his proposal by the Board.

The Board of Education will only accept performance bonds from surety companies that are licensed and qualified to do business in the State of New Jersey.

29. 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 www.elec.nj.us.

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

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

The Lakewood Board of Education has provided a Chapter 271 Political Contribution Disclosure Form within the specifications package for use by the business entity. The Board 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 official and/or candidate campaign committees are affected by the disclosure requirement. It is the contractor's responsibility to identify the specific committees to which contributions may have been made and need to be disclosed. The disclosed information may exceed the minimum requirement.

The enclosed 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.

POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS/AWARD OF CONTRACTS

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-6.3 (a) (1-4) please note the following:

- Award of Contract -- Reportable Contributions -- N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-6.3 (a) (1)

"No board of education will vote upon or award any contract in the amount of \$17,500 or greater to any business entity which has made a contribution reportable by the recipient under P.L.1973, c83 (codified at N.J.S.A. 19:44A-1 et seq.) to a member of the board of education during the preceding one year period.

- Contributions During Term of Contract – Prohibited -- N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-6.3 (a) (2-3)

"Contributions reportable by the recipient under P.L. 1973, c83 (codified at N.J.S.A. 19:44A-1 et seq.) to any member of the school board from any business entity doing business with the school district are prohibited during the term of the contract."

"When a business entity referred in 4.1(e) is a natural person, contribution by that person's spouse or child that resides therewith, shall be deemed to be a contribution by the business entity. When a business entity is other than a natural person, a contribution by any person or other business entity having an interest therein shall be deemed to be a contribution by the business entity."

- Chapter 271 Political Contribution Disclosure Form – Required -- N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-6.3 (a) (4)

All business entities shall submit with their bid/proposal package a completed and signed Chapter 271 Political Contribution Disclosure Form. The Chapter 271 form will be reviewed by the Board to determine whether the business entity is in compliance with the aforementioned N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-6.3 (a) (2) Award of Contract.

The Chapter 271 Political Contribution Disclosure form shall be submitted with the response to the bid/proposal. Failure to provide the completed and signed form may be cause for disqualification of the bid/proposal.

30. PRE-EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS--CONTRACTED SERVICE PROVIDERS

When applicable, all contracted service providers, whose employees have regular contact with students, shall comply with the Pre-Employment Requirements in accordance with New Jersey P.L. 2018 c.5, N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.6 et seq. Contracted service providers are to review the following New Jersey Department of Education—Pre-Employment Resource P.L. 2018 c.5 link below for guidance and compliance procedures.

<http://nj.gov/education/educators/crimhist/preemployment/>

31. PRESENTATION AND INTERVIEWS

The Board of Education may at its option, require providers of its choice to attend interviews and make presentations to district officials. This process 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)**

32. RESPONDENT’S RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL

It is the responsibility of the respondent to ensure that their proposal is presented to the Business Office and officially received before the advertised date and time of the proposal. It is understood and agreed upon that any person in the Board of Education will be absolved from responsibility for the premature opening of any proposal not properly labeled and sealed.

33. RIGHT TO KNOW LAW

All potentially hazardous materials or substances must be properly labeled in full accordance with the New Jersey Right to Know Law - N.J.S.A. 34:5A-1 et seq. All contractors or vendors who need additional information about the New Jersey Right to Know Law are to contact the:

New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services
Right to Know Program
CN 368
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0368

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

No business organization, regardless of 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.

35. SUBCONTRACTING; ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACT

Contractors, services providers, and all vendors with whom the Board of Education have an executed contract may not subcontract any part of any work done or assign any part of contract for goods or materials for the Board without first receiving written permission from the School Business Administrator.

Contractors, service providers, and vendors using subcontractors assume all responsibility for work performed by subcontractors. The Board 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 the Board of Education.

In cases of subcontracting, the Board of Education shall only pay the prime contractor. It is the sole responsibility of the prime contractor to ensure that all subcontractors are paid. The Board of Education 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.

36. TAXES

As a New Jersey governmental entity, the Board of Education 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 said statute and the rules and regulations promulgated thereto to qualify them for examinations and reference to any and all labor, services, materials and supplies furnished to the Board of Education. Contractors may not use the Board's tax exempt status to purchase supplies, materials, service 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 the Board of Education. All contractors are referred to New Jersey Division of Taxation–Tax Bulletin S&U-3 for guidance. Again, contractors are not permitted to use the Board's tax identification number to purchase supplies, materials, services of equipment.

37. TERMINATION OF CONTRACT

If the Board determines that the contractor has failed to comply with the terms and conditions of the proposal upon which the issuance of the contract 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 the Board shall have the authority to terminate the contract upon written notice setting forth the reason for termination and effective date of termination.

Termination by the Board of the contract does not absolve the contractor from potential liability for damages caused the District by the contractor's breach of this agreement. The Board may withhold

payment due the contractor and apply same towards damages once established. The Board 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 the Board harmless from any liability to subcontractors or suppliers concerning work performed or goods provided arising out of the lawful termination of this agreement.

38. WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSALS

Before The Proposal Opening

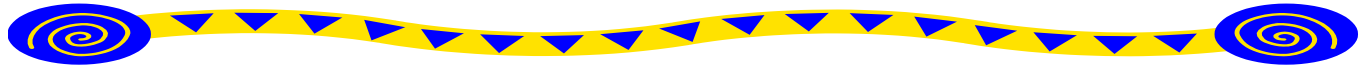
The School Business Administrator may consider a written request from a respondent to withdraw a proposal if the written request is received by the School Business Administrator before the advertised time of the proposal opening. Any respondent who has been granted permission by the School Business Administrator to have his/her 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 re-advertised.

After The Proposal Opening

The Board of Education may consider a written request from a respondent to withdraw a proposal, if the written request is received by the School Business Administrator 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.

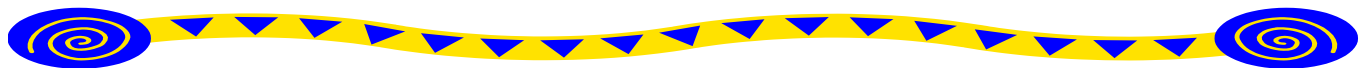
The contractor/vendor who wishes to withdraw a proposal must provide a certification supported by written factual evidence that an error or omission was made by the contractor and that the error or omission was a substantial computational error or an unintentional omission or both.

The request to withdraw a proposal after the proposal opening may be reviewed by the School Business Administrator, the Director of Facilities, other interested administrators' and the Architect of Record for the project (if necessary) and/or the Board Attorney and a recommendation will be made to the Board of Education. If the Board of Education 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 property of the Board of Education.



Competitive Contracting 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 be cause to reject the proposal for being non-responsive (N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2(y)).



Robert S. Finger
Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

To be completed, signed below and returned with proposal.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ADDENDA

Proposal Number **CC 09-1920**

Proposal Date: **Wednesday, August 21, 2019**

The Respondent acknowledges receipt of the hereinafter enumerated Addenda which have been issued during period of proposal and agrees that said Addenda shall become a part of this contract. The Respondent shall list below the numbers and issuing dates of the Addenda.

ADDENDA NO.

ISSUING DATES

☐ **No Addenda Received**

Name of Company _____

Address _____ P.O. Box _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Name of Authorized Representative _____

Signature _____ **Date** _____

To be completed, signed below and returned with proposal.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION QUESTIONNAIRE

Proposal No. **CC 09-1920**

Proposal Date: **Wednesday, August 21, 2019**

This form is to be completed and returned with the proposal. However, the Board will accept in lieu of this Questionnaire, Affirmative Action Certificate of Employee Information Report stapled to this page.

1. Our company has a federal Affirmative Action Plan approval. ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please attach a copy of the plan to this questionnaire.

2. Our company has a N.J. State Certificate of Employee Information Report. ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please attach a copy of the certificate to this questionnaire.

3. If you answered ***“NO”*** to both questions No. 1 and 2, you must apply for an Affirmative Action Employee Information Report – Form AA302.

Please visit the New Jersey Department of Treasury website for the Division of Public Contracts Equal Employment Opportunity Compliance:

www.state.nj.us/treasury/contract/compliance/

- Click on “Employee Information Report”
- Complete and submit the form with the appropriate payment to:

Department of Treasury
Division of Purchase and Property
Contract Compliance and Audit Unit—EEO Monitoring Program
P.O. Box 206
Trenton, NJ 08625-0206

All fees for this application are to be paid directly to the State of New Jersey. A copy shall be submitted to the Board of Education prior to the execution or award of contract.

I certify that the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Name: _____

Signature _____

Title _____ Date _____

Name of Company _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

To be completed, signed below and returned with proposal.

ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE

Contact with Students

There may times during the performance of this contract, where a contracted service provider may come in contact with students of the school district. The district fully understands its obligation to provide to all students and staff members, a safe educational environment. To this end, the district is requiring all bidders to sign a statement of Assurance of Compliance, acknowledging the bidder's understanding of the below listed requirements and further acknowledging the bidder's assurance of compliance with those listed requirements.

Anti-Bullying Reporting--Requirement

When applicable, the contracted service provider shall comply with all applicable provisions of the New Jersey Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act—N.J.S.A. 18A:37-13.1 et seq., all applicable code and regulations, and the Anti-Bullying Policy of the Board of Education. In accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:16-7.7 (c), a contracted service provider, who has witnessed, or has reliable information that a student has been subject to harassment, intimidation, or bullying shall immediately report the incident to any school administrator or safe schools resource officer, or the Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

Criminal History Background Checks—N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.1--Requirement

When applicable, the contracted service provider, shall provide to the school district prior to commencement of contract, evidence or proof that each employee assigned to provide services and that comes in **regular contact** with students, has had a criminal history background check, and furthermore, that said background check indicates that no criminal history record information exists on file for that worker. Failure to provide a proof of criminal history background check for any employee coming in regular contact with students, prior to commencement of contact, may be cause for breach of contract.

Pre-Employment Requirements

When applicable, all contracted service providers, whose employees have **regular contact with students**, shall comply with the Pre-Employment Requirements in accordance with New Jersey P.L. 2018 c.5, N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.6 et seq. Contracted service providers are to review the following New Jersey Department of Education, Office of Student Protection—Pre-Employment Resource P.L. 2018 c.5 link below for guidance and compliance procedures.

<http://nj.gov/education/educators/crimhist/preemployment/>

Name of Company _____

Name of Authorized Representative _____

Signature _____ Date _____

To be completed, signed below and returned with proposal.

Lakewood Board of Education

**Chapter 271
Political Contribution Disclosure Form
(Contracts that Exceed \$17,500.00)
Ref. N.J.S.A. 52:34-25**

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

<u>Date of Contribution</u>	<u>Amount of Contribution</u>	<u>Name of Recipient Elected Official/ Committee/Candidate</u>	<u>Name of Contributor</u>

The Business Entity may attach additional pages if needed.

☐ **No Reportable Contributions** (Please check (✓) if applicable.)

I certify that _____ (Business Entity) made no reportable contributions to any elected official, political candidate or any political committee as defined in N.J.S.A. 19:44-20.26.

Certification

I certify, that the information provided above is in full compliance with Public Law 2005—Chapter 271.

Name of Authorized Agent _____

Signature _____ **Title** _____

Business Entity _____

C. 271 POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION DISCLOSURE FORM

Contractor Instructions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

AN ACT authorizing units of local government to impose limits on political contributions by contractors and supplementing Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes and Title 19 of the Revised Statutes.

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

40A:11-51 1. a. A county, municipality, independent authority, board of education, or fire district is hereby authorized to establish by ordinance, resolution or regulation, as may be appropriate, measures limiting the awarding of public contracts therefrom to business entities that have made a contribution pursuant to P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-I et seq.) and limiting the contributions that the holders of a contract can make during the term of a contract, notwithstanding the provisions and parameters of sections 1 through 12 of P.L.2004, c.19 (C. 19:44A-20.2 et al.) and section 22 of P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-22).

b. The provisions of P.L.2004, c.19 shall not be construed to supersede or preempt any ordinance, resolution or regulation of a unit of local government that limits political contributions by business entities performing or seeking to perform government contracts. Any ordinance, resolution or regulation in effect on the effective date of P.L.2004, c.19 shall remain in effect and those adopted after that effective date shall be valid and enforceable.

c. An ordinance, resolution or regulation adopted or promulgated as provided in this section shall be filed with the Secretary of State.

52:34-25 2. a. Not later than 10 days prior to entering into any contract having an anticipated value in excess of \$17,500, except for a contract that is required by law to be publicly advertised for Proposals, a State agency, county, municipality, independent authority, board of education, or fire district shall require any business entity Proposal thereon or negotiating therefor, to submit along with its Proposal or price quote, a list of political contributions as set forth in this subsection that are reportable by the recipient pursuant to the provisions of P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-I et seq.) and that were made by the business entity during the preceding 12 month period, along with the date and amount of each contribution and the name of the recipient of each contribution. A business entity contracting with a State agency shall disclose contributions to any State, county, or municipal committee of a political party, legislative leadership committee, candidate committee of a candidate for, or holder of, a State elective office, or any continuing political committee. A business entity contracting with a county, municipality, independent authority, other than an independent authority that is a State agency, board of education, or fire district shall disclose contributions to: any State, county, or municipal committee of a political party; any legislative leadership committee; or any candidate committee of a candidate for, or holder of, an elective office of that public entity, of that county in which that public entity is located, of another public entity within that county, or of a legislative district in which that public entity is located or, when the public entity is a county, of any legislative district which includes all or part of the county, or any continuing political committee.

The provisions of this section shall not apply to a contract when a public emergency requires the immediate delivery of goods or services.

b. When a 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. When a business entity is other than a natural person, a contribution by any person or other business entity having an interest therein shall be deemed to be a contribution by the business entity. When a business entity is other than a natural person, a contribution by: all principals, partners, officers, or directors of the business entity or their spouses; any subsidiaries directly or indirectly controlled by the business entity; or any political organization organized under section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code that is directly or indirectly controlled by the business entity, other than a candidate committee, election fund, or political party committee, shall be deemed to be a contribution by the business entity.

c. As used in this section:

"business entity" means a natural or legal person, business corporation, professional services corporation, limited liability company, partnership, limited partnership, business trust, association or any other legal commercial entity organized under the laws of this State or of any other state or foreign jurisdiction;

"interest" means the 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, as appropriate; and

"State agency" means any of the principal departments in the Executive Branch of the State Government, and any division, board, bureau, office, commission or other instrumentality within or created by such department, the Legislature of the State and any office, board, bureau or commission within or created by the Legislative Branch, and any independent State authority, commission, instrumentality or agency.

d. Any business entity that fails to comply with the provisions of this section shall be subject to a fine imposed by the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission in an amount to be determined by the commission which may be based upon the amount that the business entity failed to report.

19:44A-20.13 3. a. Any business entity making a contribution of money or any other thing of value, including an in-kind contribution, or pledge to make a contribution of any kind to a candidate for or the holder of any public office having ultimate responsibility for the awarding of public contracts, or to a political party committee, legislative leadership committee, political committee or continuing political committee, which has received in any calendar year \$50,000 or more in the aggregate through agreements or contracts with a public entity, shall file an annual disclosure statement with the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, established pursuant to section 5 of P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-5), setting forth all such contributions made by the business entity during the 12 months prior to the reporting deadline.

b. The commission shall prescribe forms and procedures for the reporting required in subsection a. of this section which shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) the name and mailing address of the business entity making the contribution, and the amount contributed during the 12 months prior to the reporting deadline;

(2) the name of the candidate for or the holder of any public office having ultimate responsibility for the awarding of public contracts, candidate committee, joint candidates committee, political party committee, legislative leadership committee, political committee or continuing political committee receiving the contribution; and

(3) the amount of money the business entity received from the public entity through contract or agreement, the dates, and information identifying each contract or agreement and describing the goods, services or equipment provided or property sold.

c. The commission shall maintain a list of such reports for public inspection both at its office and through its Internet site.

d. When a 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. When a business entity is other than a natural person, a contribution by any person or other business entity having an interest therein shall be deemed to be a contribution by the business entity. When a business entity is other than a natural person, a contribution by: all principals, partners, officers, or directors of the business entity, or their spouses; any subsidiaries directly or indirectly controlled by the business entity; or any political organization organized under section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code that is directly or indirectly controlled by the business entity, other than a candidate committee, election fund, or political party committee, shall be deemed to be a contribution by the business entity.

As used in this section:

"business entity" means a natural or legal person, business corporation, professional services corporation, limited liability company, partnership, limited partnership, business trust, association or any other legal commercial entity organized under the laws of this State or of any other state or foreign jurisdiction; and

"interest" means the 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, as appropriate.

e. Any business entity that fails to comply with the provisions of this section shall be subject to a fine imposed by the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission in an amount to be determined by the commission which may be based upon the amount that the business entity failed to report.

4. This act shall take effect immediately.

* Note: Bold italicized statutory references of new sections are anticipated and not final as of the time this document was prepared. Statutory compilations of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-51 is anticipated to show a reference to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-51 and to N.J.S.A. 52:34-25.

List of Agencies with Elected Officials Required for Political Contribution Disclosure
N.J.S.A. 52:34-25

County Name: Ocean

State: Governor, and Legislative Leadership Committees

Legislative District #s: 9, 10, & 30

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

County: Freeholders

County Clerk

Sheriff

Surrogate

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

Barnegat Light Borough

Barnegat Township

Bay Head Borough

Beach Haven Borough

Beachwood Borough

Berkeley Township

Brick Township

Dover Township

Eagleswood Township

Harvey Cedars Borough

Island Heights Borough

Jackson Township

Lacey Township

Lakehurst Borough

Lakewood Township

Lavallette Borough

Little Egg Harbor Township

Long Beach Township

Manchester Township

Mantoloking Borough

Ocean Gate Borough

Ocean Township

Pine Beach Borough

Plumsted Township

Point Pleasant Beach Borough

Point Pleasant Borough

Seaside Heights Borough

Seaside Park Borough

Ship Bottom Borough

South Toms River Borough

Stafford Township

Surf City Borough

Tuckerton Borough

Boards of Education (Members of the Board):

Barnegat Township

Bay Head Borough

Beach Haven Borough

Berkeley Township

Brick Township

Central Regional

Eagleswood Township

Island Heights Borough

Jackson Township

Lacey Township

Lakehurst Borough

Lakewood Township

Lavallette Borough

Little Egg Harbor Township

Long Beach Island

Manchester Township

Mantoloking

Ocean Gate Borough

Ocean Township

Pinelands Regional

Plumsted Township

Point Pleasant Beach Borough

Point Pleasant Borough

Seaside Heights Borough

Seaside Park Borough

Southern Regional

Stafford Township

Toms River Regional

Tuckerton Borough

Fire Districts (Board of Fire Commissioners):

Brick Township Fire District No. 1

Brick Township Fire District No. 2

Brick Township Fire District No. 3

Dover Township Fire District No. 1

Dover Township Fire District No. 2

Jackson Township Fire District No. 1

Jackson Township Fire District No. 2

Jackson Township Fire District No. 3

Jackson Township Fire District No. 4

Lakewood Township Fire District No. 1

Little Egg Harbor Township Fire District No. 1

Little Egg Harbor Township Fire District No. 2

Little Egg Harbor Township Fire District No. 3

Plumsted Township Fire District No. 1

To be completed, signed below and returned with proposal.

CONTRACTOR/VENDOR QUESTIONNAIRE & CERTIFICATION

Proposal Number **CC 09-1920**

Proposal Date: **Wednesday, August 21, 2019**

Student Transportation Management Services

Name of Company _____

200 Ramsey Avenue _____ PO Box _____

City, State, Zip _____

Business Phone Number (____) _____ Ext. _____

Emergency Phone Number (____) _____

FAX No. (____) _____ E-Mail _____

FEIN No. _____

Years in Business _____ Number of Employees _____

References – Work previously done for School Systems in New Jersey

	<u>Name of District</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Contact Person/Title</u>	<u>Phone</u>
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____

Vendor Certification

Direct/Indirect Interests

I declare and certify that no member of the Lakewood Board of Education, nor any officer or employee or person whose salary is payable in whole or in part by said Board of Education or their immediate family members are directly or indirectly interested in this proposal or in the supplies, materials, equipment, work or services to which it relates, or in any portion of profits thereof. If a situation so exists where a Board member, employee, officer of the board has an interest in the proposal, etc., then please attach a letter of explanation to this document, duly signed by the president of the firm or company.

Gifts; Gratuities; Compensation

I declare and certify that no person from my firm, business, corporation, association or partnership offered or paid any fee, commission or compensation, or offered any gift, gratuity or other thing of value to any school official, board member or employee of the Board of Education.

Vendor Contributions

I declare and certify that I fully understand N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-6.3(a) (1-4) concerning vendor contributions to school board members.

Debarment

I certify that my company is not debarred from doing business with any public entity in New Jersey or the United States of America.

I further certify that I understand that it is a crime in the second degree in New Jersey to knowingly make a material representation that is false in connection with the negotiation, award or performance of a government contract.

President or Authorized Agent (Print)

SIGNATURE

To be completed, signed below and returned with proposal.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY -- DIVISION OF PURCHASE AND PROPERTY
DISCLOSURE OF INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES IN IRAN

Quote Number:

Bidder/Offeree:

PART 1: CERTIFICATION

BIDDERS MUST COMPLETE PART 1 BY CHECKING EITHER BOX.

FAILURE TO CHECK ONE OF THE BOXES WILL RENDER THE PROPOSAL NON-RESPONSIVE.

Pursuant to Public Law 2012, c. 25, any person or entity that submits a bid or proposal or otherwise proposes to enter into or renew a contract must complete the certification below to attest, under penalty of perjury, that neither the person or entity, nor any of its parents, subsidiaries, or affiliates, is identified on the Department of Treasury's Chapter 25 list as a person or entity engaging in investment activities in Iran. The Chapter 25 list is found on the Division's website at <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/pdf/Chapter25List.pdf>. Bidders must review this list prior to completing the below certification. **Failure to complete the certification will render a bidder's proposal non-responsive.** If the Director finds a person or entity to be in violation of law, s/he shall take action as may be appropriate and provided by law, rule or contract, including but not limited to, imposing sanctions, seeking compliance, recovering damages, declaring the party in default and seeking debarment or suspension of the party.

PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX:

☐ I certify, pursuant to Public Law 2012, c. 25, that neither the bidder listed above nor any of the bidder's parents, subsidiaries, or affiliates is listed on the N.J. Department of the Treasury's list of entities determined to be engaged in prohibited activities in Iran pursuant to P.L. 2012, c. 25 ("Chapter 25 List"). I further certify that I am the person listed above, or I am an officer or representative of the entity listed above and am authorized to make this certification on its behalf. **I will skip Part 2 and sign and complete the Certification below.**

OR

☐ I am unable to certify as above because the bidder and/or one or more of its parents, subsidiaries, or affiliates is listed on the Department's Chapter 25 list. I will provide a detailed, accurate and precise description of the activities in Part 2 below and sign and complete the Certification below. Failure to provide such will result in the proposal being rendered as non-responsive and appropriate penalties, fines and/or sanctions will be assessed as provided by law.

PART 2: PLEASE PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION RELATED TO INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES IN IRAN

You must provide a detailed, accurate and precise description of the activities of the bidding person/entity, or one of its parents, subsidiaries or affiliates, engaging in the investment activities in Iran outlined above by completing the boxes below.

EACH BOX WILL PROMPT YOU TO PROVIDE INFORMATION RELATIVE TO THE ABOVE QUESTIONS. PLEASE PROVIDE THOROUGH ANSWERS TO EACH QUESTION. IF YOU NEED TO MAKE ADDITIONAL ENTRIES, CLICK THE "ADD AN ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES ENTRY" BUTTON.

Name

Relationship to Bidder/Offeree

Description of Activities

Duration of Engagement

Anticipated Cessation Date

Bidder/Offeree Contact Name

Contact Phone Number

ADD AN ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES ENTRY

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; that the State of New Jersey 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 the State to notify the State 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 State, permitting the State to declare any contract(s) resulting from this certification void and unenforceable.

Full Name (Print):

Signature:

Do Not Enter PIN as a Signature

Title:

Date:

To be completed, signed below and returned with proposal.

NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

Student Transportation Management Services

Re: Proposal for the Board of Education.

Proposal No. **CC 09-1920**

STATE OF _____)
:ss:
COUNTY OF _____)

Proposal Date: **Wednesday, August 21, 2019**

I, _____ of the City of _____

in the County of _____ and the State of _____

of full age, being duly sworn according to law on my oath depose and say that:

I am _____ of the firm/company of _____

and the Respondent making the Proposal for the above names contract, and that I executed the said Proposal with full authority so to do; that I have not, directly or indirectly, entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion, discussed any or all parts of this Proposal with any potential Respondents, or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free, competitive proposals in connection with the above named Proposal, and that all statements contained in said Proposal and in this affidavit are true and correct, and made with full knowledge that the Board of Education 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 Proposal.

I 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

(Print Name of Contractor/Vendor)

Subscribed and sworn to: _____
(SIGNATURE OF CONTRACTOR/VENDOR)

before me this _____ day of _____, _____
Month Year

Print name of Notary _____

Signature of Notary _____

My commission expires _____, _____
Month Day Year **- Seal -**

RESPONDENT'S COMMENT FORM

Student Transportation Management Services

Proposal No. **CC 09-1920**

Proposal Date: **Wednesday, August 21, 2019**

This form is for Respondent's use in offering voluntary alternates, or other comments intended to afford the Board information or opportunities to improve the quality of the project, without invalidating the Proposal. It may *not* be used to take exception to specific conditions of the project defined in the contract documents which the Respondent does not like. The Proposal provided must be based upon the plans and specs, and all contract conditions, as stated. If these documents or conditions contain some untenable item, or extremely expensive provision, for example, to which the Respondent wishes to raise objection, this must be done at the Pre-Proposal meeting, or in writing to the Architect through the question process outlined in the Instructions to Respondents. Such inquiries will have response issued by addendum only, and the resulting decision circulated to all Respondents of record. Inquires raised too close to the Proposal date will not be able to be answered.

Name of Company _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Name of Authorized Representative _____

Signature _____ **Title** _____ **Date** _____

To be completed, signed and returned with Bid/Proposal

STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP DISCLOSURE

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 Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Part I Check the box that represents the type of business organization:

- ☐ Sole Proprietorship (skip Parts II and III, execute certification in Part IV)
- ☐ Non-Profit Corporation (skip Parts II and III, execute certification in Part IV)
- ☐ For-Profit Corporation (any type) ☐ Limited Liability Company (LLC)
- ☐ Partnership ☐ Limited Partnership ☐ Limited Liability Partnership (LLP)
- ☐ Other (be specific): _____

Part II Check the appropriate box

- ☐ The list below contains the names and addresses of all stockholders in the corporation who own 10 percent or more of its stock, of any class, or of all individual partners in the partnership who own a 10 percent or greater interest therein, or of all members in the limited liability company who own a 10 percent or greater interest therein, as the case may be. (**COMPLETE THE LIST BELOW IN THIS SECTION**)

OR

- ☐ 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 space is needed):

Name of Individual or Business Entity	Home Address (for Individuals) or Business Address

Part III 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	Home Address (for Individuals) or Business Address

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/proposer; that the **Lakewood Board of Education** 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 the **Board of Education** to notify the **Board of Education** 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 the **Board of Education** 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.

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

The contractor and the Board of Education (hereafter "owner") 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 the owner 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 the owner in any action or administrative proceeding commenced pursuant to this Act. The contractor shall indemnify, protect, and save harmless the owner, 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 the owner's grievance procedure, the contractor agrees to abide by any decision of the owner which is rendered pursuant to said grievance procedure. If any action or administrative proceeding results in an award of damages against the owner, or if the owner 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.

The owner 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 the owner or any of its agents, servants, and employees, the *owner shall* expeditiously forward or have forwarded to the contractor every demand, complaint, notice, summons, pleading, or other process received by the owner or its representatives.

It is expressly agreed and understood that any approval by the owner 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 the owner pursuant to this paragraph.

It is further agreed and understood that the owner 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 the owner from taking any other actions available to it under any other provisions of the Agreement or otherwise at law.

Appendix A

PROPOSAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE LABELING OF LIQUID, POWDER AND
GASEOUS SUPPLIES DELIVERED TO
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

RIGHT TO KNOW

1. All products that you deliver to the Board of Education must be labeled in accordance with the New Jersey Right to Know Law (N.J.S.A. 34:5A-1 et. seq.)
 - A. The label must list the 5 predominant ingredients and any hazardous chemicals in the product.
 - B. Next to each chemical name will be the CAS number of that chemical.
 - C. The label must be attached to each container (bottle, box, can, bucket, etc.)
2. Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDSs) must accompany the first shipment of the product.
3. The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any shipment not in compliance with the above specifications.

Appendix B

EXHIBIT A

MANDATORY EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY LANGUAGE

N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. (P.L. 1975, C. 127)

N.J.A.C. 17:27

GOODS, PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND GENERAL SERVICE CONTRACTS

During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex. Except with respect to affectional or sexual orientation and gender identity or expression, the contractor will ensure that equal employment opportunity is afforded to such applicants in recruitment and employment, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex. Such equal employment opportunity shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the Public Agency Compliance Officer setting forth provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex.

The contractor or subcontractor will send to each labor union, with which it has a collective bargaining agreement, a notice, to be provided by the agency contracting officer, advising the labor union of the contractor's commitments under this chapter and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, agrees to comply with any regulations promulgated by the Treasurer pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq., as amended and supplemented from time to time and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The contractor or subcontractor agrees to make good faith efforts to meet targeted county employment goals established in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-5.2.

The contractor or subcontractor agrees to inform in writing its appropriate recruitment agencies including, but not limited to, employment agencies, placement bureaus, colleges, universities, and labor unions, that it does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex, and that it will discontinue the use of any recruitment agency which engages in direct or indirect discriminatory practices.

The contractor or subcontractor agrees to revise any of its testing procedures, if necessary, to assure that all personnel testing conforms with the principles of job related testing, as established by the statutes and court decisions of the State of New Jersey and as established by applicable Federal law and applicable Federal court decisions.

In conforming with the targeted employment goals, the contractor or subcontractor agrees to review all procedures relating to transfer, upgrading, downgrading and layoff to ensure that all such actions are taken without regard to age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex, consistent with the statutes and court decisions of the State of New Jersey, and applicable Federal law and applicable Federal court decisions.

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

- Letter of Federal Affirmative Action Plan Approval;
- Certificate of Employee Information Report; or
- Employee Information Report Form AA-302 (electronically provided by the Division and distributed to the public agency through the Division's website at: [http:// www.state.nj.us/treasury/contract_compliance/](http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/contract_compliance/)).

The contractor and its subcontractors shall furnish such reports or other documents to the Division of Purchase & Property, CCAU, EEO Monitoring Program as may be requested by the office from time to time in order to carry out the purposes of these regulations, and public agencies shall furnish such information as may be requested by the Division of Purchase & Property, CCAU, EEO Monitoring Program for conducting a compliance investigation pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:27-1.1 et seq.

(Revised: January, 2016)

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
Division of Purchase & Property
Contract Compliance Audit Unit
EEO Monitoring Program

EMPLOYEE INFORMATION REPORT

IMPORTANT-READ INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING FORM. FAILURE TO PROPERLY COMPLETE THE ENTIRE FORM AND TO SUBMIT THE REQUIRED \$150.00 FEE MAY DELAY ISSUANCE OF YOUR CERTIFICATE. DO NOT SUBMIT EEO-1 REPORT FOR SECTION B, ITEM 11. For Instructions on completing the form, go to: http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/contract_compliance/pdf/aa302ins.pdf

SECTION A - COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

1. FID. NO. OR SOCIAL SECURITY	2. TYPE OF BUSINESS ☐ 1. MFG ☐ 2. SERVICE ☐ 3. WHOLESALE ☐ 4. RETAIL ☐ 5. OTHER	3. TOTAL NO. EMPLOYEES IN THE ENTIRE COMPANY
4. COMPANY NAME		
5. STREET	CITY	COUNTY STATE ZIP CODE
6. NAME OF PARENT OR AFFILIATED COMPANY (IF NONE, SO INDICATE) CITY STATE ZIP CODE		
7. CHECK ONE: IS THE COMPANY: ☐ SINGLE-ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYER ☐ MULTI-ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYER		
8. IF MULTI-ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYER, STATE THE NUMBER OF ESTABLISHMENTS IN NJ		
9. TOTAL NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES AT ESTABLISHMENT WHICH HAS BEEN AWARDED THE CONTRACT		
10. PUBLIC AGENCY AWARDED CONTRACT CITY COUNTY STATE ZIP CODE		
Official Use Only	DATE RECEIVED	INAG. DATE ASSIGNED CERTIFICATION NUMBER

SECTION B - EMPLOYMENT DATA

11. Report all permanent, temporary and part-time employees ON YOUR OWN PAYROLL. Enter the appropriate figures on all lines and in all columns. Where there are no employees in a particular category, enter a zero. Include ALL employees, not just those in minority/non-minority categories, in columns 1, 2, & 3. **DO NOT SUBMIT AN EEO-1 REPORT.**

JOB CATEGORIES	ALL EMPLOYEES			PERMANENT MINORITY/NON-MINORITY EMPLOYEE BREAKDOWN										
	COL. 1 TOTAL (Cols. 2 & 3)	COL. 2 MALE	COL. 3 FEMALE	***** MALE *****					***** FEMALE *****					
				BLACK	HISPANIC	AMER. INDIAN	ASIAN	NON MIN.	BLACK	HISPANIC	AMER. INDIAN	ASIAN	NON MIN.	
Officials/ Managers														
Professionals														
Technicians														
Sales Workers														
Office & Clerical														
Craftworkers (Skilled)														
Operatives (Semi-skilled)														
Laborers (Unskilled)														
Service Workers														
TOTAL														
Total employment From previous Report (if any)														
Temporary & Part-Time Employees	The data below shall NOT be included in the figures for the appropriate categories above.													

12. HOW WAS INFORMATION AS TO RACE OR ETHNIC GROUP IN SECTION B OBTAINED? ☐ 1. Visual Survey ☐ 2. Employment Record ☐ 3. Other (Specify)	14. IS THIS THE FIRST Employee Information Report Submitted? 1. YES ☐ 2. NO ☐	15. IF NO, DATE LAST REPORT SUBMITTED MO. DAY YEAR
13. DATES OF PAYROLL PERIOD USED From: To:		

SECTION C - SIGNATURE AND IDENTIFICATION

16. NAME OF PERSON COMPLETING FORM (Print or Type)	SIGNATURE	TITLE	DATE MO DAY YEAR
17. ADDRESS NO. & STREET	CITY	COUNTY STATE ZIP CODE	PHONE (AREA CODE, NO., EXTENSION)

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE
EMPLOYEE INFORMATION REPORT (FORM AA302)**

IMPORTANT: READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING THE FORM. PRINT OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION. FAILURE TO PROPERLY COMPLETE THE ENTIRE FORM **AND TO SUBMIT THE REQUIRED \$150.00 NON-REFUNDABLE FEE MAY DELAY ISSUANCE OF YOUR CERTIFICATE.** IF YOU HAVE A CURRENT CERTIFICATE OF EMPLOYEE INFORMATION REPORT, DO NOT COMPLETE THIS FORM UNLESS YOU ARE RENEWING A CERTIFICATE THAT IS DUE FOR EXPIRATION. DO NOT COMPLETE THIS FORM FOR CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AWARDS.

ITEM 1 - Enter the Federal Identification Number assigned by the Internal Revenue Service, or if a Federal Employer Identification Number has been applied for, or if your business is such that you have not or will not receive a Federal Employer Identification Number, enter the Social Security Number of the owner or of one partner, in the case of a partnership.

ITEM 2 - Check the box appropriate to your TYPE OF BUSINESS. If you are engaged in more than one type of business check the predominate one. If you are a manufacturer deriving more than 50% of your receipts from your own retail outlets, check "Retail".

ITEM 3 - Enter the total "number" of employees in the entire company, including part-time employees. This number shall include all facilities in the entire firm or corporation.

ITEM 4 - Enter the name by which the company is identified. If there is more than one company name, enter the predominate one.

ITEM 5 - Enter the physical location of the company. Include City, County, State and Zip Code.

ITEM 6 - Enter the name of any parent or affiliated company including the City, County, State and Zip Code. If there is none, so indicate by entering "None" or N/A.

ITEM 7 - Check the box appropriate to your type of company establishment. "Single-establishment Employer" shall include an employer whose business is conducted at only one physical location. "Multi-establishment Employer" shall include an employer whose business is conducted at more than one location.

ITEM 8 - If "Multi-establishment" was entered in item 8, enter the number of establishments within the State of New Jersey.

ITEM 9 - Enter the total number of employees at the establishment being awarded the contract.

ITEM 10 - Enter the name of the Public Agency awarding the contract. Include City, County, State and Zip Code. This is not applicable if you are renewing a current Certificate.

ITEM 11 - Enter the appropriate figures on all lines and in all columns. THIS SHALL ONLY INCLUDE EMPLOYMENT DATA FROM THE FACILITY THAT IS BEING AWARDED THE CONTRACT. DO NOT list the same employee in more than one job category. **DO NOT attach an EEO-1 Report.**

Racial/Ethnic Groups will be defined:

Black: Not of Hispanic origin. Persons having origin in any of the Black racial groups of Africa.

Hispanic: Persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or Central or South American or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.

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

Asian or Pacific Islander: Persons having origin in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian Sub-continent or the Pacific Islands. This area includes for example, China, Japan, Korea, the Phillippine Islands and Samoa.

Non-Minority: Any Persons not identified in any of the aforementioned Racial/Ethnic Groups.

ITEM 12 - Check the appropriate box. If the race or ethnic group information was not obtained by 1 or 2, specify by what other means this was done in 3.

ITEM 13 - Enter the dates of the payroll period used to prepare the employment data presented in Item 12.

ITEM 14 - If this is the first time an Employee Information Report has been submitted for this company, check block "Yes".

ITEM 15 - If the answer to Item 15 is "No", enter the date when the last Employee Information Report was submitted by this company.

ITEM 16 - Print or type the name of the person completing the form. Include the signature, title and date.

ITEM 17 - Enter the physical location where the form is being completed. Include City, State, Zip Code and Phone Number.

TYPE OR PRINT IN SHARP BALL POINT PEN

THE VENDOR IS TO COMPLETE THE EMPLOYEE INFORMATION REPORT FORM (AA302) AND RETAIN A COPY FOR THE VENDOR'S OWN FILES. THE VENDOR SHOULD ALSO SUBMIT A COPY TO THE PUBLIC AGENCY AWARDDING THE CONTRACT IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST REPORT; AND FORWARD ONE COPY **WITH A CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150.00 PAYABLE TO THE TREASURER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY(FEE IS NON-REFUNDABLE)** TO:

NJ Department of the Treasury
Division of Public Contracts Equal Employment Opportunity Compliance
P.O. Box 206

Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0206 Telephone No. (609) 292-5473

TO ALL RESPONDENTS:

REMINDER!

Did you sign all of the Proposal documents?

All Proposal documents returned to the Board shall be signed with original signatures. Please try to use **blue ink**.

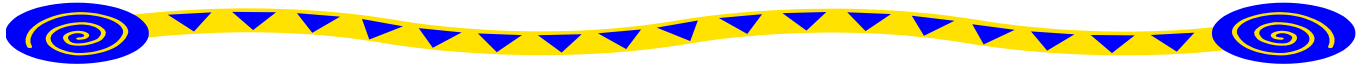
The Board will not accept facsimile or rubber stamp signatures.

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

Robert S. Finger

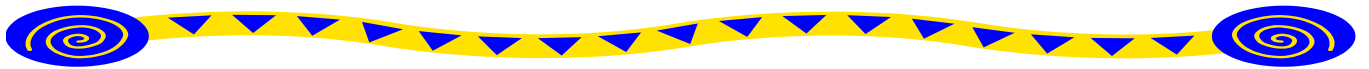
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LAKESWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION



Competitive Contracting

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS



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Lakewood Board of Education

Lakewood, New Jersey

Student Transportation Management Services Request for Proposal (RFP)

PURPOSE OF PROPOSAL

The Lakewood Board of Education (board) through the Competitive Contracting process, seeks proposals from qualified firms to manage the student transportation services for nonpublic schools within the Lakewood School District (District).

BACKGROUND OF LAKEWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Lakewood Township is located in Ocean County, New Jersey. Its population of over 100,000 represents peoples of a diverse racial, ethnic and national origins and socio-economic levels. Its 26.5 square miles of land area contain a light mix of industry, stores and businesses as well as residential land uses.

The Lakewood School District has a Superintendent of Schools who is the Chief Administrative Officer. The Business Administrator oversees the Board's business functions and reports through the Superintendent to the Board.

The Lakewood School District encompasses five (5) elementary buildings, two schools that are Preschool through Grade 1, two (2) elementary schools grades 2-5 and one elementary school grades 1-5. The District also has a Middle School, and a High School serving a student population of approximately 6,500 students.

Lakewood Public Schools may be unique in the State of New Jersey as it provides nonpublic school transportation to about 34,500 students from about 130 nonpublic schools located within the boundaries of the municipality.

SCOPE OF SERVICES

The successful company or firm shall have the appropriate staffing and capabilities to manage the nonpublic school transportations for approximately 34,500 students who are being transported to and from about 130 nonpublic schools in the Township of Lakewood, New Jersey, both via mandated and hazardous and non-mandated busing, provided there are adequate funding sources for same that does not adversely effect in any manner the District's delivery of a "Thorough and Efficient " (T and E) education to the District's public school students.

Moreover, should State legislation allow for a State or County entity/consortium to be created that will serve the purpose of nonpublic students, the Board has the absolute right to cancel contract/agreement upon sixty (60) days' notice.

Legal Compliance

All management activities shall be in compliance with the New Jersey Student Transportation Law—N.J.S.A. 18A-39-1 et seq., New Jersey Student Transportation Administrative Code—N.J.A.C. 6A-27-1 et seq., and in particular, subchapter 2—Nonpublic School Transportation.

New Jersey Department of Education—Office of Student Transportation

All potential respondents shall also familiarize themselves with the available documents and publications found on the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) website for Student Transportation, which include but are not limited to:

- Procedures and Related Document
- Safety and Training
- Transportation Contract Reporting Procedures
- Contracting for Student Transportation Services

Nonpublic School Transportation

All respondents are to have experience in nonpublic school transportation activities as noted on the NJDOE website, including but not limited to

- District Responsibilities
- Non-Mandated Transportation (Courtesy Transportation)
- Parent/Guardian Responsibilities
- Private School Responsibilities
- Residency Requirements

Lakewood Board of Education—Student Transportation Requirements; Penalties

The student transportation procedures and practices of the board of education have to comply with the requirements of law, code and the practices and procedures of the NJDOE Office of Student Transportation. To ensure that all students are being transported in a safe and efficient manner, the board has developed its own practices and procedures to complement those of the State. In particular, the board of education has developed an extensive list of penalties that may be assessed against bus companies that are not in compliance with student transportation requirements. The management company shall avail itself of the Lakewood student transportation procedures and implement the same during the course of the contract.

Agent of the Board of Education

The successful company or firm shall be an agent of the Lakewood Board of Education as it pertains to nonpublic school transportation. The company shall coordinate all nonpublic school transportation activities on behalf of the board which will include but not limited to the following:

- Accident Investigation and Reporting

- Bus Routes Traveled
- Child Abuse and Neglect; Reporting Suspicions Of
- Contract Performance of Bus Companies
- Driver and Aide Responsibilities
- Emergency Exit and Evacuation Drills
- Pre-Employment Requirements—Contracted Service Providers
- Reporting Student Left Unattended On the School Bus
- Special Education Transportation Procedures
- Training Programs for Drivers and Aides
- Transportation Reporting—e.g. Contracts; DRTRS
- Vehicle; Types Being Used
- Vehicles; Properly Equipped

Management’s Paramount Concern

Through this proposal, the Lakewood Board of Education advises the management company of its most paramount concern and that is to ensure all nonpublic students are transported along the safest, most direct route to the destination within the budgetary monies available for nonpublic school busing. The board grants authority to the management company to work with all nonpublic school officials, parents of students being transported and private bus companies to achieve the safe and efficient transportation of all students.

Parental Concerns and Complaints

The management company shall address and solve all parental concerns and complaints about transportation being provided by the bus companies.

School Bus Companies Concerns

The management company shall take under advisement all school bus company concerns and address those that lead to the safe and efficient transportation of students, as well as any contract compliance concerns.

Private School Officials

The management company shall address and solve all private school concerns and complaints about the transportation of students to and from their schools.

The Lakewood Community

The management company shall represent the Lakewood Public Schools in all matters concerning nonpublic school transportation including all matters of funding for particular courtesy and hazardous transportation.

In particular, the management company shall work closely with law enforcement and traffic enforcement personnel to ensure that all students are being transported in a safe and efficient manner.

New Jersey Department of Education

The management company shall work closely with the Lakewood Board of Education to ensure all transportation is in compliance with law, code, board policy and NJDOE practices and procedures. This especially pertains to assisting the District in the accurate completion of any reports required by the State.

QUALIFICATIONS

Respondents shall show evidence of providing student transportation management services as listed in the specifications, for a public-school district that provides transportation to no less than twenty (20,000) thousand students. Respondents shall provide evidence of the management for a minimum of two (2) years. Respondents shall provide no less than four (4) letters of positive reference from vendors who have provided services to nonpublic students in Lakewood or a similar size school district in the State within the last five (5) years.

Contractor Personnel/Office Contact and Equipment

The successful company or firm shall have the appropriate staffing and capabilities to manage the nonpublic school transportations. All firms must have staff on duty during the hours of **6:00 a.m. through 6:00 p.m.**, each day according to the school calendars of the respective nonpublic schools. In addition, the successful company must have staff available to respond to any and all inquiries from **5:30 a.m. thru 8:00 pm Monday- Friday and Sunday evening from 5:00 pm – 10:00p.m.**

The transportation company must provide the following contact information to the District and bus companies providing services:

- Company phone number with private line;
- Company cell phone number for the primary individual of the firm
- Company e-mail address of the firm; and
- Company fax number.

The successful respondent must also have available a **fax machine** in operating order 24 hours per day, seven days per week. The contractor hereby agrees that said fax machine will not be altered as to block out contractor's fax number, time and date. The contractor must have available to the Board of Education and parents, **live person** telephone answering services from the hours of **6:00 am to 6:00 pm** and/or until the last vehicle servicing the School District has returned to the garage, whichever is later. In any case, phone service must be available until at least **8:00 pm** during the day services are being performed. They must also have available a responsible person at a specific designated address to make any and all changes as well as handle complaints, and make decisions regarding operations.

CONTRACT PERIOD

Unless otherwise noted the term of contract will be from the receipt of a purchase order through June 30, 2020. The board of education, at its option, may consider an additional one (1), two (2) year renewal or two (2) one (1) year renewals of this contract pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-42.

COORDINATION OF ACTIVITIES

All activities for the procurement of the contract will be coordinated through the office of

Mr. Robert S. Finger

Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

PRESENTATION PACKAGE – Submit with the RFP Response

The Lakewood Board of Education seeks from all participating respondents, information that will assist the District 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 RFP.

The Presentation Package shall include at a minimum the following:

I. Technical Criteria

Description of Services

Respondents should list all services to be rendered with their explanation in a detailed plan on how they will provide the services. They should provide their method of approach based upon experiences with other school districts. Respondents shall also provide evidence of how services of similar type were provided to other public schools, especially from the State of New Jersey. (Success stories only).

Respondents, by submitting a proposal acknowledge that they fully understand the scope of service, work and activity to be performed. Respondents are to provide evidence of any innovation and/or successful approach in providing the services requested.

Conflicts

Describe any existing or potential legal or other policy conflicts of interest, or appearance of conflict of interest, you may have, or which reasonably might arise, because of your proposed representation of the Lakewood Board of Education.

II. Management Criteria

Business Organization

The respondent shall submit a full description of the business organization to include, but not be limited to:

- Name, address, phone, fax, website, and other information of the company/firm or individual;
- An organizational chart noting the names of all principals and partners;
- Resumes of key staff members; and
- Other information concerning individuals of the company/firm that would assist the District in the evaluation process.

Qualifications; Relevant Experience

Respondents shall submit documentation highlighting qualifications and experience they have that will assist the District in the evaluation and selection process. Such documentation shall include, but not be limited to:

- Evidence of providing services as listed in the specifications to a similar size school district such as Lakewood;
- Four(4) letters of recommendation from transportation companies;
- List of any judgments within the last three (3) years and/or a list of bankruptcy or organization proceedings within the last ten (10) years;
- Other information concerning the firm and/or individuals of the firm that would assist the District in the evaluation process;
- Availability of personnel, facilities, equipment and other resources to provide the services requested;

III. Cost Criteria

Fee Proposal—Lump Sum Fee—Annual Contract

Respondents are to submit a fee proposal schedule that compliments the service that is being requested by the District. The District in its proposal requests that fee proposals be submitted as follows:

Lump Sum Fee—Annual Contract

If awarded a contract, the lump sum annual fee will be paid on a pro-rated monthly basis to the firm.

Significant Part of Evaluation Process

The fee schedule provided by the respondent shall be a significant part of the evaluation process as conducted by the District and respondents should provide a full detailed analysis of their fee proposal.

Financial Disclosure of Respondent

The respondent shall provide a financial disclosure narrative that the firm has sufficient financial resources to meet its obligation. Supporting financial statements, audits and documents are to be submitted with the proposal.

The respondent is to list of any judgments within the last three (3) years and/or a list of bankruptcy or organization proceedings within the last ten (10) years.

Contract Expenses

Respondents are to note the following as it pertains to expenses related to the contract:

- Expenses; Related to Contract; Incidental
All incidental expenses related to this contract, incurred by the respondent to whom the contract is awarded, shall be the responsibility of the respondent. The District will not reimburse any vendor for any incidental expenses related to the contract.

- **Expenses Not Related to the Contract; District Procedures**
There may be a circumstance where a request is made for the respondent to provide services not directly related to the contract. These services not related to the contract are not to be provided by the respondent unless so approved in writing by the District or the District may procure the services requested through a competitive process.
- **Extraordinary Expenses**
Extraordinary expenses to be incurred by the respondent in the performance of his/her duties may be brought to the Board prior to the actual expenditure. The Board, upon recommendation of the appropriate administrator, may consider reimbursing the expense, or the Board may procure the services separately.
- **Travel and Lodging Costs**
The board notes that all travel, lodging and meal costs be included in the cost proposal. The board will not reimburse or pay for any travel, lodging or meal costs related to this contract, unless so agreed upon by the Superintendent of Schools.

EVALUATION PROCESS; METHODOLOGY OF AWARDING CONTRACT

All responses are to be evaluated on the basis of whose response is the most advantageous to the District, price and other factors considered, and whose response will provide the highest quality of service at fair and competitive prices. The Board of Education will use a one hundred (100) point system in evaluating all proposals. The criteria to be evaluated are identified below:

	<u>Category</u>	<u>Value Points</u>
I.	Technical Criteria A. Description of Services	30
II.	Management Criteria A. Business Management B. Qualifications; Relevant Experience	30
III.	Cost Criteria	40

EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS—Evaluation Committee

The Interim School Business Administrator, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.5 (d) shall evaluate all proposals received. The Interim School Business Administrator, if necessary, may appoint a committee to assist him/her in the evaluation process. Committee members will be identified in the final report submitted to the board.

PACKAGING/SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL—Form of Submission

The board requires that all proposals be placed in a sealed envelope with one (1) proposal clearly marked “**Original Proposal**” and with on clearly marked “**Copy.**” All proposals are to be submitted as so noted in the legal advertisement and instructions to respondents.

AWARD OF CONTRACT

It is the intention of the board of education to award the contract, based upon the report and recommendation of the Interim School Business Administrator, to the respondent that receives the highest total cumulative points on the Evaluation Scoring Form and whose response is the most advantageous to the board, price and other factors considered; and will provide the highest quality service at fair and competitive prices.

However, it is understood that the Board has the absolute right to reject any and all submissions should the Township of Lakewood Municipal Body (Township Government) not provide assurances acceptable to the Board that 1) the Township will provide to the school District funds to cover the cost of any and all hazardous/courtesy busing for the District's public school children thru and including June 2020 in a form acceptable to the Board ; 2) the Township will provide to the school District indemnification in a form acceptable to the Board as to any subscription busing, to wit, the collection and processing of any such funds; 3) the Township will provide requisite funding and support should same be needed to continue the operation of hazardous/courtesy busing thru June 30,2020. In addition, should the vendors whose bids were accepted at the Board ‘s July 10, 2019, meeting not provide written assurances directly to the Board that they will honor the terms and conditions of their previous Bids provided to the LSTA by August 1, 2019 then this Management Proposal may be voided. Lastly, it is specifically understood, should vendors not provide responses to any and all remaining bids by August 21th in accord with New Jersey law and price ceilings than the Board has the absolute right to cancel this Management Proposal.

Lastly, it is specifically understood that:

1. The Lakewood School District, shall not take any responsibility for any and all debts of any previous entities who previously managed nonpublic busing.
2. The Lakewood School District shall create an oversight committee of stakeholders that the management company shall meet with and/or provide information to when requested.
3. The successful company/firm shall be audited no less than two (2) times per year by the District or its agent to insure compliance and fiscal accountability and the successful company shall fully cooperate and provide any and all information requested in a prompt manner. If not, same shall be considered a substantial breach and the District may terminate it Agreement within ten (10) business days of written notice and seek any and all damages, if any, etc.

4. The successful company shall fully indemnify the District for any adverse findings as to the provision of nonpublic busing should applicable insurance not cover the cost of same and shall indemnify the Board for any and all costs associated, if any, in any and all litigation (and experts, if needed) as to the provision of nonpublic transportation services other than personnel issues and vehicular concerns.

LAKEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION

Lakewood, New Jersey

Proposal Form

**Student Transportation Management Services
Request for Proposal (RFP)**

CC/RFP #09-1920

Date: _____

I/we hereby submit the following attached proposal to provide all Student Transportation Management Services as here within specified.

Annual Fee \$ _____

Name of Firm _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone No. _____ Ext. _____ Fax No. _____

E-mail: _____ Tax ID No. _____

Authorized Agent _____ Title _____

Authorized Signature _____ **Date** _____

SUPPLEMENT TO REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

FORM OF CONTRACT AGREEMENT

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Form of Contract Agreement Acknowledgement

To All Potential Respondents:

The Lakewood Board of Education provides for your review and understanding a Form of Contract Agreement. This Form of Contract Agreement, prepared by the Office of the School Board Attorney, outlines the major terms and conditions of the contract for this proposal.

Please review the standard terms and conditions of the Form of Contract Agreement as presented. The vendor or firm to whom a contract is awarded by the board will have to adhere to the terms and conditions of the contract agreement.

There will be no opportunity by the vendor or firm, to negotiate or make changes to the contract. As a requirement for award of contract, all potential respondents shall sign below acknowledging the standard contract terms and conditions.

INTERPRETATIONS AND ADDENDA

Any concerns, questions or interpretations regarding the contract terms and conditions as noted in the RFP specifications, shall be submitted to the board of education in accordance with the INTERPRETATIONS AND ADDENDA section of the request for proposal.

To the Lakewood Board of Education:

I/we the authorized agent for _____
Name of Company/Firm

having read the basic Form of Contract Agreement here within provided, do hereby acknowledge and understand the terms and conditions of the Form of Contract Agreement and further understand there will be no opportunity to negotiate or make changes to the contract agreement after the award of contract.

_____ Name	_____ Official Title
_____ Signature	_____ Date

A final note: This is not the formal contract agreement with the board. The actual formal contract agreement will be sent to the successful vendor or firm to whom a contract is awarded. The formal contract agreement will be sent after the board meeting and must be executed by both parties within twenty-one (21) days. Ref. N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-36 (b)

Failure to sign and submit the executed Acknowledgement with the response, may lead to the disqualification of the response.

Form of Contract Agreement

The following contract **shall be executed** by each successful respondent. Per N.J.S.A 18A:18A-4.5, **there shall be no negotiations of any proposal or the contract** to be executed.

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT
SERVICES
Proposal No: CC 09-1920

This Agreement is made the _____ day of _____, 2019 for services by and between the Lakewood Board of Education ("the "Board"), whose address is 200 Ramsey Avenue, Lakewood, New Jersey 08701, and _____ (the "Contractor"), whose address is _____

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Board desires to contract with the Contractor, to provide Student Transportation Management Services for Nonpublic Students in Lakewood; and

WHEREAS, the Board advertised for proposals for Student Transportation Management Services for Nonpublic Students in Lakewood; and

WHEREAS, the Contractor submitted qualifications for the Services and possesses the necessary skills and qualifications to contract with the Board to provide said Services; and

WHEREAS, on _____, 2019, the Board passed a resolution awarding such services to the Contractor; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of both the Board and the Contractor to enter into an Agreement whereby the Contractor will provide the Services to students identified by the Board in accordance with applicable Federal and State law as well as the terms and conditions outlined in this Agreement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Contractor and the Board, for the mutual promises and consideration herein specified, do-mutually covenant and agree as follows:

PURPOSE OF PROPOSAL

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Lakewood Township is located in Ocean County, New Jersey. Its population of over 100,000 represents peoples of a diverse racial, ethnic and national origins and socio-economic levels. Its 26.5 square miles of land area contain a light mix of industry, stores and businesses as well as residential land uses.

The Lakewood School District has a Superintendent of Schools who is the Chief Administrative Officer. The Business Administrator oversees the Board's business functions and reports through the Superintendent to the Board.

The Lakewood School District encompasses five (5) elementary buildings, two schools that are Preschool through Grade 1, two (2) elementary schools grades 2-5 and one elementary school grades 1-5. The District also has a Middle School, and a High School serving a student population of approximately 6,500 students.

Lakewood Public Schools may be unique in the State of New Jersey as it provides nonpublic school transportation to about 34,500 students from about 130 nonpublic schools located within the boundaries of the municipality.

SCOPE OF SERVICES

The successful company or firm shall have the appropriate staffing and capabilities to manage the nonpublic school transportations for approximately 34,500 students who are being transported to and from about 130 nonpublic schools in the Township of Lakewood, New Jersey, both via mandated and hazardous and non-mandated busing, provided there are adequate funding sources for same that does not adversely effect in any manner the District's delivery of a "Thorough and Efficient " (T and E) education to the District's public school students.

Moreover, should State legislation allow for a State of County entity/consortium to be created that will serve the purpose of nonpublic students, the Board has the absolute right to cancel contract/agreement upon sixty (60) days' notice.

Legal Compliance

All management activities shall be in compliance with the New Jersey Student Transportation Law—N.J.S.A. 18A-39-1 et seq., New Jersey Student Transportation Administrative Code—N.J.A.C. 6A-27-1 et seq., and in particular, subchapter 2—Nonpublic School Transportation.

New Jersey Department of Education—Office of Student Transportation

All potential respondents shall also familiarize themselves with the available documents and publications found on the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) website for Student Transportation, which include but are not limited to:

- Procedures and Related Document
- Safety and Training
- Transportation Contract Reporting Procedures
- Contracting for Student Transportation Services

Nonpublic School Transportation

All respondents are to have experience in nonpublic school transportation activities as noted on the NJDOE website, including but not limited to

- District Responsibilities
- Non-Mandated Transportation (Courtesy Transportation)
- Parent/Guardian Responsibilities
- Private School Responsibilities
- Residency Requirements

Lakewood Board of Education—Student Transportation Requirements; Penalties

The student transportation procedures and practices of the board of education have to comply with the requirements of law, code and the practices and procedures of the NJDOE Office of Student Transportation. To ensure that all students are being transported in a safe and efficient manner, the board has developed its own practices and procedures to complement those of the State. In particular, the board of education has developed an extensive list of penalties that may be assessed against bus companies that are not in compliance with student transportation requirements. The management company shall avail itself of the Lakewood student transportation procedures and implement the same during the course of the contract.

Agent of the Board of Education

The successful company or firm shall be an agent of the Lakewood Board of Education as it pertains to nonpublic school transportation. The company shall coordinate all nonpublic school transportation activities on behalf of the board which will include but not limited to the following:

- Accident Investigation and Reporting
- Bus Routes Traveled
- Child Abuse and Neglect; Reporting Suspicions Of
- Contract Performance of Bus Companies
- Driver and Aide Responsibilities
- Emergency Exit and Evacuation Drills
- Pre-Employment Requirements—Contracted Service Providers
- Reporting Student Left Unattended On the School Bus
- Special Education Transportation Procedures
- Training Programs for Drivers and Aides
- Transportation Reporting—e.g. Contracts; DRTRS

- Vehicle; Types Being Used
- Vehicles; Properly Equipped

Management's Paramount Concern

Through this proposal, the Lakewood Board of Education advises the management company of its most paramount concern and that is to ensure all nonpublic students are transported along the safest, most direct route to the destination within the budgetary monies available for nonpublic school busing. The board grants authority to the management company to work with all nonpublic school officials, parents of students being transported and private bus companies to achieve the safe and efficient transportation of all students.

Parental Concerns and Complaints

The management company shall address and solve all parental concerns and complaints about transportation being provided by the bus companies.

School Bus Companies Concerns

The management company shall take under advisement all school bus company concerns and address those that lead to the safe and efficient transportation of students, as well as any contract compliance concerns.

Private School Officials

The management company shall address and solve all private school concerns and complaints about the transportation of students to and from their schools.

The Lakewood Community

The management company shall represent the Lakewood Public Schools in all matters concerning nonpublic school transportation including all matters of funding for particular courtesy and hazardous transportation.

In particular, the management company shall work closely with law enforcement and traffic enforcement personnel to ensure that all students are being transported in a safe and efficient manner.

New Jersey Department of Education

The management company shall work closely with the Lakewood Board of Education to ensure all transportation is in compliance with law, code, board policy and NJDOE practices and procedures. This especially pertains to assisting the District in the accurate completion of any reports required by the State.

QUALIFICATIONS

Respondents shall show evidence of providing student transportation management services as listed in the specifications, for a public-school district that provides transportation to no less than

twenty (20,000) thousand students. Respondents shall provide evidence of the management for a minimum of two (2) years. Respondents shall provide no less than four (4) letters of positive reference from vendors who have provided services to nonpublic students in Lakewood or a similar size school district in the State within the last five (5) years.

Contractor Personnel/Office Contact and Equipment

The successful company or firm shall have the appropriate staffing and capabilities to manage the nonpublic school transportations. All firms must have staff on duty during the hours of **6:00 a.m. through 6:00 p.m.**, each day according to the school calendars of the respective nonpublic schools. In addition, the successful company must have staff available to respond to any and all inquiries from **5:30 a.m. thru 8:00 pm Monday- Friday and Sunday evening from 5:00 pm – 10:00p.m.**

The transportation company must provide the following contact information to the District and bus companies providing services:

- Company phone number with private line;
- Company cell phone number for the primary individual of the firm
- Company e-mail address of the firm; and
- Company fax number.

The successful respondent must also have available a **fax machine** in operating order 24 hours per day, seven days per week. The contractor hereby agrees that said fax machine will not be altered as to block out contractor's fax number, time and date. The contractor must have available to the Board of Education and parents, **live person** telephone answering services from the hours of **6:00 am to 6:00 pm** and/or until the last vehicle servicing the School District has returned to the garage, whichever is later. In any case, phone service must be available until at least **8:00 pm** during the day services are being performed. They must also have available a responsible person at a specific designated address to make any and all changes as well as handle complaints, and make decisions regarding operations.

CONTRACT PERIOD

Unless otherwise noted the term of contract will be from the receipt of a purchase order through June 30, 2020. The board of education, at its option, may consider an additional two one (1) year renewals or one two (2) year renewal of contract pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-42.

COORDINATION OF ACTIVITIES

All activities for the procurement of the contract will be coordinated through the office of

Mr. Robert S. Finger

Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

PRESENTATION PACKAGE – Submit with the RFP Response

The Lakewood Board of Education seeks from all participating respondents, information that will assist the District 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 RFP. The Presentation Package shall include at a minimum the following:

II. Technical Criteria

Description of Services

Respondents should list all services to be rendered with their explanation in a detailed plan on how they will provide the services. They should provide their method of approach based upon experiences with other school districts. Respondents shall also provide evidence of how services of similar type were provided to other public schools, especially from the State of New Jersey. (Success stories only).

Respondents, by submitting a proposal acknowledge that they fully understand the scope of service, work and activity to be performed. Respondents are to provide evidence of any innovation and/or successful approach in providing the services requested.

Conflicts

Describe any existing or potential legal or other policy conflicts of interest, or appearance of conflict of interest, you may have, or which reasonably might arise, because of your proposed representation of the Lakewood Board of Education.

II. Management Criteria

Business Organization

The respondent shall submit a full description of the business organization to include, but not be limited to:

- Name, address, phone, fax, website, and other information of the company/firm or individual;
- An organizational chart noting the names of all principals and partners;
- Resumes of key staff members; and
- Other information concerning individuals of the company/firm that would assist the District in the evaluation process.

Qualifications; Relevant Experience

Respondents shall submit documentation highlighting qualifications and experience they have that will assist the District in the evaluation and selection process. Such documentation shall include, but not be limited to:

- Evidence of providing services as listed in the specifications to a similar size school district such as Lakewood;
- Four(4) letters of recommendation from transportation companies;
- List of any judgments within the last three (3) years and/or a list of bankruptcy or organization proceedings within the last ten (10) years;
- Other information concerning the firm and/or individuals of the firm that would assist the District in the evaluation process;
- Availability of personnel, facilities, equipment and other resources to provide the services requested;

III. Cost Criteria

Fee Proposal—Lump Sum Fee—Annual Contract

Respondents are to submit a fee proposal schedule that compliments the service that is being requested by the District. The District in its proposal requests that fee proposals be submitted as follows:

Lump Sum Fee—Annual Contract

If awarded a contract, the lump sum annual fee will be paid on a pro-rated monthly basis to the firm.

Significant Part of Evaluation Process

The fee schedule provided by the respondent shall be a significant part of the evaluation process as conducted by the District and respondents should provide a full detailed analysis of their fee proposal.

Financial Disclosure of Respondent

The respondent shall provide a financial disclosure narrative that the firm has sufficient financial resources to meet its obligation. Supporting financial statements, audits and documents are to be submitted with the proposal.

The respondent is to list of any judgments within the last three (3) years and/or a list of bankruptcy or organization proceedings within the last ten (10) years.

Contract Expenses

Respondents are to note the following as it pertains to expenses related to the contract:

- **Expenses; Related to Contract; Incidental**
All incidental expenses related to this contract, incurred by the respondent to whom the contract is awarded, shall be the responsibility of the respondent. The District will not reimburse any vendor for any incidental expenses related to the contract.
- **Expenses Not Related to the Contract; District Procedures**
There may be a circumstance where a request is made for the respondent to provide services not directly related to the contract. These services not related to the contract are not to be

provided by the respondent unless so approved in writing by the District or the District may procure the services requested through a competitive process.

- **Extraordinary Expenses**
Extraordinary expenses to be incurred by the respondent in the performance of his/her duties may be brought to the Board prior to the actual expenditure. The Board, upon recommendation of the appropriate administrator, may consider reimbursing the expense, or the Board may procure the services separately.
- **Travel and Lodging Costs**
The board notes that all travel, lodging and meal costs be included in the cost proposal. The board will not reimburse or pay for any travel, lodging or meal costs related to this contract, unless so agreed upon by the Superintendent of Schools.

EVALUATION PROCESS; METHODOLOGY OF AWARDING CONTRACT

All responses are to be evaluated on the basis of whose response is the most advantageous to the District, price and other factors considered, and whose response will provide the highest quality of service at fair and competitive prices. The Board of Education will use a one hundred (100) point system in evaluating all proposals. The criteria to be evaluated are identified below:

	<u>Category</u>	<u>Value Points</u>
I.	Technical Criteria A. Description of Services	30
II.	Management Criteria A. Business Management B. Qualifications; Relevant Experience	30
III.	Cost Criteria	40

EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS—Evaluation Committee

The Interim School Business Administrator, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.5 (d) shall evaluate all proposals received. The Interim School Business Administrator, if necessary, may appoint a committee to assist him/her in the evaluation process. Committee members will be identified in the final report submitted to the board.

PACKAGING/SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL—Form of Submission

The board requires that all proposals be placed in a sealed envelope with one (1) proposal clearly marked “**Original Proposal**” and with on clearly marked “**Copy**,” and a digital copy on a thumb drive. All proposals are to be submitted as so noted in the legal advertisement and instructions to respondents.

AWARD OF CONTRACT

It is the intention of the board of education to award the contract, based upon the report and recommendation of the Interim School Business Administrator, to the respondent that receives the highest total cumulative points on the Evaluation Scoring Form and whose response is the most advantageous to the board, price and other factors considered; and will provide the highest quality service at fair and competitive prices.

However, it is understood that the Board has the absolute right to reject any and all submissions should the Township of Lakewood Municipal Body (Township Government) not provide assurances acceptable to the Board that 1) the Township will provide to the school District funds to cover the cost of any and all hazardous/courtesy busing for the District's public school children thru and including June 2020 in a form acceptable to the Board ; 2) the Township will provide to the school District indemnification in a form acceptable to the Board as to any subscription busing, to wit, the collection and processing of any such funds; 3) the Township will provide requisite funding and support should same be needed to continue the operation of hazardous/courtesy busing thru June 30,2020. In addition, should the vendors whose bids were accepted at the Board 's July 10, 2019, meeting not provide written assurances directly to the Board that they will honor the terms and conditions of their previous Bids provided to the LSTA by August 1, 2019 then this Management Proposal may be voided. Lastly, it is specifically understood, should vendors not provide responses to any and all remaining bids by August 21th in accord with New Jersey law and price ceilings than the Board has the absolute right to cancel this Management Proposal.

Lastly, it is specifically understood that:

5. The Lakewood School District, shall not take any responsibility for any and all debts of any previous entities who previously managed nonpublic busing.
6. The Lakewood School District shall create an oversight committee of stakeholders that the management company shall meet with and/or provide information to when requested.
7. The successful company/firm shall be audited no less than two (2) times per year by the District or its agent to insure compliance and fiscal accountability and the successful company shall fully cooperate and provide any and all information requested in a prompt manner. If not, same shall be considered a substantial breach and the District may terminate it Agreement within ten (10) business days of written notice and seek any and all damages, if any, etc.
8. The successful company shall fully indemnify the District for any adverse findings as to the provision of nonpublic busing should applicable insurance not cover the cost of same and shall indemnify the Board for any and all costs associated, if any, in any and all litigation (and experts, if needed) as to the provision of nonpublic transportation services other than personnel issues and vehicular concerns.

Affirmative Action

The contractor/provider 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. (Copy Attached)

Anti-Discrimination Provisions—N.J.S.A. 10:2-1

N.J.S.A. 10:2-1. Antidiscrimination 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;
- 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 a board of education 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](#) (C.18A:18A-51 et seq.).

Assignment of Contract

The contractor/provider shall not assign, transfer, or sublet this agreement, or any rights and responsibility in this agreement without written consent from the board of education.

Availability of Funds

The parties recognize that payments by the District to the Contractor/Provider under this Agreement are expressly dependent upon, and subject to the availability to the District of State and/or Federal funds.

The Contractor/Provider is aware that the District's receipt of State and/or Federal funds is expressly conditioned upon allocation, review and approval by the New Jersey State Department of Education. If the District, for any reason, does not receive sufficient funds to make the required payments under this Agreement, it shall not be considered a Breach of the Agreement by the District and the parties, shall immediately begin negotiations to modify this contract taking into account the availability of funds, which may include the termination of the Agreement, if necessary.

Business Registration

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.

A contractor or a contractor with a subcontractor that has entered into a contract with a contracting agency, 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," P.L.[1966, c.30](#) (C.54:32B-1 et seq.) on all their taxable sales of tangible personal property delivered into this State.

Compliance with Laws

The Contractor/Provider shall comply with, and require that anyone providing the Services on behalf of the Contractor/Provider comply with, all applicable requirements of Local, County, State and Federal authorities, all applicable Local, County, State and Federal-laws, rules, ordinances, regulations and codes and all Board policies, now or hereafter in force and effect to the extent that they directly or indirectly bear upon the subject matters of the Agreement. The Contractor/Provider and anyone providing the Services on behalf of the Contractor/Provider shall, without limitation of the aforementioned, comply with the (a) the privacy provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), (b) the confidentiality requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.1, *et seq.*, and the Family Education Rights Privacy Act, 29 U.S.C. 1232g, and (c) the anti-discrimination provisions of

N.J.S.A. 10:2-1 *et seq.*, the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination, N.J.S.A. 10:5-1 *et seq.*, [N.J.S.A. 10:5-31, et seq.](#), [N.J.A.C. 17:27-1.1 et seq.](#), [N.J.A.C. 6:4-1.6](#), as re-codified in [N.J.A.C. 6A:7-1, et seq.](#), Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title 11 of the American With Disabilities Act of 1990, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act, Part B ("IDEA"), 20 [U.S.C. 1400 et seq.](#), Education Department General Administration Regulations (EDGAR) 34 [CFR](#) Parts 74-82 and 97-99, and N.J.S.A. 18A:46-19.1, *et seq.* (Chapter 193 Laws of 1977), N.J.A.C. 6A:14-4.9 and any and all rules, waivers, regulatory guidance and regulations promulgated thereunder by the State Board of Education and/or the Commissioner of Education.

The failure to comply with any and all Local, County, State or Federal Law, rule, ordinance, regulation, code or Board policy shall be grounds for immediate termination of this Agreement at the Board's discretion, upon 30 days' notice to the Contractor/Provider. In addition, all Services provided under this Agreement must supplement, rather than supplant, student instructional services and

programs. Should any Services provided under this Agreement be deemed by any State or Federal agency or authority to be non-compliant with State or Federal laws and/or regulations, Contractor/Provider agrees to refund to the Board any amounts paid to the Contractor/Provider for such non-compliant Services.

Confidentiality

To the extent the services require the Contractor/Provider to receive any confidential student information during the provision of the services, the Contractor/Provider agrees to comply with the requirements of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (“FERPA”), 20 U.S.C. 1232g, *et seq.* and the regulations promulgated there under at 34 C.F.R. Part 99. Regardless of format or medium (e.g., electronic, paper, audio, video), such information is considered confidential and protected by FERPA. Such information shall not be disclosed or shared with any third party by the

Contractor/Provider except as permitted by the terms of this Contract to subcontractor/Providers whose services are necessary for the Contractor/Provider to carry out its services and only then to subcontractor/Providers who have agreed to maintain the confidentiality of the data to the same extent required of the Contractor/Provider under the terms of this Agreement.

The Contractor/Provider shall implement, maintain and use appropriate administrative, technical and physical security measures to preserve the confidentiality, integrity and availability of all District data received from, or on behalf of the District. These measures shall be extended by contract between the

Contractor/Provider to all subcontractor/Providers used by the Contractor/Provider who may encounter District data.

Conflicts of Interest.

The Contractor/Provider certifies that no officer or employee of the Board of Education or his/her immediate family members are directly or indirectly interested in this Contract or have any interest in any portions of profits thereof. Any or all potential conflicts shall be immediately reported to the School Business Administrator.

Contracted Service Provide—Pre-Employment Requirements--Child Abuse/Sexual Misconduct

All contracted service providers, whose employees have regular contact with students, shall comply with the Pre-Employment Requirements in accordance with New Jersey P.L. 2018 c.5, N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.6 *et seq.* Contracted service providers are to review the following New Jersey Department of Education—Pre-Employment Resource P.L. 2018 c.5 link below for guidance.

<http://nj.gov/education/educators/crimhist/preemployment/>

Criminal History Background Check

Contractor/Provider shall ensure that a Criminal History Background Check conducted by the New-Jersey Department of Education has been completed for anyone providing the Services hereunder as required by N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.1 *et seq.*, prior to the commencement of Services for the Agreement. Contractor/Provider shall provide proof to the Board that no disqualifying record information exists as a condition precedent to the provision of services by anyone providing services pursuant to this Agreement. In the event Contractor/Provider fails to comply with the Criminal History requirement, Board may, in its sole and absolute discretion, immediately terminate the Agreement, notwithstanding any other notice, default and termination provisions herein. The cost of any such background check shall be borne by the Contractor/Provider and/or its employees.

Default

In the event the Contractor/Provider fails to provide any of the Services or fulfill any of its responsibilities required under this Agreement, the Contractor/Provider shall be deemed to be in default of this Agreement and the Board shall be entitled to maintain any and all actions and effect any and all remedies available to it in equity and in law. The parties may not maintain any action or effect any remedies for default against the defaulting party unless and until the defaulting party has failed to cure the breach within thirty (30) days of written notice of such breach, or if the nature of the cure is such that it reasonably requires more than thirty (30) days, if the Board commences the cure within the thirty (30) day period and thereafter continuously and diligently pursues the cure to completion.

Dispute Resolution

Any and all claims, disputes or other matters in question between the Board and Contractor/Provider arising out of or relating to the Agreement, or alleged breach thereof, shall be subject to and determined

by a court of competent jurisdiction venue in Ocean County, New Jersey. The Contractor/Provider hereby knowingly irrevocably waives its right to trial by jury in any action arising out of or relating to the Agreement. This waiver does not apply to personal injury actions or to any action in which another party, not bound by such a waiver, demands trial- by jury. This waiver is knowingly, intentionally and voluntarily made by the Contractor/Provider. If a dispute arises between the Board and any entity or individual as to which the Board is bound to the arbitration of such disputes and the dispute directly or indirectly relates to the Agreement, then" the Contractor/Provider agrees that the Contractor/Provider can be joined as a party to such an arbitration with respect to matters related to such arbitration. Any and all disputes which exist only between the Board and Contractor/Provider, or among the Board, Contractor/Provider and others as to which the Board is not bound to the arbitration of disputes, shall be subject to the provisions of this Section

Entire Agreement

This Agreement incorporates the parties' entire agreement and complete understanding concerning the terms and conditions of the Contractor/Provider's retention by the Board. This Agreement may not be modified or amended in whole or in part except by agreement of both parties and by Board ratification.

Force Majeure

Neither party shall bear any responsibility or liability for any losses arising out of any delay or interruption of their performance of obligations under this Agreement due to any act of God, act of governmental authority, act of the public enemy, or due to war, riot, flood, civil commotion, insurrection, severe or adverse weather conditions, lack or shortage of electrical power not due to the fault of the non-performing party, malfunctions of equipment or software programs or any other cause beyond the reasonable control of the party delayed.

Full Force and Effect

The Contractor/Provider agrees that the consideration set forth in the agreement shall remain full force an effect for the entire term, regardless of any and all increases in costs to the Contractor/Provider, regardless of whether such increased costs occur as a result of any rule, regulation, statute or requirement of any government agency.

Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying

Pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 8A:37-16*, all contracted service providers, defined as any organization that is a party to a contract or agreement for services with the District, and all employees of contracted service providers are required to comply with the provisions of the District's anti-bullying policy. Contracted service providers and their employees shall verbally report any act of harassment, intimidation or bullying of a student on the same day on which the act was witnessed, or on the same day on which reliable information that a student has been subject to harassment, intimidation or bullying was received, and shall report the same in writing within two (2) school days. All verbal and written reports of harassment, intimidation or bullying of a student shall be made to the school principal or to any school administrator or safe schools resource officer.

Independent Contractor/Provider/Assignment

A. The parties agree that the Contractor/Provider and anyone providing the Services on behalf of the Contractor/Provider is an independent Contractor/Provider and nothing in the Agreement shall be construed to establish an employer/employee, agency, joint venture or partnership arrangement

between the parties. In discharging all duties and obligations hereunder, the Contractor/Provider and anyone providing the Services on behalf of the Contractor/Provider shall at all times remain in an independent Contractor/Provider relationship with the Board. The Board assumes no responsibility for the payment of compensation except as set forth herein and shall not be responsible for the payment or provision of wages, benefits or taxes or pension contributions of Contractor/Provider or any employees of the Contractor/Provider. Contractor/Provider represents that he/she/it is not an employee of the Board according to the rules and regulations of the New Jersey State Department of Treasury, Division of Pensions and Benefits. Should a court or agency of competent jurisdiction determine that Contractor/Provider's services, or the services of its employees, do not qualify it or its employees as independent Contractor/Providers, Contractor/Provider shall indemnify and hold the board, its employees and agents, collectively and individually, harmless for any back taxes, pension contributions, benefit payments, etc., for which the Board may be held responsible

B. The rights and responsibilities under this Agreement party may not be assigned, transferred, hypothecated or otherwise delegated its duties or monies to come due hereunder, whether voluntarily, involuntarily or by operation of law, without the prior written consent of the Board.

Insurance Requirements

A. Contractor/Provider shall maintain or cause to be maintained, in full force and effect, insurance in such amounts and against such risks as follows:

Broad form, comprehensive, or commercial General Liability Insurance coverage, including contractual liability, against claims for personal injury, death or property damage in an amount of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) with respect to injury or death of a single person and Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) in the aggregate, and One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) with respect to property damage, together with Excess/Umbrella Liability Insurance in an amount of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), Fire Damage Insurance in an amount of not less than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) and Medical Expense Insurance in an amount of not less than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00); and

ii. Workers Compensation Insurance coverage in the minimum amount required by the specifications for the Services as follows: Employer's Liability Insurance coverage in an amount not less than One

Million Thousand Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for bodily injury caused by accident or disease and One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per occurrence for automobile liability or in the statutory amount, whichever is greater; and

iii. Professional Liability Insurance coverage in an amount of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) with respect to a single claim and Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) in the aggregate, which the Contractor/Provider shall maintain for no less than six (6) years following completion of Services.

B. No later than the execution of this Agreement, and upon the Board's reasonable request from time to time, the Agency shall provide to the Board a certificate of insurance evidencing the coverage set forth above from an insurance company authorized to do business in New Jersey and having an A.M. Best Rating of at least an "A-". The Agency shall also provide, upon the Board's request, full and complete copies of the insurance policies required above.

C. The coverage set forth above shall name the Board of Education as an additional insured under any policies required to be provided pursuant to this section.

The Contractor/Provider shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Board, collectively and individually, and its agents, officials, representatives and employees from and against any and all damages, losses, or claims, including, but not-limited to, reasonable attorney's fees, that arise as a result, in whole or in part, from: (a) any intentional or negligent act, error, or omission or failure of the Contractor/Provider arising out of or relating to the terms of this Agreement by the Contractor/Provider or anyone performing the Services on behalf of the Contractor/Provider; (b) any breach of this Agreement or a breach of the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing, by the Contractor/Provider or anyone performing the Services on behalf of the Contractor/Provider; and (c) the Contractor/Provider's violation of, or failure to comply with any law, statute, regulation and/or code applicable to Contractor/Provider's Services.

In carrying out provisions of this contract or in exercising any power or authority granted them by their position, there shall be no liability upon the Board and his authorized representatives or

assistants, either personally or as officials of the Board, it being understood that in such matters they act as agents and representatives of the Board.

Iran Certification of Non-Involvement in Prohibited Activities

Pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 52:32-58*, the Contractor/Provider certifies that neither the Contractor/Provider, nor one of its parents, subsidiaries, and/or affiliates (as defined in *N.J.S.A. 52:32-56(e)(3)*), is listed on the Department of the Treasury's List of Persons or Entities Engaging in Prohibited Investment Activities in Iran and that neither is involved in any of the investment activities set forth in *N.J.S.A. 52:32-56(f)*.

Licensure

The Services shall be provided only by individuals holding the appropriate licensure to undertake the Services. The Contractor/Provider shall provide the Board, if requested, with copies of documentation confirming that Contractor/Provider and anyone providing the Services on behalf of the Contractor/Provider has the certifications, licenses, skills and experience necessary to provide the

Services. The documents shall be current, valid and issued by the State of New Jersey and any other authority with jurisdiction over the Services.

Payment Process

The Contractor/Provider will bill the District by monthly duly verified invoices. The invoices shall seek payment only for actual services rendered. The District will pay all invoices from the within 30 days of receipt and verification of a properly completed invoice and supportive documentation submitted ten (10) days prior to the current month's School Board meeting. In no event shall the contractor/provider be entitled to interest on any overdue payment. The bill must be submitted no later than thirty (30) days after delivery of the services.

Payment is conditioned upon proper execution by the Contractor/Provider of District vouchers and other documents which may be required for the proper fiscal management of the public school District. Please note: the Board of Education shall approve of all payments prior to any checks being issued to the Contractor/Provider.

Program Performance

A. Contractor/Provider shall perform all of the services consistent the specifications of the district's request for proposal.

B. Contractor/Provider shall inform the Board, in writing of all conditions that may negatively affect the performance of Services as soon as they are known. The disclosure shall be accompanied by a statement of the action taken or contemplated by the Contractor/Provider to correct the problems and when corrective action was, or will be, taken. Board representatives may make site visits to inspect the Services and to review the Contractor/Provider's books and records relating to the provisions of the Services, review program effectiveness and may interview any officials and/or employees whose work involves the performance of this Agreement or compliance with its terms.

All services to be provided under this Agreement shall be in accordance with the specifications contained within the request for proposals for such services, as issued by the Board of Education, and in the Contractor/Provider's response to same.

Political Contributions—Pay to Play

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 www.elec.nj.us.

Contributions During Term of Contract – Prohibited -- N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-6.3 (a) (2-3)

Contributions reportable by the recipient under P.L. 1973, c83 (codified at N.J.S.A. 19:44A-1 et seq.) to any member of the school board from any business entity doing business with the school district are prohibited during the term of the contract.

When a business entity referred in 4.1(e) is a natural person, contribution by that person's spouse or child that resides therewith, shall be deemed to be a contribution by the business entity. When a

business entity is other than a natural person, a contribution by any person or other business entity having an interest therein shall be deemed to be a contribution by the business entity.

Record Keeping—Access and Maintenance

The Contractor/Provider is to comply with all laws and regulation as it pertains to record keeping—access to records and maintenance of records.

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 board of education 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 board of education 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.

Renewal of Contract (If Applicable)

Thereafter, this Agreement is subject to two (2) one-year extensions or one (1) two year extension, at the District's option subject to the conditions set forth herein. Any price change included as part of an

extension shall be in effect only after negotiation with, and approval by, the Board of Education and shall be based upon the price of the original contract as cumulatively adjusted pursuant to any previous adjustment or extension, and shall not exceed the change in the index rate for the 12 months preceding the most recent quarterly calculation available at the time the contract is renewed; and the terms and conditions of the contract remain substantially the same, in accordance with the provisions of

N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-42(o). Any renewal of contract and/or multi-year contract is subject to the availability of funds. If funds are not available the board may cancel the contract.

School Ethics Act--Compliance

Contractor/Provider represents that, to the best of its knowledge, information and belief, none of its employees nor anyone providing Services on its behalf are engaged in conduct that constitutes a conflict of interest under, or a violation of, the School Ethics Act, N.J.S.A. 18A:12-21, et seq., and N.J.A.C. 6A:28-1.1, et seq.

Specifications; Proposal

The contract requirements and Contractor/Provider's response thereto, as more fully set forth in the response and the Proposal Specifications and General and Technical Conditions, and related attachments, as advertised for the Services herein, shall be considered attached to this Agreement as an exhibit as if fully set forth herein and shall have the same effect as if contained within a contractual provision in this Agreement.

Taxes

As a New Jersey governmental entity, the Board of Education 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 said statute and the rules and regulations promulgated thereto to qualify them for examinations and reference to any and all labor, services, materials and supplies furnished to the Board of Education. Contractors may not use the Board's tax exempt status to purchase supplies, materials, service 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 the Board of Education. All contractors are referred to New Jersey Division of Taxation–Tax Bulletin S&U-3 for guidance. Again, contractors are not permitted to use the Board's tax identification number to purchase supplies, materials, services of equipment. The board does not issue an ST-5 Tax Form.

Termination.

Termination for Cause. If either party fails to comply with any of the obligations required of it in this contract, written notice specifying the failure must be provided to the breaching party. If the party fails to remedy and cure such failure within fifteen (15) days, then the non-breaching party will have the right to terminate the contract immediately upon giving an additional thirty (30) days prior written notice of that intention.

Termination for Convenience. The District may terminate this Agreement at any time upon giving ten (10) days' prior written notice to the CONTRACTOR.

Notwithstanding the above, the Contractor will not be relieved of liability to the District for damages sustained by the District by virtue of any breach of this Agreement by the Contractor in addition to the

District's other remedies, and the District may withhold any payments to the Contractor for the purpose of compensation until such time as the exact amount of damages due the District from the Contractor is determined.

If the Board determines that the contractor has failed to comply with the terms and conditions of the proposal upon which the issuance of the contract 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 the Board shall have the authority to terminate the contract upon written notice setting forth the reason for termination and effective date of termination. Termination by the Board of the contract does not absolve the contractor from potential liability for damages caused the District by the contractor's breach of this agreement. The Board may withhold payment due the contractor and apply same towards damages once established. The Board 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 the District harmless from any liability to subcontractors or suppliers concerning work performed or goods provided arising out of the lawful termination of this agreement.

This Agreement is subject to the approval of the Lakewood Board of Education. Upon such approval, the Board President, or his designee, is authorized to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Board.

Subject to Board Approval:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Agreement to be signed by their authorized representatives.

For the Contractor/Provider:

For the Board:

President/Officer/Official

Board President

Secretary/Witness

School Board Secretary

Superintendent

State Monitor

General Counsel