

East Orange School District
County of Essex, New Jersey
Bid for Lease Purchase Financing, Opening: May 13, 2025 at 11:00am

*The East Orange School District, in the County of Essex, New Jersey is soliciting bids for lease purchase financing. This will be a lease purchase to pay for the acquisition of vehicles. The cost will be established via cooperative pricing or competitive bidding award. This Bid will open at **11:00 am on May 13, 2025** at the School Business Administration's offices, 199 4th Avenue, East Orange, NJ 07017.*

This is a request for Bid to lease purchase finance essential use equipment. The **total principal** amount of this lease purchase is \$1,026,349.00. Please use this amount for your bid. Payment will be directly to vendors from escrow if the Board deems that to be in its' best interest.

East Orange School District Financial Links

Please use the following links to the East Orange School District financial information.

ACFR 2024: <https://www.nj.gov/education/finance/fp/acfr/search/24/1210.pdf>

ACFR 2023: <https://www.nj.gov/education/finance/fp/acfr/search/23/1210.pdf>

ACFR 2022: <https://www.nj.gov/education/finance/fp/acfr/search/22/1210.pdf>

The 2025-26 User Friendly Budget: may be found at the following site:

<https://4.files.edl.io/5a80/03/26/25/131103-adcf3def-a148-46ef-a894-3304b77050c5.pdf>

Repayment Terms:

The Repayment term for the principal amount of \$1,026,349.00 will be for 10 years with equal annual payments commencing July 15, 2025. The Anticipated date for closing on this lease is on or about June 1, 2025.

The Board requests an interest rate and an indexed interest rate; given the requested parameters that will apply to the payment stream. The Board requests that there be no charge for disbursements made.

Escrow:

This transaction is anticipated to fund an interest-bearing escrow account. The escrow account must be with a NJ GUDPA approved financial institution. The Board requests that there be no charge for disbursements made to vendors at delivery and acceptance. Please disclose your cost for escrow on the response form.

Basis for Bid Award:

The determination of the low Bid will be made based upon the lowest indexed interest rate Bid produced by the yield analysis. Any and all additional charges shall be disclosed on the Bid Response Form. Charges must be listed as a not to exceed dollar amount. The not to exceed dollar amount will be computed in the yield analysis to determine the low Respondent. Failure to disclose additional charges with the Bid will eliminate a Respondent's ability to request additional charges.

If there is a tie in the yield, the secondary criteria will be the most advantageous index of the interest rate, followed by the lowest purchase option prepayment penalty. The award will be made to the Respondent whose Bid yields the lowest effective interest rate to the Board. Questions or clarifications may be directed in writing to either the financial advisor or the Board's business administrator up to three (3) days prior to the date for submission of Bids.

Disclosure of “Rate Buy Downs”:

Bidders must show actual rate. Discounts from manufacturers are discouraged and must be disclosed. If discounts to the funders are used to “buy down” the interest rate, the bidder agrees to pass like amount of discount to lessee. The actual interest rate verification will be based upon the amount funded without the impact of the buy down

East Orange School District**SAMPLE Lease Purchase Repayment Schedule:**

This amortization schedule is prepared on “T-Value”, set up using a normal 365 day calendar year.

Compounding Period:	Annual		
Nominal Annual Rate:	6.00%		
Year	Interest	Principal	Ending Balance
1	\$59,479.37	\$77,255.57	\$949,093.43
2	\$54,714.41	\$82,020.52	\$867,072.91
3	\$49,655.57	\$87,079.37	\$779,993.54
4	\$44,284.70	\$92,450.23	\$687,543.30
5	\$38,582.57	\$98,152.36	\$589,390.94
6	\$32,528.75	\$104,206.19	\$485,184.76
7	\$26,101.54	\$110,633.39	\$374,551.36
8	\$19,277.92	\$117,457.02	\$257,094.34
9	\$12,033.42	\$124,701.51	\$132,392.83
10	\$4,342.11	\$132,392.83	\$0.00
Totals	\$341,000.36	\$1,026,348.99	

This Bid must allow for any associated costs to the Board for the equipment and of the bid to be included in the amount financed.

Bank Qualified:

The East Orange School District is a Type II school district. The district does not intend to issue in excess of ten million dollars in aggregate debt this calendar year. Interest income from this lease purchase will be considered ***“bank qualified.”*** This transaction may be assigned by the lessor.

Documentation:

Documentation for this transaction supplied by the successful Respondent must be acceptable to the East Orange School District and their counsel.

Location of Bid Opening:

The official opening will be held on May 13, 2025 at 11:00 am at the Administrative offices. It is the responsibility of the Respondent to ensure that the Bid is in the hands of the Business Administrator before May 13, 2025 at 11:00am. E-mailed or faxed Bids ***will be accepted*** at the official Bid opening.

****Please, e-mail a copy of your executed Bid to the lease purchase coordinator listed below within one hour after the time of Bid opening for analysis.***

Please return original Bids to the East Orange School District office at the below address:

East Orange School District
199 4th Ave
East Orange NJ 07017

Tia Thomas
Interim Business Administrator
862-233-7300 x 28255
tia.thomas@eastorange.k12.nj.us

Please Label all Bids: **“Lease Purchase Bid Enclosed”**

The East Orange School District reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any irregularities in the proposal process.

Lease Purchase Coordinator

Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) is acting as Lease Purchase Coordinator to the Board. Please direct questions and a copy of your Bid submission (*per above) to:

ESCNJ
Timothy Havlusch
Business Administrator/ Lease Purchase Coordinator
1660 Stelton Road
Piscataway, New Jersey 08854
(732) 777-9848 ext. 3120
jnicholson@escnj.us; pdeangelo@escnj.us

Rate Hold and Bidders May Offer Alternative Index:

This bid request is for lease purchase financing. New Jersey law requires bidders to hold pricing for sixty days from the date of the bid request and that the financial markets are constantly changing. The Board requests that the rate be held for thirty days. The board has opted to award the bid with an indexed rate; the ICE Swap Rate index formula will remain constant.

It is our belief that utilizing the indexed rate will permit bidders to be more aggressive with the knowledge that the need for an exaggerated cushion is alleviated with an index. In order to induce the broadest range of potential respondents the Board will allow respondents to offer an alternative to the ICE Index in their proposal. The alternative index must not give unfair advantage to the respondent.

The respondent furnishing an alternative index must supply historical data for the two preceding months of the bid that demonstrates the effect of the index to changes in financial conditions. This historical data will assume two funding dates one month apart for the two months prior to the bid. The offer of an alternative index must be noted on the bid

Response Form and supporting documentation should be appended. The Board's lease purchase coordinator will make the final determination as to fairness and acceptance of the proposed alternative index.

If the lease does not fund at the rate bid within thirty days of award the board requests that the rate be indexed a week before funding during the next thirty day period. The right to extend the indexed rate bid beyond the sixty-day window will be at the mutual consent of board and the award winner. The amount to be financed is an approximation based upon information as of the time of bid preparation. The cost of equipment shall be determined as a result of separate bidding or purchase via cooperative purchasing, or state contract pricing and shall be fixed prior to closing of the transaction.

As part of your Bid, please supply us with the following:

1. Name, telephone number, physical and e-mail addresses of respondent.
2. **Rate Index: Submission Date Rate plus or minus 50% of change in Adjusted Date Rate:**

Proposals are requested for the lease purchase financing as outlined on page one of this request. Respondents are requested to bid a fixed interest rate (inclusive of ALL financing costs) for the term of the lease. This rate will be indexed to one half the change, either up or down, of like term U.S. Treasury like term constant maturities as published by the ICE Market Data Reports, on the Friday of the week prior (**Submission Date Rate**) to the bid opening <https://www.ice.com/index>. Rates will be held for a period of thirty days from the date of bid opening. If this lease does not fund within 30 days of the bid opening, the interest rate will be adjusted. The adjustment to the Lessors proposed rate will be determined by adding, if rates have risen or subtracting, if rates have declined, one half (1/2) of the changed in the Weekly Swap Rate (closest to the term of this transaction). This change will be measured from the date of this submission (Submission Rate Date) to the "**Adjusted Rate Date**" of the like term Treasury constant maturities as published Friday, one week prior to the new funding date. This will be the "**Adjusted Rate Date**".

The East Orange School District reserves the right to review and approve all terms and conditions relating to the Lease/Purchase Agreement and any other related documents.

3. The Respondent will supply an amortization schedule for the requested amount, set to their proposed interest rate, as set forth in the example on page one of this Bid. Please include Principal Balance, Interest Amount, and Principal Amount. Please disclose your prepayment Purchase Option for each payment to the financing. This should have the name address and phone number of the lessor and be signed as original.
4. All final lease documents of the successful Respondent must comply with relevant New Jersey laws and regulations including N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-42, N.J.A.C. 5:34-3 and others as deemed applicable.
5. Any information concerning your firm or your ability to meet the needs of the Board that may be pertinent.
6. Any additional costs in connection with this financing shall be disclosed by the Respondent. These costs will be factored into the board's evaluation of the proposal.
7. Any and all requested documentation shall be attached to the "**Bid Proposal Form.**" Failure to complete all Bid documents will subject the Respondent to disqualification.
8. The Respondent must possess a New Jersey Business Registration Certificate ("BRC") at the time of Bid and the BRC must be received by the Board prior to award of Bid.
9. Successful Respondent must submit a Federal Affirmative Action Certificate or New Jersey Affirmative Action Employee Information Report within ten days of award of Bid.

The information set forth herein on this Bid and accompanying downloadable documents have been obtained from sources which are believed to be reliable but it is not guaranteed as to accuracy or completeness and is not to be construed as a representation by the East Orange School District Prospective Respondents and ultimate purchasers must be satisfied that they have access to, and have made a complete investigation of the facts and circumstances relating to the transaction including the nature and purpose of the transaction, the nature of the purchasers' risks in purchasing the transaction and the purchaser's rights and remedies in the event of default.

ATTACHMENTS: Forms provided that must be returned with Bid:

- Bid Proposal Form
- Affirmative Action Questionnaire and Certificate of Employee Information attached or federally approved Plan.
- Affirmative Action Language -signed
- Non Collusion Affidavit
- Statement of Ownership Disclosure
- Contractor/Vendor Questionnaire and Certification
- Acknowledgement of Addenda
- Chapter 271 – Political Contribution Disclosure Form
- Amortization Schedule (Please supply in accordance with paragraph 4 above)
- Disclosure of Investment Activities in Iran (received no later than time of award)
- Statement of Suspension or Debarment Form
- Americans with Disabilities of 1990
- New Jersey Business Registration Certificate (upon award)
- Certification of Non-Involvement in Prohibited Activities in Russia or Belarus

***Please check your Bid package for these forms!**

East Orange School District
County of Essex, New Jersey
Bid for Lease Purchase Financing
Bid Opening: May 13, 2025 at 11:00am
BID PROPOSAL FORM

Name of Respondent: _____

Address: _____

Contact: _____

Phone: _____ Fax #: _____

E-mail: _____

A. INTEREST RATE BID _____%

B. . Submission Date Rate: The ICE Data Market Reports for like term
Constant Maturities <https://www.ice.com/index>
as of Friday prior to bid. _____%

C. Date and Term of ICE Swap Rate Constant Maturity: Dated _____ Term _____

D. Alternative Index Proposed Check if Applicable _____

E. Purchase Option Rate (number of basis points
below interest rate Bid or expressed as a percentage
above the outstanding principal balance.) _____%

F. Additional Costs. If there are any additional costs associated with this closing, then please place an 'X' in the
space provided and include a detailed list and total amount on an attached sheet)

Proposal submitted by: _____

Authorized Signature

Printed Name

Title: _____

Date: _____

****(All Bids must be submitted on this form to be considered responsive, failure to do so will be grounds for Bid rejection.
Proposal letters need not be included or substituted for this form.)***

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION QUESTIONNAIRE

This form is to be completed and returned with the Bid. However, we will accept in lieu of this Questionnaire, Affirmative Action Evidence 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 Public Contracts/EEO Compliance
P.O. Box 209
Trenton, NJ 08625-0002

All fees for this application are to be paid directly to the State of New Jersey. A copy shall be submitted to us within seven (7) days of the notice of the intent to award the contract or the signing of the 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 _____

NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

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 of _____

Position in Company

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 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 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.

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

NOTARY PUBLIC SIGNATURE

Print Name of Notary Public

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

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 **ESCNJ** 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 **ESCNJ** to notify the **ESCNJ** 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 **ESCNJ** 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.

Contractor/Vendor Questionnaire/Certification

Name of Company _____

Street Address _____ PO Box _____

City, State, Zip _____

Business Phone Number (____) _____ Ext. _____

Emergency Phone Number (____) _____

FAX No. (____) _____ E-Mail _____

Vendor Certification

Direct/Indirect Interests

I declare and certify that no member of the East Orange School District, nor any officer or employee or person whose salary is payable in whole or in part by said Board or their immediate family members are directly or indirectly interested in this Bid 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 Bid, 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 East Orange School District.

Vendor Contributions

I declare and certify that I fully understand N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-6.3(a1-4) concerning vendor contributions to school board members.

I certify that I am not an official or employee of the East Orange School District.

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

Signature

Acknowledgement of Addenda

The Respondent acknowledges receipt of the hereinafter enumerated Addenda which have been issued during period of Quoting 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.

<u>ADDENDA NO.</u>	<u>ISSUING DATES</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

☐ **No Addenda Received**

Name of Company _____

Address _____ P.O. Box _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Name of Authorized Representative _____

Signature _____ **Date** _____

East Orange School District
DISCLOSURE OF INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES IN IRAN
PART 1: CERTIFICATION
BIDDERS MUST COMPLETE PART 1 BY CHECKING EITHER BOX.

FAILURE TO CHECK EITHER BOX 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 EITHER BOX:

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I certify, pursuant to Public Law 2012, c. 25, that neither the person/entity listed above nor any of the entity'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

OR

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I am unable to certify as above because I or the bidding entity 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.

PROVIDE INFORMATION RELATIVE TO THE ABOVE QUESTIONS. PLEASE PROVIDE THOROUGH ANSWERS TO EACH QUESTION. IF YOU NEED TO MAKE ADDITIONAL ENTRIES, USE ADDITIONAL PAGES

Name: _____

Relationship to

Bidder/Vendor: _____

Description of Activities:

Duration of Engagement: _____ Anticipated Cessation Date _____

Bidder/Vendor _____

Contact Name: _____ Contact Phone Number: _____

Certification: I, being duly sworn upon my oath, hereby represent and state that the foregoing information and any attachments thereto to the best of my knowledge are true and complete. I attest that I am authorized to execute this certification on behalf of the below-referenced person or entity. I acknowledge that the East Orange School District is relying on the information contained herein and thereby acknowledge that I am under a continuing obligation from the date of this certification through the completion of contracts with the East Orange School District to notify the East Orange School District in writing of any changes to the answers of information contained herein. I acknowledge 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 recognize that I am subject to criminal prosecution under the law and that it will also constitute a material breach of my agreements(s) with East Orange School District and that the East Orange School District at its option may declare any contract(s) resulting from this certification void and unenforceable.

Full Name (Print): _____ Signature: _____

Title: _____ Date: _____

Bidder/Vendor: _____

(Due no later than time of award)

**East Orange School District
Administrative Offices**

**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 _____

P.L. 2005, c.271

(Unofficial version, Assembly Committee Substitute to A-3013, First Reprint*)

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 Bids, a State agency, county, municipality, independent authority, board of education, or fire district shall require any business entity Quoting thereon or negotiating therefore, to submit along with its Bid or price bid, 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.

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

The contractor and the East Orange School District (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 relive 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.

Signature _____

Name _____

Title _____

Company Name _____

Date: _____

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 Essex, with which it has a collective bargaining agreement, a notice, to be provided by the agency contracting officer, advising the labor Essex 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 Essexes, 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

Employee Information Report Form AA302 (electronically provided by the Division and distributed to the public agency through the Division’s website at 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 **Subchapter 10 of the Administrative Code at N.J.A.C. 17:27.**

Signature _____

Name _____

Title _____

Company Name _____

Date: _____

To download the AA302 form click this link: https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/forms/AA_%20Supplement.pdf

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 YOUR 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 Philippine 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 AWARDED 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

Statement of Suspension or Debarment

STATE OF NEW JERSEY/ _____
Specify, of other

COUNTY OF _____

I, _____ of the (City, Town, Borough)
of _____ State of _____ of full age,

being duly sworn according to law on my oath depose and say that:

I am _____ of the firm
of _____ the Bidder

making the Proposal for the above named projects, and that I executed the said Proposal with full authority to do so; that said Bidder is not at the time of the making this bid included on the New Jersey State Treasurer's or the Federal Government's List of Debarred, Suspended or Disqualified Bidders as a result of action taken by any State or Federal Agency.

Name of Contractor: _____
(Company Name)

By: _____
(Signature of authorized representative)

Subscribed and sworn to before me

This _____ day of _____, 20 ____.

(Seal) Notary Public of New Jersey/
Specify Other State

My Commission expires _____ 20 ____.

**ATTACHMENT B – NEW JERSEY ANTI-DISCRIMINATION PROVISIONS
N.J.S.A. 10:2-1 ET SEQ.**

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:2-1, if awarded a contract, 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.).



**CERTIFICATION OF NON-INVOLVEMENT IN PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES
IN RUSSIA OR BELARUS PURSUANT TO P.L.2022, c.3**

CONTRACT / BID SOLICITATION TITLE _____

CONTRACT / BID SOLICITATION No. _____

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX

☐ I, the undersigned, am authorized by the person or entity seeking to enter into or renew the contract identified above, to certify that the Vendor/Bidder is not engaged in prohibited activities in Russia or Belarus as such term is defined in [P.L.2022, c.3](#),¹ section 1.e, except as permitted by federal law.

I understand that if this statement is willfully false, I may be subject to penalty, as set forth in P.L.2022, c.3, section 1.d.

OR

☐ I, the undersigned am unable to certify above because the person or entity seeking to enter into or renew the contract identified above, or one of its parents, subsidiaries, or affiliates may have engaged in prohibited activities in Russia or Belarus. A detailed, accurate and precise description of the activities is provided below.

Failure to provide such description will result in the Quote being rendered as non-responsive, and the Department/Division will not be permitted to contract with such person or entity, and if a Quote is accepted or contract is entered into without delivery of the certification, appropriate penalties, fines and/or sanctions will be assessed as provided by law.

Description of Prohibited Activity

Attach additional sheets if necessary

If you certify that the bidder is engaged in activities prohibited by P.L. 2022, c. 3, the bidder shall have 90 days to cease engaging in any prohibited activities and on or before the 90th day after this certification, shall provide an updated certification. If the bidder does not provide the updated certification or at that time cannot certify on behalf of the entity that it is not engaged in prohibited activities, the State shall not award the business entity any contracts, renew any contracts, and shall be required to terminate any contract(s) the business entity holds with the State that were issued on or after the effective date of P.L. 2022, c. 3.

Signature of Authorized Representative

Date

Print Name and Title of Authorized Representative

Vendor Name

Engaged in prohibited activities in Russia or Belarus" means (1) companies in which the Government of Russia or Belarus has any direct equity share; (2) having any business operations commencing after the effective date of this act that involve contracts with or the provision of goods or services to the Government of Russia or Belarus; (3) being headquartered in Russia or having its principal place of business in Russia or Belarus, or (4) supporting, assisting or facilitating the Government of Russia or Belarus in their campaigns to invade the sovereign country of Ukraine, either through in-kind support or for profit.

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TO All Respondents:

REMINDER!

Did you sign all of the Bid documents?

All Bid 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 Bid documents may be cause for disqualification and rejection of the Bid.

Please e-mail a copy of your executed Bid after the time of Bid opening to: jnicholson@escnj.us or pdeangelo@escnj.us. Please email within one hour after the time of Bid opening.