

1. **Scope of Services**

Can ESCNJ confirm whether the awarded vendor is expected to provide both armed and unarmed security services, or unarmed services only? If both are anticipated, will pricing be requested separately by service type? **Please adhere to the instructions provided in the bid specifications and those that are included on the bid forms that are provided. You may indicate "No Bid" if you desire.**

2. **Staffing Expectations**

Are there minimum staffing requirements or experience levels expected for officers assigned to ESCNJ Cooperative members (e.g., school environments, municipal buildings, or administrative facilities)? **Please read bid form A (pages - 41-43) for general requirements.**

3. **Contract Utilization by Members**

Once awarded, is there an estimated timeline for Cooperative members to begin utilizing the contract, or will engagement occur solely at the discretion of each individual member entity? **The contract is awarded by the ESCNJ Board of Directors and if awarded, is effective on the day of the approval of the contract. We will advise all members of the ESCNJ Co-op of awarded contracts and vendors as soon as possible following the award. Members upon notice of contract award, will access awarded vendors contact information and pricing information as needed. Awarded vendors are asked to market their company regarding the services they offer to the ESCNJ Co-op membership through the ESCNJ but utilization of the contract is solely based on the member's needs.**

4. **Evaluation Criteria**

Can ESCNJ clarify whether bid awards will be based solely on price responsiveness or if experience, capacity, and service approach will also be considered during the review process? **Please refer to page 43 of the bid specifications.**

5. **Union**

Are the current contract employees members of a union or covered by a collective bargaining agreement? **N/A**

6. **Paid Amounts**

What was the total \$ amount spent by/under the terms of this contract in the past 12 months and January 1-December 29th 2025? **This information is not currently available.**

7. **Service Usage**

Please provide level of usage for the current contract for these services (guards per shift/hours per day etc) by each member of the coop **This information is not currently available.**

8. **Open Bids**

Which locations are currently looking for security to best tailor needs to locations. **This is a new contract. The bid specifications provide a list of Co-op members who have utilized the expiring contract so this information is not known.**

9. Please confirm whether bidders may submit vehicle rates as a separate line item as a weekly or monthly rate. Without defined Hours Per Week (HPW) per assignment, it is not feasible to incorporate vehicle costs into hourly rates.

Please adhere to pages 42-43 of the bid specifications.

10. Additionally, please advise whether ESCNJ is seeking standard pricing across all counties or if bidders should submit county-specific pricing. If county-specific pricing is required, should each county be presented on a separate pricing sheet or tab?

Please complete the bid documents as provided with the bid package.

11. Lastly, please confirm whether bidders should provide prevailing wage rates in addition to non-prevailing wage rates in the event certain ESCNJ members require prevailing wage coverage.

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