



**CITY OF JERSEY CITY
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS:**

**Banking Services
Payroll and Vendor Clearing Accounts**

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE:
11:00 A.M.
May 18, 2011**

**ADDRESS ALL PROPOSALS TO:
Donna Mauer
Chief Financial Officer
280 Grove Street
Jersey City, NJ 07302**

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SECTION 1: GENERAL INFORMATION & SUMMARY

1.1 Organization Requesting Proposal

City of Jersey City
Department of Administration
Division of Management and Budget
280 Grove Street
Jersey City, NJ 07302

1.2 Contact Person

Donna Mauer
Chief Financial Officer
Department of Administration
Division of Management and Budget
280 Grove Street
Jersey City, NJ 07302
(201) 547-5042

1.3 Procurement Process

This contract will be awarded using the "fair and open" process under the "New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play" Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 *et seq.*

1.4 Contract Form

If selected to provide services, it is agreed and understood that the successful Respondent shall be bound by the requirements and terms contained in this RFP with regard to services performed, payments, indemnification, insurance, termination, and applicable licensing provisions.

It is also agreed and understood that the acceptance of the final payment by Contractor shall be considered a release in full of all claims against the City arising out of, or by reason of, the work done and materials furnished under this Contract.

1.5 Informational Meeting

There will not be an informational meeting for this RFP process.

1.6 Submission deadline

Proposals must be submitted to, and be received by the Department of Administration/Office of Management and Budget, via mail or hand delivery, by 11:00 a.m. prevailing time on May 18, 2011 . Proposals will not be accepted by facsimile transmission or e-mail.

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1.7 Opening of proposals

Proposals shall be opened in public at 11:00 a.m. prevailing time on May 18, 2011 in the Business Administration Conference Room, located at 280 Grove Street, Jersey City, NJ.

1.8 Definitions

The following definitions shall apply to and are used in this Request for Proposal (RFP):

"City" - refers to the City of Jersey City.

"RFP" - refers to this Request for Proposals, including any amendments thereof or supplements thereto.

"Respondent" or "Respondents" - refers to the interested persons and/or firm(s) that submit a Proposal.

"Consultant" or "Consultants" - refers to the interested persons and/or firm(s) that submit a Proposal.

"Vendor" or "Vendors" - refers to the interested persons and/or firm(s) that submit a Proposal.

1.9 Submission address

All proposals should be sent to:

Donna Mauer
Chief Financial Officer
280 Grove Street
Room 208
Jersey City, NJ 07302

SECTION 2: INTRODUCTION AND GENERAL INFORMATION

2.1 Introduction and Purpose

The City of Jersey City is seeking proposals from a qualified bank

2.2 Fair and Open Process

This contract will be awarded using the "fair and open" process under the "New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play" Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.

The City has structured a procurement process that seeks to obtain the desired services, while establishing a competitive environment to assure that each person and/or firm is provided an equal opportunity to submit a proposal in response to the RFP. Proposals will be evaluated in accordance with the criteria set forth in Section 6 of this RFP, which will be applied in the same manner to each proposal received.

2.3 Evaluation Committee

Proposals will be reviewed and evaluated by the City's Business Administrator or his/her designee, Chief Financial Officer, Comptroller, and Treasurer. The proposals will be reviewed to determine if the Respondent has met the professional, administrative, and subject areas described in this RFP.

2.4 Procurement Schedule

The steps involved in the process and the anticipated completion dates are set forth in the Procurement Schedule below. The City reserves the right to, among other things, amend, modify or alter the Procurement Schedule upon notice to all potential Respondents.

Activity

1. Issuance of Request for Proposals
2. Receipt of Proposals
3. Completion of evaluation of Proposals
4. Award of contract

Date

05/03/2011
05/18/2011
06/08/2011
07/01/2011

2.5 Addenda or Amendments to RFP

During the period provided for the preparation of responses to the RFP, the City may issue addenda, amendments or answers to written inquiries. Those addenda will be noticed by the City and will constitute a part of the RFP. All responses to the RFP shall be prepared with full consideration of the addenda issued prior to the Proposal submission date.

All communications concerning this RFP or the RFP process shall be directed to the City's

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contact person, in writing, via fax, or via e-mail. Responses to all questions will be forwarded as addenda to all prospective respondents who have provided contact information. It is the prospective vendor's responsibility to provide accurate contact information.

Subsequent to issuance of this RFP, the City (through the issuance of addenda to all persons and/or firms that have received a copy of the RFP) may modify, supplement or amend the provisions of this RFP in order to respond to inquiries received from prospective Respondents or as otherwise deemed necessary or appropriate by (and in the sole judgment of) the City.

2.6 Rights of the City

The City reserves, holds and may exercise, at its sole discretion, the following rights and options with regard to this RFP and the procurement process in accordance with the provisions of applicable law:

- To conduct investigations of any or all of the Respondents, as the City deems necessary or convenient, to clarify the information provided as part of the Proposal and to request additional information to support the information included in any Proposal.
- To suspend or terminate the procurement process described in this RFP at any time (in its sole discretion.) If terminated, the City may determine to commence a new procurement process or exercise any other rights provided under applicable law without any obligation to the Respondents.

2.7 Cost of Proposal Preparation

Each Proposal and all information required to be submitted pursuant to the RFP shall be prepared at the sole cost and expense of the Respondent. There shall be no claims whatsoever against the City, its officers, officials or employees for reimbursement for the payment of costs or expenses incurred in the preparation of the Proposal or other information required by the RFP.

2.8 Proposal evaluation

Proposals will be evaluated by the City's Business Administrator, Chief Financial Officer, and Treasurer, based on the specific criteria detailed in Section 6.

2.9 Written Proposal

Prospective vendors must submit a written proposal in a format specified by the City. The required format is detailed in Section 3.

2.10 Oral presentation

There will be no oral presentation for this project.

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2.11 Additional requirements

Consultant is required to comply with requirements of P.L. 1975, c. 127, the Law Against Discrimination and with N.J.A.C 17:27-1.1 et seq, the Affirmative Action Rules.

A party responding to this RFP must indicate what type of business organization it is e.g., corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, or non-profit organization. If a party is a subsidiary or direct or indirect affiliate of any other organization , it must indicate in its proposal the name of the related organization and the relationship. If a party responding to this RFP is a corporation it shall list the names of those stockholders holding 10% or more of the outstanding stock.

Section 8 of this document contains required administrative forms which must accompany all proposals. Exclusion of any required form is grounds for rejection of proposals.

2.12 Disposition of RFP

Upon submission of a Proposal in response to this RFP, the Respondent acknowledges and consents to the following conditions relative to the submission and review and consideration of its Proposal:

- All Proposals shall become the property of the City and will not be returned.
- All Proposals will become public information at the appropriate time, as determined by the City (in the exercise of its sole discretion) in accordance with law.

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SECTION 3: WRITTEN PROPOSAL FORMAT

Proposals must address all information requested in this RFP. Proposals which in the judgment of the City fail to meet the requirements of the RFP or which are in any way conditional, incomplete, obscure, contain additions or deletions from requested information, or contain errors may be rejected. The Respondent shall, as part of its Proposal, provide the following information:

Please organize your proposals in the following manner:

1. Title page: Show name of the institution, address, telephone, email address and fax numbers, name of contact person and the date the proposal was submitted to the City.

2. Table of contents. Include a clear identification of the material by section and page number.

3. Letter of Transmittal: The Letter is not to exceed two pages in length and should contain the following information:

- a. State the proposer's understanding of the scope of the service to be performed.
- b. Indicate whether proposer is a parent or subsidiary associated with holding company and described its relationship to other in the group. If applicable.
- c. Current financial rating as issued by Moody's, Standard and Poor's and or Fitch.
- e. State if the proposer is chartered to do business in the State of New Jersey and attach a Governmental Unit Depository Protection Act certification of eligibility.

To facilitate a timely and comprehensive evaluation of all submitted proposals, it is essential that all Vendors adhere to the required response format. The City of Jersey City requires a standard format for all proposals submitted to ensure that clear, concise and complete statements are available from each Vendor in response to requirements. The required format is detailed in Section 3.

SECTION 4: SCOPE OF SERVICES

The Department of Administration/Office of Management and Budget is seeking a financial institution to provide banking services specifically for two (2) clearing accounts (payroll and vendor).

4.1 Terms of the banking agreement

A. The financial institution must be fully qualified as a "Public Depository" pursuant to the State of New Jersey Government Unit Depository Protection Act and must continue to be such during the three (3) year contract period.

B. The City reserves the right to hold oral discussions with all proposers prior to selections.

C. By submitting a proposal, the proposer certifies that he or she has fully read and understands the RFP and has full knowledge of the scope, nature, quantity and quality of the work to be performed.

D. The proposer shall furnish such additional information as the City may reasonably require. The City reserves the right to make reasonable inquiries of the qualifications of the proposer, as it deems appropriate.

E. The City reserves the right to reject any/or all proposals, and the right to accept the proposal that it considers most favorable to the City's interest. In addition, the City reserves the right to seek new proposals when such a procedure is in its best interests to do so.

4.2 Required Services for Responding Financial Institutions

A. Monthly and analysis statements are due to the City by the 10th of each month.

B. Next business day availability for deposited checks.

C. Full account reconciliation for salary clearing and vendor clearing accounts.

D. Interest paid on all accounts.

E. Monthly account analysis, detailing all fees and charges as well as earning credit.

F. The capability to handle approximately 94,000 salary checks annually. Every Friday is a salary payday. Two separate groups of employees alternate weeks.

G. The capability to handle approximately 12,000 vendor checks annually. These checks are

generated twenty-two (22) times per year.

H. The ability for all City employees to cash checks drawn on the City's accounts after 3pm on the day before payday at the proposer's bank (including those employees who do not have an account at the proposer's bank).

I. Stop payments must be in place within 24 hours of notification from the City.

J. Positive pay (online real-time confirmation for all salary and vendor checks printed by the City).

K. All direct deposit salary dollars will be available to all employees every payday by 9:01 am.

L. All paid checks monthly on CD-ROM (back and front of check).

M. Call in capability for State and Federal withholding.

N. *Web based computer banking (Real Time) allowing access to banking services such as (but not limited to):

- statements
 - wire transfers (inflow/outflow and intra-bank/inter-bank)
 - ACH transfers (inflow/outflow and intra-bank/inter-bank)
 - view daily account balances (previous day and current day)
 - view daily bank transactions (previous day and current day)
 - view deposits by next day
 - images of deposited items (view front and back)
- *A demonstration of this service may be requested by the City.

O. The City's Payroll Division must be able to utilize ACH file transfers to send employees direct deposit pay.

4.3 Additional Requirements

A. The proposer must denote transaction cut off for deposits to be considered received that day and not carried forward to the next day. Indicate cut off time at branches and the financial institution's main office.

B. The City requires a bank office in a convenient location where it can transact business.

C. Please state the location of this bank or branch and list the number of bank branches within a three- mile radius of Jersey City.

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D. Do you have professional staff dedicated to municipal financing and municipal debt financing?
Please list the principal members of that Department and their location.

4.4 Fees/Charges

A. Please list the charges (if any) for the following:

1. Monthly FDIC assessment
2. Monthly account maintenance
3. Truncated check
4. Electronic debits posted
5. Electronic credits posted
6. Banking center deposit with proposer's bank
7. Banking center deposit not proposer's bank
8. Consumer on us credit
9. Consumer off us credit
10. Domestic ACH received
11. Domestic ACH sent
12. International ACH received
13. International ACH sent
14. ACH advice charge (notification)
15. Wire template storage
16. Domestic wire transfer received
17. Domestic wire transfer sent
18. International wire transfer received
19. International wire transfer sent
20. Wire advice (notification)
21. Book credit (internal wire transfers)
22. Monthly reconciliation maintenance
23. Monthly CD ROM
24. Check copy

B. The cost proposals submitted to the City of Jersey City must be all inclusive. All services not mentioned or general services incidental to the operations of accounts maintained by the City and not addressed are expected to be provided at no additional costs.

C. The City reserves the right to accept the proposals for all types of services from the same financial institutions or split the services among different financial institutions if it's in the best interest of the City to do so.

D. The rates quoted per item by the proposer will be considered fixed, regardless of activity

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deviation. The City doesn't guarantee any minimum or maximum volume of activity.

E. Indicate the financial institutions per item processing fees paid by the City and revenues to be paid to the City by completing the "Banking Services Fee Proposal Form".

F. The fee should be presented on a unit cost basis. The proposer shall identify any specific services, which are not included in the analysis that may be subject to fees or charges payable by the City and included in this section.

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SECTION 5: PROPOSAL SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be responsive, Proposals must provide all requested information, and must be in strict conformance with the instructions set forth herein. Proposals and all related information must be bound, and signed and acknowledged by the Respondent.

5.1 Number of copies

One (1) original copy with authorized signatures and four (4) copies.

5.2 Proposal media

Proposals forwarded by facsimile or e-mail will not be accepted.

5.3 Proposal format

To facilitate a timely and comprehensive evaluation of all submitted proposals, it is essential that all Vendors adhere to the required response format. The City of Jersey City requires a standard format for all proposals submitted to ensure that clear, concise and complete statements are available from each Vendor in response to requirements. The required format is detailed in Section 3.

The City of Jersey City is not under any obligation to search for clarification through additional or unformatted information submitted as a supplement to the formatted response. Where a proposal contains conflicting information, the City of Jersey City at its option may either request clarification or may consider the information unresponsive.

5.4 Proposal length

The exact presentation and layout format of proposals is up to the discretion of the Vendor.

5.5 Submission deadline

Proposals must be received by the City no later than 11:00 a.m. prevailing time on May 18, 2011, and must be mailed or hand-delivered.

SECTION 6: PROPOSAL EVALUATION

The City's objective in soliciting Proposals is to enable it to select a Respondent that will provide high quality and cost effective services to the citizens of Jersey City. The City will consider Proposals only from Respondents that, in the City's sole judgment, have demonstrated the capability and willingness to provide high quality services to the citizens of the City in the manner described in this RFP.

6.1 Evaluation methodology

Proposals will be evaluated by the Business Administrator or his/her designee, Chief Financial Officer, Comptroller and Treasurer to select a Respondent that will provide high quality and cost effective services to the citizens of Jersey City. The City will consider Proposals only from Respondents that, in the City's sole judgment, have demonstrated the capability and willingness to provide high quality services to the citizens of the City in the manner described in this RFP.

Proposals will be evaluated by the City on the basis of which is the most advantageous, price and other factors considered. The evaluation will consider:

- a. Experience and reputation in the field;
- b. Price proposal;
- c. Other factors demonstrated to be in the best interest of the City.

Each Proposal must satisfy the objectives and requirements detailed in this RFP.

The City will select the most advantageous Proposals based on all of the evaluation factors set forth in this RFP. The City will make the award(s) that is in the best interest of the City.

Each Proposal must satisfy the objectives and requirements detailed in this RFP. Successful Respondents shall be determined by an evaluation of the total content of the Proposal submitted. The City reserves the right to:

- a. Not select any of the Proposals;
- b. Award a contract for the requested services at any time within the qualification period.

Every Proposal should be valid through this time period.

The City shall not be obligated to explain the results of the evaluation process to any Respondent.

6.2 Contract award

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A contract will be awarded pursuant to the "fair and open" provisions of the "New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play" Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 *et seq.*

The Municipal Council will vote to accept the proposal of a Consultant within 60 days of the receipt of proposals, except that the proposals of any Consultants who consent thereto, may, at the request of the City, be held for consideration for such longer period as may be agreed.

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SECTION 7: GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The following are general terms and conditions which may or may not be explained elsewhere in this RFP.

7.1 City's right to reject

The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, if necessary, or to waive any informalities in the proposals, and, unless otherwise specified by the Respondent, to accept any item, items or services in the Proposal should it be deemed in the best interest of the City.

7.2 Original/Authorized signatures

Each proposal and all required forms must be signed in ink by a person authorized to do so.

7.3 Delivery of proposals

Proposals may be hand delivered or mailed consistent with the provisions of the legal notice to Respondents. In the case of mailed proposals, the City assumes no responsibility for proposals received after the designated date and time and will return late proposals unopened. Proposals will not be accepted by facsimile or e-mail.

7.4 Affirmative Action requirements

Consultants are required to comply with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 and N.J.A.C. 17:27 et seq. No firm may be issued a contract unless it complies with these affirmative action provisions. The Mandatory Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action Language for Goods, Professional Services and General Service Contracts, Exhibit A summarizes the full required regulatory text.

Goods and Services (including professional services) consultants/contractors 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:

- a. A photo copy of a valid letter that the contractor is operating under an existing Federally approved or sanctioned affirmative action programs (good for one year from the date of the letter); or
- b. A photocopy of a Certificate of Employee Information Report approval, issued in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-4; or
- c. A photocopy of an Employee Information Report (Form AA302) provided by the Division and distributed to the public agency to be completed by the contractor, in accordance with N.J.A.C 17:27-4.

The consultant's attention is also called to Section 8 of this document which contains the required

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information and forms. For information on AA/EEO requirements and forms only, please contact:

Jeana F. Abuan, Affirmative Action Officer, Public Agency Compliance Officer
Department of Administration, Office of Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action
280 Grove Street Room-103
Jersey City NJ 07302

Tel. #201-547- 4533

Fax# 201-547-5088

E-mail Address: abuanJ@cnj.org

7.5 Business Registration Certificate

P.L. 2004, c. 57 (Chapter 57) amends and supplements the business registration provisions of N.J.S.A. 52:32-44 which impose certain requirements upon a business competing for or entering into a contract with a local contracting agency whose contracting activities are subject to the requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2).

Consultants are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 2004, c. 57 (Chapter 57) which include submitting a copy of their Business Registration Certificate (BRC), issued by the NJ Department of the Treasury.

For more information on obtaining a BRC, see Section 8.

7.6 Clarification of RFP

Should any difference arise as to the meaning or intent of this RFP, the City's Business Administrator's decision shall be final and conclusive.

7.7 Indemnification

The Vendor, if awarded the contract, agrees to protect, defend and save harmless the City against damage for payment for the use of any patented material process, article or devise that may enter into the manufacture, construction or form a part of the work covered by either order or contract, and further agrees to indemnify and save harmless the City from suits or actions of every nature and description brought against it for, or on account of, any injuries or damages received or sustained by any party or parties by, or from, any of the acts of the contractor, its servants or agents.

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7.8 Insurance requirements

The consultant shall maintain sufficient insurance to protect against all claims under Workmen's Compensation, General and Automobile Liability, and shall be subject to approval for adequacy of protection. Certificates of such insurance shall be provided the City when required. Insurance requirements are as follows:

- Comprehensive General Liability in the amount of \$2,000,000
- Workers Compensation in the statutory amount of \$100,000
- Automobile Liability in the amount of \$1,000,000
- Professional Liability in the amount of \$1,000,000

7.9 Termination

Should a dispute arise, and if, after a good faith effort at resolution, the dispute is not resolved, either party may terminate the contract by providing 30 days written notice to the other party, Regardless, the City reserves the right to cancel the contract by providing 30 days written notice to the consultant.

SECTION 8: REQUIRED ADMINISTRATIVE FORMS

Please place the checklist and the required forms which follow at the front of your proposal to facilitate Purchasing’s review.

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RESPONDENT: _____

RESPONDENT’S CHECKLIST

Item	Respondent Initials	Purchasing Review
A. Non-Collusion Affidavit properly notarized		
B. Public Disclosure Statement		
C. Mandatory Affirmative Action Language		
D. Americans with Disabilities Act		
E. MWBE Questionnaire		
F. Affirmative Action Compliance Notice		
G. Employee Information Report		
H. Business Registration Certificate		
I. Letter of Qualification		
J. Letter of Intent		
K. Price Proposal		
L. Certification of Compliance (Ord 08-128)		
M. Original signature(s) on all required forms.		

NON COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
CITY OF JERSEY CITY ss:

I certify that I am _____

of the firm of _____

the bidder making the proposal for the above named project, and that I executed the said proposal with full authority so to do; that said bidder has not, directly or indirectly entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free, competitive bidding in connection with the above named project; and that all statements contained in said proposal and in this affidavit are true and correct, and made with full knowledge that the City of Jersey City 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 project.

I further warrant that no person or selling agency has been employed to solicit or secure such contract upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee, except bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial or selling agencies maintained by (N.J.S.A.52: 34-25)

(Signature of respondent) _____

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO
BEFORE ME THIS DAY _____ OF 20 _____

(TYPE OR PRINT NAME OF AFFIANT UNDER SIGNATURE)

NOTARY PUBLIC OF
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: 20 .

(NOTE: THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED, NOTARIZED AND RETURNED WITH THIS PROPOSAL).

PUBLIC DISCLOSURE INFORMATION

Chapter 33 of the Public Laws of 1977 provides that no Corporation or Partnership shall be awarded any State, City, Municipal or Schools District contracts for the performance of any work or the furnishing of any materials or supplies, unless prior to the receipt of the bid or accompanying the bid of said corporation or partnership there is submitted a public disclosure information statement. The statement shall set forth the names and addresses of all stockholders in the corporation or partnership who own ten percent (10%) or more of its stock of any class, or of all individual partners in the partnership who own a ten percent (10%) or greater interest therein.

STOCKHOLDERS:

Name	Address	% owned

SIGNATURE : _____

TITLE: _____

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO
BEFORE ME THIS DAY _____ OF 20_____

(TYPE OR PRINT NAME OF AFFIANT UNDER SIGNATURE)

NOTARY PUBLIC OF
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: 20 .

(NOTE: THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED, NOTARIZED AND RETURNED WITH THIS PROPOSAL).

**MANDATORY EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY LANGUAGE
N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 and N.J.A.C. 17:27**

**Goods, Professional Services and General Service Contracts
(Mandatory Affirmative Action Language)**

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 or sex. Except with respect to affectional or sexual orientation, the contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that such applicants are recruited and employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation or sex. Such action 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 or sex.

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, will send to each labor union or representative or workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice, to be provided by the agency contracting officer advising the labor union or workers' representative of the contractor's commitments under this act 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 employ minority and women workers consistent with the applicable county employment goals established in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-5.2, or a binding determination of the applicable county employment goals determined by the Division, pursuant to 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, labor unions, that it does not discriminate on the basis of age, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation or sex, and that it will discontinue the

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N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 and N.J.A.C. 17:27 (continued)**

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 applicable 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, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation 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 and its subcontractors shall furnish such reports or other documents to the Division of Contract Compliance & EEO as may be requested by the Division 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 Contract Compliance & EEO for conducting a compliance investigation pursuant to **Subchapter 10 of the Administrative Code at N.J.A.C. 17:27** .

The undersigned vendor certifies that he/she received, read, and is aware of the commitment to comply with:

**N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 and N.J.A.C. 17:27
MANDATORY EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY LANGUAGE
Goods, Professional Services and General Service Contracts
(Mandatory Affirmative Action Language)**

The undersigned vendor further agrees to furnish the required forms of evidence and understands that his/her bid shall be rejected as non-responsive if said contractor fails to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 and N.J.A.C. 17:27 .

Representative's Name/Title (Print): _____

Representative's Signature: _____

Name of Company: _____

Tel. No.: _____ **Date:** _____

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

The contractor and the _____ of _____, (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. 5121 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.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990
Equal Opportunity for Individuals with Disability (continued)

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.

Representative's Name/Title Print): _____

Representative's Signature: _____

Name of Company: _____

Tel. No.: _____ **Date:** _____.

MINORITY/WOMAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (MWBE)

Questionnaire for Bidders

Jersey City Ordinance C-829 establishes a goal of awarding 20% of the dollar amount of total city procurement to minority and woman owned business enterprises.

To assist us in monitoring our achievement of this goal, please indicate below whether your company is or is not a minority owned and/or woman owned business, and return this form with your proposal.

Business Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone No.: _____

Contact Name: _____

Please check applicable category :

_____ Minority Owned

_____ Minority & Woman Owned

_____ Woman Owned

_____ Neither

Definition of Minority Business Enterprise

Minority Business Enterprise means a business which is a sole proprietorship, partnership or corporation at least 51% of which is owned and controlled by persons who are African American, Hispanic, Asian American, American Indian or Alaskan native, defined as follows:

African American: a person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa

Hispanic: a person of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Central or South American or other non-European Spanish culture or origin regardless of race.

Asian: a person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, South East Asia, Indian subcontinent, Hawaii or the Pacific Islands.

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

Woman Business Enterprise

Woman Business Enterprise means a business which is a sole proprietorship, partnership or corporation at least 51% of which is owned and controlled by a woman or women.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION COMPLIANCE NOTICE
N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 and N.J.A.C. 17:27
GOODS AND SERVICES CONTRACTS
(INCLUDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES)

This form is a summary of the successful bidder's requirement to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 and N.J.A.C. 17:27.

The successful bidder shall submit to the public agency, after notification of award but prior to execution of this contract, one of the following three documents as forms of evidence:

(a) A photocopy of a valid letter that the contractor is operating under an existing Federally approved or sanctioned affirmative action program (good for one year from the date of the letter);

OR

(b) A photocopy of a Certificate of Employee Information Report approval, issued in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-4;

OR

©) A photocopy of an Employee Information Report (Form AA302) provided by the Division and distributed to the public agency to be completed by the contractor in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-4.

The successful vendor may obtain the Affirmative Action Employee Information Report (AA302) from the contracting unit during normal business hours.

The successful vendor(s) must submit the copies of the AA302 Report to the Division of Contract Compliance and Equal Employment Opportunity in Public Contracts (Division). The Public Agency copy is submitted to the public agency, and the vendor copy is retained by the vendor.

The undersigned vendor certifies that he/she is aware of the commitment to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 and N.J.A.C. 17:27 and agrees to furnish the required forms of evidence.

The undersigned vendor further understands that his/her bid shall be rejected as non-responsive if said contractor fails to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 and N.J.A.C. 17:27.

COMPANY: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

PRINT
NAME: _____ TITLE: _____.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION COMPLIANCE (SAMPLE DOCUMENTS)

Vendor must submit one of the following 3 documents:

- Letter of Federal Affirmative Action Plan Approval
- Certificate of Employee Information Report
- Employee Information Report Form AA302 (submitted to NJ State Dept of Treasury)

U.S. Department of Labor Employment Standards Administration
Office of Federal Contract
Compliance Program



Newark Area Office
134 Evergreen Place, Fourth Floor
East Orange, NJ 07018

February 27, 19__ Reply to the attention of:

President

Dear

Our recent compliance review of your establishment's equal employment opportunity policies and practices was completed on February 27, 19__.

We found no apparent deficiencies or violations of Executive Order 11246, as amended, Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 or of 38 USC 2012 (the Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act). Accordingly, your establishment is deemed to be in compliance with these laws based on the material reviewed.

The Office of Federal Contract Compliance Progress sincerely appreciated the cooperation and courtesies extended by you and your staff during the conduct of the compliance review.

Sincerely,

Area Office Director

Certification _____

CERTIFICATE OF EMPLOYEE INFORMATION REPORT

This is to certify that the contractor ~~_____~~ 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 _____.

VOID

VOID



State Treasurer

**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 may delay issuance of your certificate. **If you have a current certificate of employee information report, do not complete this form. Send copy of current certificate to the public agency. 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 predominant 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.

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 Phillipine 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 copy for the vendor's own files. The vendor is to submit a copy to the public agency awarding the contract and forward a copy to:

NJ Department of the Treasury

Division of Contract Compliance & Equal Employment Opportunity
P.O. Box 209
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0209 Telephone No. (609) 292-5475

Form: http://nj.gov/treasury/contract_compliance/pdf/aa302.pdf

Instructions: http://nj.gov/treasury/contract_compliance/pdf/aa302ins.pdf

Note that the sample form shown on the following page is for illustrative purposes only and should not be submitted. Use the state website links above to obtain the actual form. If you need further information on AA/EEO forms and/or requirements, please contact:

Jeana F. Abuan, Affirmative Action Officer, Public Agency Compliance Officer
Department of Administration, Office of Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action
280 Grove Street Room-103
Jersey City NJ 07302

Tel. #201-547- 4533

Fax# 201-547-5088

E-mail Address: abuanJ@cnj.org

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
Division of Contract Compliance & Equal Employment Opportunity

EMPLOYEE INFORMATION REPORT

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 <input type="checkbox"/> 1. MFG <input type="checkbox"/> 2. SERVICE <input type="checkbox"/> 3. WHOLESALE <input type="checkbox"/> 4. RETAIL <input type="checkbox"/> 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: <input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE-ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYER <input type="checkbox"/> 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		
Official Use Only	DATE RECEIVED	INAUG. 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? <input type="checkbox"/> 1. Visual Survey <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Employment Record <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Other (Specify)	14. IS THIS THE FIRST Employee Information Report Submitted? 1. YES <input type="checkbox"/> 2. NO <input type="checkbox"/>	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)

BUSINESS REGISTRATION LANGUAGE AND SAMPLE BRC

Refer to <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/revenue/busregcert.htm>

P.L. 2004, c. 57 (N.J.S.A. 52:32-44)

MANDATORY BUSINESS REGISTRATION LANGUAGE

Non Construction Contracts

P.L. 2004, c. 57 (Chapter 57) amends and supplements the business registration provisions of N.J.S.A. 52:32-44 which impose certain requirements upon a business competing for, or entering into a contract with a local contracting agency whose contracting activities are subject to the requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2).

“New Jersey Business Registration Requirements”

The contractor shall provide written notice to its subcontractors of the responsibility to submit proof of business registration to the contractor.

Before final payment on the contract is made by the contracting agency, the contractor shall submit an accurate list and the proof of business registration of each subcontractor or supplier used in the fulfillment of the contract, or shall attest that no subcontractors were used.

For the term of the contract, the contractor and each of its affiliates and a subcontractor and each of its affiliates [N.J.S.A. 52:32-44(g)(3)] shall collect and remit to the Director, New Jersey Division of Taxation, the use tax due pursuant to the Sales and Use Tax Act on all sales of tangible personal property delivered into this State, regardless of whether the tangible personal property is intended for a contract with a contracting agency.

A business organization that fails to provide a copy of a business registration as required pursuant to section 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 business registration information 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.”



LETTER OF QUALIFICATION

**Note: To be typed on Respondent’s Letterhead.
No Modifications may be made to this letter.
[insert date]**

Attn: Larry Ross
Personnel Director
Jersey City Department of Administration
City Hall
280 Grove Street
Jersey City, New Jersey 07302

Dear Mr. Ross:

The undersigned have reviewed the Proposal submitted in response to the Request for Proposals (RFP) issued by the City of Jersey City (City), dated November 16, 2010, in connection with the City’s need for **[insert services]**.

We affirm that the contents of our Proposal (which Proposal is incorporated herein by reference) are accurate, factual and complete to the best of our knowledge and belief and that the Proposal is submitted in good faith upon express understanding that any false statement may result in the disqualification of **(Name of Respondent)**.

(Respondent shall sign and complete the spaces provided below. If a joint venture, appropriate officers of each company shall sign.)

(Signature of Chief
Executive Officer

Financial Officer

(Signature of Chief

(Typed Name and Title

(Typed Name and Title

(Typed Name of Firm)*

(Typed Name of Firm) *

Dated: _____

Dated: _____

*If joint venture, partnership or other formal organization is submitting a Proposal, each participant shall execute this Letter of Qualification.

LETTER OF INTENT

(Note: To be typed on Respondent's Letterhead. No Modifications may be made letter.

btb

[insert date]

Attn: Larry Ross
Personnel Director
Jersey City Department of Administration
City Hall
280 Grove Street
Jersey City, New Jersey 07302

Dear Mr. Ross:

The undersigned as Respondent, has (have) submitted the attached Proposal in response to a Request for Proposals (RFP), issued by the City of Jersey City (City), dated November 16, 2010, in connection with the City's need for **[insert services]**.

Name of Respondent HEREBY STATES

1. The Proposal contains accurate, factual and complete information.
2. **Name of Respondent** agrees (agree) to participate in good faith in the procurement process as described in the RFQ and to adhere to the City's procurement schedule.
3. **Name of Respondent** acknowledges (acknowledge) that all costs incurred by it (them) in connection with the preparation and submission of the Proposal and any proposal prepared and submitted in response to the RFP, or any negotiation which results therefrom shall be borne exclusively by the Respondent.
4. **Name of Respondent** hereby declares (declare) that the only persons participating in this Proposal as Principals are named herein and that no person other than those herein mentioned has any participation in this Proposal or in any contract to be entered into with respect thereto. Additional persons may subsequently be included as participating Principals, but only if acceptable to the City. **(Name of Respondent)** declares that this Proposal is made without connection with any other person, firm or parties who has submitted a Proposal, except as expressly set forth below and that it has been prepared and has been submitted in good faith and without collusion or fraud.
6. **Name of Respondent** acknowledges and agrees that the City may modify, amend, suspend and/or terminate the procurement process (in its sole judgment). In any case, the City shall not have any liability to the Respondent for any costs incurred by the Respondent with respect to the procurement activities described in this RFP.
7. **Name of Respondent** acknowledges that any contract executed with respect to the provision of **[insert services]** must comply with all applicable affirmative action and similar laws. Respondent hereby agrees to take such actions as are required in order to comply with such applicable laws.

(Respondent shall sign and complete the space provided below. If a joint venture, appropriate officers of each company shall sign.)

(Signature of Chief Executive Officer)

_____ (Typed name and Title)

Dated: _____

_____ (Typed name of Firm)

* If a joint venture, partnership or other formal organization is submitting a Proposal, each participant shall execute this Letter of Intent.

**CONTRACTOR PAY-TO-PLAY REFORM ORDINANCE 08-128 ADOPTED ON
SEPTEMBER 3, 2008**

PART I - Vendor Affirmation

The undersigned, being authorized and knowledgeable of the circumstances, does hereby certify that _____(name of business entity) has not made any reportable contributions in the **one-year period preceding _____(date City Council awards contract) that would be deemed to be violations of Section One of the City of Jersey City's Contractor Pay-to-Play Reform Ordinance 08-128 (attached hereto) and that would bar the award of this contract. I further certify that during the term of the contract _____(name of business entity) will not make any reportable contributions in violation of Ordinance 08-128.

PART II - Signature and Attestation:

The undersigned is fully aware that if I have misrepresented in whole or part this affirmation and certification, I and/or the business entity, will be liable for any penalty permitted under law.

Name of Business Entity: _____

Signed _____ Title: _____

Print Name _____ Date: _____

Subscribed and sworn before me
this ____ day of _____, 2____.
My Commission expires:

(Affiant)

(Print name & title of affiant) (Corporate Seal)

**Pursuant to Section 2 of Ordinance 08-128, no contributions or solicitation of contributions made prior to the effective date Ordinance 08-128 (September 23, 2008) shall be deemed to be a violation of the Ordinance.