

# **1. Certification of No Investigation (criminal or civil anti-trust), Indictment, Conviction, Debarment, Suspension, Disqualification and Disclosure of Other Information**

By bidding on this Contract, each Bidder and each person signing on behalf of any Bidder certifies, and in the case of a joint bid each party thereto certifies as to its own organization, that the Bidder and each parent and/or affiliate of the Bidder has not

- a. been indicted or convicted in any jurisdiction;
- b. been suspended, debarred, found not responsible or otherwise disqualified from entering into any contract with any governmental agency or been denied a government contract for failure to meet standards related to the integrity of the Bidder;
- c. received a less than satisfactory rating on a public or government contract;
- d. had a contract terminated by any governmental agency for breach of contract or for any cause based in whole or in part on an indictment or conviction;
- e. ever used a name, trade name or abbreviated name, or an Employer Identification Number different from those inserted in the Bid;
- f. had any business or professional license suspended or revoked or, within the five years prior to bid opening, had any sanction imposed in excess of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) as a result of any judicial or administrative proceeding with respect to any license held or with respect to any violation of a federal, state or local environmental law, rule or regulation;
- g. had any sanction imposed as a result of a judicial or administrative proceeding related to fraud, extortion, bribery, bid rigging, embezzlement, misrepresentation or anti-trust regardless of the dollar amount of the sanctions or the date of their imposition; and
- h. been, and is not currently, the subject of a criminal investigation by any federal, state or local prosecuting or investigative agency and/or a civil anti-trust investigation by any federal, state or local prosecuting or investigative agency, including an inspector general of a governmental agency or public authority.

## **2. Non-Collusive Bidding, and Code of Ethics Certification, Certification of No Solicitation Based On Commission, Percentage, Brokerage, Contingent or Other Fees**

By bidding on this Contract, each Bidder and each person signing on behalf of any Bidder certifies, and in the case of a joint bid, each party thereto certifies as to its own organization, that

- a. the prices in its bid have been arrived at independently without collusion, consultation, communication or agreement for the purpose of restricting competition, as to any matter relating to such prices with any other bidder or with any competitor;
- b. the prices quoted in its bid have not been and will not be knowingly disclosed directly or indirectly by the Bidder prior to the official opening of such bid to any other bidder or to any competitor;
- c. no attempt has been made and none will be made by the Bidder to induce any other person, partnership or corporation to submit or not to submit a bid for the purpose of restricting competition;
- d. this organization has not made and will not make any offers or agreements or take any other action with respect to any Authority employee or former employee or immediate family member (i.e. spouse, domestic partner, child, parent, sibling, grandparent or grandchild) of either which would cause any Authority employee or former employee to violate his/her obligations under Administrative Instruction 20-1.15, Conflicts of Interest and

Financial Disclosure (Revised September 30, 2019), and Administrative Instruction 20-1.16, Offers of Employment and Post-Employment Obligations (Issued September 30, 2019), and as the same may be revised from time to time (copies of which are available upon request), nor does this organization have any knowledge of any act on the part of an Authority employee or former employee relating either directly or indirectly to this organization which constitutes a breach of his/her obligations as set forth in said Administrative Instructions. This organization acknowledges that if awarded this Contract by the Port Authority it will be bound by the provisions of the Port Authority Vendor Code of Ethics prohibiting, among other things, such offers or agreements or other actions giving rise to a breach by an Authority employee or former employee of his/her obligations as set forth in the aforesaid Administrative Instructions;

- e. no person or selling agency other than a bona fide employee or bona fide established commercial or selling agency maintained by the Bidder for the purpose of securing business, has been employed or retained by the Bidder to solicit or secure this Contract on the understanding that a commission, percentage, brokerage, contingent, or other fee would be paid to such person or selling agency;
- f. the Bidder has not offered, promised or given, demanded or accepted, any undue advantage, directly or indirectly, to or from a public official or employee, political candidate, party or party official, or any private sector employee (including a person who directs or works for a private sector enterprise in any capacity), in order to obtain, retain, or direct business or to secure any other improper advantage in connection with this Contract; and
- g. no person or organization has been retained, employed or designated on behalf of the Bidder to impact any Port Authority determination with respect to (i) the solicitation, evaluation or award of this Contract, or (ii) the preparation of specifications or request for submissions in connection with this Contract.

The foregoing certifications in Sections 1 and 2, shall be deemed to have been made by the Bidder as follows:

- \* if the Bidder is a corporation, such certification shall be deemed to have been made not only with respect to the Bidder itself, but also with respect to each parent, affiliate, director, and officer of the Bidder, as well as, to the best of the certifier's knowledge and belief, each stockholder of the Bidder with an ownership interest in excess of 10%;
- \* if the Bidder is a partnership, such certification shall be deemed to have been made not only with respect to the Bidder itself, but also with respect to each partner.

Moreover, the foregoing certifications, if made by a corporate Bidder, shall be deemed to have been authorized by the Board of Directors of the Bidder, and such authorization shall be deemed to include the signing and submission of the bid and the inclusion therein of such certification as the act and deed of the corporation.

In any case where the Bidder cannot make the foregoing certifications, the Bidder shall so state and shall furnish with the signed bid a signed statement which sets forth in detail the reasons therefor. If the Bidder is uncertain as to whether it can make the foregoing certifications, it shall so indicate in a signed statement furnished with its bid, setting forth in such statement the reasons for its uncertainty. With respect to the foregoing certification in paragraph "2g", if the Bidder cannot make the certification, it shall provide, in writing, with the signed bid:

(i) a list of the name(s), address(es), telephone number(s), and place(s) of principal employment of each such individual or organization; and (ii) a statement as to whether such individual or organization has a "financial interest" in this Contract, as described in the Procurement Disclosure

Policy of the Authority (a copy of which is available upon request to the Port Authority). Such disclosure is to be updated as necessary. As a result of such disclosure, the Port Authority shall take appropriate action up to and including a finding of non-responsibility.

Failure to make the required disclosures shall lead to administrative actions up to and including a finding of non-responsiveness or non-responsibility.

Notwithstanding that the Bidder may be able to make the foregoing certifications at the time the bid is submitted, the Bidder shall immediately notify the Authority in writing during the period of irrevocability of bids and the term of the Contract, if Bidder is awarded the Contract, of any change of circumstances which might under this clause make it unable to make the foregoing certifications, might render any portion of the certifications previously made invalid, or require disclosure. The foregoing certifications or signed statement shall be deemed to have been made by the Bidder with full knowledge that they would become a part of the records of the Authority and that the Authority will rely on their truth and accuracy in awarding and continuing this Contract. In the event that the Authority should determine at any time prior or subsequent to the award of this Contract that the Bidder has falsely certified as to any material item in the foregoing certifications, has failed to immediately notify the Port Authority of any change in circumstances which might make it unable to make the foregoing certifications, might render any portion of the certifications previously made invalid, or require disclosure, or has willfully or fraudulently furnished a signed statement which is false in any material respect, or has not fully and accurately represented any circumstance with respect to any item in the foregoing certifications required to be disclosed, the Authority may determine that the Bidder is not a responsible Bidder with respect to its bid on the Contract or with respect to future bids on Authority contracts and may exercise such other remedies as are provided to it by the Contract with respect to these matters. In addition, Bidders are advised that knowingly providing a false certification or statement pursuant hereto may be the basis for prosecution for offering a false instrument for filing (see e.g. New York Penal Law, Section 175.30 et seq.). Bidders are also advised that the inability to make such certification will not in and of itself disqualify a Bidder, and that in each instance the Authority will evaluate the reasons therefor provided by the Bidder. Under certain circumstances the Bidder may be required as a condition of Contract award to enter into a Monitoring Agreement under which it will be required to take certain specified actions, including compensating an independent Monitor to be selected by the Port Authority, said Monitor to be charged with, among other things, auditing the actions of the Bidder to determine whether its business practices and relationships indicate a level of integrity sufficient to permit it to continue business with the Port Authority.

### **3. Bidder Eligibility for Award of Contracts - Determination by an Agency of the State of New York or New Jersey Concerning Eligibility to Receive Public Contracts**

Bidders are advised that the Authority has adopted a policy to the effect that in awarding its contracts it will honor any determination by an agency of the State of New York or New Jersey that a Bidder is not eligible to bid on or be awarded public contracts because the Bidder has been determined to have engaged in illegal or dishonest conduct or to have violated prevailing rate of wage legislation.

The policy permits a Bidder whose ineligibility has been so determined by an agency of the State of New York or New Jersey to submit a bid on a Port Authority contract and then to establish that it is eligible to be awarded a contract on which it has bid because (i) the state agency determination relied upon does not apply to the Bidder, or (ii) the state agency determination relied upon was made without affording the Bidder the notice and hearing to which the Bidder was entitled by the requirements of due process of law, or (iii) the state agency determination was clearly erroneous or (iv) the state determination relied upon was not based on a finding of conduct demonstrating a lack of integrity or violation of a prevailing rate of wage law.

The full text of the resolution adopting the policy may be found in the Minutes of the Authority's Board of Commissioners meeting of September 9, 1993.

#### **4. Contractor Responsibility, Suspension of Work and Termination**

During the term of this Contract, the Contractor shall at all times during the Contract term remain responsible. The Contractor agrees, if requested by the Port Authority to present evidence of its continuing legal authority to do business in the States of New Jersey or New York, integrity, experience, ability, prior performance, and organizational and financial capacity.

The Port Authority, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to suspend any or all activities under this Contract, at any time, when it discovers information that calls into question the responsibility of the Contractor. In the event of such suspension, the Contractor will be given written notice outlining the particulars of such suspension. Upon issuance of such notice, the Contractor must comply with the terms of the suspension order. Contract activity may resume at such time as the Port Authority issues a written notice authorizing a resumption of performance under the Contract.

Upon written notice to the Contractor, and an opportunity to be heard with appropriate Port Authority officials or staff, the Contract may be terminated by Port Authority at the Contractor's expense where the Contractor is determined by the Port Authority to be non-responsible. In such event, the Port Authority or its designee may complete the contractual requirements in any manner he or she may deem advisable and pursue available legal or equitable remedies for breach, including recovery of costs from Contractor associated with such termination.

#### **5. No Gifts, Gratuities, Offers of Employment, Etc.**

At all times, the Contractor shall not offer, give or agree to give anything of value either to a Port Authority employee, agent, job shopper, consultant, construction manager or other person or firm representing the Port Authority, or to a member of the immediate family (i.e., spouse, domestic partner, child, parent, sibling, grandparent or grandchild) of any of the foregoing, in connection with the performance by such employee, agent, job shopper, consultant, construction manager or other person or firm representing the Port Authority of duties involving transactions with the Contractor on behalf of the Port Authority, whether or not such duties are related to this Contract or any other Port Authority contract or matter. Any such conduct shall be deemed a material breach of this Contract. The Bidder acknowledges that if it is awarded this Contract it will be bound by the provisions of the Port Authority Vendor Code of Ethics regarding Gifts, Gratuities and Favors.

As used herein "anything of value" shall include but not be limited to any (a) favors, such as meals, entertainment, transportation (other than that contemplated by this Agreement or any other Port Authority agreement), etc., and (b) gift, gratuity, money, goods, equipment, services, lodging, discounts not available to the general public, offers or promises of employment, loans or the cancellation thereof, preferential treatment or business opportunity, other than as permitted under Administrative Instruction 20-1.06, Giving and Accepting Gifts, (February 12, 2021), and as the same may be revised from time to time. Such term shall not include compensation contemplated by this Agreement or any other Port Authority agreement. Where used herein, the term "Port Authority" shall be deemed to include all subsidiaries and component units of the Port Authority.

The Contractor shall insure that no gratuities of any kind or nature whatsoever shall be solicited or accepted by it and by its personnel for any reason whatsoever from the passengers, tenants, customers or other persons using the Facility and shall so instruct its personnel. The Contractor shall include the provisions of this clause in each subcontract entered into under this Contract.

## **6. Obligation to Report**

In the event that the Contractor becomes aware of the occurrence of any conduct that is prohibited by the section entitled “No Gifts, Gratuities, Offers of Employment, Etc.”, or if the Contractor knows or should reasonably know that a principal, employee, or agent of the Contractor or of its subcontractor(s) has committed a violation of federal, New York or New Jersey law addressing or governing: antitrust, public contracting, false claims, fraud, extortion, bribery, bid rigging, embezzlement, prevailing wage or minority, woman, small or disadvantaged business enterprises, it shall report such information to the Port Authority’s Office of Inspector General within three (3) business days of obtaining such knowledge. (See “<http://www.panynj.gov/inspector-general>” for information about how to report information to the Office of Inspector General). Failing to report such conduct may be grounds for a finding of non-responsibility. The Contractor shall not take any Retaliatory Action against any of its employees for reporting such conduct.

In addition, during the term of this Contract, the Contractor shall not make an offer of employment or take any action with respect to a Port Authority employee or former employee that would require or cause such employee or former employee to breach his/her obligations under Administrative Instruction 20-1.15, Conflicts of Interest and Financial Disclosure (Revised September 30, 2019), and Administrative Instruction 20-1.16, Offers of Employment and Post-Employment Obligations (Issued September 30, 2019), and as may be revised from time to time (copies of which are available upon request to the Port Authority). The Contractor shall not require any former Port Authority employee in its employ to violate his/her post-employment obligations under Administrative Instruction 20-1.16. The Contractor acknowledges that if it is awarded the Contract it will be bound by the Port Authority Vendor Code of Ethics, which prohibits all vendors from taking such actions.

The Contractor shall include the provisions of this clause in each subcontract entered into under this Contract.

## **7. Conflict of Interest**

During the term of this Contract, the Contractor shall not participate in any way in the preparation, negotiation or award of any contract (other than a contract for its own services to the Authority) to which it is contemplated the Port Authority may become a party, or participate in any way in the review or resolution of a claim in connection with such a contract if the Contractor has a substantial financial interest in the contractor or potential contractor of the Port Authority or if the Contractor has an arrangement for future employment or for any other business relationship with said contractor or potential contractor, nor shall the Contractor at any time take any other action which might be viewed as or give the appearance of conflict of interest on its part. If the possibility of such an arrangement for future employment or for another business arrangement has been or is the subject of a previous or current discussion, or if the Contractor has reason to believe such an arrangement may be the subject of future discussion, or if the Contractor has any financial interest, substantial or not, in a contractor or potential contractor of the Authority, and the Contractor's participation in the preparation, negotiation or award of any contract with such a contractor or the review or resolution of a claim in connection with such a contract is contemplated or if the Contractor has reason to believe that any other situation exists which might be viewed as or give the appearance of a conflict of interest, the Contractor shall immediately inform the Chief Procurement Officer in writing of such situation giving the full details thereof. Unless the Contractor receives the specific written approval of the Chief Procurement Officer, the Contractor shall not take the contemplated action which might be viewed as or give the appearance of a conflict of interest. The Chief Procurement Officer may require the Contractor to submit a mitigation plan addressing and mitigating any disclosed or undisclosed conflict, which is subject to the approval of the Chief Procurement Officer and shall become a requirement, as though fully set forth in this Contract. In the event the Chief Procurement Officer shall determine that the performance by the

Contractor of a portion of its Services under this Agreement is precluded by the provisions of this numbered paragraph, or a portion of the Contractor's said Services is determined by the Chief Procurement Officer to be no longer appropriate because of such preclusion, then the Chief Procurement Officer shall have full authority on behalf of both parties to order that such portion of the Contractor's Services not be performed by the Contractor, reserving the right, however, to have the Services performed by others and any lump sum compensation payable hereunder which is applicable to the deleted work shall be equitably adjusted by the parties. The Contractor's execution of this document shall constitute a representation by the Contractor that at the time of such execution the Contractor knows of no circumstances, present or anticipated, which come within the provisions of this paragraph or which might otherwise be viewed as or give the appearance of a conflict of interest on the Contractor's part. The Contractor acknowledges that the Authority may preclude it from involvement in certain disposition/privatization initiatives or transactions that result from the findings of its evaluations hereunder or from participation in any contract, which results, directly or indirectly, from the Services provided by the Contractor hereunder. The Port Authority's determination regarding any questions of conflict of interest shall be final.

## **8. Integrity Monitor**

In the event that the Authority hires an Integrity Monitor in connection with the Work under this Contract, the Contractor and any subcontractors shall cooperate fully with the Monitor and the Authority, which includes, but is not limited to, providing complete access to all personnel and records in any way related to the Work performed pursuant to this Contract. Any failure to cooperate may result in the termination of this Contract. The Contractor shall include the provisions of this clause in each subcontract entered into under this Contract.

## **9. Right to Audit**

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, the Authority, including its Inspector General, Audit Department and Integrity Monitor, or its designee(s) each shall have the right to audit all of the records of the Contractor with respect to the Work and the Contract, including, without limitation, records pertaining to any compensation paid, payable, or to be paid under the Contract. The Contractor shall not be entitled to any reimbursement or other compensation for costs associated with such audit, investigation, or certification. The Contractor shall include the provisions of this clause in each subcontract entered into under this Contract.

The Contractor agrees to pay for the cost of any audit or investigation conducted by the Authority, in which any criminal activity, ethics violations, or professional misconduct by the Contractor or any of its employees, or subcontractors or any of its employees, are discovered. The Contractor shall further agree that should it fail or refuse to pay for any such audit or investigation, the Authority is authorized to deduct from any sum owing the Contractor an amount equal to the cost of such audit and the damages resulting therefrom. The determination of the value of any such costs and decision to withhold any such payments are at the sole discretion of the Authority (including its Inspector General).

## **10. Definitions**

As used in this section, the following terms shall mean:

Affiliate - Two or more firms are affiliates if a parent owns more than fifty percent of the voting stock of each of the firms, or a common shareholder or group of shareholders owns more than fifty percent of the voting stock of each of the firms, or if the firms have a common proprietor or general partner.

Agency or Governmental Agency - Any federal, state, city or other local agency, including

departments, offices, public authorities and corporations, boards of education and higher education, public development corporations, local development corporations, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and its wholly owned subsidiaries and others.

Investigation - Any inquiries made by any federal, state or local criminal prosecuting and/or law enforcement agency and any inquiries concerning civil anti-trust investigations made by any federal, state or local governmental agency. Except for inquiries concerning civil anti-trust investigations, the term does not include inquiries made by any civil government agency concerning compliance with any regulation, the nature of which does not carry criminal penalties, nor does it include any background investigations for employment, or Federal, State, and local inquiries into tax returns.

Officer - Any individual who serves as chief executive officer, chief financial officer, or chief operating officer of the Bidder by whatever titles known.

Parent - An individual, partnership, joint venture or corporation which owns more than 50% of the voting stock of the Bidder.

Retaliatory Action- Any adverse action taken by, or at the direction of, the Contractor, against any of its employees for reporting any information as set forth in the clause entitled "Obligation to Report," above.

If the solicitation is a Request for Proposal:

Bid - shall mean Proposal;

Bidder - shall mean Proposer;

Bidding - shall mean submitting a Proposal.

In a Contract:

Bid - shall mean bid; resulting from the taking of bids:

Bidder - shall mean Bidder; except and until the Contract has been awarded, then it shall mean Contractor

Bidding - shall mean executing this Contract.

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Bid - shall mean Proposal;

Bidder - shall mean Proposer; except and until the Contract has been awarded, then it shall mean Contractor

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