

Notice To All Proposers
City Property Cleanup As Needed

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that qualifications and required documents will be accepted, opened and read in public by the Purchasing Agent for the City of Salem, Salem County, at the Municipal Building 17 New Market Street, Salem City, New Jersey, 08079 at 10:00AM prevailing time on DECEMBER 12, 2023 for the following: CITY PROPERTY CLEANUP AS NEEDED. Qualifications and required documents to be considered for work projects can be mailed or emailed OR delivered in sealed envelopes, emailed and addressed to:

City of Salem
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17 New Market street, Salem City, NJ 08079

and clearly marked on the outside envelope and email subject line **CITY PROPERTY CLEANUP AS NEEDED** bearing the name and address of the bidder on the outside.

The City of Salem assumes no responsibility for submittals received after the advertised deadline or at any office or location other than that specified herein, whether due to mail delays, courier mistake, mishandling, or any other reason. If submittals are delivered by other than hand delivery, it is recommended that the respondent verify delivery. Any submittal received after the specified time and date will not be considered and will be returned unopened to the firm.

Starting in January 2007, all business entities are advised of their responsibility to file an annual disclosure statement of political contributions with the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission (ELEC) pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.27 if they receive contracts in excess of \$50,000 from public entities in a calendar year. Business entities are responsible for determining if filing is necessary. Additional information on this requirement is available from ELEC at 888-313-3532 or at www.elec.state.nj.us.

Proposal information may be obtained at the City's website www.cityofsalemnj.gov

Proposers are required to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:27-1 et seq.

ANY CONTRACTOR THAT DOES NOT PROVIDE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR THE PROJECTS.

SCOPE OF WORK/SPECIFICATIONS

INTENT: The City of Salem is seeking qualifications and proof of required documents for cleanup services on an as-needed basis. These properties are identified throughout the year as health and safety hazards when the property owners ignore the warnings, notifications and citations issued by the City and complaints coming from residents. These may also be city owned properties.

The intent is to compile a list of qualified vendors who will be presented with the opportunity to present quotes for “as-needed” cleanup projects. Depending on the need the City may award contract to one or multiple vendors on a rotating list for cleanup requests. Vendors must respond within 48-hr of being designated for the project, if not, the cleanup job will go to the next Vendor on the list.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS: The size of the jobs may vary and may include botanical cleanup and/or garbage and debris cleanup.

1. Botanical cleanup includes: A. Grass cutting and removal of clippings (grass is ten inches or higher) B. Brush and weeds, tree limbs and brush removal and disposal C. Removal and disposal of poison ivy
2. Debris cleanup includes: A. Removal and disposal of debris left around the house including everything from garbage bags, furniture, bags of debris, and bricks.

DETAIL REQUIREMENTS

1. The City will send a work order to the vendor describing the location and work to be completed. There are times when there is additional work to be done (such as garbage to be picked up and the purchase order only states grass cutting). This is due to legal issues, and vendor needs to do only the work that is described in the purchase order.
2. Vendor must return the initial call from the Township within 48-hours to set a date for cleanup.
3. Vendor must complete the work outlined in the purchase order within Five (5) days of the receipt.
4. Any variation from the work listed in the purchase order or extension beyond the five (5) days must be first approved by the City.
5. Vendor’s access to the City’s property is limited to the locations where the work needs to be completed. If anyone chases the vendor from a City property, it must be reported to the City immediately.
6. The vendor must supply all labor, materials and equipment required to complete the cleanup. The City will not pay any additional equipment costs.
7. The vendor must comply with N.J.A.C. 7:26 and all other applicable licenses and regulations as required by the State of New Jersey.
8. If there is a roll-off container to be used on the site, it must be licensed by the DEP.
9. ~~Vendors removing the garbage/debris in their own trucks must have a DEP license.~~ NOT REQUIRED
10. All vehicles used by the vendor/subcontractor must be licensed as required by the State of New Jersey and be able to provide proof of licensure upon request.
11. Vendor, and any subcontractor, must supply proof of legal hauling of solid waste in the County of Salem and proof that the debris is being taken to a licensed recycling/solid waste facility.

12. Recycling of materials should be done whenever possible.
13. Once the work is complete, the vendor should call the City representative to let them know the work is done and ready for inspection.
14. The vendor must provide certified vouchers/invoice noting the time of the cleanup. The City will pay for the time the vendor/subcontractors are actually on site, not for the time coming to and from the site or to and from the recycling solid waste facility, nor for any hauling/dumping fees.
15. Prior to beginning a job, the vendor will be called to look at the job to determine the total number of person hours it will take to complete the job and establish a total cost for the project.

City of Salem

PROPOSAL DOCUMENT CHECKLIST*

Required by owner	Submission Requirement	Initial each required entry and if required submit the item
<input type="checkbox"/>	Stockholder Disclosure Certification REQUIRED	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Non- Collusion Affidavit REQUIRED	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bid Proposal Form NOT REQUIRED	
<input type="checkbox"/>	References NOT REQUIRED	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Status of Present Contracts NOT REQUIRED	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Equipment Certification REQUIRED	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bid Guarantee (with Power of Attorney for full amount of <i>Bid</i> Bond) NOT REQUIRED	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Works Contractor Certificate NOT REQUIRED	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Consent of Surety (with Power of Attorney for full amount of Bid Price) NOT REQUIRED	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mandatory Affirmative Action Language REQUIRED SIGN PAGE	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prevailing Wage NOT REQUIRED	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 Language REQUIRED SIGN PAGE	
	Signed W-9 Required	
	Certificate of Insurance Required	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Proof of Business Registration Required	

STOCKHOLDER DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATION

This Statement Shall Be Included with Bid Submission

Name of Business _____

I certify that the list below contains the names and home addresses of all stockholders holding 10% or more of the issued and outstanding stock of the undersigned.

OR

I certify that no one stockholder owns 10% or more of the issued and outstanding stock of the undersigned.

Check the box that represents the type of business organization:

Partnership
Proprietorship

Corporation

Sole

Limited Partnership
Partnership

Limited Liability Corporation

Limited Liability

Subchapter S Corporation

Sign and notarize the form below, and, if necessary, complete the stockholder list below.

Stockholders:

Name: _____

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Address: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Address: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Address: _____

Subscribed and sworn before me this ____ day of _____, 2__.

(Affiant)

(Notary Public)

(Print name & title of affiant)

My Commission expires:

(Corporate Seal)

NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

State of New Jersey
County of _____

ss:

I, _____ residing in _____
(name of municipality) (name of affiant)

in the County of _____ and State of _____
of full age, being duly sworn according to law on my oath depose
and say that:

I am _____ of the firm of _____
(title or position) (name of firm)

_____ the bidder making this Proposal for the bid

entitled _____, and that I executed the said proposal with
(title of bid proposal)

full authority to do so 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 _____ relies upon the truth of
the statements contained in said Proposal
(name of contracting unit)

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 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 or bona fide established
commercial or selling agencies maintained by

_____.

Subscribed and sworn to

before me this day

Signature

_____, 2 _____

(Type or print name of affiant under signature)

Notary public of

My Commission expires _____

(Seal)

EQUIPMENT CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Bidder hereby certifies as follows:

The bidder owns or controls all the necessary equipment required to accomplish the work described in the specifications.

Name of Bidder: _____

By: _____
(Signature)

Name of above: _____
(Print)

Title: _____

Date: _____

APPENDIX A
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. S121 01 et seq.), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability by public entities in all services, programs, and activities provided or made available by public entities, and the rules and regulations promulgated pursuant there unto, are made a part of this contract. In providing any aid, benefit, or service on behalf of the owner pursuant to this contract, the contractor agrees that the performance shall be in strict compliance with the Act. In the event that the contractor, its agents, servants, employees, or subcontractors violate or are alleged to have violated the Act during the performance of this contract, the contractor shall defend the owner in any action or administrative proceeding commenced pursuant to this Act. The contractor shall indemnify, protect, and save harmless the owner, its agents, servants, and employees from and against any and all suits, claims, losses, demands, or damages, of whatever kind or nature arising out of or claimed to arise out of the alleged violation. The contractor shall, at its own expense, appear, defend, and pay any and all charges for legal services and any and all costs and other expenses arising from such action or administrative proceeding or incurred in connection therewith. In any and all complaints brought pursuant to the owner's grievance procedure, the contractor agrees to abide by any decision of the owner which is rendered pursuant to said grievance procedure. If any action or administrative proceeding results in an award of damages against the owner, or if the owner incurs any expense to cure a violation of the ADA which has been brought pursuant to its grievance procedure, the contractor shall satisfy and discharge the same at its own expense.

The owner shall, as soon as practicable after a claim has been made against it, give written notice thereof to the contractor along with full and complete particulars of the claim. If any action or administrative proceeding is brought against the owner or any of its agents, servants, and employees, the *owner shall* expeditiously forward or have forwarded to the contractor every demand, complaint, notice, summons, pleading, or other process received by the owner or its representatives.

It is expressly agreed and understood that any approval by the owner of the services provided by the contractor pursuant to this contract will not relieve the contractor of the obligation to comply with the Act and to defend, indemnify, protect, and save harmless the owner pursuant to this paragraph.

It is further agreed and understood that the owner assumes no obligation to indemnify or save harmless the contractor, its agents, servants, employees and subcontractors for any claim which may arise out of their performance of this Agreement. Furthermore, the contractor expressly understands and agrees that the provisions of this indemnification clause shall in no way limit the contractor's obligations assumed in this Agreement, nor shall they be construed to relieve the contractor from any liability, nor preclude the owner from taking any other actions available to it under any other provisions of the Agreement or otherwise at law.

EXHIBIT B

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

CONSTRUCTION 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 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, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, up-grading, 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, where applicable, will send to each labor union or representative of 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.

When hiring or scheduling workers in each construction trade, the contractor or subcontractor agrees to make good faith efforts to employ minority and women workers in each construction trade consistent with the applicable employment goal prescribed by N.J.A.C. 17:27-7.3; provided, however, that the Division may, in its discretion, exempt a contractor or subcontractor from compliance with the good faith procedures prescribed by the following provisions, A, B and C, as long as the Division is satisfied that the contractor or subcontractor is employing workers provided by a union which provides evidence, in accordance with standards prescribed by the Division, that its percentage of active "card carrying" members who are minority and women workers is equal to or greater than the applicable employment goal established in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-7.3. The contractor or subcontractor agrees that a good faith effort shall include compliance with the following procedures:

(A) If the contractor or subcontractor has a referral agreement or arrangement with a union for a construction trade, the contractor or subcontractor shall, within three business days of the contract award, seek assurances from the union that it will cooperate with the contractor or subcontractor as it fulfills its affirmative action obligations under this contract and in accordance with the rules promulgated by the Treasurer pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et. seq., as supplemented and amended from time to time and the Americans with Disabilities Act. If the contractor or subcontractor is unable to obtain said assurances from the construction trade union at least five business days prior to the commencement of construction work, the contractor or subcontractor agrees to attempt to hire or schedule minority and

women workers directly, consistent with the applicable employment goal. If the contractor's or subcontractor's prior experience with a construction trade union, regardless of whether the union has provided said assurances, indicates a significant possibility that the trade union will not refer sufficient minority and women workers consistent with the applicable employment goal, the contractor or subcontractor agrees to be prepared to hire or schedule minority and women workers directly, consistent with the applicable employment goal, by complying with the hiring or scheduling procedures prescribed under (B) below; and the contractor or subcontractor further agrees to take said action immediately if it determines or is so notified by the Division that the union is not referring minority and women workers consistent with the applicable employment goal.

(B) If the hiring or scheduling of a workforce consistent with the employment goal has not or cannot be achieved for each construction trade by adhering to the procedures of (A) above, or if the contractor does not have a referral agreement or arrangement with a union for a construction trade, the contractor or subcontractor agrees to take the following actions consistent with the applicable county employment goals:

(1) To notify the public agency compliance officer, the Division, and minority and women referral organizations listed by the Division pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:27-5.3, of its workforce needs, and request referral of minority and women workers;

(2) To notify any minority and women workers who have been listed with it as awaiting available vacancies;

(3) Prior to commencement of work, to request that the local construction trade union refer minority and women workers to fill job openings, provided the contractor or subcontractor has a referral agreement or arrangement with a union for the construction trade;

(4) To leave standing requests for additional referral to minority and women workers with the local construction trade union, provided the contractor or subcontractor has a referral agreement or arrangement with a union for the construction trade, the State Training and Employment Service and other approved referral sources in the area until such time as the workforce is consistent with the employment goal;

(5) If it is necessary to lay off some of the workers in a given trade on the construction site, to assure, consistent with the applicable State and Federal statutes and court decisions, that sufficient minority and women employees remain on the site consistent with the employment goal; and to employ any minority and women workers laid off by the contractor on any other construction site on which its workforce composition is not consistent with an employment goal established pursuant to rules implementing N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et. seq.;

(6) To adhere to the following procedure when minority and women workers apply or are referred to the contractor or subcontractor:

(i) If said individuals have never previously received any document or certification signifying a level of qualification lower than that required in order to perform the work of the construction trade, the contractor or subcontractor shall determine the qualifications of such individuals and if the contractor's or subcontractor's workforce in each construction trade is not consistent with the applicable employment goal, it shall hire or schedule those individuals who satisfy appropriate qualification standards. However, a contractor or subcontractor shall determine that the individual at least possesses the requisite skills, and experience recognized by a union, apprentice program or a referral agency, provided the referral agency is acceptable to the Division. If necessary, the contractor or subcontractor shall hire or schedule minority and women workers who qualify as trainees pursuant to these rules. All of the requirements, however, are limited by the provisions of (C) below.

(ii) If the contractor's or subcontractor's workforce is consistent with the applicable employment goal, the name of any interested women or minority individual shall be maintained on a waiting list for the first consideration, in the event the contractor's or subcontractor's workforce is no longer consistent with the applicable employment goal.

(iii) If, for any reason, said contractor or subcontractor determines that a minority individual or a woman is not qualified or if the individual qualifies as an advanced trainee or apprentice, the contractor or

subcontractor shall inform the individual in writing of the reasons for the determination, maintain a copy of the determination in its files, and send a copy to the public agency compliance officer and to the Division.

(7) To keep a complete and accurate record of all requests made for the referral of workers in any trade covered by the contract, on forms made available by the Division and submitted promptly to the Division upon request.

(C) The contractor or subcontractor agrees that nothing contained in (B) above shall preclude the contractor or subcontractor from complying with the union hiring hall or apprenticeship policies in any applicable collective bargaining agreement or union hiring hall arrangement, and, where required by custom or agreement, it shall send journeymen and trainees to the union for referral, or to the apprenticeship program for admission, pursuant to such agreement or arrangement. However, where the practices of a union or apprenticeship program will result in the exclusion of minorities and women or the failure to refer minorities and women consistent with the county employment goal, the contractor or subcontractor shall consider for employment persons referred pursuant to (B) above without regard to such agreement or arrangement; provided further, however, that the contractor or subcontractor shall not be required to employ women and minority advanced trainees and trainees in numbers which result in the employment of advanced trainees and trainees as a percentage of the total workforce for the construction trade, which percentage significantly exceeds the apprentice to journey worker ratio specified in the applicable collective bargaining agreement, or in the absence of a collective bargaining agreement, exceeds the ratio established by practice in the area for said construction trade. Also, the contractor or subcontractor agrees that, in implementing the procedures of (B) above, it shall, where applicable, employ minority and women workers residing within the geographical jurisdiction of the union.

After notification of award, but prior to signing a construction contract, the contractor shall submit to the public agency compliance officer and the Division an initial project workforce report (Form AA 201) provided to the public agency by the Division for distribution to and completion by the contractor, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-7. The contractor also agrees to submit a copy of the Monthly Project Workforce Report once a month thereafter for the duration of this contract to the Division and to the public agency compliance officer.

The contractor agrees to cooperate with the public agency in the payment of budgeted funds, as is necessary, for on-the-job and/or off-the-job programs for outreach and training of minorities and women.

(D) 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 (NJAC 17:27)**.

The Public Works Contractor Registration Act (PWCRA) requires that all contractors, including named subcontractors, to register with the Department of Labor prior to submitting price proposals or engaging on certain public works contracts that exceed the prevailing wage threshold. The prevailing wage threshold is \$16,264 for municipalities and \$2,000 for all non-municipal entities, such as boards of education, authorities, fire districts, counties, etc.

Because the PWCRA uses the definition of public works contracts under the prevailing wage law, where the law uses the term "bidding", contracting units are advised to read that as meaning to "submit" a price proposal." Thus, the law applies to the formal bidding process where the contract is awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, and the receipt of informal quotations awarded to the vendor whose proposal is the "most advantageous, price and other factors considered."

Under the law a *contractor* is a "person, partnership, association, joint stock company, trust, corporation, or other legal business entity or successor thereof who enters into a contract" which is subject to the provisions of the New Jersey Prevailing Wage Act [N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.25 et seq.]. It applies to contractors based in New Jersey or in another state.

The PWCRA defines "public works projects" as contracts for "public work" as defined in the Prevailing Wage Act [N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.26(5)]. The term means:

- "Construction, reconstruction, demolition, alteration, or repair work, or maintenance work, including painting and decorating, done under contract and paid for in whole or in part out of the funds of a public body, except work performed under a rehabilitation program.
- "Public work" shall also mean construction, reconstruction, demolition, alteration, or repair work, done on any property or premises, whether or not the work is paid for from public funds,..."
- "Maintenance work" means the repair of existing facilities when the size, type or extent of such facilities is not thereby changed or increased. While "maintenance" includes painting and decorating and is covered under the law, it does not include work such as routine landscape maintenance or janitorial services.

In order to provide guidance to contracting officials on implementing the law, nine key principles have been identified in the law. The nine items follow:

1. The law applies to all "public works contracts" that exceed the contracting unit's prevailing wage threshold, as set by N.J.S.A 34:11-56.26 (a) and (b).
2. The law applies to contracts for which public bidding is required, as well as those for which quotations are received.
3. All named contractors in a bid proposal (including out-of-state contractors) must be registered with the Department of Labor's Division of Wage and Hour Compliance at the time proposals **are received** by the public entity.

For clarity, Local Finance Notice 2004-9 dated 4/28/04 uses the following term: "Received," in context of when "proposals are received," means the deadline or moment in time when proposals are formally opened and no other proposals are accepted.

4. The law requires contractors to submit certificates after a bid proposal is received and prior to awarding the contract. (N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.55)
5. After bid proposals are received, and prior to contract award, the contractor most likely to receive the contract award must submit to the public entity copies of certifications of all listed sub-contractors.
6. The contracting agent must review the certificates to be sure they were in effect at the time the bid proposals were received.
7. Non-listed subcontractors do not have to be registered until they physically start the public work assigned to them.
8. Bid proposal documents need to inform those submitting proposals of these requirements.
9. Emergency work is covered under the provisions of the Prevailing Wage Act and the PWCRA.

It is specifically recommended that language be included in specifications especially those sections regarding "Instructions to Bidders" advising potential bidders that:

1. All named sub-contractors must be registered with the Department of Labor pursuant to the PWCRA at the time the proposal is received, or the proposal will be determined to be non-responsive.
2. Any non-listed sub-contractor must be registered with the Department of Labor prior to physically starting work.

A contractor's certification can be confirmed by contacting the Department of Labor's [Division of Wage and Hour Compliance website \(www.nj.gov/labor/lse/lspubcon.html\)](http://www.nj.gov/labor/lse/lspubcon.html). This site only shows approved contractors; there is no "pending" approval or a "grace" period. If a contracting unit encounters a problem in its review of certifications, or difficulty in making an award because of a non-registered contractor, they should contact the Contractor Registration Unit as soon as possible.

N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.56 provides several methods for the Department of Labor to enforce the law. The Department can deny renewal, revoke or suspend the registration of a contractor for a period of not more than five years, or, as a condition of initial or continued registration, require a surety bond payable to the State of New Jersey.

Additional information on the PWCRA can be obtained from the:

Contractor Registration Unit	Telephone: 609-292-9464
Division of Wage and Hour Compliance	Fax: 609-633-8591
New Jersey Department of Labor	E-mail: contreg@dol.state.nj.us
PO Box 389	Web site: www.nj.gov/labor/lasse/lspubcon.html
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0389	

The web site has links to the PWCRA Registration Form, Listing of Contractors, Prevailing Wages and other useful information.

Contact the Division of Local Government Services at (609) 292-7842, by fax at (609) 633-6243 or by e-mail at lpcl@dca.state.nj.us for assistance in the application of the Local Public Contracts Law or related PWCRA issues. As specific situations are presented to the contracting unit, local legal advisors should review this guidance as to its applicability.

Disclosure of Contributions to New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission (ELEC)

N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.27 establishes a new disclosure requirement for business entities. It requires that, when a business entity has received in any calendar year \$50,000 or more in public contracts with public entities, it must file an annual report with the Election Law Enforcement Commission (ELEC). The report shall disclose any 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.

The report will include all reportable contributions made by the business entity during the 12 months prior to the reporting deadline. ELEC will be promulgating a form and procedures for filing commencing in January 2007. ELEC can also impose fines for failure to comply with this requirement.

While the local unit has no role in this process, it is recommended that all bid or proposal specifications and contracts should include language notifying business entities of their potential obligation under the law. Such language could read as follows:

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