

**The Town of West New York Request for Proposals (2<sup>nd</sup> Occasion) from Attorneys Interested in Serving as “Tenant’s Advocacy Attorney” for the Period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024**

**Introduction**

Pursuant to the Fair and Open Process described under N.J.S.A. 19:44A-1, et seq., the Town of West New York (“Town”) seeks Proposals in response to this Request for Proposals (“RFP”) from attorneys licensed to practice law in the State of New Jersey that wish to provide tenant’s advocacy services to the general public in the Town as directed by the Board of Commissioners or other appropriate official within the Town for a contract period from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. All candidates are required to comply with N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:27 et seq as amended. (Affirmative Action) and submit proof of business registration with the New Jersey Division of Taxation (P.L. 2004, C.57).

The successful attorney must have significant experience in representing residential tenants as a tenant’s advocate. The successful attorney among his/her other duties may be requested to do any or all of the following:

1. Provide and distribute information to tenants regarding federal, state and municipal laws affecting the rights and duties of landlords and tenants;
2. Distribute information specifically dealing with tenants’ legal rights;
3. Write and publish information pamphlets, leaflets or booklets providing information on tenant/landlord rights and duties;
4. Operate a hotline to provide advice to tenants;
5. Promote, sponsor and organize tenants’ rights workshops to disseminate information between tenants and tenant groups and assist tenants in organizing to protect tenants’ rights;
6. Receive and forward to appropriate agencies of the Town complaints from tenants relating to the administrative action or inaction of any department;
7. Give free advice and assistance to apartment dwellers in their dealings with the Town rent control board or appeals before the Board;
8. Appear before state and federal tribunals on behalf of tenants as assigned by the Town; and
9. Any other matters as directed by the appropriate Town official(s).

Each candidate shall submit proof of business registration with the New Jersey Division of Taxation (P.L. 2004, C.57) prior to the award of contract but preferably with their proposal, and must comply with the Affirmative Action requirement contained at N.J.A.C. 17:27 et seq.

## Professional Information and Qualifications

Copies of these standardized submission requirements and selection criteria are on file and available from the Office of the Town Clerk. Each interested attorney shall submit the forms included herewith as well as the following information within the time required by law:

1. Name of attorney/firm;
2. Address of principal place of business and all attorneys or firm's offices and corresponding telephone and fax numbers. Please note specifically which attorney will be assigned to work with the Town;
3. Areas of Practice;
4. Description of attorneys' education, experience, qualifications, number of years with the present law firm and a description of their experience with projects similar to those described above;
5. Experience related to representation of municipalities as a tenant's advocate in an urban environment in New Jersey which is substantially similar to the Town of West New York;
6. At least four (4) references, three (3) of which must have knowledge of your representation of municipalities as a tenant's advocate;
7. Examples of your record of success representing municipalities as a tenant's advocate;
8. The firm's ability to provide the services in a timely fashion (including staffing, familiarity and location of key staff);
9. Cost details, including the hourly rates of each of the individuals who will perform the services and the time estimates for each individual, and all expenses and provide a "not to exceed amount" for these services, taking into account that the Town will not pay more than \$150.00 per hour for the services of any attorney. There is a cap on the fees of \$10,000.00 per month;
10. Business Registration Certificate (prior to contract award but preferably with the proposal);
11. Statement of ownership disclosure (c.52:25-24.2) (form provided);
12. Letter of Qualification (form provided);
13. Letter of Intent (form provided);
14. Non-Collusion Affidavit (form provided);
15. Americans with Disabilities Act form (form provided);
16. Affirmative Action Compliance Notice (form provided);

17. Minority/Woman Business Enterprise form (form provided);
18. Disclosure of Investment Activities in Iran Form Form (prior to the award of contract but preferably with the proposal. Form provided);
19. State whether your company/firm is presently involved in a lawsuit and whether it has been sued in the last five (5) years. If so, provide a description of each matter;
20. The successful proposer must comply with the requirements set forth in the Mandatory Equal Employment Opportunity language included herewith;
21. Any other information which the interested firm deems relevant.

### **Selection Criteria**

The Town reserves the right to award a contract or contracts to the proposer(s) where proposals are determined to be in the best interest of the Town based upon the selection criteria set forth in the RFP. The Town reserves the right to waive any informalities and any non-material defect in any proposal.

The selection criteria used in awarding a contract or agreement for professional services as described herein shall include:

1. Qualifications of the individuals who will perform the tasks and the amounts of their respective participation;
2. Proven experience in representing municipalities as a tenant's advocate in urban environments substantially similar to Town of West New York and references;
3. Ability to perform the task in a timely fashion, including staffing and familiarity with the subject matter; and
4. Ability to be available with the appropriate personnel at all times necessary to accomplish the representation.

## **Submission Requirements**

Sealed proposals will be publicly opened by the West New York Town Clerk in her offices at West New York Town Hall, 428 60<sup>th</sup> Street, West New York, New Jersey, 07093, at 3:00 p.m. on November 15, 2023. Proposals must be received no later than 3:00 p.m. on November 15, 2023 by:

Adelunny Plaza, Town Clerk  
Town of West New York  
428 60<sup>th</sup> Street  
West New York, New Jersey, 07093

Please submit one original and one (1) copy of the RFP. Use white 8 ½" x 11" paper.

NOTE: Addenda to this RFP may be posted on the Town's website [www.westnewyorknj.org](http://www.westnewyorknj.org). up to ten days prior to the time for the receipt of proposals.

**LETTER OF QUALIFICATION**  
**(To be Typed on Respondent's Letterhead. NO MODIFICATIONS MAY BE MADE TO THIS LETTER)**

Town Clerk Adelinn Plaza  
Municipal Building  
428-60th Street (Room #2)  
West New York, New Jersey 07093

Dear Ms. Plaza:

The undersigned have reviewed our Qualification Statement-Proposal submitted in response to the Request for Proposals (RFP) issued by the Town of West New York ("Town"), dated *(Insert Date)* in connection with the Town's need for Services – Tenant's Advocacy Attorney.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Executive Officer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Financial Officer

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

**Respondent shall sign and complete the spaces as provided above. If a joint venture, partnership or other formal organization is submitting a Qualification Statement-Proposal, each participant must execute this Letter of Qualification**

**LETTER OF INTENT**

STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ ss:

I \_\_\_\_\_ certify that I am the \_\_\_\_\_ of the firm of \_\_\_\_\_, the Respondent submitting Qualifications in response to a Request for same from the Town in regards to Services – Tenant’s Advocacy Attorney. I further certify that:

1. I executed said Proposal with full authority so to do;
2. All statements contained in the Submission and in this affidavit are accurate, factual and complete, and made with full knowledge that the Town of West New York is relying upon the truth of the statements contained in the Submission and the statements contained in this affidavit in evaluating Respondent’s Qualifications;
- 3 Respondent 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 through participation with any other person, firm or party;
4. Respondent agrees to participate in good faith in the procurement process as described in the RFP and to adhere to the Town’s procurement schedule;
5. Respondent acknowledges that all costs incurred by it in connection with the preparation and submission of the Qualification Statement-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. In no event shall the Town have any liability to Respondent for any costs incurred by the Respondent for the Qualification Statement-Proposal.
6. Respondent acknowledges and agrees that the Town may modify, amend, suspend and/or terminate the procurement process in its sole judgment.
7. Respondent is aware that any contract executed with respect to the services referred to in the RFP must comply with the applicable affirmative action and similar laws, and agrees to take such actions as may be required to comply with such applicable laws in the event that a contract is formed.

(Signature of Respondent) \_\_\_\_\_

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO  
BEFORE ME THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF 20 \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED, NOTARIZED AND RETURNED WITH THIS PROPOSAL**

**NON COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT**

STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ ss:

I certify that I am \_\_\_\_\_ of the firm of \_\_\_\_\_ the Respondent submitting the Qualification Statement in response to the within Request for Qualifications, and that I executed said Qualification Statement with full authority so to do; that said Respondent has not, directly or indirectly entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free competition in connection with the within Request for Qualifications; and that all statements contained in the Respondent’s Qualification Statement and in this affidavit are true and correct, and made with full knowledge that the Town of West New York will rely/relies upon the truth of the statements contained in said Qualification Statement and in the statements contained in this affidavit in awarding the contract(s) for the services sought in the within Request for Qualifications.

I further warrant that no person or selling agency has been employed to solicit or secure a contract for the services sought in the within Request for Qualification upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee, except bona fide employees of the Respondent or as may be permitted by law.

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Organization)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Title of Person Signing)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO

BEFORE ME THIS DAY \_\_\_\_\_ OF 20

\_\_\_\_\_  
NOTARY PUBLIC OF

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: 20

**NOTE: THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED, NOTARIZED AND RETURNED WITH THIS PROPOSAL**

**STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP DISCLOSURE**

N.J.S.A. 52:25-24.2 (P.L. 1977, c.33, as amended by P.L. 2016, c.43)

**This statement shall be completed, certified to, and included with all bid and proposal submissions. Failure to submit the required information is cause for automatic rejection of the bid or proposal.**

**Name of**

**Organization:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Organization**

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Part I Check the box that represents the type of business organization:**

- Sole Proprietorship (skip Parts II and III, execute certification in Part IV)
- Non-Profit Corporation (skip Parts II and III, execute certification in Part IV)
- For-Profit Corporation (any type)     Limited Liability Company (LLC)
- Partnership     Limited Partnership     Limited Liability Partnership (LLP)
- Other (be specific): \_\_\_\_\_

**Part II**

- The list below contains the names and addresses of all stockholders in the corporation who own 10 percent or more of its stock, of any class, or of all individual partners in the partnership who own a 10 percent or greater interest therein, or of all members in the limited liability company who own a 10 percent or greater interest therein, as the case may be. **(COMPLETE THE LIST BELOW IN THIS SECTION)**

**OR**

- No one stockholder in the corporation owns 10 percent or more of its stock, of any class, or no individual partner in the partnership owns a 10 percent or greater interest therein, or no member in the limited liability company owns a 10 percent or greater interest therein, as the case may be. **(SKIP TO PART IV)**

(Please attach additional sheets if more space is needed):

<b>Name of Individual or Business Entity</b>	<b>Home Address (for Individuals) or Business Address</b>



**Part III DISCLOSURE OF 10% OR GREATER OWNERSHIP IN THE STOCKHOLDERS, PARTNERS OR LLC MEMBERS LISTED IN PART II**

**If a bidder has a direct or indirect parent entity which is publicly traded, and any person holds a 10 percent or greater beneficial interest in the publicly traded parent entity as of the last annual federal Security and Exchange Commission (SEC) or foreign equivalent filing, ownership disclosure can be met by providing links to the website(s) containing the last annual filing(s) with the federal Securities and Exchange Commission (or foreign equivalent) that contain the name and address of each person holding a 10% or greater beneficial interest in the publicly traded parent entity, along with the relevant page numbers of the filing(s) that contain the information on each such person. Attach additional sheets if more space is needed.**

Website (URL) containing the last annual SEC (or foreign equivalent) filing	Page #'s

**Please list the names and addresses of each stockholder, partner or member owning a 10 percent or greater interest in any corresponding corporation, partnership and/or limited liability company (LLC) listed in Part II other than for any publicly traded parent entities referenced above. The disclosure shall be continued until names and addresses of every noncorporate stockholder, and individual partner, and member exceeding the 10 percent ownership criteria established pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:25-24.2 has been listed. Attach additional sheets if more space is needed.**

Stockholder/Partner/Member and Corresponding Entity Listed in Part II	Home Address (for Individuals) or Business Address

**Part IV Certification**

I, being duly sworn upon my oath, hereby represent that the foregoing information and any attachments thereto to the best of my knowledge are true and complete. I acknowledge: that I am authorized to execute this certification on behalf of the bidder/proposer; that the *Town of West New York* is relying on the information contained herein and that I am under a continuing obligation from the date of this certification through the completion of any contracts with the Town to notify the Town in writing of any changes to the information contained herein; that I am aware that it is a criminal offense to make a false statement or misrepresentation in this certification, and if I do so, I am subject to criminal prosecution under the law and that it will constitute a material breach of my agreement(s) with the, permitting the Town to declare any contract(s) resulting from this certification void and unenforceable.

Full Name (Print):		Title:	
Signature:		Date:	

**NOTE: THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED, NOTARIZED  
AND RETURNED WITH THIS PROPOSAL**

**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 et seq.**

**GOODS, GENERAL SERVICES, AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES  
CONTRACTS**

During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex. Except with respect to affectional or sexual orientation and gender identity or expression, the contractor will ensure that equal employment opportunity is afforded to such applicants in recruitment and employment, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex. Such equal employment opportunity shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the Public Agency Compliance Officer setting forth provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex.

The contractor or subcontractor will send to each labor union, with which it has a collective bargaining agreement, a notice, to be provided by the agency contracting officer, advising the labor union of the contractor's commitments under this chapter and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, agrees to comply with any regulations promulgated by the Treasurer pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq., as amended and supplemented from time to time and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The contractor or subcontractor agrees to make good faith efforts to meet targeted county employment goals established in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-5.2.

**MANDATORY EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY LANGUAGE** (Cont)

The contractor or subcontractor agrees to inform in writing its appropriate recruitment agencies including, but not limited to, employment agencies, placement bureaus, colleges, universities, and labor unions, that it does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex, and that it will discontinue the use of any recruitment agency which engages in direct or indirect discriminatory practices.

The contractor or subcontractor agrees to revise any of its testing procedures, if necessary, to assure that all personnel testing conforms with the principles of job related testing, as established by the statutes and court decisions of the State of New Jersey and as established by applicable Federal law and applicable Federal court decisions.

In conforming with the targeted employment goals, the contractor or subcontractor agrees to review all procedures relating to transfer, upgrading, downgrading and layoff to ensure that all such actions are taken without regard to age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex, consistent with the statutes and court decisions of the State of New Jersey, and applicable Federal law and applicable Federal court decisions.

The contractor shall submit to the public agency, after notification of award but prior to execution of a goods and services contract, one of the following three documents:

Letter of Federal Affirmative Action Plan Approval;

Certificate of Employee Information Report; or

Employee Information Report Form AA-302 (electronically provided by the Division and distributed to the public agency through the Division's website at: [http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/contract\\_compliance/](http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/contract_compliance/)).

The contractor and its subcontractors shall furnish such reports or other documents to the Division of Purchase & Property, CCAU, EEO Monitoring Program as may be requested by the office from time to time in order to carry out the purposes of these regulations, and public agencies shall furnish such information as may be requested by the Division of Purchase & Property, CCAU, EEO Monitoring Program for conducting a compliance investigation pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:27-1.1 et seq.

Acknowledged by Vendor

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Print name and title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

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

The contractor and the Town, (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.

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

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.

Representative's Name/Title

(Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Representative's  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of  
Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel. No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**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 Contractor's requirement to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 and N.J.A.C. 17:27.

The successful Contractor 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**

- (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 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 Proposal 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: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**MINORITY/WOMAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (MWBE)**  
**Questionnaire for Bidders**

The Town of West New York, in accordance with the stated policy of non-discrimination and equal employment opportunity in the Municipal Code, recognizes a goal of awarding 20% of the dollar amount of total town 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 bid 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:** a business which is a sole proprietorship, partnership or corporation at least 51% of which is owned and controlled by a woman or women.



## **MANDATORY BUSINESS REGISTRATION LANGUAGE**

### **Non Construction Contracts**

All contractors and subcontractors must provide a Business Registration Certificate when seeking to do business with the State of New Jersey, and other public agencies in this state. Failure to submit proof of registration requires mandatory rejection of a bid as a non-waivable defect. Proof of registration must be received before the contract is issued for non-bid contracts; such as contracts exempt from public bidding that are over the bid threshold, professional services, and extraordinary unspecifiable services, and purchase orders that are under the bid threshold. For non-bid contracts only, if proof has been filed through a previous contract, the contracting agency may waive resubmission.

“New Jersey Business Registration Requirements”

N.J.S.A. 52:32-44(1)(b) No contract shall be entered into by any contracting agency unless the contractor provides a copy of its business registration in accordance with the following schedule:

- (1) In response to a request for bids or a request for proposals, at the time a bid or proposal is submitted; or
- (2) For all other transactions, before the issuance of a purchase order or other contracting document. In its sole discretion, the contracting unit may waive this requirement if a business registration has been previously provided to the contracting agency.

N.J.S.A. 52:32-44(1)(c) A subcontractor shall provide a copy of its business registration to any contractor who shall forward it to the contracting agency. No contract with a subcontractor shall be entered into by any contractor under any contract with the contracting agency unless the subcontractor first provides proof of valid business registration. The contracting agency shall file all business registrations received by the contracting agency with other procurement documents related to the contract.

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.

N.J.S.A. 54:49-4.1 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. 100 (C5:12-92), or that provides false business registration information under the requirements of either of those section, 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.

**DISCLOSURE OF INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES IN IRAN**

BID SOLICITATION/PROPOSAL

TITLE \_\_\_\_\_

VENDOR/BIDDER

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:32-57, et seq. (P.L. 2012, c.25 and P.L. 2021, c.4) any person or entity that submits a bid or proposal or otherwise proposes to enter into or renew a contract must certify that neither the person nor entity, nor any of its parents, subsidiaries, or affiliates, is identified on the New Jersey Department of the Treasury’s Chapter 25 List as a person or entity engaged in investment activities in Iran. The Chapter 25 list is found on the Division’s website at <https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/pdf/Chapter25List.pdf>. Vendors/Bidders must review this list prior to completing the below certification. If the Director of the Division of Purchase and Property or the Town of West New York finds a person or entity to be in violation of the law, s/he shall take action as may be appropriate and provided by law, rule or contract, including but not limited to, imposing sanctions, seeking compliance, recovering damages, declaring the party in default and seeking debarment or suspension of the party

**CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX**

I certify, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:32-57, et seq. (P.L. 2012, c.25 and P.L. 2021, c.4), that neither the Vendor/Bidder listed above nor any of its parents, subsidiaries, or affiliates is listed on the New Jersey Department of the Treasury’s Chapter 25 List of entities determined to be engaged in prohibited activities in Iran.

**OR**

I am unable to certify as above because the Vendor/Bidder and/or one or more of its parents, subsidiaries, or affiliates is listed on the New Jersey Department of the Treasury’s Chapter 25 List. I will provide a detailed, accurate and precise description of the activities of the Vendor/Bidder, or one of its parents, subsidiaries or affiliates, has engaged in regarding investment activities in Iran by completing the information requested below

Entity Engaged in Investment

Activities \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Vendor/

Bidder \_\_\_\_\_

Description of

Activities \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Duration of

Engagement \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Cessation

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary**

**CERTIFICATION**

I, the undersigned, certify that I am authorized to execute this certification on behalf of the Vendor/Bidder, that the foregoing information and any attachments hereto, to the best of my knowledge are true and complete. I acknowledge that the Town of West New York is relying on the information contained herein, and that the Vendor/Bidder is under a continuing obligation from the date of this certification through the completion of any contract(s) with the State to notify the State in writing of any changes to the information contained herein; that I am aware that it is a criminal offense to make a false statement or misrepresentation in this certification. If I do so, I will be subject to criminal prosecution under the law, and it will constitute a material breach of my agreement(s) with the Town, permitting the Town to declare any contract(s) resulting from this certification void and unenforceable.

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Signature

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Dated

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Print Name and Title

This form is to be completed, certified and submitted prior to the award of contract.