

IFB # 1089 Temporary Statewide Medical Staffing



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1. Introduction

1.1 Overview

This Invitation for Bids (IFB) is issued by the New York State (NYS) Office of Children and Family Services' (OCFS) Division of Juvenile Justice and Opportunities for Youth (DJJOY). OCFS operates the state's residential juvenile justice programs and manages other locally operated programs, such as: foster care, adoption, child welfare, daycare, and youth development programs.

OCFS seeks contractors to provide temporary medical staffing services for juvenile delinquent youth and youthful offenders residing at various residential facilities throughout New York State. Offerors must be able to supply medical staffing on a regional basis. There are five (5) temporary medical staffing titles and two (2) regions. To learn more about the regions, refer to **Attachment 1 – Facility Maps**.

The (5) temporary medical staffing titles are Registered Nurse, Physician Assistant, Nurse Practitioner, Licensed Master Social Worker, and Licensed Psychologist. Detailed descriptions of the titles are found in IFB **Section 3.2 Product/Service Specifications**.

Region 1 (Upstate) includes the facilities located in central and western New York State: Industry Residential Center, Finger Lakes Residential Center, Harriet Tubman Residential Center, MacCormick Secure Center, and Taberg Residential Center.

Region 2 (Downstate) includes the facilities located in Mid-Hudson and Downstate New York State: Brookwood Secure Center, Highland Residential Center, Goshen Secure Center, and Brentwood Residential Center.

Offerors who meet the requirements outlined in IFB **Section 3.1 Eligible Bidders** may submit a bid for one or both regions, and for one or more of the titles covered by this IFB. Please see **Section 4.1 Method of Award** for additional information regarding contract awards and the assignment of work.

For the purposes of this IFB, the pay rate is considered the rate of pay attributed to the actual temporary medical staffing employee who performs the service for the various titles. Each medical title for both regions in this IFB has a pre-determined pay rate based on current market rates (see **Section 4.2 Price**). Offerors must provide a bid consisting of the percentage markup, which must not exceed 30%, to the pay rates established in this IFB. **Any bid received from an offeror that includes a percentage markup for any medical title for either region that exceeds 30% will result in that portion of the bid being disqualified.**

The bill rate is the rate of pay to contract awardees, which is calculated by applying the percentage markup to the current pay rate.

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OCFS will make up to five (5) awards from this IFB for each title, in each region. After contracts are developed and approved, assignments to fill OCFS vacant positions will occur in the following manner:

1. When a need arises at a facility for a temporary medical staffing service position, OCFS will first attempt to secure services from the most current OGS Statewide Administrative Services contract or subsequent replacement contract for similar services, provided that the contract meets OCFS' form, function and utility when considered in the circumstances of the specific fill.
2. If said OGS contract fails to provide needed staffing, cannot provide the needed services, or is deemed to not meet the agency's form, function or utility, the vendors awarded a OCFS contract within the region of need, as a result of this IFB will be contacted concurrently, provided the Request for Staff form (Attachment 3), and given a minimum of 48 hours to respond with a current pay rate for requested title, and provide the license(s) and resume(s) of available staff in that title. In an attempt to keep the pay rate current and the contract relevant, the Request for Staff form (Attachment 3) will include a not to exceed pay rate, which may be updated periodically by OCFS throughout the life of the contract, as needed, based on OCFS research of current market rates. The vendor proposing the lowest total cost candidate (proposed pay rate plus awarded percentage markup) will be chosen to fill the vacancy. In the event the candidate is not acceptable (invalid license, unfit for work in a facility due to medical condition, etc.), OCFS will document the deficiency and select the candidate from the next lowest-priced vendor. In the event of a tie, the earliest responder will be deemed that specific award winner. Upon acceptance of staff, the contractor will also need to provide to OCFS with the OCFS-4715 form - Confidentiality Non-Disclosure Agreement; and proof of acceptable background check per OCFS policy. Failure to provide the OCFS-4715 form and proof of acceptable background check within 1 week of hire, unless otherwise agreed, will result in termination of assignment. OCFS will document the deficiency and select the candidate from the next lowest-priced vendor.
3. In an Emergency Staffing Situation (ESS), which is defined as an emergency staffing crisis requiring on-site staffing within 48-hours from the identified time of need, all awarded OCFS contractors within the region of need with the ESS, will be contacted simultaneously and provided the Request for Staff form (Attachment 3). The first responder that produces an available, qualified staff that can start in the timeframe needed by OCFS to mitigate the emergency situation, will be deemed the awardee for that particular placement. Upon acceptance of staff, the contractor will also need to provide OCFS with the OCFS-4715 form - Confidentiality Non-Disclosure Agreement; and proof of acceptable background check per OCFS policy.

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Background

Youth entering limited secure and non-secure OCFS residential facilities have been adjudicated delinquent by family court – not criminal court – and are placed with OCFS for rehabilitative programming. They are youth who require specialized behavioral health services, as more than half of youth-in-care have been diagnosed with at least one mental health disorder.

Secure residential centers provide the most controlled and restrictive of the residential programs operated by OCFS, providing intensive programming for youth requiring this type of environment. The majority of youth admitted to secure residential centers are sentenced as juvenile offenders or juvenile offender/youthful offenders by the adult courts. Youth in secure residential centers generally have an extensive history of delinquent behavior and prior involvement with the juvenile justice system, including previous out-of-home placements.

1.2 Designated Contacts

In compliance with the Procurement Lobbying Law, from the issuance of this IFB until contractors are selected, all contacts with OCFS personnel concerning this IFB, except as otherwise specified herein, must be made via email or hard copy mailed to:

New York State Office of Children and Family Services
Attn: Bureau of Contract Management – Procurement Unit
IFB # 1089 Temporary Statewide Medical Staffing
52 Washington Street, Room 202 South
Rensselaer, NY 12144.

Email: RFP@ocfs.ny.gov. In both cases, please reference IFB # 1089.

1.3 Calendar of Events

The table below outlines the schedule for important action dates:

EVENT	DATE
IFB issued	1/4/2023
Deadline for submission of offeror questions	1/19/2023 by 4:00 p.m. Eastern time
Responses to questions published (<i>on or about</i>)	1/31/2023
Bid due date/Bid opening date	2/15/2023 by 4:00 p.m. Eastern time
<i>Anticipated</i> Contract date	No earlier than 5/1/2023 and no later than 7/1/2023

1.4 **IFB Questions and Clarifications**

All questions regarding this IFB, including questions regarding the minimum qualifications and specifications, should be emailed to the designated contact identified in **Section 1.2 Designated Contacts** by the date and time indicated in **Section 1.3 Calendar of Events**. Questions submitted after the deadline indicated may not be answered. An offeror is strongly encouraged to submit questions as soon as possible. Answers to all questions of a substantive nature will be provided to all prospective offerors in the form of a question and answer document that will be posted to both the New York State Contract Reporter website (<https://www.nyscr.ny.gov>) and the OCFS public funding opportunities webpage (<https://ocfs.ny.gov/main/contracts/funding/>) and will not identify the offeror asking the question.

2. **Bid Submission**

2.1 **Instructions for Bid Submission**

Only bids from offerors who furnish all required information and meet the mandatory requirements stated in **IFB Section 3 – Specifications** will be considered. Bidders must operate in accordance with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

All bids must be submitted electronically by email to RFP@ocfs.ny.gov by the Bid Due Date and time set forth in Section 1.3 – Calendar of Events. All bid documents must be sent as attachments as OCFS is unable to download any documents. The email subject line should include the following information: IFB # 1089 and Vendor Name. If bid requires files be sent in multiple emails, indicate the email number, e.g., 1 of 2. No facsimile or hard copy bids will be accepted. Bid submissions for this procurement should only contain bid proposals for this specific funding opportunity and bidders should submit only one bid proposal per submission email.

Bid proposals must be attached to the email in a manner that results in the electronic document(s) being transmitted with the email. The bid proposal must be received by OCFS secure email servers to be considered properly received. Clickable links to download the bid proposal and/or the use of third-party file hosting services are not permissible as the bidder's email submission is not transmitting the electronic document(s) of the bid proposal to OCFS.

Email delivery or read receipts are recommended. OCFS will provide a confirmation email that the bid has been received including the number of attachments. Bidders are responsible for contacting OCFS prior to the deadline if confirmation has not been received.

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Electronic bids must contain the information and bid submission formats and forms requested herein, or attached hereto, under the terms and conditions of this solicitation. Bids that cannot be read, require a password (locked), or are incomplete, or that contain any omissions, erasures, alterations, additions, or items not required by the IFB or that contain irregularities of any kind may be rejected. All costs associated with the preparation of a bid are the responsibility of the Bidders and cannot be charged to OCFS. Bidders may modify, in writing, the content of any bid at any time prior to the bid due date and time, however a complete re-submission of all bid documents is required. OCFS will not substitute sections of a bid. The email should state that previous bid(s) submitted are withdrawn. If this is not clear in the email, OCFS will only consider the latest bid submitted for award. Bids may be withdrawn or canceled before the bid due date and time.

Contractors may not begin to provide services prior to the contract start date; OCFS has no obligation to pay for services prior to that time. Payments cannot be made prior to the formal execution of a contract.

Offerors assume all risks for timely, properly submitted electronic bids.

LATE BIDS MAY BE REJECTED

Any bid or portion of a bid, if bid is submitted in multiple emails, that is received at the RFP@ocfs.ny.gov email after the Bid Due Date & Time in **Section 1.3 Calendar of Events** will be considered a *late bid*. A late bid will be rejected and disqualified from award. However, a late bid may be accepted in the Commissioner's sole discretion when

- (i) no timely bids meeting the requirements of the solicitation are received; or
- (ii) the offeror has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Commissioner that the late bid was caused solely by factors outside the control of the offeror.

Note: The Commissioner is under no obligation to accept a late bid.

The basis for any determination to accept a late bid shall be documented in the procurement record.

FIRM OFFER

Bids must remain an effective offer, firm and irrevocable, for at least 180 calendar days from the due date, unless the time for awarding the contract is extended by mutual consent of OCFS and the offeror. A bid shall continue to remain an effective offer, firm and irrevocable, subsequent to the 180 calendar-day period until either tentative award of the contract(s), withdrawal of the procurement, or withdrawal of the bid in writing by the offeror.

OWNERSHIP OF IFB AND BIDS

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This IFB remains the property of the State at all times, and all responses to this IFB, once delivered, become the property of the State.

2.2 Packaging of IFB Response

Required Contents of Bid Proposal

All bid proposals **must** include the following four (4) documents:

- OCFS-0910 *Request for Bid Form*
- Attachment 4 – Bidder's Certified Statements
- References – two (2) or more satisfactory written professional references
 - one (1) of which must be based on services provided to any combination of titles identified in this procurement within the past twelve (12) months.
- Bidder must provide a written narrative detailing the following:
 - Your organization possesses a minimum of five (5) years' experience placing temporary staff for the titles included in this procurement for which a bid is being submitted (please provide the relevant dates).
 - Must include the total number of placements made for **each title**, in **each region** that you are bidding on, within the last five (5) years.

Attachments to this announcement are also available for download from The New York State Contract Reporter website at <https://www.nyscr.ny.gov> or the OCFS public website at <https://ocfs.ny.gov/main/contracts/funding/>.

General Proposal Appearance

Bid proposal emails may be submitted containing either one singular document or multiple document attachments. Document filenames are encouraged to be logical and make the attachment(s) easily identifiable. Please ensure that all document attachments provided via email are complete, correct, viewable, and comply with the requirements of the IFB. **Bidders must not upload password protected documents or secured documents. Documents that are incomplete or cannot be viewed may result in disqualification.** Ensure that all passwords are removed prior to submitting your bid proposal.

The fonts and margins used in the bid proposal should be reasonable. Twelve-point text using Arial, Times New Roman, or Calibri fonts are considered acceptable. Standard one-inch margins are recommended. It is permissible to use headers, footers, and page numbers inside the margins.

Please refer to IFB **Section 2.1 Instructions for Bid Submission** and **Section 1.3 Calendar of Events**.

Documents That May Be Submitted With Bid Proposal, But Will Be Accepted After Bid Submission

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- [OCFS-4822, Procurement Lobbying Act – Offeror Certification Form](#)
- [AC 3271-S, State Consultant Services – Contractor’s Planned Employment \(Form A\)](#)
- [Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire For-Profit Business Entity](#) (or proof of online VendRep certification, See Section 4.21 of the IFB for more information)
- [OCFS-2647, EO 177 Certification](#) (See Section 4.12 for more information)

Documents Required After Bid Submission

During contract negotiations, awarded offerors will be required to complete the following additional forms:

- ST-220-TD, *Contractor Certification* (New York State Department of Tax and Finance form)
- ST-220-CA, *Contractor Certification to Covered Agency* (New York State Department of Tax and Finance form)
- Proof of workers’ compensation and disability benefits coverage or *Certificate of Attestation of Exemption* from New York State Workers’ Compensation Board and/or disability benefits coverage
- If applicable, any form required with the electronic bid proposal that required a notarized signature.
- Before OCFS can allow a staff to begin providing services, the staff will be required to complete the OCFS-4715 [Confidentiality Non-Disclosure Agreement](#) and will be required to pass a mandatory criminal background check.

3. Specifications

All bidders who satisfy the requirements noted in sections 3.1 through 3.5 are eligible to submit a bid proposal under this procurement.

3.1 Eligible Bidders

Bidders must meet the following minimum requirements:

- Be a temporary staffing company that has a history of placing medical staff as defined in this bid. Agree to provide OCFS with temporary medical staffing services for juvenile delinquent youth and youthful offenders residing at various residential facilities throughout New York State (refer to IFB Section 3.3 Delivery). Offerors must supply medical staffing (one or more of the five temporary medical titles, refer to IFB **Section 3.2 Product/Service Specifications**) on a regional basis (in one or more of the two regions, refer to IFB **Section 4.1 Method of Award**).
- In the past five (5) years, have placed a minimum total of at least 25 staff in **each title** in **each region** that is being bid. Please refer to **Attachment 1 – Facility Map** for the two regions being served: (1) Upstate and (2) Downstate.

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- References provided must adequately show the offeror has provided similar services in the past and has done an acceptable job in the performance of their duties. The references must also indicate the matching titles from this procurement that the offeror intends to bid.

3.2 Product/Service Specifications

Duties and Qualifications of Temporary Medical Staff

Registered Nurse

Duties: A Nurse 2 (i.e., Registered Nurse) on an assigned shift, will provide professional nursing services appropriate to individuals served by the program to which you are assigned. Services may include but are not limited to:

- Nursing interventions and their documentation, medication administration, health teaching/counseling, and provision(s) of supportive and/or restorative care
- Diagnose and treat a patient's health problems
- Perform health assessments to identify new symptoms of possibly undiagnosed conditions or complications
- Administer medication
- Teach and counsel patients about maintenance of health and prevention of illness or complications
- Contribute as a member of an interdisciplinary health care team to plan and implement the health care needs of youth
- Evaluate and perform health assessments on youth after the use of physical and mechanical restraints
- Document in youth medical records
- Provide nursing care i.e., EKGs, blood draws, immunizations, COVID testing, urine sample collecting, strep testing, flu testing, hearing and vision screenings, etc.
- Participate in nursing activities, including the preparation, evaluation, and implementation of nursing care plans to ensure quality patient care
- Act as health liaison
- Coordinate and schedule medical follow-up, including completion of consultations
- Provide first aid and emergency nursing care
- Monitor and order pharmaceutical supplies for each individual
- Attend team reviews and present information, as needed
- Meet documentation requirement i.e., obtaining & transcribing physicians' orders, daily nursing note, health charts, medication regimen reviews and case review summaries
- Maintain inventory standards for medication, controlled substances, medical supplies

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- Participate in maintaining a clean working environment and department unit
- Maintain professionalism including time and attendance, quality care, respect, compassion, accountability, and integrity
- Participate in staff training, prepare clinical and administrative reports, maintain infection control standards; and
- Perform other duties deemed necessary for patient care as required.

Minimum Qualifications: Registered Nurses must be licensed and currently registered to practice nursing in New York State.

Physician Assistant

Duties: A Physician Assistant, under the supervision of a qualified/licensed physician, will do the following:

- Diagnose illnesses, develop and manage treatment plans, prescribe medications, and perform routine medical examinations
- Identify medical problems and create a treatment plan to address them
- Write prescriptions and submit them to the physician for countersignature
- Order standard laboratory and x-ray procedures
- Initiate proper treatment for emergency cases and evaluate diagnostic tests
- Monitor health care following applicable laws, regulations, practice standards and OCFS policies and procedures
- Perform admission health assessments and reviews
- Engage with youth families regarding health histories
- Manage annual health assessments
- Medication management: write orders, evaluate for efficacy and side effects
- Assess and treat youth routine, urgent, and emergent youth medical care needs
- Coordinate immunizations, lab testing, consults
- Coordinate care with outside specialty consultations and collaborate with outside specialty providers
- Document all health care problems, encounters, and care provided
- Prepare routine case management and treatment team reports
- Ensure all records are up to date
- Review medical records periodically
- Coordinate continuity of care upon youth transfer or release
- Emergency management of staff illnesses or injuries
- Attend facility and youth meetings
- Maintain collaboration with supervising physician for discussion of any abnormalities in diagnostic tests and health of youth
- Perform other duties deemed necessary for patient care as required

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Minimum Qualifications: Physician Assistants must be licensed and currently registered as a Physician Assistant by the New York State Education Department or possess a limited permit to practice as a Physician Assistant in New York State.

Nurse Practitioner

Duties: A Nurse Practitioner will do the following:

- Perform physical examinations, diagnose illnesses and conditions and prescribe a plan of corrective care, exclusively within their specialty area of practice in collaboration with a licensed physician
- Identify medical problems and create a treatment plan to address them
- Record physical findings, and formulates plan and prognosis, based on patient's condition. Discuss case with physician and other health professionals to prepare comprehensive patient care plan.
- Submit health care plan and goals of individual patients for periodic review and evaluation by physician. Prescribe or recommend drugs or other forms of treatment such as physical therapy, inhalation therapy, or related therapeutic procedures.
- May refer patients to physician for consultation or to specialized health resources for treatment
- Assess patient needs, order and interpret diagnostic and laboratory tests;
- Diagnose diseases, formulate and prescribe treatment plans by means of interview, health history, physical examination, and/or diagnostic testing in collaboration with a licensed physician or physicians;
- In accordance with agreed upon practices and protocols that include specialty areas and are determined in advance by you and the physician of record, your work may include the diagnosis of illness and physical conditions and the performance of therapeutic and corrective measures
- Perform other duties deemed necessary for patient care as required
- Monitor health care following applicable laws, regulations, practice standards and OCFS policies and procedures
- Perform admission health assessments and reviews
- Engage with youth families regarding health histories
- Manage annual health assessments
- Medication management: write orders, evaluate for efficacy and side effects
- Assess and treat youth routine, urgent, and emergent youth medical care needs
- Coordinate immunizations, lab testing, consults
- Coordinate care with outside specialty consultations and collaborate with outside specialty providers
- Document all health care problems, encounters, and care provided

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- Prepare routine case management and treatment team reports
- Ensure all records are all up to date
- Review medical records periodically
- Coordinate continuity of care upon youth transfer or release
- Emergency management of staff illnesses or injuries
- Attend facility and youth meetings

Minimum Qualifications: Nurse Practitioners must have a New York State License to practice as a Nurse Practitioner and be certified by the New York State Education Department in a specialty area to practice as a Family Nurse Practitioner. Also, must have two years post licensure experience or completion of 3,500 hours collaboration with a physician. Specialty area must coincide with the scope of practice performed by the incumbent parenthetic.

Licensed Master Social Worker

Duties: A Licensed Master Social Worker will perform the full range of social worker tasks consistent with the scope of practice of a licensed master social worker as defined by New York State Education Law Article 154.

- Incumbents deal with individuals who exhibit mental, social, emotional, behavioral, developmental, and addictive disorders, conditions, and disabilities.
- Incumbents will be responsible for conducting mental health intake assessments using a variety of validated screening instruments and will complete psychosocial assessments, treatment plans, clinical contact notes, and discharge summaries.
- Incumbents will provide individual and group therapy sessions.
- Incumbents will work as a member of an interdisciplinary team and will attend mental health rounds, treatment team meetings and clinical supervision sessions.

Minimum Qualifications: Licensed Master Social Workers must have a current license to practice social work in NYS.

Licensed Psychologist

Duties: A Licensed Psychologist in the New York State Office of Children and Family Services supervises and/or provides psychological services in either secure, limited secure, residential, or aftercare. In addition to assessment and treatment, the Licensed Psychologist's duties may include the following responsibilities:

- clinical leadership, forensic or court-ordered assessment, treatment, and expert testimony, disability, neuropsychological, or education evaluation and interpretation;

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- provision of psychological services in residential treatment programs, reception placement and Evidence-Based Community Initiatives;
- provision of psychological services requiring expertise in neuropsychology, child and adolescent psychology, sexual offense treatment, cognitive rehabilitation, trauma, or substance, and/or chemical abuse programs; specialized assessment (functional, personality, risk, competency, vocational, educational);
- design and application of behavioral technology and other appropriate specialized psychological interventions;
- consultation to other agencies, and peer review;
- Incumbents will also be responsible for conducting mental health intake assessments using a variety of validated screening instruments and will complete psychosocial assessments, treatment plans, clinical contact notes and discharge summaries.
- Incumbents will provide individual and group therapy sessions.
- Incumbents will work as a member of an interdisciplinary team and will attend mental health rounds, treatment team meetings and clinical supervision sessions.

Minimum Qualifications: Licensed Psychologists must have a current license to practice psychology in NYS.

3.3 Delivery

DJJOY is responsible for supervision and treatment of court-placed youth ranging in ages from 8-20 years old, from intake to facility programming and community service provision. DJJOY supports and monitors facility-based operations and programs, as well as detention, community services and a range of community-based programs.

DJJOY is directly responsible for the operation, supervision, and management of nine (9) statewide residential facilities (Attachment 1). Services obtained from this solicitation are to be provided by the vendors at the facilities that DJJOY operates.

OCFS facilities are residential facilities that are operated 24 hours a day, seven (7) days a week (please see Attachment 2 for OCFS DJJOY Facility Descriptions). The contract staff, utilizing the following titles in this IFB, will work shifts that may vary and could begin as early as 6:00 a.m. or end as late as 11:00 p.m. (these times are approximate): Registered Nurses, Physician Assistants, Nurse Practitioners, Licensed Masters Social Workers, and Psychologists.

The facilities to be served by this IFB are the following:

Secure Facilities:

- Brookwood Secure Center for Youth
419 Spookrock Road, Claverack, NY 12513

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- Goshen Secure Center
97 Cross Road, Goshen, NY 10924
- MacCormick Secure Center
300 South Road, Brooktondale, NY 14817

Limited Secure Facilities:

- Highland Residential Center,
629 North Chodikee Lake Road, Highland, NY 12528
- Industry Residential Center
375 Rush-Scottsville Road, Rush, NY 14543 (2 campuses)
- Finger Lakes Residential Center
250 Auburn Road, Lansing, NY 14882
- Taberg Residential Center for Girls
10011 Taberg-Florence Road, Taberg, NY 13471
- Harriet Tubman Residential Center for Girls
6706 Pine Ridge Road, Auburn, NY 13021

Non-Secure Facility:

- Brentwood Residential Center for Girls
1230 Commack Road, Dix Hills, NY 11746-8215

The required staffing/coverage needs, and the individual needs of each facility's medical staff vary by facility and facility population. Historically, temporary medical staff are used to cover OCFS staff shortages due to long and short-term illnesses, vacations, and other scheduled and unscheduled leaves of absences.

3.4 Security Procedures

Please note that the delivery location may have security policies which must be followed. The contractor will work with OCFS to obtain necessary clearances. Contractor may be required to provide information such as, but not limited to, the company name, the employee's name (as it appears on ID), valid driver's license number, vehicle make, model and license plate, etc. to gain access to the delivery location.

The Contractor agrees that all staff placed as a result of a contract awarded from this IFB will:

- (1) complete the OCFS-4715 as described in Section 2.2;

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- (2) be subject to a background check, including a criminal history background check, in the manner prescribed by OCFS; and
- (3) be screened:
 - (a) through the Statewide Register of Child Abuse and Maltreatment to determine whether an individual is the subject of an indicated finding of child abuse and maltreatment; and
 - (b) through the Vulnerable Persons Central Register to determine if he/she is the subject of a substantiated finding of abuse and/or neglect that is listed as a Category I finding.

The Contractor further agrees to provide any information necessary to accomplish the aforementioned checks. Should the screening result in notice to OCFS that an individual is the subject of an indicated or a substantiated report, a criminal conviction or open criminal matter, the matter will be reviewed by OCFS pursuant to OCFS policy, and OCFS shall decide whether the individual may provide services. Should the individual be the subject of a Category I finding of abuse or neglect, the individual will not be permitted to provide services to youth.

3.5 Warranty (if commodity purchase)

Not Applicable.

4. Administrative Information

4.1 Method of Award

Contract Award:

Up to five (5) awards will be made on a regional basis for each title, per **Attachment 1 – DJJOY Facilities Map**, to the bidder(s) submitting a bid in compliance with **Section 2.0 Bid Submission**, meeting requirements stated in **Section 3.0 Specifications**, passing vendor responsibility review, and offering the lowest percentage markup to the pay rate. In the event a vendor's proposed markup does not appear to be high enough to cover mandatory payroll taxes, workers' compensation insurance, disability insurance, and unemployment insurance, OCFS reserves the right to ask for additional detail on how the markup was determined. Unsatisfactory references or incomplete/deficient information may result in a bid being found non-responsive and removed from consideration.

1. **Region 1 (Upstate)** includes the facilities located in central and western New York State: Industry Residential Center, Finger Lakes Residential Center, Harriet Tubman Residential Center, MacCormick Secure Center, and Taberg Residential Center.
2. **Region 2 (Downstate)** includes the facilities located in Mid-Hudson and Downstate New York State: Brookwood Secure Center, Highland

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Residential Center, Goshen Secure Center, and Brentwood Residential Center.

If a tie bid results, offerors with the greatest number of total placements made for the titles in the region they are applying, will be selected as the winning bidder. If there is still a tie, each bidder submitting a qualifying tie bid will have their names written on a piece of paper, which will be placed in a hat. The winning bid(s) will be chosen from the hat.

OCFS contract awards resulting from this IFB are all subject to NY Attorney General and NYS Office of the State Comptroller approval.

Assignment of Work to Pool of Awarded Contractors:

After awards are made and contracts developed, available work will be assigned by DJJOY at the time of need. This process is conducted post-award as the means to select an awarded contractor for each individual assignment as needs arise. The assignment of work to the pool of awarded contractors occurs after the procurement is approved and does not have any impact or connection to the contract award process noted above.

The process used to assign work only applies to vendors who receive a OCFS contract award and is used to fill temporary vacancies that exist at DJJOY facilities. During this process, vendors who have been awarded an OCFS contract will receive notification of a vacancy in a facility and will be requested to provide a staff and a pay rate for that title vacancy. The pay rate will then have the awarded markup percentage rate (which is the rate provided by bidders in this IFB solicitation) applied to determine the bill rate for the vacancy to be filled.

- The vendor with the lowest bill rate will be awarded to fill the vacancy.
- If there is a tie bill rate calculated during this process, the vendor offering the highest pay rate to the staff being considered for placement will be awarded. If a tie still exists, then the offeror responding first will be awarded to fill the vacancy.
- The assignment of work to the contract awards resulting from this IFB are not subject to NY Attorney General and NYS Office of the State Comptroller approval, as the contracts will have already been approved with this methodology included.

4.2 Price

For the purposes of this procurement, pay rate is considered the rate of pay attributed to the actual Temporary Medical Staff employee performing the service for the various title(s). These are the rates that all bidders should assume are accurate and the current rate for purposes of establishing their markup rate. These

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rates may or may not be used for any solicitation that occurs post-award when OCFS attempts to fill a current temporary vacancy.

For the purposes of submitting a bid for this solicitation, each medical title for both regions in this IFB have a pre-determined pay rate based on current market rates in the below chart. Offerors must provide a bid in the form of a percentage markup to the pay rates established in this IFB.

Titles	Hourly Pay Rate Upstate (\$)	Hourly Pay Rate Downstate (\$)
Registered Nurse	68.25	69.63
Physician Assistant	106.17	106.17
Nurse Practitioner	102.86	104.29
Licensed Masters Social Worker	50.36	50.96
Licensed Psychologist	82.48	89.39

Please note: the base pay rates in this IFB are established by using current market quotes. In an attempt to ensure that pay rates remain competitive throughout the life of the contract agreements, OCFS may canvass for current pay rates periodically and may apply the updated not to exceed pay rates to the Request for Staff form (Attachment 3) as applicable to be consistent with the current market, at the time of assignment need.

The bill rate is the hourly rate reimbursed to the contract awardees who employs and provides the Temporary Medical Staff employees who performs the service for the various title(s). The bill rate must be inclusive of any payroll tax expense borne by the vendor, fringe benefits, administrative costs, overhead costs, and profit. The bill rate is calculated by applying the percentage markup to the current pay rate.

For example, if the pay rate is \$60/hour and the markup bid is 30%, the bill rate is calculated as follows:

Pay rate	\$60
Markup (\$60 x 30%)	<u>\$18</u>
Bill rate	\$78

The markup percentage bid is 30% in this example.

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Please be aware of the pay rates for each title and region when determining your percentage markups. OCFS will use these same rates and percentage markups bid when calculating contract values for resulting contract awards. Please note the established pay rate for the requested titles in this IFB are based on current research and will not be a fixed rate. The pay rates for each title may vary when assignment of work is performed by OCFS as research is conducted to be consistent with current market rates. OCFS expects the vendors to submit pay rates based on market conditions that they can secure a staff.

Please be aware at time of work assignment to contracts resulting from this IFB, OCFS will issue a Request for Staff form (Attachment 3). At the time of the assignments and/or periodically throughout the life of the contract, OCFS will canvass for current pay rates and may recalculate the pay rates accordingly on the Request for Staff form (Attachment 3). Additionally, the Request for Staff form (Attachment 3) will include a not to exceed pay rate, which may be updated periodically throughout the life of the contract.

OCFS has also calculated the annual estimated hours required for each title in the upstate and downstate regions in the below chart. Bidders should consider the annual estimated hours for each region and title when submitting their bid proposal. For the purposes of hours allocation during contract development, more hours will be awarded to the bidders with the lower percentage markup bid rates. The hours below are an estimate only and there is no guarantee that these estimates will be met.

Titles	Estimated Hours Requested Upstate	Estimated Hours Requested Downstate
Registered Nurse	10,000 hours	3,000 hours
Physician Assistant	2,300 hours	700 hours
Nurse Practitioner	3,000 hours	900 hours
Licensed Masters Social Worker	4,000 hours	4,000 hours
Licensed Psychologist	4,000 hours	4,000 hours

4.3 Term of Contract

It is the intention of the State to award up to five (5) award(s) per title and region to the awarded offeror(s). The contract(s) will commence on or about the contract date as stated in IFB Section 1.3, will continue for a period of five (5) years, and are subject to approval by the New York State Office of the Attorney General

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(OAG) and Office of the State Comptroller (OSC). Contractors may not begin to provide services before the contract start date; OCFS has no obligation to pay for services rendered before that time. Payments cannot be made before the formal execution of a contract.

4.4 Method of Payment

Payments will be processed no more frequently than weekly following the completion of services and upon submittal of required documentation for services performed and/or a signed claim for payment form, as directed by OCFS in Appendix C of the resulting contract.

4.5 Dispute Resolution

It is OCFS's policy to provide vendors with an opportunity to administratively resolve disputes, complaints, or inquiries related to bid solicitations, contract awards, and contract administration. OCFS encourages vendors to seek resolution of disputes informally, through consultation with staff, before commencing a formal dispute process. All such matters will be accorded impartial and timely consideration. See Section 4.26 for additional information.

4.6 Contractor Responsibilities

The contractor shall be solely responsible for all compliance with terms and conditions in this IFB or any resulting contract. The contractor may not engage a subcontractor or dealer, distributor, reseller, or any other party to carry out any part of this contract without the prior written consent of OCFS. The contractor accepts full responsibility for the actions of any employee who carries out any of the provisions of any contract resulting from this IFB.

4.7 Inspection of Books

It is expressly understood and agreed that OCFS and OSC shall have the right to inspect and audit the contractor's records covered under this agreement, in accordance with his/her statutory responsibility to examine the books and accounts of every agency. OSC requires, and the contractor agrees to, the retention of all material that is pertinent to an audit of the operations under any purchase order resulting from this IFB for a full three-year period or contract resulting from this IFB for a full six-year period.

4.8 OCFS Reserved Rights

OCFS reserves the right to

1. place a monetary cap on the funding amount made in each contract award;
2. change any of the schedule dates stated in this IFB;

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3. reject any or all proposals received in response to the IFB;
4. withdraw the IFB at any time at the agency's sole discretion;
5. make an award under the IFB in whole or in part;
6. disqualify any offeror whose conduct and/or proposal fails to conform to the IFB's requirements;
7. reject any proposal if, in the sole discretion of OCFS, it determines the offeror is not a responsible vendor;
8. seek clarification and revisions of proposals. Ask offerors to present supplemental information clarifying their proposals either in writing or by formal presentation. New information is not permitted;
9. require that offerors demonstrate, to the satisfaction of OCFS, any feature(s) present as a part of their proposal that may include an oral presentation of their proposal and may be considered in the evaluation of the proposal;
10. before opening bids, amend any part of this IFB with notification to all offerors, and direct all offerors to prepare modifications addressing IFB amendments, if necessary. Expenses incurred in the preparation of any proposals or modifications submitted in response to this IFB are the sole responsibility of the offeror or other party and will not be incurred by OCFS;
11. make funding decisions that maximize compliance with and address the outcomes identified in this IFB;
12. fund only one portion, or selected activities, of the selected offeror's proposal and/or adopt all or part of the selected offeror's proposal based on federal and state requirements;
13. eliminate any IFB requirements that cannot be met by all prospective offerors upon notice to all parties that submitted proposals;
14. waive procedural technicalities or modify minor irregularities in proposals received after notification to the offeror involved;
15. correct any arithmetic errors in any proposal or make typographical corrections to proposals with the concurrence of the offeror;
16. negotiate with the selected offeror(s) before contract award;
17. conduct contract negotiations or award a contract to the next highest offeror if contract negotiations with the selected offeror(s) cannot be accomplished

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- within an acceptable time frame. No offeror will have any rights against OCFS arising from such actions;
18. award contracts to more than one offeror or to other than the lowest offeror;
 19. require that all proposals be held valid for a minimum of 180 days from the closing date for receipt of proposals, unless otherwise expressly provided for in writing;
 20. fund any or all the proposals received in response to this IFB. However, issuance of this IFB does not commit OCFS to fund any proposals. OCFS can reject any proposals submitted and reserves the right to withdraw or postpone this IFB without notice and without liability to any offeror or other party for expenses incurred in the preparation of any proposals submitted in response to this IFB and may exercise these rights at any time;
 21. use the proposal submitted in response to this IFB as part of an approved contract. At the time of contract development, awardees may be asked to provide additional budget and program information for the final contract;
 22. use any and all ideas submitted in the proposals received;
 23. require clarification at any time during the procurement process and/or require correction of arithmetic or other apparent errors for the purpose of assuring a full and complete understanding of an offeror's proposal and/or to determine an offeror's compliance with the requirements of the solicitation;
 24. make additional awards based on the remaining proposals submitted in response to this IFB and/or provide additional funding to awardees if such funds become available;
 25. make inquiries of third parties, including but not limited to offerors references regarding the applicants' experience or other matters deemed relevant to the proposal by OCFS. By submitting a proposal in response to this IFB, the applicant gives its consent to any inquiry made by OCFS;
 26. require contractors to participate in a formal evaluation of the program to be developed by OCFS. Contractors may be required to collect data for these purposes. The evaluation design will maintain confidentiality of participants and recognize practical constraints of collecting this kind of information;
 27. consider statewide distribution and regional distribution within New York City, including borough distribution methodology, in evaluating proposals;
 28. rescind awards for failure of awardees to meet required time frames for contract development and/or signature;

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29. use proposal information obtained through site visits, management interviews and the State's investigation of a bidder's qualifications, experience, ability, or financial standing, and any material or information submitted by the bidder in response to the agency's request for clarifying information during the evaluation and/or selection under the IFB; and
30. reject any extraneous terms, alternate activities/work to be performed, added conditions, or exceptions stated by applicants within their proposal(s). This includes, but is not limited to, proposed changes to the standard terms and conditions of the resulting contract(s).

4.9 Incurred Costs

The State of New York shall not be liable for any costs incurred by an offeror in the preparation and production of a proposal or for the contractor's participation in any pre-contract award activity. The State of New York shall not be liable for any cost incurred by the contractor in preparation for or before the approval of an executed contract by the OSC.

4.10 Security, Nondisclosure, and Confidentiality Agreement

The content of each offeror's proposal will be held in strict confidence by the State during the bid evaluation process and will not be disclosed except to the evaluation panels, and to the New York State Office of the Attorney General and OSC, as may be necessary, to obtain their approvals for the final contract, and except as required by law. The successful offeror's proposal and a copy of the specifications will be made a part of the contract.

Public inspection of a proposal is regulated by the Freedom of Information Law (Article 6 of the New York Public Officer's Law, or FOIL). Proposals are presumptively available for public inspection. If this would be unacceptable to offerors, they should apply to the New York State Division of Budget (DOB) for trade secret protection for their bid.

Confidential, trade secret, or proprietary materials as defined by the laws of the State of New York must be clearly marked and identified upon submission by the offeror. Marking the bid as "confidential" or "proprietary" on its face or in the document header or footer is not sufficient without specific justification as to why disclosure of particular information in the bid would cause substantial injury to the competitive position of the offeror.

Offerors/contractors intending to seek an exemption from disclosure of these materials under the FOIL must request the exemption in writing, explaining the reasons for the claimed exemption. Acceptance of the claimed materials does not constitute a determination on the exemption request, which will be made in accordance with statutory procedures.

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The Public Officers' Code of Ethics (Section 74 of the Public Officers Law) sets the standard that no officer or employee of a state agency shall disclose confidential information that he/she acquires during his/her official duties. These standards control the confidentiality of an offeror's proposal unless DOB grants a petition for records access in accordance with FOIL.

Offerors should be advised that the confidentiality of their proposals is founded upon statute, as described above. A nondisclosure agreement, whether prescribed by DOB or the offeror, would not alter the rights and responsibilities of either party under FOIL. Offerors should not propose a nondisclosure agreement for DOB employees, as that is legally ineffective to alter any responsibility under FOIL or the Code of Ethics.

The provisions of FOIL will also govern the confidentiality of any and all products or services supplied by the successful offeror.

Please see Content of Proposals for the [Confidentiality Non-Disclosure Agreement \(OCFS-4715\)](#), which each contractor or subcontractor, employee of a contractor or subcontractor, and volunteer with a contractor or subcontractor is required to sign.

4.11 Omnibus Procurement Act

It is the policy of New York State to maximize opportunities for the participation of New York State business enterprises, including minority- and women-owned business enterprises (MWBE) as offerors, subcontractors, and suppliers on its procurement contracts.

Information on the availability of New York State subcontractors and suppliers is available on the internet at www.esd.ny.gov. For additional information and assistance, contact:

New York State Department of Economic Development
Division for Small Business
Albany, New York 12245
Telephone: 518-292-5100
Fax: 518-292-5884
Email: opa@esd.ny.gov

A directory of certified MWBE is available from:

New York State Department of Economic Development
Division of Minority and Women's Business Development
633 Third Avenue
New York, New York 10017
Telephone: 212-803-2414

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Email: mwbecertification@esd.ny.gov
<https://ny.newnycontracts.com>

NOTE: Companies requesting lists of potential subcontractors and suppliers are encouraged to identify the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) code, size, and location of vendors.

A directory of minority- and women-owned business enterprises is available on the internet at <https://ny.newnycontracts.com>. For additional information and assistance, contact either of the above offices.

The Omnibus Procurement Act of 1992 requires that by signing a bid proposal, contractors certify that whenever the total offer amount is greater than \$1 million:

1. The contractor has made reasonable efforts to encourage the participation of New York State business enterprises as suppliers and subcontractors on this project and has retained the documentation of these efforts to be provided upon request to the state;
2. The contractor has documented their efforts to encourage the participation of New York State business enterprises as suppliers and subcontractors by showing that they have done the following:
 - Solicited offers, in a timely and adequate manner, from New York State Empire State Development business enterprises, including certified minority- and women-owned businesses; or
 - Contacted New York State Empire State Development to obtain listings of New York State business enterprises and MWBE; or
 - Placed notices for subcontractors and suppliers in newspapers, journals or other trade publications distributed in New York State; or
 - Participated in offeror outreach conferences.

If the contractor determines that New York State business enterprises are not available to participate on the contract as subcontractors or suppliers, the contractor shall provide a statement indicating the method used to determine this.

If the contractor does not intend to use subcontractors, the contractor shall provide a statement verifying such.

3. The contractor has complied with the federal Equal Opportunity Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-961), as amended;
4. The contractor will be required to notify New York State residents of employment opportunities through listing any such positions with Community Services Division of the New York State Department of Labor, providing for such notification in a manner consistent with existing collective bargaining

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contracts or agreements. The agency agrees to document these efforts and to provide said documentation to OCFS upon request;

5. Offerors located in a foreign country are notified that the State may assign or otherwise transfer offset credits to third parties located in New York State, and the offerors shall be obligated to cooperate with the State in any and all respects in making such assignment or transfer, including, but not limited to, executing any and all documents deemed by the State to be necessary or desirable to effectuate such assignment or transfer, and using their best efforts to obtain the recognition and accession to such assignment or transfer by any applicable foreign government; and
6. Offerors are hereby notified that State agencies and authorities are prohibited from entering into contracts with businesses whose principal place of business is in a “discriminatory jurisdiction.” This is defined as a state or political subdivision that employs a preference or price distorting mechanism to the detriment of or otherwise discriminates against a New York State business enterprise in the procurement of commodities and services by the same or a non-governmental entity influenced by the same. A list of discriminatory jurisdictions is maintained by the Commissioner of New York State Empire State Development.

4.12 **Executive Orders**

Executive Order No. 14, dated February 27, 2022, requires State agencies to terminate any contracts and to refrain from entering into any new contracts with an institution or company that is determined to be a Russian or Russia supporting entity.

Executive Order No. 16, dated March 17, 2022, requires State agencies to refrain from entering into any new contract or renewing any existing contract with an entity conducting business operations in Russia.

Executive Orders 14 and 16 include the following definitions:

- “Russian entity” means an institution or company that is headquartered in Russia or has its principal place of business in Russia.
- “Supporting entity” means any institution or company providing assistance to the Russian government in its campaign to invade the sovereign country of Ukraine, either through in-kind support or for-profit.
- “Entity conducting business operations in Russia” means an institution or company, wherever located, conducting any commercial activity in Russia or transacting business with the Russian Government or with commercial entities headquartered in Russia or with their principal place of business in Russia in the form of contracting, sales, purchasing, investment, or any business partnership.

By submission of a response to this solicitation the offerer certifies that the Offeror:

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- a. is not a Russian or Russia supporting entity, as those terms are defined in the Executive Order No. 14 (dated February 27, 2022).
- b. is not an entity conducting business operations in Russia, as those terms are defined in the Executive Order No. No. 16 (dated March 17, 2022).

Executive Order 177, dated February 3, 2018, directs New York State agencies and authorities not to enter into any contracts with entities that have institutional policies or practices that fail to address the harassment and discrimination of individuals on the basis of their age, race, creed, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, marital status, military status, or other protected basis. The contractor must provide the EO 177 certification statement before any award being made by OCFS.

4.13 Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (MWBE) – Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) - Requirements & Procedures

This section outlines contractor requirements and procedures for business participation opportunities for New York State-certified MWBE, and Equal Employment Opportunities (EEO) for minority group members and women. All forms can be found [here](#).

New York State Executive Law (Article 15-A)

Pursuant to New York State Executive Law Article 15-A and Parts 140-145 of Title 5 of the New York Codes, Rules and Regulations OCFS is required to promote opportunities for the maximum feasible participation of MWBE and the employment of minority group members and women in the performance of OCFS contracts.

MWBE Participation Opportunities – OCFS-Established Goals

For purposes of this solicitation, OCFS hereby establishes an overall goal of **30** percent for MWBE participation, **15** percent for New York State-certified Minority-Owned Business Enterprises (MBE) participation and **15** percent for New York State-Certified Women-Owned Business Enterprises (WBE) participation (based on the current availability of MBEs and WBEs). A contractor on any contract resulting from this procurement (Contract) must document its good faith efforts to provide meaningful participation by MWBE as subcontractors and suppliers in the performance of the contract. To that end, by submitting a response to this IFB, the respondent agrees that OCFS may withhold payment pursuant to any contract awarded as a result of this IFB pending receipt of the required MWBE documentation. An MWBE directory can be viewed at: <https://ny.newnycontracts.com>. For guidance on how OCFS will evaluate a contractor's "good faith efforts," refer to 5 NYCRR § 142.8.

The respondent understands that only sums paid to MWBE for the performance of a commercially useful function, as that term is defined in 5 NYCRR § 140.1, may

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be applied towards the achievement of the applicable MWBE participation goal. The portion of a contract with an MWBE serving as a broker that shall be deemed to represent the commercially useful function performed by the MWBE shall be 25 percent of the total value of the contract.

Contract Compliance

In accordance with 5 NYCRR § 142.13, the respondent further acknowledges that if it is found to have willfully and intentionally failed to comply with the MWBE participation goals set forth in a contract resulting from this IFB, such finding constitutes a breach of contract and OCFS may withhold payment as liquidated damages.

Such liquidated damages shall be calculated as an amount equaling the difference between: (1) all sums identified for payment to MWBE had the contractor achieved the contractual MWBE goals; and (2) all sums actually paid to MWBE for work performed or materials supplied under the contract.

By submitting a bid or proposal, a respondent agrees to demonstrate its good faith efforts to achieve the applicable MWBE participation goals by submitting evidence thereof through the New York State Contract System (NYSCS), which can be viewed at <https://ny.newnycontracts.com> provided, however, that a respondent also arranges to provide such evidence via a nonelectronic method by contacting OCFS.

Additionally, a respondent will be required to submit the following documents and information as evidence of compliance with the foregoing:

- A. An MWBE Utilization Plan with their bid or proposal. Any modifications or changes to an accepted MWBE Utilization Plan after the contract award and during the term of the contract must be reported on a revised MWBE Utilization Plan and submitted to OCFS for review and approval.

OCFS will review the submitted MWBE Utilization Plan and advise the respondent of OCFS acceptance or issue a notice of deficiency within 30 days of receipt.

- B. If a notice of deficiency is issued, the respondent will be required to respond to it within seven business days of receipt by submitting to OCFS a written remedy in response to the notice to mwbeinfo@ocfs.ny.gov. If the written remedy that is submitted is not timely or is found by OCFS to be inadequate, OCFS shall notify the respondent and direct the respondent to submit, within five business days, a request for a partial or total waiver of MWBE participation goals. Failure to file the waiver form in a timely manner may be grounds for disqualification of the bid or proposal.

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OCFS may disqualify a respondent as being non-responsive under the following circumstances:

- a) If a respondent fails to submit an MWBE Utilization Plan; or
- b) If a respondent fails to submit a written remedy to a notice of deficiency;
or
- c) If a respondent fails to submit a request for waiver; or
- d) If OCFS determines that the respondent has failed to document good-faith efforts.

The successful respondent will be required to attempt to use, in good faith, any MBE or WBE identified within its MWBE Utilization Plan, during the performance of the contract. Requests for a partial or total waiver of established goal requirements made subsequent to contract award may be made at any time during the term of the contract to OCFS but must be made before submitting a request for final payment on the contract.

The successful respondent will be required to submit a quarterly M/WBE Contractor Compliance and Payment Report to OCFS by the 10th day following each end of quarter over the term of the contract documenting the progress made toward achievement of the MWBE contract goals.

Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Requirements

By submitting a bid or proposal in response to this solicitation, the respondent agrees with all of the terms and conditions of Appendix A – Standard Clauses for All New York State Contracts, including Clause 12 - Equal Employment Opportunities for Minorities and Women. The respondent is required to ensure that it and any subcontractors awarded a subcontract for the construction, demolition, replacement, major repair, renovation, planning, or design of real property and improvements thereon (the work), except where the work is for the beneficial use of the respondent, undertake or continue programs to ensure that minority group members and women are afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, or marital status. For these purposes, equal opportunity shall apply in the areas of recruitment, employment, job assignment, promotion, upgrading, demotion, transfer, layoff, termination, and rates of pay or other forms of compensation. This requirement does not apply to: (i) work, goods, or services unrelated to the contract; or (ii) employment outside New York State.

The respondent will be required to submit [OCFS-3460, Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprises \(MWBE\) and Equal Employment Opportunity Policy Statement](#), to OCFS with its bid or proposal.

If awarded a contract, respondent shall submit a Workforce Utilization Report and shall require each of its subcontractors to submit the same, in a format that OCFS requires on a quarterly basis during the term of the contract.

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Pursuant to Executive Order No. 162, non-grant contractors and subcontractors will also be required to report the gross wages paid to each of their employees for the work performed by such employees on the contract utilizing the Workforce Utilization Report on a quarterly basis.

Further, pursuant to Article 15 of the Executive Law (the Human Rights Law) and all other state and federal statutory and constitutional non-discrimination provisions, the contractor and sub-contractors will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, military status, age, disability, predisposing genetic characteristic, marital status or domestic violence victim status, and shall also follow the requirements of the Human Rights Law with regard to non-discrimination on the basis of prior criminal conviction and prior arrest.

Please note: Failure to comply with the foregoing requirements may result in a finding of non-responsiveness, non-responsibility and/or a breach of the contract, leading to the withholding of funds, suspension, or termination of the contract or such other actions or enforcement proceedings as allowed by the contract.

4.14 Service-Disabled, Veteran-Owned Business (SDVOB)

[The Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Business Act](#), signed into law by Governor Andrew M. Cuomo on May 12, 2014, allows eligible veteran business owners to become certified as a New York State Service-Disabled, Veteran-Owned Business (SDVOB) in order to increase the participation of such businesses in New York State's contracting opportunities. The SDVOB Act, which is codified under Article 17-B of the Executive Law, acknowledges that SDVOBs strongly contribute to the economies of the state and the nation. Therefore, and consistent with its Master Goal Plan, OCFS strongly encourages vendors who contract with OCFS to consider using certified SDVOBs that are responsible and responsive for at least **six percent** of discretionary non-personnel service spending in the fulfillment of the requirements of their contracts with OCFS. Such partnering may include utilizing certified SDVOBs as subcontractors, suppliers, protégés, or in other supporting roles to the maximum extent practical and consistent with the legal requirements of the State Finance Law and the Executive Law. Certified SDVOBs may be readily identified through the directory of certified businesses at: [List of Certified NYS Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Businesses](#).

4.15 Anti-Kickback Act

The contractor understands that it must comply with federal Executive Order No. 11246, the Copeland "Anti-Kickback Act" (18 USC 874), Section 508 of the federal *Clean Air Act*, Section 306 of the federal *Clean Water Act*, and that it must certify that neither it nor its principals are debarred or suspended from federal financial assistance programs and activities and must complete and return in pursuit of such

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certification any appropriate form required by the State (see federal Executive Order No. 12549 and 7 CFR Part 3017).

4.16 Contractor Responsibility

If the selected offeror's proposal includes services provided by another firm, it shall be mandatory for the selected offeror to assume full responsibility for the delivery for such items offered in the proposal. Should the selected offeror seek external financing, the state reserves the right to approve the assignment of the contract for financing purposes. In any event, the State will contract only with an offeror, not the offeror's financing institution or subcontractors. The State shall consider the selected offeror to be the sole responsible contact regarding all provisions of the contract resulting from this IFB. Should an offeror wish to subcontract its responsibilities under this solicitation, OCFS requests that the prime contractor/vendor obtain approval.

4.17 Multiagency Use

The contract entered into pursuant to an award resulting from this IFB shall contain a provision that grants the option to extend the terms and conditions of such contract to any other state agency in New York State.

4.18 Contacts with Employees

1. From the issuance of this IFB, or upon the posting of it on a governmental entity's website, in a newspaper, or in the procurement opportunities newsletter, whichever is earlier, until final contract awards have been made and approved, all contact with OCFS personnel, except as otherwise specified herein, concerning this IFB must be made through the contact provided on the cover page of this IFB with the bid name in the subject line.
2. All questions and requests for clarification of this IFB should cite the particular IFB section and paragraph number and must be submitted via email no later than the Deadline for Submission of Written Questions specified below. Questions received after the deadline may not be answered.
3. Prospective offerors shall not approach state personnel with offers of employment during the procurement period or risk being disqualified from the procurement. Any offeror who is aware of a state employee who is considering employment with the offeror must advise the state immediately.

4.19 Procurement Lobbying Act

Pursuant to State Finance Law §§139-j and 139-k, this procurement imposes certain restrictions on communications between the State and a vendor during the procurement process. Vendors are restricted from making oral, written, or electronic contacts with New York State employees until OSC contract approval,

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other than to the point of contact as identified above. Statutory exceptions to vendor contact with other than the designated point of contact are listed below:

1. Submission of a written proposal in response to this procurement.
2. Submission of written questions before the proposal due date (note: the PLA does not allow the hiring manager to schedule interviews).
3. Complaints filed by a vendor stating that the designated point of contact has failed to respond in a timely manner.
4. Negotiations following task order award.
5. Debriefings to vendors that were not award recipients.
6. Filing of an appeal or protest.

New York State employees other than the designated point of contact who are contacted by a vendor are required to obtain and record certain information when contacted that could result in a finding of non-responsibility against the vendor. Such a finding can result in a rejection of a task order award, and in the event of two findings within a four-year period, the vendor would become debarred from obtaining New York State contracts. Further information about these requirements can be found at <https://ogs.ny.gov/acpl/>.

The *Procurement Lobbying Act* also requires that every procurement over \$15,000 include a certification by the vendor that all information provided to the agency is complete, true, and accurate with regard to prior non-responsibility determinations within the past four years based on (i) impermissible contacts or other violations of State Finance Law Section 139-j, or (ii) the intentional provision of false or incomplete information to a governmental entity. See [OCFS-4822, Procurement Lobbying Act – Offeror Certification Form](#), in the ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION, Content of Proposals Section of this IFB.

The State reserves the right to terminate the award resulting from this procurement if it finds that the certification filed by the offeror in accordance with New York State Finance Law §139-k was intentionally false or intentionally incomplete. Upon such finding, the State may exercise its termination right by providing written notification to the award recipient.

4.20 Public Officers Law

All offerors and their employees must be aware of and comply with the requirements of the New York State Public Officers Law and all other appropriate provisions of New York State law and all resultant codes, rules, and regulations from State laws establishing the standards for business and professional activities of State employees and governing the conduct of employees of firms, associations, and corporations in business with the State. In signing the proposal, each offeror guarantees knowledge and full compliance with those provisions for any dealings, transactions, sales, contracts, services, offers, relationships, etc. involving the State and/or State employees. Failure to comply with those provisions may result

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in disqualification from the bidding process and in other civil or criminal proceedings as required by law <https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/laws/PBO>.

4.21 **Vendor Responsibility**

New York State Finance Law requires that State agencies award contracts to responsible contractors, including but not limited to not-for-profit and for-profit vendors. Vendor responsibility will be determined based on the information provided by the offeror online through the New York State VendRep System questionnaire or through a paper copy of the vendor responsibility questionnaire. OCFS will review the information provided before making an award.

OCFS reserves the right to reject any proposal, if in the sole discretion, it determines the offeror is not a responsible vendor, or is not, or may not be, during the life of the contract, a stable financial entity. All proposals are subject to vendor responsibility determination before the award is made and the determination can be revisited at any point up to the final approval of the contract by OSC.

Enrolling and completing the questionnaire online through the New York State VendRep System is the best method because both the questionnaire and answers are stored in the system. Thus, subsequent questionnaires in response to contracts or solicitations from any State agency would only need to be updated in the system.

To access or enroll in the VendRep System or update your existing online questionnaire click here: [Online Questionnaire](#). Questionnaires in the VendRep System that have been completed in the last six months in response to contracts or bid announcements do not need to be updated. If the vendor is using the hard copy questionnaire, then it also must be current within six months of the due date of the proposal.

Vendors opting to complete a paper questionnaire, can access it here: [Paper Questionnaire](#). Please note that there are separate vendor responsibility questionnaires depending on the contractor status. The *Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire – Not-for-Profit Business Entity* form must be used by not-for-profit vendors. The *Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire – For-Profit Business Entity* form must be used by for-profit vendors.

Vendors are also encouraged to have subcontractors file the required vendor responsibility questionnaire online through the New York State VendRep System. These subcontractors are required to submit a questionnaire when the value of the subcontract is \$100,000 or more.

Before executing a subcontract agreement, the contractor needs to agree to provide the information required by OCFS to determine whether a proposed subcontractor is a responsible vendor.

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Vendors must provide their New York State vendor identification number when enrolling. To request a vendor identification number or for direct VendRep System user assistance, contact the OSC Help Desk at 866-370-4672 or 518-408-4672 or by email at ciohelpdesk@osc.ny.gov.

The New York State VendRep System offers the following benefits:

- Ease of completion, filing, access to, and submission of the questionnaire. Efficiencies are multiplied for vendors who bid and contract with the state frequently or with multiple state agencies.
- Questionnaire updates are easily filed by updating only those responses that require changes from the previously saved questionnaire (as opposed to a paper copy where a new questionnaire is required each time there is a change).
- The stored questionnaire information eliminates the need to reenter data for each subsequent questionnaire submission.
- Reduction of costs associated with paper documents including copying, delivery, and filing.
- Online questionnaire information is secure and accessible to authorized vendor users only. State agencies can only view certified and finalized questionnaires.
- VendRep question prompts ensure that the correct forms are completed.
- The VendRep online system contains links to all definitions of the terms used in the questionnaire.

Note: All vendor responsibility questionnaires must be dated within six months of the proposal due date. Any subcontractors under that proposed contract must also complete a vendor responsibility questionnaire when the value of the subcontract is projected to be \$100,000 or more for the contract term.

4.22 Workers' Compensation Law

New York State Workers' Compensation Law (WCL) and Section 142 of the State Finance Law require that businesses contracting with New York State HAVE and MAINTAIN workers' compensation and disability insurances. If an award is made from this IFB, updated proof of coverage must be submitted during contract development. Failure to submit the proof will delay the contract development process. Please note that the OSC has determined that municipalities are not required to show proof of coverage.

Proof of Workers' Compensation Coverage

To comply with coverage provisions of the WCL, the Workers' Compensation Board requires that a business seeking to enter into a state contract submit appropriate proof of coverage to the State contracting entity issuing the contract. For each new contract or contract renewal, the contracting entity must obtain ONE of the following forms from the contractor and submit to OSC to prove the contractor has appropriate workers' compensation insurance coverage. Access the forms at: <http://www.wcb.ny.gov/content/main/forms/AllForms.jsp>

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- **Form C-105.2** - *Certificate of Workers' Compensation Insurance* issued by private insurance carriers, or **Form U-26.3** issued by the State Insurance Fund³; or
- **Form SI-12⁴** - *Certificate of Workers' Compensation Self-Insurance*; or **Form GSI-105.2⁵** *Certificate of Participation in Workers' Compensation Group Self-Insurance*; or
- **CE-200⁶** - *Certificate of Attestation of Exemption* from New York State Workers' Compensation and/or Disability and Paid Family Leave Benefits coverage.

Proof of Disability Benefits Coverage

To comply with coverage provisions of the WCL regarding disability benefits, the Workers' Compensation Board requires that a business seeking to enter into a state contract must submit appropriate proof of coverage to the state contracting entity issuing the contract. For each new contract or contract renewal, the contracting entity must obtain one of the following forms from the contractor and submit to OSC to prove the contractor has appropriate disability benefits insurance coverage. The forms can be accessed at:

<http://www.wcb.ny.gov/content/main/forms/AllForms.jsp>

- **Form DB-120.1³** - *Certificate of Disability Benefits Insurance*; or
- **Form DB-120.2** – *Certificate of Participation in Disability Benefits Group Insurance*; or
- **Form DB-155⁷** - *Certificate of Disability Benefits Self-Insurance*; or
- **CE-200⁶** - *Certificate of Attestation of Exemption* from New York State Workers' Compensation and/or disability benefits coverage.

4.23 New York State Sales and Compensating Use Taxes

Tax Law Section 5-a, which was added to the Tax Law under Part N of Chapter 60 of the Laws of 2004, imposes upon certain contractors the obligation to certify whether the contractor and its affiliates are required to register to collect state sales and compensating use tax. Where required to register, the contractor must also certify that it is, in fact, registered with the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance (DTF). The law prohibits the OCS or other approving agency from approving a contract awarded to an offeror meeting the registration requirements but who is not registered according to law.

Pursuant to Tax Law Section 5-a, the contractor, upon award, will be required to complete and sign, under penalty of perjury, the *Contractor Certification* form [ST-220-TD](#) and the *Contractor Certification to Covered Agency* form, [ST-220-CA](#). The contractor must also submit a copy of the certificate of authority, if available, for itself and any affiliates required to register to collect state sales and compensating use tax. If certificates of authority are unavailable, the contractor, affiliate,

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subcontractor, or affiliate of subcontractor must represent that it is registered and that it has confirmed such status with DTF.

The above-noted ST-220-TD and ST-220-CA forms and additional information regarding New York State Sales and Compensating Use Taxes can be found at the following websites:

Publication 223

<http://www.tax.ny.gov/pdf/publications/sales/pub223.pdf>

ST-220-CA

http://www.tax.ny.gov/pdf/current_forms/st/st220ca_fill_in.pdf

ST-220-TD

http://www.tax.ny.gov/pdf/current_forms/st/st220td_fill_in.pdf

<https://www.tax.ny.gov/default.htm>

4.24 Confidentiality and Required Awardee, Contractor, Employee, and Volunteer Background Checks

OCFS is responsible for maintaining the safety of the youth served by its programs.

4.24.1 **Confidentiality** - New York State law requires that any client-identifiable information be kept confidential. Any awardee, or contractor, employee, or volunteer of the awardee, who will be provided with confidential information of recipients served by the awardee must complete and sign form OCFS-4715, [Confidentiality Non-Disclosure Agreement](#). This form must be completed before the start date of the contract and before any such awardee, contractor, employee, or volunteer is permitted access to youth served by an awardee or to any financial or client identifiable information concerning such youth. For additional information see Attachment A-1, **Section 7 Confidentiality and Protection of Human Subjects**, located at the link to a standard contract listed in section **4.27 Standard Contract Language** below.

4.24.2 **Required Awardee, Contractor, Employee, and Volunteer Background Checks** - Any awardee, or contractor, employee, or volunteer of the awardee who will have the potential for regular and substantial contact with youth in care or receiving residential services must be subject to background screening before hire or utilization in a position paid through this award. The screening must include a review of individuals' backgrounds through the following three services: New York State Justice Center for the Protection of Persons with Special Needs Staff Exclusion List (SEL), New York Statewide Central Register of Child Abuse and Maltreatment (SCR), and a criminal history background check via a vendor that will submit information to both the Division of Criminal Justice Services and the Federal Bureau of

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Investigation. Additional information about all three services will be provided if an award is granted. Please note that the grant of an award may be negatively impacted if background checks reveal that an individual proposed to provide services is on the SEL, is the subject of any indicated reports of child abuse and maltreatment or has convictions for one or more prior criminal offenses. Awardees are responsible for notifying OCFS if a background check reveals that a contractor, employee, or volunteer of the awardee proposed to provide services has a criminal history. OCFS will evaluate any criminal history revealed as a result of the screening pursuant to Correction Law Article 23-A, section 752, on a case-by-case basis taking into consideration the duties of the position and those factors set forth in Correction Law Article 23-A, section 753. OCFS will evaluate the results of the screening in accordance with Correction Law Article 23-A and notify the awardee of its determination. The awardee shall be responsible for the cost associated with any required background screens of the individuals identified in this section.

4.25 Consultant Disclosure Requirements

Chapter 10 of the Laws of 2006 requires collection and reporting of consulting services contracts by New York State vendors and State agencies during the April 1 through March 31 State Fiscal Year. The law took effect June 19, 2006. This form should include the projected employees and number of hours they will work. Instructions for completing this form can be found [here](#). A description of employment categories can be found [here](#).

- **Initial Report Requirements**

State contractors are required to disclose by employment category the number of persons projected to be employed who will provide services under a contract for consulting services, the number of hours that they will work, and the amount they will be paid working under the State contract. This will include information on any persons working under any subcontracts with the State contractor.

To comply with these reporting requirements, State contractors must complete and submit form [AC 3271-S NYS Consultant Services – Contractors Planned Employment \(Form A\)](#) to their OCFS contract manager with applicable contract documents.

- **Annual Report Requirements**

State contractors must also report each year on the actual employment information described above, including work performed by subcontractors. The report must include employment information for the period ending March 31 of each year. To comply with the annual reporting requirement, State contractors must complete form [AC 3272-S NYS Consultant Services – Contractors Annual](#)

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[Employment \(Form B\)](#) and submit it by April 30 of each year to the following offices:

Kevin Sweet
Bureau of Contract Management
New York State Office of Children and Family Services
52 Washington Street, South Building, Room 202
Rensselaer, New York 12144

New York State Office of the State Comptroller
Bureau of Contracts
110 State Street, 11th Floor
Albany, New York 12236
Attn: Consultant Reporting

New York State Department of Civil Service
ESP, Agency Building 1
19th Floor
Albany, New York 12239

4.26 OCFS Procedure for Handling Debriefing Requests, Formal Protests, and Appeals

A. Applicability

The intent and purpose of these procedures is to define the debriefing process, as well as the protest and appeal procedures. This includes the steps that must be taken when an interested party challenges a contract award from OCFS. These procedures shall apply to all contract awards made by OCFS.

B. Definitions

1. "Interested party" shall mean a participant in the procurement process and those whose participation in the procurement process has been foreclosed by OCFS.
2. "Contract award" shall mean a written determination from OCFS to an offeror, indicating that OCFS has accepted the offeror's bid or offer.
3. "Debriefing" is the practice whereby, upon request of a bidder, OCFS reviews with such bidder the reasons its bid was not selected for an award. OCFS views debriefing as a learning process so that the bidder will be better prepared to participate in future procurements.
4. "Formal protest" shall mean a written challenge to an OCFS contract award.
5. "Procurement" shall mean any method used to solicit or establish a contract (e.g., invitation for bid, request for proposal, single/sole source, etc.)

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6. "Protesting party" is the party who is filing a protest to the bid, contract award or other aspect of procurement.
7. "Formal protest determination" shall mean the determination of a formal protest by OCFS' deputy commissioner for administration or his or her designee.
8. "Decision after appeal" shall mean the decision on the appeal of a formal protest by OCFS' commissioner or his or her designee.

C. Debriefing Request

In accordance with section 163 of the NY State Finance Law, OCFS must, upon request, provide a debriefing to any unsuccessful offeror that responded to the IFB regarding the reasons that the proposal or bid submitted by the unsuccessful offeror was not selected for an award.

1. OCFS will provide notice in writing or electronically to all unsuccessful offeror's that the offeror will not receive a funded award under the IFB. An unsuccessful offeror wanting a debriefing must request a debriefing in writing within 15 calendar days of receiving the notice from OCFS that the offeror's proposal did not result in an award.
2. When OCFS receives a timely written request from the unsuccessful offeror, it will schedule the debriefing to occur within a reasonable period of time. Debriefings will be conducted in-person unless OCFS and the offeror mutually agree to utilize other means, including, but not limited to, telephone, video-conferencing, or other types of electronic communications.
3. Such debriefing will include: (a) the reasons that the proposal, bid, or offer submitted by the unsuccessful offeror was not selected for an award; (b) the qualitative and quantitative analysis employed by OCFS in assessing the relative merits of the proposals, bids, or offers; (c) the application of the selection criteria to the unsuccessful offeror's proposal; and (d) when the debriefing is held after the final award, the reasons for the selection of the winning proposal, bid, or offer. The debriefing will also provide, to the extent practicable, general advice and guidance to the unsuccessful offeror concerning potential ways for their future proposals, bids, or offers to be more responsive.

D. Formal Protest and Appeal Procedure

Any interested party who believes that they have been treated unfairly in the application, evaluation, bid award, or contract award phases of the procurement may present a formal protest to OCFS and request administrative relief concerning such action.

1. Submission of Bid or Award Protests

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Formal protests concerning a pending contract award must be received within five business days after the protesting party knows or should have known of the facts that constitute the basis of the formal protest. OCFS will not accept formal protests concerning a contract award after the contract between OCFS and the offeror has been approved by the NYS Office of the State Comptroller (OSC).

In addition, where a debriefing was requested, a bidder may file a protest within five business days from the debriefing (in addition to the original 10-day window from notice of award).

2. Review and Formal Protest Determination

- a. Formal protests must be filed with the OCFS deputy commissioner for administration. Any protests filed with the OCFS program division responsible for the procurement will be forwarded to the deputy commissioner for administration, who will then provide copies of all formal protests to the OCFS Division of Legal Affairs and other necessary parties within OCFS, as determined by the deputy commissioner for administration.
- b. Formal protests shall be resolved through written correspondence; however, either the protesting party or OCFS may request a meeting to discuss a formal protest. Where further formal resolution is required, the program division responsible for the procurement may designate a state employee not involved in the procurement (designee) to determine and undertake the initial attempted resolution or settlement of any formal protest.
- c. The OCFS program division responsible for the procurement will conduct a review of the records involved in the formal protest and provide a memorandum to the deputy commissioner for administration or the deputy commissioner's designee summarizing the facts, an analysis of the substance of the protest, and a preliminary recommendation including: (a) an evaluation of the findings and recommendations, (b) the materials presented by the protesting party and/or any materials required of or submitted by other bidders, (c) the results of any consultation with the OCFS Division of Legal Affairs, and (d) a draft response to the formal protest.
- d. The OCFS deputy commissioner for administration or his or her designee shall hear and make a formal protest determination on all formal protests. A copy of the formal protest determination, stating the reason(s) upon which it is based and informing the protesting party of the right to appeal an unfavorable decision to the OCFS commissioner, shall be sent to the protesting party or its agent within 30 business days of receiving the formal protest, except that upon

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notice to the protesting party, OCFS may extend such period. The formal protest determination will be recorded and included in the procurement record or otherwise forwarded to the OSC.

3. Appeal of Formal Protest Determination

- a. If the protesting party is not satisfied with the formal protest determination, the protesting party **must** submit a written notice of appeal to OCFS' commissioner no more than 15 business days after the date the formal protest determination is sent to the protesting party.
- b. The commissioner or his or her designee shall review the formal protest documentation and make a decision on all appeals.
- c. An appeal may not introduce new facts unless responding to facts or issues unknown to the protesting party before the formal protest determination.

4. Reservation of Rights and Responsibilities of OCFS

- a. OCFS reserves the right to waive or extend the time requirements for protest submissions, decisions, and appeals herein prescribed when, in its sole judgment, circumstances so warrant to serve the best interests of the State.
- b. If OCFS determines that there are compelling circumstances, including the need to proceed immediately with contract award and development of final contracts in the best interests of the State, then these protest procedures may be suspended, and such determination shall be documented in the procurement record.
- c. OCFS will consider all information relevant to the protest, and may, at its discretion, suspend, modify, or cancel the protested procurement action, including solicitation of bids, or withdraw the recommendation of contract award before issuance of a formal protest decision.
- d. Unless a determination is made to suspend, modify, or cancel the protested procurement action, or withdraw the recommendation of contract award, OCFS will continue procurement and contract award activity before the formal protest determination. Receiving a formal protest will not otherwise stop action on the procurement and award of the contract(s) or on development of final contracts.
 - i. The procurement record and awarded contract(s) will be forwarded to OSC, and a notice of the receipt of a formal protest and any appeal will be included in the procurement record. If a

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formal protest determination, or a decision after appeal, has been reached before transmittal of the procurement record and the contract(s) to OSC, a copy of the formal protest determination or decision after appeal will be included in the procurement record and with the contract(s).

- ii. If a formal protest determination or decision after appeal is made after the transmittal of the procurement record and contract(s) to OSC, but before OSC approval, a copy of the formal protest determination or decision after appeal will be forwarded to OSC when issued, along with a letter either: (a) confirming the original OCFS recommendation for award(s), (b) modifying the proposed award recommendation, or (c) withdrawing the original award recommendation.
- iii. All records related to formal protests and appeals shall be retained for at least one year following resolution of the formal protest. All other records concerning the procurement shall be retained according to the applicable requirements for records retention.

E. Appeal to the Office of the State Comptroller

If the protesting party is still unsatisfied with the result of its protest after conclusion of the formal protest and appeal procedure described above, the protesting party may file a written appeal with the OSC within 10 business days of the date the protesting party received OCFS' protest determination. An appeal to the OSC's Bureau of Contracts must be in writing and must contain the specific factual and/or legal allegations setting forth the basis upon which the protesting party challenges the contract award by OCFS. Such appeal must be filed with the director of the Bureau of Contracts at the NYS Office of the State Comptroller (OSC), 110 State Street, 11th Floor, Albany, NY 12236.

4.27 Standard Contract Language

The terms and conditions can be viewed [online by clicking on this link and are hereby incorporated into this IFB](#). By applying to this IFB, offerors agree that they have reviewed and understand the contract terms and conditions. Contracts awarded under this IFB must be approved by the New York State Office of the Attorney General (OAG) and the OSC before any payments are made on such contracts. Contractor obligations or expenditures before the contract start date shall not be reimbursed. Upon contract award and completion of negotiations, OCFS will send successful awardee(s) the complete contract for development and signature before submitting it to the OAG and to OSC for approval.

4.28 Appendix A - Standard Clauses for NYS Contracts

The offeror has read, understands, and accepts all provisions of Appendix A – Standard Clauses for NYS Contracts. Appendix A contains important information related to the contract to be entered into as a result of this IFB and will be incorporated, without change or amendment, into the contract entered into between OCFS and the selected offeror. By submitting a response to the IFB, the offeror agrees to comply with all the provisions of Appendix A. Please review the sample non-grant contract template, which includes Appendix A, available at <https://ocfs.ny.gov/main/contracts/docs/Non-Grant-Contract-Template.pdf>.

4.29 State Finance Law §139-I; Statement on Sexual Harassment in Bids

New York State Finance Law §139-I, effective January 1, 2019, requires, in relevant part, that “[e]very bid . . . made to the state or any public department or agency thereof, where competitive bidding is required by statute, rule or regulation, for work or services performed or to be performed or goods sold or to be sold, shall contain [a] statement subscribed by the bidder and affirmed by such bidder as true under the penalty of perjury. . . [that] ‘[b]y submission of this bid, 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, under penalty of perjury, that the bidder has and has implemented a written policy addressing sexual harassment prevention in the workplace and provides annual sexual harassment prevention training to all of its employees. Such policy shall, at a minimum, meet the requirements of section two hundred one-g of the labor law.’” The contractor must provide the foregoing certification before any award being made by OCFS. For additional guidance on drafting an appropriate sexual harassment policy and developing appropriate training please refer to State Finance Law §139-I and <https://www.ny.gov/combating-sexual-harassment-workplace/employers#top>

5. Contract Documents

The contract documents consist of the documents listed below.

1. Face Page
2. OCFS Agreement
3. Signatory Page
4. Appendix A
5. Appendix A-1 (Standard Clauses for all OCFS Contracts)
6. Appendix A3 (Federal language, when applicable)
7. Appendix B: Budget and Instructions
8. Appendix C: Payment and Reporting Schedule
9. Appendix D: Work Plan
10. Appendix HIPPA (when applicable)
11. Appendix MWBE
12. Appendix X

This sample contract is located on the **OCFS website** at the following link: <https://ocfs.ny.gov/main/contracts/docs/Non-Grant-Contract-Template.pdf>