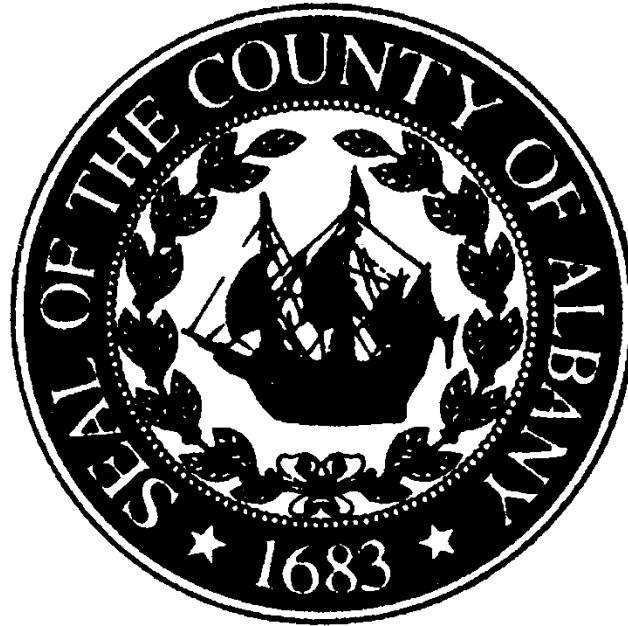


# **COUNTY OF ALBANY**

## **REQUEST FOR BIDS VARIOUS ALBANY COUNTY FACILITIES**



**RFB #2023-121**

### **SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF BOTTLED WATER**

**ALBANY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES  
PURCHASING DIVISION  
PAMELA O NEILL, PURCHASING AGENT  
112 STATE STREET, ROOM 1000  
ALBANY, NY 12207**

**COUNTY OF ALBANY  
DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES PURCHASING DIVISION  
112 STATE STREET, ROOM 1000, ALBANY, NY 12207  
TELEPHONE: 518-447-7140/ FAX: 518-447-5588**

**TITLE: Supply and Delivery of Bottled Water**  
**RFB NUMBER: 2023-121**

**Receipt Confirmation Form**

**Please complete and return this confirmation form as soon as possible:**

Pamela O Neill  
Purchasing Agent  
County of Albany  
112 State Street, Room 1000  
Albany, NY 12207

**IF YOU PLAN TO SUBMIT A BID, YOU MUST RETURN  
THIS FORM TO ENSURE THAT YOU WILL RECEIVE ALL  
FURTHER COMMUNICATION REGARDING THIS RFB.**

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

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

If a Bidders/Proposers meeting has been arranged for this Bid/RFP, please indicate if you plan to attend:  
 **Yes** /  **No**

I authorize the County of Albany to send further correspondence that the County deems to be of an urgent nature by the following method (check):

Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY OF ALBANY  
DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES  
PURCHASING DIVISION  
112 STATE STREET, ROOM 1000  
ALBANY, NY 12207

## NON-BIDDER RESPONSE

RFB #2023-121

The Albany County Department of General Services, Purchasing Division, is interested in the reasons why bidders fail to submit bids. Please indicate your reason(s) by checking all appropriate item(s) below and returning this form to the above address.

- Could not meet specifications or Scope of Services.
- Items or materials requested not manufactured by us or not available to our company.
- Insurance requirements are too restricting.
- Bond requirements are too restricting.
- Specifications or Scope of Services not clearly understood or applicable (too vague, too rigid, etc.).
- Project not suited to firm.
- Quantities too small.
- Insufficient time allowed for preparation of bid.
- Other reasons; please state and define:

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Vendor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Vendor Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Vendor Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS -- ALBANY COUNTY  
REQUEST FOR BIDS #2023-121**

Sealed Bids for Supply and Delivery of Bottled Water as requested by Various Albany County Facilities will be received by the Albany County Purchasing Agent, Room 1000, 112 State Street, Albany, New York 12207 until 11:00 AM, local time on Thursday, November 30, 2023.

Request for Bid (RFB) documents may be obtained at the office of the Albany County Purchasing Agent, as noted above. RFB documents may be available for download from the Empire State Bid System website at <http://www.empirestatebidsystem.com> starting by close of business (4:30 p.m.) on **Thursday, November 16, 2023**.

Pamela O Neill  
Purchasing Agent

Dated: Albany, New York  
November 9, 2023

PUBLISH ONE DAY – Thursday, November 16, 2023-- THE EVANGELIST  
PUBLISH ONE DAY – Thursday, September 16, 2023-- THE TIMES UNION

**COUNTY OF ALBANY**  
**REQUEST FOR BIDS**  
**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS**

**BID DISTRIBUTION- *IMPORTANT NOTICE***

The County of Albany officially distributes bidding documents through the Purchasing Division Office or through the Empire State Bid System website at <http://www.empirestatebidsystem.com>. Copies of bidding documents obtained from any other source are not considered official documents. Only those vendors who obtain bidding documents from either the Purchasing Division Office or the Empire State Bid System are guaranteed to receive addendum information, if such information is issued.

If you have obtained this document from a source other than the Albany County Purchasing Division or the Empire State Bid System, it is strongly recommended that you obtain an official copy.

**SECTION 1: BID IDENTIFICATION**

- 1.1 Title: **SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF BOTTLED WATER**
- 1.2 Requesting Department: **VARIOUS ALBANY COUNTY FACILITIES**
- 1.3 Bid Number: **2023-121**

**SECTION 2: PURPOSE**

- 2.1 The intent of these specifications is to furnish information to responsible bidders for the purpose of obtaining bids for Supply and Delivery of Bottled Water and Rental of Water Coolers as requested by Various Albany County Facilities.
- 2.2 Minority Business Enterprises (MBE's) and Women Business Enterprises (WBE's) are encouraged to apply.
- 2.3 The apparent Successful Bidder will be required to submit DBE participation information and, as a condition of receiving the contract, demonstrate good faith efforts in meeting DBE goals, as outlined in Article SC 19 of the Albany County Affirmative Action Plan, attached hereto.

**SECTION 3: BIDDING DOCUMENTS**

- 3.1 Complete sets of the Bidding Documents may be obtained or examined as stated in the Notice to Bidders.
- 3.2 Complete sets of Bidding Documents must be used in preparing bids. The County does not assume any responsibility for errors or misinterpretations resulting from the use of incomplete sets of Bidding Documents.

## **SECTION 4: SUBMISSION OF BIDS**

- 4.1 Bids and any other required documents must be submitted, sealed in an opaque envelope, plainly marked with the name and number of the bid and the name and address of the bidder and accompanied by the required documents. Bids must be received no later than **11:00 A.M. ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2023**, at the following address:

Pamela O Neill  
Albany County Purchasing Agent  
112 State Street, **Room 1000**  
Albany, NY 12207

- 4.2 All bids received after the time stated in the “Notice to Bidders”, or the bid submission deadline as modified by formal addendum consistent with Section 14 of this Request for Bids, may not be considered and will be returned to the bidder. The bidder assumes the risk of any delay in the mail or in the handling of the mail by employees of Albany County. Whether sent by mail or by means of personal delivery, the bidder assumes responsibility for having his bid deposited on time at the place specified.
- 4.3 Albany County reserves the right to reject any or all bids in whole or in part, to waive any and all informalities, and to disregard all non-conforming, non-responsive or conditional bids.

## **SECTION 5: TERM OF BID**

- 5.1 The bid shall be for the period of One (1) Year from the date of award to date ending. Prices shall remain firm for the entire bid period.**
- 5.2 At the end of the initial one year bid period, upon mutual agreement of the County and the Contractor, the agreement may be renewed for two (2) additional years, in two (2) consecutive one-year intervals. Renewal of multiple item bid awards shall be contingent upon renewal of all items; partial renewals shall not be accepted by the County.

## **SECTION 6: BID SECURITY**

- 6.1 There will be no bid security requested for this bid.

## **SECTION 7: QUALIFICATION OF BIDDER**

- 7.1 No formal written Bidder Qualification questionnaire is being requested for this bid.
- 7.2 All bidders shall submit the Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire (Attachment “C”) as part of the bid.
- 7.3 In addition, Albany County may make such investigations it deems necessary to determine the ability of the Bidder to perform the work. The bidder shall furnish to the County, within

five (5) days of a request, all such information and data for this purpose as may be requested. The County reserves the right to reject any bid if the information submitted by, or investigation of, a bidder fails to satisfy the County that such bidder is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the contract and to complete the work contemplated therein. Conditional bids will not be accepted.

**SECTION 8: SECTION NOT IN USE.**

**SECTION 9: DISQUALIFICATION**

9.1 The County reserves the right to refuse to issue Bidding Documents to a prospective bidder should such bidder be in default for any of the following reasons:

- (a) Failure to comply with any pre-qualification regulations of the County, if such regulations are cited, or otherwise included, in the Bidding Documents as a requirement for bidding.
- (b) Bidder's failure to pay, or satisfactorily settle, all bills due for labor and materials on former contracts in force (with the Owner) at the time the County issues the Bidding Documents to a prospective bidder.
- (c) Bidder's default under previous contracts with the County.
- (d) Bidder's unsatisfactory work on previous contracts with the County.

9.2 Bids received from bidders who have previously failed to complete contracts within the time required, or who have previously performed similar work in an unsatisfactory manner, may be rejected. A bid may be rejected if the bidder cannot show that it has the necessary ability, plant and equipment to commence the work at the time prescribed and thereafter to perform and complete the work at the rate or within the time specified. A bid may be rejected if the bidder is already obligated for the performance of other work which would delay the commencement, performance or completion of the work.

9.3 Albany County reserves the right to reject any bid if the information submitted by, or investigation of, such bidder fails to satisfy the County that such bidder is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the contract and to complete the work contemplated therein.

9.4 Bids will be considered irregular and shall be subject to rejection for the following reasons:

- (a) If the bid is on a form other than that furnished by Albany County, or, if the Albany County's form is altered, or, if any part of the bidding documents is detached.
- (b) If there are unauthorized additions, conditional or alternate pay items, or irregularities of any kind which make the bid incomplete, indefinite, or otherwise ambiguous.
- (c) If the bid is not accompanied by the bid security specified by the Albany County.

**SECTION 10: SECTION NOT IN USE.**

**SECTION 11: NON-COLLUSIVE BIDDING CERTIFICATE**

11.1 All bidders bidding under the provisions of the specifications are subject to the provisions of Section 103 of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York. A signed Non-Collusive Bidding Certificate (Attachment "A") is required to be submitted with each bid on the form provided by the County.

**SECTION 12: BID FORM**

12.1 The Bid Form is attached hereto; additional copies may be obtained from the County.

12.2 Bids must be made on the Bid Form provided by the County. The Bid Form must be completed in ink or by typewriter. The Bid Form must also be signed by an authorized representative of the bidder.

12.3 Bids by corporations must be executed in the corporate name by the president or a vice-president (or other corporate officer accompanied by evidence of authority to sign on behalf of the corporation) and the corporate seal must be affixed by the secretary or an assistant secretary. The corporate address and state of incorporation must be shown below the signature.

12.4 Bids by partnerships must be executed in the partnership name and signed by a partner, whose title must appear under the signature. The official address of the partnership must be shown below the signature.

12.5 All names must be printed or typed below the signature.

12.6 The bid must contain an acknowledgment of receipt of all Addenda (the number of which will be filled in on the Bid Form).

12.7 The address to which communications regarding the bid are to be directed must be included on the Bid Form.

**SECTION 13: EQUIVALENT GOODS**

13.1 Manufacturers name brands are listed to indicate minimum requirements and bidding may be on brands listed, (if specified), or equivalent. Specifications shall be furnished by bidder to support equivalency. In the event of any claim by any unsuccessful bidder concerning or relating to the issue of "equal or better" or "or equal", the successful bidder agrees, that his own cost and expense, to defend such claim or claims and agrees to hold the County of Albany free and harmless from any and all claims for loss or damage arising out of this transaction for any reasons.

**SECTION 14: SPECIFICATION CLARIFICATION**



14.1 All inquiries with respect to this Request for Bids must be directed to the Albany County Purchasing Agent as follows:

Pamela O Neill  
Albany County Purchasing Agent  
112 State Street, **Room 1000**  
Albany, NY 12207  
Telephone: (518) 447-7140  
Facsimile: (518) 447-5588  
Email: [pamela.oneill@albanycountyny.gov](mailto:pamela.oneill@albanycountyny.gov)

14.2 All questions about the meaning or intent of the specifications must be submitted to the aforementioned designated person in writing. Replies will be issued by Addenda mailed or delivered to all parties recorded as having received the bidding documents. Questions received less than four (4) days prior to the date of submission of bids will not be answered. The County will be bound only by responses given by formal written Addenda.

## **SECTION 15: BID EVALUATION**

15.1 Bids shall remain valid until:

- (a) the execution of a contract by Albany County; or
- (b) the award of a purchase order by Albany County; or
- (c) as otherwise rejected by Albany County.

15.2 Bids received will be evaluated by Albany County and will be based, as a minimum, upon the following criteria:

- (a) Lowest total bid cost and projected timetable for completion of services and/or delivery of goods described herein;
- (b) Completeness of the bid; and
- (c) Bidder's demonstrated capabilities and professional qualifications.

15.3 The County reserves the right to award this contract on a per item or aggregate basis, whichever is most beneficial to the County of Albany. Bidders need not submit bids for all items listed to be eligible for an award of this contract.

15.4 The County reserves the right to purchase items pursuant to General Municipal Law 103 from New York State Contracts, other County, political subdivision or district contracts, or other Governmental Agency or New York State Preferred Sources within its discretion.

## **SECTION 16: MODIFICATION AND WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS**

16.1 Bids may be modified or withdrawn at any time prior to the opening of bids by an appropriate document duly executed (in the manner that a bid must be executed) and delivered to the place where bids are to be submitted.

16.2 If, prior to awarding of the contract or within three days after opening, whichever period is shorter, any bidder files a duly signed written notice with the County and promptly thereafter demonstrates to the reasonable satisfaction of the County that there was a material and substantial mistake in the preparation of its bid, that bidder may withdraw its bid and the bid security will be returned.

## **SECTION 17: AWARD OF BID**

17.1 After the award has been approved by the proper County governing authority, the successful bidder will be issued a Notice of Award. A notice of contract award shall not be binding upon the County until the contract has been fully executed by both parties.

The following documents shall be incorporated, to the extent deemed appropriate in the sole discretion of the County, within the contract between Albany County and the apparent successful Bidder: the successful Bidder's bid, this Request For Bids and any written Addenda issued by Albany County in response to inquiries of prospective bidders as set forth in Section 12.2 hereof.

## **SECTION 18: PERFORMANCE BOND**

18.1 No Performance bond is requested for this bid.

## **SECTION 19: INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

19.1 The successful Bidder will be required to procure and maintain at its own expense the following insurance coverage:

- (a) **Workers' Compensation and Employers Liability Insurance:** A policy or policies providing protection for employees in the event of job-related injuries.
- (b) **Automobile Liability Insurance:** A policy or policies with the limits of not less than \$500,000 combined for each accident because of bodily injury sickness or disease, sustained by any person, caused by accident, and arising out of the ownership, maintenance or use of any automobile for damage because of injury to or destruction of property, including the loss of use thereof, caused by accident and arising out of the ownership, maintenance or use of any automobile.
- (c) **General Liability Insurance:** A policy or policies of comprehensive all-risk insurance with limits of not less than:

Liability For:	Combined Single Limit
Property Damage	\$1,000,000
Bodily Injury	\$1,000,000
Personal Injury	\$1,000,000

19.2 Each policy of insurance required shall be of form and content satisfactory to the Albany County Attorney.

- (a) The insurance policies shall name the County of Albany as certificate holder and primary/non-contributory additional insured on all liability policies. **The bid number must appear on policy.**
- (b) The policy shall not be changed or canceled until the expiration of thirty (30) days after written notice to Albany County. It shall be automatically renewed upon expiration and continued in force unless Albany County is given at least thirty (30) days written notice to the contrary.

19.3 No work shall be commenced under the contract or purchase order until the successful Bidder has delivered to the County Purchasing Agent or his designee proof of issuance of all policies of insurance required by the contract to be procured by the successful Bidder. If at any time, any of said policies shall expire or become unsatisfactory to the County, the successful Bidder shall promptly obtain a new policy and submit proof of insurance of the same to the County for approval. Upon failure of the successful Bidder to furnish, deliver and maintain such insurance as above provided, the contract or purchase order may, at the election of the County, be forthwith declared suspended, discontinued or terminated. Failure of the successful Bidder to procure and maintain any required insurance shall not relieve the successful Bidder from any liability under the contract, nor shall the insurance requirements be construed to conflict with the obligations of the successful Bidder concerning indemnification.

**SECTION 20: INDEMNIFICATION**

20.1 The successful Bidder shall defend, indemnify and save harmless the County, its employees and agents, from and against all claims, damages, losses and expenses (including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys’ fees) arising out of, or in consequence of, any negligent or intentional act or omission of the successful Bidder, its employees or agents, to the extent of its or their responsibility for such claims, damages, losses and expenses.

**SECTION 21: REMEDY FOR BREACH**

21.1 In the event of a breach by CONTRACTOR, CONTRACTOR shall pay to the COUNTY all direct and consequential damages caused by such breach, including, but not limited to, all

sums expended by the COUNTY to procure a substitute contractor to satisfactorily complete the contract work, together with the COUNTY's own costs incurred in procuring a substitute contractor.

## **SECTION 22: DELIVERY AND PAYMENT**

- 22.1 All bid prices shall include freight and shall be quoted F.O.B. destination.
- 22.2 Prior to payment, the items furnished and or work performed will be inspected by the Purchasing Agent or his designee to determine their conformity to specification. No payment will be made for items or work not meeting specification.
- 22.3 Payment will be made upon the submission of a completed Albany County Claim Form.
- 22.4 ALBANY COUNTY IS NOT SUBJECT TO FEDERAL, STATE OR LOCAL TAXES.

## **SECTION 23: CASH DISCOUNT**

- 23.1 Cash discounts may be offered by a bidder for prompt payment of bills, but such cash discounts will not be taken into consideration in determining the low bidder.
- 23.2 For purposes of any applicable cash discount, the payment date shall be calculated from the receipt of invoice or final acceptance of the goods, whichever is later.

## **SECTION 24: EXTENSION OF BIDS TO ALL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AND AUTHORIZED DISTRICTS LOCATED IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK**

- 24.1 It is the intent of this Request For Bids that all political subdivisions, and districts located in the State of New York, be entitled to make purchases of materials, equipment or supplies from the resulting the bid award.
- 24.2 No officer, board or agency of a county, town, village, or school district shall make any purchase through the County when bids have been received for such purchase by such officer, board or agency, unless such purchase may be made upon the same terms, conditions and specifications at a lower price through the County.
- 24.3 All purchases shall be subject to audit and inspection by the other political subdivisions for which the purchase was made.
- 24.4 All orders will be placed by the participating entities. Each participating entity shall be billed by and make payment directly to the successful Bidder.
- 24.5 Upon request, participating entities must furnish the successful Bidder with the proper tax exemption certificates or documentation of tax exempt status. (Purchase orders should have this information and be retained for documenting the tax exempt sale.)
- 24.6 The sole responsibility in regard to performance of the bid, or any obligation, covenant, condition or term thereunder by the successful Bidder and the participating entities will be

borne and is expressly assumed by the successful Bidder and the participating entities and not by Albany County. In the event of a failure or breach in performance of any such bid by a participating entity or the successful Bidder, Albany County, specifically and expressly disclaims any and all liability for such defective performance or breach, or failure of either party to perform in accordance with its obligations, covenants and the terms and conditions of this Albany County centralized bid.

## **SECTION 25: MACBRIDE PRINCIPLES**

- 25.1 Contractor/Proposer hereby represents that said contractor/proposer is in compliance with the MacBride Principles of Fair Employment as set forth in Albany County Local Law No. [3] for 1993, in that said contractor/proposer either (a) has no business operations in Northern Ireland or (b) shall take lawful steps in good faith to conduct any business operations in Northern Ireland in accordance with the MacBride Principles, and shall permit independent monitoring of their compliance with such principles. In the event of a violation of this stipulation, the County reserves all rights to take remedial measures as authorized under section 4 of Local Law No. [3] in 1993, including, but not limited to, imposing sanctions, seeking compliance, recovering damages, declaring the contract/proposer in default and/or seeking debarment or suspension of the contractor/proposer.
- 25.2 In the case of a contract which must be let by competitive sealed bidding, whenever the lowest bidder has not agreed to stipulate to the conditions set forth in this section, and another bidder who has agreed to stipulate to such conditions has submitted a bid within five percent of the lowest bid for a contract to supply goods, services or construction of comparable quality, the contracting entity shall refer the contract to the County Legislature, which shall determine whether the lowest bidder is responsible. In making such determination, the County Legislature may consider, as a factor bearing on responsibility, whether the lowest bidder discriminates in employment in Northern Ireland.
- 25.3 As used in this section, the term “contract” shall not include contracts with government and non-profit organizations, contracts awarded pursuant to an emergency procurement procedure or contracts, resolutions, indentures, declarations of trust or other instruments of authorizing or relating to the authorization, issuance, award, sale or purchase or bonds, certificates of indebtedness, notes or other fiscal obligations of the County, provided that the policies of this section shall be considered when selecting managing underwriters in connection with such activities.
- 25.4 The provisions of this section shall not apply to contracts for which the County receive funds administered by the United States Department of Transportation, except to the extent Congress has directed that the Department of Transportation not withhold funds from states and localities that choose to implement selective purchasing policies based on agreement to comply with the MacBride Principles, or to the extent that such funds are not otherwise withheld by the Department of Transportation.

## **SECTION 26: SECTION NOT IN USE**

**SECTION 27: SECTION NOT IN USE**

**SECTION 28: SECTION NOT IN USE**

**SECTION 29: AFFIRMATIVE ACTION REQUIREMENTS**

29.1 It is the policy of the County of Albany that Minority Business Enterprises (MBE) and Woman Business Enterprises (WBE) are afforded the maximum opportunity to participate in the performance of contracts, in excess of \$100,000, let by the County and its several agencies and authorities. The County commits itself to a goal oriented Contract Compliance Program which assures that Minority Business Enterprises and Woman Business Enterprises are considered in awarding contracts for goods, services and construction. Furthermore, it is the policy of the County of Albany that contractors and subcontractors utilize minority and women labor to the greatest extent feasible.

29.2 In bidding on this contract, the contractor acknowledges an understanding of this policy. The contractor shall carry out the policy by making every reasonable effort to award contracts and subcontracts to MBEs and WBEs and utilizing minority and women labor in the performance of this contract.

29.3 In an effort to assist contractors with compliance attached you will find the following:  
Article SC19-Affirmative Action Plan and Department of Affirmative Action Compliance Forms.

**SECTION 30: SECTION NOT IN USE**

**SECTION 31: INTERPRETATION**

31.1 In the event of any discrepancy, disagreement or ambiguity among the documents which comprise this RFB, and/or, the Agreement (between the County and the successful bidder/proposer) and its incorporated documents, the documents shall be given preference in the following order to interpret and to resolve such discrepancy, disagreement or ambiguity: 1) the Agreement; 2) the RFB; 3) the Contractor's bid.

**SECTION 32: NON APPROPRIATIONS CLAUSE**

32.1 Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, no default shall be deemed to occur in the event no funds or insufficient funds are appropriated and budgeted by or are otherwise unavailable to the County for payment under this Agreement. The County will immediately notify the Contractor of such occurrence and this Agreement shall terminate on the last day of the fiscal period for which appropriations were received without penalty or expense to the County of any kind whatsoever, except as to those portions herein agreed upon for which funds shall have been appropriated and budgeted.

**SECTION 33: IRANIAN ENERGY SECTOR DIVESTMENT**

33.1 Contractor/Proposer hereby represents that said Contractor/Proposer is in compliance with New York State General Municipal Law Section 103-g entitled “Iranian Energy Sector Divestment”, in that said Contractor/Proposer has not:

- (a) Provided goods or services of \$20 Million or more in the energy sector of Iran including but not limited to the provision of oil or liquefied natural gas tankers or products used to construct or maintain pipelines used to transport oil or liquefied natural gas for the energy sector of Iran; or
- (b) Acted as a financial institution and extended \$20 Million or more in credit to another person for forty-five days or more, if that person’s intent was to use the credit to provide goods or services in the energy sector in Iran.

33.2 Any Contractor/Proposer who has undertaken any of the above and is identified on a list created pursuant to Section 165-a (3)(b) of the New York State Finance Law as a person engaging in investment activities in Iran, shall not be deemed a responsible bidder pursuant to Section 103 of the New York State General Municipal Law.

33.3 Except as otherwise specifically provided herein, every Contractor/Proposer submitting a bid/proposal in response to this Request for Bids/Request for Proposals must certify and affirm the following under penalties of perjury:

- (a) “By 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 to the best of its knowledge and belief, that each bidder is not on the list created pursuant to NYS Finance Law Section 165-a (3)(b).”

Albany County will accept this statement electronically in accordance with the provisions of Section 103 of the General Municipal Law.

33.4 Except as otherwise specifically provided herein, any Bid/Proposal that is submitted without having complied with subdivision (a) above, shall not be considered for award. In any case where the Bidder/Proposer cannot make the certification as set forth in subdivision (a) above, the Bidder/Proposer shall so state and shall furnish with the bid a signed statement setting forth in detail the reasons therefor. The County reserves its rights, in accordance with General Municipal Law Section 103-g to award the Bid/Proposal to any Bidder/Proposer who cannot make the certification, on a case-by-case basis under the following circumstances:

- (1) The investment activities in Iran were made before April 12, 2012, the investment activities in Iran have not been expanded or renewed after April 12, 2012, and the Bidder/Proposer has adopted, publicized and is implementing a formal plan to cease the investment activities in Iran and to refrain from engaging in any new investments in Iran; or

- (2) The County of Albany has made a determination that the goods or services are necessary for the County to perform its functions and that, absent such an exemption, the County of Albany would be unable to obtain the goods or services for which the Bid/Proposal is offered. Such determination shall be made by the County in writing and shall be a public document.

**SECTION 34: SECTION NOT IN USE**

**SECTION 35: SECTION NOT IN USE**



# DETAILED MINIMUM SPECIFICATIONS

## REQUEST FOR BIDS #2023-121 BOTTLED WATER

### VARIOUS ALBANY COUNTY FACILITIES

- A. Bidders shall submit a copy of current drinking water certification from New York State Department of Health.
- B. Awarded vendor shall comply with Chapter 1 State Sanitary Code, Part 5 - Subpart 5-6.
- C. Water supplied must be “sodium free” (i.e. less than 5 mg/8 oz. Serving)
- D. Water shall be supplied in plastic, five-gallon containers with safety seal.
- E. There shall be NO deposit charges for bottles.
- F. Water dispensers shall be rented on a month-to-month basis. Bidder shall offer Hot/Cold dispensers and Cold only dispensers.
- G. Quantities listed on the attached Proposal Sheet are **Estimated Monthly Quantities Only**. There will be no charge for delivery.
- H. Awarded vendor shall maintain a regular delivery schedule based on the usage of each department (any floor of any building), as determined between the department and the awarded vendor. Water bottle deliveries shall occur at a minimum of every two weeks unless, otherwise directed by the department. Albany County employees shall not be responsible for placing any orders. The failure to complete delivery in accordance with the schedule determined by the department and the awarded vendor may result in non-payment of any subsequent/corrective delivery.
- I. At the time of delivery of water bottles and/or dispensers, a delivery receipt shall be signed by an authorized Albany County Employee from the department where delivery occurred. Failure to obtain a signed delivery receipt shall result in non-payment for that delivery.
- J. Payment for delivery of water bottles and/or dispensers shall include the submission of the signed delivery receipt, together with a completed Albany County Claim Form. Failure to submit both the signed delivery receipt and the required claim form shall result in non-payment for that delivery.

- K. Albany County reserves the right to inspect the water bottles and dispensers prior to acceptance and also reserves the right to reject any and all items not conforming to the RFB specifications.
- L. Water bottles and/or dispensers shall be replaced within 24 hours after the awarded vendor is notified of an existing problem.
- M. Current delivery locations are as follows, and Albany County reserves the right to add or delete delivery locations throughout the term of the Agreement.

### **Delivery Locations**

1. Albany County Office Building (Various Offices)  
112 State Street  
Albany, NY 12207
2. Albany County Court House (Various Offices)  
16 Eagle Street  
Albany, NY 12207
3. Albany County Department of Social Services (Various Offices)  
162 Washington Avenue  
Albany, NY 12201
4. Albany County Department of Public Works  
Main Office  
449 New Salem Road  
Voorheesville, NY 12186
5. Albany County Parks & Recreation  
390 New Salem Road  
Voorheesville, NY 12186
6. Albany County Parks & Recreation  
293 Lawson Lake Road  
Feura Bush, NY 12067  
SEASONAL
7. Albany County Sewer District North Plant  
1 Canal Road  
Menands, NY 12204

**DETAILED MINIMUM SPECIFICATIONS**  
**BID #2023-121**  
**Delivery Locations (Continued)**

8. Albany County Sewer District South Plant  
Church Street  
Port of Albany  
Albany, NY 12201
  
9. Albany County Departments of Health  
175 Green Street  
Albany, NY 12202
  
10. Albany County Mental Health Department  
260 South Pearl Street  
Albany, NY 12202
  
11. Albany County Hall of Records  
95 Tivoli Street  
Albany, NY 12207
  
12. Albany County Sheriff's Department E911  
26 Olive Street  
Clarksville, NY 12041
  
13. Albany County Correctional Facility  
830 Albany Shaker Road  
Albany, NY 12211
  
14. Albany County Hockey Facility  
18 Hockey Lane  
Albany, NY 12211
  
15. Albany County Probation  
Mercantile Building  
60 South Pearl Street  
Albany, NY 12207
  
16. Albany County Board of Elections  
260 South Pearl Street  
Albany, NY 12202

**DETAILED MINIMUM SPECIFICATIONS  
BID #2023-121**

**Delivery Locations (Continued)**

17. Albany County Judicial Center  
6 Lodge Street  
Albany, NY 12207
  
18. Albany County Family Court  
30 Clinton Avenue  
Albany, NY 12207
  
19. Albany County Shaker Place Rehabilitation and Nursing Center  
100 Heritage Lane  
Albany, NY 12211
  
20. Albany County Sheriff  
21 Voorheesville Avenue  
Voorheesville, NY 12186

**NOTE: ALL DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES LOCATIONS MUST BE BILLED TO GENERAL SERVICES, 112 STATE STREET, ROOM 1300, ALBANY, NY 12207. INVOICES MUST SHOW LOCATION OF DELIVERY, AND SHALL CONTAIN THE SIGNED DELIVERY RECEIPTS.**

# COUNTY OF ALBANY

## BID FORM

### BID IDENTIFICATION:

Title: **Supply and Delivery of Bottled Water**  
Bid Number: **2023-121**

### THIS BID IS SUBMITTED TO:

Pamela O Neill, Purchasing Agent  
Albany County Department of General Services  
Purchasing Division  
112 State Street, Room 1000  
Albany, NY 12207

1. The undersigned BIDDER proposes and agrees, if this Bid is accepted, to enter into a Contract with the owner in the form included in the Contract Documents to complete all Work as specified or indicated in the Contract Documents for the Contract Price and within the Contract Time indicated in this Bid and in accordance with the Contract Documents.
2. BIDDER accepts all of the terms and conditions of the Instructions to Bidders, including without limitation those dealing with the Disposition of Bid Security. This Bid may remain open for ninety (90) days after the day of Bid opening. BIDDER will sign the Contract and submit the Contract Security and other documents required by the Contract Documents within fifteen days after the date of OWNER'S Notice of Award.
3. In submitting this Bid, BIDDER represents, as more fully set forth in this Contract, that:
  - (a) BIDDER has examined copies of all the Contract Documents and of the following addenda: (If none, so state)

Date

Number

(receipt of all of which is hereby acknowledged) and also copies of the Notice to Bidders and the Instructions to Bidders;

- (b) BIDDER has examined the site and locality where the Work is to be performed, the legal requirements (federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules and regulations) and the conditions affecting cost, progress or performance of the Work and has made such independent investigations as BIDDER deems necessary;

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(c) This Bid is genuine and not made in the interest of or on behalf of any undisclosed person, firm or corporation and is not submitted in conformity with any agreement or rules of any group, association, organization or corporation; BIDDER has not directly or indirectly induced or solicited any other BIDDER to submit a false or sham Bid; BIDDER has not solicited or induced any person, firm or a corporation to refrain from bidding; and BIDDER has not sought by collusion to obtain for himself any advantage over any other Bidder or over the owner.

4. BIDDER will complete the Work for the following prices(s): (Attach Bid Proposal)
5. BIDDER agrees to commence the Work within the number of calendar days or by the specific date indicated in the Contract. BIDDER agrees that the Work will be completed within the number of Calendar days or by the specific date indicated in the contract.
6. The following documents are attached to and made a condition of this Bid:
  - (a) Non-Collusive Bidding Certificate (Attachment "A")
  - (b) Acknowledgment by Bidder (Attachment "B")
  - (c) Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire (Attachment "C")
  - (d) Iranian Energy Divestment Certification (Attachment "D")

7. Communication concerning this Bid shall be addressed to:

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Terms used in this Bid have the meanings assigned to them in the Contract and General Provisions.

# COUNTY OF ALBANY

## BID FORM

**BID IDENTIFICATION:**

Title:           **Supply and Delivery of Bottled Water**  
 Bid Number: **2023-121**

	<b>Item Description</b>	<b>Unit Price or Monthly Rental</b>	<b>Estimated Requirements Per Month</b>	<b>Total Price Per Month</b>
1	5 Gallon Water in Sealed Plastic Containers	\$           each	1,509+	\$
2	Top Loading Hot/Cold Dispenser Rental	\$           /month	148	\$
3	Bottom Loading Hot/Cold Dispenser Rental	\$           /month	3	\$
	Cup Dispenser & Cups	\$           / carton		\$
<b>ITEMS #1, #2, &amp; #3 MONTHLY TOTAL</b>				\$

**COUNTY OF ALBANY**

**BID FORM**

**BID IDENTIFICATION:**

Title: **Supply and Delivery of Bottled Water**  
Bid Number: **2023-121**

**COMPANY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY, STATE, ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TEL. NO.:** \_\_\_\_\_

**FAX NO.:** \_\_\_\_\_

**FEDERAL TAX ID NO.:** \_\_\_\_\_

**REPRESENTATIVE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-MAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNATURE AND TITLE:** \_\_\_\_\_

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



**ATTACHMENT "A"**  
**NON-COLLUSIVE BIDDING CERTIFICATE PURSUANT TO**  
**SECTION 103-D OF THE NEW YORK STATE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW**

A. By 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 organizations, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of knowledge and belief:

(1) The prices in this bid have been arrived at independently without collusion, consultation, communication, or agreement, for the purpose of restricting competition, as to any matter relating to such prices with any other bidder or with any competitor.

(2) Unless otherwise required by law, the prices which have been quoted in this bid have not knowingly been disclosed by the bidder and will not knowingly be disclosed by the bidder, directly or indirectly, prior to opening, to any bidder or to any competitor.

(3) No attempt has been made or will be made by the bidder to induce any other person, partnership or corporation to submit or not to submit a bid for the purpose of restricting competition.

A bid shall not be considered for award nor shall any award be made where (1), (2), and (3) above have not been complied with; provided, however, that in any case the bidder cannot make the foregoing certification, the bidder shall so state and shall furnish with the bid a signed statement which sets forth in detail the reasons thereof. Where (1), (2), and (3) above have not been complied with, the bid shall not be considered for any award nor shall any award be made unless the head of the Purchasing Unit to the political subdivision, public department, agency or official thereof to which the bid is made, or his designee, determines that such disclosure was not made for the purpose of restricting competition.

The fact that a bidder (a) has published price lists, rates, or tariffs covering items being procured, (b) has informed prospective customer of proposed or pending publication of new or revised price lists for such items, or (c) has sold the same items to other customers at the same prices being bid, does not constitute, without more, a disclosure within the meaning of paragraph "A" above.

B. Any bid hereafter made to any political subdivision of the state or any public department, agency or official thereof by a corporate bidder for work or services performed or to be performed or goods sold or to be sold, where competitive bidding is required by statute, rule, regulation, local law, and where such bid contains the certification referred to in paragraph "A" of this section, shall be deemed to have been authorized by the Board of Directors of the bidder, and such authorization shall be deemed to include the submission of the bid and the inclusion therein of the certificate as to non-collusion as the act and deed of the corporation

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company Name

**ATTACHMENT "B"**  
**ACKNOWLEDGMENT BY BIDDER**

If Individual or Individuals:

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ )  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ ) SS.:

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_\_, before me personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_ to me known and known to me to be the same person(s) described in and who executed the within instrument, and he (or they severally) acknowledged to me that he (or they) executed the same.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public, State of \_\_\_\_\_  
Qualified in \_\_\_\_\_  
Commission Expires \_\_\_\_\_

If Corporation:

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ )  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ ) SS.:

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_\_, before me personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_ to me known, who, being by me sworn, did say that he resides at (give address) \_\_\_\_\_; that he is the (give title) \_\_\_\_\_ of the (name of corporation) \_\_\_\_\_, the corporation described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seal of the corporation, and that the seal affixed to the instrument is such corporate seal; that it was so affixed by order of the board of directors of the corporation, and that he signed his name thereto by like order.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public, State of \_\_\_\_\_  
Qualified in \_\_\_\_\_  
Commission Expires \_\_\_\_\_

If Partnership:

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ )  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ ) SS.:

On the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_\_, before me personally came \_\_\_\_\_, to me known to be the individual who executed the foregoing, and who, being duly sworn, did depose and say that he / she is a partner of the firm of \_\_\_\_\_ and that he / she has the authority to sign the same, and acknowledged that he / she executed the same as the act and deed of said partnership.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public, State of \_\_\_\_\_  
Qualified in \_\_\_\_\_  
Commission Expires \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTACHMENT "C"**  
**ALBANY COUNTY**  
**VENDOR RESPONSIBILITY QUESTIONNAIRE**

1. VENDOR IS: <input type="checkbox"/> PRIME CONTRACTOR			
2. VENDOR'S LEGAL BUSINESS NAME		3. IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS a) FEIN # b) DUNS #	
4. D/B/A – Doing Business As (if applicable) & COUNTY FIELD:		5. WEBSITE ADDRESS (if applicable)	
6. ADDRESS OF PRIMARY PLACE OF BUSINESS/EXECUTIVE OFFICE		7. TELEPHONE NUMBER	8. FAX NUMBER
9. ADDRESS OF PRIMARY PLACE OF BUSINESS/EXECUTIVE OFFICE <i>IN NEW YORK STATE, if different from above</i>		10. TELEPHONE NUMBER	11. FAX NUMBER
12. AUTHORIZED CONTACT FOR THE QUESTIONNAIRE Name Title Telephone Number Fax Number e-mail			
13. LIST ALL OF THE VENDOR'S PRINCIPAL OWNERS.			
a) NAME	TITLE	b) NAME	TITLE
c) NAME	TITLE	d) NAME	TITLE
A DETAILED EXPLANATION IS REQUIRED FOR EACH QUESTION ANSWERED WITH A "YES," AND MUST BE PROVIDED AS AN ATTACHMENT TO THE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRE. YOU MUST PROVIDE ADEQUATE DETAILS OR DOCUMENTS TO AID THE COUNTY IN MAKING A DETERMINATION OF VENDOR RESPONSIBILITY. PLEASE NUMBER EACH RESPONSE TO MATCH THE QUESTION NUMBER.			
14. DOES THE VENDOR USE, OR HAS IT USED IN THE PAST FIVE (5) YEARS, ANY OTHER BUSINESS NAME, FEIN, or D/B/A OTHER THAN THOSE LISTED IN ITEMS 2-4 ABOVE? List all other business name(s), Federal Employer Identification Number(s) or any D/B/A names and the dates that these names or numbers were/are in use. Explain the relationship to the vendor.		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
15. ARE THERE ANY INDIVIDUALS NOW SERVING IN A MANAGERIAL OR CONSULTING CAPACITY TO THE VENDOR, INCLUDING PRICIPAL OWNERS AND OFFICERS, WHO NOW SERVE OR IN THE PAST ONE (1) YEARS HAVE SERVED AS:		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
a) An elected or appointed public official or officer? <i>List each individual's name, business title, the name of the organization and position elected or appointed to, and dates of service</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
b) An officer of any political party organization in Albany County, whether paid or unpaid? <i>List each individuals name, business title or consulting capacity and the official political position held with applicable service dates.</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

16.	<p>WITHIN THE PAST (5) YEARS, HAS THE VENDOR, ANY INDIVIDUALS SERVING IN MANAGERIAL OR CONSULTING CAPACITY, PRINCIPAL OWNERS, OFFICERS, MAJOR STOCKHOLDER(S) (10% OR MORE OF THE VOTING SHARES FOR PUBLICLY TRADED COMPANIES, 25% OR MORE OF THE SHARES FOR ALL OTHER COMPANIES), AFFILIATE OR ANY PERSON INVOLVED IN THE BIDDING OR CONTRACTING PROCESS:</p>	
a)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. been suspended, debarred or terminated by a local, state or federal authority in connection with a contract or contracting process;</li> <li>2. been disqualified for cause as a bidder on any permit, license, concession franchise or lease;</li> <li>3. entered into an agreement to a voluntary exclusion from bidding/contracting;</li> <li>4. had a bid rejected on an Albany County contract for failure to comply with the MacBride Fair Employment Principles;</li> <li>5. had a low bid rejected on a local, state or federal contract for failure to meet statutory affirmative action or M/WBE requirements on a previously held contract;</li> <li>6. had status as a Women's Business Enterprise, Minority Business Enterprise or Disadvantaged Business Enterprise, de-certified, revoked or forfeited;</li> <li>7. been subject to an administrative proceeding or civil action seeking specific performance or restitution in connection with any local, state or federal government contract;</li> <li>8. been denied an award of a local, state or federal government contract, had a contract suspended or had a contract terminated for non-responsibility; or</li> <li>9. had a local, state or federal government contract suspended or terminated for cause prior to the completion of the term of the contract.</li> </ol>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
b)	<p>been indicted, convicted, received a judgment against them or a grant of immunity for any business-related conduct constituting a crime under local, state or federal law including but not limited to, fraud extortion, bribery, racketeering, price-fixing, bid collusion or any crime related to truthfulness and/or business conduct?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
c)	<p>been issued a citation, notice, violation order, or are pending an administrative hearing or proceeding or determination of violations of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. federal, state or local health laws, rules or regulations.</li> </ol>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
17.	<p>IN THE PAST THREE (3) YEARS, HAS THE VENDOR OR ITS AFFILIATES <b>1</b> HAD ANY CLAIMS, JUDGMENTS, INJUNCTIONS, LIENS, FINES OR PENALTIES SECURED BY ANY GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY?          Indicate if this is applicable to the submitting vendor or affiliate. State whether the situation(s) was a claim, judgment, injunction, lien or other with an explanation. Provide the name(s) and address(es) of the agency, the amount of the original obligation and outstanding balance. If any of these items are open, unsatisfied, indicate the status of each item as "open" or "unsatisfied."</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
18.	<p>DURING THE PAST THREE (3) YEARS, HAS THE VENDOR FAILED TO:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) file returns or pay any applicable federal, state or city taxes?  <i>Identify the taxing jurisdiction, type of tax, liability year(s), and tax liability amount the vendor failed to file/pay and the current status of the liability.</i></li> <li>b) file returns or pay New York State unemployment insurance?  <i>Indicate the years the vendor failed to file/pay the insurance and the current status of the liability.</i></li> <li>c) Property Tax  <i>Indicate the years the vendor failed to file.</i></li> </ol>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
19.	<p>HAVE ANY BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDINGS BEEN INITIATED BY OR AGAINST THE VENDOR OR ITS AFFILIATES <b>1</b> WITHIN THE PAST SEVEN (7) YEARS (WHETHER OR NOT CLOSED) OR IS ANY BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDING PENDING BY OR AGAINST THE VENDOR OR ITS AFFILIATES REGARDLESS OR THE DATE OF FILING?          Indicate if this is applicable to the submitting vendor or affiliate. If it is an affiliate, include the affiliate's name and FEIN. Provide the court name, address and docket number. Indicate if the proceedings have been initiated, remain pending or have been closed. If closed, provide the date closed.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
20.	<p>IS THE VENDOR CURRENTLY INSOLVENT, OR DOES VENDOR CURRENTLY HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE THAT AN INVOLUNTARY BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDING MAY BE BROUGHT AGAINST IT? Provide financial information to support the vendor's current position, for example, Current Ration, Debt Ration, Age of Accounts Payable, Cash Flow and any documents that will provide the agency with an understanding of the vendor's situation.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

21. IN THE PAST FIVE (5) YEARS, HAS THE VENDOR OR ANY AFFILIATES<sup>1</sup>:  Yes  No

a) defaulted or been terminated on, or had its surety called upon to complete, any contract (public or private) awarded;

Indicate if this is applicable to the submitting vendor or affiliate. Detail the situation(s) that gave rise to the negative action, any corrective action taken by the vendor and the name of the contracting agency.

<sup>1</sup> “Affiliate” meaning: (a) any entity in which the vendor owns more than 50% of the voting stock; (b) any individual, entity or group of principal owners or officers who own more than 50% of the voting stock of the vendor; or (c) any entity whose voting stock is more than 50% owned by the same individual, entity or group described in clause (b). In addition, if a vendor owns less than 50% of the voting stock of another entity, but directs or has the right to direct such entity’s daily operations, that entity will be an “affiliate” for purposes of this questionnaire.

**ALBANY COUNTY  
VENDOR RESPONSIBILITY QUESTIONNAIRE**

FEIN #

State of:                    )  
                                  ) ss:  
County of:                 )

**CERTIFICATION:**

The undersigned: recognizes that this questionnaire is submitted for the express purpose of assisting the County of Albany in making a determination regarding an award of contract or approval of a subcontract; acknowledges that the County may in its discretion, by means which it may choose, verify the truth and accuracy of all statements made herein; acknowledges that intentional submission of false or misleading information may constitute a felony under Penal Law Section 210.40 or a misdemeanor under Penal Law Section 210.35 or Section 210.45, and may also be punishable by a fine and/or imprisonment of up to five years under 18 USC Section 1001 and may result in contract termination; and states that the information submitted in this questionnaire and any attached pages is true, accurate and complete.

The undersigned certifies that he/she:

- Has not altered the content of the questions in the questionnaire in any manner;
- Has read and understands all of the items contained in the questionnaire and any pages attached by the submitting vendor;
- Has supplied full and complete responses to each item therein to the best of his/her knowledge, information ad belief;
- Is knowledgeable about the submitting vendor's business and operations;
- Understands that Albany County will rely on the information supplied in the questionnaire when entering into a contract with the vendor;
- Is under duty to notify the Albany County Purchasing Division of any material changes to the vendor's responses.

Name of Business

Signature of Owner \_\_\_\_\_

Address

Printed Name of Signatory \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip

Title

Sworn before me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_;

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Attachment "D"**  
**Certification Pursuant to Section 103-g**  
**Of the New York State**  
**General Municipal Law**

- A. By submission of this bid/proposal, each bidder/proposer and each person signing on behalf of any bidder/proposer certifies, and in the case of a joint bid, each party thereto certifies as to its own organization, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of its knowledge and belief that each bidder is not on the list created pursuant to paragraph (b) of subdivision 3 of Section 165-a of the New York State Finance Law.
- B. A Bid/Proposal shall not be considered for award, nor shall any award be made where the condition set forth in Paragraph A above has not been complied with; provided, however, that in any case the bidder/proposer cannot make the foregoing certification set forth in Paragraph A above, the bidder/proposer shall so state and shall furnish with the bid a signed statement which sets forth in detail the reasons therefor. Where Paragraph A above cannot be complied with, the Purchasing Unit to the political subdivision, public department, agency or official thereof to which the bid/proposal is made, or his designee, may award a bid/proposal, on a case by case business under the following circumstances:
1. The investment activities in Iran were made before April 12, 2012, the investment activities in Iran have not been expanded or renewed after April 12, 2012, and the Bidder/Proposer has adopted, publicized and is implementing a formal plan to cease the investment activities in Iran and to refrain from engaging in any new investments in Iran; or
  2. The political subdivision makes a determination that the goods or services are necessary for the political subdivision to perform its functions and that, absent such an exemption, the political subdivision would be unable to obtain the goods or services for which the contract is offered. Such determination shall be made in writing and shall be a public document.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company Name

**County of Albany**  
**Article SC19- Affirmative Action Plan**

**STATEMENT OF POLICY**

The following is taken from Resolution No. 495 adopted by the Albany County Legislature on October 9, 2018.

Resolved, That the Albany County Legislature hereby approves and adopts the updates to the Affirmative Action Policy as reflected in the document annexed hereto, and be it further that the updated Affirmative Action Plan shall take effect immediately, and that the Commissioner of Human Resources and Director of the Division of Affirmative Action are directed to implement the policies reflected in the updated language of the Affirmative Action policy immediately and on a County-wide basis.

The following is taken from Resolution No. 26 adopted by the Albany County Legislature on June 10, 1996.

Resolved, By the Albany County Legislature that the Affirmative Action Plan so endorsed by the Albany County Executive and which is currently on file with the Clerk of the County Legislature, shall be the official plan of the County of Albany including the objectives, procedures and goals so stipulated.

It is the policy of the County of Albany that Minority Business Enterprises (MBE) and Woman Business Enterprises (WBE) are afforded the maximum opportunity to participate in the performance of contracts, in excess of \$100,000, let by the County and its several agencies and authorities. The County commits itself to a goal oriented Contract Compliance Program which assures that Minority Business Enterprises and Woman Business Enterprises are considered in awarding contracts for goods, services and construction. Furthermore, it is the policy of the County of Albany that contractors and subcontractors utilize minority and women labor to the greatest extent feasible.

In bidding on this contract, the contractor acknowledges an understanding of this policy. The contractor shall carry out the policy by making every reasonable effort to award contracts and subcontracts to MBEs and WBEs and utilizing minority and women labor in the performance of this contract.

**ANTI-DISCRIMINATION CLAUSE 220-E - NYS Labor Law.** Provisions in contracts prohibiting discrimination on account of race, creed, color or national origin in employment of citizens upon public works. Every contract for or on behalf of the state or a municipality for the construction, alteration or repair of any public building or public work or for the manufacture, sale or distribution of materials, equipment or supplies shall contain provisions by which the contractor with the state or municipality agrees: (a) That in the hiring of employees for the performance of work under this contract or any subcontract hereunder, no contractor, subcontractor, nor any person acting on behalf of such contractor or subcontractor, shall by reason of race, creed, color, disability, sex or national origin discriminate against any citizen of the state of New York who is qualified and available to perform the work to which the employment relates; (b) That no contractor, subcontractor, nor any person on his behalf shall, in any manner, discriminate against or intimidate any employee hired for the performance of work under this contract on account of race, creed, color, disability, sex or national origin; (c) That there may be deducted from the amount payable to the contractor by the state or municipality under this contract a penalty of fifty dollars for each person for each calendar day during which such person was discriminated against or intimidated in violation of the provisions of the contract; (d) That this contract may be cancelled or terminated by the state or municipality, and all moneys due or to become due hereunder may be forfeited, for a second or any subsequent violation of the terms or conditions of this section of the contract; and (e) The aforesaid provisions of this section covering every contract for or on behalf of the state or a municipality for the manufacture, sale or distribution of materials, equipment or supplies shall be limited to operations performed within the territorial limits of the state of New York.



## **ADMINISTRATION**

The County's Division of Affirmative Action is charged with the responsibility of monitoring Affirmative Action in all contracts. All County procurements will be made with an understanding that the complete participation of bona fide MBE and WBE shall be assured by balanced and equitable contract involvement.

The **subcontracting participation goals** for County public procurements are:

- to award 7% of the total dollar value of the contract to a certified MBE.
- to award 5% of the total dollar value of the contract to a certified WBE.

The **workforce goals** for County public procurements are as follows:

- 7% of the total workforce should be minorities.
- 5% of the total workforce should be women.

### **• CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Contractor's responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following. The Contractor **must**:

- 1) Submit to the Division of Affirmative Action a completed Schedule of MBE/WBE and Labor Performance or Request for Waiver within **fifteen (15) days** of receiving the Notice of Award.
- 2) Prior to being issued a Notice to Proceed, submit evidence of MBE/WBE contracts proposed to the Division of Affirmative Action.
- 3) Submit monthly utilization reports to the Division of Affirmative Action for review.
- 4) Immediately notify the Division of Affirmative Action of any changes during the project, especially if the change affects the Schedule of MBE/WBE and Labor Performance submitted for the project.
- 5) Make good faith efforts to replace an MBE/WBE subcontractor that is unable to perform successfully with another MBE/WBE.
- 6) Notify the Division of Affirmative Action of any suspected instances of companies fraudulently claiming MBE/WBE status.
- 7) If possible, provide any needed technical assistance to MBE/WBE firms under subcontract.
- 8) If possible, design payment schedules to minimize cash flow problems faced by MBEs/WBEs.
- 9) Maintain for three years such records as are necessary to determine compliance with MBE/WBE obligations and to submit regular reports to enable the Albany County MBE Officer to monitor this compliance.

### **• DEVELOPING A SCHEDULE OF MBE/WBE AND LABOR PERFORMANCE**

The Schedule of MBE/WBE and Labor Performance must detail:

1. The contractor's name, address, phone number, federal identification number and the total dollar value of the contract.
2. Whether the contract is a joint venture.
3. The MBE and WBE goal for the contract.
4. A brief description of each proposed subcontractor, including the name, address, phone number, federal identification number and the total dollar amount of each subcontractor.
5. An estimate of the total number of hours to be worked on the project.

### **• COMPLIANCE**

Each contractor must furnish monthly utilization reports while working on the project. The reports must detail the total number of hours worked, total minority /female labor hours and payments made to MBE and WBE firms.

- **WAIVER REQUEST FOR SUBCONTRACTING AND/OR LABOR PERFORMANCE**

Contractors which determine that the subcontracting and/or labor participation goals must cannot be achieved **must** request a waiver within **fifteen (15) days** of receiving the Notice of Award. The request must justify why the firm cannot accomplish the subcontracting and/or labor participation goals established for the project. The justification must detail actions taken to solicit MBE/WBE subcontractors, minority or female labor participation and the impediments encountered. Each waiver request will be evaluated individually. Submission of the request for waiver does **not** guarantee the requirements will be waived. Additional information or supporting documentation may be required to determine a contractor's good faith effort.

- **MBE/WBE RESPONSIBILITIES**

Each Minority Business Enterprise/Woman Business Enterprise shall:

1. Establish through certification that the company is a bona fide MBE/WBE. The Division of Affirmative Action reviews MBE/WBE eligibility status for contractors and subcontractors.
2. Exhibit an interest in bidding a particular project by attending pre-bid conferences and/or by responding timely to contract solicitations for bid quotations prior to bid date.
3. Be responsible for entering into all necessary contractual agreements.
4. Arrange for and supervise contract performance.
5. Secure equipment, materials and crew sufficient to complete their contract or subcontract.
6. Provide bonding, insurance and collateral as required for surety in contract performance.
7. Authorize payrolls, payments and reports as required for routine compliance.

*The County will accept MBE/WBE Certifications made by other governmental agencies which are in compliance with our DBE policy.*

## **SANCTIONS**

SC-19.5.1

If **CONTRACTOR** cannot meet the WBE/MBE participation goals, he must document to the Albany County MBE Officer, that he has made all positive efforts to achieve it. Failure to meet the goals or to document that all positive efforts have been made to achieve it may result in the County invoking any legal or equitable remedy available to the County for breach of contract including withholding future payments under the **CONTRACT** involved; disqualification of the **CONTRACTOR** from future contracting opportunities for a period not to exceed two years; and cancellation of the contract and declaration of forfeiture of the **PERFORMANCE BOND**.

A decision by the Albany County MBE Officer to invoke the above sanctions shall be issued in writing by registered mail. The **CONTRACTOR** shall have ten (10) days from receipt of the decision to appeal the MBE Officer's decision to the Grievance committee of the Albany County Legislature. Both sides of the dispute shall have the opportunity to be heard at a meeting of the Grievance Committee to be held within ten (10) days of the receipt of an appeal, and the Committee shall send a final decision to both sides within ten (10) days by registered mail (or hand delivery in the case of the MBE Officer's copy).

## **STANDARDS**

A **Minority Business Enterprise (MBE)** shall be any business enterprise which is at least fifty-one percent (51%) owned or in that case of a publicly-owned business, at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the common stock of which is owned, by a minority person(s), and such ownership interest is real, substantial and continuing. The minority ownership must have and exercise the authority to independently control the business decisions of the entity.

A **Woman Business Enterprise (WBE)** shall be any business enterprise which is at least fifty-one percent (51%) owned or in the case of a publicly-owned business, at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the common stock of which is owned, by a woman (women), and such ownership interest is real, substantial and continuing. The woman ownership must have and exercise the authority to independently control the business decisions of the entity. WBEs shall not be considered as MBEs unless 51% of the assets of the company is held by a minority person(s).

A **Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)** mean a business enterprise controlled by one or more socially or economically disadvantaged individuals and whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more socially and economically disadvantaged individuals who own it. Such disadvantaged may arise from cultural, racial, chronic economic circumstances or background or other similar cause. Such persons include, but are not limited to citizens of the United States (or lawfully admitted permanent residents) and who are African Americans, Puerto Ricans, Hispanic Americans, Asian-Pacific Americans, American Indians, Eskimos, Aleuts, Asian Indians and Women.

Minority: A person who is a member of one or more of the following groups:

- A) Black (not of Hispanic origin) – a person having origins in any of the Black racial group of Africa.
- B) Hispanic -- a person of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.
- C) Asian or Pacific Islander – a person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands. This area includes, for example, China, Japan, Korea, the Philippine Islands and Samoa.
- D) Native American or Alaskan Natives – a person having origins in any of the original peoples of North America, and who maintains cultural identification through tribal affiliation or community recognition.

Woman: A person who is of the feminine gender who are not otherwise classified as a minority. For

assistance or additional information, contact

County of Albany

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112 State Street, Room 900, Albany, NY 12207

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County of Albany  
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MBE/WBE Compliance Forms



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Albany County Executive

**County of Albany**  
**Schedule of MBE/WBE and Labor Performance**

The Division of Affirmative Action monitors subcontracting and labor participation for contracts let by agencies and authorities of Albany County. The Schedule of MBE/WBE and Labor Performance must be completed and submitted within 15 days of receiving the Notice of Award. The figures represent the contractor's best estimate of workforce needs and minority/female representation of that workforce.

Questions regarding completion of this form can be directed to the County of Albany, Division of Affirmative Action at (518) 447-7010.

Contractor: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Federal ID No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Project Cost: \_\_\_\_\_ Completion Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Contract Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Bidder is an approved  MBE  WBE

If yes, specify agency: \_\_\_\_\_

**Joint Venture**

MBE/WBE participation is broken down into Joint Ventures with Bidder, Subcontracting Construction, Trucking or Services, and Materials or Supplies. Joint ventures between the Prime Bidder and MBE/WBE firms are shown below. Joint Ventures with Bidder (check one):

No MBE/WBE joint ventures  
with Bidder on this Contract.

Bidder is joint venturing with the following firm(s)  
(Attach a copy of joint venture agreements to this form)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Federal ID No.: \_\_\_\_\_

MBE Share of Joint Venture: \_\_\_\_\_% x Total Bid Amount = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

WBE Share of Joint Venture: \_\_\_\_\_% x Total Bid Amount = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Sub-contractor Performance**

MBE Goal: 7% x Total Bid Amount = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

WBE Goal: 5% x Total Bid Amount = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide the information requested for **all** subcontractors participating on this project (include MBE/WBE firms).

Sub-contractor Name, Address, Phone	MBE, WBE or N/A	Amount of Sub-contract & Award Date	Description of Work (Trade)	Start Date Completion Date	Contracted Payment Schedule
	Select				
	Select				
	Select				
	Select				
	Select				
	Select				
	Select				
	Select				
	Select				
	Select				

I, \_\_\_\_\_, representative of \_\_\_\_\_ declare that the information provided is true and represents accurately my firm's efforts to comply with the Affirmative Action Policy. We shall continue to make every effort to ensure that MBE/WBE firms have the maximum opportunity to compete for, and perform contracts let by the County of Albany.

**SUBMIT MONTHLY**

**County of Albany MBE/WBE and  
Labor Performance  
Monthly Utilization Report**

This report must be completed by each firm working on the site and submitted to the General Contractor on a monthly basis. The General Contractor forwards the reports to the County of Albany, Division of Affirmative Action, 112 State Street, Room 900, Albany, NY 12207. Fax (518) 447-5560. For assistance, call (518) 447-7010.

Contractor: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Federal ID No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Project Cost: \_\_\_\_\_ Completion Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reporting Period:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Month** \_\_\_\_\_ **Year** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Trade</b>	<b>Number of Hours Worked by Minorities</b>	<b>Number of Hours Worked by Women</b>	<b>Number of Hours Worked by Non-Minorities</b>	<b>Total Hours Worked</b>
				0.00
				0.00
				0.00
				0.00
				0.00
				0.00
				0.00
				0.00
<b>Total(s):</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Information Provided By \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_





**County of Albany**  
**Waiver Request for MBE/WBE Subcontracting and/or Labor Performance**

If your firm has determined that it is not feasible to meet the subcontracting and/or labor performance goals specified in the contract, complete and return this form within fifteen days of the Intent to Award. The request must identify reasons why the firm cannot reach the labor and subcontractor goals applicable. The Division of Affirmative Action will evaluate each waiver individually. Please be advised that sub- mission of this request does not guarantee waiver of the requirements. Attach additional sheets if necessary. Please refer to the County of Albany Criteria for Establishing Good Faith Effort.

Contractor: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Federal ID No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Contract Type/Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Project Cost: \_\_\_\_\_

(  ) **Request Waiver of Minority/Women Labor Participation Goal. Please explain:**

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

Actions taken to include minority/women labor \_\_\_\_\_

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

(  ) **Request Waiver of Minority Subcontractor Participation Goal. Please explain:**

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

Actions taken to include MBE and/or WBE Subcontractor(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (Printed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

**County Of Albany**  
**Criteria for Establishing Good Faith Effort**

The following list of the good faith efforts criteria complies with NYS Executive Law, Article 15-A which should be considered for determining whether a contractor has documented good faith efforts:

1. Was a completed, acceptable utilization plan submitted in accordance with applicable requirements to meet goals for participation of certified minority and women-owned business enterprises established in the same contract?
2. Were advertisements placed in appropriate trade, general circulation and minority and women- oriented publications in a timely fashion?
3. Were written solicitations made in a timely fashion of certified minority and women-owned business enterprises listed in the directory of certified business?
4. Were timely responses to any such advertisements and solicitations provided by certified minority and women-owned business enterprises?
5. Did the contractor attend pre-bid, pre-award, or other meetings, if any, scheduled by the agency awarding the contract, with certified minority or women-owned business enterprises which the State or County agency determined were capable of performing the contract scope of work, for purposes of complying with goal requirements?
6. What efforts were undertaken by the contractor to reasonably structure the contract scope of work for purposes of subcontracting with certified minority and women-owned business enterprises?
7. How many minority and women-owned business enterprises in the directories of certified businesses could perform work required by the contract scope of work in your region?
8. What actions were taken to contact and assess the financial ability of certified minority and women- owned businesses enterprises to participation on the contract, and which enterprises are located out- side of the region in which the contract scope of work was or will be performed?
9. Were relevant plans, specification or terms and conditions of the contract, necessary to prepare an informed response to a contractor solicitation, provided in a timely fashion to certified minority or women-owned business enterprises?
10. What subcontract terms and conditions were offered to certified minority and women- owned business enterprises, and how do those subcontract terms and conditions compare to those offered in the ordinary course of the contractor's business and to other subcontractors of the contractor?
11. Has the contractor made payments for work performed by certified minority and women- owned business enterprises in a timely fashion so as to facilitate continued performance by certified minority or women-owned business enterprises?
12. Has the contractor offered to make up any inability to comply with the minority and women-owned business enterprise goals established in a contract, in other contracts being performed or to be awarded to the contractor?