



GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Unless the vendor is specifically instructed otherwise or specifically deleted on this form, the following terms and conditions apply to all contracts or purchase agreements made with The College of New Jersey. These terms are in addition to any terms and conditions set forth in a solicitation and should be read in conjunction with same unless specifically indicated otherwise. In the event that the vendor would like to present terms and conditions that are in conflict with these terms and conditions or proposes changes or modifications or takes exception to any of The College's terms and conditions, the vendor must present those conflicts in writing prior to the submission of their proposal/bid for the required goods/services. Any conflicting terms and conditions that the College is willing to accept will be reflected in writing. Any cross out or change in the College's terms and conditions at time of proposal/bid submission may be a factor in determining an award of contract or purchase agreement.

Vendors are notified by this statement that all terms and conditions will become a part of any contract or order awarded as a result of a request for proposal whether stated in part, in summary, or by reference. In the event a vendor's terms or conditions conflict with a State law and/or the College's terms and conditions, the State law or College's terms and conditions will prevail.

The vendor's status pursuant to all contracts or purchase agreements shall be that of an independent contractor and not of an employee of The College or the State of New Jersey.

1. STATE LAW REQUIRING MANDATORY COMPLIANCE BY ALL VENDORS

1.1 CORPORATE AUTHORITY-N.J.S.A. 14A:13-3 requires that all corporations be authorized to do business in the State of New Jersey. Corporations incorporated out of the State must file a Certificate of Authority with the Secretary of State, Department of State, State House, Trenton, New Jersey.

1.2 ANTI-DISCRIMINATION-All parties to any contract with The College of New Jersey agree not to discriminate in employment and agree to abide by all anti-discrimination laws including those contained in N.J.S.A 10:2-1 through 10:2-4, N.J.S.A. 10:5-1 et seq. and N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 through 10:5-38, and all rules and regulations issued thereunder.

1.3 PREVAILING WAGE ACT-The New Jersey Prevailing Wage Act N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.26 et seq. is hereby made a part of every contract entered into on behalf of The College of New Jersey except those contracts which are not within the contemplation of the Act. The vendor's signature on his proposal guarantees that neither the firm nor any subcontractors employed to perform the work covered by his proposal has been suspended or debarred by the Commissioner of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development for violation of the provisions of the Prevailing Wage Act and/or the Public Works Contractor Registration Acts; the vendor's signature on the proposal is also his guarantee that he and any subcontractors he might employ to perform the work covered by his proposal will comply with the provisions of the Prevailing Wage and Public Works Contractor Registration Acts, where required.

1.4 WORKER AND COMMUNITY RIGHT TO KNOW ACT-The provisions of N.J.S.A. 34:5A-1 et seq which require the labeling of all containers of hazardous substances are applicable to this contract. Therefore, all goods offered for purchase to The College must be labeled by the vendor in compliance with the provisions of the Act.

1.5 OWNERSHIP DISCLOSURE-Contracts for any work, goods, or services exceeding \$17,500 cannot be issued to any firm unless the firm has disclosed the names and addresses of all its owners holding 10% or more of the firm's stock or interest. Refer to N.J.S.A. 52:25-24.2.

1.6 COMPLIANCE-STATE LAWS-It is agreed and understood that any contracts and/or orders placed as a result of this proposal shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey. The laws of the State of New Jersey shall determine the rights and obligations of the parties hereto.

A. Business Registration – As a condition to entering into a State contract, effective January 18, 2010, pursuant to an amendment to N.J.S.A. 52:32-44, State and local entities are prohibited from entering into a contract exceeding \$4,950 with an entity unless the vendor and subcontractor as applicable each has a valid Business Registration Certificate on file with the Division of Revenue.

The contractor and any subcontractor providing goods or performing services under the contract, and each of their affiliates, shall, during the term of the contract, collect and remit to the Director of the Division of Taxation in the Department of the Treasury the use tax due pursuant to the “Sales and Use Tax Act, P.L. 1966, c. 30 (N.J.S.A. 54:32B-1 et seq.) on all their sales of tangible personal property delivered into the State. Any questions in this regard can be directed to the Division of Revenue at (609) 292-1730. Form NJ-REG can be filed online at <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/revenue/busregcert.htm>.

B. Public Works Contractor Registration Act - The New Jersey Public Works Contractor Registration Act requires all contractors, subcontractors and lower tier subcontractors who bid on or engage in any contract for public work as defined in N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.26 be first registered with the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development. Any questions regarding the registration process should be directed to the Division of Wage and Hour Compliance at (609) 292-9464 or <http://www.nj.gov/labor/lssse/lspubcon.html>.

C. The contractor must comply with all provisions of the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA), P.L. 101-336, in accordance with 42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.

D. Certification and Disclosure of Political Contributions – Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.14 et seq (P.L. 2005, C 51 and EO no. 117), The College is prohibited from entering into contracts exceeding \$17,500 with individuals or entities that made certain political contributions. Prior to awarding any contract or agreement, the vendor shall submit the Certification and Disclosure form to The College, for review and approval by the State Treasurer or his designee, certifying that no contributions prohibited by either Chapter 51 or Executive Order 117 have been made by the vendor and reporting all contributions the vendor made during the preceding four years to any political organization organized under 26 U.S.C.527 of the Internal Revenue Code that also meets the definition of a “continuing political committee” within the mean of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-3(n) and N.J.A.C. 19:25-1.7.

E. Political Contribution Disclosure – For any contract exceeding \$17,500, with the exception of contracts awarded as a result of the public advertising for bids, the vendor must comply with the requirements of P.L. 2005, c.271.

F. Annual ELEC Disclosure - Contractor is advised of its responsibility to file an annual disclosure statement on political contributions with the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission (ELEC), pursuant to N.J.S.A 19:44A-20.27 (P.L. 2005, c. 271, section 3 as amended) if the contractor receives contracts in excess of \$50,000 from a public entity in a calendar year. It is the contractor’s responsibility to determine if filing is necessary. Failure to so file can result in the imposition of financial penalties by ELEC. Additional information about this requirement is available from ELEC at 888-313-3532 or at www.elec.state.nj.us.

G. Compliance Codes - The contractor must comply with NJUCC and the latest NEC70, B.O.C.A. Basic Building code, OSHA and all applicable codes for this requirement. The contractor will be responsible for securing and paying all necessary permits, where applicable.

H. Buy American Act - Pursuant to N.J.S.A 52:32-1 and 52:33-1 et. seq., if manufactured items or farm products will be provided under this contract to be used in public work or a public contract, they shall be manufactured or produced in the United States and the vendor shall be required to so certify provided this

requirement is not inconsistent with the public interest, the cost not unreasonable, nor the requirement impractical.

I. MacBride Principles – The vendor must comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 52:34-12.2 that it either has no ongoing business activities in Northern Ireland and does not maintain a physical presence therein or that it will take lawful steps in good faith to conduct any business operations it has in Northern Ireland in accordance with the MacBride Principles of nondiscrimination in employments as set forth in N.J.S.A. 52:18A:89.5 and in conformance with the United Kingdom's Fair Employment (Northern Ireland) Act of 1989, and permit independent monitoring of their compliance with those principles.

J. Service Performed in the U.S. – Under N.J.S.A. 52:34-13.2, all contracts primarily for shall be performed with the United States, except when the Contracting Officer certifies in writing a finding that a required service cannot be provided by a contractor or subcontractor within the United States.

1.7 COMPLIANCE-LAWS-The vendor must comply with all local, state, and federal laws, rules, and regulations applicable to this contract and to the goods delivered and/or services performed hereunder.

2. LIABILITIES

2.1 LIABILITY-COPYRIGHT-The vendor shall hold and save The College of New Jersey and its officers, agents, students, and employees harmless from liability of any nature or kind for or on account of the use of any copyrighted or uncopyrighted composition, secret process, patented or unpatented invention, article or appliance furnished or used in the performance of any contract awarded pursuant to this proposal.

2.2 INDEMNIFICATION-The vendor shall assume all risk of and responsibility for any and all claims, demands, suits, actions, recoveries, judgments, and costs and expenses in connection therewith on account of the loss of life, property, or injury or damage to the person, body or property of any person or persons whatsoever which shall arise from or result directly or indirectly from the work and/or materials supplied under this contract; and additionally agrees to indemnify, defend, and save harmless The College of New Jersey and its officers, agents, students, and employees from and against such proceedings. This indemnification obligation is not limited by, but is in addition to, the insurance obligations contained in this agreement.

2.3 INSURANCE BY THE CONTRACTOR: The insurance shall be of the kinds and in the amounts required in this paragraph, and shall be issued by insurance companies approved to do business in New Jersey. The College of New Jersey, the State of NJ, and the NJ Educational Facilities Authority shall be named as an additional insured on the policies. The Contractor expressly agrees that any insurance protection required by this contract shall in no way *limit* the Contractor's obligations under this contract, and shall not be construed to relieve the Contractor from liability in excess of such coverage. Nor shall it preclude the College from taking such actions as are available to it under any other provisions of this contract or law. The successful vendor shall secure and maintain in force, for the term of the contract, liability insurance as provided herein. The certificate shall not be cancelled for any reason except after 30 days written notification to the Purchasing Department for The College of New Jersey.

A. The insurance to be provided by the successful bidder shall be as follows:

1. Commercial General Liability policy as broad as the standard coverage form currently in use in the State of New Jersey, which shall not be circumscribed by any endorsements limiting the breadth of coverage. The policy shall include an endorsement (broad form) for contractual liability and products liability (completed operations). Limits of liability shall not be less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence for bodily injury liability and \$1,000,000 per occurrence for property damage liability.

2. Comprehensive General Automobile Liability policy covering owned, non-owned, and hired vehicles with minimum limits of \$1,000,000 combined single limits.

3. Worker's Compensation Insurance applicable to laws of the State of New Jersey and Employers Liability Insurance with a limit of not less than \$500,000.

4. Professional Liability Insurance (consultants) Consultant must maintain Professional Liability Insurance with minimum limits of liability that shall not be less than a combined single limit of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) per claim. The professional liability insurance shall be maintained for a period of not less than two years following the actual completion and acceptance of the Project by The College's Contracting Officer. Should the Consultant change carriers during the term of this contract, it shall obtain from its new carrier an endorsement for retroactive coverage.

B. Upon request, the successful vendor will provide certificates of such insurance to the Purchasing Department prior to the start of the contract and periodically during the course of a multi-year contract.

C. EVIDENCE OF INSURANCE. The Contractor shall when this contract is signed and before beginning the work required under this contract, provide the College with valid certificates of insurance signed by an insurance provider or authorized agent or underwriter to evidence the Contractor's insurance coverage as required in this paragraph, and also copies of the policies themselves. The certificates of insurance shall specify that the insurance provided is of the types and in the amounts required in this paragraph, and that the policies cannot be canceled except after 30 days written notice to the College.

D. CANCELLATION. The certificates of insurance shall provide for 30 days written notice to the College before any cancellation, expiration or non-renewal during the term the insurance is required by this contract. The Contractor shall also be required to provide the College with valid certificates of renewal when policies expire. The Contractor shall also, when requested, provide the College with additional copies of each policy required under this contract, which are certified by an agent or underwriter to be true copies of the policies issued to the Contractor.

E. REMEDIES FOR LACK OF INSURANCE. If the Contractor fails to renew any of its required insurance policies, or any policy is canceled, terminated or modified, the College may refuse to pay monies due under this contract. The College, in its sole discretion and for its sole benefit, may use monies retained under this paragraph to attempt to renew the Contractor's insurance or obtain substitute coverage if possible for the College's sole benefit, and may invoke other applicable remedies under the contract including claims against the Contractor and its surety. During any period when the required insurance is not in effect, the College may also, in its sole discretion, either suspend the work under the contract or terminate the contract.

3. TERMS GOVERNING ALL PROPOSALS TO THE COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY

3.1 CONTRACT AMOUNT-The amount of any contract negotiated, as a result of this proposal shall not be construed as either the maximum or the minimum amount, which the College shall be obligated to order.

3.2 CONTRACT PERIOD AND EXTENSION OPTION-If, in the opinion of the Contracting Officer it is in the best interest of the College to extend any contract awarded as a result for a period of all or any part of a year, the vendor will be so notified of the intent at least 30 days prior to the expiration date of the existing contract. If the extension is acceptable to the vendor, at the original prices and on the original terms, notice will be given to the vendor by the College's Contracting Officer in writing. Unless otherwise specified in such cases, a new Performance Bond may be required of the vendor on a pro rata basis of the original Performance Bond to cover the period of the extension.

3.3 VENDOR RIGHT TO PROTEST INTENT TO AWARD

A. Except in cases of emergency, vendors have the right to protest the Contracting Officer's award of the contract as announced in the notice of intent to award. Unless otherwise stated, a vendor's protest must be received no later than seven business days after the date on the notice of intent to award. In the public interest, the Contracting Officer may shorten the protest period, but shall provide at least 48 hours for vendors to respond to a proposed award.

B. A protest must be in writing and delivered to the Contracting Officer. It must include the specific grounds for challenging the award.

C. The Contracting Officer shall render the College's decision within 10 days to the protesting vendor.

3.4 TERMINATION OF CONTRACT

A. Change of Circumstances:

1. Where the circumstances or needs of the College significantly change or the contract is otherwise deemed no longer to be in the public interest, the Contracting Officer may terminate the contract.

2. The vendor must, where practicable, be given 30 days written notice and an opportunity to respond.

B. For Cause:

1. Where a vendor fails to perform or comply with a contract and fails to comply with the College's complaints procedure in N.J.A.C. 17:12-4.2 et seq., the Contracting Officer may terminate the contract subsequent to ten days written notification to the vendor and an appropriate opportunity for the vendor to respond.

2. When a vendor executes a contract poorly as evidenced by formal complaint, late delivery, and poor performance of service, short-shipping etc., the Contracting Officer may terminate the contract subsequent to ten days written notification to the vendor and an appropriate opportunity for response. In exceptional situations the Contracting Officer may reduce the period of notification and discretionary dispense with an opportunity to respond.

C. For Convenience:

1. Notwithstanding any provision or language in this contract to the contrary, the Contracting Officer may terminate at any time, in whole or in part, any contract for the convenience of The College, upon no less than 30 days written notice to the vendor.

D. In the event of termination under this section, the vendor will be compensated for work performed in accordance with the contract, up to the date of termination. Such compensation may be subject to adjustments.

3.5 COMPLAINTS-Where a vendor has a history of performance problems as evidenced by formal complaints and/or contract cancellation for cause pursuant to 3.4.B, that vendor may be bypassed for any future contract awards unless the vendor submits with proposal documentation (See N.J.A.C. 17:12-2.8):

A. An explanation of the past performance difficulties and the reasons for such occurrences.

B. An outline of corrective action taken by the vendor to preclude future recurrences of the same or similar problems in the event the vendor is awarded the contract.

3.6 SUBCONTRACTING OR ASSIGNMENT-The contract may not be subcontracted or assigned by the vendor, in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of the Contracting Officer. Such consent, if granted, shall not relieve the vendor of any of his responsibilities under the contract. In the event that a vendor proposes to subcontract for the services to be performed under the terms of the contract award, it shall be stated in the proposal and a list of subcontractors and an itemization of the subcontract services to be supplied will be attached, for approval prior to award of the contract. Nothing contained in the specifications shall be construed as creating any contractual relationship between a subcontractor and the College.

3.7 PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE OF VENDOR-The vendor hereby certifies that:

A. The equipment offered is standard new equipment, is the manufacturer's latest model in production with parts regularly used for the type of equipment offered and that such parts are all in production and not likely to be discontinued; also, that no attachment or part has been substituted or applied contrary to manufacturer's recommendations and standard practice.

B. All equipment operated by electrical current is UL listed where applicable.

C. All new machines are guaranteed as fully operational for the period stated in the RFP from time of written acceptance by The College. The vendor will render prompt service without charge, regardless of geographic location.

D. Sufficient quantities of parts for the proper service to equipment will be maintained at distribution points and service headquarters.

E. Trained technicians are regularly employed in the territory to provide service and repairs to equipment within 48 hours or a period of time accepted as customary industry practice.

F. Any material/equipment rejected for failure to meet the specifications or requirements of the College shall be immediately replaced by the vendor with properly specified equipment/material. Such replacement shall be completely at the vendor's expense.

G. All services rendered to the College shall be performed in strict and full compliance with the specifications of the contract.

1. A service contract shall not be considered complete until final approval by the College is rendered.
2. Payment for services rendered may not be made until final approval is given by the College.

H. Vendor's obligations under this contract is in addition to the vendor's other expressed or implied assurances under this contract or New Jersey State Law and in no way diminishes any other rights that the College may have against the vendor for faulty material, equipment, or work.

I. Bid and Performance Security

a. Bid Security – If bid security is required, such security must be submitted with the bid in the amount listed in the Request for Proposal, see N.J.A.C. 17: 12- 2.4. Acceptable forms of bid security are as follows:

1. A properly executed individual or annual bid bond issued by an insurance or security company authorized to do business in the State of New Jersey, a certified or cashier's check drawn to the order of The College of New Jersey.

2. The College will hold all bid security during the evaluation process. As soon as is practicable after the completion of the evaluation, the College will:

a. Issue an award notice for those offers accepted by the State;

b. Return all bond securities to those who have not been issued an award notice.

All bid security from contractors who have been issued an award notice shall be held until the successful execution of all required contractual documents and bonds (performance bond, insurance, etc. If the contractor fails to execute the required contractual documents and bonds within thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of award notice, the contractor may be found in default and the contract terminated by the College. In case of default, the College reserves all rights inclusive of, but not limited to, the right to purchase material and/or to complete the required work in accordance with the New Jersey Administrative Code and to recover any actual excess costs from the contractor. Collection against the bid security shall be one of the measures available toward the recovery of any excess costs.

b. Performance Security - If performance security is required, the successful bidder shall furnish performance security in such amount on any award of a term contractor line item purchase, see N.J.A.C. 17: 12- 2.5.

Acceptable forms of performance security are as follows:

1. The contractor shall be required to furnish an irrevocable security in the amount listed in the bid or Request for Proposal payable to The College of New Jersey, binding the contractor to provide faithful performance of the contract.

2. The performance security shall be in the form of a properly executed individual or annual performance bond issued by an insurance or security company authorized to do business in the State of New Jersey, a certified or cashier's check drawn to the order of The College of New Jersey.

The Performance Security must be submitted to the College within 30 days of the effective date of the contract award and cover the period of the contract and any extensions thereof. Failure to submit performance security may result in cancellation of contract for cause pursuant to provision 3.5b,1, and nonpayment for work performed.

3.8 DELIVERY GUARANTEES-Deliveries shall be made at such time and in such quantities as ordered in strict compliance with the conditions contained in the contract. The vendor shall be responsible for the delivery of material in first class condition and in accordance with good commercial practice. Items delivered must be strictly in accordance with bid specifications. In the event delivery of goods or services is not made within the time frame specified or under the schedule stipulated in the specifications, the College may obtain the goods or services from any available source and the difference in price, if any, will be paid by the vendor failing to fulfill the commitment.

3.9 RIGHT TO INSPECT VENDOR'S FACILITIES-The College reserves the right to inspect the vendor's establishment before making an award, for the purposes of ascertaining whether the vendor has the necessary facilities for performing the contract. The College may also consult with clients of the bidder during the evaluation of bids. Such consultation is intended to assist the College in making a contract award which is most advantageous to the College.

3.10 RIGHT TO FINAL ACCEPTANCE-The College reserves the right to reject any or all bids, or to award a contract in whole or in part if deemed to be in the best interest of the College, price and other factors considered. In case of tie bids, the contract shall be awarded at the discretion of the Contracting Officer to the vendor or vendors best meeting all of the specifications and conditions.

3.11 MAINTENANCE OF RECORD-The vendor shall maintain records for products and/or services delivered against the contract for a period of three (3) years from the date of final payment. Such records shall be made available to the College upon request.

3.12 Extension of Contract to Other Institutions – It is understood and agreed that in addition to The College, other New Jersey higher education institutions may also participate in this contract at the same pricing, terms, etc.

3.13 MERGERS, ACQUISITIONS - If, during the term of this contract, the contractor shall merge with or be acquired by another firm, the contractor shall give notice to the College as soon as practicable and in no event longer than thirty (30) days after said merger or acquisition. The contractor shall provide such documents as may be requested, which may include but need not be limited to the following:

- a. Corporate resolutions prepared by the awarded contractor and new entity ratifying acceptance of the original contract, terms, conditions and prices.
- b. updated information including ownership disclosure and Federal Employer Identification Number

3.14 Right to Request further Information-The College reserves the right to request all information which may assist in making a contract award, including factors necessary to evaluate the bidder's financial capabilities to perform the contract. Further the College reserves the right to request a bidder to explain, in detail, how the bid prices were determined.

3.15 BID ACCEPTANCES AND REJECTIONS - The provisions of N.J.A.C. 17:12-2.6 et. seq. through 17:12-2.12 relating to the right to waive minor elements of non-compliance and defines causes for automatic bid rejection apply to all proposals and bids.

4. TERMS RELATING TO PRICE QUOTATION

4.1 PRICE FLUCTUATIONS DURING CONTRACT-Unless otherwise noted by the College, all prices quoted shall be firm and not be subject to increase during the period of the contract. In the event of a manufacturer's price decrease during the contract period, the College shall receive the full benefit of such price reduction on any subsequent orders for goods or services. The Purchasing Department must be notified in writing of any price reduction within five (5) days of the effective date.

Failure to report price reductions may result in cancellation of contract for cause.

4.2 DELIVERY COSTS-Unless noted otherwise in the specification, all quoted prices shall include delivery F.O.B. Destination. The vendor shall assume all liability and responsibility for the delivery of merchandise in good condition to The College of New Jersey or any other location specified by the contract. F.O.B. Destination shall be interpreted as platform delivery to the Receiving Department of the College or other receiving point indicated in the contract. In certain instances spot deliveries may be specified and required. No additional freight charges will be payable for transportation costs resulting from partial shipments made for the vendor's convenience when a single shipment is ordered.

4.3 COD TERMS-Unless otherwise stated COD terms are not acceptable and such contingency shall constitute just cause for automatic rejection of a bid.

4.4 TAX CHARGES-The College of New Jersey is exempt from the New Jersey sales or use tax pursuant to Section 9(a)(1) of the New Jersey Sales and Use Tax Act N.J.S.A. 54:32B-1 et seq. Additionally, the College is exempt from Federal Excise Tax. An exemption certificate or number is not required for The College of New Jersey to make tax-exempt purchases. Official requests on College letterhead or official purchase orders signed by a qualified officer is sufficient proof for the vendor of exemption from paying the sales tax. Vendors should not include tax charges in their price quotations or on subsequent invoices for purchased goods or services. The College's Federal Employer Identification Number is 222797398.

4.5 PAYMENT TO VENDORS-Payments for goods and/or services purchased by the College will only be made after receipt of contracted items and approval of the invoice for payment. The College obligation hereunder is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds from which payment for contract purposes can be made.

New Jersey Prompt Payment Act –The New Jersey Prompt Payment Act N.J.S.A. 52:32-32 et seq. requires state agencies to pay for goods and services within sixty (60) days of the agency's receipt of a properly executed invoice or within sixty (60) days of receipt and acceptance of goods and services, whichever is later. Properly executed performance security, when required, must be received by the College prior to processing any payments for goods and services accepted by the College. Interest will be paid on delinquent accounts at a rate established by the State Treasurer. Interest will not be paid until it exceeds \$5.00 per properly executed invoice.

Cash discounts and other payment terms included as part of the original agreement are not affected by the Prompt Payment Act.

4.6 CASH DISCOUNTS-Cash discounts for periods of less than 21 days will not be considered as factors in the award of contracts. For purposes of determining the College's compliance with any discount offered:

A. A discount period shall commence on the date of a properly executed vendor invoice for products and services that have been duly accepted by the College in accordance with terms, conditions and specifications of a valid Contract/Purchase Order. If the invoice is received prior to delivery of the goods or performance of services, the discount period begins with the receipt and acceptance of the goods or completion of services.

B. The date of the check issued by the College in payment of an invoice shall be deemed the date of the College's response to an invoice for cash discount purposes.

4.7 RECIPROCITY – In accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:32-1.4 and N.J.A.C. 17:12-2.13, the College will invoke reciprocal action against an out-of-State bidder whose state or locality maintains a preference practice for their bidders.

5. FORCE MAJEURE

If, because of force majeure, either party hereto is unable to carry out any of its obligations under this contract, other than the obligations to pay money due hereunder, and if such party promptly gives to the other party hereto written notice of such force majeure, then the obligations of the party giving such notice shall be suspended to the extent made necessary by such force majeure and during its continuance, provided that the party giving such notice shall use its best efforts to remedy such force majeure insofar as possible with all reasonable dispatch. The term "force majeure" as used herein shall mean any causes beyond the control of the party affected thereby, such as, but not limited to, acts of God, act of public enemy, insurrections, riots, strikes, lockouts, labor disputes, fire, explosions, floods, breakdowns, or damage to plants, equipment or facilities, embargoes, orders, or acts of civil or military authority, or other causes of a similar nature. Upon the cessation of the force majeure event, the party that had given original notice shall again promptly give notice to the other party of such cessation.

6. STANDARDS PROHIBITING CONFLICTS OF INTEREST - The following prohibitions on vendor activities shall apply to all contracts or purchase agreements made with the State of New Jersey, pursuant to Executive Order No. 189 (1988).

a. No vendor shall pay, offer to pay, or agree to pay, either directly or indirectly, any fee, commission, compensation, gift, gratuity, or other thing of value of any kind to any State officer or employee or special State officer or employee, as defined by N.J.S.A. 52:13D-13b and e., in the Department of the Treasury or any other agency with which such vendor transacts or offers or proposes to transact business, or to any member of the immediate family, as defined by N.J.S.A. 52:13D-13i., of any such officer or employee, or partnership, firm or corporation with which they are employed or associated, or in which such officer or employee has an interest within the meaning of N.J.S.A. 52:13D-13g.

b. The solicitation of any fee, commission, compensation, gift, gratuity or other thing of value by any State officer or employee or special State officer or employee from any State vendor shall be reported in writing forthwith by the vendor to the Attorney General and the Executive Commission on Ethical Standards.

c. No vendor may, directly or indirectly, undertake any private business, commercial or entrepreneurial relationship with, whether or not pursuant to employment, contract or other agreement, express or implied, or sell any interest in such vendor to, any State officer or employee or special State officer or employee or special State officer or employee having any duties or responsibilities in connection with the purchase, acquisition or sale of any property or services by or to any State agency or any instrumentality thereof, or with any person, firm or entity with which he is employed or associated or in which he has an interest within the meaning of N.J.S.A. 52: 130-13g. Any relationships subject to this provision shall be reported in writing forthwith to the Executive Commission on Ethical Standards, which may grant a waiver of this restriction upon application of the State officer or employee or special State officer or employee upon a finding that the present or proposed relationship does not present the potential, actuality or appearance of a conflict of interest.

d. No vendor shall influence, or attempt to influence or cause to be influenced, any State officer or employee or special State officer or employee in his official capacity in any manner which might tend to impair the objectivity or independence of judgment of said officer or employee.

e. No vendor shall cause or influence, or attempt to cause or influence, any State officer or employee or special State officer or employee to use, or attempt to use, his official position to secure unwarranted privileges or advantages for the vendor or any other person.

f. The provisions cited above in paragraph 6a through 6e shall not be construed to prohibit a State officer or employee or Special State officer or employee from receiving gifts from or contracting with vendors under the same terms and conditions as are offered or made available to members of the general public subject to any guidelines the Executive Commission on Ethical Standards may promulgate under paragraph 6c.

NOTICE TO ALL BIDDERS SET-OFF FOR STATE TAX NOTICE - Please be advised that, pursuant to P.L. 1995, c. 159, effective January 1, 1996, and notwithstanding any provision of the law to the contrary, whenever any taxpayer, partnership or S corporation under contract to provide goods or services or construction projects to the State of New Jersey or its agencies or instrumentalities, including the legislative and judicial branches of State government, is entitled to payment for those goods or services at the same time a taxpayer, partner or shareholder of that entity is indebted for any State tax, the Director of the Division of Taxation shall seek to set off that taxpayer's or shareholder's share of the payment due the

taxpayer, partnership, or S corporation. The amount set off shall not allow for the deduction of any expenses or other deductions which might be attributable to the taxpayer, partner or shareholder subject to set-off under this act.

The Director of the Division of Taxation shall give notice to the set-off to the taxpayer and provide an opportunity for a hearing within 30 days of such notice under the procedures for protests established under R.S. 54:49-18. No requests for conference, protest, or subsequent appeal to the Tax Court from any protest under this section shall stay the collection of the indebtedness. Interest that may be payable by the State, pursuant to P.L. 1987, c.184 (c.52:32-32 et seq.), to the taxpayer shall be stayed.

APPLICABLE LAW - This contract is subject to New Jersey law, including but not limited to the New Jersey Contractual Liability Act, N.J.S.A. 59:13-1, et seq. and the New Jersey Tort Claims Act, N.J.S.A. 59:1-1, et seq. This Agreement and all matters or issues collateral to it, shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the law of the State of New Jersey, without regard to its conflict of law provisions.