

NIAGARA FALLS WATER BOARD
REQUEST FOR SEALED BIDS FOR:
SLUDGE DEWATERING (BFP) TREATMENT POLYMER
BID #W2022-04

Bids on items as specified herein shall be accepted by the Purchasing Division, 745 Main Street, Room 214, Niagara Falls, New York 14301 on behalf of the Niagara Falls Water Board ("Board") until **11:45 A.M. on Wednesday, December 14, 2022**, and opened at that time.

All bids are subject to delivery and must comply with the delivery specifications contained herein.

If a bid is submitted on an article intended as a substitute for a grade or brand specified, the vendor shall state the grade or brand of the substitution, otherwise it will be assumed that the bid is based upon the grade or brand specified.

The Board reserves the right to accept this bid by items, or as a whole, or to reject any and all bids or waive informalities.

Bid prices are to be shown NET. Cash discounts, if any, are to be clearly stated.

Prices must be filled in mechanically or in ink on this form and placed in a **SEALED ENVELOPE CLEARLY MARKED WITH THE BID NUMBER AND THE NAME OF THE VENDOR SUBMITTING THE BID.**

Any and all bids and contracts made or awarded by the Board, or any department, agency or official thereof for work or services performed or to be performed, or goods purchased or sold or to be purchased or sold are made subject to the provisions of Chapter 861 of the Laws of New York, 1953, as amended by Chapter 751 of the Laws of New York, and as now contained or may hereafter be amended. The provisions of the New York State General Municipal Law, including Sections 103a and 103b, are applicable to this bid.

VENDOR'S ATTENTION IS REQUESTED REGARDING THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS AND REGULATIONS. BIDS NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE CONDITIONS AND REGULATIONS CONTAINED HEREIN WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

NON-COLLUSIVE BIDDING CERTIFICATION
(PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 751 OF THE LAWS OF NEW YORK, 1965)

By submission of this bid, the vendor certifies that:

- 1) This bid has been independently arrived at, without collusion with any other bidder or with any competitor or potential competitor;
- 2) This bid has not been knowingly disclosed and will not be knowingly disclosed, prior to the opening of bids or proposals for this project, to any other vendor, competitor or potential competitor;
- 3) No attempt has been or will be made to induce any other person, partnership or corporation to submit or not to submit a bid;
- 4) The person signing this bid certifies that he has fully informed himself regarding the accuracy of the statements contained in this certification, and under the penalties of perjury, affirms the truth thereof, such penalties being applicable to the vendor as well as to the person signing on its behalf;
- 5) That attached hereto (if a corporate vendor) is a certified copy or resolution authorizing the execution of this certificate by the signing party on behalf of the corporate bidder.

Anti-Discriminatory Statement:

All programs, policies, procedures, procurement opportunities and activities conducted by and through this organization, its employees, contractors and subcontractors shall be conducted without regard to age, ancestry, color, creed, citizenship (where applicable), gender, genetic information/testing, marital status, mental or physical disability, political affiliation, belief or opinion (where applicable), national origin, race, religious affiliation, belief or opinion, sex (except where age, sex, or disability involves a bonafide occupational qualification), sexual orientation (where applicable) or status as a participant in Workforce Investment Act (WIA) funded programs (where applicable). The Board encourages participation of women and minority owned business enterprises in all its procurement opportunities and has a goal of increasing participation of MWBE organizations in its procurement activities.

VENDOR NAME:

VENDOR ADDRESS:

CONTACT PERSON REGARDING BID:

CONTACT PERSON'S TELEPHONE NUMBER:

CONTACT PERSON'S EMAIL ADDRESS:

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE:

NAME AND TITLE:

DATE:

MAIL BIDS TO:

NIAGARA FALLS WATER BOARD
C/O PURCHASING DIVISION, ROOM 214
NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK 14301

DELIVER BIDS TO:

NIAGARA FALLS WATER BOARD
C/O PURCHASING DIVISION, ROOM 214
745 MAIN STREET
NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK 14301

BIDS SUBMITTED BY FACSIMILE OR ELECTRONIC MEANS ARE UNACCEPTABLE

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1. Bids will be received by the Purchasing Division on behalf of the Board at 745 Main Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14301, Room 214 for the purchase of sludge dewatering polymer as set forth and described herein.
2. The term of this contract/agreement shall be from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. If mutually agreeable to the successful vendor and Board, this contract/agreement may be extended for one (1) additional year upon the same terms and conditions. All pricing must remain firm for the entire aforementioned terms.
3. Following the opening of the valid submissions, the Board will conduct its due diligence. Once the due diligence investigation is completed, the Board shall either reject all bids or the lowest responsible bid will be submitted to the members of the Board for possible award via majority vote.
4. All materials are to conform to the most recent appropriate industry standards and be of the manufacturer's most recent improved design.
5. Deliveries are to be made to Niagara Falls Water Board Wastewater Treatment Plant, 1200 Buffalo Avenue, Niagara Falls, New York 14303 unless another destination within the City of Niagara Falls is specified at the time of order.
6. Vendors shall quote a unit price per pound for each item as set forth on the Price Sheet, and said unit price shall be F.O.B. destination, freight prepaid.
7. Material is to be delivered in sealed bags and palletized. Individual bags must be properly labeled. Individual shipments will not exceed 20,000 pounds.
8. The vendor must provide all MSDS sheets for the product they are providing.
9. The vendor, upon request, must provide safe handling training for the product they are providing.
10. **ADDITIONAL DELIVERY REQUIREMENTS:**

Vendors submitting pricing pursuant to this offering acknowledge that the item set forth herein is essential to the Board's water and wastewater operations, and thus a vital public health and welfare concern. As such, vendors submitting bids hereunder shall guarantee delivery of product ordered within the time frames set forth above.

Failure to deliver an order within the time frame set forth above may result in the termination of the vendor's contract/agreement. In the event of such a default, the Board shall have the right to seek an alternate supplier for the item, and vendor shall be responsible for all costs, including shipping or delivery costs, for the procurement of the item(s) from the alternate supplier that are above and beyond the price vendor quoted herein.

11. Where indicated, the quantities listed are estimated quantities to be ordered. Items will be ordered as needed, and the Board reserves the right to order more or less than the quantities listed. No guarantees are made as to minimum or maximum quantities the Board will require.

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12. The quantities to be bid by vendors will be specified by the Board as calculated from dosage rates determined by testing and confirmed by qualified Board personnel.
13. Vendors wishing to submit candidate polymer(s) must do so no later than **December 7, 2022**. Vendors may submit a maximum of two (2) candidate polymers for Board laboratory screening.
14. Vendors wishing to schedule a laboratory screening are asked to contact Brian Eldridge at 716-283-9770 x1050.
15. The Board reserves the right to test each candidate polymer to ensure it properly flocculates the wastewater and conditions the sludge.
16. The Board will test each candidate polymer to determine the quantity necessary to condition primary sludge for belt filter press ("bfp") dewatering at 5% to 9% solids representing approximately seventeen (17) tons per day (dry basis) of sewage solids removed in the treatment process. Use of present polymer has averaged approximately three thousand (3,000) pounds per month.
17. Vendors will be obliged to accommodate the Board's schedule for laboratory screening that will be established as requests for evaluation are received. Because of the nature of the polymer mixing facilities available at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, only non-dusting, dry grade polymer products will be considered.
18. Vendors shall, themselves, test a selection of their polymers that can be reasonably expected to perform in the specified applications. Vendors will be allowed to run time-limited lab scale tests on the Treatment Plant site. They will be afforded space and the use of utilities and weighing equipment but must supply all other equipment and test materials. Vendors may use comparative tests of the presently used polymer as a guide to performance.
19. Testing may be observed by Board personnel at the Board's sole discretion. Based upon the evaluation results made available to the Board, the vendor will select a maximum of two polymers upon which the Board will run confirming tests to determine equivalent dosages for each polymer. The Board will also determine whether each polymer is approved for bidding.
20. Vendors must submit polymer specifications including the polymer charge data prior to testing.
21. Vendors submitting polymer(s) for evaluation will be notified by 3:00 P.M. on **December 9, 2022** regarding the evaluation results. Results will be forwarded to all vendors who have submitted polymers for testing in the last two years.
22. Results will indicate whether a polymer has been approved for bidding and the estimated annual usage of each polymer in pounds. The bid will be awarded based upon the lowest annual cost to the Board.
23. The Board may purchase a limited quantity of a polymer at the bid price to use in plant scale tests after the bid opening but prior to the award of the bid.

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24. Notice of dissatisfaction with a shipment of material, because of failure to meet the requirements of this specification, must be in the hands of the vendor within ten (10) days after receipt of the shipment at the point of destination. If the material does not meet the requirements of these standards, the vendor may remove the material from the premises of the purchaser or a price adjustment may be agreed upon by the vendor and the purchaser.
25. Vendors shall note there are three (3) appendices attached to these specifications. Vendors must complete all of the documents contained in said exhibits and also provide all materials which meet the requirements set forth therein, including but not limited to, a certificate of insurance meeting the Niagara Falls Water Board standard insurance requirements, which must be provided by the successful bidder(s) after award of the bid.
26. Failure to supply any requested information may cause a submission to be considered informal or result in a vendor being declared non-responsible.
27. Due to the COVID-19 crisis, entrance into City Hall is currently limited. As such, vendors should make every effort to deliver bid packages via USPS, UPS, FedEx or a similar delivery service. Please note that those deliveries must still be received by the Purchasing Division no later than the scheduled time set forth on the first page of this package. Vendors who are unable to utilize a delivery service may call 716-286-4371 and make an appointment to drop off a package to a member of the Purchasing Division staff at the main entrance door to City Hall. Calls to schedule an appointment should be made no later than 4:00 p.m. the day before the scheduled opening. Neither the Purchasing Division nor the Niagara Falls Water Board shall be responsible for the late arrival of bid packages due to delivery failure or the failure to leave adequate time for an appointment to be scheduled.
28. For questions regarding the Board's operations or the polymer, please contact Chief Operator Dennis Kirkland at (716) 425-9300. For other questions regarding the specifications, please contact Purchasing Agent Leeann K. Huey at (716) 286-4372.

NOTE: Vendors shall only provide pricing for approved polymers, and amounts set forth for "Quantity" shall be the quantity specified by Board as a result of the laboratory testing.

PRICE SHEET

Item Number	Quantity (lbs.)	Manufacturer	Polymer Name/Type/Number	Unit Price Per Pound
1				
2				

NOTES:

VENDOR:

CONTACT NAME (Please Print):

CONTACT TELEPHONE #:

CONTACT EMAIL ADDRESS:

APPENDIX A

**NFWB STANDARD TERMS,
CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS**

APPENDIX A

NFWB SEALED BID CONTRACT STANDARD TERMS, CONDITIONS, AND REQUIREMENTS

The parties to the attached contract or agreement (hereinafter “contract” or “agreement”) agree to be bound by the following clauses which are hereby made a part of the contract (the word “contractor” herein refers to any party to the contract other than the Niagara Falls Water Board). Any party submitting a bid in response to the attached solicitation also agrees to comply with these terms, conditions, and requirements.

A. Statement of Qualifications

OMITTED FOR THIS PROCUREMENT.

B. Personnel

OMITTED FOR THIS PROCUREMENT.

C. Coordination and Cooperation with Third Parties

OMITTED FOR THIS PROCUREMENT.

D. Safety and Site-Specific Safety Plan

OMITTED FOR THIS PROCUREMENT.

E. Insurance

Contractor shall be required to procure and maintain at its own expense and without expense to the Niagara Falls Water Board insurance for liability for damages imposed by law, of the kinds and amounts hereinafter provided, from insurance companies authorized to do business in the State of New York covering all operations under the contract, whether performed by the contractor or its subcontractors. Before proceeding with any work under the contract, the contractor shall furnish to the Niagara Falls Water Board Certificate of Insurance form(s) and relevant insurance policy declarations and endorsements satisfactory to the Water Board exhibiting compliance with this paragraph and providing that the policies shall not be changed or canceled until thirty (30) days written notice has been given to the Niagara Falls Water Board. The types and limits of insurance shall be as follows:

1. Workers Compensation as required by Law (submit Form C-105.2);
2. Disability Benefits as required by Law (submit Form DB-120.1);
3. Employer's Liability with a minimum limit of \$100,000;
4. Commercial General Liability insurance: Bodily, Personal Injury, and Property Damage Liability limits each of at least \$1,000,000 per occurrence/\$2,000,000 aggregate, which shall include the following coverages:
 - a. Owner's Protective Liability
 - b. Premises – Operations

- c. Broad Form Contractual
 - d. Independent Contractor and Sub-Contractor
 - e. Products and Completed Operations
- 5. Automobile Liability: \$1,000,000 single limit;
 - 6. Umbrella/Excess Liability: OMITTED FOR THIS PROCUREMENT
 - 7. Professional Liability/Errors and Omissions: OMITTED FOR THIS PROCUREMENT

Certificates, declarations, and endorsements should be made to the Niagara Falls Water Board, 5815 Buffalo Avenue, Niagara Falls, NY 14304.

The Niagara Falls Water Board, the Niagara Falls Public Water Authority, and the City of Niagara Falls, New York shall be named as an Additional Insureds, for both Ongoing and Completed Operations on a primary and non-contributory basis, on the Liability (General Liability, Auto Liability and Excess Liability) Policies (except for professional liability) with the following provision: The insurance company or companies issuing the policies shall have no recourse against the Niagara Falls Water Board or the Niagara Falls Public Water Authority for payment of any premiums or for assessments under any form of policy.

In the event that the contractor requires any subcontractor to procure insurance with regard to any of the operations under the contract and requires such subcontractor to name the contractor as an additional insured under such insurance, the contractor shall ensure that such policy names the Water Board, Niagara Falls Public Water Authority, and their officers and employees as additional insureds.

F. Indemnification and Waiver of Subrogation

Contractor, to the full extent permissible by New York law, agrees to indemnify and hold the Niagara Falls Water Board, its Directors, Officers, and Employees harmless against all loss, cost, or damage, on account of injury to person or damage to property as a result of any action or inaction of the contractor or its representatives or agents or subcontractors in performance of the contract and against all fines, penalties any other losses which the Niagara Falls Water Board shall be obliged to pay or incur in connection with the performance of the work under the contract.

The contractor also must agree to waive all rights against the Water Board, including its officials and employees, for any damages or losses that are covered under any insurance required by this contract, or any other insurance applicable to the operations of the contractor and/or its subcontractors in the performance of the contract.

G. Independent Contractor

The contractor and its employees will operate as an independent contractor and are not considered Water Board employees.

H. Identification of Subcontractors

Contractor must identify its subcontractors, if any, in its bid, but award of a contract shall not create any relationship between the subcontractors and Water Board, and

contractor shall be responsible for the entire contract. The Water Board shall have the right to reject any proposed subcontractors.

I. Successors and Assigns

The contract shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the legal representatives and successors of the parties, respectively, but contractor may not assign, transfer, convey, sub-let, or otherwise dispose of its rights, title, or interest in the contract without the Water Board's prior written consent. In the event that contractor assigns, transfers, conveys, sub-lets or otherwise disposes of any of its interest in the contract without the Water Board's prior written consent or purports to do so, the Water Board shall revoke and annul the contract and shall be relieved and discharged from any and all liability and obligations arising out of the contract and to contractor and to the person or corporation to which the contract shall have been assigned, transferred, conveyed, sublet or otherwise disposed of, and contractor, and his assignees, transferees or sublessees shall forfeit and lose all moneys, theretofore earned under the contract, except so much as may be required to pay contractor's employees for work performed under the contract. The provisions of this section shall not hinder, prevent, or affect an assignment by contractor for the benefit of his creditors made pursuant to New York State law.

J. No Third Party Rights

Nothing in this contract shall be construed or deemed to create any right in nay person or entity not a party to the contract, except any permitted successors and assigns, and nothing in this contract shall be construed in any way to be a contract in whole or in part for the benefit of any third party.

K. Exemption from Tax

Invoices and bills to the Water Board shall not include charges for any Federal, State or local excise, sales, transportation, or other tax, unless Federal or State law specifically levies such tax on purchases made by the Water Board.

L. Set-Off Rights

The Water Board shall have all of its common law, equitable and statutory rights of set-off. These rights shall include, but not be limited to, the Water Board's option to withhold for the purposes of set-off any moneys due to the contractor under this contract up to any amounts due and owing from contractor to the Water Board with regard to this contract, any other contract with the Water Board, including any contract for a term commencing prior to the term of this contract, plus any amounts due and owing from contractor to the Water Board for any other reason including, without limitation, any monetary penalties.

M. Records.

The contractor shall establish and maintain complete and accurate books, records, documents, accounts and other evidence directly pertinent to performance under this contract (hereinafter, collectively, "the Records"). The Records must be kept for the balance of the calendar year in which they were made and for six (6) additional years thereafter. The State Comptroller, the Attorney General and any other person or entity authorized to conduct an examination, as well as the Water Board and its representatives, shall have access to the Records during normal business hours at an office of the contractor within the State of New York or, if no

such office is available, at a mutually agreeable and reasonable venue within the State, for the term specified above for the purposes of inspection, auditing and copying. The Water Board shall take reasonable steps to protect from public disclosure any of the Records which are exempt from disclosure under Section 87 of the Public Officers Law (the "Statute") provided that: (i) the Contractor shall timely inform an appropriate Water Board official, in writing, that said Records should not be disclosed; and (ii) said Records shall be sufficiently identified; and (iii) designation of said Records as exempt under the Statute is reasonable. Nothing contained herein shall diminish, or in any way adversely affect, the Water Board's right to discovery in any pending or future litigation.

N. Freedom of Information Law – Claim of Confidential, Proprietary, or Trade Secret Information

The Water Board is subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Law ("FOIL"), N.Y. Public Officers Law, Sections 84 through 90, relating to public access to agency records. The contractor shall specifically identify any portions of the documents submitted with the bid or proposal deemed to be confidential, proprietary information, or trade secrets and provide any justification why such material, upon request, should not be disclosed by the Water Board. The top of each page containing such information must be clearly marked in bold type **"PROPOSER BELIEVES THAT THIS INFORMATION IS PROTECTED FROM DISCLOSURE UNDER THE STATE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION LAW."** Such information deemed by the contractor to be confidential/proprietary shall be easily separable from the non-confidential/non-proprietary sections of the bid or proposal.

The Water Board accepts no responsibility for disclosure of information designated as exempt from disclosure, but the Board does intend to evaluate, on a case-by-case basis, whether exemption from disclosure applies when a FOIL request is made to the Water Board for examination of such a document. Contractors should be aware that any and all terms of their respective proposals or bids may be the subject of discussion at Board of Directors meetings that are open to the public.

O. Compliance with Breach Notification and Data Security Laws

Contractor shall comply with the provisions of the New York State Information Security Breach and Notification laws, General Business Law §§ 899-aa and 899-bb and State Technology Law § 208.

P. General Conditions of Bids

Detailed instructions regarding the submission of bids are set forth in the contract documents. In all cases, the Water Board shall have the right to reject all bids or to waive any technical defect, qualification, omission, informality, or irregularity in any bid received.

Q. Bids Firm and Irrevocable for 60 Days

The Water Board reserves the right to make awards within 60 calendar days after the time designated herein for the opening of bids, during which 60 days, bids may not be withdrawn.

R. Conflicting Terms

In the event of a conflict between the terms of the contract (including any and all attachments thereto and amendments thereof) and the terms of this Exhibit A, the terms of this Exhibit A shall control.

S. Addenda

Any clarification, interpretation, correction, or change of the bidding documents will be made by written addendum. Clarifications, interpretations, corrections, or changes of the bidding documents made in any other manner will not be binding, and contractors shall not rely upon such clarifications, interpretations, corrections, or changes. Contractors shall acknowledge the number of addenda received using this Appendix's Form No. 1.

T. Non-Discrimination and Prohibition Against Sexual Harassment

In accordance with Article 15 of the Executive Law (also known as the Human Rights Law) and all other State and Federal statutory and constitutional nondiscrimination provisions, the contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, sex (including gender identity or expression), sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability, military status, predisposing genetic characteristics, domestic violence victim status, or marital status. Furthermore, in accordance with Section 220-e of the Labor Law, if this is a contract for the construction, alteration, and/or repair of any public building and/or public work and/or for the manufacture, sale, and/or distribution of materials, equipment, and/or supplies, and to the extent that the contract shall be performed within the State of New York, contractor agrees that neither it nor its subcontractors shall, by reason of race, creed, color, disability, sex, or national origin: (a) discriminate in hiring against any New York State citizen who is qualified and available to perform the work; and/or (b) discriminate against or intimidate any employee hired for the performance of work under the contract. If this is a building service contract as defined in Section 230 of the Labor Law, then, in accordance with Section 239 thereof, contractor agrees that neither it nor its subcontractors shall by reason of race, creed, color, national origin, age, sex or disability: (a) discriminate in hiring against any New York State citizen who is qualified and available to perform the work; or (b) discriminate against or intimidate any employee hired for the performance of work under this contract. Contractor is subject to fines of \$50.00 per person per day for any violation of Section 220-e or Section 239 as well as possible termination of this contract and forfeiture of all moneys due hereunder for a second or subsequent violation.

Contractor agrees that prior to the award of a contract, it shall submit an Equal Employment Opportunity ("EEO") Policy Statement to the Water Board containing at a minimum the terms therefore as set forth in this Appendix's Form No. 4.

By submission of a bid, contractor and each person signing on behalf of contractor certifies, and in the case of a joint bid each party thereto certifies as to its own organization, under penalty of perjury, that the contractor has and has implemented a written policy addressing sexual harassment prevention in the workplace and provides annual sexual harassment prevention training to all of its employees. Such policy shall, at a minimum, meet the requirements of section two hundred one-g of the labor law. Contractor agrees that prior to the award of a contract, it shall submit the Statement on Sexual Harassment form at this Appendix's Form No. 5.

U. Iranian Energy Sector Divestment

Pursuant to Public Authorities Law § 2879-c, by signing this contract, each person and each person signing on behalf of any other party certifies, and in the case of a joint bid or partnership each party thereto certifies as to its own organization, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of its knowledge and belief that each person is not on the list created pursuant to paragraph (b) of subdivision 3 of section 165-a of the state finance law. This list of persons who engage in investment activities in Iran is available at: <http://www.ogs.ny.gov/about/regs/docs/ListofEntities.pdf>.

V. International Boycott Prohibition

In accordance with Section 220-f of the Labor Law and Section 139-h of the State Finance Law, if this contract exceeds \$5,000, the contractor agrees, as a material condition of the contract, that neither the contractor nor any substantially owned or affiliated person, firm, partnership or corporation has participated, is participating, or shall participate in an international boycott in violation of the federal Export Administration Act of 1979 (50 USC App. Sections 2401 *et seq.*) or regulations thereunder. If such contractor, or any of the aforesaid affiliates of contractor, is convicted or is otherwise found to have violated said laws or regulations upon the final determination of the United States Commerce Department or any other appropriate agency of the United States subsequent to the contract's execution, such contract, amendment or modification thereto shall be rendered forfeit and void. The Contractor shall so notify the State Comptroller within five (5) business days of such conviction, determination or disposition of appeal (2 NYCRR 105.4).

W. MacBride Fair Employment Principles

In accordance with the MacBride Fair Employment Principles (Chapter 807 of the Laws of 1992), the contractor hereby stipulates that contractor and any individual or legal entity in which the contractor holds a ten percent or greater ownership interest and any individual or legal entity that holds a ten percent or greater ownership interest in the contractor either (a) have 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 Fair Employment Principles (as described in Section 165(5) of the State Finance Law), and shall permit independent monitoring of compliance with such principles.

X. Prohibition on Purchase of Tropical Hardwoods

The contractor certifies and warrants that all wood products to be used under this contract award will be in accordance with, but not limited to, the specifications and provisions of State Finance Law §165 (Use of Tropical Hardwoods) which prohibits purchase and use of tropical hardwoods, unless specifically exempted, by the State or any governmental agency or political subdivision or public benefit corporation. Qualification for an exemption under this law will be the responsibility of the contractor to establish to meet with the approval of the State.

In addition, when any portion of this contract involving the use of woods, whether supply or installation, is to be performed by any subcontractor, the prime contractor will indicate and certify in the submitted bid that the subcontractor has been informed and is in compliance with specifications and provisions regarding use of tropical hardwoods as detailed in §165 State Finance Law. Any such use must meet with the approval of the State, otherwise, the bid may not

be considered responsive. Proof of qualification for exemption will be the responsibility of the Contractor to meet with the approval of the State.

Y. Steel Products

If this contract involves steel products, then pursuant to Public Authorities Law § 2601-a:

- a. All purchase contracts for supplies, material or equipment involving an estimated expenditure in excess of fifty thousand dollars shall require with respect to materials, supplies and equipment made of, fabricated from, or containing steel components, that such steel components be produced or made in whole or substantial part in the United States, its territories or possessions.
- b. All contracts in excess of one hundred thousand dollars for the construction, reconstruction, alteration, repair, maintenance or improvement of public works shall require that all structural steel, reinforcing steel or other major steel items to be incorporated in the work of the contract shall be produced or made in whole or substantial part in the United States, its territories or possessions.

Z. Delivery of Products

Products to be delivered by contractor to the Water Board shall be delivered FOB destination, prepaid and invoiced.

AA. Wage and Hour Requirements

OMITTED FOR THIS CONTRACT.

BB. Workforce Reporting

OMITTED FOR THIS CONTRACT.

CC. M/WBE and SDVOB Requirements and Grant Funded Projects

OMITTED FOR THIS CONTRACT.

DD. New York State Certified Apprenticeship Training Program Requirements

OMITTED FOR THIS CONTRACT.

EE. Payment

Contractor agrees to provide complete and accurate billing invoices to the Water Board on a monthly basis, and will comply with cover sheet requirements or other invoice submission procedures as the Water Board may from time to time require. Invoices submitted must contain sufficient information and documentation to support the charges submitted. Documentation may include time sheets, expense vouchers and any other supportive

documentation requested by the Water Board or its representative. If contractor is in compliance with applicable prevailing wage laws and has satisfactorily completed all required Minority, Women, and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise and Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Business utilization and reporting requirements, payment shall be made monthly on the basis of invoices submitted by contractor, each payment to be due sixty (60) days after receipt of the invoice, unless the Water Board reasonably disputes some or all of the invoice.

FF. Conflicts of Interest and Prohibition on Political and Religious Activity

By submitting a bid or by assuming the responsibility of a contract awarded hereunder, contractor stipulates that, upon information and belief, no member of the governing body of the Water Board, or officer or employee of the Water Board, forbidden by Law, is interested in, will derive benefit from, or will be a party to, the contract between contractor and the Water Board. Contractor warrants that no payment, gift, or thing of value has been or will be made, given, or promised any Director, Officer, or Employee of the Water Board, or any member of the immediate family of any Director, Officer, or Employee of the Water Board (spouse, parent, sister, brother, or child) to obtain this or any other agreement between the parties. Contractor agrees that its provision of services under this contract shall not include any partisan political activity or any activity to further the election or defeat of any candidate for public, political, or party office, nor shall any of the funds provided under the contract be used for such purposes. The contractor further agrees that there shall be no religious worship, instruction, or proselytizing as part of or in connection with the contractor's provision of services under the contract, nor shall any of the funds provided under this agreement be used for such purposes.

GG. Non-Collusion

Contractor must submit a signed non-collusive bidding certification on the form that is this Appendix's Form No. 2.

HH. Communication with Water Board and Lobbying Law.

Bidders/contractors are advised that, from the date the notice to bidders or invitation to bid is issued until the award of the contract, no contact by bidders or their agents with the Water Board or Water Board personnel related to this procurement is permitted, except as shall be authorized by the authorized Water Board contact indicated on the invitation to bid.

Pursuant to State Finance Law Sections 139-j and 139-k, this solicitation includes and imposes certain restrictions on communication between respondents and the Water Board during the procurement process. A respondent is restricted from making contacts from the date the invitation to bid is issued through the final contract award by Water Board (the "Restricted Period"). During the Restricted Period, respondents may only contact the designated contact regarding this procurement. The designated contact is identified on the invitation to bid or notice to bidders. Respondents are responsible for complying with State Finance Law Sections 139-j and 139-k. Directors, officers and employees of the Water Board are required to record certain information when contacted during the Restricted Period. A review of whether such contacts were permissible contacts will be considered in connection with any determination of responsibility of the respondent. Failure of any respondent to timely certify or to disclose accurate and complete information or the submission of any intentionally false or intentionally

incomplete certification may result in the rejection of the contract award or if such contract has been executed, then the immediate termination of the contract. Violations may result in debarment of the respondent from proposing on or obtaining governmental procurement contracts in the State of New York.

Contractors are required to complete and return with their bid this Appendix's Form No. 3, New York State Finance Law Sections 139-j and 139-k ("Lobbying Law") — Disclosure Statement.

II. Waiver of Immunity

By entering into this agreement, the contractor agrees, acknowledges, and accepts that pursuant to Public Authorities Law § 2875, upon the refusal by a person, when called before a grand jury, head of a state department, temporary state commission or other state agency, the organized crime task force in the department of law, head of a city department, or other city agency, which is empowered to compel the attendance of witnesses and examine them under oath, to testify in an investigation concerning any transaction or contract had with the state, any political subdivision thereof, a public authority or with any public department, agency or official of the state or of any political subdivision thereof or of a public authority, to sign a waiver of immunity against subsequent criminal prosecution or to answer any relevant question concerning such transaction or contract, (a) such person, and any firm, partnership or corporation of which he is a member, partner, director or officer shall be disqualified from thereafter selling to or submitting bids to or receiving awards from or entering into any contracts with any public authority or official thereof, for goods, work or services, for a period of five years after such refusal, and (b) any and all contracts made with any public authority or official thereof, by such person and by any firm, partnership or corporation of which he is a member, partner, director or officer may be cancelled or terminated by the public authority without incurring any penalty or damages on account of such cancellation or termination, but any monies owing by the public authority for goods delivered or work done prior to the cancellation or termination shall be paid.

JJ. Termination

1. For Cause: For a material breach that remains uncured for more than thirty (30) days or other specified period after written notice to the contractor, the contract may be terminated by the Water Board at the contractor's expense where contractor becomes unable or incapable of performing, or meeting any requirements or qualifications set forth in the contract, or for nonperformance, or upon a determination that contractor is nonresponsible. Such termination shall be upon written notice to the contractor. In such event, the Water Board may complete the contractual requirements in any manner it may deem advisable and pursue available legal or equitable remedies for breach.
2. For Convenience: By written notice, this contract may be terminated at any time by the Water Board for convenience upon thirty (30) days written notice and without penalty or other early termination charges due. Such termination of the contract shall not affect contractor's right to recover for any work performed or materials acquired under the contract prior to the date of such termination, provided that contractor cancels, prior to the effective date of the termination, as many outstanding obligations as possible and agrees not to incur any new obligations after receipt of the notice of termination without approval by the Water Board. If the contract is terminated pursuant to this subdivision, the Water Board shall remain liable for all accrued but unpaid charges incurred through

the date of the termination. Contractor shall use due diligence and provide any outstanding deliverables.

3. For Violation of the Sections 139-j and 139-k of the State Finance Law: The Water Board reserves the right to terminate the contract in the event it is found that the certification filed by the contractor in accordance with Section 139-k of the State Finance Law was intentionally false or intentionally incomplete. Upon such finding, the Water Board may exercise its termination right by providing written notification to the contractor.

KK. Governing Law and Venue

These terms and conditions and the contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of New York. Each of the parties to these terms and conditions and the contract submits to the exclusive jurisdiction and venue of the State and Federal courts located in Niagara County, New York, or if the required Federal courts are not located in Niagara County, to the Federal courts located in Erie County, New York.

LL. Service of Process and Notices

In addition to the methods of service allowed by the State Civil Practice Law & Rules ("CPLR"), contractor hereby consents to service of process upon it by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested. Service hereunder shall be complete upon contractor's actual receipt of process or upon the Water Board's receipt of the return thereof by the United States Postal Service as refused or undeliverable. Contractor must promptly notify the Water Board, in writing, of each and every change of address to which service of process can be made. Service by the Water Board to the last known address shall be sufficient. Contractor will have thirty (30) calendar days after service hereunder is complete in which to respond. A copy of all notices to the Water Board shall be provided to: Legal Department, Niagara Fall Water Board, 5815 Buffalo Avenue, Niagara Falls, NY 14304.

MM. No Waiver of Rights

No failure or delay (in whole or in part) on the part of either party hereto to exercise any right or remedy hereunder shall impair its ability to later exercise any such right or remedy, operate as a waiver thereof, or affect any other rights or remedies that may be available under the law or in equity, except to the extent it causes actual prejudice to the other party. No waiver by either party of any covenant, condition, term or provision of the contract shall be deemed to have been made by that party unless such waiver is in writing and signed by an authorized representative of the party.

APPENDIX A, FORM No. 1

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ADDENDA

PROJECT TITLE: _____
(Write the Project No. and Title on the Line Above)

DIRECTIONS: Complete Part I or Part II, whichever is applicable.

PART I: LISTED BELOW ARE THE DATES OF ISSUE FOR EACH
ADDENDUM RECEIVED IN CONNECTION WITH THIS BID:

ADDENDUM # 1: DATED _____ , 20__

ADDENDUM # 2: DATED _____ , 20__

ADDENDUM # 3: DATED _____ , 20__

ADDENDUM # 4: DATED _____ , 20__

ADDENDUM # 5: DATED _____ , 20__

ADDENDUM # 6: DATED _____ , 20__

PART II: _____ INITIAL HERE IF NO ADDENDUM WAS RECEIVED
IN CONNECTION WITH THIS BID INITIAL HERE

DATE: ____/____/____

CONTRACTOR (SIGNATURE): _____

CONTRACTOR (NAME): _____

CONTRACTOR (FIRM): _____

APPENDIX A, FORM No. 2

NON-COLLUSIVE BIDDING CERTIFICATION

Pursuant to New York State Public Authorities Law, Article 9, Title 4, Section 2878:

- (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 his 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 been knowingly disclosed by the bidder and will not knowingly be disclosed by the bidder prior to opening, directly or indirectly, to any other bidder or to any competitor; and
 - (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.
- (b) A bid shall not be considered for award nor shall any award be made where (a)(1), (2), and (3) above have not been complied with; provided however, that if 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 therefor. Where (a)(1), (2), and (3) above have not been complied with, the bid shall not be considered for award nor shall any award be made unless the head of the purchasing unit of the state, public department or agency to which the bid is made, or his designee, determines that such disclosure was not made for the purpose of restricting competition.

DATE: ____/____/____

BIDDER (SIGNATURE): _____

BIDDER (NAME): _____

BIDDER (FIRM): _____

STATE OF _____)
) ss.:

COUNTY OF _____)

On the ____ day of _____, 20____, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said state, personally appeared _____ as a representative of _____, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same in his/her capacity, and that by his/her signature on the instrument, the entity on behalf of which the individual acted executed the instrument.

Notary Public

APPENDIX A, FORM No. 3

NEW YORK STATE FINANCE LAW SECTIONS 139-j AND 139-k ("LOBBYING LAW") – DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

General Information

All procurements by the Niagara Falls Water Board ("NFWB") in excess of \$15,000 annually, are subject to New York State's State Finance Law Sections 139-j and 139-k, effective January 1, 2006 ("Lobbying Law").

Pursuant to the Lobbying Law, all "contacts" (defined as oral, written or electronic communications with the NFWB intended to influence a procurement) during a procurement - from the earliest notice of intent to solicit bids/proposals through final award and approval - must be made with one or more designated Point(s) of Contact only. Exceptions to this rule include written questions during the bid/proposal process, communications with regard to protests, contract negotiations, and pre-bid conference participation. Nothing in the Lobbying Law inhibits any rights to make an appeal, protest, or complaint under existing administrative or judicial procedures.

Violations of the policy regarding permissible contacts must be reported to the appropriate NFWB officer and investigated accordingly. The first violation may result in a determination of non-responsibility and ineligibility for award to the violator and its subsidiaries, affiliates and related entities. The penalty for a second violation within four (4) years is ineligibility for bidding/proposing on a procurement and/or ineligibility from being awarded any contract for a period of four (4) years. The NFWB will notify the New York State Office of General Services ("OGS") of any determinations of non-responsibility or debarments due to violations of the Lobbying Law. Violations found to be "knowing and willful" must be reported to the NFWB Executive Director and OGS.

Moreover, the statutes require the NFWB to obtain certain affirmations and certifications from bidders and proposers. This Disclosure Statement contains the forms with which offerors are required to comply, together with additional information and instructions.

Instructions

New York State Finance Law §139-k(2) obligates the NFWB to obtain specific information regarding prior non-responsibility determinations. In accordance with New York State Finance Law §139-k, an offerer must be asked to disclose whether there has been a finding of non-responsibility made within the previous four (4) years by any governmental entity due to: (a) a violation of New York State Finance Law §139-j or (b) the intentional provision of false or incomplete information to a governmental entity.

As part of its responsibility determination, New York State Finance Law §139-k(3) mandates consideration of whether an offerer fails to timely disclose accurate or complete information regarding the above non-responsibility determination. In accordance with law, no procurement contract shall be awarded to any offerer that fails to timely disclose accurate or complete information under this section, unless the factual elements of the limited waiver provision can be satisfied on the written record.

Disclosure of Prior Non-Responsibility Determinations

Name of Bidder/Proposer: _____

Address: _____

Name and Title of Person

Submitting this Form: _____

Has any governmental entity¹ made a finding of non-responsibility regarding the Bidder/Proposer in the previous four years?

____ Yes ____ No

If yes: Was the basis for the finding of the Bidder's/Proposer's non-responsibility due to a violation of State Finance Law §139-j?

____ Yes ____ No

Was the basis for the finding of Bidder's/Proposer's non-responsibility due to the intentional provision of false or incomplete information to a governmental entity?

____ Yes ____ No

If yes to any of the above questions, provide details regarding the finding of non-responsibility below:

Governmental Entity: _____

Year of Finding of Non-responsibility: _____

Basis of Finding of Non-Responsibility (attach additional pages if necessary): _____

Has any governmental entity terminated or withheld a procurement contract with the Bidder/ Proposer due to the intentional provision of false or incomplete information?

____ Yes ____ No

If yes, provide details regarding the termination/withholding below:

Governmental Entity: _____

Year of Termination/Withholding: _____

Basis for Termination/Withholding (attach additional pages if necessary):

NOTICE OF NFWB'S RIGHT TO TERMINATE

The NFWB reserves the right to terminate a Contract (including any lease, license, entry permit, or sale documents) in the event it is found that the certification filed by the Bidder/Proposer, in accordance with New York State Finance Law §139-k, was intentionally false or intentionally incomplete. Upon such finding, the NFWB may exercise its termination right by providing written notification to the Bidder/Proposer in accordance with the written notification terms of the Contract.

Bidder or Proposer's Affirmation and Certification

By signing below, the Bidder or Proposer:

- a) Affirms that the Bidder or Proposer understands and agrees to comply with the policy regarding permissible contacts in accordance with New York State Finance Law Sections 139-j and 139-k.
- b) Certifies that all information provided to the NFWB with respect to New York State Finance Law §139-j and §139-k is complete, true and accurate.

DATE: ____/____/____

BIDDER/PROPOSER (SIGNATURE):

BIDDER/PROPOSER (NAME):

BIDDER/PROPOSER (FIRM):

STATE OF _____)
COUNTY OF _____) ss.:

On the ____ day of _____, 20____, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said state, personally appeared _____ as a representative of _____, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same in his/her capacity, and that by his/her signature on the instrument, the entity on behalf of which the individual acted executed the instrument.

Notary Public

APPENDIX A, FORM No. 4

**EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY ("EEO")
POLICY STATEMENT AND AGREEMENT**

Contractor hereby agrees to the following EEO policy with respect to its work on any contract awarded in connection with this procurement:

- a) This organization will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status, will undertake or continue existing programs of affirmative action to ensure that minority group members are afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination, and shall make and document its conscientious and active efforts to employ and utilize minority group members and women in its work force on Niagara Falls Water Board ("Water Board") contracts.
- b) This organization shall state in all solicitations or advertisements for employees that in the performance of the Water Board contract all qualified applicants will be afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, disability or marital status.
- c) At the request of the Water Board, this organization shall request each employment agency, labor union, or authorized representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining or other agreement or understanding, to furnish a written statement that such employment agency, labor union, or representative will not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status and that such union or representative will affirmatively cooperate in the implementation of this organization's obligations herein.
- d) This organization shall comply with the provisions of the Human Rights Law, all other State and Federal statutory and constitutional non-discrimination provisions. Contractor and its subcontractors shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed (religion), color, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, pregnancy or pregnancy-related conditions, gender identity, familial status, military status, age, disability, predisposing genetic characteristic, marital status or domestic violence victim status, and shall also follow the requirements of the Human Rights Law with regard to non-discrimination on the basis of prior criminal conviction and prior arrest.
- e) This organization will include the provisions of section (a) through (d) of this agreement in every subcontract in such a manner that the requirements of the subdivisions will be binding upon each subcontractor as to work in connection with the Water Board contract.

ACCEPTED AND AGREED:

DATE: ____/____/____

CONTRACTOR (SIGNATURE):

CONTRACTOR (NAME):

CONTRACTOR (FIRM):

**STATEMENT ON SEXUAL HARASSMENT
PURSUANT TO STATE FINANCE LAW § 139-1**

DATE: ____/____/____

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STATE OF _____)
) ss.:
COUNTY OF _____)

Notary Public

**STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CERTIFICATION**

(write Bid or Project Number and Title)

I recognize that all information submitted is for the express purpose of inducing the Water Board to enter a contract with the submitting business entity. I affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that to the best of my knowledge the information contained in the bid or proposal is full, complete, and truthful.

DATE: ____/____/____

CONTRACTOR (SIGNATURE):

CONTRACTOR (NAME):

CONTRACTOR (FIRM):

STATE OF _____)
) ss.:
COUNTY OF _____)

On the ____ day of _____, 20____, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said state, personally appeared _____ as a representative of _____, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same in his/her capacity, and that by his/her signature on the instrument, the entity on behalf of which the individual acted executed the instrument.

Notary Public

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APPENDIX B

BIDDER'S CERTIFICATION & ASSIGNMENT OF CLAIM

BIDDER'S CERTIFICATION & ASSIGNMENT OF CLAIM

**THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED IN INK, BE TYPED OR BE COMPUTER GENERATED,
BE CLEARLY LEGIBLE AND BE SIGNED AND DATED WITH EITHER BLUE OR BLACK INK.
FAILURE TO DO THIS MAY RESULT IN REJECTION.**

I/We, the undersigned, herewith propose and agree to furnish to the Board any one or all of the items upon which we have submitted, for the prices indicated herein, in accordance with the instructions, General Conditions and Specific Terms, Conditions and Specifications and any other related formal documents.

The undersigned individual certifies to having read these Instructions, General Conditions, Specific Terms, Conditions and Specifications and any other related formal documents and offers to furnish the articles specified to the Board in exact accordance with same at the prices herein stated.

Vendor hereby assigns to the Board and the State of New York any and all of its claim(s) for overcharges associated with this contract/agreement which arise under the antitrust laws of the United States, 15 U.S.C. Section 1, et seq. and the antitrust laws of the State of New York, G.B.L. Section 340, et seq.

VENDOR NAME

ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP

TELEPHONE NUMBER

NAME & TITLE

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

DATE

APPENDIX C

NON-SUBMISSION CERTIFICATE

NON-SUBMISSION CERTIFICATE

Instructions

1. Place an X on the appropriate line(s) below.
2. Complete and return ONLY this page of the package.
3. Make sure to place your submission number on your envelope and return it to the Purchasing Division

NOTE: It is required that you indicate your reason for not making a submission.

____ We are not making a submission.

____ We request that you remove our name from the mailing list for this offering only.

____ We request that you remove our name from the mailing list for all future offerings made by the Board.

VENDOR NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE and ZIP CODE: _____

REASON FOR NOT MAKING A SUBMISSION:

SIGNATURE: _____