

RFP # 011-2023

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE PROVISION OF CONTRACTOR SERVICES FOR WORK ASSOCIATED WITH VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

Issuance of Request for Proposals: Thursday, November 16, 2023

Pre-Proposal Meeting: <u>Thursday</u>, <u>November 30, 2023</u>

Question Cut-off Date: <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>December 12</u>, <u>2023</u>

Proposals Due: Wednesday, January 3, 2024

Time: 1:30 PM Prevailing Time

Issued by:

NORTH JERSEY DISTRICT WATER SUPPLY COMMISSION
ONE F.A. ORECHIO DRIVE
WANAQUE, N.J. 07465

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DEFINED TERMS

The following definitions shall apply to and are used in this Request for Proposals:

- "Applicable Law" means any statute, law, constitution, charter, ordinance, resolution, judgment, order, decree, rule, regulation, directive, standard or similarly binding authority, which shall be enacted, adopted, promulgated, issued or enforced by a governmental body relating to the Commission, the Selected Respondent or the performance of the Services.
- "<u>Commission</u>" or "<u>NJDWSC</u>" refers to the North Jersey District Water Supply Commission.
- "Contract" refers to this RFP, the subsequent contract to be entered into with the Selected Respondent, which shall incorporate this RFP, and any addendums or clarifications.
- "<u>Proposal</u>" refers to the complete response to this RFP, submitted by a Respondent.
- "<u>RFP</u>" refers to this Request for Proposals, including any amendments thereof or supplements thereto.
- "Respondent" -the interested person(s) and/or firm(s) that submit a Proposal...
- "<u>Selected Respondent</u>" or "<u>Contractor</u>" refers to the Respondent selected by the Commission for the award of a Contract to perform the Services.
- "Services" refers to the services to be provided by the Selected Respondent for the provision of **Contractor Services for Work Associated with Vegetation Management** in accordance with the provisions of this RFP and the resulting Contract to be prepared by the Commission.
- "NJDEP" refers to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection

SECTION 1

INTRODUCTION AND GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1. Introduction and Purpose.

The Commission is organized and exists under and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 58:5-1 et seq., and is a public body politic and corporate formed by its member municipalities and authorized to acquire, develop and operate a water supply system for use by any municipality in the Counties of Sussex, Warren, Hunterdon, Passaic, Morris, Monmouth, Somerset, Bergen, Hudson, Essex, Union and Middlesex (the "District"). Pursuant to its enabling legislation, the Commission is authorized to finance, construct and place into operation, and operate and use facilities deemed necessary for and incidental to the treatment, filtration, transmission and distribution of potable water for the benefit of municipalities within the District. The Commission presently contracts with municipalities, regional municipal purveyors, and publicly and privately-owned utilities. It is operated on a non-profit basis and funded through the municipalities and utilities that are contract participants of the Commission.

Through its Wanaque North and South projects, the Commission provides potable water to numerous contracting municipalities. In addition, the Wanaque South Project includes a joint venture between the Commission and VEOLIA Water New Jersey.

The Commission is soliciting Proposals from licensed contractors in the State of New Jersey for the Provision of **Vegetation Management Services** as referenced in **Section 2, Scope of Services**. Through the procurement process initiated by this RFP, firms interested in assisting the Commission with the provision of the Services must prepare and submit a Proposal in accordance with the procedures and schedule set forth in this RFP. The Commission will review Proposals only from those firms that submit a Proposal that includes all the information required to be included as described herein, as determined in the sole judgment of the Commission.

1.2. <u>Procurement Process and Schedule.</u>

The Commission has structured a competitive process in order to ensure that each firm is provided an equal opportunity to submit a Proposal in response to the RFP. Proposals will be evaluated in accordance with the criteria set forth in **Section 5 of this RFP**, which will be applied in the same manner to each Proposal received.

The award of a contract to the Selected Respondent is subject to P.L. 2005, c. 51 (Chapter 51), codified at N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.13 et seq., and Executive Order

117 (2008) (commonly known as pay to play limitations) and the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission disclosure requirements set forth in P.L. 2005, C. 271, as amended, codified at N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26, and as more fully described in Section 1.8 of this RFP. Respondents, as part of this procurement process, and if selected must at all times, abide by all requirements of New Jersey law, and all relevant Executive Orders.

Proposals will be reviewed and evaluated by a Commission-established "Evaluation Committee" to determine if each Respondent has met the required professional and administrative requirements set forth in this RFP. Under no circumstances will a member of the Evaluation Committee review a Proposal that a member or a member's firm submitted. Based upon the totality of the information contained in the Proposal, including information about the reputation and experience of each Respondent, the Commission will, in its sole judgment, determine which Respondents are qualified. Each Respondent who meets the requirements of the RFP, will be designated as a qualified respondent and will be considered during the evaluation process for the award of a contract for contractor services.

The Procurement process commences with the issuance of this RFP. The steps involved in the process and the anticipated completion dates are set forth in **Table 1**, **Procurement Schedule**. The Commission reserves the right to amend, modify, or alter the Procurement Schedule upon notice to all potential Respondents.

All Respondents shall be required to execute a Confidentiality & Non-Disclosure Agreement ("NDA") with the Commission for all information utilized <u>and</u> generated as part of this Contract. The NDA must be executed and returned to the Commission prior to the distribution of any and all documentation, drawings, models, etc., required for the preparation of a Proposal in response to this RFP. The NDA shall extend, if applicable, to the Respondent's subconsultants. A sample NDA is attached hereto as (Attachment "1")

A pre-proposal meeting will be held at the Wanaque Treatment Plant located at One F.A. Orechio Drive, Wanaque, New Jersey 07465 in the Filter Building 2nd Floor Conference Room at 8:00 a.m. Thursday, November 30, 2023 attendance is not mandatory, all Respondents are strongly recommended to attend this pre-proposal meeting and site visit. Failure to attend the Pre-proposal meeting does not relieve the Bidder of any obligations or requirements. Bidders can be held to have knowledge that would have been gained if the Bidder attended the Pre-Proposal Meeting. Access Approval Forms should be submitted, via email to Security, with a copy of a photo ID, twenty-four (24) hours in advance of arrival on site. Interested participants who have not emailed an Access Approval Form prior to the meeting start time, will not be permitted to attend. Please note, a new Access Approval Form must be submitted to Security for every visit to the Commission. Access Approval Forms may be found in (Attachment "2") of the RFP Package.

All communications concerning this RFP or the RFP process shall be directed to the Commission's Designated Contact Person, Margaret Maddalena, Contract Administrator, in writing and e-mailed to <a href="mailed-emailed-mailed-mailed-emaile

Respondents must submit an original, five (5) copies, and an electronic copy of the Proposal on a CD or USB drive. Proposals must be in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the RFP's title, date, and time due and submitted to:

Margaret Maddalena,
Contract Administrator
North Jersey District Water Supply Commission
One F.A. Orechio Drive
Wanaque, New Jersey 07465

Sealed Proposals must be received by the Commission, via mail, overnight delivery, or hand delivery, by 1:30 PM prevailing time on Wednesday, January 3, 2023 at which time all Proposals will be publicly opened. Proposals will not be accepted by facsimile transmission or e-mail. Please indicate on the outside of the envelope, "Response to Request for Proposals for the Provision of Contractor Services for Work Associated with Vegetation Management, RFP #011-2023".

Subsequent to issuance of this RFP, the Commission (through the issuance of addenda to all firms that have received a copy of the RFP) may modify, supplement or amend the provisions of this RFP in order to respond to inquiries received from prospective Respondents or as otherwise deemed necessary or appropriate by, and in the sole judgment, of the Commission.

TABLE 1 ANTICIPATED PROCUREMENT SCHEDULE

ACTIVITY DATE

1.	Issuance of Request for Proposals	Thursday, November 16, 2023
2.	Pre-Proposal Meeting	Thursday, November 30, 2023
3.	Question Cut-Off Date	Tuesday, December 12, 2023
4.	Proposal Submission Date	Wednesday, January 3, 2024
5	Tentative Contract Award Date	Wednesday January 24 2024

1.3. Conditions Applicable to RFP.

Upon submission of a Proposal in response to this RFP, the Respondent acknowledges and consents to the following conditions relative to the submission and review and consideration of its Proposal:

- All costs incurred by the Respondent in connection with responding to this RFP shall be borne solely by the Respondent.
- The Commission reserves the right, in its sole judgment, to reject for any reason, any and all Proposals, or components thereof, and to eliminate any and all Respondents responding to this RFP from further consideration.
- The Commission reserves the right, in its sole judgment, to reject any
 proposal that contains exceptions to the requirements of the RFP, or
 to reject a Proposal that is not responsive to the requirements of this
 RFP.
- The Commission reserves the right, without prior notice, to supplement, amend, or otherwise modify the terms of the RFP, or otherwise request additional information.
- All Proposals shall become the property of the Commission upon submission and will not be returned.
- All Proposals will be made available to the public at the appropriate time, as determined by the Commission in its sole discretion, and in accordance with applicable law.
- The Commission may request qualified Respondents to send representatives to the Commission for interviews.
- Any and all Proposals not received by the Commission by <u>1:30 PM</u>, <u>Prevailing Time</u>, on <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>January 3</u>, <u>2024</u> will be rejected.

- The Commission reserves the right not to select any Respondent(s) for final contract award as a result of the RFP.
- Neither the Commission, nor its respective Commissioners, staffs, consultants or advisors (including but not limited to the Evaluation Committee) shall be liable for any claims or damages resulting from the solicitation or preparation of any Respondent's Proposals, nor will the Commission reimburse Respondents for the cost of preparing and submitting a Proposal or for participating herein.

1.4. Rights of Commission.

The Commission reserves, holds and may exercise, in its sole discretion, the following rights and options with regard to this RFP and the procurement process in accordance with Applicable Law:

- To change or alter the schedule for any events called for in this RFP upon the issuance of notice to all prospective Respondents who have received a copy of this RFP.
- To conduct investigations of any or all of the Respondents, as the Commission deems necessary or appropriate, to clarify the information provided as part of the Proposal and to request additional information to support the information included in any Proposal.
- To request that Respondents send representatives to the Commission for interviews at a time and place designated by the Commission.
- To request additional information from prospective Respondents.
- To cancel this RFP or procurement process if it determines it is in the Commission's or the public interest to do so and to institute another procurement process.
- To reject any Respondent that submits in response to this RFP a
 Proposal that is incomplete or not responsive to the requirements
 of this RFP.
- To reject any Proposal as non-responsive, to the extent permitted by Applicable Law, that takes any exception or makes any additions to any term or condition of the RFP (including the Proposal forms in the Appendices).
- To request clarification or amplification from any Respondent regarding its Proposal, or any portion thereof.

- To request an oral presentation with all Respondents, if it believes that it would be helpful to the Commission or Evaluation Committee to do so.
- To negotiate with one or more Respondents after receipt of Proposals on any of the final terms and conditions of the retention, including price, so long as the Commission maintains a written record of all such negotiations.
- To reserve the right to not select any Selected Respondent(s) for final contract award as a result of the RFP process.
- To reserve the right to waive minor irregularities. The Commission also reserves the right to waive a mandatory requirement provided that:
 - 1. the requirement is not mandated by law;
 - 2. all of the otherwise responsive Proposals failed to meet the mandatory requirement; or
 - 3. in the sole discretion of the Commission, the failure to comply with the mandatory requirement does not materially affect the procurement or the Commission's interests associated with the procurement.

1.5. Addenda or Amendments to RFP.

During the period provided for the preparation of responses to the RFP, the Commission may issue addenda, amendments, or answers to written inquiries. Those addenda will be noticed by the Commission and will constitute a part of the RFP. All responses to the RFP shall be prepared with full consideration of the addenda, amendments or answers to written inquiries issued prior to the submission date for the Proposal.

1.6. <u>Cost of Proposal Preparation</u>.

Each Proposal shall contain all information required to be submitted pursuant to the RFP and shall be prepared at the sole cost and expense of the Respondent. The Respondent agrees that it will not seek reimbursement from the Commission, its Commissioners, staff, or consultants for the costs or expenses incurred in the submission of a Proposal.

1.7. Proposal Format.

Proposals should include all information requested in this RFP. Proposals that, in the sole judgment of the Commission, fail to meet the requirements of the

RFP or are in any way conditional, incomplete, obscure, contain additions or deletions from requested information, or contain errors, may be rejected. **Proposal Form may be found in (Appendix "D")**.

1.8. Campaign Contributions and Expenditure Reporting.

In order to safeguard the integrity of the Commission's procurement process, the Commission has imposed restrictions to insulate the award of contracts from political contributions that pose the risk of improper influence, purchase of access, or the appearance thereof. The terms and conditions set forth in this section are material terms of any contract resulting from this RFP.

- a. <u>Definitions</u>. For the purposes of this section, the following shall be defined as follows:
- (i) Contribution means a contribution reportable by a recipient under "The New Jersey Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Reporting Act." N.J.S.A. 19:44A-1 et seq., and implementing regulations set forth at N.J.A.C. 19:25-7 and N.J.A.C. 19:25-10.1 et seq. Currently, contributions in excess of \$300 during a reporting period are deemed "reportable" under these laws.
- (ii) Contractor means any natural or legal person, business corporation, professional service corporation, Limited Liability Company, partnership, limited partnership, business trust, association or any other legal commercial entity organized under the laws of New Jersey or any other state or foreign jurisdiction. It also includes (a) all principals who own or control more than ten (10%) percent of the profits or assets of a Contractor or more than ten (10%) percent of the stock in the case of a Contractor that is a corporation for profit, as appropriate; (b) any subsidiaries directly or indirectly controlled by the Contractor; (c) any political organization organized under 26 <u>U.S.C.A.</u> 527 that is directly or indirectly controlled by the Contractor, other than a candidate committee, election fund, or political party committee; and (d) if a Contractor is a natural person, that person's spouse or child, residing in the same household.

b. Breach of Contract.

It shall be a breach of the terms of any contract for the Contractor to (i) make or solicit a contribution in violation of the terms of this section, (ii) knowingly conceal or misrepresent a contribution given or received; (iii) make or solicit contributions through intermediaries for the purpose of concealing or misrepresenting the source of the contribution; (iv) make or solicit any contribution on the condition or with the agreement that it will be contributed to a campaign committee or any candidate for or holder of the public office of Governor, or to any State or county party committee; (v) engage or employ a lobbyist or consultant with the intent or understanding that such lobbyist or consultant would subject that entity to the restrictions of this section; (vi) fund contributions made by third parties, including consultants, attorneys, family members, and employees;

(vii) engage in any exchange of contributions to circumvent the intent of this section; or (viii) directly or indirectly through or by any other person or means, do any act which would subject that entity to the restrictions of this section.

c. Certification and Disclosure Requirements.

- (i) The Commission is prohibited from entering into a contract with any Contractor for services or any material, supplies or equipment, or to acquire, sell or lease any land or building, where the value of the transaction exceeds \$17,500, if that Contractor has solicited or made any contribution of money, or pledge of contribution, including in-kind contributions to a candidate committee and/or election fund of any candidate for or holder of the public office of Governor, or to any State or county political party committee: (1) within the eighteen (18) months immediately preceding the commencement of negotiations for the contract or agreement; (2) during the term of office of a Governor, in the case of contributions to a candidate committee or election fund of the holder of that office, or to any State or county political party committee of a political party nominating such Governor in the last gubernatorial election preceding the commencement of such term; or (3) within the eighteen (18) months immediately preceding the last day of the term of office of Governor, in which case such prohibition shall continue through the end of the next immediately following term of the office of Governor, in the case of contributions to a candidate committee or election fund of the holder of that office, or to any State or county political party committee of a political party nominating such Governor in the last gubernatorial election preceding the commencement of the latter term. Effective November 15, 2008, Executive Order No. 117 extends the above prohibition to contributions made to a candidate committee or election fund of any candidate for or holder of the office of Lieutenant Governor, and to contributions made to a legislative leadership committee or a municipal political party committee.
- (ii) At the time of the submission of its Proposal, a Contractor shall report all contributions the Contractor made during the preceding four (4) years to any political organization organized under 26 <u>U.S.C.</u> 527 of the Internal Revenue Code that also meets the definition of a "continuing political committee" within the meaning of <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 19:44A-3(n) and <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 19:25-1.7. The required forms and instructions are included in this RFP (See Attachment #3) package and must be returned with a Contractor's Proposal fully complete.

Failure to submit the fully completed Two – Year Vendor Certification and Disclosure of Political Contributions", Chapter 51 Form with a Proposal may result in the rejection of the Proposal, as well as barring of future contract opportunities with the Commission, as the Commission may deem appropriate in its sole judgement.

(iii) Further, the Contractor is required, on a continuing basis, to report any contributions it makes during the term of the Contract, and any

extension(s) thereof, at the time any such contribution is made. The required form and instructions are available for review on the Purchase Bureau website at http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/forms.shtml and shall be provided to the intended awardee with the Notice of Intent to Award.

d. Disclosure Review.

The Commission shall ensure that the disclosures submitted pursuant to this section, as well as any other pertinent information concerning the contributions or reports thereof by the intended awardee, prior to award, or during the term of the Contract, by the Contractor are reviewed by the appropriate authorities. If it is determined that any contribution or action by the Contractor constitutes a breach of contract that poses a conflict of interest in the awarding of the contract under this solicitation, the Commission shall disqualify the Contractor from award of such contract.

1.9. Requirements of Executive Order #37.

On September 25, 2006, Governor Corzine signed Executive Order #37, which sets forth a series of reforms concerning the State's independent authorities. This RFP process shall at all times comply with the provisions of E.O. #37 requiring a "fair and transparent process." The Commission has established a scoring process and an Evaluation Committee pursuant to EO #37 and will be using both when determining which firm(s) to award a contract to. The factors that the Commission will use as part of this scoring process may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. The background, qualifications, skills, and experience of the firm and its staff;
- b. The firm's degree of expertise concerning the area at issue;
- c. The rate or price charged by the firm;
- d. The Commission's prior experiences with the firm;
- e. The firm's familiarity with the work, requirements, and systems of the State authority;
- f. The firm's proposed approach to the scope of work set forth in the project description or specifications;
- g. The firm's capacity to meet the requirements of the project at issue;
- h. The firm's references:
- i. Interviews with prospective firms; and
- i. Geographical location of the firm's offices.

Respondents are directed to **Section 5 of this RFP** for a complete description of the criteria to be utilized by the Commission in reviewing and evaluating each Proposal.

Section 2 of the RFP, describes the Scope of Services to be performed by the Selected Respondent(s) during the term of the Contract. As part of the criteria that the Evaluation Committee and the Commission will use to assess the Proposals submitted in response to the RFP, Respondents are required to demonstrate their qualifications and experience in providing these services, and to describe their experience in performing these services under similar contracts.

Should an oral presentation be requested by the Commission, it will be an opportunity for the Respondent to introduce its staff to the Commission, and to present supplementary information regarding its Proposal and credentials, as related to the specific needs of the Commission. The Respondent may use materials during this oral presentation; provided, however, that the presentation will be restricted to a maximum time period specified by the Commission, including the time allotted for a question and answer period. Information relating to the Respondent's recent experience on similar assignments, approach to the work and the use of innovative and/or cost effective measures should be included in the oral presentation.

1.10. Contract Term.

The initial term anticipated for this Contract is two (2) years. However, the Commission reserves the right to renew the Contract, at its sole discretion, for up to two (2) consecutive, one (1) year terms, under the same conditions of the original Contract.

END OF SECTION 1

SECTION 2

SCOPE OF SERVICES

2.1. Project Description

It is the intent of the NORTH JERSEY DISTRICT WATER SUPPLY COMMISSION ("Commission") to solicit Proposals from licensed Contractors that have expertise In Vegetation Management Services. The Vegetation Management will include, but not limited be to: herbicide, fertilizers and or weed killer applications to all Fences, Guard Rails, Gates, Dykes, Dams, Spillways, Roadside Corners, Landscapes, Landscapes Beds, and Stone Areas as set forth in Section 2.3 to eliminate any and all weeds or vegetation. The Contractor shall be responsible for all record keeping and to prepare a complete set of copies to be given to the Commission's representative. The Contractor will also be responsible for the removal of all dead vegetation in accordance with Section 2.3

2.2. Guidelines.

- 1. Contractor shall provide its own employees, equipment, and supplies necessary to complete the Services described hereunder. Please note that special equipment will be needed due to the scope of work.
- 2. Contractor will follow all specific requirements related to Vegetation Management Services set forth in Section 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3.
- 3. All work shall be completed in a workmanlike manner consistent with customary industry practices.
- 4. Contractor shall be responsible for damage to the Commission property caused by Vegetation Management Services operations including, but not limited to, buildings, curbs, parking blocks, islands, sidewalks, light poles, fences, gates, sign, turf, landscaping, trees, drift, paving or stripping of the Commission property or equipment used in connection therewith.
- 5. Contractor agrees to complete the Vegetation Management Tracking Log for all work completed on a weekly basis. To receive payment, this sheet must be attached to the invoice along with a copy of the Contactor's record forms and area wide notification ad from all papers. (See Exhibit "E")
- 6. Contractor agrees to provide the Commission with current after-hours telephone numbers for the project manager and key staff.

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- 7. Contractor will comply with all Federal, State, and Local governmental laws, regulations, codes, and ordinances.
- 8. Contractor shall secure and maintain in force for the term of the Contract all applicable Insurance requirements to the State of New Jersey. All limits will be set by the Commission.
- 9. Contractor shall possess a valid **NJ State Contractor's License**.
- 10. Contractor and/or their employees must have approved Commission Access Approval forms completed and faxed to the Commission's Security Department for entry to Commission property.
- 11. Contractor is responsible for the maintenance of all Dams, and various locations as set forth in this RFP.
- 12. Contractor shall supply contact telephone numbers for the project manager and key staff to Commission Security so they can contact Contractor's personnel to perform Vegetation Management Services.
- 13. All Contractor Employees must possess a valid NJ Driver's License while operating motor vehicles on Commission properties.
- 14. Contractor shall be responsible for any and all training and certification of its employees and must produce documentation regarding same upon request.
- 15. Vegetation Management Services shall include but are not limited to: Herbicide spraying, trimming, leaf removal, limbs and debris removal from dams, cutting of sprayed dead vegetation and record keeping.
- 16. Contractor will be responsible to remove all dead vegetation, debris and clippings generated from Vegetation Management Services.
- 17. Contractor and its employees will wear all safety equipment related to the work that is being performed.
- 18. Contractor shall possess a valid NJ Pesticide License in Category 3B-Turf or 6A General Vegetation Management to bid on Part 1 of this RFP. Part 2 of this RFP shall require a valid NJ Pesticide License in category 6A General Vegetation Management or 6B Right-of-Way. Part 3 of this RFP shall require a valid NJ Pesticide License in category 6B Right-of-Way.
- 19. Contractor will follow all NJ DEP Pesticide control Regulations at all times.

- 20. Contractor is responsible for all cost and community wide notifications placed in all applicable newspapers as per NJ DEP Pesticide Control Regulations 7:30-9.10. Contractor will supply a copy of these notifications to the Commission.
- 21. Contractor will be responsible for any notification to apiarist (Bee Keepers) if applicable as per NJ DEP Regulation 7:30-9.11.
- 22. Contractor will be responsible for posting and the removal of all signage at each location where pesticides are being applied.
- 23. Contractor is solely responsible for all costs and expenses related to lane closures, police supervision for traffic control, necessary signage and any and all other expenses incurred by Contractor.
- 24. Contractor is responsible for all MSDS and correspondence to all individuals who request any information prior to the start of the program. All responses to any complaints shall first be approved by the Commission prior to circulation. Contractor must forward to the Commission any and all documentation or correspondence regarding complaints or general questions concerning the Services in a timely manner.
- 25. Contractor will supply the Commission with all applicable labels and MSDS of all pesticides, adjuvant, herbicides, soaps, oils, and any and all other chemicals used in the formulation.
- 26. Contractor will need prior approval for all herbicides, pesticides, adjuvant, soaps, oils and any and all chemicals proposed for the use on the Commission property, under no circumstances are there to be any substitutions without prior written approval from the Commission representative.
- 27. Contractor is responsible for all markings and License numbers on vehicles and equipment as per the NJ DEP regulations.
- 28. Contractor must possess a valid **NJ Pesticide Applicator Business License** and submit a copy to the Commission prior to the commencement of the Services.
- 29. Contractor will follow all percentage application rates on all labels applicable to the work being performed.
- 30. Contractor will be responsible for all record keeping as per the NJ DEP Regulation and will submit copies of all records with explicit detail of all pertinent information, including but not limited pesticide name,

- percentages applied, formulations, date, time, applicator name, amount of solution and weather conditions.
- 31. Contractor is responsible for researching for the minimum risk herbicides and pesticides to be applied in this program that will have the least impact to: Commission water supply, environment, ground water contamination, leaching, fish and aquatic organisms.
- 32. Contractor shall utilize the safest herbicides and pesticides regardless of its cost to Contractor.
- 33. Contractor will only be permitted to apply an aquatic herbicide for terrestrial use in an effort to protect Commission water supply; under no conditions will the Commission allow any herbicide to enter Commission water supply.
- 34. Contractor will be responsible for determining to proceed with scheduled applications due to wind, rain or any other weather factors. Contractor will be responsible for any and all costs and re applications due to rain, wind, heat, weather or any other reasons the targeted site needs a reapplication.
- 35. Contractor is solely responsible for properly disposing of all containers, bags, jugs and any and all waste generated by Contractor.
- 36. Contractor shall be solely responsible for all permits, restrictions, research, interruption and determination of all areas to be treated along with wetlands and aquatic sites in association with the Services.
- 37. All permits required for the performance of the Services, as well as any and all costs associated with violations and spills are the sole responsibility of the Contractor.
- 38. Contractor will provide to the Commission a detailed schedule for all proposed application sites and shall promptly update the Commission regarding all schedule changes due to weather conditions and/or any other unforeseen delays.
- 39. Contractor will be responsible for tracking the weather and the concomitant ramifications that weather conditions will have on all applications. Contractor agrees to follow all label recommendations and time restraints as to rainfall affecting applications
- 40. Contractor will observe and note all active intakes, spillways, dams and dykes and will make all applications with caution. No applications to the reservoir will be permitted.

- 41. Contractor will be responsible for the elimination of all vegetation at the sites detailed in this RFP. Contractor may apply more than one application several weeks apart if Contractor deems it advisable; however, Contractor is responsible for the elimination of all vegetation regardless of how many applications are applied at no additional cost to the Commission.
- 42. Contractor may apply a pre-emergent for the suppression of germination in their formulation providing all aspects of this scope document are followed and the herbicide has been approved by the Commission.
- 43. Contractor is prohibited from subcontracting or reassigning all or any portion of this work in which they have been awarded a contract unless it has received prior written approval from the Commission.
- 44. It is the Contractor's responsibility to assure that all tanks and equipment utilized on Commission property have been properly calibrated and washed out so no other chemical that has been utilized on another location will contaminate the application.
- 45. Contractor will be issued a checklist of touchups if needed before any payment will be released.
- 46. Part 1, 2 and 3 of this fee proposal sheet will be considered as 3 separate bids and may be awarded to more than one contractor.

2.3. Dam Locations & Work Site Requirements

I. <u>Dam # 1</u>

- Aquatic Herbicide spot application for terrestrial use to the upstream side of Dam #1 where riprap and stone is present for the elimination of all vegetation.
- Aquatic Herbicide for terrestrial use and a pre-emergent application to the downstream side of Dam #1 where riprap and stone is present for the prevention and elimination of all vegetation.
- Aquatic Herbicide for terrestrial use and a pre-emergent application to all QP roads and along the base of Dam #1 for the prevention and the elimination of all vegetation.
- Aquatic Herbicide for terrestrial use and a pre-emergent application along fences and gates for the prevention and the elimination of all vegetation.
- Turf on Dam # 1 to be treated with a liquid fertilizer and the weed killer Q-4 for the elimination of all broad leaf weeds, crab and goose grass, woody brush and all other vegetation other than grass.
- Trim and remove all dead vegetation and debris at all areas treated at this location.



<u>Dam #1</u>

Dam #2, #2A, and #3.

- Aquatic Herbicide spot application for terrestrial use to the upstream side of Dam #2A and Dam #3 where riprap and stone is present for the elimination of all vegetation.
- Aquatic Herbicide for terrestrial use and a pre-emergent application to the downstream side of Dams #2A and Dam #3 where riprap and stone is present for the prevention and elimination of all vegetation.
- Aquatic Herbicide for terrestrial use and a pre-emergent application to all QP roads and along the base of Dam # 3 for the prevention and the elimination of all vegetation.
- Aquatic Herbicide for terrestrial use and a pre-emergent application along fences, guard rails and gates for the prevention and the elimination of all vegetation.
- Turf on Dam #2 and #2A to be treated with a liquid fertilizer and the weed killer Q-4 for the elimination of all broad leaf weeds, crab and goose grass, woody brush and all other vegetation other than grass.
- No Turf to be treated at Dam #3
- Trim and remove all dead vegetation and debris at all areas at this location.

Dam #2, #2A, #3



Dam #4.

- Aquatic Herbicide spot application for terrestrial use to the upstream side of Dam #4 and at discharge cement area where riprap and stone is present for the elimination of all vegetation.
- Aquatic Herbicide for terrestrial use and a pre-emergent application to all QP roads and along the base of Dam #4 for the prevention and the elimination of all vegetation.
- Turf on Dam #4 to be treated with a liquid fertilizer and the weed killer Q-4 for the elimination of all broad leaf weeds, crab and goose grass, woody brush and all other vegetation other than grass.
- Trim and remove all dead vegetation and debris from treated areas at this location.

Dam # 4



Wolf Den Dam.

- Aquatic Herbicide spot application for terrestrial use to the upstream side of Wolf Den Dam where riprap and stone is present for the elimination of all vegetation.
- Aquatic Herbicide for terrestrial use and a pre-emergent application to the downstream side of Wolf Den Dam where riprap and stone is present for the prevention and the elimination of all vegetation.
- Aquatic Herbicide for terrestrial use and a pre-emergent application to all QP roads and along the base of Wolf Den Dam for the prevention and the elimination of all vegetation.
- Turf on Wolf Den Dam to be treated with a liquid fertilizer and the weed killer Q-4 for the elimination of all broad leaf weeds, crab and goose grass, woody brush and all other vegetation other than grass.
- Trim and remove all dead vegetation and debris at all areas treated at this location.

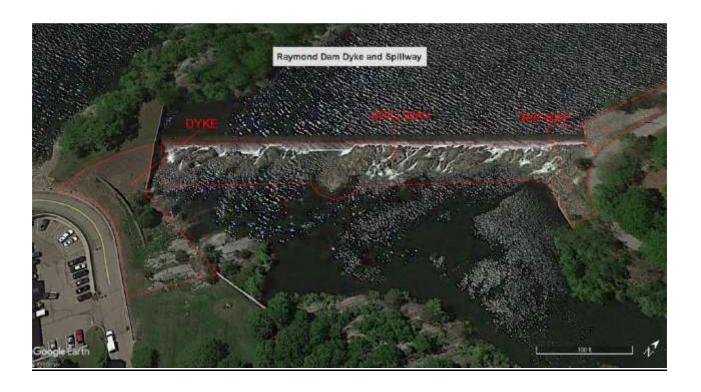
Wolf Den Dam



Raymond Dam Dyke and Spillway

- Aquatic Herbicide for terrestrial use and a pre-emergent application to the downstream side of the Raymond Dam Dyke where riprap and stone is present for the prevention and the elimination of all vegetation.
- Aquatic Herbicide spot application for terrestrial use to all brush and vegetation at the base of the spillway at Raymond Dam for the elimination of all vegetation.
- No turf is to be treated at this location.
- Trim and remove all dead vegetation and debris at all areas treated at this location.

Raymond Dam Dyke and Spillway



Main Building Water Tower Area

- Aquatic Herbicide spot application for terrestrial use to the upstream side where riprap and stone is present for the elimination of all vegetation.
- No turf is to be treated at this location.
- Trim and remove all dead vegetation and debris at all areas treated at this location.

Main Building Water Tower Area



Head Works Raymond Dam*

*PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF ACTIVE POTABLE WATER INTAKE

- Aquatic Herbicide spot application for terrestrial use to the upstream side of Raymond Dam where riprap and stone is present for the elimination of all vegetation.
- Aquatic Herbicide for terrestrial use and a pre-emergent application to the downstream side of Raymond Dam where riprap and stone is present for the prevention and the elimination of all vegetation.
- Aquatic Herbicide for terrestrial use and a pre-emergent application to the top of Raymond Dam roadway for the prevention and the elimination of all vegetation.
- Aquatic Herbicide for terrestrial use and a pre-emergent application on stairways and paths leading to Raymond Dam for the prevention and the elimination of all vegetation.
- No turf is to be treated at this location other than Raymond Dam Arches.
- Turf on Raymond Dam Arches to be treated with a liquid fertilizer and the weed killer Q-4 for the elimination of all broad leaf weeds, crab and goose grass, woody brush and all other vegetation other than grass.
- Trim and remove all dead vegetation and debris at all areas treated at this location.

Head Works Raymond Dam



Midvale Dam

- Aquatic Herbicide spot application for terrestrial use to the upstream side of Midvale Dam where riprap and stone is present for the elimination of all vegetation.
- Aquatic Herbicide for terrestrial use and a pre-emergent application to the downstream side of Midvale Dam where riprap, stone and mulch is present for the prevention and the elimination of all vegetation.
- Aquatic Herbicide for terrestrial use and a pre-emergent application to all QP roads along the base of Midvale Dam for the prevention and the elimination of all vegetation.
- Aquatic Herbicide for terrestrial use and a pre-emergent application along the toe of the Midvale Dam to the wood line for the prevention and the elimination of all vegetation.
- Aquatic Herbicide application for terrestrial use to the fence along Midvale Dam to eliminate all vegetation on and surrounding the fence.
- Turf on Midvale Dam to be treated with a liquid fertilizer and the weed killer Q-4 for the elimination of all broad leaf weeds, crab and goose grass, woody brush and all other vegetation other than grass.
- Trim and remove all dead vegetation and debris at all areas treated at this location.





Furnace Dam

- Aquatic Herbicide spot application for terrestrial use to the upstream side of Furnace Dam where riprap and stone is present for the elimination of all vegetation.
- Aquatic Herbicide for terrestrial use and a pre-emergent application to all QP roads and gate for the prevention and elimination of all vegetation.
- Turf on Furnace Dam to be treated with a liquid fertilizer and the weed killer Q-4 for the elimination of all broad leaf weeds, crab and goose grass, woody brush and all other vegetation other than grass.
- Trim and remove all dead vegetation and debris at all areas treated at this location.

Furnace Dam



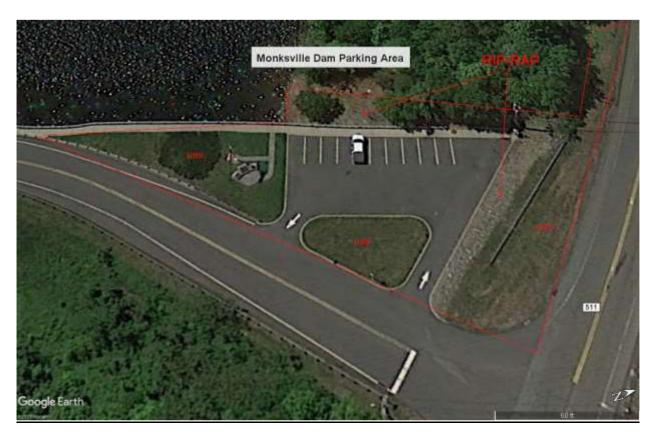
Monksville Dam

- Aquatic Herbicide spot application for terrestrial use to the upstream side of the Dam where riprap and stone is present for the elimination of all vegetation.
- Aquatic Herbicide for terrestrial use and a pre-emergent application to the downstream side of Monksville Dam where riprap and stone is present for the prevention and the elimination of all vegetation.
- Turf on Monksville Dam to be treated with a liquid fertilizer and the weed killer Q-4 for the elimination of all broad leaf weeds, crab and goose grass, woody brush and all other vegetation other than grass.
- All stone areas, curbs, cracks in pavement and sidewalks are to be treated with an Aquatic Herbicide for terrestrial use and a pre-emergent herbicide for the prevention and elimination of all vegetation.
- Trim and remove all dead vegetation and debris at all areas treated at this location.





Monksville Dam Parking Area



Lower Monksville Dam



Monksville Dam Roadway



Riprap at Lower Monksville Dam Gate 13D





Turf at Lower Monksville Gate 13A







Ramapo Pump Station

- Aquatic Herbicide spot application for terrestrial use where riprap and stone is present for the elimination of all vegetation.
- No turf is to be treated at this location.
- All Stone areas, Landscape beds, Sub-station, Curbs, cracks in pavement and sidewalks are to be treated with an Aquatic Herbicide for terrestrial use with a pre-emergent herbicide for the prevention and the elimination of all vegetation.
- Trim and remove all dead vegetation and debris on the spillway as well as all areas treated at this location.

Ramapo Pump Station



Passaic River Truss Bridge

- Aquatic Herbicide spot application for terrestrial use where riprap and stone is present for the elimination of all vegetation.
- No turf is to be treated at this location.
- Trim and remove all dead vegetation and debris at all areas treated at this location.

Passaic River Truss Bridge



Little Falls Corrosion Control

- Aquatic Herbicide for terrestrial use and a pre-emergent herbicide application where stone is present, along the fence line, in all cracks in the pavement and around the pipe suspended over the river for the prevention and the elimination of all vegetation.
- No turf is to be treated at this location.
- Trim and remove all dead vegetation and debris at all areas treated at this location.





RTF and Lagoon Area

- Aquatic Herbicide for terrestrial use and a Pre-emergent herbicide application where riprap and stone is present, curbs, cracks in pavement, along roadway and embankment to lagoon. There are also 3 sample areas, the decant tower and stairs to be treated with an Aquatic Herbicide for terrestrial use and a pre-emergent herbicide for the prevention and the elimination of all vegetation.
- No turf is to be treated at this location.
- Trim and remove all dead vegetation and debris at all areas treated at this location.

RTF and Lagoon Area



RTF and Lagoon Area Sample Sites

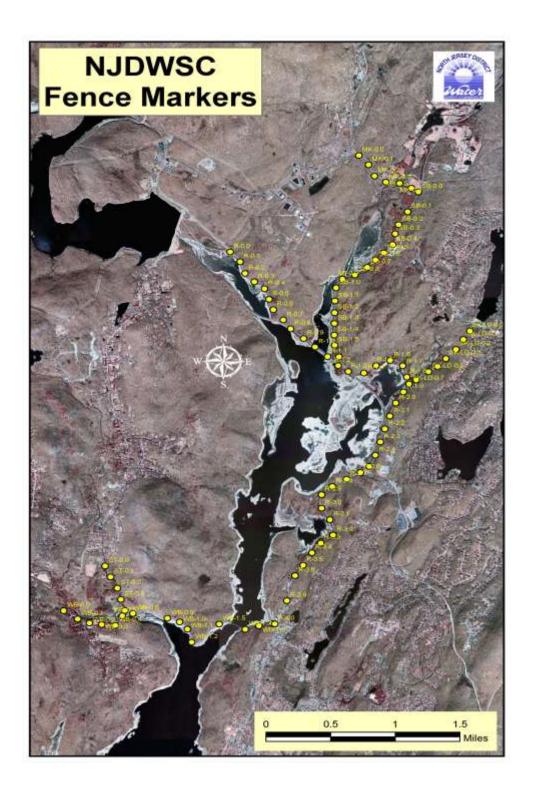


RTF and Lagoon Area Decant Tower



Fence Markers

- Aquatic Herbicide for terrestrial use and a pre-emergent application to all fences and gates for the prevention and elimination of all vegetation.
- Trim and remove all dead vegetation and debris on all fences and gates and within 3 feet from either side of all areas treated at this location.



2.4. Additional Requirements

- 1. <u>Pre-proposal meeting:</u> A pre-proposal meeting will be held at the Wanaque Treatment Plant located at One F.A. Orechio Drive, Wanaque, New Jersey 07465 at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 30, 2023. While attendance is not mandatory, all Respondents are strongly recommended to attend this pre-proposal meeting and site visit. Failure to attend the pre-proposal meeting does not relieve the Respondents of any obligations or requirements. Respondent can be held to have knowledge that would have been gained if the Respondent attended the Pre-Proposal Meeting. Access Approval Forms should be submitted, via email to Security, with a copy of a photo ID, twenty-four (24) hours in advance of arrival on site. Interested participants who have not emailed an Access Approval Form prior to the meeting start time, will not be permitted to attend. Please note, a new Access Approval Form must be submitted to Security for every visit to the Commission. Access Approval Forms may be found in (Attachment "2") of the RFP Package.
- 2. <u>Fee Proposal:</u> Provide a lump sum, not to exceed price quote to perform the Services for Parts 1, 2 and 3 listed in Section 2, Scope of Services for the specified areas as listed in the Fee Proposal Sheet (see Appendix "D").
- Part 1, 2, and 3 of this fee proposal sheet will be considered as 3 separate bids and may be awarded to more than one contractor.
- 3. Project Schedule: Provide a project schedule to complete the Services.

The Commission will designate a Representative to represent the Commission for all aspects related to this project and act as the primary point of contact between the Commission and the Contractor.

2.5. Personnel.

The Selected Respondent represents and agrees that:

- 1. It has the personnel necessary to provide the Services;
- 2. No personnel provided by the Selected Respondent are, or shall be employees of the Commission, nor shall they have any contractual relationship with the Commission;
- 3. All of the Services to be provided by the Selected Respondent pursuant to the Contract will be provided by personnel qualified to perform the particular work; and
- 4. None of the Services to be provided by the Selected Respondent shall be provided by any subconsultant, or under any subcontract for services, without the prior written consent of the Commission.
 - a. The Selected Respondent shall include within their Proposal, any subcontract, along with the subcontractor's qualifications and work tasks to be performed by subcontractor.
 - b. Any and all work performed by a subcontractor is to be supervised by the Selected Respondent.

2.6. Work Hours.

All work on Commission property shall be performed between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, New Jersey State Holidays excepted, unless other arrangements are made in advance with, and approved by, the Commission

2.7. Security.

Anyone entering the grounds of the Commission MUST submit an Access Approval Form, (**See Attachment #2**), with copy of Photo ID at least two (2) business days before arrival on site.

Any and all photographs, drawings, information related to this RFP, and Proposal, shall be classified as CONFIDENTIAL and will become the property of the Commission. No documents, photos and information as it

relates to this RFP, the Proposal, and the Services, are to be disseminated by the Selected Respondent.

Proof of background checks will be required for personnel working for the Selected Respondent who might have access to Commission information.

2.8. Use of the Premises.

- A. Before beginning work, the Contractor must secure approval from the Commission for the following:
 - 1. Areas permitted for personnel parking.
 - 2. Access to the site.
 - 3. Areas permitted for storage/staging of equipment, if necessary.
 - 4. Areas permitted for storage of removed material and debris.

B. Facility Site:

- 1. The Contractor shall use reasonable care and responsibility to protect the facility and grounds against any damage. The Contractor shall be solely responsible for any damages resulting from or relating to the performance of the Services, and shall undertake and perform the necessary corrective measures to remedy such damages.
- 2. The Contractor shall be responsible for all debris removal and clean up from the job site under this Contract. The project debris will be removed from the site within three (3) days from completion of project. All debris shall be discarded off-site per local and state regulations in a legally operating waste management facility.

2.9. Safety.

The Contractor shall be responsible for all means and methods to comply with all applicable local, state and federal safety requirements. Safety of all Contractor personnel shall be the responsibility of the Contractor. All related personnel shall be instructed daily to be mindful of the full time requirement to maintain a safe environment for all personnel within the work area.

2.10. Payments.

Compensation shall be payable within sixty (60) days of receipt of invoices with the approval of the Commission and, in accordance with the Commission's standard accounting policies and procedures.

2.11. Confidentiality & Non-Disclosure.

Contractors shall hold in trust and not reveal to any third party, except as provided in this RFP and/or subsequent Contract, if applicable, between the Commission and the Selected Respondent(s), any and all confidential or "Security Related" information as defined herein. Contractors shall require its employees and subcontractors to comply with the provisions of this RFP, and/or subsequent Contract, if applicable, as it pertains to confidentiality. No documents, photos and information, as it relates to this RFP, the Proposal, and the Services, are to be disseminated by any Contractor or the Selected Respondent(s). The Selected Respondent(s) will be required to sign a Non-Disclosure Agreement ("NDA") before commencing the Work. A sample NDA may be found in (Attachment "1") The NDA must also be included in all subcontracts entered into by the Selected Respondent(s).

Confidential or "Security Related" information shall include:

- Any and all photographs, drawings, financial, statistical, personnel and/or technical data supplied to the Respondent.
- Any and all data, technical information, material gathered, originated, developed, prepared, used or obtained in the performance of this Contract, including results and opinions of the Contractor.
- Any and all communications between the Commission and the Contractor, and the Contractor and any third party regarding the performance of this Contract.

The Selected Respondent(s) is required to protect the confidentiality of such data. Any use, copying, distribution, sale or offering of this data in any form by the Selected Respondent(s), or any individual or entity in the Selected Respondent(s)' charge or employ for purposes not connected with this Contract, will be considered a violation of this Contract and may result in contract termination and the Selected Respondent'(s) suspension or debarment from State contracting. In addition, such conduct may be reported to the State Attorney General for criminal prosecution to the extent allowed by law.

It is further agreed that any information supplied by the Commission to the Selected Respondent and any information developed by the Selected Respondent in satisfaction of the Scope of Work within this Contract is subject to the following conditions and restrictions, not including the conditions and restrictions set forth in the NDA annexed hereto as (Attachment "1").

- Information received from or developed for the Commission is to be used solely for the purpose(s) established in this Contract.
- The data confidentiality matters coming within this Contract shall continue beyond the completion of all work involved in this Contract, unless specifically waived in writing by the Commission.
- Any and all asset information received from prior to the issuance of this RFP shall be considered confidential or "Security Related" information; however,

other information that was already known to the Respondent prior to the issuance of this RFP, or any information that is or has become publicly available and is rightfully received by the Respondent, or any information that is approved by the Commission for the Respondent to release shall not be considered confidential.

The Contractor within the content of its reports shall interpret nothing contained herein to interfere with or impose any limitation on the expression of professional judgment, nor shall it restrict disclosure required of the Contractor by State or Federal Law. Unless, such disclosure is specifically exempt due to the provisions of State or Federal Law, resolution of either or both houses of legislature, a regulation promulgated under the authority of any statute or Executive Order of the Governor, an Executive Order of the Governor, and/or Rules of Court.

All Respondents shall submit with their proposal documentation of their written procedures for protecting the confidentiality of such data in accordance with this Section. Subconsultants, if they are to be used, must also submit their written procedures or must submit a written agreement to accept and use the procedures of the Consultant.

Such procedures should address, but not be limited to, the following factors:

- Conducting criminal history background checks for any individual scheduled to work in any detail relating to the Scope of Work within this Contract.
- 2. Deselecting an individual based on the results of a criminal history background check.
- 3. Reviewing and authenticating immigration credentials for any individual who is a non-U.S. citizen.
- 4. Limiting and/or prohibiting, consistent with applicable law, the distribution of personal information for those personnel deemed to have access to confidential information concerning this Contract including the limitation of access to databases containing individual names, home addresses and other personal information.
- 5. Ensuring that individuals are fully aware of the importance of vigilance and reporting suspicious activities and security breaches to corporate security (or equivalent) and for corporate security (or equivalent) to refer all such reported activities to law enforcement officials.
- 6. Controlling and storing documents/data (both paper and electronic).

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Upon approval of the Commission, these procedures shall become part of the Contract and failure by the Consultant or subconsultant to comply with these procedures will be considered a violation of this Contract.

All Respondents shall be required to execute an NDA with the Commission, for all information utilized <u>and</u> generated as part of this Contract. The NDA Agreement must be returned to the Commission prior to the distribution of any and all documentation, drawings, models, etc., required for the preparation of the Proposal in response to this RFP. The NDA shall extend, if applicable, to the Respondent's subconsultants.

END OF SECTION 2

SECTION 3

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

3.1. General Requirements.

The Proposal submitted by the Respondent must meet or exceed the professional, administrative and financial qualifications set forth in this Section 3 and shall incorporate the information requested below.

In addition to the information required as described below, a Respondent may submit supplemental information that it feels may be useful in evaluating its Proposal. Respondents are encouraged to be clear, factual, and concise in their presentation of information.

3.2. Administrative Information Requirements.

The Respondent shall, as part of its Proposal, provide the following information:

- 1. An executive summary (not to exceed two (2) pages) of the information contained in all the other parts of the Proposal.
- 2. A completed and executed Letter of Qualification (See Appendix A to this RFP).
- 3. Name, address and telephone number of the firm or firms submitting the Proposal pursuant to this RFP, and the name of the key contact person.
- 4. A description of the business organization (i.e., corporation, partnership, Limited Liability Company, joint venture, etc.) of each firm, its ownership and its organizational structure.
 - (a) Provide the names and business addresses of all Principals of the firm or firms submitting the Proposal. For purposes of this RFP, "Principals" means persons possessing an ownership interest in the Respondent. If the Respondent is a corporation, "Principals" shall include each investor who would have any amount of operational control over the Respondent and every stockholder having an ownership interest of ten (10%) percent or more in the firm.
 - (b) If a firm is a partially owned or a fully-owned subsidiary of another firm or company, identify the parent firm or company

- and describe the nature and extent of the parent's approval rights over the activities of the firm submitting a Proposal. Describe the approval process.
- (c) If the Respondent is a partnership, Limited Liability Company, joint venture or similar organization, it shall provide comparable information as required in 4 (a) and (b) above for each member of the partnership, Limited Liability Company, joint venture or similar organization.
- 5. An executed Letter of Intent (See Appendix B).
- 6. The number of years your organization has been in business under the present name.
- 7. The number of years your organization has been under the current management.
- 8. A statement that the Respondent is in compliance with all applicable affirmative action (or similar) requirements with respect to its business activities, together with evidence of such compliance.
- 9. Any judgments within the last three (3) years in which Respondent has been adjudicated liable for professional malpractice. If yes, please provide a written description of the circumstances underlying the adjudication and a copy of any legal ruling relevant thereto.
- 10. Whether the business organization is now or has been involved in any bankruptcy or re-organization proceedings in the last ten (10) years. If yes, please provide a written description of the circumstances underlying the bankruptcy proceedings and a copy of any legal rulings relevant thereto.
- 11. Respondent shall submit a copy of all appropriate federal and state licenses to perform the Services.
- 12. Respondent shall submit a copy of its **Business Registration**Certificate.

3.3. Professional Information Requirements.

- 1. Respondent shall submit a description of its overall experience in providing the Services sought in the RFP, and provide proof of all certifications necessary to perform such Services.
 - a. Description of scope of work of past Vegetation Management Services performed by Respondent, particularly in aquatic environments and/or Dams, Dykes, Spillways, and other areas adjacent to potable water.
 - b. Name, address, and contact information of references.
 - c. Explanation of perceived relevance of Respondents experience to this RPF.
 - 2 Describe the Services that Respondent would perform directly.
 - 3. Description of those portions of the Services, if any, that will be subcontracted out by the Respondent. Identify all subcontractors the Respondent anticipates using in connection with the Services set forth in this RFP.
 - 4. Resumes of key employees.
 - 5. A narrative statement of the Respondent's understanding of the Commission's needs and goals.
 - 6. List all immediate relatives of Principal(s) of Respondent who are Commission employees or elected officials of the Commission, if any. For purposes of the above, "immediate relative" means a spouse, parent, stepparent, brother, sister, child, stepchild, direct-line aunt or uncle, grandparent, grandchild, and in-laws by reason of relation. If none, so state.
 - 7. In addition, all proposals should include a completed Fee Proposal sheet, as found in **Appendix "D"**

3.4. <u>Insurance and Indemnification Requirements.</u>

The Selected Respondent hereby agrees to fully indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Commission, the Commissioners, its members, directors, officers, agents, servants, employees and successors and assigns from and against all losses, fines, penalties, damages, lawsuits, claims, causes of action, liabilities, demands, obligations to Consultant, and expenses, including attorneys' fees in connection with the loss of life, personal injury, bodily injury, and/or property damage, if occasioned in whole or in part by any negligent act

or omission of the Consultant or the Consultant's agent's, servants, employees, and subconsultants in the performance of services and provision of goods under this Contract. This obligation shall include the provision of a defense for the Commission at all stages of the claims or judicial process and together with all losses, fines, penalties, costs and expenses relating to any of the foregoing, including but not limited to, court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees arising out of this Contract and to enforce this indemnification provision.

The Selected Respondent retained to perform the Services will be required to obtain and maintain continuously, at its own expense, and file with the Commission and its insurance broker evidence of coverage as enumerated below:

1. **Commercial General Liability Insurance:**

Commercial General Liability Insurance, written on an industry standard occurrence form (CG 00 01), 1207 Edition or Equivalent.

The Selected Respondent shall maintain Products Completed Operations liability coverage for a period of at least twenty-four (24) months following the Final Project Completion Date.

Such policy(ies) must provide the following minimum limits:

General Aggregate - Applies Per Project
Products & Completed Operations Aggregate
Personal & Advertising Injury
Each Occurrence Limit
Fire Damage Legal Liability

Any deductible or self-insured retention must be disclosed and is subject to approval by the Commission. The cost of any claim payments falling within the deductible shall be the responsibility of the Selected Respondent.

2. **Business Automobile Liability:**

Including coverage for owned, non-owned, leased or hired vehicles, written on an industry standard form (CA 00 01) or equivalent. Such policy(ies) must provide the following minimum limits:

\$1,000,000 Combined Single Limit (Bodily Injury & Property Damage)

3. Worker's Compensation:

- Worker's Compensation Limits: Statutory
- Employer's Liability:

\$1,000,000 Each Accident

\$1,000,000 Disease – Policy Limit

\$1,000,000 Disease – Each Employee

4. Excess/Umbrella Insurance:

Schedule of Underlying to include: General Liability, Employer's Liability and Auto Liability as outlined above.

Minimum Limit of Liability: \$5,000,000 per Occurrence

\$5,000,000 Aggregate

5. **Professional Liability:**

Minimum Combined Limit of Liability: \$3,000,000 Each Incident

\$3,000,000 Policy Aggregate

Definition of Covered Services: Includes all services performed by the insured for a fee.

The Selected Respondent shall maintain this Insurance for a period of at least twenty-four (24) months following the expiration of the contract term and/or termination of service.

The Commission must be named as an additional insured under all applicable policies (except for Worker's Compensation and Professional Liability) and the Selected Respondent must provide the Commission with current Certificates of Insurance for all required insurance coverages upon execution of the contract for the Services.

In the event the Selected Respondent will utilize leased, contract or temporary employees to perform the Services, it will be necessary for the Selected Respondent to demonstrate to the Commission's full satisfaction prior to the award of a contract that all such employees are covered with Worker's Compensation insurance.

6. Evidence of Insurance:

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The following documents must be provided in conjunction with a Certificate of Insurance:

- A copy of the endorsement naming the Commission as an Additional Insured, on Form CG2010 or equivalent on all policies except Worker's Compensation.
- A copy of an endorsement stating that the coverages provided by this policy to the Commission shall not be terminated, reduced or otherwise materially changed without providing at least sixty (60) days prior written notice to the Commission.
- A waiver of subrogation in favor of the Commission should apply under all the policies outlined in this section.
- General Consultant and subconsultants, if any, are required to maintain the same level of coverage as outlined in Section 1 and provide Certificates of Insurance and copies of supporting endorsements.

All policies must be rated A-VII or higher in the A.M. Best's Key Rating Guide and licensed to do business in the State of New Jersey or are an eligible Surplus Lines Insurer or are an acceptable Joint Insurance Fund.

Acceptance by the Commission of deficient evidence of insurance does not constitute a waiver of contract requirement as provided by conditions of the contract.

3.5. Affirmative Action.

During the performance of the Services, the Selected Respondent must agree as follows:

a. The Selected Respondent will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex. Except with respect to affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality the contractor will take affirmative action to ensure such applicants are recruited and employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation gender identity or expression, disability, nationality, or sex. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or

recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The Selected Respondent agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the contracting officer setting forth provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

- b. The Selected Respondent will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Selected Respondent, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex.
- c. The Selected Respondent will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice, to be provided by the agency contracting officer advising the labor union or workers' representative of the Selected Respondent's commitments under this act and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
- d. The Selected Respondent agrees to comply with the regulations promulgated by the Treasurer pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq., as amended and supplemented from time to time and the American Disabilities Act.
- e. The Selected Respondent shall furnish such reports or other documents to the affirmative action office as may be requested by the office from time to time in order to carry out the purposes of these regulations, and public agencies shall furnish such information as may be requested by the affirmative action office for conducting a compliance investigation pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:27-1 et seq.
- f. The Selected Respondent agrees to attempt in good faith to employ minority and female workers consistent with the applicable county employment goals prescribed by N.J.A.C. 17:27-5.2 .The Selected Respondent agrees to inform in writing appropriate recruitment agencies in the area, including employment agencies, placement bureaus, colleges, universities, labor unions, that it does not discriminate on the basis of age, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex, and that it will discontinue the use of any recruitment agency that engages in direct or indirect discriminatory practices.
- g. The Selected Respondent agrees to revise any of its testing procedures, if necessary, to assure that all personnel testing conforms with the principles of job-related testing, as established by the statutes, laws, regulations and court decisions of the State of New Jersey and as

- established by applicable Federal law and applicable Federal court decisions.
- i. The Selected Respondent agrees to review all procedures relating to transfer, upgrading, downgrading, and layoff to ensure that all such actions are taken without regard to age, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex, and conform with the applicable employment goals, consistent with the statutes, laws, regulations and court decisions of the State of New Jersey, and as established by applicable Federal law and applicable Federal Court decisions.
- j. The Contractor shall submit to the public agency, after notification of award but prior to execution of goods and services contract, one of the following three documents:

Letter of Federal Affirmative Action Plan Approval;

Certificate of Employee Information Report; or

Employee Information Report Form AA-302 (electronically provided by the Division and distributed through the Division's website at:

http://www.state.nj.us/treasurey/contract_compliance.

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

3.6. Disclosure of Investment in Iran.

Pursuant to Public Law 2012, c. 25, any person or entity that submits a bid or proposal or otherwise proposes to enter into or renew a contract must complete the certification below to attest, under penalty of perjury, that neither the person or entity, nor any of its parents, subsidiaries, or affiliates, is identified on the Department of Treasury's Chapter 25 list as a person or entity engaging in investment activities in Iran. The Chapter 25 list is found on the Division's website at http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/pdf/Chapter25List.pdf. Bidders must review this list prior to completing the below certification. Failure to complete the certification will render a bidder's proposal non-responsive. If the Director finds a person or entity to be in violation of law, s/he shall take action as may be appropriate and provided by law, rule or contract, including but not limited to, imposing sanctions, seeking compliance, recovering damages, declaring the party in default and seeking debarment or suspension of the party.

3.7. Diane B. Allen Equal Pay Act.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.14, a contractor performing "qualifying services" or "public work" to the State or any agency or instrumentality of the State shall provide the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development a report regarding the compensation and hours worked by employees categorized by gender, race, ethnicity, and job category. For more information and report templates see https://nj.gov/labor/equalpay/equalpay.html.

END OF SECTION 3

SECTION 4

INSTRUCTIONS TO RESPONDENTS

4.1. Submission of Proposals.

Respondents must submit an original, five (5) copies and an electronic copy of the proposal on a CD or USB drive to the Designated Contact Person:

Margaret Maddalena Contract Administrator North Jersey District Water Supply Commission One F.A. Orechio Drive Wanaque, New Jersey 07465

<u>Sealed</u> Proposals must be received by the Commission no later than <u>1:30 PM</u> <u>PM, Prevailing Time, on Wednesday, January 3, 2024</u> and must be mailed, overnight delivered, or hand-delivered. Proposals forwarded by facsimile or email <u>will not</u> be accepted. Please indicate on the outside of the sealed envelope "Response to Request for Proposals for the Provision of Contractor Services for Vegetation Management RFP #011-2023".

To be responsive, Proposals must provide all requested information, and must be in strict conformance with the instructions set forth herein. Proposals and all related information must be bound, and signed and acknowledged by the Respondent.

END OF SECTION 4

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SECTION 5

EVALUATION

The Commission's objective in soliciting Proposals is to enable it to select a firm(s) from among the qualified Respondents that will provide high quality and cost effective services. The Commission will consider Proposals only from firms or organizations that, in the Commission's sole judgment, have demonstrated the capability and willingness to provide high quality services to the Commission in the manner described in this RFP. Selection of a qualified Respondent to perform the Services will be made on a competitive basis based on the Respondent's approach, qualifications, the proposed fee, and familiarity with Applicable Law relevant to the performance of the Services. The selection will also take into consideration a Respondent's proficiency in providing Services to governmental entities. The Commission will select the Respondent that it determines is best qualified to provide the Services to the Commission, price and other factors considered.

The factors that the Commission will use as part of evaluation include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. APPROACH/PROJECT UNDERSTANDING: (30 Points)

- a. The Respondent's proposed approach to the Scope of Services; and
- The Respondent's understanding of the Services and its objectives;
 and
- c. The degree of completeness of the Respondent's response to the specific requirements of the RFP.

2. SCHEDULE: (15 Points)

a. Respondent's proposed time schedule to complete all tasks.

3. QUALIFICATIONS/PROJECT EXPERIENCE/REFERENCES/PAST EXPERIENCE WITH COMMISSION (35 Points)

- a. The background, qualifications, skills and experience of the Respondent and its staff in the disciplines covered by the RFP; and
- b. The Respondent's references; and
- c. The Commission's prior experience with the Respondent and the Respondent's familiarity with the work, requirements, and systems of the Commission; and
- d. Interviews with Respondents, if requested by the Commission.

4. COST PROPOSAL: (20 Points)

a. The Respondent's lump sum, not-to-exceed price for the Scope of Services for Parts 1, 2 and 3, including all labor, material, expenses, and subconsultants. Part 1, 2 and 3 of the fee proposal will be considered as 3 separate bids and may be awarded to more than one contractor.

END OF SECTION 5

APPENDIX A

LETTER OF QUALIFICATION

(Note: To be typed on Respondent's Letterhead. No modifications may be made to this letter)

[insert date]

Timothy J. Eustace, Executive Director North Jersey District Water Supply Commission One F.A. Orechio Drive Wanaque, New Jersey 07465

Attn: Timothy J. Eustace, Executive Director

Dear Mr. Eustace:

The undersigned have reviewed our Proposal submitted in response to the Request for Proposals issued by the North Jersey District Water Supply Commission ("Commission"), dated [insert date], in connection with the Commission's need for Contractor Services for Work Associated with Vegetation Management Services Commission-Owned Facilities.

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

(Respondent shall sign and complete the spaces provided below. If a joint venture, appropriate officers of each company shall sign.)

(Signature of Chief		(Signature of Chief
Executive Officer)		<u>Financial Officer)</u>
(Typed Name and Title)		(Typed Name and Title)
(Typed Name of Firm)*		(Typed Name of Firm)*
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Dated:	Dated:

* If a joint venture, partnership or other formal organization is submitting a Proposal, each participant shall execute this Letter of Qualification.

APPENDIX B

LETTER OF INTENT

(Note: To be typed on Respondent's Letterhead. No modifications may be made to this letter)

[insert date]

Timothy J. Eustace, Executive Director North Jersey District Water Supply Commission One F.A. Orechio Drive Wanaque, New Jersey 07465

Attn: Timothy J. Eustace, Executive Director

Dear Mr. Fustace:

The undersigned, as Respondent, has (have) submitted the attached Proposal in response to a Request for Proposals ("RFP"), issued by the North Jersey District Water Supply Commission ("Commission"), dated [insert date], in connection with the Commission's need for Work Associated with the Vegetation Management Services Commission-Owned Facilities.

(Name of Respondent) HEREBY STATES:

- 1. The Proposal contains accurate, factual, and complete information.
- 2. (Name of Respondent) agrees to participate in good faith in the procurement process as described in the RFP.
- 3. (Name of Respondent) acknowledges that all costs incurred by it (them) in connection with the preparation and submission of the Proposal, and any Proposal prepared and submitted in response to the RFP, or any negotiation which results therefrom shall be borne exclusively by the Respondent.
- 4. (Name of Respondent) hereby declares that the only persons participating in this Proposal as Principals are named herein and that no person other than those herein mentioned has any participation in this Proposal, or in any contract to be entered into with respect thereto. Additional persons may subsequently be included as participating Principals, but only if acceptable to the Commission.
- 5. (Name of Respondent) declares that this Proposal is made without connection with any other person, firm or parties who has submitted a Proposal,

except as expressly set forth below and that it has been prepared and has been submitted in good faith and without collusion or fraud.

- 6. (Name of Respondent) acknowledges and agrees that the Commission may modify, amend, suspend and/or terminate the procurement process, in its sole judgment. In any case, the Commission shall have no liability whatsoever to the Respondent for any costs incurred by the Respondent with respect to the procurement activities described in this RFP.
- 7. (Name of Respondent) acknowledges that any Contract executed with respect to the provision of Contractor Services for Work Associated with the Vegetation Management Services must comply with all applicable affirmative action and similar laws. Respondent hereby agrees to take such actions as are required in order to comply with all applicable laws and regulations.

(Respondent shall sign and complete the space provided below. If a joint venture, appropriate officers of each company shall sign.)

	(Signature of Chief Executive Officer)
	(Typed Name and Title)
	(Typed Name of Firm)*
)ated:	

• If a joint venture, partnership or other formal organization is submitting a Proposal, each participant shall execute this Letter of Intent.

APPENDIX C

NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT (Note: No modifications may be made to this form.)

STATE OF }		
COUNTY OF }	5.:	
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being duly sworn according	ng to the law on my oath depose	and say that: I am the firm of
Proposal with authority so indirectly, entered into any taken any action in restrain and that all statements corand correct, and made water supply commission.	Proposal for the Services, and that to do; that said Respondent hagreement, participated in any cont of free competition in connection tained in the said Proposal and in the with full knowledge that the NOR Norelies upon the truth of the states statements contained in this Affidential	as not, directly or ollusion, or otherwise n with the Services; his Affidavit are true TH JERSEY DISTRICT ments contained in
to solicit or secure such c commission, percentage,	erson or selling agency has been em contract upon an agreement or u brokerage or contingent fee, e cablished commercial or selling ager	nderstanding for a except bona fide
NAME OF CONTRACTOR	OFFICER'S SIGNATU	RE
(Original signate	ure only, stamped signature not acc	cepted)
Subscribed and sworn to before me thisday of202	3.	
Notary Public of the State o My Commission expires	f	
Affix notary stamp or print n	ame below signature.	
NOTARY'S SIGNATURE		

APPENDIX "D"

FEE PROPOSAL SHEET

BIDDER MUST POSSES A VALID NJ PESTICIDE LICENSE CATEGORY 3B-TURF OR 6A GENERAL VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

Part 1 - All Turf on Dams and Arches as defined in this RFP:

Dam #1, #2, #2A #4, Wolf Den Dam, Raymond Dam, Midvale Dam, Monksville Dam and Furnace Dam to be treated with a liquid fertilizer and the weed killer Q-4 for the elimination of all broad leaf weeds, crab and goose grass, woody brush and all other vegetation other than grass as set forth in the description listed in this RFP.

Lump Sum Price
(\$)
BIDDER MUST POSSES A VALID NJ PESTICIDE LICENSE CATEGORY 6A GENERAL VEGETATION MANAGEMENT OR 6B RIGHT-OF-WAY. Part 2 - All locations, Stone areas, Rip-Rap Dams as defined in this Rip: Dams: #1, #2, #2A, #3, #4, Wolf Den Dam, Raymond Dam, Midvale Dam, Furnace Dam, Monksville Dam, Raymond Dam Dyke and Spillway, Ramapo Dam and Flood Gate, Passaic River Truss Bridge, Main Building Water Tower Rip- rap, Little Falls Corrosion Control, RTF, Lagoon Area and Decant Tower to be treated for the complete prevention and elimination of vegetation as set forth in the description listed in this RFP.
Lump Sum Price
(\$)

BIDDER MUST POSSES A VALID NJ PESTICIDE LICENSE CATEGORY 6B Right-of-Way Part 3 - All fence lines and gates defined in part 3 of this RFP are required to be treated with an Aquatic Herbicide and a pre-emergent herbicide for a terrestrial application. The elimination of all vegetation within 3 foot on both sides of all fences and gates as well as all vegetation growing on the fence is required. Trim

Lump Sum Price	
(\$.)

and remove all dead vegetation and debris on all fences and gates, within 3

feet of both sides of the fence and all areas treated at this location.

Part 1, 2 and 3 of this fee proposal sheet will be considered as 3 separate bids and may be awarded to more than one contractor.

APPENDIX "E"

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Department of Environmental Protection

Applicator and business info:	
Licensed: COMMERCIAL PESTICIDE APPLICATOR	
Certification Areas:	
License #:	

	LANDSCAPE RECORD FORM
Customer Name: Address: Phone:	NORTH JERSEY DISTRICT WATER SUPPLY COMMISSION One F.A. Orechio Drive, Wanaque, NJ 07465 973-835-3600 – Passaic County
Date	
Weather:	
Start Time:	
Completion Time: Re-Entry Period: Re-Entry Time:	
Chemical:	
Chemical Type:	
EPA Reg. #:	
Formulation:	
Rate of Dosage:	
Application Method:	
Total Amount of Con	centrate Used:
Total Amount of Mix	Used:

Pesticide Statement:

Areas to be serviced: (See Attached Maps)

Statement:" Sanitation, as well as physical and biological control measures, should be considered as a part of a good pest control program. Pesticides may be used as another part of a good pest control program. Pesticides are substances used to control living organisms and vary in degree of toxicity".

ATTACHMENT 1

NJDWSC NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT (NDA)

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CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
KIM DIAMOND
COMMISSION SECRETARY

CONFIDENTIALITY AND NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENT

THIS CONFIDENTIALITY AND NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENT (the "Agreement") is made and entered into as of this day of, 2024 by and between:
THE NORTH JERSEY DISTRICT WATER SUPPLY COMMISSION (hereinafter, the "Commission"), located at One F.A. Orechio Drive, Wanaque, New Jersey 07465; and
, and its affiliates and subsidiaries (hereinafter, ""), with a primary place of business located at, and, together with the Commission, the "parties").
WITNESSETH
WHEREAS, pursuant to <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 58:5-1 <u>et seq.</u> , the Commission is a public body corporate duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of New Jersey, exercising public and essential governmental functions and providing for the public health and welfare, and is engaged in developing raw water sources, storing water and distributing a reliable supply of potable water to its participating municipalities; and
WHEREAS , the Commission fulfills a vital role in maintaining, overseeing, and securing the operation of the largest regional water supply in the State of New Jersey, the safety and security of said operation constituting a critical Homeland Security concern; and
WHEREAS, in order to facilitate the possibility of entering into a contract for goods and services, and in particular, the procurement process pertaining to RFP #011-2023 CONTRACTOR SERVICES VEGETATION MANAGEMENT Commission-Owned Facilities, and if entered into, the execution of such business relationship, the Commission may disclose certain non-public or proprietary information to (or the "Receiving Party") and its representatives; and

unauthorized disclosure and use of any such non-public or proprietary information disclosed to

the Receiving Party and its representatives.

WHEREAS, the Commission wishes to preserve the confidentiality and prevent the

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises, covenants, representations and warranties made in this Agreement, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged by the parties, intending to be legally bound, hereby agree as follows:

- 1. "Information" means all non-public or proprietary information of the Commission disclosed in connection with this Agreement and shall include, but not be limited to, information regarding the Commission or its related entities' assets, liabilities, financial and other conditions, insurance, reinsurance, employees, consultants, operations, facilities, prospects, business plans, customer lists, or security arrangements. Information also includes any documents prepared by the Receiving Party that through the use of non-public proprietary Information that was provided to the Receiving Party by the Commission.
- 2. As a condition to receiving the Information which the Commission may furnish to the Receiving Party and its representatives or to which the Receiving Party and its representatives are afforded access, directly or indirectly, the Receiving Party and its representatives shall take all reasonable measures to avoid disclosure, dissemination or unauthorized use of Information, including, at a minimum, those measures that the Receiving Party takes to protect its own confidential information of a similar nature (provided that such measures are consistent with at least a reasonable degree of care).

3. Information does not include information that:

- a. Has been or becomes published or is now or in the future publicly available without breach of this Agreement or breach of a similar agreement by a third party or through no wrongful act of the receiving party or its representatives; or
- b. Is known to the Receiving Party prior to the time such information was acquired from the Commission under this Agreement as evidenced by the Receiving Party's contemporaneous written records; or
- c. Is independently developed and prepared by the Receiving Party not in reliance upon or reflecting any Information disclosed pursuant to this Agreement; or
- d. Subsequent to disclosure, is lawfully received from a third party having rights therein without restriction (to the best of the Receiving Party's knowledge) on the right of such third party or the Receiving Party to disseminate the information and without notice of any restriction against its further disclosure.
- 4. Information shall not, without the prior written consent of the Commission, be disclosed to any person or entity other than the Receiving Party's and its representatives' employees (including outside legal counsel, actuaries and accountants) who need to know the Information and in those instances only to the extent of such need. The Receiving Party agrees to keep all Information confidential, and further agrees to use Information solely for the evaluation stated above, and for no other purpose. The Receiving Party agrees that it and its representatives' employees (including outside legal counsel, actuaries and accountants) shall be informed of the terms of this Agreement.

- 5. All Information shall remain the exclusive property of the Commission, and the Receiving Party shall have no rights, by license or otherwise, to use Information except as expressly provided herein.
- 6. The Receiving Party agrees on its own behalf and on behalf of its representatives and/or assigns to return to the Commission or destroy, and verify in writing such destruction, all written, tangible or otherwise accessible material in any form (including electronic media such as computer diskettes, CD-ROM, electronic copies or any material resident in the hard or external drive of any computer) containing or reflecting any Information (including all copies, summaries, excerpts, extracts, notes or other reproductions) promptly at the request of the Commission or within sixty (60) days of the termination or conclusion of the parties' business or contractual relationship. All information retained by the Receiving Party pursuant to this Section 6 shall remain subject to the confidentiality and nondisclosure obligations of this Agreement. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, the Receiving Party may retain one copy of Information that has become part of a file that the Receiving Party, in its reasonable judgment, is required to retain and/or make available for examination by government regulatory or investigatory agencies, or retain and/or produce by an order of a court or insurance regulatory agency.
- 7. Nothing in this Agreement shall impose any obligation upon either party to consummate a transaction, to enter into any discussion or negotiations with respect thereto, or to take any other action not expressly agreed to herein.
- 8. In the event that the Receiving Party receives a request to disclose all or any part of the Information as part of a governmental investigation or under the terms of a subpoena or order issued by a court or governmental body, the Receiving Party will take all reasonable steps to notify the Commission promptly in writing of such request in order to allow the Commission an opportunity to resist or narrow such request and will reasonably cooperate, at the Commission's expense, with the Commission and its representatives in connection with the Commission's efforts to resist or narrow such request. In the event that the Commission elects to waive the provisions of this Section 8 or is otherwise unsuccessful in resisting such request, the Receiving Party shall only disclose the Information that it determines it is legally required to disclose after consultation with competent counsel.
- 9. Except as required by applicable law or court or arbitral order, neither party shall in any way or in any form disclose (except as necessary to such party's outside legal counsel, actuaries and accountants), publicize or advertise in any manner the discussions or negotiations concerning the business purpose underlying this Agreement, or the status of any such discussions or negotiations without the consent of the other party.
- 10. This Agreement shall be deemed to be a contract made under the laws of the State of New Jersey and for all purposes shall be construed in accordance with the laws thereof. The parties agree that any and all disputes between the parties under or relating to the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be fully and completely adjudicated in the courts of the State of New Jersey.

- 11. Any provision of this Agreement which may be prohibited or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions hereof or affecting the validity or enforceability of such provision in any other jurisdiction.
- 12. Neither this Agreement nor any rights or obligations hereunder may be assigned by either party hereto without the prior written consent of the other party, and such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, delayed or conditioned. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns. No permitted assignment shall relieve a party of its obligations hereunder with respect to Information disclosed prior to the assignment. Any assignment in violation of this Paragraph Thirteen (12) shall be deemed null and void.
- 13. No amendment to any provision of this Agreement shall be binding and enforceable unless in writing and signed by both of the parties and specifically referencing this Agreement.
- 14. This Agreement shall continue to be binding after the conclusion of the business or contractual relationship between the parties absent prior written consent of both parties.
- 15. This Agreement shall not be interpreted in a manner that would violate any applicable cannons of ethics or codes of professional responsibility. Nothing in this Agreement shall prohibit or interfere with the ability of counsel for any party to represent any individual, corporation, or other entity adverse to any party or its affiliate(s) in connection with any other matters.
- 16. Each of the parties acknowledges and agrees that remedies at law may be inadequate to protect the Commission against any actual or threatened breach of this Agreement by the Receiving Party or its representatives, and, without prejudice to any other rights and remedies otherwise available to the Commission (including, without limitation, monetary damages), the Receiving Party agrees to the granting of specific performance and injunctive or other equitable relief in the Commission's favor without proof of actual damages and each of the parties further agrees to waive, and to use all reasonable efforts to cause its representatives to waive, any requirement for the securing or posting of any bond in connection with any such remedy. Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed or construed to limit or prevent the Commission from bringing a claim for damages as a result of any actual or threatened breach of this Agreement by the Receiving Party or its representatives.
- 17. Each of the parties agrees that no failure or delay by the Commission in exercising any right or remedy hereunder will operate as a waiver thereof, nor will any single or partial exercise thereof preclude any other or further exercise of any right or remedy hereunder.
- 18. This Agreement was entered into solely to benefit the parties and no other person or entity shall have enforceable rights and remedies hereunder or hereby.

- 19. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts (including via facsimile), each of which shall be deemed an original but all of which together shall constitute one in the same instrument.
- 20. This Agreement sets forth the entire understanding between the parties concerning the subject matters of the foregoing recitals and paragraphs.

IN WITNESS HEREOF, the parties have caused this Agreement to be executed by their authorized representatives on the date first written.

	(CONTRACTOR)	NORTH JERSEY DISTRICT WATER SUPPLY COMMISSION	
By:		By:	
Name: _		Name:	
Title:		Title:	

ATTACHMENT 2

NJDWSC ACCESS APPROVAL FORM



ACCESS APPROVAL FORM TO COMMISSION FACILITIES

COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

1.	Nam	ne of Individual Enter	ring Premises:			
	a.	O N				
	b.	Date of Arrival:				
	C.	Time of Arrival:				
	d.	Your Contact Info:		Fax:		
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	b.	Delivery: ()				
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ATTACHMENT 3

VENDOR CERTIFICATION AND DISCLOSURE OF POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

For Completing the "Two-Year Vendor Certification and Disclosure of Political Contributions" Chapter 51 Form

Background Information

On September 22, 2004, then-Governor James E. McGreevey issued E.O. 134, the purpose of which was to insulate the negotiation and award of State contracts from political contributions that posed a risk of improper influence, purchase of access or the appearance thereof. To this end, E.O. 134 prohibited State departments, agencies and authorities from entering into contracts exceeding \$17,500 with individuals or entities that made certain political contributions. E.O. 134 was superseded by Public Law 2005, c. 51, signed into law on March 22, 2005 ("Chapter 51").

On September 24, 2008, Governor Jon S. Corzine issued E.O. 117 which is designed to enhance New Jersey's efforts to protect the integrity of procurement decisions and increase the public's confidence in government. The Executive Order builds upon the provisions of Chapter 51.

Two-Year Certification Process

Upon approval by the State Chapter 51 Review Unit, the Certification and Disclosure of Political Contributions form is valid for a two (2) year period. Thus, if a vendor receives approval on January 1, 2014, the certification expiration date would be December 31, 2015. Any change in the vendor's ownership status and/or political contributions during the two-year period will require the submission of new Chapter 51/Executive Order 117 forms to the State Review Unit. Please note that it is the vendor's responsibility to file new forms with the State should these changes occur.

State Agency Instructions: Prior to the awarding of a contract, the State Agency should first use NJSTART (https://www.njstart.gov/bso/) to check the status of a vendor's Chapter 51 certification before contacting the Review Unit's mailbox at CD134@treas.nj.gov. If the State Agency does not find any Chapter 51 Certification information in NJSTART and/or the vendor is not registered in NJSTART, then the State Agency should send an e-mail to CD134@treas.nj.gov to verify the certification status of the vendor. If the response is that the vendor is NOT within an approved two-year period, then forms must be obtained from the vendor and forwarded for review. If the response is that the vendor is within an approved two-year period, then the response so stating should be placed with the bid/contract documentation for the subject project.

Instructions for Completing the Form

Part 1: BUSINESS ENTITY INFORMATION

Business Name – Enter the full legal name of the vendor, including trade name if applicable.

Address, City, State, Zip and Phone Number -- Enter the vendor's street address, city, state, zip code and telephone number.

Vendor Email - Enter the vendor's primary email address.

Vendor FEIN – Please enter the vendor's Federal Employment Identification Number.

Business Type - Check the appropriate box that represents the vendor's type of business formation.

Listing of officers, shareholders, partners or members - Based on the box checked for the business type, provide the corresponding information. (A complete list must be provided.)

Part 2: DISCLOSURE OF CONTRIBUTIONS

Read the three types of political contributions that require disclosure and, if applicable, provide the recipient's information. The definition of "Business Entity/Vendor" and "Contribution" can be found on pages 3 and 4 of this form

Name of Recipient - Enter the full legal name of the recipient.

Address of Recipient - Enter the recipient's street address.

Date of Contribution - Indicate the date the contribution was given.

Amount of Contribution - Enter the dollar amount of the contribution.

Type of Contribution - Select the type of contribution from the examples given.

Contributor's Name - Enter the full name of the contributor.

Relationship of the Contributor to the Vendor - Indicate the relationship of the contributor to the vendor. (e.g. officer or shareholder of the company, partner, member, parent company of the vendor, subsidiary of the vendor, etc.)

NOTE: If form is being completed electronically, click "Add a Contribution" to enter additional contributions. Otherwise, please attach additional pages as necessary.

Check the box under the recipient information if no reportable contributions have been solicited or made by the business entity. This box must be checked if there are no contributions to report.

Part 3: CERTIFICATION

Check Box A if the representative completing the Certification and Disclosure form is doing so on behalf of the business entity <u>and all</u> individuals and/or entities whose contributions are attributable to the business entity. (No additional Certification and Disclosure forms are required if BOX A is checked.)

Check Box B if the representative completing the Certification and Disclosure form is doing so on behalf of the business entity <u>and all</u> individuals and/or entities whose contributions are attributable to the business entity <u>with the exception</u> of those individuals and/or entities that submit their own separate form. For example, the representative is not signing on behalf of the vice president of a corporation, but all others. The vice president completes a separate Certification and Disclosure form. (Additional Certification and Disclosure forms are required from those individuals and/or entities that the representative is not signing on behalf of and are included with the business entity's submittal.)

Check Box C if the representative completing the Certification and Disclosure form is doing so on behalf of the business entity only. (Additional Certification and Disclosure forms are required from all individuals and/or entities whose contributions are attributable to the business entity and must be included with the business entity submittal.)

Check Box D when a sole proprietor is completing the Certification and Disclosure form or when an individual or entity whose contributions are attributable to the business entity is completing a separate Certification and Disclosure form.

Read the five statements of certification prior to signing.

The representative authorized to complete the Certification and Disclosure form must sign and print her/his name, title or position and enter the date.

State Agency Procedure for Submitting Form(s)

The State Agency should submit the completed and signed Two-Year Vendor Certification and Disclosure forms either electronically to: cd134@treas.nj.gov or regular mail at: Chapter 51 Review Unit, P.O. Box 230, 33 West State Street, Trenton, NJ 08625-0230. Original forms should remain with the State Agency and copies should be sent to the Chapter 51 Review Unit.

Business Entity Procedure for Submitting Form(s)

The business entity should return this form to the contracting State Agency.

The business entity can submit the Certification and Disclosure form directly to the Chapter 51 Review Unit only when:

- · The business entity is approaching its two-year certification expiration date and is seeking certification renewal;
- · The business entity had a change in its ownership structure; OR
- The business entity made any contributions during the period in which its last two-year certification was in effect, or during the term of a contract with a State Agency.

Questions & Information

Questions regarding Public Law 2005, Chapter 51 (N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.13) or E.O. 117 (2008) may be submitted electronically through the Division of Purchase and Property website at: https://www.state.nj.us/treas/purchase/eo134questions.shtml.

Reference materials and forms are posted on the Political Contributions Compliance website at: http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/execorder134.shtml.

Division of Purchase and Property
Two-Year Chapter 51/Executive Order 117 Vendor Certification and
Disclosure of Political Contributions

	FOR STAT	E USE ONLY	
Solicitation, RFP, or Contract No		Awar	rd Amount
State Agency Name	Cont	act Person	
Phone Number	Cont	act Email	
Check if the Contract / Agreement			
Part 1: Business Entity Informa	ation		Please check if requesting recertification □
Full Legal Business Name	(Including trade	nama if annlicabl	٥١
			Phone
Vendor Email	Vendor FEIN	(SS# if sole prop	prietor/natural person)
Check off the business type		uired information	n for the type of business selected.
 Corporation: LIST ALL OFFICERS a Professional Corporation: LIST ALL Partnership: LIST ALL PARTNERS A Limited Liability Company: LIST All Sole Proprietor 	OFFICERS and ALL SHA with any equity interest	AREHOLDERS "sole	he corporation only has one officer, please writ e officer" after the officer's name.)
Officer or Chief Financial Officer of a co	orporation, or any person	n routinely perform	
Also Note: "N/A will not be accepted a	s a valid response. Whe	re applicable, indica	ate "None."
All Officers of a Corporation	n or PC	10% and g	greater shareholders of a corporation or <u>all</u> shareholders of a PC
All Equity partners of a Pa	artnership		All Equity members of a LLC
If you need additional space for listing	of Officers, Shareholder	rs, Partners or Mem	nbers, please attach separate page.

<u>Part 2: Disclosure of Contributions by the business entity or any person or entity whose</u> contributions are attributable to the business entity.

1. Report below all contributions solicited or made during the 4 years immediately preceding the commencement of negotiations or submission of a proposal to any:

Political organization organized under Section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code and which also meets the definition of a continuing political committee as defined in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-3(n)

2. Report below all contributions solicited or made during the 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ years immediately preceding the commencement of negotiations or submission of a proposal to any:

Candidate Committee for or Election Fund of any Gubernatorial or Lieutenant Gubernatorial candidate State Political Party Committee County Political Party Committee

3. Report below all contributions solicited or made during the 18 months immediately preceding the commencement of negotiations or submission of a proposal to any:

Municipal Political Party Committee Legislative Leadership Committee

Full Legal Name of Recipient			
Address of Recipient			
Date of Contribution Amount of Contribution			
Type of Contribution (i.e. currency, check, loan, in-kind)			
Contributor Name			
Relationship of Contributor to the Vendor			
Remove Contribution Click the "Add a Contribution" tab to enter additional contributions.			
Add a Contribution			
Check this box only if no political contributions have been solicited or made by the business entity or any person or entity whose contributions are attributable to the business entity.			
Part 3: Certification (Check one box only)			
(A) \square I am certifying on behalf of the business entity <u>and all</u> individuals and/or entities whose contributions are attributable to the business entity as listed on Page 1 under <u>Part 1: Vendor Information</u> .			
(B) \square I am certifying on behalf of the business entity <u>and all</u> individuals and/or entities whose contributions			
are attributable to the business entity as listed on Page 1 under <u>Part 1: Vendor Information</u> , except for the individuals and/or entities who are submitting separate Certification and Disclosure forms which are included with this submittal.			
(C) I am certifying on behalf of the business entity only; any remaining persons or entities whose contributions are attributable to the business entity (as listed on Page 1) have completed separate Certification and Disclosure forms which are included with this submittal.			
(D) \square I am certifying as an individual or entity whose contributions are attributable to the business entity.			
I hereby certify as follows:			
1. I have read the Information and Instructions accompanying this form prior to completing the			

2. All reportable contributions made by or attributable to the business entity have been listed above.

certification on behalf of the business entity.

- 3. The business entity has not knowingly solicited or made any contribution of money, pledge of contribution, including in-kind contributions, that would bar the award of a contract to the business entity unless otherwise disclosed above:
 - a) Within the 18 months immediately preceding the commencement of negotiations or submission of a proposal for the contract or agreement to:
 - (i) A candidate committee or election fund of any candidate for the public office of Governor or Lieutenant Governor or to a campaign committee or election fund of holder of public office of Governor or Lieutenant Governor: OR
 - (ii) Any State, County or Municipal political party committee; OR
 - (iii) Any Legisative Leadership committee.
 - b) During the term of office of the current Governor or Lieutenant Governor to:
 - (i) A candidate committee or election fund of a holder of the public office of Governor or Lieutenant Governor; OR
 - (ii) Any State or County political party committee of the political party that nominated the sitting Governor or Lieutenant Governor in the last gubernatorial election.
 - c) Within the 18 months immediately preceding the last day of the sitting Governor or Lieutenant Governor's first term of office to:
 - (i) A candidate committee or election fund of the incumbent Governor or Lieutenant Governor; OR
 - (ii) Any State or County political party committee of the political party that nominated the sitting Governor or Lieutenant Governor in the last gubernatorial election.
- 4. During the term of the contract/agreement the business entity has a continuing responsibility to report, by submitting a new Certification and Disclosure form, any contribution it solicits or makes to:
 - (a) Any candidate committee or election fund of any candidate or holder of the public office of Governor or Lieutenant Governor; OR
 - (b) Any State, County or Municipal political party committee; OR
 - (c) Any Legislative Leadership committee.

The business entity further acknowledges that contributions solicited or made during the term of the contract/agreement may be determined to be a material breach of the contract/agreement.

5. During the two-year certification period the business entity will report any changes in its ownership structure (including the appointment of an officer within a corporation) by submitting a new Certification and Disclosure form indicating the new owner(s) and reporting said owner(s) contributions.

<u>I certify that the foregoing statements in Parts 1, 2 and 3 are true.</u> I am aware that if any of the statements are willfully false, I may be subject to punishment.

Signed Name	Print Name	
Title/Position	Date	

Procedure for Submitting Form(s)

The contracting State Agency should submit this form to the Chapter 51 Review Unit when it has been required as part of a contracting process. The contracting State Agency should submit a copy of the completed and signed form(s), to the Chapter 51 Unit and retain the original for their records.

The business entity should return this form to the contracting State Agency. The business entity can submit this form directly to the Chapter 51 Review Unit only when it -

- Is approaching its two-year certification expiration date and wishes to renew certification;
- · Had a change in its ownership structure; OR
- Made any contributions during the period in which its last two-year certification was in effect, or during the term of a contract with a State Agency.

Forms should be submitted either electronically to: cd134@treas.nj.gov, or regular mail at: Chapter 51 Review Unit, P.O. Box 230, 33 West State Street, Trenton, NJ 08625.

ATTACHMENT 4

DISCLOSURE OF INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES IN IRAN

STATE OF NEW JERSEY -- DIVISION OF PURCHASE AND PROPERTY DISCLOSURE OF INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES IN IRAN

Quote Number:	Bidder/Offeror:	

PART 1: CERTIFICATION BIDDERS MUST COMPLETE PART 1 BY CHECKING EITHER BOX. FAILURE TO CHECK ONE OF THE BOXES WILL RENDER THE PROPOSAL NON-RESPON

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contra subsi in Ira must non-i	act must complete the certification below to attes diaries, or affiliates, is identified on the Department. The Chapter 25 list is found on the Division's review this list prior to completing the below ceresponsive. If the Director finds a person or entity	ntity that submits a bid or proposal or otherwise proposes to enter into or renew a st, under penalty of perjury, that neither the person or entity, nor any of its parents, at of Treasury's Chapter 25 list as a person or entity engaging in investment activities is website at http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/pdf/Chapter25List.pdf . Bidders rification. Failure to complete the certification will render a bidder's proposal by to be in violation of law, s/he shall take action as may be appropriate and provided apposing sanctions, seeking compliance, recovering damages, declaring the party in arty
PLEAS	E CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX:	
	subsidiaries, or affiliates is <u>listed</u> on the N.J. activities in Iran pursuant to P.L. 2012, c. 25 ("C	25, that neither the bidder listed above nor any of the bidder's parents, Department of the Treasury"s list of entities determined to be engaged in prohibited chapter 25 List"). I further certify that I am the person listed above, or I am an officer im authorized to make this certification on its behalf. I will skip Part 2 and sign and
	OR	
	the Department's Chapter 25 list. I will provide and sign and complete the Certification be	bidder and/or one or more of its parents, subsidiaries, or affiliates is listed on de a detailed, accurate and precise description of the activities in Part 2 below elow. Failure to provide such will result in the proposal being rendered as non-or sanctions will be assessed as provided by law.
Na	ROUGH ANSWERS TO EACH QUESTION. IF YO A	NFORMATION RELATIVE TO THE ABOVE QUESTIONS. PLEASE PROVIDE OU NEED TO MAKE ADDITIONAL ENTRIES, CLICK THE "ADD AN ADDITIONAL CTIVITIES ENTRY" BUTTON. Relationship to Bidder/Offeror
Du	ration of Engagement	Anticipated Cessation Date
Bid	der/Offeror Contact Name	Contact Phone Number
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	ADD AN ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES ENTRY	

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