

EXECUTIVE ORDER 134

SPECIAL NOTICE

On September 22, 2004, Governor James E. McGreevey signed Executive Order 134, effective October 15, 2004 which, among other things, imposes new restrictions on State departments, agencies, and authorities to insulate the negotiation and award of contracts from political contributions that pose the risk of improper influence, purchase of access or the appearance thereof. It is essential that the public had confidence that the selection of New Jersey Turnpike Authority contractors is based on merit and not on the political contributions made by such contractors. To that end, Executive Order 134 prohibits the New Jersey Turnpike Authority from entering into a contract that exceeds **\$17,500** with an individual or entity who has made a political contribution to a candidate committee and/or election fund of any candidate or holder of the public office of Governor, or any State or County political party committee. Executive Order 134 further requires the disclosure of all contributions to any political entity organized under Section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code, which also meets the definition of a “continuing political committee” within the meaning of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-3(n) and N.J.A.C. 19:25-1.7.

Executive Order 134 contains additional restrictions and reporting requirements which will necessitate a thorough review of the provisions of the Executive Order and an analysis of the changes necessary in the department’s, agency’s, or authority’s contracting processes in order to conform to the Executive Order’s mandates. The Executive Order 134 can be accessed at <http://www.state.nj.us/infobank/eom134.htm>.

New contracts and those solicitations presently advertised will be subject to the reporting requirements set forth in either the Request For Proposal (RFP) or addendum, as required by Executive Order 134.

Existing contracts and bid proposals currently under evaluation will be subject to the continuing disclosure requirements concerning contributions to Section 527 Political Organizations as set forth in Executive Order 134.

A copy of the Continuing Disclosure form is available at the website <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/xeorder134.htm> under Doing Business – Vendor Forms.