

April 13, 2022

To: All Interested Bidders

Re: Request for Quotes - Research Services Related to Companies Doing Business with Russia, Belarus, and Iran
Amendment #1

Submission Due Date: April 28, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. eastern time

The following constitutes Amendment #1 to the above referenced Request for Quotes.

- This Amendment includes answers to the questions received.
- All additions, deletions, clarifications and modifications to the Request for Quotes are noted in the Revised Request for Quotes - Research Services Related to Companies Doing Business with Russia, Belarus, and Iran, dated April 13, 2022.

It is the sole responsibility of the Bidder to be knowledgeable of all additions, deletions, clarifications, and modifications to the Request for Quotes and/or the New Jersey Standard Terms and Conditions relative to this Request for Quotes.

All other instructions, terms, and conditions of the Request for Quotes shall remain the same.

Answers to Questions

Q#	Section	Page #	Question	Answer
1	3.5.1	5	Is the Offer and Acceptance Page listed in the RFQ Consulting Attachment the same as the “cover page” provided in Attachment 5? If not, we do not see an offer and acceptance page. Could a page please be emailed?	<p>The Cover Page, included as part of Attachment 5, should be submitted with your response to the Request for Quotes.</p> <p>The Offer and Acceptance Page is not applicable this Request for Quotes.</p> <p>Please see the revised RFQ Section 3.5.1 <i>Cover Page</i>.</p>
2	3.7	8	<p>The Bidder should provide a comprehensive listing of contracts of similar size and scope that it has successfully completed –</p> <p>-In lieu of providing detailed client disclosure, and as a means to satisfying the requirement, can we provide aggregated anonymized data and 2-3 client references?</p> <p>-Bidder is not able to provide full client lists due to client confidentiality restrictions.</p>	<p>For the purpose of responding to this item, Bidders should provide a list of individual contracts of a similar size and scope. A Bidder should not aggregate the work performed under multiple contracts. The Bidder may summarize the work performed under specific contracts providing the level of detail it deems necessary to demonstrate to the State the Bidder’s ability to successfully complete services required by this RFQ.</p> <p>Please see the revised RFQ Section 3.7 <i>Experience with Contracts of Similar Size and Scope</i>.</p> <p>Please note that RFQ Section 3.5.7 <i>Confidentiality and Commitment to Defend</i> states in part, “a Bidder may request that portions of the Quote be exempt from public disclosure under OPRA and/or the common law. Bidder must provide a detailed statement clearly identifying those sections of the Quote that it claims are exempt from production, and the legal and factual basis that supports said exemption(s) as a matter of law.”</p>
3	Forms		<p>Two Year Chapter 51/Executive Order 117 Vendor Certification and Disclosure of Political Contributions</p> <p>-We are unable to download or view this form from the NJ web site. Could this form and instructions be provided via email?</p> <p>-Request for clarification: While we have located this, it is not checked off on the list as being required.</p>	<p>The Two Year Chapter 51/Executive Order 117 Vendor Certification and Disclosure of Political Contributions cannot be opened using the built-in PDF viewer for Google Chrome or Firefox.</p> <p>If using Google Chrome or Firefox, it is recommended that the file be downloaded, or disabling the built-in PDF viewer.</p> <p>As an alternative, Bidders may use Internet Explorer or Microsoft Edge to open the document.</p>
4	COVID Vaccine Form		This form is mentioned as required in the contract, but not checked off on as required on the list of forms in Attachment 5. Is this Form required to be completed?	This form is not required to be completed or submitted with your response to the Request for Quotes.

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5	Forms		<p>Can the referenced completed forms (Ownership, Iran, Source, Disclosure of Investigations, MacBride) that bidder submitted in November for the State of New Jersey Division of Investment be resubmitted "as-is" since there are no material changes?</p>	<p>The vendor may submit the forms previously completed and submitted; however, all information on the forms must be complete and accurate as of the date that the response to this Request for Quotes is submitted.</p> <p>Note that the forms <u>must</u> be submitted with the response to the Request for Quotes. The Division of Administration will not obtain the forms any other State agency.</p>
6	Terms		<p>The Contract awarded, and the entire agreement between the parties, as a result of this RFQ shall consist of: the final RFQ (2) State of New Jersey Standard Terms and Conditions, and (3) the Quote. "The final RFQ" is named here as something different from "the Quote" – the contents of which are described below. Vendors are instructed to provide the following: Quote Content: The quote should be submitted with the attachments organized in the following manner. Forms, Technical Quote, State Price Sheet -Is there another RFQ form, which is separate from the "the Quote?" Please advise/clarify.</p>	<p>The "RFQ" or the "Request for Quotes" is the document that sets forth the State's bidding and contract requirements.</p> <p>If any changes are made to the RFQ, those changes will be reflected through an Amendment and the changes will be incorporated into the final RFQ document. The final RFQ will be part of the documents comprising the final Contract.</p> <p>The "Quote" is the Bidder's response to the RFQ, which includes, but is not limited to, the Bidder's technical response, price, Best and Final Offer, any licenses, forms, certifications, clarifications, negotiated documents, and/or other documents that may be required.</p>