



NEW JERSEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS / PROPOSALS (RFQ/P)

INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDER (ISP) SERVICES 2010-RFQ/P-037 – RE-BID

Questions / Answers #1

April 15, 2010

The following questions were received regarding this RFQ/P:

1. **QUESTION:** My company does not currently hold a Public Works Contractor Registration Certificate. However, we can apply for one today. We will probably not receive it before April 26. Is it enough evidence to show in our application that we have applied for it?"

ANSWER: The Proposing Entity must possess a "Public Works Contractor Registration Certificate", valid and in effect as of the date and time of the proposal opening. As indicated in the RFQ/P language, in the section "Proposal Format / Submittal Requirements - Item #3",

" Respondents should note that the following **COMPLIANCE** documents **MUST be submitted WITH THE BID PROPOSAL**:

1. "Business Registration Certificate" (BRC) – (Exhibit E)
2. "Source Disclosure Certificate" form - (Exhibit G)
3. "Set Aside Compliance Certificate" form - (Exhibit I)
4. "Public Works Contractor Certificate" (Exhibit P)

General information regarding the requirements for obtaining a "Public Works Contractor Registration Certificate" may be accessed at the Department of Labor and Workforce Development's website at:

http://lwd.dol.state.nj.us/labor/wagehour/regperm/public_contracts_general.html

2. **QUESTION:** "....., a New York based corporation, is interested in submitting a bid for this RFP. We do not currently hold a NJ Business Registration Certificate. We currently have a NJ Certificate of Authority from the Dept. of Treasury. Is this the same thing? If not, do we still have time to obtain the Business Registration Certificate in order to participate in the bidding process?

In addition, is there any way I can make sure to be in the loop on any additional Addendums and other information for this RFP?

ANSWER: A “Certificate of Authority” issued by the Department of Treasury, is not the same as a “Business Registration Certificate”. The Proposing Entity must possess a valid “Business Registration Certificate” (BRC) valid and in effect as of the date and time of the proposal opening. As indicated in the RFQ/P language, in the section “Proposal Format / Submittal Requirements - Item #3”,

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General information regarding the requirements for obtaining a “Business Registration Certificate” may be accessed at the Department of Treasury – Division of Revenue’s website at:

<http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/revenue/gettingregistered.htm#busentity>.

As indicated in the RFQ/P language, in the section “Questions”:

All questions and answers will be posted on the Authority’s website at:

<http://www.njeda.com/rfq> under:

*“2010-RFQ/P-037 – Internet Service Provider (ISP) Services
- Questions and Answers”*

Interested parties are encouraged to frequently check the Authority’s website for any updates, additional information and / or addenda pertaining to this RFQ/P, as well as, posted “Questions and Answers”.

IPM COMMENT: Although evidence of the actual document / certificate must be submitted with the proposal, interested firms are encouraged to submit its application to the respective state department or division and to indicate on the form that the firm is intending to respond to a “Request for Qualifications / Proposal”, issued by the New Jersey Economic Development Authority, to which responses are due on April 26.

Taking into consideration the volume of applications received and backlog at the time of application, typically, the state agency will make every effort to assist interested Proposers in obtaining the requisite documentation in a timely manner.

Following up with a telephone inquiry may also be helpful.