

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS ("RFQ")  
For Youth Opportunity Program One Stop Center  
PART I

**Instructions to Vendors**

**1.0 PURPOSE**

The intent of this Request for Qualifications ("RFQ") is to allow the County create a pool of vendors for youth one-stop career activities at comprehensive youth services center in areas considered to be high risk for youth (individuals age 14-21) throughout Burlington County from the solicitation of qualifications submitted for January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2017. The pool will be current for a three year period from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2017. Vendors responding to this RFQ should have at least five (5) years' serving economically disadvantaged, at-risk youth with barriers to education and employment. Services must include, but are not limited to: tutoring and basic skills training, dropout prevention strategies, occupational skills training, leadership development activities and mentoring. Additional information is contained within the "RFQ RESPONSE FORM" attached, which must be completed and returned with Statement of Qualifications.

The County intends to award a contract for comprehensive youth services center pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i). This RFQ is being solicited through a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.

The specific extent and character of the services to be performed shall be subject to the general control and approval of the Administrator of Burlington County Department of Human Services, the Burlington County Workforce Investment Board, and/or the Burlington County Solicitor's Office.

**2.0 COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS**

The successful vendor shall comply will all applicable federal, state and local statutes, rules and regulations. If awarded a contract your company/firm will be required to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:27.

**3.0 PROCEDURE FOR RESPONDING TO REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS**

**3.1 SUBMISSION OF RESPONSES TO RFQ**

Five (5) copies of the Response, INCLUSIVE OF ALL INFORMATION required in Part II, "Response Requirements" should be provided. Responses must be provided to the Burlington County Department of Human Services Department/Workforce Investment Board. Responses sent regular mail should be addressed to Burlington County Department of Human Services, RFQ COMPREHENSIVE YOUTH SERVICES CENTER, P.O. Box 6000, Mount Holly, New Jersey 08060. Responses sent UPS, Federal Express or Hand Delivery should be addressed to the Burlington County Department of Human Services, RFQ COMPREHENSIVE YOUTH SERVICES CENTER at the Burlington County Human Services Facility, 795 Woodlane Road, Westampton, NJ. All responses will be opened on November 28, 2014 10:00 AM. Any Responses received after said opening whether by mail or otherwise, will be returned unopened. Responses should be provided in a sealed envelope with the title of the "RFQ COMPREHENSIVE YOUTH SERVICES CENTER" clearly marked

on the outside. It is recommended that each Response package be hand delivered. The County assumes no responsibility for delays in any form of carrier, mail, or delivery service causing the Response to be received after the above-referenced due date and time. Submission by fax, telephone, or e-mail is NOT PERMITTED.

The Burlington County Board of Chosen Freeholders shall make final selection of vendor by formal resolution.

### **3.2 QUESTIONS REGARDING REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS**

Any questions regarding this RFQ must be made in writing to: Anna Payanzo, Director, Department of Human Services, 795 Woodlane Road, P.O. Box 6000, Mount Holly, New Jersey 08060, or [APayanzo@co.burlington.nj.us](mailto:APayanzo@co.burlington.nj.us).

### **3.3 ADDENDA/REVISIONS TO REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS**

Addenda/revisions to this RFQ shall be provided to all vendors who have received this RFQ.

### **4.0 INSURANCE**

Prior to commencing work under any agreement awarded to a duly qualified vendor to be created by virtue of this RFQ, the successful vendor shall furnish the County with a certificate of insurance as evidence that it has procured the insurance coverage required herein. This coverage must be provided by a carrier approved by the County and rated appropriately through A.M. Best. Vendors will provide the County a thirty (30) day notice of cancellation, non-renewal or change in insurance coverage. Proof of this level of insurance is part of proper response to RFQ.

The successful vendor shall provide and maintain the following minimum limits of insurance coverage during the period of performance required under the contract resulting from this RFQ:

**Insurance shall be provided in the name of the entity and/or person providing the requested services, and shall include the Burlington County Board of Chosen Freeholders as Additional Insured under the General Liability.**

- a. Commercial General Liability including Products Completed Operations coverage for Personal Injury and Property Damage of not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for each occurrence/two million dollars (\$2,000,000) annual aggregate.
- b. All Statutory Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability insurance coverage required to be held by law.
- c. Professional Liability insurance in the amount \$1,000,000 each wrongful act/\$2,000,000 aggregate.

Prior to the effective date of this agreement, and as a condition precedent to its taking effect, the vendor shall provide a Certificate of Insurance as verification of said policies. Approval of the coverage and the certificate by the Insurance and Risk Management Division is a precedent to the taking effect of this Agreement. This certificate should be

issued to:

Burlington County Board of Chosen Freeholders  
49 Rancocas Road, PO Box 6000  
Mt. Holly, NJ 08060-6000  
Attention: Insurance & Risk Management

**STATEMENT FROM INSURANCE BROKER: Each responder must include with submission a statement from the responder's insurance broker stating that the responder will, upon successful award any contract to their client, supply the responder with insurance in the types and amounts required by the specifications contained in this section.**

## **5.0 INDEMNIFICATION**

The selected vendor shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County, its officers, agents and employees from any and all claims and costs of any nature whether for personal injury, property damage or other liability arising out of or in any way connected with the vendor's acts or omissions under any agreement entered into with the County as a result of being selected for award of a contract from by virtue of this RFQ.

## **6.0 STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP**

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:25-24.2, every corporation and/or partnership submitting a Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) shall, prior to the receipt of the SOQ by the Purchasing Agent for the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Burlington, or accompanying said SOQ, submit a statement setting forth the names and addresses of all stockholders in the corporation or partners in the partnership, who own ten (10%) percent or more of its stock, of any class, or of all individual partners in the partnership who own a ten (10%) percent or greater interest therein, as the case may be. See section 4.01. If one or more such stockholder or partner is, itself a corporation or partnership, the stockholders holding 10% or more of that corporations' stock, or the individual partners owning ten percent 10% or greater interest in that partnership, as the case may be, shall also be listed. This disclosure shall be continued until the names and addresses of every non-corporate stockholder, and individual partner exceeding the 10% ownership criteria established by this notice have been listed. **If no stockholder owns more than ten (10%) percent, note by stating "None".**

**Each responder must include with submission a signed statement of ownership.**

## **7.0 MISCELLANEOUS REQUIREMENTS**

7.1 Burlington County will not be responsible for any expenses incurred by any vendor in preparing or submitting a Response. All Responses shall provide a straightforward, concise delineation of the vendor's capabilities to satisfy the requirements of this RFQ. Emphasis should be on completeness and clarity of content.

7.2 The contents of the Response submitted by the successful vendor and this RFQ may become part of any agreement for the performance of any services as awarded to any vendor

created by virtue of this RFQ. The successful vendor will be expected to execute said contract with the County of Burlington.

7.3 Responses shall be signed in ink by the individual or authorized principal of the responding party. Responses submitted shall be valid for a minimum of 60 days from the date of opening.

7.4 The County of Burlington reserves the right to reject any and all Responses received by reason of this RFQ, or to negotiate separately in any manner necessary to serve the best interests of Burlington County. Vendors whose Responses are not accepted will be notified in writing.

7.5 The selected vendor shall be required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, c.127 (see attached affirmative action language) and submit an employee information report or certificate of employee information report approval. This requirement will be addressed upon execution of agreement.

7.6 All responses to this RFQ, with the exception of proprietary information, shall be subject to public scrutiny, subsequent to the selection of the vendor by resolution. Each vendor must clearly designate in its RFQ response any information, which it deems to be proprietary. It is the County's experience that the vast majority of RFQ responses contain no proprietary information. Therefore, any such designation must be limited in scope and reasonably based.

7.7 Any contract for services awarded to any vendor shall be subject to the availability and appropriation of sufficient funds for this purpose annually.

7.8 Contracts awarded to any vendor created by virtue of this RFQ may be amended to provide for closely related services, the need for which may arise or become apparent after the original contract award. Any contract amendment for closely related services must be approved by resolution of the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

## **8.0 CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION OF RESPONSES**

A Review Committee has been established to independently evaluate each submission and make a recommendation to the Burlington County Board of Chosen Freeholders as to the vendor to be awarded the contract. Applicants are required to achieve a minimum average score of fifty (50) to be qualified for selection. The selection criteria to be used in awarding the contract shall include:

8.1 Experience in providing the type of youth services detailed herein and reputation in the field.

8.2 Personnel Qualifications., including resumes of key individual providing said service.

8.3 Location of office in Burlington County, NJ.

**The County of Burlington reserves the right to award a contract to the vendor that best meets the needs and interests of the County, cost and other factors considered.**

SEE NEXT PAGE FOR PART II, RESPONSE REQUIREMENTS

PART II  
RFQ RESPONSE REQUIREMENTS

**FORMAT**

To assure consistency, responses must conform to the following format:

- A. Scope of Services/Statement of Qualifications
- B. Resume
- C. Facilities
- D. Conflict of Interest
- E. Fees
- F. Form of Contract
- G. Statement of Ownership
- H. State of New Jersey Business Registration Certificate
- I. Insurance
- J. RFQ Response Form

All sections are to be addressed and specifically referenced.

The following explains what we expect in each of the major sections.

**SECTION A -SCOPE OF SERVICES**

Burlington County Department of Human Services and its Workforce Investment Board is requesting qualification statements in order to select a vendor to provide the following services through a comprehensive youth services center to at-risk youth in areas of greatest need in Burlington County. Your response should detail your qualifications to provide one or more of the following services set forth herein.

Provide economically disadvantaged young adults who may or may not be in-school with opportunities to obtain education, employment skills, and work experience and other services that are in alignment with the Youth Opportunity Program's required program elements as outlined in the Workforce Investment Act. Identify and serve youth between the ages of 14 and 21 who do not hold a high school diploma or its equivalent and are not enrolled in school. Identify and serve youth between the ages of 14 and 21 who are currently engaged with the juvenile justice system and/ or the foster care system.

Demonstrate your experience in supporting young adults in building their career readiness assets:

- What curricula will be used to prepare young adults for competitive employment?
- What nationally recognized certificate programs do you have experience with? Please describe a plan for connecting participants to programs.
- How have you supported youth continuing and achieving their personal and educational goals
- Identify the community-based partners who will support the development of comprehensive programming for youth. Attach letters of commitment or collaboration as necessary.
- What additional services will complement the applicant agency's expertise in the drop-in center?

- Describe a sample weekly and monthly schedule of activities for the youth services center.
- How will you engage youth in leadership roles within the center? Describe the activities of a steering committee or youth board.
- What physical space may be available? Are there local government, education or services partners involved with the proposed partnership?

Also, identify evidenced based models and practices to be implemented in the county. This could include, but not be limited to, descriptions of collaboration with existing services.

**SECTION B –RESUME/CV**

Copy of an agency profile shall be included with this submission. Provide a list of agency programs and initiatives.

**SECTION C - FACILITIES**

OFFICE LOCATIONS

**SECTION D - CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

See attached conflict of interest certification to be executed and returned with submission package.

This section should disclose any potential conflicts of interest that the vendor may have in performing these services for Burlington County.

**SECTION E - FEES**

Vendors will provide fees upon request by Burlington County.

Note: The County reserves the right to negotiate with any or all vendors meeting the evaluation criteria set forth herein. Negotiations will be conducted in accordance with the policy of Burlington County Health Department.

**SECTION F - FORM OF CONTRACT**

The Office of the County Solicitor will supply the form of contract.

**SECTION G - STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP**

Complete this form only if the Firm is a partnership, corporation or limited liability company.  
 Check here  if not applicable.

Name of Firm: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Form of business: \_\_\_\_ corporation \_\_\_\_ partnership  
\_\_\_\_ limited liability company

List the names and addresses of all persons (including business entities) who have 10% or more interest in the firm. If an interest holder is a corporation name the stockholders holding more than a ten percent interest.

Complete the certification on the next page.

<i>NAME</i>	<i>ADDRESS</i>	<i>SS #</i>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

I certify that (check one):

\_\_\_\_ the list of persons named above is current and correct to the best of my knowledge.

or

\_\_\_\_ There are no persons having a 10% or greater interest in the Firm's firm to the best of my knowledge.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Typed/printed name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

## **SECTION H - STATE OF NEW JERSEY BUSINESS REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE**

P.L.2004, c.57 (Chapter 57) amends and supplements the business registration provisions of N.J.S.A. 52:32-44 which impose certain requirements upon a business competing for or entering into a contract with a public contracting agency.

All bidders must submit a copy of their State of New Jersey Business Registration Certificate prior to the time a contract, purchase order or other contracting document is awarded.

The bidder must include the proofs of all named or listed subcontractors in a construction bid as part of the bid submission.

The State Division of Revenue issues Business Registration Certificates. There is no cost to file, and renewal is unnecessary, though changes to information must be submitted.

Information on how a business can obtain a certificate on the Internet at [www.nj.gov/njbgs](http://www.nj.gov/njbgs) or by phone at (609) 292-1730.

### **NEW JERSEY BUSINESS REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS**

The contractor shall provide written notice to its subcontractors of the responsibility to submit proof of business registration to the contractor.

Before final payment on the contract is made by the contracting agency, the contractor shall submit an accurate list and the proof of business registration of each subcontractor or supplier used in the fulfillment of the contract, or shall attest that no subcontractors were used.

For the term of the contract, the contractor and each of its affiliates and a subcontractor and each of its affiliates [N.J.S.A. 52:32-44(g)(3)] shall collect and remit to the Director, New Jersey Division of Taxation, the use tax due pursuant to the Sales and Use Tax Act on all sales of tangible personal property delivered into this State, regardless of whether the tangible personal property is intended for a contract with a contracting agency.

A business organization that fails to provide a copy of a business registration as required pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2001, c.134 (C.52:32-44 et al.) or subsection e. or f. of section 92 of P.L.1977, c.110 (C.5:12-92), or that provides false business registration information under the requirements of either of those sections, shall be liable for a penalty of \$25 for each day of violation, not to exceed \$50,000 for each business registration copy not properly provided under a contract with a contracting agency.

## **SECTION I - INSURANCE**

Statement from broker of your insurance coverage as required in Part I, Section 4

## **SECTION J- RFQ RESPONSE FORM**

See attached.

### **RFQ RESPONSE FORM**

**Your submission will not be considered complete unless the following has been submitted:**

Statement of Qualifications, Part II, Section A (MANDATORY)

Resume/CV, Part II, Section B

Office Location, Part II, Section C

Executed Conflict of Interest Certification, Part II, Section D

Executed Statement of Ownership, Part II, Section G (MANDATORY)

Copy of Business Registration Certificate, Part II, Section H

Statement from Broker of Your Insurance Coverage, Part II, Section I (MANDATORY)

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST CERTIFICATION**

The undersigned certifies to the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Burlington ("Board") that in performing services to Burlington County he knows of no circumstance that would constitute a conflict of interest, financial or otherwise, between himself or his firm and the Board, its members or with the interest of the County of Burlington in general. The undersigned further certifies that he knows of no circumstances or relationships between himself or his firm and third parties that would cause the actual or appearance of a conflict of interest or a compromise of judgment and independence in the performance of the designated services.

The undersigned acknowledges this is a continuing certification, and shall remain in effect for the term of the consulting services.

I certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

DATED:

(REVISED 4/10)

**EXHIBIT A**

**MANDATORY EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY LANGUAGE  
N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. (P.L. 1975, C.127)  
N.J.A.C. 17:27**

**GOODS, PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND GENERAL SERVICE CONTRACTS**

During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, 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 and gender identity or expression, the contractor will ensure that equal employment opportunity is afforded to such applicants in recruitment and employment, 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 equal employment opportunity 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 contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the Public Agency Compliance Officer setting forth provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, state that all qualified applicants will received 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.

The contractor or subcontractor will send to each labor union, with which it has a collective bargaining agreement, a notice, to be provided by the agency contracting officer, advising the labor union of the contractor's commitments under this chapter and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, agrees to comply with any 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 Americans with Disabilities Act.

The contractor or subcontractor agrees to make good faith efforts to meet targeted county employment goals established in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-5.2. The contractor or subcontractor agrees to inform in writing its appropriate recruitment agencies including, but not limited to, employment agencies, placement bureaus, colleges, universities, and labor unions, that it does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, 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 which engages in direct or indirect discriminatory practices.

The contractor or subcontractor 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 and court decisions of the State of New Jersey and as established by applicable Federal law and applicable Federal court decisions.

In conforming with the targeted employment goals, the contractor or subcontractor agrees to review all procedures relating to transfer, upgrading, downgrading and layoff to ensure that all such actions are taken without regard to age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex, consistent with the statutes and court decisions of the State of New Jersey, and applicable Federal law and applicable Federal court decisions.

The contractor shall submit to the public agency, after notification of award by prior to execution of a goods and services contract, one of the following three documents:

Letter of Federal Affirmative Action Plan Approval

Certificate of Employee Information Report

Employee Information Report Form AA302 (electronically provided by the Division and distributed to the public agency through the Division's website at [www.state.nj.us/treasury/contract\\_compliance](http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/contract_compliance))

The contractor and its subcontractors shall furnish such reports or other documents to the Division of Public Contracts Equal Employment Opportunity Compliance 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 Public Contracts Equal Employment Opportunity Compliance for conduction a compliance investigation pursuant to **Subchapter 10 of the Administrative Code at N.J.A.C. 17:27.**