

# **ECO CHARTER SCHOOL**

**NOTICE OF SOLICITATION  
FOR  
REQUESTS FOR QUALIFICATIONS  
OF  
SCHOOL AUDITING SERVICES**

***RFQ 22-01***

ISSUE DATE: May 6, 2022

DUE DATE: May 31, 2022

Issued by:  
**Jennifer Bailey/School Business Administrator**

**ETHICS IN PURCHASING**  
***Statement to Vendors***

**School District Responsibility**

**Recommendation of Purchases**

It is the desire of the Board of Education to have all Board employees and officials practice exemplary ethical behavior in the procurement of goods, materials, supplies, and services.

School district officials and employees who recommend purchases shall not extend any favoritism to any vendor. Each recommended purchase should be based upon quality of the items, service, price, delivery, and other applicable factors in full compliance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq.

**Solicitation/Receipt of Gifts – Prohibited**

School district officials and employees are prohibited from soliciting and receiving funds, gifts, materials, goods, services, favors, and any other items of value from vendors doing business with the Board of Education or anyone proposing to do business with the Board.

**Vendor Responsibility**

**Offer of Gifts, Gratuities -- Prohibited**

Any vendor doing business or proposing to do business with the Board of Education, shall neither pay, offer to pay, either directly or indirectly, any fee, commission, or compensation, nor offer any gift, gratuity, or other thing of value of any kind to any official or employee of the Board of Education or to any member of the official's or employee's immediate family.

**Vendor Influence -- Prohibited**

No vendor shall cause to influence or attempt to cause to influence, any official or employee of the Board of Education, in any manner which might tend to impair the objectivity or independence of judgment of said official or employee.

**Vendor Certification**

Vendors or potential vendors will be asked to certify that no official or employee of the Board of Education or immediate family members are directly or indirectly interested in this request or have any interest in any portions of profits thereof. The vendor participating in this request must be an independent vendor and not an official or employee of the Board of Education.

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School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

**ECO Charter School  
Request for Qualifications  
School Auditing Services  
RFQ 22-01  
Notice of Solicitation**

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20, New Jersey Pay to Play, and other legislative enactments, more specifically Chapter 271 of the laws of the State of New Jersey, the ECO Charter School Board of Trustees located at 817 Carpenter St., Bridgeview Complex, Camden, NJ 08102 is seeking RFQs for professional auditing services to be provided to the Board of Trustees as listed below for the period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

Requests for Qualifications as attached are on file at the School Business Administrator's office at 817 Carpenter St., Bridgeview Complex, Camden, NJ 08102.

All RFQs must be received by the Board of Trustees School Business Administrator no later than 10:00 AM on May 31, 2022 at the ECO Charter School Business Office located at 817 Carpenter St., Bridgeview Complex, Camden, NJ 08102. All questions concerning this notice should be addressed to the School Business Administrator, Jennifer Bailey, at 856-963-2627.

All statements of qualifications for professional service contracts shall include at a minimum the following information.

1. Names of individuals who will perform required tasks, as well as the listing of their licenses.
  - a. Identify the person who will be primarily responsible for the services required by the Board of Trustees and provide a description of the experience of the primary person with projects and issues similar to those more specifically set forth in this proposal and on behalf of the ECO Charter School Board of Trustees.
  - b. Identify persons who will serve as back up to the primary person including resumes of all parties.
2. Describe ability to provide services in a timely fashion including a description of your staffing and a description of your familiarity with the services required by the ECO Charter School Board of Trustees.

## Scope of Services

The Board of Trustees desires to appoint a firm of Certified Public Accountants to act as Board Auditors for the ECO Charter School Board of Trustees. Applicants should demonstrate knowledge of board of education auditing laws and regulations and experience in providing advice to boards of education on records compliance issues. Any experience or knowledge of matters that directly affect the ECO Charter School Board of Trustees should be addressed.

The successful firm or individual will provide the ECO Charter School Board of Trustees with auditing services including, but not necessarily limited to the following:

1. Making routine investigations, examinations and audits of books and financial records and prepare reports thereof;
2. Making inspections of various financial transactions and records to insure that concerned regulations and accounting procedures are observed;
3. Auditing and recording expense invoices;
4. Compiling financial and other statements and reports using basic data;
5. Make periodic reviews of financial transactions and supplement by field visits to verify accounting and fiscal practices;
6. Prepare detailed reports of audit findings, conclusions and recommendations;
7. Maintaining essential auditing records and files;
8. Learning to utilize various types of electronic or manual recording and computerized information systems used by the Board of Trustees;
9. Prepare the audit reports for the 2021-2022 school years;
10. Any other thing necessary to properly complete auditor duties; and
11. Respond to infrequent requests for information or advice from School Administrators or Board Members.

## **Minimum Requirements**

1. The firm must employ a minimum of five (5) Certified Public Accountants who have been licensed in that capacity for a period of not less than seven years (7) each prior to the date of appointment.
2. The firm must employ a minimum of three (3) Registered Public School Accountants licensed and qualified in that capacity for a minimum of five (5) years each prior to the appointment.
3. Must have a minimum of ten (10) years experience in providing auditing services to boards of education within the State of New Jersey.
4. Must maintain a current principal office within the State of New Jersey.
5. Must describe any special services available to school board clients.
6. Must list all present school board clients.
7. Must provide hourly billing rates for employees possibly assigned to service the Board of Trustees.

## **Submission**

Proposing firms shall provide evidence that the minimum qualifications are met. Proposals should also include cost details including hourly rates and/or retainer of the individuals who perform services and a list delineating the numbers and types of public clients represented by the firm.

The following documents should be also submitted with the Proposal:

- Firm's Certificate of Insurance;
- Affirmative Action Questionnaire;
- Stockholders Disclosure Statement;
- Vendor Questionnaire/Certification;
- New Jersey Business Registration Certificate;
- Chapter 271 Political Contribution Disclosure Form;
- Non-Collusion Affidavit;
- Disclosure of Investment Activities in Iran.

## **Evaluation of Proposals**

The School intends to award professional services contracts for the defined scope of work under the Fair and Open Process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.

The proposals will be evaluated by a committee of Central Office Administration and Board Members of the School based upon information supplied by each firm in response to this RFP and the following criteria:

- Ability to meet all minimum qualifications.
- Overall knowledge and familiarity with the operations of the School.
- Experience of the firm in providing similar services to other public bodies, with special emphasis on experience in New Jersey.
- Qualifications and experience of the professional.
- Qualifications and experience of the other members of the professional's firm.
- The hourly rates proposed. The proposal shall identify whether clerical and other overhead costs will be billed separately or included in the hourly labor rate for the attorneys.

Any questions regarding this Request for Qualifications should be directed to the School Business Administrator, Jennifer Bailey, at 856-963-2627.

Please submit an original and two (2) copies of the proposal to:

Jennifer Bailey, School Business Administrator  
ECO Charter School Board of Trustees  
817 Carpenter St., Bridgeview Complex  
Camden, NJ 08102

All submissions must be received at the School by May 31, 2022 at 10:00 AM.

## **Appendix Forms:**

- Affirmative Action Questionnaire;
- Vendor Questionnaire/Certification;
- Non-Collusion Affidavit;
- Stockholders Disclosure Statement;
- Chapter 271 Political Contribution Disclosure Form;
- Disclosure of Investment Activities in Iran.

Please also include:

- New Jersey Business Registration Certificate;
- Certificate of Insurance

**EXHIBIT A**  
**MANDATORY EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY LANGUAGE**  
**N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq., N.J.A.C. 17:27**

**GOODS, PROFESSIONAL SERVICES 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 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 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.

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, will send to each labor union or representative or 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 contractor's commitments under this act 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 afford equal employment opportunities to minority and women workers consistent with Good faith efforts to meet targeted county employment goals established in accordance with **N.J.A.C. 17:27-5.2**, or Good faith efforts to meet targeted county employment goals determined by the Division, pursuant to **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, 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 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 personal 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, 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 but 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

The contractor and its subcontractor shall furnish such reports or other documents to the Division of Public Contracts Equal Employment Opportunity Compliance as may be requested by the Division 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 conducting a compliance investigation pursuant to **Subchapter 10 of the Administrative Code at N.J.A.C. 17:27**.



**To be completed and returned with the proposal form.**

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION QUESTIONNAIRE

This form is to be completed and returned with the proposal. However, the Board will accept in lieu of this Questionnaire, Affirmative Action Evidence stapled to this page.

1. Our company has a federal Affirmative Action Plan approval.

\_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

A. If yes, please attach a copy of the plan to this questionnaire.

2. Our company has a New Jersey State Certificate of Employee Information Report.

\_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

A. If yes, please attach a copy of the certificate to this questionnaire.

3. If you answered **NO** to both questions above, an affirmative action *Employee Information Report (AA-302)* will be mailed to you. Complete the form and forward it to:

Department of Treasury  
Division of Public Contracts/EEO Compliance  
P.O. Box 209  
Trenton, N.J. 08625-0002

All fees for this application are to be paid directly to the Division. A copy shall be submitted to the Board of Education within seven (7) days of the notice of the intent to award the contract or the signing of the contract.

I certify that the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF COMPANY \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

**To be completed and returned with the proposal form.**

**Vendor Questionnaire/Certification**

**School Auditing Services  
RFQ 21-01**

Name of Company \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ PO Box \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Ext. \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Phone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

FAX No. (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Years in Business \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Employees \_\_\_\_\_

References – Work previously done for School Systems in New Jersey

<u>Name of District</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Contact Person/Title</u>	<u>Phone</u>
1. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____

**Vendor Certification**

Direct/Indirect Interests

I declare and certify that no member of the ECO Charter School, nor any officer or employee or person whose salary is payable in whole or in part by said Board of Trustees or their immediate family members are directly or indirectly interested in this bid or in the supplies, materials, equipment, work or services to which it relates, or in any portion of profits thereof. If a situation so exists where a Board member, employee, officer of the board has an interest in the bid, etc., then please attach a letter of explanation to this document, duly signed by the president of the firm or company.

Gifts; Gratuities; Compensation

I declare and certify that no person from my firm, business, corporation, association or partnership offered or paid any fee, commission or compensation, or offered any gift, gratuity or other thing of value to any school official, board member or employee of the ECO Charter School.

Vendor Contributions

I declare and certify that I fully understand N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-6.3(a1-4) concerning vendor contributions to school board members.

I certify that I am not an official or employee of the ECO Charter School.

I further certify that I understand that it is a crime in the second degree in New Jersey to knowingly make a material representation that is false in connection with the negotiation, award or performance of a government contract.

\_\_\_\_\_  
President or Authorized Agent

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature**

**NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT**

**School Auditing Services**

Re: Proposal for the ECO Charter School.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY)

Date:

COUNTY OF ) :ss:

I, \_\_\_\_\_ of the City of \_\_\_\_\_ in the County of \_\_\_\_\_ and the State of \_\_\_\_\_ of full age, being duly sworn according to law on my oath depose and say that:

I am \_\_\_\_\_  
Position in Company

Of the firm of \_\_\_\_\_ and the bidder making the Proposal for the above names contract, and that I executed the said Proposal with full authority so to do; that I have not, directly or indirectly, entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion, discussed any or all parts of this proposal with any potential bidders, or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free, competitive bidding in connection with the above named bid, and that all statements contained in said Proposal and in this affidavit are true and correct, and made with full knowledge that the ECO Charter School relies upon the truth of the statements contained in said Proposal and in the statements contained in this affidavit in awarding the contract for the said bid.

I further warrant that no person or selling agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure such contract upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee, except bona fide employees of bona fide established commercial or selling agencies maintained by

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name of Contractor/Vendor)

Subscribed and sworn to: \_\_\_\_\_  
**(SIGNATURE OF CONTRACTOR/VENDOR)**

before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.  
Month Year

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name of Notary Public

**NOTARY PUBLIC SIGNATURE**

My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_. - Seal -  
Month Day Year

**STOCKHOLDER/PARTNERSHIP DISCLOSURE AND STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP  
School Auditing Services**

Re: Proposal for the ECO Charter School.

Proposal Date:

Please check one type of Ownership, complete the form, and execute where provided.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Corporation--</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Limited Partnership--</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Partnership--</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Limited Liability Corp.--</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Sole Proprietorship--</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Limited Liability Partnership--</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Sub Chapter S Corp.--</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Other-_____</u>

No corporation "or partnership" shall be awarded any contract nor shall any agreement be entered into for the performance of any work or the furnishing of any material or supplies, the cost of which is to be paid with or out of any public funds, by the State or any county, municipality or school district, or any subsidiary or agency of the State, or by an authority, board or commission which exercises governmental functions, unless prior to the receipt of the bid or accompanying the bid of said corporation or said partnership, there is submitted a statement setting forth the names and all individual partners in the partnership who own a 10% or greater interest therein, as the case may be." If one or more such stockholder "or partner" is itself a corporation "or partnership", the stockholder holding 10% or more of that corporation "or partnership" the individual partners owning 10% or greater interest in that partnership, as the case may be, shall also be listed. The disclosure shall be, continued until names and addresses of every non-corporate stockholder, and individual partner, exceeding the 10% ownership criteria established in this act, has been listed.

**IT IS MANDATORY THAT THIS FORM BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED WITH PROPOSAL.** In the event that there are no persons who own ten percent or more of the stock or ownership of the bidder, then such fact should be certified below as part of this disclosure.

Name of Company \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**List of Owners with Ten Percent (10%) or More Interest**

<u>Owner's Name</u>	<u>Home Address</u>	<u>Title/Office Held</u>	<u>Percent (%) of Partnership Shares Owned</u>

*NOTE:* If you need more space than that provided above, please use an extra sheet for furnishing the above required information for any remaining persons or entities.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**(form continued on next page) →→→**

**To be completed and signed below.**

**STOCKHOLDER/PARTNERSHIP DISCLOSURE AND STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP (con't)**

If your firm is not a corporation and/or partnership, please explain below how your firm is organized and include a list of the various principals.

Our firm, \_\_\_\_\_, is organized

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Names of Principals

Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Use additional paper if needed. Check here  if additional sheets are attached.

**Name of Company** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State, Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Authorized Agent** \_\_\_\_\_ **Title** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
**SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED AGENT**

**ECO Charter School  
Business Office**

**Chapter 271  
Political Contribution Disclosure Form  
(Contracts that Exceed \$17,500.00)  
Ref. N.J.S.A. 52:34-25**

The undersigned, being authorized and knowledgeable of the circumstances, does hereby certify that \_\_\_\_\_ (Business Entity) has made the following **reportable** political contributions to any elected official, political candidate or any political committee as defined in N.J.S.A. 19:44-20.26 during the twelve (12) months preceding this award of contract:

**Reportable Contributions**

<b><u>Date of Contribution</u></b>	<b><u>Amount of Contribution</u></b>	<b><u>Name of Recipient Elected Official/Committee/Candidate</u></b>	<b><u>Name of Contributor</u></b>

The Business Entity may attach additional pages if needed.

**No Reportable Contributions** (Please check (✓) if applicable.) \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that \_\_\_\_\_ (Business Entity) made no reportable contributions to any elected official, political candidate or any political committee as defined in N.J.S.A. 19:44-20.26.

**Certification**

I certify, that the information provided above is in full compliance with Public Law 2005—Chapter 271.

Name of Authorized Agent \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Business Entity \_\_\_\_\_

**P.L. 2005, c.271**

(Unofficial version, Assembly Committee Substitute to A-3013, First Reprint\*)

**AN ACT** authorizing units of local government to impose limits on political contributions by contractors and supplementing Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes and Title 19 of the Revised Statutes.

**BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

**40A:11-51** 1. a. A county, municipality, independent authority, board of education, or fire district is hereby authorized to establish by ordinance, resolution or regulation, as may be appropriate, measures limiting the awarding of public contracts therefrom to business entities that have made a contribution pursuant to P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-1 et seq.) and limiting the contributions that the holders of a contract can make during the term of a contract, notwithstanding the provisions and parameters of sections 1 through 12 of P.L.2004, c.19 (C.19:44A-20.2 et al.) and section 22 of P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-22).

b. The provisions of P.L.2004, c.19 shall not be construed to supersede or preempt any ordinance, resolution or regulation of a unit of local government that limits political contributions by business entities performing or seeking to perform government contracts. Any ordinance, resolution or regulation in effect on the effective date of P.L.2004, c.19 shall remain in effect and those adopted after that effective date shall be valid and enforceable.

c. An ordinance, resolution or regulation adopted or promulgated as provided in this section shall be filed with the Secretary of State.

**52:34-25** 2. a. Not later than 10 days prior to entering into any contract having an anticipated value in excess of \$17,500, except for a contract that is required by law to be publicly advertised for bids, a State agency, county, municipality, independent authority, board of education, or fire district shall require any business entity bidding thereon or negotiating therefor, to submit along with its bid or price quote, a list of political contributions as set forth in this subsection that are reportable by the recipient pursuant to the provisions of P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-1 et seq.) and that were made by the business entity during the preceding 12 month period, along with the date and amount of each contribution and the name of the recipient of each contribution. A business entity contracting with a State agency shall disclose contributions to any State, county, or municipal committee of a political party, legislative leadership committee, candidate committee of a candidate for, or holder of, a State elective office, or any continuing political committee. A business entity contracting with a county, municipality, independent authority, other than an independent authority that is a State agency, board of education, or fire district shall disclose contributions to: any State, county, or municipal committee of a political party; any legislative leadership committee; or any candidate committee of a candidate for, or holder of, an elective office of that public entity, of that county in which that public entity is located, of another public entity within that county, or of a legislative district in which that public entity is located or, when the public entity is a county, of any legislative district which includes all or part of the county, or any continuing political committee.

The provisions of this section shall not apply to a contract when a public emergency requires the immediate delivery of goods or services.

b. When a business entity is a natural person, a contribution by that person's spouse or child, residing therewith, shall be deemed to be a contribution by the business entity. When a business entity is other than a natural person, a contribution by any person or other business entity having an interest therein shall be deemed to be a contribution by the business entity. When a business entity is other than a natural person, a contribution by: all principals, partners, officers, or directors of the business entity or their spouses; any subsidiaries directly or indirectly controlled by the business entity; or any political organization organized under section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code that is directly or indirectly controlled by the business entity, other than a candidate committee, election fund, or political party committee, shall be deemed to be a contribution by the business entity.

c. As used in this section:

"business entity" means a natural or legal person, business corporation, professional services corporation, limited liability company, partnership, limited partnership, business trust, association or any other legal commercial entity organized under the laws of this State or of any other state or foreign jurisdiction;

"interest" means the ownership or control of more than 10% of the profits or assets of a business entity or 10% of the stock in the case of a business entity that is a corporation for profit, as appropriate; and

"State agency" means any of the principal departments in the Executive Branch of the State Government, and any division, board, bureau, office, commission or other instrumentality within or created by such department, the Legislature of the State and any office, board, bureau or commission within or created by the Legislative Branch, and any independent State authority, commission, instrumentality or agency.

d. Any business entity that fails to comply with the provisions of this section shall be subject to a fine imposed by the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission in an amount to be determined by the commission which may be based upon the amount that the business entity failed to report.

**19:44A-20.13** 3. a. Any business entity making a contribution of money or any other thing of value, including an in-kind contribution, or pledge to make a contribution of any kind to a candidate for or the holder of any public office having ultimate responsibility for the awarding of public contracts, or to a political party committee, legislative leadership committee, political committee or continuing political committee, which has received in any calendar year \$50,000 or more in the aggregate through agreements or contracts with a public entity, shall file an annual disclosure statement with the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, established pursuant to section 5 of P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-5), setting forth all such contributions made by the business entity during the 12 months prior to the reporting deadline.

b. The commission shall prescribe forms and procedures for the reporting required in subsection a. of this section which shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) the name and mailing address of the business entity making the contribution, and the amount contributed during the 12 months prior to the reporting deadline;

(2) the name of the candidate for or the holder of any public office having ultimate responsibility for the awarding of public contracts, candidate committee, joint candidates committee, political party committee, legislative leadership committee, political committee or continuing political committee receiving the contribution; and

(3) the amount of money the business entity received from the public entity through contract or agreement, the dates, and information identifying each contract or agreement and describing the goods, services or equipment provided or property sold.

c. The commission shall maintain a list of such reports for public inspection both at its office and through its Internet site.

d. When a business entity is a natural person, a contribution by that person's spouse or child, residing therewith, shall be deemed to be a contribution by the business entity. When a business entity is other than a natural person, a contribution by any person or other business entity having an interest therein shall be deemed to be a contribution by the business entity. When a business entity is other than a natural person, a contribution by: all principals, partners, officers, or directors of the business entity, or their spouses; any subsidiaries directly or indirectly controlled by the business entity; or any political organization organized under section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code that is directly or indirectly controlled by the business entity, other than a candidate committee, election fund, or political party committee, shall be deemed to be a contribution by the business entity.

As used in this section:

"business entity" means a natural or legal person, business corporation, professional services corporation, limited liability company, partnership, limited partnership, business trust, association or any other legal commercial entity organized under the laws of this State or of any other state or foreign jurisdiction; and

"interest" means the ownership or control of more than 10% of the profits or assets of a business entity or 10% of the stock in the case of a business entity that is a corporation for profit, as appropriate.



e. Any business entity that fails to comply with the provisions of this section shall be subject to a fine imposed by the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission in an amount to be determined by the commission which may be based upon the amount that the business entity failed to report.

4. This act shall take effect immediately.

\* Note: Bold italicized statutory references of new sections are anticipated and not final as of the time this document was prepared. Statutory compilations of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-51 is anticipated to show a reference to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-51 and to N.J.S.A. 52:34-25.

**List of Agencies with Elected Officials Required for Political Contribution Disclosure  
N.J.S.A. 52:34-25**

**County Name: Camden**

State: Governor, and Legislative Leadership Committees

Legislative District #:

State Senator and two members of the General Assembly per district.

County:

Freeholders

County Clerk

Sheriff

Surrogate

Municipalities (Mayor and members of governing body, regardless of title):

Camden City		
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Boards of Education (Members of the Board):

Camden City		
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Fire Districts (Board of Fire Commissioners):

Camden City Fire Districts (all)		
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**ECO CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION  
DISCLOSURE OF INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES IN IRAN FORM**

**BID SOLICITATION/PROPOSAL TITLE** \_\_\_\_\_  
**VENDOR/BIDDER NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:32-57, et seq. (P.L. 2012, c.25 and P.L. 2021, c.4) any person or entity that submits a bid or proposal or otherwise proposes to enter into or renew a contract must certify that neither the person nor entity, nor any of its parents, subsidiaries, or affiliates, is identified on the New Jersey Department of the Treasury’s Chapter 25 List as a person or entity engaged in investment activities in Iran. The Chapter 25 list is found on the Division’s website at <https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/pdf/Chapter25List.pdf>. Vendors/Bidders must review this list prior to completing the below certification. If the Director of the Division of Purchase and Property finds a person or entity to be in violation of the 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.

**CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX**

I certify, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:32-57, et seq. (P.L. 2012, c.25 and P.L. 2021, c.4), that neither the Vendor/Bidder listed above nor any of its parents, subsidiaries, or affiliates is listed on the New Jersey Department of the Treasury’s Chapter 25 List of entities determined to be engaged in prohibited activities in Iran.

**OR**

I am unable to certify as above because the Vendor/Bidder and/or one or more of its parents, subsidiaries, or affiliates is listed on the New Jersey Department of the Treasury’s Chapter 25 List. I will provide a detailed, accurate and precise description of the activities of the Vendor/Bidder, or one of its parents, subsidiaries or affiliates, has engaged in regarding investment activities in Iran by completing the information requested below.

Entity Engaged in Investment Activities \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship to Vendor/ Bidder \_\_\_\_\_  
Description of Activities \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Duration of Engagement \_\_\_\_\_  
Anticipated Cessation Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary*

**CERTIFICATION**

I, the undersigned, certify that I am authorized to execute this certification on behalf of the Vendor/Bidder, that the foregoing information and any attachments hereto, to the best of my knowledge are true and complete. I acknowledge that the State of New Jersey is relying on the information contained herein, and that the Vendor/Bidder is under a continuing obligation from the date of this certification through the completion of any contract(s) with the State to notify the State in writing of any changes to the information contained herein; that I am aware that it is a criminal offense to make a false statement or misrepresentation in this certification. If I do so, I will be subject to criminal prosecution under the law, and it will constitute a material breach of my agreement(s) with the State, permitting the State to declare any contract(s) resulting from this certification void and unenforceable.

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**Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Print Name and Title**

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**This form is to be completed, certified and submitted prior to the award of contract.**