

**BARRINGTON BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION
NOTICE OF SOLICITATION
REQUESTS FOR QUALIFICATIONS
AUDITOR**

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 Barrington Borough Board of Education located at 311 Reading Avenue, Barrington, NJ 08007 is seeking RFQs for professional services to be provided to the Board of Education as listed below for the period July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011.

Requests for qualifications are on file at the Board Secretary/Business Administrator's office at 311 Reading Avenue, Barrington, NJ 08007, and may also be downloaded from the Board of Education's website.

All RFQs must be received by the Board of Education Board Secretary/Business Administrator no later than 10:00 a.m. on April 22, 2010 at the Board of Education office located at 311 Reading Avenue, Barrington, NJ 08007. All questions concerning this notice should be addressed to the Board Secretary/Business Administrator, Carol Anne Visalli, at 856-547-8648 x 124.

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 Education 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 Board of Education of Barrington Borough.
 - 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 Board of Education of Barrington Borough.

Auditor

Scope of Services

The Board of Education desires to appoint a firm of certified public accountants to act as board auditors for the Barrington Borough Board of Education. Applicant 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 Barrington Borough Board of Education should be addressed.

Minimum Requirements

1. The firm must employ a minimum of two (2) certified public accountants who have been licensed in that capacity for a period of not less than seven (7) each prior to the date of appointment.
2. The firm must employ a minimum of two (2) 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 Education.

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.

Evaluation of Proposals

The School District 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 District based upon information supplied by each firm in response to this RFQ and the following criteria:

Auditor

- Ability to meet all minimum qualifications.
- Overall knowledge and familiarity with the operations of the School District.
- 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 Proposals should be directed to Carol Anne Visalli, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary of the Barrington Borough School District at (856) 547-8648 x 124.

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

**Carol Anne Visalli, Board Secretary
Barrington Borough Board of Education
311 Reading Avenue
Barrington, New Jersey 08007**

All Submissions must be received at the School District's Administrative Office by April 22, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.

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 _____

**MANDATORY AFFIRMATIVE ACTION LANGUAGE FOR
PROCUREMENT, PROFESSIONAL, AND 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, sex, affectional or sexual orientation. The contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that such applicants are recruited and employed and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, sex, affectional or sexual orientation. Such action 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 receive consideration for employment without regard to age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, sex, affectional or sexual orientation;

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 the regulations promulgated by the Treasurer pursuant to P.L. 1975, c. 127, as amended and supplemented from time to time and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The contractor or subcontractor agrees to attempt in good faith to employ minority and female workers consistent with the applicable county employment goals prescribed by N.J.A.C. 17:27.5.2 promulgated by the Treasurer pursuant to P.L. 1975, c. 127, as amended and supplemented from time to time or in accordance with a binding determination of the applicable county employment goals determined by the Affirmative

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Action Office pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:27.5.2 promulgated by the Treasurer pursuant to P.L. 1975, c. 127 as amended and supplemented from time to time.

The contractor or subcontractor agrees to inform, in writing, appropriate recruitment agencies in the area, including employment agencies, placement bureaus, colleges, universities, labor unions that it does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, sex, affectional or sexual orientation, 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;

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, sex, affectional or sexual orientation, and conform with the applicable employment goals consistent with the statutes and court decisions of the State of New Jersey and applicable Federal law and applicable Federal court decisions;

The contractor and its subcontractors shall furnish such reports or other documents to the Affirmative Action Office 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 Affirmative Action Office for conducting a compliance investigation pursuant to Subchapter 10 of the Administrative Code (N.J.A.C. 17:27).

The undersigned affirms inclusion of this Affirmative Action Language Exhibit "A" as an annex to agreement with the Barrington Board of Education for rendering services and products for the duration of the agreement.

Company or Firm Name

Authorized Signature

Date

STOCKHOLDER DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATION

Name of Business:

I certify that the list below contains the names and home addresses of all stockholders holding 10% or more of the issued and outstanding stock of the undersigned.

OR

I certify that no one stockholder owns 10% or more of the issued and outstanding stock of the undersigned.

Check the box that represents the type of business organization:

Partnership

Corporation

Sole Proprietorship

Limited Partnership

Limited Liability Corporation

Limited Liability Partnership

Subchapter S Corporation

Sign and notarize the form below, and, if necessary, complete the stockholder list below.

Stockholders:

Name:	Name:
Home Address:	Home Address:
Name:	Name:
Home Address:	Home Address:
Name:	Name:
Home Address:	Home Address:

Subscribed and sworn before me this ___ day of _____, 2 ___.	_____
(Notary Public)	(Affiant)
My Commission expires:	_____
	(Print name & title of affiant)
	(Corporate Seal)

Vendor Questionnaire/Certification

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 Barrington Board of Education, nor any officer or employee or person whose salary is payable in whole or in part by said Board of Education 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 Barrington Board of Education.

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 Barrington Board of Education.

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

C. 271 POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION DISCLOSURE FORM

Public Agency Instructions

This page provides guidance to public agencies entering into contracts with business entities that are required to file Political Contribution Disclosure forms with the agency. **It is not intended to be provided to contractors.** What follows are instructions on the use of form local units can provide to contractors that are required to disclose political contributions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26 (P.L. 2005, c. 271, s.2). Additional information on the process is available in Local Finance Notice 2006-1 (www.nj.gov/dca/lgs/lfns/lfmenu.shtml).

1. The disclosure is required for all contracts in excess of \$17,500 that are **not awarded** pursuant to a “fair and open” process (N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7).
2. Due to the potential length of some contractor submissions, the public agency should consider allowing data to be submitted in electronic form (i.e., spreadsheet, pdf file, etc.). Submissions must be kept with the contract documents or in an appropriate computer file and be available for public access. **The form is worded to accept this alternate submission.** The text should be amended if electronic submission will not be allowed.
3. The submission must be **received from the contractor and** on file at least 10 days prior to award of the contract. Resolutions of award should reflect that the disclosure has been received and is on file.
4. The contractor must disclose contributions made to candidate and party committees covering a wide range of public agencies, including all public agencies that have elected officials in the county of the public agency, state legislative positions, and various state entities. The Division of Local Government Services recommends that contractors be provided a list of the affected agencies. This will assist contractors in determining the campaign and political committees of the officials and candidates affected by the disclosure.
 - a. The Division has prepared model disclosure forms for each county. They can be downloaded from the “County PCD Forms” link on the Pay-to-Play web site at www.nj.gov/dca/lgs/p2p. They will be updated from time-to-time as necessary.
 - b. A public agency using these forms **should edit them to properly reflect the correct legislative district(s)**. As the forms are county-based, **they list all legislative districts in each county. Districts that do not represent the public agency should be removed from the lists.**
 - c. Some contractors may find it easier to provide a single list that covers all contributions, regardless of the county. These submissions are appropriate and should be accepted.
 - d. The form may be used “as-is”, subject to edits as described herein.
 - e. The “Contractor Instructions” sheet is intended to be provided with the form. It is recommended that the Instructions and the form be printed on the same piece of paper. The form notes that the Instructions are printed on the back of the form; where that is not the case, the text should be edited accordingly.
 - f. The form is a Word document and can be edited to meet local needs, and posted for download on web sites, used as an e-mail attachment, or provided as a printed document.
5. It is recommended that the contractor also complete a “Stockholder Disclosure Certification.” This will assist the local unit in its obligation to ensure that contractor did not make any prohibited contributions to the committees listed on the Business Entity Disclosure Certification in the 12 months prior to the contract. (See Local Finance Notice 2006-7 for additional information on this obligation) A sample Certification form is part of this package and the instruction to complete it is included in the Contractor Instructions. **NOTE: This section is not applicable to Boards of Education.**

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Contractor Instructions

Business entities (contractors) receiving contracts from a public agency that are NOT awarded pursuant to a “fair and open” process (defined at N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7) are subject to the provisions of P.L. 2005, c. 271, s.2 (N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26). This law provides that 10 days prior to the award of such a contract, the contractor shall disclose contributions to:

- any State, county, or municipal committee of a political party
- any legislative leadership committee*
- any continuing political committee (a.k.a., political action committee)
- any candidate committee of a candidate for, or holder of, an elective office:
 - of the public entity awarding the contract
 - 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

The disclosure must list reportable contributions to any of the committees that exceed \$300 per election cycle that were made during the 12 months prior to award of the contract. See N.J.S.A. 19:44A-8 and 19:44A-16 for more details on reportable contributions.

N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26 itemizes the parties from whom contributions must be disclosed when a business entity is not a natural person. This includes the following:

- individuals with an “interest” 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
- all principals, partners, officers, or directors of the business entity or their spouses
- any subsidiaries directly or indirectly controlled by the business entity
- IRS Code Section 527 New Jersey based organizations, directly or indirectly controlled by the business entity and filing as continuing political committees, (PACs).

When the 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.” [N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26(b)] The contributor must be listed on the disclosure.

Any business entity that fails to comply with the disclosure provisions shall be subject to a fine imposed by ELEC in an amount to be determined by the Commission which may be based upon the amount that the business entity failed to report.

The enclosed list of agencies is provided to assist the contractor in identifying those public agencies whose elected official and/or candidate campaign committees are affected by the disclosure requirement. It is the contractor’s responsibility to identify the specific committees to which contributions may have been made and need to be disclosed. The disclosed information may exceed the minimum requirement.

The enclosed form, a content-consistent facsimile, or an electronic data file containing the required details (along with a signed cover sheet) may be used as the contractor’s submission and is disclosable to the public under the Open Public Records Act.

The contractor must also complete the attached Stockholder Disclosure Certification. This will assist the agency in meeting its obligations under the law. **NOTE: This section does not apply to Board of Education contracts.**

* N.J.S.A. 19:44A-3(s): “The term “legislative leadership committee” means a committee established, authorized to be established, or designated by the President of the Senate, the Minority Leader of the Senate, the Speaker of the General Assembly or the Minority Leader of the General Assembly pursuant to section 16 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-10.1) for the purpose of receiving contributions and making expenditures.”

**List of Agencies with Elected Officials Required for Political Contribution Disclosure
N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26**

County Name: Camden

State: Governor, and Legislative Leadership Committees

Legislative District #: 4, 5, 6, & 7

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):

Audubon Borough	Gloucester City	Pennsauken Township
Audubon Park Borough	Gloucester Township	Pine Hill Borough
Barrington Borough	Haddon Heights Borough	Pine Valley Borough
Bellmawr Borough	Haddon Township	Runnemede Borough
Berlin Borough	Haddonfield Borough	Somerdale Borough
Berlin Township	Hi-nella Borough	Stratford Borough
Brooklawn Borough	Laurel Springs Borough	Tavistock Borough
Camden City	Lawnside Borough	Voorhees Township
Cherry Hill Township	Lindenwold Borough	Waterford Township
Chesilhurst Borough	Magnolia Borough	Winslow Township
Clementon Borough	Merchantville Borough	Woodlynne Borough
Collingswood Borough	Mount Ephraim Borough	
Gibbsboro Borough	Oaklyn Borough	

Boards of Education (Members of the Board):

Audubon Borough	Lindenwold Borough
Audubon Park Borough	Magnolia Borough
Barrington Borough	Merchantville Borough
Bellmawr Borough	Mount Ephraim Borough
Berlin Borough	Oaklyn Borough
Berlin Township	Pennsauken Township
Black Horse Pike Regional	Pine Hill Borough
Brooklawn Borough	Pine Valley
Camden City	Runnemede Borough
Cherry Hill Township	Somerdale Borough
Chesilhurst	Sterling High School District
Clementon Borough	Stratford Borough
Collingswood Borough	Tavistock
Eastern Camden County Regional	Voorhees Township
Gibbsboro Borough	Waterford Township
Gloucester City	Winslow Township
Gloucester Township	Woodlynne Borough
Haddon Heights Borough	
Haddon Township	
Haddonfield Borough	
Hi Nella	
Laurel Springs Borough	
Lawnside Borough	

Fire Districts (Board of Fire Commissioners):

Berlin Township Fire District No. 1

Cherry Hill Fire District No. 13

Gloucester Township Fire District No. 1

Gloucester Township Fire District No. 2

Gloucester Township Fire District No. 3

Gloucester Township Fire District No. 4

Gloucester Township Fire District No. 5

Gloucester Township Fire District No. 6

Haddon Township Fire District No. 1

Haddon Township Fire District No. 2

Haddon Township Fire District No. 3

Haddon Township Fire District No. 4

Lindenwold Borough Fire District No. 1

Pine Hill Borough Fire District No. 1

Voorhees Township Fire District No. 3

Winslow Township Fire District No. 1

NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

Re: Proposal for the Barrington Board of Education.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY)

Date: _____

:SS:

COUNTY OF _____)

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 _____ of

Position in Company

the firm of _____ and the bidder making the Proposal for the above named 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 Proposal, and that all statements contained in said Proposal and in this affidavit are true and correct, and made with full knowledge that the Board of Education of the Borough of Barrington 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 Proposal.

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

New Jersey Business Registration Certificate

(Attach a copy of your Certificate to the Proposal.)