

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
FOR COVID-19 VACCINATION NURSING SERVICES FOR THE HOMEBOUND
BURLINGTON COUNTY SOLICITOR'S OFFICE

Three copies of Responses to this Request for Qualifications including all required documentation must be received in the Burlington County Solicitor's Office, 49 Rancocas Road, Room 225, P.O. Box 6000, Mount Holly, New Jersey 08060 no later than 3:00 p.m. Thursday, June 10, 2021. Late Responses will not be considered and will be rejected. Please ensure that your delivery method considers the Covid restrictions and policies of the building and your method of delivery is in accordance with same.

Description:

The County of Burlington is seeking responses from qualified nursing staffing agencies, duly licensed and in good standing in the State of New Jersey from which submissions the County will create a qualified pool to award contracts for the following specialized medical services:

1. Vaccination services for homebound administration of the COVID-19 vaccine

The pool will be current for a one-year period from July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. Contracts will be awarded to the successful firm in each category for the term July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

This pool is in addition to the pool of qualified nursing services selected to perform COVID-19 vaccine services at the County vaccination site(s). Providers qualified under the "COVID-19 Vaccination Nursing Services" RFQ are encouraged to apply.

Qualification Requirements:

Each staffing firm proposed to provide work for the County must be licensed in the State of New Jersey and meet the following qualifications:

- All vaccinators provided by the firm must be licensed practical nurses and/or registered nurses, licensed by the New Jersey Board of Nursing. Prior to the rendering of vaccination services, the contractor must provide an affidavit indicating that each individual assigned by the contractor is currently licensed by the New Jersey Board of Nursing and has satisfactorily passed a criminal background check. The affidavit must have a copy of the license(s) and must verify that there are no charges against or outstanding regarding the listed licensee(s).
- The staffing firm must have vaccinators that have experience administering to homebound individuals which may include infants and preschool aged children.

- The staffing firm must have vaccinators that are currently certified to perform CPR for infants, children and adults.
- The staffing firm also must provide a copy of its policy regarding criminal background checks.
- The staffing firm must have vaccinators that have a working knowledge of infection control practices and have a current bloodborne pathogen training in accordance with OSHA requirements.

Each staffing firm must execute and deliver with the response to this RFQ a certification in the form provided stating that the candidate has no conflicts of interest, actual or apparent, that would compromise his/her independence of judgment in the performance of the designated services.

Each staffing firm must comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:27. Each staffing firm must also comply with the New Jersey Business Registration Act and Statement of Ownership, N.J.S.A. 52:25-24.2.

Additional Qualification Requirements for each area of specialized services are specified under the Scope of Work descriptions set forth below.

Scope of Work:

The staffing firms included in this pool will provide vaccinators to administer COVID19 vaccine to homebound individuals. The scope of work includes:

- The staffing firm will be required to assign vaccinators to all scheduled appointments within Burlington County.
- The staffing firm will be required to provide transportation for all scheduled vaccinations.
- The staffing firm must have vaccinators available during regular business hours, as well as evenings, weekends and holidays.
- The vaccinators will be required to arrive at the assigned location at the time of the scheduled appointment.
- Vaccinators will be required to attend orientation sessions for “Just in Time” Training on Vaccination Delivery Systems and Clinic Logistics.
- The staffing firm will provide fit testing for all of the nurses assigned.

Submission of Qualifications:

This RFQ is open to all qualified candidates. The County of Burlington will not discriminate on the basis of gender, race, age, ethnicity, handicap or any other legally protected class.

A review committee will be established within the Burlington County Health Department which shall review and evaluate all responses and determine a limited number of best-qualified candidates applicants with which to negotiate. The evaluation will consider:

- a. Experience and reputation in the respective areas of specialized medical services including meeting the minimum experience requirements set forth in this

RFQ; Personnel Qualifications, including resumes of key individuals providing said services.

- b. Location of office relative to location of where work is to be performed;
- c. Other factors, if demonstrated to be in the best interest of the Burlington County Health Department and Burlington County.

After negotiations, the review committee will present to the Board of Commissioners of the County of Burlington a recommendation for an award of contract for Covid-19 homebound vaccination nursing services for the period July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

Staffing Agencies responding to this RFQ must submit three (3) complete copies of their responses, including all necessary documentation no later 3:00 p.m. Thursday, June 10, 2021 to the Burlington County Solicitor's Office, 49 Rancocas Road, Room 225, P.O. Box 6000, Mount Holly, New Jersey 08060.

Schedule Of Fees:

Please provide a standardized Schedule of Fees for each type of professional service for which the responder will provide, setting forth the job title and hourly rate for each type of employee envisioned to perform such services.

Contract Award:

The Contract to serve as the staffing firm for the designated specialized services contained in this RFQ will be awarded based on Qualifications and other factors.

The conduct and performance of the staffing firm pursuant to the Contract awarded through this Request for Qualifications shall be subject to all applicable laws, rules and regulations pertaining to licensed nurses and other medical professionals. The staffing firm shall at all times be regarded as an independent contractor. Nothing herein or in the Contract shall be construed to create an employer-employee relationship between the Board of Commissioners and the staffing firm. A form of contract will be submitted upon Notice of Award of services.

Insurance:

All staffing firms deemed qualified shall maintain adequate insurance coverage during the term of any Contract awarded as a result of being selected from the Qualified Nursing Staffing Agency List for a given project pursuant to the following guidelines:

- a. Statutory Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance; and
- b. 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 and two million dollars (\$2,000,000) annual aggregate.

c. Comprehensive Automobile Bodily Injury and Property Damage Liability coverage of not less than \$1,000,000 combined single limit; and

d. Professional Liability/Errors and Omissions insurance coverage of not less than \$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 FIRM shall provide a Certificate of Insurance as verification of the existence of said insurance 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. The Certificate must name the Burlington County Board of Commissioners as an additional insured and should be issued to:

Burlington County Board of Commissioners
Attn: Insurance and Risk Management Division
49 Rancocas Road, P.O. Box 6000
Mt. Holly, NJ 08060-6000

All above-mentioned insurance policies shall be primary and noncontributory to any other insurance or self-insurance maintained by Burlington County.

All staffing agencies shall provide a Certificate of Insurance as verification of the existence of said insurance policies as part of its response to the RFQ. Approval of the coverage and the Certificate by the Insurance and Risk Management Division is a precedent to the taking effect of any contract awarded to any staffing firm selected from the Qualified Nursing Staffing Agency List for a given matter. Any questions regarding insurance should be directed to Damon Burke, Risk Manager at (609) 702-7135.

Staffing Firms shall agree to the inclusion of the following language in any contract ultimately awarded:

"Contractor shall be solely responsible for and shall keep, save, defend and hold harmless the Board and its servants, employees and agents from and against any and all claims, demands, suits, actions, recoveries, judgments, cost and expenses in connection therewith on account of personal injury, loss of life, and damage and loss of real and personal property of any person, agency, corporation, or government entity arising out or in consequence to any acts or omissions of Contractor, his employees, agents and subcontractors, in the performance of the work covered by this Agreement or the failure to comply with the terms and conditions of this Agreement."

The staffing firm's conduct and performance pursuant to any contract awarded for any area of specialized nursing services shall be subject to all applicable laws, rules and regulations pertaining to licensed nurses. The staffing firms shall at all times be regarded as an independent contractor. Nothing herein shall be construed to create and employer-employee relationship between the Board and the staffing firms.

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 award of any contract.

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 or by phone at (609) 292-1730.

STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP DISCLOSURE

N.J.S.A. 52:25-24.2 et seq. (P.L. 1977, c.33, as amended by P.L. 2016, c.43)

This statement shall be completed, certified to, and included with all bid and proposal submissions. Failure to submit the required information is cause for automatic rejection of the bid or proposal.

Name of Organization: _____

Organization Address: _____

Part I Check the box that represents the type of business organization:

- Sole Proprietorship (skip Parts II and III, execute certification in Part IV)
- Non-Profit Corporation (skip Parts II and III, execute certification in Part IV)
- For-Profit Corporation (any type) Limited Liability Company (LLC)
- Partnership Limited Partnership Limited Liability Partnership (LLP)
- Other (be specific):

Part II

- The list below contains the names and addresses of all stockholders in the corporation who own ten percent (10%) or more of its stock, of any class, or of all individual partners in the partnership who own a ten percent (10%) or greater interest therein, or of all members in the limited liability company who own a ten percent (10%) or greater interest therein, as the case may be. (COMPLETE THE LIST BELOW IN THIS SECTION)
- OR
- No one stockholder in the corporation owns ten percent (10%) or more of its stock, of any class, or no individual partner in the partnership owns a ten percent (10%) or greater interest therein, or no member in the limited liability company owns a ten percent (10%) or greater interest therein, as the case may be. (**SKIP TO PART IV**)

(Please attach additional sheets if more space is needed):

Name of Individual or Business Entity	Home Address (for Individuals) or Business Address
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Part III DISCLOSURE OF TEN PERCENT (10%) OR GREATER OWNERSHIP IN THE STOCKHOLDERS, PARTNERS OR LLC MEMBERS LISTED IN PART II

If a bidder has a direct or indirect parent entity which is publicly traded, and any person holds a ten percent (10%) or greater beneficial interest in the publicly traded parent entity as of the last annual federal Security and Exchange Commission (SEC) or foreign equivalent filing, ownership disclosure can be met by providing links to the website(s) containing the last annual filing(s) with the federal Securities and Exchange Commission (or foreign equivalent) that contain the name and address of each person holding a ten percent (10%) or greater beneficial interest in the publicly traded parent entity, along with the relevant page numbers of the filing(s) that contain the information on each such person. **Attach additional sheets if more space is needed.**

Website (URL) containing the last annual SEC (or foreign equivalent) filing	Page #'s

Please list the names and addresses of each stockholder, partner or member owning a ten percent (10%) or greater interest in any corresponding corporation, partnership and/or limited liability company (LLC) listed in Part II **other than for any publicly traded parent entities referenced above**. The disclosure shall be continued until names and addresses of every noncorporate stockholder, and individual partner, and member exceeding the ten percent (10%) ownership criteria established pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:25-24.2 et seq. has been listed. **Attach additional sheets if more space is needed.**

Stockholder/Partner/Member and Corresponding Entity Listed in Part II	Home Address (for Individuals) or Business Address

Part IV Certification

I, being duly sworn upon my oath, hereby represent that the foregoing information and any attachments thereto to the best of my knowledge are true and complete. I acknowledge: that I am authorized to execute this certification on behalf of the bidder/proposer; that the **County of Burlington** is relying on the information contained herein and that I am under a continuing obligation from the date of this certification through the completion of any contracts with the **County of Burlington** to notify the **County of Burlington** 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, and if I do so, I am subject to criminal prosecution under the law and that it will constitute a material breach of my agreement(s) with the, permitting the **County of Burlington** to declare any contract(s) resulting from this certification void and unenforceable.

Name (Print):		Title:	
Signature:		Date:	

CONFLICT OF INTEREST CERTIFICATION

The undersigned certifies to the Board of Commissioners of the County of Burlington 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 nursing staffing 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:

(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)

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.**