

Instructions for New York State Vendor Responsibility Questionnaires

Although it is recommended that vendors complete their questionnaires online using the New York State VendRep System, the four (4) questionnaires found on the VendRep System are also available in paper format.

The questionnaires are intended to elicit information based on vendor type (For-Profit or Not-for-Profit) and activity (Construction or Non-Construction). Each vendor should select the questionnaire that most closely reflects its business characteristics or as directed by an agency's solicitation instructions. The available vendor questionnaires are:

- For-Profit
- For-Profit Construction
- Not-for-Profit
- Not-for-Profit Construction

Business Entities may print the PDF version of a questionnaire form and complete it manually or may select the MS Word version and complete the questionnaire on a computer. Completing the questionnaire in MS Word allows the questionnaire to be saved on the user's computer and updated in the event that the vendor's information changes.

The person(s) completing the vendor responsibility questionnaire must be knowledgeable about the vendor's business and operations. The certification at the end of each questionnaire must be completed by an owner or officer of the Business Entity and must be notarized to be complete.

Business Entities must answer every question contained in the selected questionnaire.¹ Most questions require "Yes" or "No" answers and request additional information where necessary. Each response must provide all relevant information which can be obtained within the limits of the law. However, information regarding a determination or finding made in error which was subsequently corrected or overturned, and/or was withdrawn by the issuing government entity, is not required. For paper submissions, responses that require additional information must include an attachment containing this information.

If the submitting Business Entity is a Joint Venture, one questionnaire must be submitted for the Joint Venture plus each Business Entity comprising the Joint Venture must also submit separate questionnaires.

¹ If the Business Entity uses a Social Security Number (SSN) as its identification number, providing the SSN on the questionnaire is optional. Individuals and Sole Proprietors may use an SSN but are encouraged to obtain and use an Employer Identification Number.