

# Relocation Consulting and FF&E Management Services

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#### **Section 1 - General Information:**

#### 1.1 Introduction to DASNY

The Dormitory Authority State of New York (DASNY) is a public benefit corporation of the State of New York empowered by Titles 4 and 4-B of the Public Authorities Law (the "Act"), to provide design and project management services to, and to issue its bonds, notes and other obligations, for a wide variety of public purposes. Under the Act, DASNY provides a multitude of services in various forms in connection with the design, construction and financing of capital facilities for State University of New York, including dormitories and educational facilities; City University of New York Senior Colleges; Community Colleges; Boards of Cooperative Educational Services; Cities and Counties with respect to Court Facilities and combined occupancy structures, as defined by law; the Department of Education of the State of New York with respect to certain facilities under its jurisdiction; other State and local governmental entities; independent colleges and universities; facilities for the aged; certain not-for-profit hospitals and nursing homes, as well as a wide variety of other not-for-profit organizations specifically described in the Act.

# 1.2 Purpose

DASNY seeks proposals from qualified consultants to provide Relocation Consulting and Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment (FF&E) Management services to assist its various clients in successfully transitioning into and/or outfitting new, existing, or refurbished spaces. Services are to be utilized on a variety of DASNY projects including but not limited to projects for mental health, hospital, and educational facilities of a variety of scale and complexity. The objective of this procurement is to establish term contracts with consultants to provide required services for multiple assignments with a wide range of clients and facilities for projects throughout New York State. It is DASNY's intent to contract with multiple firms Statewide. Services will be requested and authorized on an as-needed basis and the type and value of each project will vary. Assignments may be made on a geographic basis. Individual firms are not required to provide services Statewide to qualify for a contract. The contract shall be a four (4)-year term. Based on previous term contracts, services performed and executed through individual Work authorizations range from approximately \$1,000 to \$600,000. Selection as a consultant does not guarantee that future work will be awarded. DASNY's goal is to provide sufficient coverage for clients located in all New York State regions. Consultants will be selected to maximize coverage as required to meet the needs of our clients. In addition, it is DASNY's intent to provide opportunities to Minority-Owned, Women-Owned, and Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Businesses as well as to small and new firms as practicable.

# 1.3 Key Events and Dates

EventDateIssuance of RFP2/7/2022Deadline for RFP Questions\*2/22/2022Post Responses to RFP Questions\*2/25/2022Proposal Due Date3/14/2022 (3:00 PM)Notice of Award (not earlier than)4/22/2022

\*RFP questions are to be submitted into the Q&A Tracker provided on the Relocation Consulting and FF&E Management Services RFP 7582 SharePoint site. Proposers are to request access to the SharePoint site in advance to enter questions. Instructions for accessing the SharePoint site are included in Section 7 – Submission of Proposals. Responses to questions will be entered into the Q&A Tracker on the SharePoint site during the Q&A period for review by proposing firms. A final record of the questions and associated responses will be posted to the DASNY website on February 25, 2022.

#### **Section 2 - Engagement Requirements:**

# 2.1 Scope of Services

The scope of services include on-call Relocation Consulting and FF&E (Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment) Management Services for potential projects for the City University of New York (CUNY), State University of New York (SUNY), Office of Mental Health (OMH), Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD), Health and Hospital Corporation (HHC), and other DASNY clients.

Scope of services may range depending on each project/assignment as issued by a Work Authorization. Assignments may involve the planning and implementation required to assist clients in successfully transitioning into and/or outfitting new, existing, or refurbished spaces. The consultant may be responsible for providing services required for a move including the required planning, management of the schedule, and physical work involved and/or the coordination, scheduling, and follow up associated with receipt of FF&E.

The detailed scope of services for Work Authorization assignments under this term contract is included as Appendix A within the attached Sample Contract.

# 2.2 Qualifications and Certifications

- Firms with a minimum of 10 years of experience are preferred. However, the proposing firm's principal and/or project manager must have a minimum of 10 years of experience providing the required services.
- Experience providing the services described in this RFP and attached Sample Contract.
- Demonstrated history of completing required services for projects of varying scale, type, and complexity.
- Experience providing required services for different types of clients including mental health, hospital, legal, and educational settings.
- Experience coordinating with project management staff and/or Construction Managers.
- Experience coordinating with purchasing representatives and/or FF&E vendors.
- Ability to subcontract to sub-consultants, sub-contractors, suppliers, and vendors as necessary.
- Experience providing services for facilities with confidential/sensitive materials and/or specialty equipment.
- Experience developing and maintaining schedules for projects of varying scale and complexity.
- Experience providing required services at various phases of the project including planning, construction, FF&E installation, and post-construction.
- Although not a requirement, strong consideration will be given to qualified firms that are certified with New York State as Minority and Women-Owned Businesses or Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Businesses.
- Although not a requirement, strong consideration will be given to qualified small or new firms.

#### **Section 3 - Content of Technical Proposal:**

#### 3.1 Information to be Provided by Proposers

The following is a list of information required to be provided by the proposer. All RFP responses must be provided in the same order in which requested. The technical proposal must contain sufficient information to assure DASNY of its accuracy.

# Failure to meet or to provide the required information in this Section 3 will result in a proposal being rejected and a consultant disqualified from further consideration.

#### Tab 1. Cover Letter

Include a cover letter with the following items:

- a. The name, title, telephone number, and email address of the individual within your firm who will serve as DASNY's primary contact concerning this RFP.
- c. The identities of the primary staff proposed to provide services relating to this RFP.
- d. A statement to the effect that your firm is willing to perform all services identified in Section 2.1 above and will abide by the terms of the RFP, including all attachments.
- e. Identification of your firm's main office, other office locations, and the geographical areas in which your firm is willing and able to perform the required services. See DASNY Regional Map provided as Attachment (k.).
- f. The submitted proposal must include a statement confirming the proposer is willing and ready to provide any services requested or required in a timely manner.
- g. A statement that the Proposer understands selection does not guarantee that any services will be requested from your firm.
- h. Signature by the individual(s) authorized to bind your firm contractually. Indicate the title or position that the signer holds within your firm. DASNY reserves the right to reject a technical proposal that contains an unsigned cover letter. If the proposer is a joint venture, the proposal shall be signed by the joint venture. Anyone signing the proposal as an agent shall file with it, legal evidence of his or her authority to execute such proposal.

# Tab 2. Firm and Proposed Team

Provide the following information related to your firm and proposed team:

- a. One-page profile of your firm, summarizing the following: core competencies of firm, number of employees, firm's office locations, and staff by office and discipline. The purpose of this vendor profile is to provide DASNY a clear and concise document to review the background of the firm.
- b. An overview of your firm's organization and team makeup including key sub-consultants and sub-contractors (if applicable) and the resumes of partners, principals, associates, and other key staff proposed to provide Relocation Consulting and FF&E Management Services to DASNY.
- c. An organizational chart describing the organizational structure of the proposed team and their intended roles and responsibilities.

- e. Resumes of Proposers' and sub-consultants' and sub-contractors' (if applicable) key personnel demonstrating each person's experience and ability to provide services to DASNY.
- f. Identification of past working experience of team, including sub-consultants and sub-contractors (if applicable).

# **Tab 3.** Project Experience

Demonstrate your firm and team's project experience by providing the following:

- a. A description of your firm/team's recent and relevant experience providing similar services.
- b. Five (5) project examples, from within the past 10 years, illustrating the team's experience providing services for a wide variety of project types and for a variety of project phases.

Project examples must include the following information:

- Official project name and address;
- Summary of the scope of services provided;
- Explanation of challenging, complex, or unique aspects of the projects in relation to the services provided;
- Identification of whether your firm served as the prime or sub on the project;
- Identification of team members involved and their role on the project;
- Description of the relationship with the project team;
- The timeframe in which your firm's work was performed;
- Overall project monetary value;
- Value of services provided by your firm, sub-consultant(s), and sub-contractor(s);
- Name and contract information of owner; and
- Identification of a project contact with knowledge of the services provided by your firm (if different than owner) excluding DASNY employees with their name, title, and phone number.
- c. Three (3) example schedules from projects in progress or completed within the past 10 years illustrating the sequencing and detail associated with providing the required services.
- d. A minimum of three (3) additional references excluding DASNY employees with their name, title, and phone number.

#### Tab 4. Firm/Team Approach

Describe your firm and team's approach to providing the required services by providing the following:

- a. A detailed description of your firm's approach to providing and managing required services and the ability to provide the requested services in a timely manner. Describe how your firm will monitor the allotment and performance of work to achieve efficient administration of the required services for each assignment.
- b. A detailed statement as to how your firm would provide cost effectiveness to our clients if your firm was asked to provide services for a project located outside of your region and/or outside of where your firm's office(s) are located.

#### Tab 5. M/WBE and SDVOB Utilization

Illustrate your firm's commitment to utilizing M/WBE and SDVOB's by providing the following:

- a. A description of how your firm approaches M/WBE and SDVOB utilization by providing a detailed narrative on how your firm utilizes M/WBE and SDVOB firms and any programs your firm has implemented to promote the use of M/WBE and SDVOB firms.
- b. A completed Utilization Plan, included in this RFP as an attachment, listing all proposed ESD Certified M/WBE sub-consultants, sub-contractors, and suppliers and Non-M/WBE sub-consultants, sub-contractors, and suppliers you "may" use if selected for this contract. **No dollar amounts should be entered at this time.** With each project assignment, a new plan with dollar amounts will be required. The goals for this contract are 18% MBE and 12% WBE. The goals refer to the percentage of utilization of your M/WBE sub-consultants, sub-contractors, and suppliers.
- c. A completed Use of Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Businesses Plan, included in this RFP as an attachment listing all proposed sub-consultants, sub-contractors, and suppliers including OGS Certified Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Businesses (SDVOB) that are of equal quality to those that may be obtained from non-SDVOBs if selected for this contract. Certified SDVOBs can be identified at Office of General Services (ny.gov). No dollar amounts should be entered at this time. With each project assignment, a new plan with dollar amounts will be required. The SDVOB goal for this contract is 6%. The goal refers to the percentage of utilization of your SDVOB sub-consultants, sub-contractors, and suppliers.

#### **Tab 6.** Firm Diversity

Disclose information regarding the diversity within your firm by providing the following:

a. A completed Diversity Questionnaire included in this RFP as an attachment. This questionnaire elicits information about each responding firm to verify that its work environment demonstrates a strong commitment to diversity.

DASNY is committed to diversity and equal employment opportunities among its contractors and consultants. This procurement is conducted in accordance with Article 15-A and 17-B of the Executive Laws. It is the policy of DASNY to maximize opportunities for the participation of MWBE/SDVOBs as bidders, subcontractors, subconsultants, and suppliers on projects.

It is the goal of DASNY to utilize qualified vendors that have a demonstrated history of hiring, training, developing, promoting, and retaining minority and women staff.

By responding to this RFP, each firm acknowledges that:

- The Firm will submit their equal employment opportunity policy statement to DASNY.
- The Firm will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, sex, religion, national origin, military status, sexual orientation, age, disability, genetic disposition or carrier status, domestic violence victim status, or marital status, will undertake or continue existing programs of affirmative action to ensure that minority group members and women are afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination, and will make and document its conscientious and active efforts to employ and utilize minority group members and women in its work force on contracts with DASNY.

- The Firm will state in all solicitations or advertisements for employees that, in the performance of this Contract, all qualified applicants will be afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination because of race, creed, color, sex, religion, national origin, military status, sexual orientation, age, disability, genetic disposition or carrier status, domestic violence victim status, or marital status.
- The Firm will submit to DASNY, a completed Diversity Questionnaire provided by DASNY, which includes information on the firm's total work force, broken down by specific ethnic background and gender, and also a staffing plan of the anticipated work force to be utilized on the engagement with DASNY. The Firm should also include information on its current programs in diversity/inclusion.

#### **Tab 7.** Additional Information

The proposer must also provide written statements regarding the following:

- a. Agree to provide DASNY with pre- and post-audit access to documents, personnel and other information necessary to conduct audits on request during the term of the Contract and for six years thereafter.
- d. Disclose any potential conflicts of interest (refer to the "Code of Business Ethics Certification" attached).

# **Section 4 - Content of Cost Proposal:**

#### 4.1 Information to be Provided by Proposers

The following is a list of required information that must be provided by the proposer. Provide your response in the same order in which it is requested. The cost proposal must contain sufficient information to assure DASNY of its accuracy.

#### Tab 1. Cover Letter

Include a cover letter with the following items:

- a. The name, title, telephone number, fax number and email address of the individual within your firm who will be DASNY's primary contact concerning this RFP.
- b. A statement to the effect that the price quoted is an irrevocable offer good for 120 days.
- c. The cover letter must be signed by the individual(s) authorized to bind your firm contractually. Indicate the title or position that the signer holds within your firm. DASNY reserves the right to reject a cost proposal that contains an unsigned cover letter.

#### Tab 2. Overhead and Profit Multiplier

Provide documentation indicating your firm's Overhead and Profit Multiplier and that of your sub-consultants (if any) by using **one** of the following methods:

- a. Submit an approved DASNY Standard Cost Proposal Form showing your firm's approved multiplier or a previously approved multiplier from another State Agency.
- b. Submit a request for a multiplier 2.5 or less on your firm's letterhead.

- c. Submit the attached DASNY Multiplier Form with a current financial statement for a multiplier greater than 2.5.
- d. Submit an approved FARs audited financial statement from your firm's most recent year-end.

#### Tab 3. Classifications and Rates

Provide an already approved DASNY Standard Cost Proposal Form. If your firm does not have an already approved DASNY Standard Cost Proposal Form, complete and provide the attached Request for Classification and Rate Form to support the unloaded salaries and rates of your employees under this contract.

#### **Tab 4.** Insurance Requirements

Provide a statement indicating your firm is able to obtain the required insurances as listed in the attached Sample Insurance Certificate & Requirements and Article XI in the attached Sample Contract.

# **Tab 5.** Contract Objections

Identify any questions, comments, and objections to the Scope of Services outlined in Appendix A of the attached Sample Contract, for DASNY's review and consideration.

#### <u>Section 5 – Content of Administrative Proposal:</u>

The following is a list of required information that must be provided by the proposer **as separate**, **individual electronic files**. The forms must contain sufficient information to assure DASNY of its accuracy.

- a. Proposers shall submit a Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire ("VRQ") in accordance with Section 9 of this RFP. DASNY requires vendors to file the VRQ online via the New York State VendRep System (the "System"). Proposers must provide a copy of the certification page to DASNY. To enroll in and use the System, see the System Instructions at <a href="http://www.osc.state.ny.us/vendrep/vendor\_index.htm">http://www.osc.state.ny.us/vendrep/vendor\_index.htm</a> or go directly to the VendRep System online at <a href="https://portal.osc.state.ny.us">https://portal.osc.state.ny.us</a>.
- b. A completed Omnibus Certification form included in this RFP as an attachment.
- c. Provide a completed W-9 Form, included in this RFP as an attachment. If the proposer is a joint venture, provide a W-9 in the name of the joint venture and provide a copy of the executed joint venture agreement.

# **Section 6 - Evaluation of Proposals:**

The selection process will begin with the review and evaluation of each of the written proposals. The purpose of this evaluation process is twofold: (1) to examine the responses for compliance with this RFP; and (2) to identify the complying firms that have the highest probability of satisfactorily performing the scope of services. The evaluation process will be conducted in a comprehensive and impartial manner. The evaluation will be conducted as set forth herein.

# 6.1 Preliminary Review

DASNY reserves the right to reject and return to the proposer all proposals received after the RFP due date and time. All proposals will be reviewed to determine if they contain all required submittals specified in Sections 3, 4, and 5. Incomplete proposals may be rejected.

#### 6.2 Evaluation

Proposals will undergo an evaluation process conducted by a Committee selected by DASNY. The Committee will evaluate the proposals based upon the criteria for selection set forth below. Firms will be selected to meet the anticipated business needs of DASNY, to further DASNY's mission to increase MWBE and SDVOB utilization and participation, and also to provide opportunities to new firms that have not previously contracted with DASNY.

#### 6.3 Criteria for Selection

The criteria for selection shall be the qualifications required by Section 2 and Section 3.

#### 6.4 Interviews

DASNY reserves the right to determine whether interviews will be necessary. The purpose of the interview is to further document the proposer's ability to provide the required services and to impart to the Committee an understanding of how specific services will be furnished. The proposed lead principal, as well as all other key personnel proposed to provide the services must be present and participate in the interview. The interview will be evaluated on the basis of whether it substantiates the characteristics and attributes claimed by the proposer in its written response to this RFP and any other information requested by the Committee prior to the interview.

### **Section 7 - Submission of Proposals:**

### 7.1 Submission of Technical, Cost, and Administrative Proposal

DASNY will be accepting electronic proposals only. Proposals will be accepted electronically on or before 3:00 pm on March 14, 2022. Follow the directions below to upload your proposal electronically. Any technical issues or questions should be directed to the Designated Representative for the procurement via email prior to the due date of the RFP. It is strongly encouraged to request access to the site before the due date. DASNY may not be able to assist proposers with troubleshooting errors if submissions are not made in a timely manner.

- 1. Email <u>UpstateRFPcoordinator@dasny.org</u> with the subject line: "RFP 7582-Request Access-Firm Name."
  - a. Provide the name and email address of any additional contacts (if any) from your firm that may require access to submit the RFP responses through the SharePoint site.
  - b. Please request access at a minimum of 24 hours in advance and ensure access to the site works correctly.
  - c. Please note that an expression of interest does not qualify as a request for access. Please ensure that your firm explicitly requests access using the described procedure.

- 2. You will receive an email from <a href="mailto:UpstateRFPcoordinator@dasny.org">UpstateRFPcoordinator@dasny.org</a> with a link to a Microsoft SharePoint site: "Relocation Consulting and FF&E Management Services RFP 7582."
  - a. Please confirm receipt of this email and ability to access the SharePoint site.
- 3. Click on the link.
  - a. If you have an existing Microsoft account, you will be asked to login and then you will be routed directly to the Relocation Consulting and FF&E Management Services RFP 7582 "Documents" page.
  - b. If you do not have a Microsoft account, you will need to register for a Microsoft account before you can access the link.
- 4. Upload the following documents to the folder titled "Proposal Submissions":
  - a. Technical Proposal
  - b. Cost Proposal
  - c. Administrative Proposal (provided as three (3) separate files)
    - i. Vendor Responsibility Certification
    - ii. Omnibus Certification
    - iii. W-9

All documents must be saved in PDF format and labeled as directed below:

- a. Technical Proposal:
  - i. Save file as: Technical Proposal-firm name
  - ii. Click "Upload" or drag and drop
- b. Cost Proposal:
  - i. Save file as: Cost Proposal-firm name
  - ii. Click "Upload" or drag and drop
- c. Administrative Proposal (provided as three (3) separate files):
  - i. Save first file as: VRQ-firm name
  - ii. Click "Upload" or drag and drop
  - iii. Save second file as: Omnibus-firm name
  - iv. Click "Upload" or drag and drop
  - v. Save third file as W-9-firm name
  - vi. Click "Upload" or drag and drop
- 5. Once your documents are uploaded, DO NOT OPEN. The document submitted must be your final submission and cannot be modified.
  - a. If you open your documents after they are submitted, the system will show the file as "modified".
  - b. The submitted document will remain private and will not be visible to the other proposers throughout the procurement process.
- 6. The Relocation Consulting and FF&E Management Services RFP 7582 SharePoint site will close at 3:01 PM on March 14, 2022. Any questions or issues on submitting must be addressed to the Designated Representative for the project before that time using the email address in Bullet 1. Please provide enough time to upload all required files.

# **Section 8 - Important Information Affecting Proposers:**

#### 8.1 Proposal Requirements

1. All inquiries regarding this RFP should be addressed to the following Designated Representative:

Ame Breheny, Contract Administrator

Email: UpstateRFPCoordinator@dasny.org

All questions must be submitted by entering into the Q&A Tracker located on the Relocation Consulting and FF&E Management Services RFP 7582 SharePoint site. Proposers should note that all clarifications and exceptions, including those related to the terms and conditions of the contract are to be resolved prior to the submission of a proposal. A list of all substantive inquires received with relevant responses will be posted on DASNY's website, <a href="https://www.dasny.org">www.dasny.org</a>.

- 2. A proposer may withdraw a proposal anytime prior to the final due date and time by written notification, signed by an authorized agent, to the contact person identified in Section 8.1.1 above. The proposal may thereafter be resubmitted, but not after the final due date and time. Modifications offered in any other manner, oral or written, will not be considered.
- 3. If a proposer discovers an ambiguity, conflict, discrepancy, omission or other error in this RFP, the proposer should immediately notify the contact person identified in Section 8.1.1 above. Notice of such error or omission should be submitted prior to the final due date and time for submission of proposals. Modifications shall be made by addenda to this RFP. Such clarifications will be given by written notice to all parties who have received this RFP.
- 4. If a proposer fails, prior to the final due date and time for submission of proposals, to notify DASNY of a known error or an error that reasonably should have been known, the proposer shall assume the risk of proposing. If awarded the contract, the proposer shall not be entitled to additional compensation or time by reason of the error or its late correction.
- 5. A proposer indicates its acceptance of the provisions and conditions enumerated in this RFP by submitting a proposal.

# 8.2 DASNY Requirements

- 1. By submitting a proposal, the proposer covenants that the proposer will not make any claims for or have any right to damages because of any misinterpretation or misunderstanding of the specifications or because of lack of information.
- 2. DASNY shall not be liable for any cost incurred by the proposer in proposal preparation or in activities related to the review of this RFP or any interview costs.
- 3. Other than the contact person identified in Section 8.1.1 above, or their designee(s), prospective proposers shall not approach DASNY employees during the period of this RFP process about any matters related to this RFP or any proposals submitted pursuant thereto.

#### 8.3 DASNY Rights and Prerogatives

DASNY reserves the right to exercise the following prerogatives:

- 1. To accept or reject any or all proposals and amend, modify or withdraw this RFP.
- 2. To correct any arithmetic errors in the proposals.
- 3. To change the final due date and time for proposals.
- 4. To accept or reject any of the firm's employees or proposed sub-consultants assigned to provide services on a project assignment and to require their replacement at any time. The proposer shall obtain the written approval of DASNY of changes to the technical proposal after it is submitted, including any changes with respect to sub-consultants. DASNY shall have the right to reject any proposed change to the proposer's technical proposal.
- 5. To waive or modify any irregularities in proposals received after prior notification to the proposer. This will in no way modify the RFP documents or excuse the proposer from full compliance with its requirements.
- 6. To consider modifications to proposals at any time before the award is made, if such action is in the best interest of DASNY.
- 7. To request a revised cost proposal from firms selected as finalists.
- 8. To accept a proposal for the engagement containing other than the lowest cost proposal.
- 9. To interview proposers prior to selection.
- 10. To reject any proposal containing false or misleading statements or that provides references that do not support an attribute or condition claimed by the proposer.
- 11. To begin negotiations with the next most responsive proposer to this RFP should DASNY be unsuccessful in negotiating a contract with the selected proposer within a reasonable time frame.
- 12. To contract with more than one firm.

#### 8.4 Contractual Requirements

#### 1. Contract

- a. By submitting a proposal, the successful proposer agrees to reference the RFP as part of the resulting contract.
- b. DASNY may award a contract for any or all parts of a proposal and may negotiate contract terms and conditions to meet client program requirements consistent with the RFP.
- c. Award of a contract is subject to contract negotiation and approval of such contract by the appropriate DASNY authorities.

# 2. Modification of Contract

- a. Any modification to the original contract signed between the successful proposer and DASNY will require the mutual consent of the successful proposer and DASNY.
- b. Any contract or amendments thereto will be considered effective only after approval by the appropriate DASNY authorities.

#### 3. <u>Interpretation</u>

a. The contract shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of New York State. New York State shall be the forum for disputes.

#### 4. Public Announcements

a. Upon selection of the successful proposer and contract execution, public announcements or news releases pertaining to the contract shall not be made without prior <u>written</u> consent of DASNY.

#### **Section 9 – Negotiation:**

After completion of the selection process, DASNY will commence finalization of the contract scope and fee negotiations with the selected firm(s).

#### **Section 10 – Notification:**

Upon completion of the selection process, DASNY will notify all firms of its decision. Notification will be sent to the primary contact only. Shortly after notification the selected firm(s) will be posted on DASNY's website.

#### **Section 11 – Insurance:**

The successful proposer will be required to comply with the Insurance requirements located in Article XI of the attached Sample Contract.

# **Section 12 – Vendor Integrity:**

As a public entity, DASNY may only contract with entities that are determined to be responsive and responsible and said entities are required to maintain responsibility throughout the term of the services being provided. Proposers shall submit a Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire ("VRQ") which is designed to provide information to assess a proposed vendor's responsibility to conduct business in New York State. All VRQs shall be reviewed in accordance with applicable law, policy, rules, regulations and guidelines, including without limitation Executive Order Nos. 125, 170.1 and 192.

DASNY requires vendors to file the VRQ online via the New York State VendRep System (the "System"). To enroll in and use the System, see the System Instructions at <a href="http://www.osc.state.ny.us/vendrep/vendor\_index.htm">http://www.osc.state.ny.us/vendrep/vendor\_index.htm</a> or go directly to the VendRep System online at <a href="https://portal.osc.state.ny.us">https://portal.osc.state.ny.us</a>. Proposers must provide their New York State Vendor Identification Number when enrolling. To request assignment of a Vendor ID or for System assistance, contact the Office of the State Comptroller's ("OSC") Help Desk at 866-370-4672 or 518- 408-4672 or by email at <a href="mailto:ciohelpdesk@osc.state.ny.us">ciohelpdesk@osc.state.ny.us</a>.

#### Section 13 – Freedom of Information Law and Public Disclosure:

This RFP and all information submitted in response to this RFP constitute "records" subject to disclosure pursuant to the New York State's Freedom of Information Law (Public Officers Law, Article 6, § 84-90, the "FOIL Law" or "FOIL"). FOIL reaffirms the public's right to know how government operates and requires that DASNY make its records available for public inspection or copying, except to the extent that records or portions thereof fall within one or more grounds for denial set forth in the §87(2) of the FOIL Law.

Should you feel your firm's proposal contains any such trade secrets, other confidential or proprietary information or is otherwise exempt from disclosure pursuant to FOIL, you must submit a request to exclude such information from disclosure. Such request must be in writing, must detail the information that should be exempt from disclosure, and must state the reasons why such information should be excepted from disclosure. DASNY will not honor any attempt, by a firm, to omit its entire proposal from disclosure.