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BOARD OF ELECTIONS IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

TITLE: Contract to Provide Printing Inserting and Mailing Absentee Ballots To NYC Registered Voters

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AUTHORIZED AGENCY CONTACT PERSON

Proposers are advised that the Authorized Agency Contact Person for <u>all</u> matters concerning this Request for Proposals is:

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SECTION I - TIMETABLE

A. Release Date of this Request for Proposals:

All questions and requests for additional information concerning this RFP must be made by email and should be directed to Sherwin Suss the Authorized Agency Contact Person, at:

E-Mail Address: SSuss@boe.nyc

Proposers should submit questions no later than 6 days prior to the proposal due date since the Agency may be unable to respond to questions received after that date.

Proposal due Date and Time and Location:

Date: 01-09-2023 Time: 3:00PM

Location: Proposals shall be delivered Sherwin Suss at:

32 Broadway, 7th Floor, New York., NY 10004

E-mailed or faxed proposals will **NOT** be accepted by the Agency

Proposals received at this Location after the Proposal Due Date and Time are late and shall not be accepted by the Agency, except as provided under New York City's Procurement Policy Board Rules.

The Agency will consider requests made to the Authorized Agency Contact Person to extend the Proposal Due Date and Time prescribed above. However, unless the Agency issues a written addendum to this RFP which extends the Proposal Due Date and Time for all proposers, the Proposal Due Date and Time prescribed above shall remain in effect.

Anticipated Contract Start Date: 05-01-2023

SECTION II - SUMMARY OF THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

A. Purpose of RFP

The Agency is seeking appropriately qualified vendor to provide printing, inserting and mailing of absentee ballots to New York City registered voters.

The service options are as follows:

Proposers may propose to provide more than one service option. However, a separate and complete proposal shall be submitted for each service option being proposed.

Anticipated Contract Term

It is anticipated that the term of the contract awarded from this RFP will be from the Agency's notice to proceed for 4 four years. The contract will include a one (1) year option to renew at BOE discretion

Anticipated Payment Structure

It is anticipated the payment structure of the contract awarded from this RFP will be tied to delivery of printing, inserting and mailing ballots per unit price tied to a not to exceed lump sum amount.

However, the Agency will consider proposals to structure payments in a different manner and reserves the right to select any payment structure that is in the City's best interest.

SECTION III - SCOPE OF (SERVICES)

A. Agency Goals and Objectives for this RFP -

The Agency is seeking a vendor who can receive secure electronic data from the BOE to print ballots that can be scanned into ES & S DS200 and DS850 machines. The vendor will insert the ballot, information letter, information card with I voted sticker oath envelope and return envelope into an outgoing envelope addressed to the voter. The vendor will mail the envelope and provide IMB tracking information to the Board to be posted on the Board website so the voter can track their ballot through the mail system.

The objective of the RFP is to obtain a vendors who can print insert and mail absentee ballots pursuant to specifications herein:

B. <u>Agency Assumptions Regarding Contractor Approach</u>

The Board is responsible to conduct fair and honest elections at local and federal levels to certify the canvass and to retain official records. The Board conducts a Primary election in June and a General election in November every year. In the Presidential election years, there is also a Presidential Primary in April. The Board also conduct any special elections called by the Governor or New York City Mayor to fill vacancies for any public offices that may occur. The successful contractors will be required to print and mail ballots for all elections. Notice of any special election will be sent to the vendor when received by the Board.

The first file transfer for an election will happen between 50-55 days prior to an election. Along with all versions of Absentee ballots, the largest voter file will be transferred at this point. This voter file will include all Federal (when applicable), Military, Permanent and Temporary Absentee voters who have applied for that election up to that point. By law, all Federal and Military ballots are required to be in the mail no later than 46 days prior to an election and all Permanent and Temporary Absentees are required to mailed as soon as practical after that. Voter file transfers will continue each day after that, with voters currently eligible to apply for a ballot up to Fifteen (15) days prior to an election.

With the exception of initial file transfer and nursing home file transfer, absentee ballots must be sent out within 24 hours of receiving data from the Board. If there are any issues with received data, Board must be notified within 12 hours by email to designated Board staff.

A separate file transfer will happen approximately 3 weeks prior to an election that will include all absentee voters who reside in nursing homes in NYC. These ballot packs will need to be printed as all others are, grouped by nursing home and delivered to each of our borough offices for distribution by Board Staff. Your bid should reflect any additional costs that may be incurred for this responsibility

The Board currently prints its ballots and envelopes in up to 5 languages as follows:

Kings County (Brooklyn) - English, Spanish & Chinese Queens County - English, Spanish, Chinese, Korean and Bengali NY County (Manhattan) - English, Spanish, & Chinese Bronx County- English, & Spanish Richmond County (Staten Island) - English & Spanish

The awarded vendor accepts the responsibility of complying with all relevant statutes of the NYS Election Law as it pertains to all forms of Absentee voting and assuring all voters who apply for absentee ballots receive them in sufficient time so they may return their voted ballots to the Board in a timely manner."

BALLOT SPECIFICATIONS

The Contractor would be expected to print ballots from electronic files provided by the Board to the following specifications:

NEW YORK CITY BOARD OF ELECTIONS BALLOTS SPECIFICATION

The New York City Board of Elections is currently using DS200 and DS850 machines. Both the DS200 and DS8550 cannot read colored ballot stock. Avoid using adhesive stickers or labels and avoid embossing or embellishing when printing ballots. Any technique that changes the caliper of the ballot stock will cause read errors during scanning.

- 1. Ballots should be printed from the UNITY files, with no alterations to the material in UNITY.
- 2. With the exception of the initial file transfer, Absentee ballots must be sent out within 24 hours of receiving data from Board. If there are any issues with received data, Board must be notified within 12 hours by email, to designated Board staff.
- 3. The Official Election ballots will be 14", 17", or 19" depending on the amount of information required on the ballot. Ballots must be 8.5 inches in width with counterfeit detection marks for security. Additionally, there may be a need for multiple page ballots. If multiple page ballots are required they may be printed with or without a perforation connecting each page to another. Any qualified vendor must be able to perform either upon request. Print all of the machine readable

components with high quality, commercially available black ink (EXTRA or DOUBLE BLACK). DO NOT USE POWDER OR VARNISH.

4. Ballots must be printed on virgin paper that meets the following:

Grain Direction on Finished Ballot – Long
Basis Weight – 80# text weight (36.2874 kg)
Thickness- 0.0061 inches (0.015494 cm)
Smoothness – 130 Sheffield
Moisture – 5.5%
Opacity - 97.0
Brightness-92-94
PPI – 338
Band Width – 8.5 in. (+.027,-.02)
Ballot Length – 11,14,17,19 in. (+/-0.03)
Ink Density – 1.15 to 1.25 wet ink density: 1.10 to 1.15 dry ink density
OVAL Thickness – Within the range of 0.004 to 0.006 in.

The paper shall be COUNTRIGHT brand or equal.

OFFICIAL PRIMARY ABSENTEE BALLOTS – These ballots are used by voters upon request who are not in the City on Election Day. They are printed using black ink and include an additional color for party identification (ex. Democratic – Green, Republican – Cherry). These ballots will be 14", 17", or 19" and are NOT stubbed. Absentee ballots are required to be folded by vendor to accommodate the envelope sizes the Board and voters use to mail said ballots, with a "Z style" fold.

OFFICIAL GENERAL/SPECIAL ABSENTEE BALLOTS- These ballots are used by voters upon request who are not in the city on Election Day. They are printed using black ink. These ballots will be 14", 17", or 19" and are NOT stubbed. Absentee ballots are required to be folded by vendor to accommodate the envelope sizes the Board and voters use to mail said ballots, with a "Z –style." fold.

For certain elections contractor will be required to print and inset a two page ballot – A two page ballot is two separate pages with printing as up four sides.

ENVELOPE SPECIFICATIONS

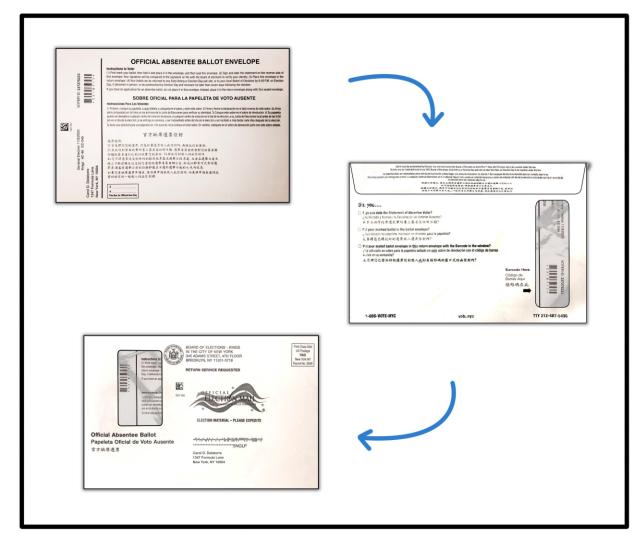
Vendor would be expected to print envelopes from information sent by Board. The Board will be using three envelopes for each package. The envelope will consist of a ballot, information card with "I Voted Absentee" sticker attached (to be printed in color by vendor as shown), voter instruction sheet (8.5' x 11' or 14'), an oath envelope, return envelope and sending envelope. All of the above must be inserted into the sending envelope. The specifications for the envelopes and placement of information on the envelopes including windows are SHOWN ON THE SAMPLE INSTRUCTION BELOW. The information printed on the envelopes is subject to change to meet the Board's needs or changes in New York State Election Law. Please note a red X is required in the signature box of the Oath envelope:

The reminder of this page is intentionally left blank:

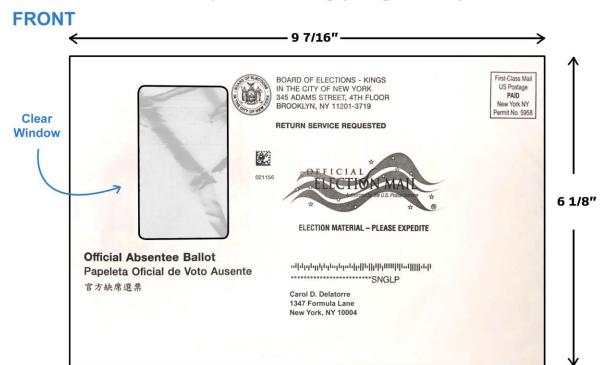
Absentee Envelope Specifications

Board of Elections in the City of New York

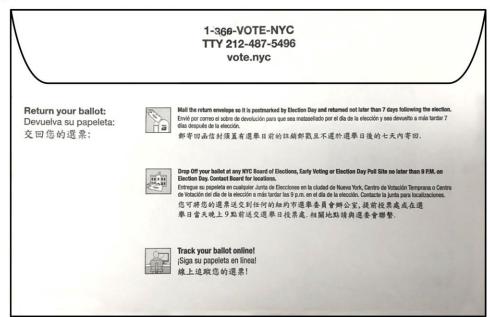




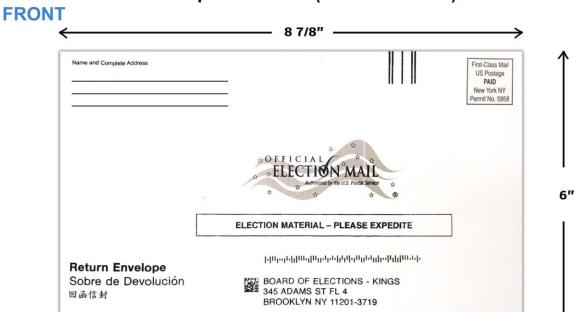
Envelope 1 - Sending (Large sized)



BACK



Envelope 2 - Return (Medium sized)

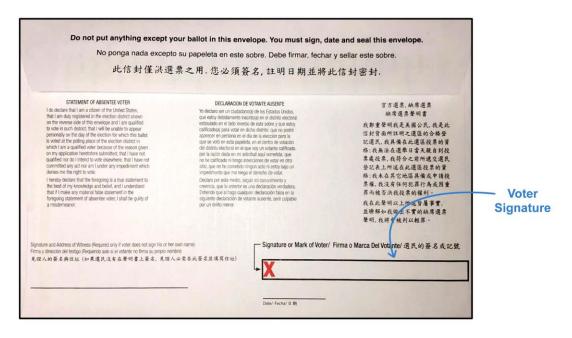


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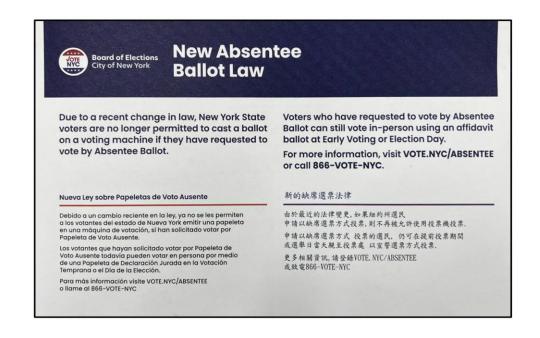


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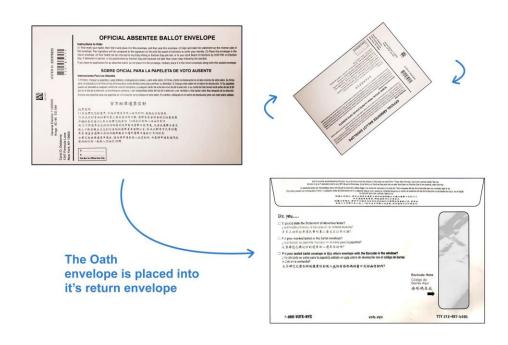


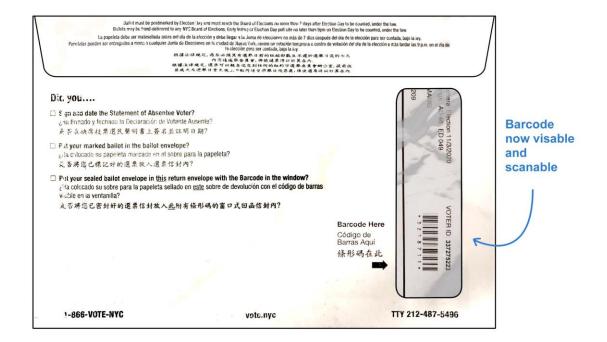
Flyer 1 - Information card with "I Voted" sticker



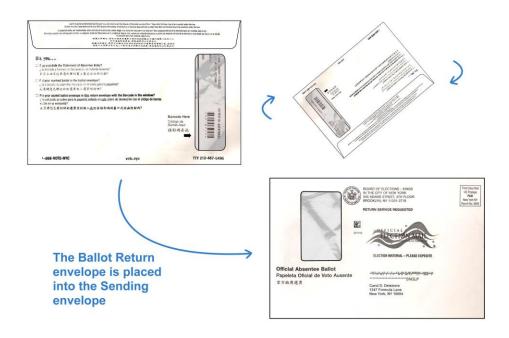


Envelope 3, the smallest envelope, (Oath envelope) is turned upside down, and placed into the medium sized envelope (Ballot Return envelope) so as to have its barcode exposed and visible through the window.





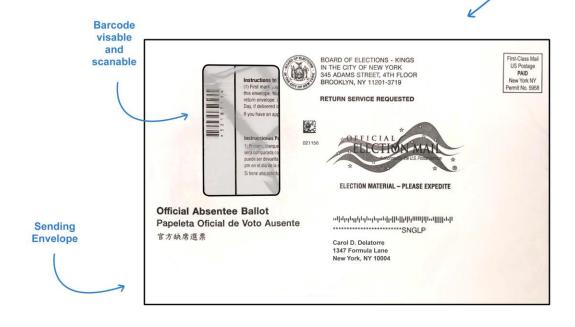
Envelope 2, the medium sized envelope, (Ballot Return envelope) which is now containing the Oath envelope, is turned upside down, and placed into the Sending envelope, so as to have its barcode exposed and visible through the window.





The Information card with the "I Voted" sticker, is placed into the Sending envelope, BEHIND any visible barcoded envelopes, so that the barcodes remain exposed and visible through the window.





3. Both the oath envelope and return envelope must be peel and stick self-closing.

All envelopes and printing addresses must meet USPS standards. Vendor will be required to have envelope formatting approved by local NYC postal authorities. All ballots will be mailed in post office located in New York State.

The Board will provide mail permit account # to vendor to pay for postage. NYS Election Law requires if the ballot or ballots are to be sent outside of the United States to a country other than Canada or Mexico such ballot or ballots shall be sent by airmail.

DATA SPECIFICATIONS

Vendor is expected to be able to send and receive data by a secure connection with the Board. The information will be sent by the Board's Management Information Systems (MIS Department). The vendor will be expected to return IMB information for tracking purposes to the Board department on a daily basis.

IF THERE ARE ANY ISSUES WITH DATA, VENDOR IS REQUIRED TO NOTIFY MIS DEPARTMENT WITHIN 12 HOURS OF RECEIPT OF DATA

- You will receive Voter Files on daily basis
- Ballot Applications are valid.
- Daily IMB files are expected
- Throughout this process, the vendor will be working with multiple departments within the Board of Elections in the City of New York (BOE).
- Management Information Systems (MIS)
 - Send Voter file(s)
 - Receive IMB file(s)

Additional Information

For this process to operate efficiently MIS will need the following provided:

- SFTP Server
 - This is how we will transfer and receive files securely
 - It will also have to go through testing by NYC Cyber
 - SSH enabled for automation

Formats of Barcode on printing:

- Code-39 barcode font
- All data in barcode format needs abutting asterix
 - o Example *12345678*
 - The asterix will be within the barcode as well

Procedure

1. Delivery of Voter file

- **a.** MIS will upload Voter file to SFTP server for the vendor to consume and process.
- **b.** Vendor will provide a voter file retirval confirmation via email and confirmation of voter count.

2. IMB File

a. Vendor will upload IMB file or updated IMB file to SFTP server along with an email notification that the file has been uploaded.

File Layout

Voter File (Provided by New York City Board of Elections)

- Format Pipe delimited CSV
- Description
 - Each voter file we send will be by borough.
 - o There will be a unique identifier in each file name as well, called 'PrintID'.
 - The file name will also end with the date of data export.
 - Naming example Bronx_PrintID_394 Absentee Nov-18-2020.csv

Layout

Column	Data Type	Length	Description
County EMSID	String	9	Voter Serial Number
Boro	String	1	Borough Code value: (1-5)
Party	String	3	Political Party
ED	String	3	Election District
AD	String	2	Assembly District
Reg Address	String	100	Voter Registration Address
Reg City State Zip	String	100	City, State Zip code
MailingAddress1	String	50	Mailing Address to send ballot
MailingAddress2	String	50	
MailingAddress3	String	50	
MailingAddress4	String	50	
MailingAddress5	String	50	
Barcode Value	Number		Ballot Tracking ID Number
			(BATSID)
BallotStyleDescription1	String	255	Ballot File Name page 1
BallotStyleDescription2	String	255	Ballot File Name page 2

IMB File (Intelligent Mail Barcode, tracking file)

- Format Comma delimited CSV
- Description
 - This file is an Accumulative
 - Filename should include the vendor name, date time (created), and borough.
 - An example 'VENDOR_YYYYMMDDTTTT.csv'

- YYYY 4 number year
- MM 2 number month
- DD 2 number date
- TTTT 4 number time 24 hour clock EST

File Layout

Column	Data Type	Length	Description
BATSID	Number		Ballot Tracking ID Number
Out IMB	Number		Outgoing (to voter) Intelligent mail barcode
Ballot Mailed By	Date		Date ballot sent to post office
Vendor			
Entry Scan	Date		Post office entry scan date
Out For Delivery	Date		Postal out for delivery scan
			date
In IMB	Number		Incoming (to Board of
			Election) Intelligent mail
			barcode
Voter Mailed Ballot	Date		Voter mailed ballot picked up
			and scanned by post office
In Delivered	Date		Ballot delivered to Board of
			Elections

AWARD INFORMATION

The Board is responsible for conducting Elections in the five (5) boroughs of the City of New York. As such the size of the Elections can range from Citywide, all 5 boroughs or elections that may cross two or more boroughs, a single borough or a portion of a single borough. The printing, inserting and mailing needs for each election will be determined by the type of election, and the number of eligible voters for each elections. All ballots are to be mailed in New York State. In the event ballot files are sent to the vendor 10 or less days before an election the ballots must be mailed in New York City. The contractor will be required to provide a price per ballot package including delivery to a local NYC post Office.

The Contractor may also be required to print test ballots only for verification of scanning functionally by Board EVS Department prior to mailing any ballots. All pricing information must be submitted on the attached bid sheet Attachment B.

The Board currently has 5,584,983 registered voters on its rolls for the City of New York. The number of absentee ballot printed by the city for each election for the last 4 years is shown below. This is being provided as an illustration of past usage and not a guarantee of future usage.

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2019 - Primary - 25,662
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2019 - General - 52,110

2020 - Primary - 767,634

2020 - General - 1,046,726

2021 - Primary - 221,199

2021 - General - 180,630

2022 - June Primary - 84,593

2022 - August Primary - 109,163

2022 - General - 220,186

Whereas, inasmuch as this is a requirements contract, the Board does not guarantee that for every election the vendor's services will be used, to the extent described herein, and/or at the quantities set forth herein. The Board does not guarantee usage of this contract. Should the Board require services of the type covered by this contract at a level less than or exceeding the quantities, the vendor must be ready and willing to perform such services at the bid price.

C. Agency Assumptions Regarding Payment Structure

The Agency's assumptions regarding the performance-based payment structure that will most likely assure that the selected proposer(s) will perform the work under the contract awarded from this RFP in a manner that is cost-effective for the Agency and most likely to achieve the Agency's goals and objectives set out above, is as follows:

• It is anticipated the payment structure of the contract awarded from this RFP will be tied to delivery of printing, inserting, and mailing ballots per unit price tied to a not to exceed lump sum amount.

D. Whistleblower Protection Expansion Act Rider

Local Law Nos. 30 and 33 of 2012, codified at sections 6-132 and 12-113 of the New York City Administrative Code, the Whistleblower Protection Expansion Act, protect employees of certain City contractors from adverse personnel action based on whistleblower activity relating to a City contract and require contractors to post a notice informing employees of their rights. Please read Attachment the Whistleblower Protection Expansion Act Rider, carefully.

E. <u>Compliance with the Iran Divestment Act</u>

Pursuant to State Finance Law Section 165-and General Municipal Law Section 103-g, the City is prohibited from entering into contracts with persons engaged in investment activities in the energy sector of Iran. Each proposers is required to complete the attached Bidders Certification of Compliance with the Iran Divestment Act, certifying that it is not on a list of entities engaged in investments activities in Iran created by the Commissioner of the NYS Office of General Services. If a proposer appears on that list, the Agency/Department will be able to award a

contract to such proposer only in situations where the proposer is takings steps to cease its investments in Iran or where the proposer is a necessary sole source. Please refer to Attachment_ for information on the Iran Divestment Act required for this solicitation and instructions on how to complete the required form and to http://www.ogs.ny.gov/About/regs/ida.asp for additional information concerning the list of entities.

F. Subcontractor Compliance Notice

The selected vendor will be required to utilize the City's web based system to identify all subcontractors in order to obtain subcontractor approval pursuant to PPB Rule section 4-13, and will also be required to enter all subcontractor payment information and other related information in such system during the contract term.

Please read Attachment ___, the subcontractor compliance notice as it relates to competitive solicitations. The City's new web based subcontractor reporting system will be located on line at the Payee Information Portal at: https://a127-pip.nyc.gov/webapp/PRDPCW/SelfService.

SECTION IV - FORMAT AND CONTENT OF THE PROPOSAL

<u>Instructions:</u> Proposers should provide all information required in the format below. The proposal should be typed on both sides of 8 ½" X 11" paper. The City requests that all proposals be submitted on paper with no less than 30% postconsumer material content, i.e., the minimum recovered fiber content level for reprographic papers recommended by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (for any changes to that standard please consult: http://www.epa.gov/cpg/products/printing.htm). Pages should be paginated. The proposal will be evaluated on the basis of its content, not length. Failure to comply with any of these instructions will not make the proposal non-responsive.

A. Proposal Format

1. Proposal Cover Letter

The Proposal Cover Letter form (Attachment A) transmits the proposer's Proposal Package to the Agency. It should be completed, signed and dated by an authorized representative of the proposer.

2. Proposal

The Proposal is a clear, concise narrative which addresses the following:

a. EXPERIENCE

Describe the successful relevant experience of the proposer, each subcontractor if any, and the proposed key staff in providing the work described in Section III of this RFP. (Specifically address the following).

How long your company has been in business?

How long your company has been printing and mailing ballots?

Has your company printed ES & S ballots? For what ES&S machines?

What is the quantity of ES & S ballots did your company print in 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022.

How do you obtain the data to print the ballots?

How do you obtain the mailing address data?

In what way any does your company work with the USPS in preparing and /or mailing the ballots?

Indicate the number of full-time permanent staff dedicated to printing and mailing ballots. For each such staffer person, indicate number of elections they have supported.

Provide three (3) references including name & size of jurisdiction, type & number of ballots mailed, date of first election, contact information including name, title, phone number and email address.

List every jurisdiction where you currently mail ballots. Include in the list the number of registered voters, number of ballots and languages used for each of these jurisdictions.

Minimum Qualification Requirement of this RFP

Proposers must have a minimum of 5 years of ballot printing experience.

Specify number of digital presses.

Specific number of envelop inserting machines

Provide a copy of company's qualify control procedures or checklist.

Does company safeguard and / or back up data?

How Does Company monitor printing and mailing process?

Does company maintain printing records? If yes how?

- Attach for each key staff position a resume and/or description of the qualifications will be required. (In addition, provide a statement certifying that the proposed key staff will be available for the duration of the project)
- Can your company provide embossing on one or more of the envelopes?
 Complete qualifications questionnaire contained in the attachment B
 Proposals that fail to include this information will be rejected.

b. Organizational Capability

Describe proposer's organizational, managerial, technical and financial capability to provide the work described in Section III.

In addition:

- Attach a chart showing where, or an explanation of how, the proposed services will fit into the proposer's organization.
- Attach a copy of the proposer's latest audit report or certified financial statement, or a statement as to why no report or statement is available.

c. Proposed Approach

Describe in detail how the proposer will provide the work described in Section III of this RFP and demonstrate that the proposer's proposed approach will fulfill the Agency's /Department's goals and objectives. (Specifically address the following):

- How and where proposer would mail NYC ballots
- Does the process change as election day approaches" If yes, how does it change
- Certain NYC elections will require a two page ballot. This is two separate sheets with printing on both sides of the ballot. Your company must able to provide this service. A sample will be required before awarding of the contract.

The Agency's/Department assumptions regarding contractor approach represent what the Agency believes to be most likely its goals and objectives. However, proposers are encouraged to propose an approach that they believe will most likely achieve the Agency's goals and objectives. Proposers may also propose more than one approach. However, if an alternative approach affects other areas of the proposal such as experience, organizational capability or price, that alternative approach should be submitted as a complete and separate proposal providing all the information specified in Section IV of this RFP.

3. Price Proposal

a. Proposed Pricing

The proposed price per ballot package which includes a printed ballot, information card with I voted sticker, printed page of instructions, printed forwarding envelope, printed oath envelope and printed return envelope for all described election types and price per ballot for test ballots and delivery to nursing homes as contained on pricing sheet in Attachment B

B. Proposal Package Contents ("Checklist")

The Proposal Package should contain the following materials. Proposers should utilize this section as a "checklist" to assure completeness prior to submitting their proposal to the Agency.

- 1. A sealed inner envelope labeled "Program Proposal," containing one original set and the stated Number (3) of duplicate sets of the documents listed below in the following order:
 - Proposal Cover Letter Form (Attachment A)
 - Proposal
 - oo Narrative
 - oo References for the Proposer
 - oo Minimum Qualification Requirements Completed Qualifications Questionnaire.
 - Proposals that fail to meet all of these requirements will be rejected.
 - oo Resumes and/or Description of Qualifications for Key Staff Positions
 - oo Organizational Chart
- oo Audit Report or Certified Financial Statement or a statement as to why no report or statement is available
- •)
- 2. A separate sealed inner envelope labeled "Price Proposal" containing one
 - Price Proposal Form (Attachment _B_)
- 3. A sealed outer envelope, enclosing the two sealed inner envelopes. The sealed outer envelope should have two labels containing:
 - The proposer's name and address, the Title and PIN # of this RFP and the name and telephone number of the Proposer's Contact Person

SECTION V - PROPOSAL EVALUATION AND CONTRACT AWARD PROCEDURES

A. Evaluation Procedures

All proposals accepted by the Agency will be reviewed to determine whether they are responsive or non-responsive to the requisites of this RFP. Proposals that are determined by the Agency to be non-responsive will be rejected. The Agency's Evaluation Committee will evaluate and rate all remaining proposals based on the Evaluation Criteria prescribed below. The Agency reserves the right to conduct site visits and/or interviews and/or to request that proposers make presentations and/or demonstrations, as the Agency deems applicable and appropriate. Although discussions may be conducted with proposers submitting acceptable proposals, the Agency reserves the right to award contracts on the basis of initial proposals received, without discussions; therefore, the proposer's initial proposal should contain its best technical and price terms.

•	Demonstrated Experience	[40%]
•	Demonstrated level of organizational capability	[15%]
•	Demonstrated Plan or Proposal meeting	[45%]
	Agency requirements	

Price per Technical Point

Based on the final technical scores of the proposals, after any oral presentations, discussions and/or technical Best and Final Offers, if applicable, have been held, the Agency will establish a

shortlist - either through a natural break in scores or a technically-viable cutoff score - and those proposals still under consideration for award will be ranked in order of lowest price per technical point, which shall be calculated by dividing the proposed price (or Best and Final Offer price, if applicable) by the final technical score.

8 **Basis for Contract Award**

A contract will be awarded to the responsible proposer whose proposal is determined to be the most advantageous to the City, taking into consideration the price and such other factors or criteria which are set forth in this RFP. Contract award shall be subject to the timely completion of contract negotiations between the Agency and the selected proposer.

Since the award is based on best value, a vendor that is M/WBE certified will be given a price preference of 10% and will be evaluated as if the bid price is 10% lower. If you are an M/WBE company and submitting a proposal please include a copy of your current M/WBE certification certificate.

SECTION VI - GENERAL INFORMATION TO PROPOSERS

- **A.** <u>Complaints.</u> The New York City Comptroller is charged with the audit of contracts in New York City. Any proposer who believes that there has been unfairness, favoritism or impropriety in the proposal process should inform the Comptroller, Office of Contract Administration, 1 Centre Street, Room 1005, New York, NY 10007; <u>contract@comptroller.nyc.gov</u>, or at (212) 669-2323. In addition, the New York City Department of Investigation should be informed of such complaints at its Investigations Division, 80 Maiden Lane, New York, NY 10038; the telephone number is (212) 825-5959.
- **B.** <u>Applicable Laws.</u> This Request for Proposals and the resulting contract award(s), if any, unless otherwise stated, are subject to all applicable provisions of New York State Law, the New York City Administrative Code, New York City Charter and New York City Procurement Policy Board (PPB) Rules. A copy of the PPB Rules may be obtained by contacting the PPB at (212) 788-0010 or at: http://www.nyc.gov/html/mocs/ppb/html/home/home.shtml.
- C. General Contract Provisions. Contracts shall be subject to New York City's general contract provisions, in substantially the form that they appear in "Appendix A—General Provisions Governing Contracts for Consultants, Professional and Technical Services" or, if the Agency utilizes other than the formal Appendix A, in substantially the form that they appear in the Agency's general contract provisions. A copy of the applicable document is available through the Authorized Agency Contact Person.
- **D.** <u>Contract Award.</u> Contract award is subject to each of the following applicable conditions and any others that may apply: New York City Fair Share Criteria; New York City MacBride Principles Law; submission by the proposer of the requisite New York City Department of Business Services/Division of Labor Services Employment Report and certification by that office; submission by the proposer of the requisite VENDEX Questionnaires/Affidavits of No Change and review of the information contained therein by the New York City Department of Investigation; all other required oversight approvals; applicable provisions of federal, state and

local laws and executive orders requiring affirmative action and equal employment opportunity; and Section 6-108.1 of the New York City Administrative Code relating to the Local Based Enterprises program and its implementation rules.

- **E. Proposer Appeal Rights.** Pursuant to New York City's Procurement Policy Board Rules, proposers have the right to appeal Agency non-responsiveness determinations and Agency non-responsibility determinations and to protest an Agency's determination regarding the solicitation or award of a contract.
- **F.** Multi-Year Contracts. Multi-year contracts are subject to modification or cancellation if adequate funds are not appropriated to the Agency to support continuation of performance in any City fiscal year succeeding the first fiscal year and/or if the contractor's performance is not satisfactory. The Agency will notify the contractor as soon as is practicable that the funds are, or are not, available for the continuation of the multi-year contract for each succeeding City fiscal year. In the event of cancellation, the contractor will be reimbursed for those costs, if any, which are so provided for in the contract.
- **G.** Prompt Payment Policy. Pursuant to the New York City's Procurement Policy Board Rules, it is the policy of the City to process contract payments efficiently and expeditiously.
- **H.** Prices Irrevocable. Prices proposed by the proposer shall be irrevocable until contract award, unless the proposal is withdrawn. Proposals may only be withdrawn by submitting a written request to the Agency prior to contract award but after the expiration of 90 days after the opening of proposals. This shall not limit the discretion of the Agency to request proposers to revise proposed prices through the submission of best and final offers and/or the conduct of negotiations.
- **I.** <u>Confidential, Proprietary Information or Trade Secrets.</u> Proposers should give specific attention to the identification of those portions of their proposals that they deem to be confidential, proprietary information or trade secrets and provide any justification of why such materials, upon request, should not be disclosed by the City. Such information must be easily separable from the non-confidential sections of the proposal. All information not so identified may be disclosed by the City.
- **J.** <u>RFP Postponement/Cancellation.</u> The Agency reserves the right to postpone or cancel this RFP, in whole or in part, and to reject all proposals.
- **K.** <u>Proposer Costs.</u> Proposers will not be reimbursed for any costs incurred to prepare proposals.
- **L. Vendex Fees.** Pursuant to PPB Rule 2-08(f)(2), the contractor will be charged a fee for the administration of the Vendex system, including the Vendor Name Check Process, if a Vendor Name Check review is required to be conducted by the Department of Investigation. The contractor shall also be required to pay the applicable fees for any of its subcontractors for which Vendor Name Check reviews are required. The fee(s) will be deducted from payments made to the contractor under the contract. For contracts with an estimated value of less than or equal to \$1,000,000, the fee will be \$175. For contracts with an estimated value of greater than \$1,000,000, the fee will be \$350. The estimated value for each contract resulting from this RFP is estimated to be (less than or equal to \$1million) (above \$1million).

ATTACHMENT A

PROPOSAL COVER LETTER
RFP TITLE:
PIN #:
Proposer:
Name:
Address:
Tax Identification #:
Proposer's Contact Person:
Name: Title:
Telephone #:
(Service Option)(Program Option)(Service Area)(Facility Site)(Other) Proposed: [IF APPLICABLE]
<u>Certification of Compliance with Minimum Qualification Requirement(s)</u> [IF APPLICABLE]
Proposer's Authorized Representative:
Name:
Title:Signature:
Date:
Is the response printed on both sides, on recycled paper containing the minimum percentage of recovered fiber content as requested by the City in the instructions to this solicitation?
☐ Yes ☐ No

Attachment

B

QUALIFICATIONS QUESTIONNAIRE

NOTE	2:If y need more space to answer a particular question, use reverse side or additional pages.				
1.	NAME OF BIDDER:				
2.	BUSINESS ADDRESS:				
3.	TELEPHONE NUMBER:				
4.	Bidder is a □ Corporation □ Partnership □ Individual □				
5.	How many years has the bidder been in the Printing business?				
6. ballots	How many years of experience do you have printing ES&S Style s?				
7.	Have you ever failed to complete any work awarded to you, or decided to do a major reprinting? If so now and why? how was it corrected				
	If so, where and why?				
8.	Where is your facility located?				
9.	Describe your company's security procedures for handling ballots and disposing of over run or incorrectly printed ballots? Attach separate sheets if necessary.				
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11.	Describe your company's quantity contracts procedures. Attach separate sheets if sary.				
12.	How many digital presses does your company have?				

13.	How many envelope finishing/inserting systems machines does company have?				
14.	Set forth anything further which you feel is relevant in determining your Ability to fulfill the contracts obligation				
15.	How many current long term printing contracts does the company have				
16.	How many are ballot printing contracts?				
17.	For each contract above how often is the company required to provide service under each				
contr	ract? (i.e. weekly, monthly, etc)				
1					
2					
3					
Add	more pages if necessary.				
18	Does the company have current Government contract?				

19. WHAT BALLOT PRINTING CONTRACTS HAS YOUR COMPANY PERFORMED OR CURRENTLY HAVE UNDER CONTRACT?

Name & Address of Compan Government	ny or Nature of Project	Contact Person and Telephone number	Contract Amount	Date Started & Date Completed	If not yet completed, when work must be completed

Add additional sheets it necessary The answers to the foregoing Qualifications Questionnaire are true and correct. Name (printed): Company Name: Signature: STATE OF)) ss: COUNTY OF being dully sworn, deposes and says that he is _____ of the above-named company and that the answers to the foregoing questions and all statements therein contained are true and correct. Sworn to me on this _____ day of _____ 20 ___ Notary Publi

BID SHEET FOR ABSENTEE BALLOR PRINTING AND MAILING

Contract for the Printing, Inserting and Mailing of Absentee Ballot Packages consisting of one (1) sending envelope; one (1) oath envelope; one (1) return envelope; one (1) instruction sheet, information card with I Voted Absentee sticker attached and a ballot of one to two pages, from date of award through December 31, 2025. Bid must include cost of printing and delivering.

You <u>must</u> set forth an amount for each Unit Price, Total Price and Subtotal, and for the Total Bid. The Total Bid <u>must</u> be set forth <u>both</u> in numerals and in words. Prices should also include any equipment setup charges.

The Board of Elections will not consider a bidder where:

- 1. The Bid Sheet lacks an amount for Unit Price, Total Price, Subtotal or Total Bid,
- 2. A mathematical error has been made on the Bid Sheet in calculating a Total Price, Subtotal or Total Bid,
- 3. There is a discrepancy between the amount in numerals and the amount in words for the Total Bid on the Bid Sheet.

Make sure your numbers are legible.

<u>Item</u>			<u>Unit Price</u>		Estimated Quantity		Total Price
1	complete b	serting and mailing allot package with a one- e sided ballot	\$	Per package	300,000	Packages	\$
2	Printing, inserting and mailing complete ballot package with a two-page double-sided ballot.		\$	Per package	300,000	Packages	\$
3.	Delivery of nursing home ballots to 5 borough offices		\$	Per ballot	20,000	Ballots	\$
4.	Printing of test ballots		\$	Per ballots	500	Ballots	\$
SUBTOTAL BID A Add amount set forth for Total Price for Items 1, 3 & 4 and multiply by 4 elections)			iply by 4 (for 4	\$			
SUBTOTAL Add amount set forth for elections)						iply by 5 (for 5	\$
TOTAL BID Add Subtotals A and B				• • • • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • •		\$
TOTAL BID SET FORTH IN WORDS:							