May 8, 2015

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF EXPERT PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE E-ZPASS INTERAGENCY GROUP (RFP NUMBER 42401)

I. INTRODUCTION

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (the “Authority”), on behalf of, and as a member of the E-ZPass Interagency Group (“E-ZPass Group”), requests proposals outlining qualifications and fee/rate structures for providing certain legal counsel services on an as-needed and non-exclusive basis. Those legal services will generally be in the areas of intellectual property, contracts, organizational governance and conflict of laws. The Authority has agreed to facilitate the issuance of this Request for Proposals (RFP), accept proposals, coordinate with the E-ZPass Group on the evaluation of the proposals, make award(s) to one or more law firms, and enter into retainer agreements with the successful proposer(s) on behalf of the E-ZPass Group.


The Authority, acting on behalf of the E-ZPass Group, is seeking the services of one or more law firms that have prior experience providing legal services to state governments, agencies or authorities and/or to associations of state governments, agencies, or authorities and that have significant experience and strength in the following legal practice areas: intellectual property, government contracts, organizational governance (with an emphasis on state agencies and authorities), and conflict of laws, including the laws of the states where E-ZPass Group members are located. A more detailed description of the services requested is in Attachment A hereto.

The successful proposer(s) will enter into retainer agreement(s) with the Authority, but the E-ZPass Group will make all payments for services rendered. The successful proposer(s) must consider all members of the E-ZPass Group as their clients, but notices to proceed on various assignments shall be made only by the Executive Director of the E-ZPass Group, the Chair of the E-ZPass Group’s Executive Management Committee, or the Chair of the E-ZPass Group’s Legal Committee.

The term of engagement will be for three (3) years and the Authority will, at the direction of the E-ZPass Group, have the option to extend the engagement of one or more successful proposers for up to two (2) additional one-year periods.

The E-ZPass Group reserves the right to engage multiple firms to provide these legal services.
II. REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

Proposers are expected to examine this RFP carefully, understand the terms and conditions for providing the legal services described herein, and to respond completely, fully and accurately. ANY FIRM THAT FAILS TO COMPLETE OR PROVIDE ANY OF THE DOCUMENTS REQUIRED AS SET FORTH BELOW MAY BE DISQUALIFIED FROM PARTICIPATING IN THE EVALUATION PROCESS AND BEING RECOMMENDED FOR AWARD.

A. Format of Proposal The page limit pertains only to Letters F, H, and I in Section III below. Each resume shall be two-page maximum, single-sided or one-page double-sided, using 12 point or greater font size.

1. The proposal shall be no more than 20 pages in length (single-sided using 12 point or greater font size). Each resume shall be two-page maximum, single-sided using 12 point or greater font size. The page limit pertains only to Paragraph B, items 3., 8., and 10. below. The proposal pages shall be numbered and either bound or in a 3-ring binder and labeled with the name of the law firm, the title of this RFP and the RFP number clearly indicated on the cover.

2. Each section of the proposal shall be separated with a tab divider that is labeled in accordance with the proposal content requirements specified below.

B. Content of Proposal

Each proposal must contain the following information:

1. In the front of your Proposal, a copy of Attachment B (Agreement on Terms of Discussion), signed by an officer of your company.

2. A completed copy of Attachment C (Company Profile).

3. Law firm profile and experience
   a. An overview of the law firm’s experience, personnel, head count by category of employee, and any other relevant general information about the law firm.
   b. A brief history of the law firm, including the date established and a chronological listing of any mergers with and acquisitions of other law firms.
   c. A description of the organization of the law firm’s practice groups, with particular focus on the organization of the intellectual property practice area, including: its experience with service marks and with policing infringements; its knowledge and experience in handling patents of technology, and in particular for patents relating to electronic toll and fee collection or similar technologically sophisticated patents.
   d. A further description of the firm’s other practice areas, including its experience in advising state governments, agencies and authorities on organizational, governance, policy and procedure matters; its experience in advising governmental associations on organizational, governance, policy and procedure matters; its experience in state government contracts; its experience in advising governmental entities on conflict of laws matters.
4. Qualifications and experience of the law firm’s staff that would be providing services to the E-ZPass Group, including resumes and a listing of relevant litigation/transactions for each attorney and paralegal who would be providing services to the E-ZPass Group.

5. A representative listing of all governmental entities that the law firm has advised in the past five (5) years including: the name of the entity, a description of the types of matters handled, the dates of engagement, the name and contact information for the governmental entity employee(s) responsible for overseeing the law firm’s work. The Authority may contact any of the persons or entities so identified.

6. The location(s) of the law firm’s offices and identify the office(s) that will be providing services to the E-ZPass Group and a description of the methods the law firm would use to communicate with E-ZPass Group personnel and members, including Internet video communications.

7. A statement of any existing or potential conflicts of interest the law firm determines may exist in performing the services required under this RFP as well as a detailed description of the law firm’s system for identifying such conflicts of interest. For the purposes of this RFP, a conflict includes, but is not limited to, the firm’s representation of any party in a matter adverse to an E-ZPass Group member and for which the E-ZPass Group member has not previously granted a waiver. (Please note that in some jurisdictions a public entity may not waive conflicts so that an adverse representation is not permitted.) The statement must provide sufficient facts, legal implications and possible effects to appreciate the significance of each potential conflict of interest and a description of how the law firm proposes to resolve each such conflict.

Please note that the successful proposer(s) will have a continuing obligation to disclose to the Authority any actual or potential conflicts and to abide by all applicable rules of conduct applicable to attorneys.

8. A statement as to why the firm is uniquely qualified to perform the services required under this RFP including the firm’s proposed technical approach to performance of the services outlined in Attachment A.

9. A fee schedule for the services described in this RFP including the hourly rates for professional services. Such fee schedule shall include the expenses that will be billed by the law firm, as follows:

- photocopying, which cost may not exceed $.05 per page, and shall not apply to copying less than 100 pages; and

- other expenses that the law firm intends to bill separately.

The fee schedule will separately identify the flat price for the development of the guideline memorandum on procedures for addressing possible infringements of intellectual property rights, described in Section I.D. of Attachment A (Scope of Services) hereto, and not to exceed price for the preparation of annual updates to the guideline memorandum.

The E-ZPass Group will not pay for or reimburse for scanning charges, courier charges (unless prior approval is provided by the applicable representative of the E-
ZPass Group), legal education or legal research (including computerized legal research), telephone (including cell phone) charges for voice or data usage, faxing, facilities, office supplies, books and publications, cabs or car services, non-attorney or non-paralegal staff time, summer interns or law interns not retained as attorneys, attorney hourly rates for persons not admitted to the bar, time spent in the preparation of status reports (whether for internal use or prepared at the request of the E-ZPass Group), bills (including responding to questions about bills) or fee estimates, file review time caused by a decision by the law firm to transfer work to other personnel, attorney time for supervision or secretarial work. The E-ZPass Group will not pay for the attendance of more than one (1) attorney at any meeting, court appearance or deposition unless prior approval is provided by the applicable representative of the E-ZPass Group and will not pay more than a nominal amount for the additional review of memos and other materials by supervising attorneys. In the event the firm incurs travel, meal or lodging expenses in connection with performing its responsibilities, such expenses must be approved in advance by the applicable representative of the E-ZPass Group and are subject to the Authority’s travel expense policy below.

- When the Consultant uses its personal vehicle to provide services, the Consultant will be reimbursed for travel expenses beyond normal commuting costs at a rate not higher than the Annual Federal Mileage Reimbursement Rate (as determined by the United States General Services Administration (GSA) – http://www.gsa.gov/portal/content/100715) per mile traveled by auto.

- When the Consultant is asked to provide services outside 100 miles from the firm’s office location, the actual cost of transportation as well as the cost for hotel accommodations and meals will be reimbursable hereunder when approved in advance in writing by the applicable representative of the E-ZPass Group. The cost for all meals and lodging on approved overnight trips is limited to the amounts established by the United States GSA for that locality.

- **GSA Rates:** Domestic Rates: [http://www.gsa.gov/portal/category/21287](http://www.gsa.gov/portal/category/21287)

  You shall obtain the Executive Director of the E-ZPass Group’s written approval prior to making expenditures for out-of-pocket expenses in excess of one-thousand dollars ($1,000) per specific expenditure and for all overnight trips, which are reimbursable expenditures as set forth above. You shall substantiate all billings for out-of-pocket expenses in excess of twenty-five dollars ($25) with receipted bills and provide said receipts with the appropriate billing.

It is generally contemplated that, in all matters, the successful proposer will bill in accordance with the estimate for the assignment, and will consult with the Chair of the E-ZPass Group Legal Committee prior to filing motions or taking any depositions. Outside consultants or experts may be retained only with the written consent of the Chair of the E-ZPass Group Legal Committee. The E-ZPass Group reserves the right to refuse payment for any services that were not approved by the E-ZPass Group.

10. A proposed approach to the problems/services outlined in Attachment A. We are particularly interested in the law firm’s suggestions on how litigation matters should
be handled given that the E-ZPass Group consists of members from numerous jurisdictions.

11. A description of the law firm’s diversity programs and its commitment to diversity. Include a description of the participation of women and minorities in the law firm, including, specifically, the number of women and minority attorneys by category (i.e. partner, counsel, of counsel, associate) and the percentage of the law firm that is owned by women and minorities.

The Authority has a long-standing practice of encouraging Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs) and Women Business Enterprises (WBEs) to seek business opportunities with it, either directly or as subconsultants or subcontractors. "Minority-owned business" or "MBE" means a business entity which is at least fifty-one percent (51%) owned by one (1) or more members of one (1) or more minority groups, or, in the case of a publicly held corporation, at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the stock of which is owned by one (1) or more members of one (1) or more minority groups; and whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one (1) or more such individuals who are citizens or permanent resident aliens. "Women-owned business" or "WBE" means a business which is at least fifty-one percent (51%) owned by one (1) or more women; or, in the case of a publicly held corporation, fifty-one percent (51%) of the stock of which is owned by one (1) or more women: and whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one (1) or more women who are citizens or permanent resident aliens. "Minority group" means any of the following racial or ethnic groups:

a. Black persons having origins in any of the Black African racial groups not of Hispanic origin;

b. Hispanic persons of Puerto Rican, Mexican, Dominican, Cuban, Central or South American culture or origin, regardless of race;

c. Asian and Pacific Islander persons having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent or the Pacific Islands;

d. American Indian or Alaskan Native persons having origins in any of the original peoples of North America and maintaining identifiable tribal affiliations through membership and participation or community identification.

The selected firm(s) shall use every good-faith effort to utilize subconsultants who are certified MBEs or WBEs to the maximum extent feasible.

The Authority has a list of certified MBE/WBE service firms which is available to you at [http://www.panynj.gov/business-opportunities/supplier-diversity.html](http://www.panynj.gov/business-opportunities/supplier-diversity.html). If the selected firm(s) intends to use a MBE/WBE firm not on the list of the Authority’s certified MBE/WBE list, it will be required to submit to the Authority's Office of Business Diversity and Civil Rights for certification the names of MBE/WBE firms it proposes to use who are not on the list of certified MBE/WBE firms. To be "certified" a firm must be certified by the Authority's Office of Business Diversity and Civil Rights.
12. Indicate the amount of professional malpractice insurance coverage carried by the law firm, the amount of any self-retention and the name of the carrier. Identify any claims made in the past five (5) years and include the nature of the claim.

13. Provide a certificate of insurance indicating the general commercial and liability (including automobile) coverage.

III. EVALUATION PROCESS

The proposals submitted will be evaluated by a committee consisting of staff and representatives from members of the E-ZPass Group (the “Evaluation Committee”). Upon review of all proposals the Authority in its discretion may request that the highest ranked firms submitting proposals appear for an oral presentation focusing on how their firm will satisfy the requirements of this RFP. The Authority may limit the number of proposer(s) that can make oral presentations to permit efficient competition among the most highly rated. Should oral presentations be requested, it will be an opportunity for each short-listed proposer(s) to introduce its staff to the Authority, and to present supplementary information regarding its proposal and credentials as related to the specific needs of the Authority. The proposer(s) may use materials during this oral presentation; provided, however, that the presentation will be restricted to a maximum time period specified by the Authority, including the time allotted for a question and answer period. Information relating to the proposer(s)’s recent experience on similar assignments, approach to the work and the use of innovative and/or cost effective measures should be included in the oral presentation. Please provide the name and e-mail address of the person who should be contacted for presentation scheduling, if applicable, as well as an alternative in the event that person is unavailable. It should be noted that firms selected to make presentations might be given brief advance notice.

After evaluating proposals and oral presentations, if requested, the Evaluation Committee may enter into further discussions with the highest ranked proposer(s). The primary purpose of these discussions is to maximize the E-ZPass Group’s ability to get the best value, based on the requirements and technical criteria set forth in the RFP. Discussions may involve the identification of significant proposal weaknesses, ambiguities and other deficiencies that could limit a proposer(s)’ award potential. The Committee may solicit a best and final offer from the highest ranked proposer(s). If negotiations are unsuccessful with the highest ranked proposer(s), the Evaluation Committee may choose to end them and proceed to negotiations with lower ranked proposer(s). More rounds of negotiations may be held with one proposer(s) than another. Negotiations will be structured to safeguard information and ensure that all proposer(s) in the competitive range are treated fairly.

After evaluation of the proposals and oral presentations, the Evaluation Committee will recommend to the Executive Management Committee of the E-ZPass Group for award those law firms whose proposals are most advantageous to the E-ZPass Group. The Executive Management Committee may accept, reject or modify the recommendation(s) of the Evaluation Committee.

The review, rating and ranking of Proposals will be based upon the following technical criteria (listed in order of importance). After consideration of these factors the Authority may enter into negotiations with the firm (or firms) deemed best qualified in terms of the forgoing factors to perform the required services.
1. The firm’s fee schedule.
2. Qualifications and experience of the proposed staff.
3. Quality and depth of experience of the firm in providing similar services to others.
4. The firm’s proposed technical approach to performance of the services outlined in Attachment A.
5. Firm’s commitment to diversity goals.

IV. SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL

All Proposals must be delivered in sealed envelopes and/or packages addressed to: The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, Procurement Department, 4 World Trade Center (4WTC), 150 Greenwich Street, 21st Floor, New York, NY 10007, Attention: RFP Custodian. Do not address your Proposal to any other name. You are requested to submit one (1) reproducible original and ten (10) copies, along with eleven (11) compact disc or flash drive copies of the proposal for review. All proposals must be received by the Authority no later than 2:00 PM on June 2, 2015. The cover of your submittal, including all outside packages, must include the law firm name, as well as the RFP Title and RFP Number (as stated above). The Authority assumes no responsibility for delays caused by any delivery services.

If your proposal is to be hand-delivered, note that only individuals with proper identification (e.g. photo identification) will be permitted access to the Authority’s offices. Individuals without proper identification shall be turned away and their packages not accepted. There is extensive security at the World Trade Center Site. You must present a valid government-issued photo ID to enter 4 WTC. Individuals without packages or carrying small packages, envelopes or boxes that can be conveyed by hand or on a hand truck may enter through the lobby. All packages, envelopes and boxes may be subject to additional security screening. There is no parking available at 4 WTC/150 Greenwich Street, and parking in the surrounding area is extremely limited. Express carrier deliveries by commercial vehicles will only be made via vendors approved by Silverstein Properties, the WTC Property Manager, through the Vehicle Security Center (VSC). Please note that use of the U.S. Mail does not guarantee delivery to Authority offices by the above listed due date for submittals. Proposers using the U.S. Mail are advised to allow sufficient delivery time to ensure timely receipt of their proposals. Presently, UPS is the only delivery vendor with approved recurring delivery times. UPS makes deliveries to 4 WTC around 9:30 a.m. each day. Please plan your submission accordingly. As additional express carriers may be approved by Silverstein Properties and scheduled for recurring delivery times with the VSC, this information may be updated. Under certain circumstances, a solicitation may allow for a commercial vehicle to be approved to make a delivery in accordance with the VSC procedures. If applicable, the specific solicitation document will include that information. The Port Authority assumes no responsibility for delays, including, but not limited to, delays caused by any delivery services, building access procedures, or security requirements.

In case of conflict the reproducible original of the proposal shall take precedence over the other hard copies or compact disc or flash drive version. If the Authority office to which proposals are to be delivered is closed for any reason on the date when proposals are due, the deadline for submission of proposals is automatically extended until the next Authority
business day on which the office is open. In such event, unless proposers are otherwise notified, the time of day when proposals may be submitted shall remain the same.

V. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Should you have any questions, please email them to Tim Pullen at tpullen@panynj.gov. All questions must be received at least five (5) working days prior to the Proposal due date and reference RFP Number 42401 in the subject line. Neither Mr. Pullen nor any employee of the Authority is authorized to interpret the provisions of this RFP or accompanying documents or give additional information as to their requirements. If interpretation or additional information is required, it will be communicated by written addendum issued by the Procurement Department of the Authority and such writing shall form a part of this RFP, or the accompanying documents, as appropriate.

Under no circumstances will the Authority be responsible for any costs associated with the preparation of any proposals. There shall be no compensation for preparation for or expenses associated with attendance at any presentation made during the evaluation phase.


NO ADDENDA WILL BE SENT DIRECTLY TO ANY FIRM. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PROPOSER TO PERIODICALLY CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR ADDENDA.

The Authority reserves the unqualified right, in its sole and absolute discretion, to reject all proposals, waive defects in proposals, undertake discussions and modifications with one or more firms, and proceed with the proposal or modified proposal, if any, which in its judgment will, under all circumstances, best serve the public interest.

Sincerely,

David Gutiérrez, CPPO
Manager, Construction Procurements
Procurement Department

Attachments
ATTACHMENT A

PERFORMANCE OF EXPERT PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE E-ZPASS INTERAGENCY GROUP – SCOPE OF SERVICES

Specific services to be performed by the successful proposer hereunder may include, but are not limited to the following:

I. Intellectual Property Matters

With respect to the intellectual property area of law, the successful proposer shall provide such counsel services as may be requested by the E-ZPass Group, including, but not limited to:

A. Perform research and provide advice and opinions relative to the existing E-ZPass, E-ZPass Plus and E-ZPass Flex service marks registered by the Authority, on behalf of the E-ZPass Group and its members.

B. Provide all services required, including research, drafting of documents, and interfacing with regulatory bodies, to enable the Authority, on behalf of the E-ZPass Group and its members, to register additional service marks related to electronic toll collection and the use of E-ZPass, E-ZPass Plus and E-ZPass Flex.

C. Perform research, provide advice and opinions, and represent the E-ZPass Group and its members regarding enforcement of the service marks E-ZPass, E-ZPass Plus, E-ZPass Flex and any other service marks registered by the Authority on behalf of the E-ZPass Group and its members.

D. In particular, the successful proposer will be required to provide a memorandum outlining the approach the E-ZPass Group should take in determining how to handle possible infringements. This memorandum must identify the parameters for issuing a cease and desist letter, and for taking additional action, and shall be updated annually.

E. Perform research and issue opinion letters regarding the intellectual property rights associated with any aspect of the technology utilized to implement electronic toll collection. This technology is presently protected through issued United States patents.

F. Perform research and provide opinion letters and other legal advice regarding intellectual property issues arising in connection with the requirements for nationwide interoperability of electronic toll collection systems imposed by the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) Act.

II. Contracts

With respect to the contracts area of law, the successful proposer shall provide such counsel services as may be requested by E-ZPass Group, including, but not limited to:

A. Review and provide advice and counsel on any aspect of a procurement conducted by any member of the E-ZPass Group on behalf of the E-ZPass Group.

B. Draft request for proposals, contracts and other documents, advise as to the terms, conditions, purposes and effects thereof, and make recommendations for necessary courses of action to protect the interests of the E-ZPass Group.
C. Perform research and provide opinions as to the meaning and import of the terms of any existing contracts between the E-ZPass Group members and a vendor relative to electronic toll collection.

III. Governmental Entities and Organizations

With respect to the governmental instrumentalities and organizations area of law, the successful proposer will provide such counsel services as may be requested by the E-ZPass Group, including, but not limited to:

A. Perform research and provide advice and counsel relative to governance structures utilized at all levels of government, particularly those employed by associations whose members are comprised primarily of governmental entities. Be prepared to make organization/governance recommendations to the E-ZPass Group.

B. Perform research and provide advice and counsel relative to the statutory and regulatory limitations within which the E-ZPass Group members operate in their respective states, particularly as it relates to the delegation of authority and the ability of each member to abide by uniform operational rules and procedures.

C. Perform research and provide advice and counsel regarding governance structures utilized in the private sector, particularly as it relates to the requirements of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, and regarding the creation of relationships with the public and private sector E-ZPass Group members.

D. Perform research and provide advice and counsel regarding reciprocity and national interoperability strategies and goals.

E. Perform research and provide advice and counsel regarding organizational policies and procedures as they may be affected by the requirements of the member agencies and applicable state and federal laws.

IV. Conflict of Laws

With respect to the conflict of laws area of law, the selected proposer shall provide such counsel services as may be requested by the E-ZPass Group, including, but not limited to:

Perform research and provide advice and counsel relative to the conflict of laws provisions in each state in which E-ZPass Group members are located.

V. General

With respect to all areas of law, the successful proposer shall provide such counsel services as may be requested by the E-ZPass Group, generally including, but not limited to:

A. Provide advice and opinions with respect to any matters, issues, actions or proceedings by, against or affecting the E-ZPass Group and its members.

B. Advise on litigation strategy, discovery and trial preparation and/or represent the E-ZPass Group and its members in the defense or prosecution of any actions or proceedings before federal or state courts as well as administrative agencies.
C. Cooperate fully with the E-ZPass Group and its members’ staffs and advisors in the preparation of any documents and the performance of any other work related to the application of the law to the E-ZPass Group and its members.

D. Represent the E-ZPass Group and its members’ interests before legislative bodies, agencies, authorities and commissions at all levels of government; provide advice, opinions and pertinent information to assess the potential impact of government action on the E-ZPass Group and its members’ program goals.

E. Provide any other legal advice, opinions and representation to the E-ZPass Group and its members as may be requested during the term of the retainer agreement, including any extensions, and perform such other services as may from time to time be agreed upon, including the retention of additional legal services, consultants and experts as deemed necessary and requested by the E-ZPass Group and its member agencies. No services are to be subcontracted unless a proposal for the same is submitted to the Chair of the E-ZPass Group Legal Committee and the proposal is approved in writing by the E-ZPass Group Executive Director or Chair of the E-ZPass Group Executive Committee.

VI. Reports and Cost Estimates

The successful proposer shall also provide the following to the Authority and to the Executive Director and to the Chair of the Legal Committee of the E-ZPass Group:

A. Monthly reports, due on the 5th business day of each succeeding month, providing a brief update on the status of all matters being handled. Such reports shall describe key activities performed in the prior month and key activities planned in the current month. The successful proposer shall not charge for the production of such reports.

B. In response to a request for specific services hereunder and prior to the performance of any such services, the law firm shall submit in writing to the Chair of the E-ZPass Group Legal Committee for approval an estimated not-to-exceed cost and staffing analysis of such services to the Authority. Approval of such cost and direction from the E-ZPass Group Executive Director or Chair of the E-ZPass Group Executive Management Committee in writing to proceed shall effectuate the performance of services under the retainer agreement. After the point at which the law firm’s expenditures for such services reach such approved estimated cost, the law firm shall not continue to render any such services unless it is specifically authorized in writing to so continue by the Executive Director or Chair of the E-ZPass Group Executive Management Committee, and it shall submit to that person for approval a revised written estimated cost of such services. If no such authorization is issued, the performance of the specifically requested services under the retainer agreement shall be terminated without further obligation by either of the parties as to services not yet performed, but the law firm shall be compensated as hereinafter provided for services already completed. It is understood, however, that this limitation shall not be construed to entitle the law firm to an amount equal to the approved estimated cost. Preparation of the cost estimate and staffing analysis mentioned in the first sentence of this paragraph shall not be compensable service hereunder.

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ATTACHMENT B

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF EXPERT PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE E-ZPASS INTERAGENCY GROUP (RFP #42401)

AGREEMENT ON TERMS OF DISCUSSION

The Port Authority’s receipt or discussion of any information (including information contained in any proposal, vendor qualification, ideas, models, drawings, or other material communicated or exhibited by us or on our behalf) shall not impose any obligations whatsoever on the Port Authority or entitle us to any compensation therefor (except to the extent specifically provided in such written agreement, if any, as may be entered into between the Port Authority and us). Any such information given to the Port Authority before, with or after this Agreement on Terms of Discussion (“Agreement”), either orally or in writing, is not given in confidence. Such information may be used, or disclosed to others, for any purpose at any time without obligation or compensation and without liability of any kind whatsoever. Any statement which is inconsistent with this Agreement, whether made as part of or in connection with this Agreement, shall be void and of no effect. This Agreement is not intended, however, to grant to the Port Authority rights to any matter, which is the subject of valid existing or potential letters patent. The foregoing applies to any information, whether or not given at the invitation of the Authority.

Notwithstanding the above, and without assuming any legal obligation, the Port Authority will employ reasonable efforts, subject to the provisions of the Port Authority Freedom of Information Code and Procedure adopted by the Port Authority’s Board of Commissioners on October 22, 2014, which may be found on the Port Authority website at: http://www.panynj.gov/corporate-information/pdf/foi-code.pdf, not to disclose to any competitor of the undersigned, information submitted which are trade secrets or is maintained for the regulation or supervision of commercial enterprise which, if disclosed, would cause injury to the competitive position of the enterprise, and which information is identified by the Proposer as proprietary, as more fully set forth in the FOI Code, which may be disclosed by the undersigned to the Port Authority as part of or in connection with the submission of a proposal.

__________________________
(Company)

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(Signature)

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(Title)

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(Date)

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ATTACHMENT C
COMPANY PROFILE

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1. Company Name (print or type):
_____________________________________________________________________________

2. Business Address (to receive mail for this RFP):
_____________________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________

3. Business Telephone Number: __________________________________________________

4. Business Fax Number: ________________________________________________________

5. Firm website: _______________________________________________________________

6. Federal Employer Identification Number (EIN):  _____________________________

7. Date (MM/DD/YYYY) Firm was Established: _____/_____/______

8. Name, Address and EIN of Affiliates or Subsidiaries (use a separate sheet if necessary):
_____________________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________

9. Officer or Principal of Firm and Title:
_____________________________________________________________________________

10. Name, telephone number, and email address of contact for questions:
_____________________________________________________________________________

11. Is your firm certified by the Authority as a Minority-owned, Woman-owned or Small
    Business Enterprise (M/W/SBE)?   ☐ Yes   ☐ No

    If yes, please attach a copy of your Port Authority certification as a part of this profile.

    If your firm is an M/WBE not currently certified by the Authority, see the Authority’s web site –
    http://www.panynj.gov/business-opportunities/supplier-diversity.html, to receive information
    and apply for certification.