# State of Connecticut Department of Developmental Services (DDS), West Region Request for Providers RFP 174

The Department of Developmental Services (DDS), West Region is soliciting licensed/qualified providers of clinical services (i.e. behavioral health, physical therapy, speech, and occupational therapy) to DDS eligible children from ages 3 to 21 with the focus on family preservation. Our goal is to select providers to ensure services are readily available throughout all of the West Region. We are seeking providers in each of five geographic areas: greater Bridgeport, greater Norwalk, greater Torrington including Salisbury, greater Danbury, and greater Waterbury. We anticipate up to \$150,000. available to qualified families to spend on these services for the FY08 ending June 30, 2008. Families will be qualified by the West Region to receive clinical services from the provider of the family's choice. The DDS, West Region and families reserve the right to select a provider of choice, which may or may not directly coincide with the geographic area of the selected provider.

Payment will be based on a detailed vendor invoice including individual/family served, family signature verification of services, and submission of invoice for payment to DDS West region Business office.

Providers are required to adhere to all DDS policies and procedures.

# **Proposal Contents:**

# **Organization including:**

- Mission statement or philosophy of organization.
- Provider's experience and qualifications that directly impact the ability to provide the desired service.
- Letters of support or references from current or past entities for which the
  provider has conducted similar projects and a minimum of three phone numbers
  and addresses of individuals who can be contacted to provide information on
  the provider's experience.
- Table of organization or current structure.
- Board composition that includes the member's profession, parent of a disabled child, etc.

# **Description of Services:**

- Describe all services your agency provides including in home.
- Describe staff qualifications and experience.
- Indicate any ability to communicate in languages other than English.
- Provide complete fee structure for services offered and indicate if you are a Title 19 service provider.
- Indicate the response time once a referral is received.
- Indicate ability to collaborate with other service providers.
- Indicate any relationships with other community resources, which would enhance the effectiveness of services to an individual under age 21.
- Indicate your reporting methodology and timeframes for submitting reports on services provided.

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# **Selection:**

- DDS West Region reserves the right to make a selection in the best interest of the State. Dual or multiple selections may be made to cover the entire DDS, West Region's geographic area, as well as to insure all consumer needs are met.
- Selection will be based on multiple criteria including, but not limited to: skill, ability, and integrity necessary for the faithful performance of the work, previous professional experience with similar population, and cost of service.
- Selection will end June 30, 2008. However, based on available funding, DDS West Region reserves the right to extend the selection to June 30, 2009.

# RFP PROCEDURES

A. OFFICIAL STATE CONTACT. The State contact person of this RFP is:

Lynn Lantieri Business Office Department of Developmental Services, West Region 25 Creamery Road Cheshire, CT 06410

E-mail Address Lynn.lantieri@ct.gov

Telephone Number – 203-806-8796

All communications with the State regarding this RFP must be directed to the Official State Contact.

- B. *Proposer's Authorized Representative*. Proposers must designate an authorized representative and one (1) alternate. Provide the name, title, address, telephone and facsimile numbers, e-mail address, and normal working hours for each representative. This information must be submitted to the Official State Contact with the RFP submission.
- C. Communications Notice. All communications with the State or any person representing the State concerning this RFP are strictly prohibited, except as permitted by this RFP.
- D. Packaging and Labeling Requirements. All proposals must be submitted in sealed envelopes or packages that are labeled **RFP 174.** All proposals must be addressed to the Official State Contact. The name and address of the proposer must appear in the upper left hand corner of the envelope or package. An original (clearly identified as such) and three (3) copies of the proposal must be submitted. The proposal must be signed by the proposer.
- E. *Proposal Due.* An original and three (3) copies must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday November 19, 2007.

Proposals received after the deadline cannot be reviewed.

# State of Connecticut Department of Developmental Services (DDS) West Region

# Request for Proposal - RFP 174

Providers of Clinical services (i.e. behavioral health, physical, speech, and occupational therapy) to DDS Eligible Children from ages three to twenty-one with the focus on family preservation.

# Questions and Answers

Question: Where are the services delivered – home, community or clinic?

Answer: Services may be delivered in a clinic, family home, and/or community

setting.

Question: Can a mix of professionals be used – licensed and unlicensed?

Answer: A mix of licensed and unlicensed professionals can be used to provide services.

Licensed professionals must be used to provide services in situations where a

Connecticut license is required to provide a specific service.

Question: The third paragraph of the RFP states that "Providers are required to adhere to

all DDS policies and procedures". Where can a copy of DDS policies and

procedures that apply to RFP 174 be obtained.

Answer: DDS policies and procedures can be found on the DDS web page at

www.ct.gov/DDS; Click on the link for Policies and Procedures; click on the

link for DDS Manual.

# COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES CONTRACT COMPLIANCE REGULATIONS NOTIFICATION TO BIDDERS

The contract to be awarded is subject to contract compliance requirements mandated by Sections 4a-60 and 4a-60a of the Connecticut General Statutes; and, when the awarding agency is the State, Sections 46a-71(d) and 46a-81i(d) of the Connecticut General Statutes. There are Contract Compliance Regulations codified at Section 46a-68j-21 through 43 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, which establish a procedure for awarding all contracts covered by Sections 4a-60 and 46a-71(d) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

According to Section 46a-68j-30(9) of the Contract Compliance Regulations, every agency awarding a contract subject to the contract compliance requirements has an obligation to "aggressively solicit the participation of legitimate minority business enterprises as bidders, contractors, subcontractors and suppliers of materials." "Minority business enterprise" is defined in Section 4a-60 of the Connecticut General Statutes as a business wherein fifty-one percent or more of the capital stock, or assets belong to a person or persons: "(1) Who are active in daily affairs of the enterprise; (2) who have the power to direct the management and policies of the enterprise; and (3) who are members of a minority, as such term is defined in subsection (a) of Section 32-9n." "Minority" groups are defined in Section 32-9n of the Connecticut General Statutes as "(1) Black Americans . . . (2) Hispanic Americans . . . (3) persons who have origins in the Iberian Peninsula . . . (4)Women . . . (5) Asian Pacific Americans and Pacific Islanders; (6) American Indians . . ." An individual with a disability is also a minority business enterprise as provided by Section 4a-60g of the Connecticut General Statutes. The above definitions apply to the contract compliance requirements by virtue of Section 46a-68j-21(11) of the Contract Compliance Regulations.

The awarding agency will consider the following factors when reviewing the bidder's qualifications under the contract compliance requirements:

- (a) the bidder's success in implementing an affirmative action plan;
- (b) the bidder's success in developing an apprenticeship program complying with Sections 46a-68-1 to 46a-68-17 of the Administrative Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, inclusive;
- (c) the bidder's promise to develop and implement a successful affirmative action plan;
- (d) the bidder's submission of employment statistics contained in the "Employment Information Form", indicating that the composition of its workforce is at or near parity when compared to the racial and sexual composition of the workforce in the relevant labor market area; and
- (e) the bidder's promise to set aside a portion of the contract for legitimate minority business enterprises. See Section 46a-68j-30(10)(E) of the Contract Compliance Regulations.

The following <u>BIDDER CONTRACT COMPLIANCE MONITORING REPORT</u> must be completed in full, signed, and submitted with the bid for this contract. The contract awarding agency and the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities will use the information contained thereon to determine the bidders compliance to Sections 4a-60 and 4a-60a CONN. GEN. STAT., and Sections 46a-68j-23 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies regarding equal employment opportunity, and the bidders A good faith efforts to include minority business enterprises as subcontractors and suppliers for the work of the contract.

INSTRUCTIONS AND OTHER INFORMATION

# 1) Definition of Small Contractor

Section 4a-60g CONN. GEN. STAT. defines a small contractor as a company that has been doing business under the same management and control and has maintained its principal place of business in Connecticut for a one year period immediately prior to its application for certification under this section, had gross revenues not exceeding ten million dollars in the most recently completed fiscal year, and at least fifty-one percent of the ownership of which is held by a person or persons who are active in the daily affairs of the company, and have the power to direct the management and policies of the company, except that a nonprofit corporation shall be construed to be a small contractor if such nonprofit corporation meets the requirements of subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subdivision 4a-60g CONN. GEN. STAT.

**MANAGEMENT:** Managers plan, organize, direct, and control the major functions of an organization through subordinates who are at the managerial or supervisory level. They make policy decisions and set objectives for the company or departments. They are not usually directly involved in production or providing services. Examples include top executives, public relations managers, managers of operations specialties (such as financial, human resources, or purchasing managers), and construction and engineering managers.

BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS: These occupations include managers and professionals who work with the financial aspects of the business. These occupations include accountants and auditors, purchasing agents, management analysts, labor relations specialists, and budget, credit, and financial analysts.

**COMPUTER SPECIALISTS:** Professionals responsible for the computer operations within a company are grouped in this category. Examples of job titles in this category include computer programmers, software engineers, database administrators, computer scientists, systems analysts, and computer support specialists

ARCHITECTURE AND ENGINEERING: Occupations related to architecture, surveying, engineering, and drafting are included in this category. Some of the job titles in this category include electrical and electronic engineers, surveyors, architects, drafters, mechanical engineers, materials engineers, mapping technicians, and civil engineers.

OFFICE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT: All clerical-type work is included in this category. These jobs involve the preparing, transcribing, and preserving of written communications and records; collecting accounts; gathering and distributing information; operating office machines and electronic data processing equipment; and distributing mail. Job titles listed in this category include telephone operators, payroll clerks, bill and account collectors, customer service representatives, files clerks, dispatchers, shipping clerks, secretaries and administrative assistants, computer operators, mail clerks, and stock clerks.

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE:** This category includes occupations involving landscaping, housekeeping, and janitorial services. Job titles found in this category include supervisors of landscaping or housekeeping, janitors, maids, grounds maintenance workers, and pest control workers.

CONSTRUCTION AND EXTRACTION: This category includes construction trades and related occupations. Job titles found in this category include boilermakers, masons (all types), carpenters, construction laborers, electricians, plumbers (and related trades), roofers, sheet metal workers, elevator installers, hazardous materials removal workers, paperhangers, and painters. Paving, surfacing, and tamping equipment operators; drywall and ceiling tile installers; and carpet, floor and tile installers and finishers are also included in this category. First line supervisors, foremen, and helpers in these trades are also grouped in this category.

INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR: Occupations involving the installation, maintenance, and repair of equipment are included in this group. Examples of job titles found here are heating, ac, and refrigeration mechanics and installers; telecommunication line installers and repairers; heavy vehicle and mobile equipment service technicians and mechanics; small engine mechanics; security and fire alarm systems installers; electric/electronic repair, industrial, utility and transportation equipment; millwrights; riggers; and manufactured building and mobile home installers. First line supervisors, foremen, and helpers for these jobs are also included in the category.

MATERIAL MOVING WORKERS: The job titles included in this group are Crane and tower operators; dredge, excavating, and lading machine operators; hoist and winch operators; industrial truck and tractor operators; cleaners of vehicles and equipment; laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand; machine feeders and offbearers; packers and packagers, hand; pumping station operators; refuse and recyclable material collectors; and miscellaneous material moving workers.

# 3) Definition of Racial and Ethnic Terms (as used in Part IV Bidder Employment Information)

White (not of Hispanic Origin)- All persons having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, North Africa, or the Middle East.

<u>Black</u>(not of Hispanic Origin)- All persons having origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa.

<u>Hispanic</u>- All persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.

Asian or Pacific Islander- All persons having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands. This area includes China, India, Japan, Korea, the Philippine Islands, and Samoa.

American Indian or Alaskan Native- All persons having origins in any of the original peoples of North America, and who maintain cultural identification through tribal affiliation or community recognition.

# BIDDER CONTRACT COMPLIANCE MONITORING REPORT

PART I - Bidder Information	(Page 3)
Company Name Street Address City & State	Bidder Federal Employer Identification Number Or
Chief Executive	Social Security Number
Major Business Activity (brief description)	Bidder Identification (response optional/definitions on page 1)
	-Bidder is a small contractor. Yes NoBidder is a minority business enterprise Yes No (If yes, check ownership category) Black Hispanic Asian American American Indian/Alaskan Native Iberian Peninsula Individual(s) with a Physical Disability Female
Bidder Parent Company (If any)	- Bidder is certified as above by State of CT Yes_ No_
Other Locations in Ct. (If any)	- DAS Certification Number
PART II - Bidder Nondiscrimination Policies and Procedures	
Does your company have a written Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity statement posted on company bulletin boards?  Yes No	7. Do all of your company contracts and purchase orders contain non-discrimination statements as required by Sections 4a-60 & 4a-60a Conn. Gen. Stat.? YesNo
Does your company have the state-mandated sexual harassment prevention in the workplace policy posted on company bulletin boards?  YesNo	8. Do you, upon request, provide reasonable accommodation to employees, or applicants for employment, who have physical or mental disability?  Yes No
3. Do you notify all recruitment sources in writing of your company's Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity employment policy? Yes No	9. Does your company have a mandatory retirement age for all employees? Yes No
Do your company advertisements contain a written statement that you are an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer?  YesNo	10. If your company has 50 or more employees, have you provided at least two hours of sexual harassment training to all of your supervisors?  Yes No NA
5. Do you notify the Ct. State Employment Service of all employment openings with your company?  Yes No	11. If your company has apprenticeship programs, do they meet the Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity requirements of the apprenticeship star of the Ct. Dept. of Labor?  YesNoNoNoNoNoNoNoNoNoN
Does your company have a collective bargaining agreement with workers?  YesNo  6a. If yes, do the collective bargaining agreements contain non-discrimination clauses covering all workers?  YesNo	12. Does your company have a written affirmative action Plan? Yes No If no, please explain.
6b. Have you notified each union in writing of your commitments under the nondiscrimination requirements of contracts with the state of Ct?  YesNo	13. Is there a person in your company who is responsible for equal employment opportunity? Yes No If yes, give name and phone number.
Part III - Bidder Subcontracting Practices	
Will the work of this contract include subcontractors or suppliers? YesNo	
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1b. Will the work of this contract require additional subcontractors or suppliers of	her than those identified in 1a. above? YesNo

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### STATE OF CONNECTICUT

# COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES NOTICE CONCERNING CONTRACT COMPLIANCE RESPONSIBILITIES

# TO ALL LABOR UNIONS, WORKERS REPRESENTATIVES AND VENDORS:

Any contract this contractor has with the State of Connecticut or political subdivisions of the state other than municipalities shall be performed in accordance with CONN. GEN. STAT. Section 4a-60 and Section 4a-60a. This means that this contractor:

- 1. Agrees to provide the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) with any information concerning this contractors employment practices and procedures which relates to our responsibilities under CONN. GEN. STAT. Sections 4a-60 or 46a-56 or Section 4a-60a.; and
- 2. Agrees to include the provisions of CONN. GEN. STAT. Section 46a-60(a) and Section 4a-60a in each and every subcontract and purchase order and to take whatever action the CHRO deems necessary to enforce these provisions.

WITH REGARD TO RACE, COLOR, RELIGIOUS CREED, AGE, MARITAL STATUS, NATIONAL ORIGIN, ANCESTRY, SEX, MENTAL RETARDATION OR PHYSICAL DISABILITY, this means that this contractor:

- 1. Shall not discriminate or permit discrimination against anyone;
- 2. Shall take affirmative action so that persons applying for employment are hired on the basis of job-related qualifications and that employees once hired are treated without regard to their race, color, religious creed, age, marital status, national origin, ancestry, sex, mental retardation or physical disability, unless the contractor can show that the disability prevents performance of the work involved;
- 3. Shall state in all advertisements for employees that it is an affirmative action-equal opportunity employer@;
- 4. Shall comply with CONN. GEN. STAT. Sections 4a-60, 46a-68e and 46a-68f and with each regulation or relevant order issued by the CHRO under CONN. GEN. STAT. Sections 46a-56, 46a-68e and 46a-68f; and
- 5. Shall make, if the contract is a public works contract, good faith efforts to employ minority business enterprises as subcontractors and suppliers of materials.

WITH REGARD TO SEXUAL ORIENTATION, WHICH INCLUDES HOMOSEXUALITY, BISEXUALITY AND HETEROSEXUALITY:

- 1. The contractor will not discriminate or permit discrimination against anyone, and employees will be treated without regard to their sexual orientation once employed; and
- 2. The contractor agrees to fully comply with Section 4a-60a and each regulation or relevant order issued by the CHRO under CONN. GEN. STAT. Section 46a-56.

Persons having questions about this notice or their rights under the law are urged to contact the:

# COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES DIVISION OF AFFIRMATIVE ACTION, MONITORING & CONTRACT COMPLIANCE

21 Grand Street Hartford, Connecticut 06106 (860) 541-3400

COPIES OF THIS NOTICE SHALL BE POSTED IN CONSPICUOUS PLACES AVAILABLE TO ALL EMPLOYEES AND APPLICANTS FOR EMPLOYMENT

Affidavit to accompany a State contract for the purchase of goods and services with a value of \$50,000 or more in a calendar or fiscal year, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §§ 4a-81(a) and 4a-81(b)

#### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

If the bidder or vendor has entered into a consulting agreement, as defined by Connecticut General Statutes § 4a-81(b)(1): Complete all sections of the form. If the bidder or vendor has entered into more than one such consulting agreement, use a separate form for each agreement. Sign and date the form in the presence of a Commissioner of the Superior Court or Notary Public. If the bidder or vendor has not entered into a consulting agreement, as defined by Connecticut General Statutes § 4a-81(b)(1): Complete only the shaded section of the form. Sign and date the form in the presence of a Commissioner of the Superior Court or Notary Public.

Submit completed form to the awarding State agency with bid or proposal. For a sole source award, submit completed form to the awarding State agency at the time of contract execution.

This affidavit must be amended if the contractor enters into any new consulting agreement(s) during the term of the State contract.

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**Commissioner of the Superior Court or Notary Public** 

For all State contracts as defined in P.A. 07-1 having a value in a calendar year of \$50,000.00 or more, or a combination or series of such agreements or contracts having a value of \$100,000.00 or more, the authorized signatory to this Agreement expressly acknowledges receipt of the State Elections Enforcement Commission's notice advising state contractors of state campaign contribution and solicitation prohibitions, and will inform its principals of the contents of the notice. See below SEEC Form 11.

### **SEEC FORM 11**

# NOTICE TO EXECUTIVE BRANCH STATE CONTRACTORS AND PROSPECTIVE STATE CONTRACTORS OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION AND SOLICITATION BAN

This notice is provided under the authority of Connecticut General Statutes 9-612(g)(2), as amended by P.A. 07-1, and is for the purpose of informing state contractors and prospective state contractors of the following law (italicized words are defined below):

### **Campaign Contribution and Solicitation Ban**

No state contractor, prospective state contractor, principal of a state contractor or principal of a prospective state contractor, with regard to a state contract or state contract solicitation with or from a state agency in the executive branch or a quasi-public agency or a holder, or principal of a holder of a valid prequalification certificate, shall make a contribution to, or solicit contributions on behalf of (i) an exploratory committee or candidate committee established by a candidate for nomination or election to the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer, (ii) a political committee authorized to make contributions or expenditures to or for the benefit of such candidates, or (iii) a party committee;

In addition, no holder or principal of a holder of a valid prequalification certificate, shall make a contribution to, or solicit contributions on behalf of (i) an exploratory committee or candidate committee established by a candidate for nomination or election to the office of State senator or State representative, (ii) a political committee authorized to make contributions or expenditures to or for the benefit of such candidates, or (iii) a party committee.

### **Duty to Inform**

State contractors and prospective state contractors are required to inform their principals of the above prohibitions, as applicable, and the possible penalties and other consequences of any violation thereof.

# **Penalties for Violations**

Contributions or solicitations of contributions made in violation of the above prohibitions may result in the following civil and criminal penalties:

<u>Civil penalties</u>--\$2000 or twice the amount of the prohibited contribution, whichever is greater, against a principal or a contractor. Any state contractor or prospective state contractor which fails to make reasonable efforts to comply with the provisions requiring notice to its principals of these prohibitions and the possible consequences of their violations may also be subject to civil penalties of \$2000 or twice the amount of the prohibited contributions made by their principals.

<u>Criminal penalties</u>—Any knowing and willful violation of the prohibition is a Class D felony, which may subject the violator to imprisonment of not more than 5 years, or \$5000 in fines, or both.

# **Contract Consequences**

Contributions made or solicited in violation of the above prohibitions may result, in the case of a state contractor, in the contract being voided.

Contributions made or solicited in violation of the above prohibitions, in the case of a prospective state contractor, shall result in the contract described in the state contract solicitation not being awarded to the prospective state contractor, unless the State Elections Enforcement Commission determines that mitigating circumstances exist concerning such violation.

The State will not award any other state contract to anyone found in violation of the above prohibitions for a period of one year after the election for which such contribution is made or solicited, unless the State Elections Enforcement Commission determines that mitigating circumstances exist concerning such violation.

Additional information and the entire text of P.A 07-1 may be found on the website of the State Elections Enforcement Commission, <a href="https://www.ct.gov/seec">www.ct.gov/seec</a>. Click on the link to "State Contractor Contribution Ban."

#### Definitions:

"State contractor" means a person, business entity or nonprofit organization that enters into a state contract. Such person, business entity or nonprofit organization shall be deemed to be a state contractor until December thirty-first of the year in which such contract terminates. "State contractor" does not include a municipality or any other political subdivision of the state, including any entities or associations duly created by the municipality or political subdivision exclusively amongst themselves to further any purpose authorized by statute or charter, or an employee in the executive or legislative branch of state government or a quasi-public agency, whether in the classified or unclassified service and full or part-time, and only in such person's capacity as a state or quasi-public agency employee.

"Prospective state contractor" means a person, business entity or nonprofit organization that (i) submits a response to a state contract solicitation by the state, a state agency or a quasi-public agency, or a proposal in response to a request for proposals by the state, a state agency or a quasi-public agency, until the contract has been entered into, or (ii) holds a valid prequalification certificate issued by the Commissioner of Administrative Services under section 4a-100. "Prospective state contractor" does not include a municipality or any other political subdivision of the state, including any entities or associations duly created by the municipality or political subdivision exclusively amongst themselves to further any purpose authorized by statute or charter, or an employee in the executive or legislative branch of state government or a quasi-public agency, whether in the classified or unclassified service and full or part-time, and only in such person's capacity as a state or quasi-public agency employee.

"Principal of a state contractor or prospective state contractor" means (i) any individual who is a member of the board of directors of, or has an ownership interest of five per cent or more in, a state contractor or prospective state contractor, which is a business entity, except for an individual who is a member of the board of directors of a nonprofit organization, (ii) an individual who is employed by a state contractor or prospective state contractor, which is a business entity, as president, treasurer or executive vice president, (iii) an individual who is the chief executive officer of a state contractor or prospective state contractor, which is not a business entity, or if a state contractor or prospective state contractor has no such officer, then the officer who duly possesses comparable powers and duties, (iv) an officer or an employee of any state contractor or prospective state contractor who has managerial or discretionary responsibilities with respect to a state contract, (v) the spouse or a dependent child who is eighteen years of age or older of an individual described in this subparagraph, or (vi) a political committee established or controlled by an individual described in this subparagraph or the business entity or nonprofit organization that is the state contractor or prospective state contractor.

"State contract" means an agreement or contract with the state or any state agency or any quasi-public agency, let through a procurement process or otherwise, having a value of fifty thousand dollars or more, or a combination or series of such agreements or contracts having a value of one hundred thousand dollars or more in a calendar year, for (i) the rendition of services, (ii) the furnishing of any goods, material, supplies, equipment or any items of any kind, (iii) the construction, alteration or repair of any public building or public work, (iv) the acquisition, sale or lease of any land or building, (v) a licensing arrangement, or (vi) a grant, loan or loan guarantee. "State contract" does not include any agreement or contract with the state, any state agency or any quasi-public agency that is exclusively federally funded, an education loan or a loan to an individual for other than commercial purposes.

"State contract solicitation" means a request by a state agency or quasi-public agency, in whatever form issued, including, but not limited to, an invitation to bid, request for proposals, request for information or request for quotes, inviting bids, quotes or other types of submittals, through a competitive procurement process or another process authorized by law waiving competitive procurement.

"Managerial or discretionary responsibilities with respect to a state contract" means having direct, extensive and substantive responsibilities with respect to the negotiation of the state contract and not peripheral, clerical or ministerial responsibilities.

"Dependent child" means a child residing in an individual's household who may legally be claimed as a dependent on the federal income tax of such individual.

"Solicit" means (A) requesting that a contribution be made, (B) participating in any fund-raising activities for a candidate committee, exploratory committee, political committee or party committee, including, but not limited to, forwarding tickets to potential contributors, receiving contributions for transmission to any such committee or bundling contributions, (C) serving as chairperson, treasurer or deputy treasurer of any such committee, or (D) establishing a political committee for the sole purpose of soliciting or receiving contributions for any committee. Solicit does not include: (i) making a contribution that is otherwise permitted by Chapter 155 of the Connecticut General Statutes; (ii) informing any person of a position taken by a candidate for public office or a public official, (iii) notifying the person of any activities of, or contact information for, any candidate for public office; or (iv) serving as a member in any party committee or as an officer of such committee that is not otherwise prohibited in this section.