Request for Proposal Number 2019-06
Exclusive Vending Food Service Rights at CCSU

Section 1. Administrative Overview

1.1 INTRODUCTION

This is a Request for Proposals (RFP) issued by Central Connecticut State University (hereinafter referred to as the "University" or "CCSU") seeking proposals from experienced and qualified vendors to provide exclusive vending food services to CCSU.

1.2 AUTHORITY

This RFP is issued by CCSU under the provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes 4a-52a and 10a-151b.

1.3 RFP ORGANIZATION

Section 1, Administrative Overview -- Provides Contractors with general information on the objectives of this RFP, procurement schedule, and procurement overview.

Section 2, Scope of Work -- Provides Contractors with a general description of the University, background, RFP objectives, the tasks to be performed, delineates University and Contractor’s responsibilities, and defines deliverables.

Section 3, Proposal Requirements -- Describes the required format and content for the Contractor's proposal.

Section 4, Evaluation Criteria -- Describes how proposals will be evaluated by CCSU.

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1.4 SUBMISSION OF QUESTIONS

Contractors may submit questions or requests for clarification via email to brodeur@ccsu.edu. The deadline for submission of questions is 4:30 p.m., E.S.T., on April 4, 2018. Any answers, clarifications or corrections that change the scope of this RFP will be issued as an addendum. See section 1.8

1.5 SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

Contractors shall submit a clearly marked original plus three (3) clearly marked hard copies plus one complete copy electronically on CD or USB flash drive of the proposal. Proposals shall be received by the CCSU Purchasing Department no later than 3:00 p.m. E.S.T., on April 16, 2018, at which time a representative of the Purchasing Department will announce publicly the names of those firms submitting proposals. Any proposal received after this date and time shall be rejected. No other public disclosure will be made until after the award of the contract. Proposals shall be mailed or delivered to:

Thomas J. Brodeur, C.P.M.
Purchasing Department, Marcus White Annex room 006
Central Connecticut State University
1615 Stanley Street
New Britain, CT 06050-4010

The outside cover of the package containing the proposal shall be marked:
RFP 2019-06, Exclusive Vending Food Service, submitted by (Name of Contractor)

Note that in the event of university closing or early dismissal due to inclement weather this RFP will be due and opened at 3:00 PM on the next business day. Please call the University Snow Phone at 860-832-3333 for up to date information on cancellations or early closings.

1.6 SITE INSPECTION

To schedule a site inspection of the existing bookstore, contact Jeff Benner at bennerj@ccsu.edu or 860-832-2141.

Note that a site inspection is not mandatory. Also note that no questions will be answered at any site inspections. Refer to Section 1.2 for the proper procedure to submit questions.

1.7 DISQUALIFICATION OF PROPOSALS

The University reserves the right to consider as acceptable only those proposals submitted in accordance with all requirements set forth in this RFP and which demonstrate an understanding of the scope of the work. Any proposal offering any other set of terms and conditions contradictory to those included in this RFP may be disqualified without further notice.

A Proposer’s proposal may be disqualified for any one or more of the following reasons:

- The proposal shows any noncompliance with applicable law.
• The proposal is conditional, incomplete, or irregular in such a way as to make the proposal indefinite or ambiguous as to its meaning.
• The proposal has any provision reserving the right to accept or reject award, or to enter into a contract pursuant to an award, or provisions contrary to those required in the solicitation.
• The Contractor is on the State of Connecticut Department of Labor Debarment List (current issue) at any time up to the execution of the Contract.
• The Contractor is in default of any prior contract or for misrepresentation
• The Contractor materially misrepresents information in their proposal

1.8 ADDENDA TO THIS RFP

CCSU may issue one or more addenda related to this RFP. Such addenda shall be posted at http://das.ct.gov/cr1.aspx?page=12 and at http://www.ccsu.edu/purchasing/currentBids.html. It shall be the responsibility of prospective proposers and other interested parties to familiarize themselves with the web sites and visit them regularly during the RFP process for updated information or addenda related to this RFP.

Receipt of addenda must be acknowledged by each proposer, and the failure of a proposer to acknowledge any addendum shall not relieve the Proposer of the responsibility for complying with the terms thereof. All addenda must be signed by an authorized respondent representative and returned with the proposal on or before the proposal opening date and time.

This process is intended to ensure that all Proposers have equal access to information relative to this RFP. No information communicated verbally shall be effective unless confirmed by Addenda from the Purchasing Department of the University.

1.9 RIGHTS RESERVED

CCSU reserves the right to award in part, to reject any and all proposals, in whole or in part, and to waive technical defects, irregularities and omissions if, in its judgment, the best interest of CCSU will be served. Should CCSU determine that only one Proposer is fully qualified, or that one Proposer is more highly qualified than the others under consideration, a Contract may be negotiated and awarded to that Proposer.

1.10 FINAL CONTRACT

CCSU intends to use this RFP and the successful proposal as a basis for the final contract. All provisions of this RFP shall be incorporated into the final awarded contract.

The University reserves the right to request additional information or clarification on any information included in the Firms proposal.

Prior to the award, the University may elect to conduct negotiations with the highest ranked proposer(s) for purposes which include:
• Resolving minor differences and informalities
• Clarifying necessary details and responsibilities
• Emphasizing important issues and points
• Receiving assurances from proposers
• Exploring ways to improve the final Contract
1.11 INSPECTION OF PROPOSALS and CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Proposals may be available for public inspection after the Contract is signed by all parties. Information marked as “confidential” in any proposal shall be honored as such, to the extent allowable under the Freedom of Information Act.

The University treats each Proposal as confidential until after the Contract is executed. At that time they become subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). If a respondent wishes to supply any information, which it believes is exempt from disclosure under the FOIA the respondent should summarize such information in a separate envelope and each page submitted should clearly state "Confidential," but otherwise be presented in the same manner as the Proposal. However, any such information is provided entirely at the respondent's own risk and the University assumes no liability for any loss or damage which may result from the University's disclosure at any time of any information provided by the respondent in connection with its proposal.

1.12 CONTRACT INVALIDATION

If any provision of this contract is found to be invalid, such invalidation will not be construed to invalidate the entire contract.

1.13 TERM OF CONTRACT

The initial term of the contract shall be for five (5) years, extending from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2023, and may with mutual consent be renewed once for one additional five (5) year term.

1.14 FORMATION OF CONTRACT

See Attachment A, for “Draft Boiler Plate Contract Language”.

CCSU reserves the right to enter into negotiations with the selected Proposer in an effort to reach a mutually satisfactory Contract that will be executed by both parties and will be based on this RFP, including the Draft Boiler Plate Contract Language, the RFP proposal submitted by the selected Proposer and the subsequent negotiation.

The University reserves the right to award a Contract based on an offer which, in the sole opinion of the University, best fulfills or exceeds the requirements of this RFP and is deemed to be in the best interest of the University.

The Contract, when duly executed, shall represent the entire agreement between the parties.

1.15 RFP TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The terms and conditions should be reviewed carefully to ensure full responsiveness to the RFP. The anticipated Vending Agreement will be, in form and substance, consistent with applicable University policy and regulations and State of Connecticut statutes and regulations regarding the creation and execution of such contract. The failure of any respondent to receive or examine any contract, document, form, addenda or to visit the sites and acquaint itself with conditions there-existing, will not
relieve it of any obligation with respect to its proposal or any executed contract. The submission of a proposal shall be conclusive evidence and understanding of the University's intent to incorporate such terms and conditions into the Vending Service Agreement contract.

1.16 PAYMENT CARD INDUSTRY DATA SECURITY STANDARD

University requires that Contractor shall at all times maintain compliance with the most current Payment Card Industry Data Security Standards (PCI DSS). Contractor will be required to provide written confirmation of compliance. Contractor acknowledges responsibility for the security of cardholder data as defined within the PCI DSS. Contractor acknowledges and agrees that cardholder data may only be used for completing the contracted services as described in the full text of this document, or as required by the PCI DSS, or as required by applicable law. Similarly, Contractor should be prepared to demonstrate the compliance of any third party it has sub-contracted as part of the service offering. As evidence of compliance, Contractor shall provide upon request a current attestation of compliance signed by a PCI QSA (Qualified Security Assessor).
Section 2. Scope of Work

2.1 BACKGROUND

Central Connecticut State University (CCSU) was founded in 1849 as the New Britain Normal School and is Connecticut’s oldest publicly supported institution of higher education. CCSU is a fully accredited four-year university. CCSU is governed by the Connecticut State Colleges & Universities (ConnSCU) Board of Regents, which oversees the four Connecticut state universities (Central, Eastern, Southern, and Western) and the state's 12 community colleges and Charter Oak. For more information: http://www.ct.edu/regents.

Princeton Review selected CCSU as one of "The Best Northeastern Colleges" and one of "America's Best Value Colleges."

The college guide book “Great Colleges for the Real World: Get in, Get out, Get a Job” selected CCSU as one of the "best 200 colleges” in the nation.

Fast Facts showing the makeup of the Central Connecticut State University by semester about can be found at the following link: http://web.ccsu.edu/oira/fastfacts.asp

2.2 OBJECTIVES

CCSU is seeking a qualified vendor to provide exclusive vending food services to the CCSU campus and the CCSU Institute of Technology and Business Development (ITBD), located at 185 Main Street, New Britain. Services shall include supplying and operating food/snack vending machines on a commission basis at numerous locations on the CCSU campus and at ITBD.

CCSU invites you to join in creating a Vending Food Service Agreement for the purpose of maximizing revenue, promoting and increasing market share, controlling costs, and providing exceptional service to the University. The University anticipates that opportunities presented by this Agreement will provide substantial benefits for the University and its vending food supplier. This RFP document provides important information for evaluation of this venture.

2.3 CURRENT SERVICES INFORMATION

2.3.1 For a current list of Vending Food Sales by Location for the past three complete fiscal years refer to Schedule A attached.

2.3.2 The University currently distributes and/or promotes Vending Food Sales through vending machines only. Pre-packaged snacks sold by Barnes & Noble (campus bookstore) and by Sodexo (board, retail and catering food services) are exclusive of the current and forthcoming vending operations contracts. See Section 2.6 below.

2.3.3 Note that there is a Blue Bunny Ice Cream vending machine in Copernicus room 24402. Our current vending services provider placed it on campus at the request of CCSU but it is a third party machine. Currently CCSU has no sales data on that machine.
2.4 AVAILABILITY RIGHTS

2.4.1 Subject to the Permitted Exceptions set forth in Section 2.6 below, University agrees that all vending food product sold, distributed or sampled (that is, distributed at no cost) at all locations on the Campus where refreshments are sold or distributed will be Product as-specified in the Agreement. University agrees that it shall purchase its complete requirements of Products for the Campus from the corporation, either directly or as Company’s agent, provided that if Corporation is unable to supply any products that the University desires to purchase, then the University may purchase such Products from another authorized Company distributor. Subject to the Permitted Exceptions set forth in Section 2.6 below, no Competitive Products shall be sold, dispensed, served, or promoted on Campus or in connection with the University.

2.4.2 The University shall use reasonable efforts to permit promotions maximizing concession sales and sale of and distribution of Products on the Campus.

2.5 (For Future Use)

2.6 OTHER VENDING AND FOOD SERVICES ON CAMPUS

2.6.1 Sodexo is CCSU’s contract vendor for retail, board and catering food services. Their pre-packaged snacks are procured and sold under their own contract with CCSU and include chips, candy, ice cream, etc. Sodexo also operates a Starbucks in the Burritt Library.

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2.7 EQUIPMENT, UTILITIES, SUPPLIES AND SPACE USE

2.7.1 Schedule A is a list of current vending equipment by location and presents the initially required minimum equipment; but it is intended that at regular intervals during the duration of the contract the amount of required equipment shall be examined by the University and Contractor with the objective of providing the best possible service to the student body, staff and faculty.

The awarded vendor shall be required to conduct a survey of campus buildings and areas and suggest locations for additional vending machines. These suggestions will need to be approved by CCSU, specifically the CCSU Fire Marshall. During the term of the contract, surveys shall be conducted annually with the purpose of identifying locations for additional machines.

2.7.2 The University requires the Contractor to provide both new and updated vending and related auxiliary equipment. New equipment shall be of the most recent model and not remanufactured. The use of remanufactured equipment requires the express prior approval of the University.

For the purpose of this contract, the updated rebuilt and required reconditioned equipment be in like new condition prior to final acceptance by the University for the location on campus. It is important the proposer understands the University’s requirements for new and updated equipment are an essential condition of the resulting contract.
New and updated equipment shall be compatible in terms of decor when three or more machines are placed together at one location. The vending equipment shall be in the same height to give uniformity of appearance, except as otherwise mutually agreed by the University and the Contractor.

2.7.3 Where necessary and mutually agreed by the University, utilities shall be brought to equipment by the University. The Contractor shall be responsible for paying the costs of the connections from the equipment to the provided utility source, including all other costs of installation of the equipment.

2.7.4 All vending equipment owned by the Contractor shall remain with the Contractor. However, the University agrees to take such measures as may be reasonably required, as defined by the University, for the protection against loss by pilferage or destruction. Required equipment repairs expense shall be the Contractor’s responsibility.

2.7.5 The vending machines shall be operated during the entire year, but with reduced selections, arrived at by mutual agreement, for the summer session and University vacation breaks. Most residence halls are closed during the summer.

2.7.6 In addition to the necessary operating instructions, the Contractor shall provide each vending location with information to the user where product quality comments, malfunction reports, and refund requests may be made. Product comments can be made directly to the Contractor. Malfunction reports shall be made to the Contractor and to the CCSU Card Office. All refund requests shall be made to the CCSU Card Office or online on the CCSU Card Office web site. Refunds due to machine malfunctions shall be recorded and reimbursed by the Contractor as part of the monthly reconciliation. See sections 2.13.5 and 2.13.8

All information including permits, licenses and price regulation required to be posted shall be displayed in an appropriate manner agreed by the University without defacing of the facilities of the University.

2.7.7 The Contractor shall be responsible for control of keys obtained from the University and the security of those areas for which and when they are used by its representatives. The Contractor shall be responsible for immediately reporting all the facts relating to losses incurred, equipment damage or break-ins to their equipment and areas of the University. The University shall designate the authority who shall receive these reports and be responsible for key issue and periodic review of key control.

The Contractor is responsible for the purchase of padlocks and other security devices which may be required by the Contractor to further ensure revenue, product or property.

2.7.8 The Contractor shall be responsible for replacement of lost keys and the cost of re-keying and replacement of locking cylinders required as a result of their negligence and/or loss of keys.

The University shall provide the Contractor with routine campus protection currently available to vending service, such as night patrol, door checks, security consulting, call response, etc.

The University and the Contractor shall mutually determine the additional security measures required to control unauthorized access to all vending service areas included in this contract.

2.7.9 Vending and auxiliary vending equipment not removed from the University locations upon cancellation or expiration of this contract and/or after ten days written notice to the Contractor may be removed and placed in storage by the University. All costs of removal, storage and product and revenue loss shall be the Contractors.
2.7.10 The University shall not guarantee an uninterrupted supply of water, electricity, network connection, or heat except that it shall be diligent in restoring service following an interruption. The University shall not be liable for any loss which may result from the interruptions or failure of any such utility services.

2.8 EQUIPMENT and FACILITIES MAINTENANCE, REPLACEMENT and SANITATION

2.8.1 The premises, equipment, supplies and facilities shall be maintained throughout the life of this contract in condition satisfactory to the University and in compliance with all University, State and Local related health and sanitation codes. Thus, the Contractor shall adhere to the highest standards of cleanliness and sanitary practices. Structural, utility and non-vending equipment changes necessary in order to comply with such requirements shall be made by the University at its expense.

The customer-contact surfaces of all equipment including selector buttons, knobs and handles and cup dispensing platforms shall be cleaned with germicidal solution. Visible product residue, as in cup platforms, shall be removed with warm water and detergent before application of the germicide.

The external cabinet of all vending machines, including cabinet tops, shall be kept free from dust and other contaminants. Screens, compressor zones and condensers shall be inspected regularly for dust, seepage and other residue and shall be kept clean.

Such maintenance and cleaning shall be conducted once per semester and once during the summer at a mutually agreed to schedule.

2.8.2 Sanitarians of the Connecticut Department of Health and campus safety personnel and environmental health specialists shall have complete cooperation and access to all vending service, production and storage areas on inspection which they may conduct. These inspections may be at the request of the University on said agency’s own discretion. A management representative of the Contractor shall conduct equipment and facilities maintenance and sanitation inspections periodically. A copy of all inspection reports shall be furnished the University by the Contractor within forty-eight (48) hours of receipt. The Contractor is responsible to implement corrective operating measures required as a result of these inspections and reports within ten (10) days notification from the inspecting agency and by mutual agreement of the University.

2.8.3 A program of preventive maintenance and regular replacement of worn, damaged or malfunctioning vending equipment shall be instituted and carried out by the Contractor. This program shall be described in detail with each proposer specifying equipment and parts backlog to meet emergencies and routine maintenance and repair. The University shall not perform maintenance or repair on any equipment of the Contractor or that on loan to the University.

Preventive maintenance program and regular replacement of worn, damaged or malfunctioning non-vending capital equipment and related facilities shall be instituted and paid by the University and executed with full cooperation of the Contractor.

2.8.4 The Contractor shall provide on call, as needed, vending and auxiliary equipment maintenance and repair service 24 hours a day and seven days a week, so as to minimize vending equipment down time should malfunctions be reported. The Contractor shall respond to equipment service and repair calls/reports within a minimum of four (4) hours between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., Monday
through Friday and eight (8) hour response time during weekends. Equipment which cannot be returned to full service with 72 hours of notification of needed repair shall be replaced with comparable equipment of like quality until the original equipment is returned to service.

The Contractor shall supply products to the equipment a minimum of three days per week, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. during the regular academic semesters and summer school. The Contractor shall be alert to specific equipment which requires product inventory stocking more frequently to maintain adequate product variety and inventory to provide satisfactory service twenty-four (24) hours per day.

Prior to the start of the contract, the University and Contractor shall mutually determine those locations requiring weekend service and service after lunch prior to the start of the evening classes.

2.8.5 The Contractor shall maintain a continual program of equipment replacement in high volume locations where obsolescence becomes a factor resulting in potential service or sales reduction.

2.8.6 This section has intentionally been left blank.

2.8.7 Industry improvements on vending equipment occurring during the life of this contract shall be incorporated by the Contractor on the originally installed equipment and subsequent installations where it is deemed feasible by the University and mutually agreed by the Contractor. Such improvements shall include, but not be limited to: odd-cent coin mechanism, “fail-safe no touch burglar alarms, self locking coin boxes and various electronic security and metering devices.

2.8.8 The Contractor shall keep the University informed on new industry security measures in use. The University shall institute or execute such measure required to accomplish maximum property, product and revenue security when presented in writing by the Contractor and mutually agreed by the University.

2.8.9 The University shall provide daily floor maintenance in the vending areas and the Contractor shall cooperate in keeping this service to a minimum. Route employees shall clean floor spillage which occurs in the process of filling or sanitizing equipment.

The University and Contractor shall mutually develop a semi-annual schedule for the University to thoroughly clean and seal the floor under and in the adjacent area of vending equipment.

2.8.10 The University shall be responsible for the periodic stripping and sealing or waxing of floors in the vending areas and shall furnish, at its expense, the necessary equipment, supplies and labor.

2.8.11 The University shall provide waste containers and recycling bins and bag liners in the vending areas, where necessary, and in sufficient number to maintain sanitary standards for trash disposal and recycling. All waste containers shall be kept in a clean and satisfactory condition at all times and emptied as often as necessary by the University.

2.8.12 The Contractor shall remove all waste packaging, master carton, boxes, etc., from the vending service and storage areas to dumpsters provided and serviced by the University.

2.8.13 The University shall be responsible for the costs of insect and pest control in all vending service and storage areas only. The Contractor shall maintain maximum insect and pest control for his products and equipment.
2.8.14 The Contractor shall comply with campus policy restricting service vehicles from driving in restricted areas.

2.8.15 All materials, equipment and supplies provided by the University and the Contractor must comply fully with all safety requirements as set forth by the Connecticut Administrative Code, rules of the Industrial Commission on Safety and all applicable OSHA Standards.

During the course of performing the service necessary to satisfy the requirements of this proposal, the Contractor is fully liable for public and private protection while work is in process or at any site exposed as a potential hazard. The Contractor must provide warning devices and/or signs which shall be prominently installed and displayed and be fully in compliance with the aforesaid safety regulations.

2.8.16 The Contractor, at its expense, may make alterations and facility changes with the addition of decorative motif to “bank” or “gang” vending locations the Contractor feel essential to the Contractor’s mode of operation.

The Contractor shall propose any such alterations or facility changes to the contract administrator for prior approval. Any changes in the physical structure of the building require prior approval of the Connecticut Department of Public Works.

All additions, alterations or improvements shall be made in a good and workmanlike manner, in accordance with University approved plans and specifications and in compliance with all applicable statutes, codes, ordinances, rules and regulations.

2.8.17 Existing facilities damaged during installation and/or service by the Supplier or Supplier’s agents or employees shall be repaired and left in as good condition as found. All repairs shall be accomplished at no cost to the University.

2.9 PERFORMANCE BOND

2.9.1 The awarded contractor is required to furnish a performance bond in the amount of $20,000 made payable to Central Connecticut State University. Such bond must be furnished by the awarded contractor upon notification of contract award by the University. The bond must have a surety with such company or companies authorized to do business in Connecticut, as listed in the most recent United State Department of the Treasury circular #570.

2.9.2 The performance bond must be in effect for the entire contract period and may be renewed annually on the anniversary of the agreement date.

2.9.3 The performance bond shall also provide that, in the event of non-renewal, the University and the awarded contractor shall be notified in writing by the issuer a minimum of sixty (60) days prior to the anniversary of the effective date of the contract. In the event of a non-renewal, the awarded contractor shall provide the University evidence of the new source of surety within twenty-one (21) calendar days after the University’s receipt of the non-renewal notice.

2.9.4 Failure to maintain the required surety or failure to provide the bond within the twenty-one (21) day notification period may result in contract termination.

2.10 (For Future Use)

2.11 CAMPUS DEBIT CARD SYSTEM
2.11.1 All vending machines shall be equipped with Credit Card readers. These readers shall accept at a minimum Visa, MasterCard, and the University’s proprietary debit card (Blue Chip). Credit card transactions will not be allowed on the campus network. If due to their location the machines cannot accept credit card readers then they must be equipped with readers to accept Blue Chip. The current readers are IP-MDB with a SKU# 4VEN0202. The University reserves the right to review and changes these specification upon contract renewal (see section 1.13). All card readers shall be ADA compliant.

2.11.2 The University currently uses Odyssey PCS (Version 7.12.6199) as its campus debit card system. The CBord Group, Inc. located at 61 Brown Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850 (www.cbord.com), developed the Odyssey system application. All sales through the University’s debit card system (aka Blue Chip card) will be determined through the Odyssey system. Debit card sales will be reported by the University Card Office to the Contractor and paid to the Contractor on a monthly basis according the negotiated rate.

2.12 PERSONNEL EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES AND STAFFING

2.12.1 The Contractor shall furnish a supervisor or employee who will be available on call so that the University is assured of 24-hour service as required or needed.

2.12.2 The awarded contractor shall provide headquarters management staff, made known to the University, to act with full authority on the awarded contractor’s behalf in any and all matters pertaining to the specifications of this contract.

2.12.3 Personnel relations of employees on the awarded contractor’s payroll shall be the awarded contractor’s responsibility. The awarded contractor shall comply with all applicable government regulations related to the employment, compensation, and payment of personnel. The awarded contractor shall also provide training and development programs for their employees at all levels of the organization.

2.12.4 The Contractor shall control the conduct, demeanor and appearance of its employees and agents.

2.12.5 Personnel of the awarded contractor shall observe all regulations of the University; failure to do so may be grounds for dismissal. The University reserves the right to approve any vendor personnel assigned to the campus.

2.12.6 Employee uniforms shall be provided by the Contractor that are mutually agreed by the University and Contractor to be best suited for the job function intended, and easily and appropriately identify the Contractor and employee by name. Exceptions shall be determined by mutual agreement of the Card Office Director and Contractor. All employees of the Contractor shall wear an approved uniform while on duty at the University.

2.12.8 All employees on the awarded contractor’s payroll shall be the awarded contractor’s responsibility. The awarded contractor shall comply with all applicable federal and State of Connecticut governmental regulations related to non-discrimination, employment, compensation, and payment of personnel practices.

2.12.9 All employees on the awarded contractor’s payroll shall be subject to the University’s Employee Standards of Conduct. See Appendix VIII
2.13 COMMISSIONS, ACCOUNTING AND PAYMENTS

2.13.1 Commissions shall be expressed on the included proposal submittal forms by the Contractor on net sales (gross sales, less refunds and tests and State and Local Sales Tax).

2.13.2 Percentage of net sales on individual vending product categories or a minimum guarantee of total commission per year, whichever is greater.

2.13.3 The Contractor shall maintain complete and accurate records of transactions for each machine in accordance with accepted industry accounting practices, and shall keep in a safe place all such financial records and statements pertaining to the operations at CCSU for a period of three (3) years from the close of each year’s operation or until audited by the University, whichever comes first. The University’s representative or selected auditors may annually or more often if demand is necessary examine all financial and operational phases of the Contractor’s services. Periodic reviews, conducted jointly by representatives of CCSU and the Contractor shall be made to ensure that commission and guarantee payments, pricing structure and other phases of the operation are conducted in the most efficient and financially sound basis.

2.13.4 The Contractor’s inventory control of reported inventory sales for route employees, after reconciliation to cash collections, shall be used as the basis to compute commissions payable to CCSU. Collections shall be bagged and counted by machine reconciled to reported inventory sales and not commingled with changer funds. When reported inventory sales differ from cash collections, commissions will be payable based on the higher amount.

Cash collection’s reports and reported sales shall be audited on regular schedules, as determined by CCSU, to verify the Contractor’s inventory control and reported commissions.

2.13.5 A voucher refund system shall be required and shall involve dispersing of funds through representatives of CCSU. The voucher system shall include a form supplied by the Contractor and approved by the University to be filled out by the person making refund claims and shall include information regarding what machine, what happened, amount of loss, amount of refund, date, building, and who suffered loss. The Contractor shall expedite and be liable for the supply and maintenance of funds for such refunds to the satisfaction of the University.

All vending machine locations shall be provided with instructions where refunds may be obtained. The University shall be provided documents to verify reported refunds as part of each period statement.

2.13.6 Sales tax collected from customers shall be deducted from gross receipts, before computing the current sales tax, provided the customers are advised of the amount of sales tax they are paying by posted sign or printed notice. Commissions shall be computed on the resulting net receipts for all commission sales. The Contractor on request shall make available to CCSU copies of all sales and other excise tax reports that the Contractor is required to furnish any government or governmental agency that identify the revenue and resulting taxes generated at the University.

2.13.7 CCSU’s commissions under this contract are determined in part with the Contractor’s full consideration of applicable State, federal, county or local excise and sales taxes on all products at the start of this contract. In event of an increase in these taxes or change in tax structure increasing Contractor’s tax liability an affected product sale price is not adjusted, commissions shall be reduced the same amount in dollar terms to compensate the Contractor for tax increase. In the event of tax decrease, and decrease in gross sales price is affected, CCSU shall receive the same amount in commission compensation for such decreased tax.
2.13.8 Refunds and tests shall be deducted from commission gross sales in item categories in which refund and tests occurred prior to computation of State and local sales tax and commissions due to CCSU.

2.13.9 Commissions shall not be paid on the Contractor’s revenue losses resulting from vandalism or theft of money or product from vending equipment at CCSU.

2.13.10 A representative of CCSU may accompany the Contractors’ route employees when meter counts and money counts and money collections are made at a time pre-determined and agreed by the University. Cash receipts collected from the equipment shall be jointly counted by CCSU and the route employee at a location and by means determined by CCSU and mutually agreed upon by the Contractor. Revenue discrepancies from the composite of these collections and that reported on the period statement shall be explained by the Contractor in writing as part of such period statements.

2.13.11 CCSU shall require the Contractor to provide the following information:

- A) A detailed statement showing the gross sales, net sales, and commission derived from each location for each vending machine under this contract (monthly). Sales shall be divided into cash sales and Blue Card sales on all reports.
- B) Building location of machines and product to be sold at that location (upon award).
- C) Machine number (upon award)
- D) Selling prices of product’s offered (upon bid submittal).
- E) Week and year machine installed (upon award/installation).
- F) Week and year machine removed from service (as warranted).
- G) Refunds, discards and tests for each item by category (as warranted).
- H) Proposed new locations for machines and product to be sold at those locations.

2.13.12 Payments: The Contractor shall pay CCSU the commission percentage of each period net (gross sales less State and local sales tax) vending sales on or before the 30th day of the period following the last day of the period in which commissions were earned, and shall accompany this payment with a detailed explanation of dollar sales by item category, by location by each vendor and an extension of commissions and composite statement of said sales and commissions. Causes of abnormal revenue deviations shall be noted by the Contractor as part of these statements.

2.13.13 All period commission statements shall be sent to the Director of the Card Office. Vending commissions and guarantee payments not received by CCSU on the 30th day following the last day of the period in which it was earned shall be paid by the Contractor plus minimum interest penalty on the commissions due at the prevailing interest percentage and conditions the State of Connecticut uses for delinquent corporate income tax.

2.13.14 One year from the effective date of this contract, and each full year thereafter during the life of the contract, the Contractor shall pay CCSU that portion of commissions due, if any, to equal the guaranteed annual commission required in this contract. Payments shall be made by the 30th day of the following accounting period in which they were earned and recorded as commissions paid in the year the guarantee was due. Upon authorized and mutually agreed early termination of this contract, partial year guarantee commissions due, if any, shall be determined by dividing the prior year commissions earned through the date of termination by the prior contract year total commission or guarantee received, whichever is greater. Multiply the resulting percentage prorated commission received the prior year by the annual guarantee required per proposal submitted. If the resulting
prorated guarantee is greater than the commissions received to date of termination, any balance due shall be paid to CCSU by the 30th day of the following accounting period.

2.13.15 On expiration or termination of this contract, commission due CCSU shall be paid on sales until all equipment has been removed, and the removal date shall be indicated on the period statement when each piece of equipment was reviewed, including equipment reviewed at any time during the contract period prior to expiration.

2.13.16 On requests of the University, the Contractor shall meet with the Director of the Card Office and the Director of Business Services and review each period statement, explain deviations, discuss problems, and mutually agree on courses of action to improve the results of the required services included in this contract. Period statement adjustment required as a result of review and/or audit shall be identified and reflected on the next period statement.

2.13.17 All records pertaining to the operations of vending service shall be open for inspection and/or audit by the State and/or CCSU at any or all reasonable times.

2.13.18 CCSU shall be advised by the Contractor of the audit of their own records and operations at CCSU.

2.13.19 No fees shall be assessed by the Contractor other than those specified in the resulting contract.

2.13.20 CCSU reserves the right to review, on an annual basis, the products being offered through this contract and make suggestions for product changes based on usage. Similarly the vendor shall be able to make suggestions for product changes. Any suggested changes will require mutual consent prior to actual change out.
Section 3. Proposal Requirements

1. Response Requirements

Each proposal must include a table of contents with page numbers for each of the required components of the proposal.

All proposals must include a written point-by-point response to this RFP. Each response must be cross-referenced to the corresponding numbered item in this RFP and described in as much detail as possible. The bidder’s information should be prepared simply and economically, providing a straightforward, concise description of that which is required. Emphasis should be on completeness and clarity of content. No fewer than an original and six (6) copies of the proposal shall be submitted.

Failure to respond to all points may be grounds for rejection. Likewise, failure to supply any information required to accompany the proposals may cause a rejection of the proposal as non-compliant. The University reserves the right to request additional information and/or presentations, if clarification is needed.

Proposals that do not substantially conform to the contents of the bid request, consequently altering the basis for proposal comparison, may be considered as unresponsive and disregarded.

2. Proposer Qualifications and Information

The specifications in Part III must be responded to on a point by point basis so the University can evaluate how the proposer plans to meet these requirements. Vendors must use the RFP numbering scheme in their response to allow for efficient evaluation. Proposals are required to be complete and accurate. Omission, inaccuracy or misstatements may be sufficient cause for rejection of proposal.

The following specifications are to be addressed in the Vendor’s response.

A. Provide a detailed proposed Snack Vending Agreement Plan. Identify specific sales and revenue objectives for each product. Describe programs and resources which support achieving the identified objectives.

B. Identify all products that would be available under the agreement, including category, brand names, package sizes, etc. Highlight suggestions for new products that have been successful at other client locations.

C. Provide pricing for all products that would be available under the agreement. Pricing commitments must be guaranteed for a minimum of three (3) years. After the initial three (3) year term, prices may be adjusted up or down in an amount not to exceed the Consumer price index (CPI) appropriate for the commodity. CCSU expects any increases to be consistent with those applied to other customers of similar size and nature. Indicate your acceptance of this requirement.

D. Provide complete information on proposed “economic package”, including Signing Bonus, product pricing, commission rate(s), complimentary product, and guaranteed revenue. See Appendix III

E. Provide complete details on any additional financial support offered, such as marketing support, Student, Academic and Athletic initiatives, volume incentives etc
F. Describe in detail the following aspects of your accounting and auditing:
   1. Vending personnel accounting controls.
   2. Method of recording, checking and reporting sales.
   3. Route and internal control of cash handling of vending machine counting facilities and refund system. Explain controls used to separate vending machine changer funds and revenues.
   4. Internal audit system.
   5. Regular accounting and cash collection control forms used with detailed explanation of each and their importance.
   6. Route man inventory and cash control procedures with example control card and card entry procedures and audit.
   7. Identify proposed accounting periods (minimum twelve (12) annually)
   8. Copy of proposed period revenue and commission statements as specified.
   9. Formula for how commissions are determined, including how costs or fees would affect actual commissions.

G. Provide an organization chart and a plan for the administrative management, supervision and staffing required under the specifications of this contract, including regional and headquarters support and description of the qualifications of the manager candidate to be assigned to the University.

H. Name and address of operating company and the names of all the owners or principals of the company or corporation. Indicate form of ownership, i.e., corporation, partnership, etc., under its present business name.

I. Provide a description of your organization’s training programs for employees, supervisors and, managers.

J. Provide a description in detail the program regarding preventative maintenance and regular replacement of worn and/or malfunctioning equipment.

K. Provide plans for advertising, merchandising and promotion for the first year of the contract, including marketing programs and schedules for implementation. Proposals should focus on programs to maximize sales volume on campus.

L. Describe in general terms your approach to meeting the service requirements of this contract including evenings and weekends.

M. The bidder’s response must clearly demonstrate the capacity to handle the requirements of this contract in addition to current workload. Does the bidder have sufficient staff of properly trained employees to take on and consistently maintain the resulting contract? Explain.

N. Provide a list of a minimum of five (5) university operations of similar size and complexity where you are, or have within the last year, owned and operated the specified service. Provide the length of time at each account, and the name, address and phone number of contact person for each.

O. CCSU has made a commitment to energy and natural resource conservation. The vendor must provide vending machines that earn the ENERGY STAR and meet the ENERGY STAR specifications for energy efficiency for vending machines. The vendor is encouraged to
visit energystar.gov for complete product specifications and an updated list of qualifying products. Include complete energy efficiency information on the equipment being proposed. Include ENERGY STAR specifications and ratings for the equipment being proposed.

P. Provide other such information as the bidder deems pertinent for consideration by the University (value added services)

3. Subcontracting

If the bidder intends to subcontract any portion of the resulting contract, the terms of the proposal subcontract are to be described as part of the response to the required bidder’s information. The University may request additional information related to any subcontract proposed.

Section 4. Bid Evaluation Criteria

Evaluation – The award of this RFP will be based upon a comprehensive review and analysis of all proposals by the RFP committee, and negotiation of the proposal which best meets the needs of the University. The contract award will be based on a points-earned matrix derived from a technical and financial evaluation. The award shall be made to the most responsive bidder offering the best value as determined by the University. All Vendors submitting proposals concur with this method of award and will not, under any circumstances or in any manner, dispute any award made using this method.

The University will include in its evaluation: proposals, references and interviews. All proposals will be evaluated by a committee, which will use the specific evaluation criteria listed below.

Evaluation Criteria

Each proposal will be evaluated against the following criteria -

- Demonstrated ability based on experience, qualifications and references, to provide the services, product and equipment requested.
- Experience in Higher Education
- Economic package, including Signing Bonus, product pricing, commissions, and guaranteed revenue to the University
- Variety and scope of products
- Quality of Vending Agreement Plan, including feasibility, innovation, communication, specific ideas and resources identified to support revenue and other objectives.
- Team experience and commitment, including evaluation of human resources identified and committed to the agreement
- Sponsorship and marketing support of University Programs, including Student, Academic and Athletic initiatives.
- Demonstrated commitment to energy savings, sustainability and recycling
- Experience with the CBORD debit card system
• Quality and clarity of the presentation to the screening committee concerning vendor’s proposal (if requested)

The order in which the above selection criteria are listed is not indicative of their relative importance.

Information Required: Proposals should be presented by following the paragraph and numbering scheme of the RFP and provide the RFP statement as well as the response. Vendors should avoid simple statements such as “Will Comply” or “Yes”, and explain answers in full. Specific areas to be addressed are:

General Response Requirements as explained in Section 3

Supplemental Information: Supplementary information may be requested by the University to assure that the bidder’s competence, business organization, and financial resources are adequate to successfully perform the specified service.

Presentations: The University reserves the right, but is not obligated, to request that each proponent provide a formal presentation of its proposal at a date and time to be determined. If required by the University, it is anticipated that such presentation will not exceed two (2) hours. No proposer will be entitled to be present during, or otherwise receive any information regarding, any other presentation of any other proposer.

Review of References: Each proposer is required to provide a list of references as requested above. At minimum, two educational institutions must be of the size and scope of the University. Please include name, title, telephone number and e-mail address of a contact person at each institution. The University reserves the right, but is not obligated to, contact and review the program of any institution by any proposer as a reference.

Supplier Representatives: Proposer must identify the people it anticipates representing the Vendor in developing and implementing the Agreement. The University may conduct interviews with identified supplier representatives as a part of its evaluation process.

The University will include in its evaluation: proposals, presentations (if requested), references and interviews. In addition, the award will be predicated upon the successful negotiation of the specific terms and conditions to be included in the Agreement. The University will be the sole judge of the suitability of the proposed Agreement.

Requests for Clarification by the University: The University may request that any proponent clarify or supplement any information contained in any Proposal. Proposers are required to provide a written response within ten (10) business days of receipt of any request for clarification by the University.
Appendix I. REFERENCES

Proposals should include five organizations or institutions, of similar or the same size, where you have provided services similar to the services outlined herein.

Any experience with ANY Connecticut State agency MUST be included here. Please include name, title, telephone number and e-mail address of a contact person at each institution. References may be checked electronically; the requirement for e-mail addresses is a mandatory requirement.

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Appendix II. INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS

A. Proposals must be addressed and delivered to the Purchasing Department, Central Connecticut State University, Marcus White Annex room 006, 1615 Stanley Street, New Britain, CT 06050, on or before the time and date set for closing. Proposals should be in a sealed envelope marked:

Name of Proposer:
Title of Proposal: Exclusive Vending Food Service Rights Agreement
RFP Number: 2019-06

Proposal Due Date: 3:00 P.M., April 16, 2018

No telephone, telegraphic or facsimile proposals will be considered.

* In the event of university closing or early dismissal due to inclement weather this RFP will be due and opened at 3:00 PM on the next business day. Please call the University Snow Phone at 860-832-3333 for up to date information on cancellations or early closings.

No telephone, telegraphic or facsimile proposals will be considered.

B. Proposals should include one (1) original (signed in ink) plus three (3) clearly marked hard copies plus one (1) electronic copy on CD or flash drive.

C. Proposers may withdraw their proposals at any time prior to the time and date set for opening.

D. No department, school, or office at the University has the authority to solicit or receive official proposals other than the Purchasing Department. All solicitation is performed under the direct supervision of the Purchasing Department and in complete accordance with University policies and procedures.

E. The University reserves the right to conduct discussions with proposers. During this discussion period, the University will not disclose any information derived from the proposals or from discussions with other proposers. Once an award is made, the solicitation file, and the proposals contained therein, are in the public record and will be disclosed upon request.

F. Submission of a proposal against this RFP is your acknowledgement that subjective criteria will be used in the evaluation of proposals. Award shall be made to the responsible proposer who is determined to be the most advantageous to the University. Price, although an important consideration, will not be the sole determining factor.

G. Proposals must be provided on the Proposal Certification page. Proposals on any other form will be considered informal and will be rejected. Conditional proposals will not be considered. All proposals must be signed by an individual authorized to extend a formal proposal. Proposals that are not signed may be rejected.

H. The University reserves the right to reject any or all proposals or any part thereof, or to accept any proposal, or any part thereof, or to withhold the award and to waive or decline to waive irregularities in any proposal when it determines that it is in its best interest to do so. The University
also reserves the right to hold all proposals for a period of 60 days after the opening date and the right to accept a proposal not withdrawn before the scheduled opening date.

I. All proposals in response to this RFP are to be the sole property of the State and subject to the provisions of section 1-19 of the Connecticut General Statutes. (re: Freedom of Information)

J. Any alleged oral agreement or arrangement made by a vendor with any agency or employee will be superseded by the written agreement.

K. CCSU reserves the right to correct clerical errors in the RFP or vendor proposal.

L. No additions or changes to the original proposal will be allowed after submittal. While changes are not permitted, clarification at the request of the agency may be required at the bidder’s Expense.

M. Direct all inquiries relative to the conditions and specifications listed herein and any and all other communication related to this RFP to:

Thomas J. Brodeur, C.P.M.
Director of Purchasing
Marcus White Annex room 006
New Britain CT 06050
Phone: (860) 832-2531
Fax: (860) 832-2523
Email: brodeur@ccsu.edu
Appendix III. PROPOSAL CERTIFICATION
Request for Proposal 2019-06

I certify that:

- this proposal is a legal and binding offer and I have the authority to bind the proposer indicated below to the specific terms, conditions and technical specifications required in this RFP and offered in the proposer’s proposal. I understand that by submitting this proposal, the proposer indicated below agrees to provide the services described in the proposal.

- the contents of the proposal are true and accurate and that the proposer has not made any knowingly false statements in the proposal.

- the proposal has been developed independently, without consultation or communication with any employee or consultant of CCSU who has worked on the development of this RFP, or with any person serving as a member of the evaluation committee, or with any other proposer or parties for the purpose of restricting competition.

- this bid is genuine and is not made in the interest of or on behalf of any undisclosed person, firm or corporation; that the proposer has not directly or indirectly induced or solicited any other proposer to put in a false or sham bid; that the proposer has not solicited or induced any person, firm or corporation to refrain from bidding; and that the proposer has not sought by collusion to obtain any advantage over any other proposer or over the University.

In compliance with this Request for Proposal 2019-06, and after carefully reviewing all the terms, conditions and requirements contained therein, the undersigned agrees to furnish the specified services in accordance with the scope of work in this RFP per the following rate schedule (attach additional sheets as necessary to provide details)

A) Commission Guarantee  _____________%

B) Minimum Annual Guarantee, if any  $_______________

C) Sponsorship Fees, if any  $_______________

D) Signing Award, if any  $_______________

E) Complimentary Product, if any  $_______________

F) Other considerations  $_______________

Firm ______________________________________ Phone ___________________

Signature_______________________________ Email ___________________

Title_______________________________ Date____________________

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Appendix IV. ADMINISTRATIVE FORMS
COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES
CONTRACT COMPLIANCE REGULATIONS
NOTIFICATION TO BIDDERS (rev 09/17/07)

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.

INSTRUCTIONS AND OTHER INFORMATION

The following two (2) sided BIDDER CONTRACT COMPLIANCE MONITORING REPORT 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 good faith efforts to include minority business enterprises as subcontractors and suppliers for the work of the contract.

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.
2) Description of Job Categories (as used in Part IV Bidder Employment Information)

**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.

**MARKETING AND SALES:** Occupations related to the act or process of buying and selling products and/or services such as sales engineer, retail sales workers, and sales representatives including wholesale.

**LEGAL OCCUPATIONS:** In-House Counsel who is charged with providing legal advice and services in regards to legal issues that may arise during the course of standard business practices. This category also includes assistive legal occupations such as paralegal, legal assistants.

**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, bill and account collectors, customer service representatives, dispatchers, secretaries and administrative assistants, computer operators and clerks (such as payroll, shipping, stock, mail and file).

**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 this 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.

**PRODUCTION WORKERS:** The job titles included in this category are chemical production machine setters, operators and tenders; crushing/grinding workers; cutting workers; inspectors, testers sorters, samplers, weighers; precious stone/metal workers; painting workers; cementing/gluing machine operators and tenders; etchers/engravers; molders, shapers and casters except for metal and plastic, and production workers.

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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.  
**Black** (not of Hispanic Origin)- All persons having origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa.  
**Hispanic**- 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.
### PART I - Bidder Information

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### PART II - Bidder Nondiscrimination Policies and Procedures

1. Does your company have a written Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity statement posted on company bulletin boards? Yes__ No__
2. Does your company have the state-mandated sexual harassment prevention in the workplace policy posted on company bulletin boards? Yes__ No__
3. Do you notify all recruitment sources in writing of your company’s Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity employment policy? Yes__ No__
4. Do your company advertisements contain a written statement that you are an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer? Yes__ No__
5. Do you notify the Ct. State Employment Service of all employment openings with your company? Yes__ No__
6. Does your company have a collective bargaining agreement with workers? Yes__ No__
   6a. If yes, do the collective bargaining agreements contain non-discrimination clauses covering all workers? Yes__ No__
   6b. Have you notified each union in writing of your commitments under the nondiscrimination requirements of contracts with the state of Ct? Yes__ No__
7. Do all of your company contracts and purchase orders contain nondiscrimination statements as required by Sections 4a-60 & 4a-60a Conn. Gen. Stat.? Yes__ No__
8. Do you, upon request, provide reasonable accommodation to employees, or applicants for employment, who have physical or mental disability? Yes__ No__
9. Does your company have a mandatory retirement age for all employees? Yes__ No__
10. If your company has 50 or more employees, have you provided at least two (2) hours of sexual harassment training to all of your supervisors? Yes__ No__ NA__
11. If your company has apprenticeship programs, do they meet the Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity requirements of the apprenticeship standards of the Ct. Dept. of Labor? Yes__ No__ NA__
12. Does your company have a written affirmative action Plan? Yes__ No__
   If no, please explain.
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

1. Will the work of this contract include subcontractors or suppliers? Yes__ No__
1a. If yes, please list all subcontractors and suppliers and report if they are a small contractor and/or a minority business enterprise. (defined on page 1 / use additional sheet if necessary)
1b. Will the work of this contract require additional subcontractors or suppliers other than those identified in 1a. above? Yes__ No__

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**JOB CATEGORIE**S can be changed or added to (ex. Sales can be added or replace a category not used in your company)

### PART V - Bidder Hiring and Recruitment Practices

1. Which of the following recruitment sources are used by you? (Check yes or no, and report percent used)

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2. Check (X) any of the below listed requirements that you use as a hiring qualification

3. Describe below any other practices or actions that you take which show that you hire, train, show that you hire, train and promote employees without discrimination

Certification (Read this form and check your statements on it CAREFULLY before signing). I certify that the statements made by me on this BIDDER CONTRACT COMPLIANCE MONITORING REPORT are complete and true to the best of my knowledge and belief, and are made in good faith. I understand that if I knowingly make any misstatements of facts, I am subject to be declared in non-compliance with Section 4a-60, 4a-60a, and related sections of the CONN. GEN. STAT.

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT
NONDISCRIMINATION CERTIFICATION — Affidavit
By Entity
For Contracts Valued at $50,000 or More

Documentation in the form of an affidavit signed under penalty of false statement by a chief executive officer, president, chairperson, member, or other corporate officer duly authorized to adopt corporate, company, or partnership policy that certifies the contractor complies with the nondiscrimination agreements and warranties under Connecticut General Statutes §§ 4a-60(a)(1) and 4a-60a(a)(1), as amended.

INSTRUCTIONS:
For use by an entity (corporation, limited liability company, or partnership) when entering into any contract type with the State of Connecticut valued at $50,000 or more for any year of the contract. Complete all sections of the form. Sign form in the presence of a Commissioner of Superior Court or Notary Public. Submit to the awarding State agency prior to contract execution.

AFFIDAVIT:
I, the undersigned, am over the age of eighteen (18) and understand and appreciate the obligations of an oath. I am ______________________ of ________________________________, an entity
Signatory’s Title Name of Entity
duly formed and existing under the laws of ________________________________.
Name of State or Commonwealth

I certify that I am authorized to execute and deliver this affidavit on behalf of

________________________________ Name of Entity and that ________________________________

Name of Entity

has a policy in place that complies with the nondiscrimination agreements and warranties of Connecticut General Statutes §§ 4a-60(a)(1) and 4a-60a(a)(1), as amended.

________________________________
Authorized Signatory

________________________________
Printed Name

Sworn and subscribed to before me on this _____ day of ____________, 20___.

__________________________________________________________________________
Commissioner of the Superior Court/Notary Public Commission Expiration Date
STATE OF CONNECTICUT
GIFT AND CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION CERTIFICATION

Written or electronic certification to accompany a State contract with a value of $50,000 or more pursuant to C.G.S. §§ 4-250, 4-252(c) and 9-612(f)(2) and Governor Dannel P. Malloy’s Executive Order 49

INSTRUCTIONS:
Complete all sections of the form. Attach additional pages, if necessary, to provide full disclosure about any lawful campaign contributions made to campaigns of candidates for statewide public office or the General Assembly, as described herein. Sign and date the form, under oath, in the presence of a Commissioner of the Superior Court or Notary Public. Submit the completed form to the awarding State agency at the time of initial contract execution and if there is a change in the information contained in the most recently filed certification, such person shall submit an updated certification either (i) not later than thirty (30) days after the effective date of such change or (ii) upon the submittal of any new bid or proposal for a contract, whichever is earlier. Such person shall also submit an accurate, updated certification not later than fourteen days after the twelve-month anniversary of the most recently filed certification or updated certification.

CHECK ONE:  □ Initial Certification  □ 12 Month Anniversary Update (Multi-year contracts only.)

□ Updated Certification because of change of information contained in the most recently filed certification or twelve-month anniversary update.

GIFT CERTIFICATION:
As used in this certification, the following terms have the meaning set forth below:
1) “Contract” means that contract between the State of Connecticut (and/or one or more of it agencies or instrumentalities) and the Contractor, attached hereto, or as otherwise described by the awarding State agency below;
2) If this is an Initial Certification, “Execution Date” means the date the Contract is fully executed by, and becomes effective between, the parties; if this is a twelve-month anniversary update, “Execution Date” means the date this certification is signed by the Contractor;
3) “Contractor” means the person, firm or corporation named as the contractor below;
4) “Applicable Public Official or State Employee” means any public official or state employee described in C.G.S. §4-252(c)(1)(i) or (ii);
5) “Gift” has the same meaning given that term in C.G.S. § 4-250(1);
6) “Principals or Key Personnel” means and refers to those principals and key personnel of the Contractor, and its or their agents, as described in C.G.S. §§ 4-250(5) and 4-252(c)(1)(B) and (C).

I, the undersigned, am a Principal or Key Personnel of the person, firm or corporation authorized to execute this certification on behalf of the Contractor. I hereby certify that, no gifts were made by (A) such person, firm, corporation, (B) any principals and key personnel of the person firm or corporation who participate substantially in preparing bids, proposals or negotiating state contracts or (C) any agent of such, firm, corporation, or principals or key personnel who participate substantially in preparing bids, proposals or negotiating state contracts, to (I) any public official or state employee of the state agency or quasi-public agency soliciting bids or proposals for state contracts who participates substantially in the preparation of bid solicitations or request for proposals for state contracts or the negotiation or award of state contracts or (ii) any public official or state employee of any other state agency, who has supervisory or appointing authority over such state agency or quasi-public agency.

I further certify that no Principals or Key Personnel know of any action by the Contractor to circumvent (or which would result in the circumvention of) the above certification regarding Gifts by providing for any other Principals, Key Personnel, officials, or employees of the Contractor, or its or their agents, to make a Gift to any Applicable Public Official or State Employee. I further certify that the Contractor made the bid or proposal for the Contract without fraud or collusion with any person.

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**CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION CERTIFICATION:**

I further certify that, on or after December 31, 2006, neither the Contractor nor any of its principals, as defined in C.G.S. § 9-612(g)(1), has made any campaign contributions to, or solicited any contributions on behalf of, any exploratory committee, candidate committee, political committee, or party committee established by, or supporting or authorized to support, any candidate for statewide public office, in violation of C.G.S. § 9-612(g)(2)(A). I further certify that all lawful campaign contributions that have been made on or after December 31, 2006 by the Contractor or any of its principals, as defined in C.G.S. § 9-612(g)(1), to, or solicited on behalf of, any exploratory committee, candidate committee, political committee, or party committee established by, or supporting or authorized to support any candidates for statewide public office or the General Assembly, are listed below:

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Sworn as true to the best of my knowledge and belief, subject to the penalties of false statement.

____________________________  ______________________________
Printed Contractor Name       Printed Name of Authorized Official

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Signature of Authorized Official

Subscribed and acknowledged before me this_______day of____________________, 20___.

____________________________
Commissioner of the Superior Court (or Notary Public)

____________________________
My Commission Expires
STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONSULTING AGREEMENT AFFIDAVIT

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 there is any change in the information contained in the most recently filed affidavit not later than (i) thirty days after the effective date of any such change or (ii) upon the submittal of any new bid or proposal, whichever is earlier.

AFFIDAVIT: [Number of Affidavits Sworn and Subscribed On This Day: _____]

I, the undersigned, hereby swear that I am the chief official of the bidder or vendor awarded a contract, as described in Connecticut General Statutes § 4a-81(a), or that I am the individual awarded such a contract who is authorized to execute such contract. I further swear that I have not entered into any consulting agreement in connection with such contract, except for the agreement listed below:

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Description of Services Provided:

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Is the consultant a former State employee or former public official?  ☐ YES  ☐ NO

If YES:

Name of Former State Agency

Termination Date of Employment

Sworn as true to the best of my knowledge and belief, subject to the penalties of false statement.

Printed Name of Bidder or Vendor  Signature of Chief Official or Individual  Date

Printed Name (of above)  Awarding State Agency

Sworn and subscribed before me on this ______ day of ____________, 20__.

Commissioner of the Superior Court or Notary Public

My Commission Expires
Appendix VI. RFP RESPONSE CHECK LIST

A COMPLETE BID RESPONSE WILL INCLUDE THE SUBMISSION OF ALL THE ATTACHMENTS LISTED BELOW. PARTIAL ANSWERS AND/OR MISSING ATTACHMENTS MAY DEEM YOUR RESPONSE AS NON-COMPLIANT. NON-COMPLIANT BIDS ARE DISQUALIFIED FROM CONSIDERATION.

[ ] Signed Proposal Certification with Commission/Guarantee proposal (Appendix III)

[ ] Form of Proposal (complete response to requirements in Section 3)

[ ] References (Appendix I)

[ ] Forms included in Appendix IV (Contract Compliance Monitoring Report, Gift and Campaign Contribution Certification, Consulting Agreement Affidavit, Ethics Laws Affirmation, Nondiscrimination Certification)
STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

I. DEFINITIONS
The following words, when used herein, shall have the following meanings:

1. “Contract” shall mean any agreement negotiated by and between CSU and the contractor selected by CSU as the result of a request for proposal, request for quotation, or request for bid, including, but not limited to, a personal service agreement or purchase order.

2. “CSU” shall refer to the Connecticut State University System, which is comprised of Central Connecticut State University, Eastern Connecticut State University, Southern Connecticut State University, Western Connecticut State University and the System Office, collectively and individually, as the context requires.

3. “Person” shall mean an individual, partnership, corporation or other business entity, as the context requires.

4. “Proposal” shall mean a response to a request for proposal, request for bid, or request for quotation.

5. “Proposer” shall mean a contractor that submits a response to a request for proposal, request for bid, or request for quotation.

6. “RFP” shall mean a request or invitation for proposal, bid, or quotation, as applicable.

II. TERMS AND CONDITIONS RELATED TO REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS

A. General Conditions

1. CSU reserves the right to amend or cancel an RFP prior to the date and time for the opening of proposals. CSU, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals, in whole or in part, and to waive any technicality in any proposal submitted, and to accept any part of a proposal deemed to be in the best interest of CSU.

2. Proposals received from proposers debarred by the State of Connecticut will not be considered for award.

3. CSU does not commit to specific volumes of activity, nor does it guarantee the accuracy of statistical information provided in the RFP. Such information is supplied to proposers for reference only.

4. All responses to the RFP shall be and remain the sole property of CSU.

5. Each proposer shall bear all costs associated with proposer’s response to an RFP, including, but not limited to, the costs of any presentation and/or demonstration required by CSU. In addition, answers or clarifications sought by CSU arising out of or in connection with the proposal shall be furnished by the proposer at the proposer’s expense.

6. CSU reserves the right to negotiate, as it may deem necessary, with any or all of the proposers that submit proposals.

7. Any alleged oral agreement or arrangement made by any proposer with CSU or any employee thereof shall not be binding.

B. Submission of Proposals

1. Proposals must be submitted on forms supplied by CSU. Telephone, facsimile, or email proposals will not be accepted in response to an RFP.

2. Proposals must be computer prepared, typewritten or handwritten in ink. Proposals submitted in pencil will be rejected.

3. Proposers must answer all the questions set forth in the RFP using the outline and numbering scheme set forth therein. Proposers must furnish all information requested in the RFP and supply all materials required for consideration. Failure of the proposer to answer all questions and supply all information and materials requested may be grounds for rejection of the proposal.

4. All proposals must be signed by a person duly authorized to sign proposals on behalf of the proposer. All signatures on the proposal must be original. Proposals bearing stamp signatures will be rejected. Unsigned proposals will be rejected.

5. Alterations or corrections to the proposal must be initialed by the person signing the proposal or his or her authorized designee. All initials on alterations or corrections to the proposal must be original. In the event that an authorized designee initials an alteration or correction, the proposer must submit a written authorization from the proposal’s signatory to the authorized designee, authorizing the designee to make the alteration or correction. Failure to submit such an authorization shall result in rejection of proposal as to those items altered or corrected and not initialed.
Conditional proposals are subject to rejection in whole or in part, in the sole discretion of CSU. A conditional proposal is defined as one that limits, modifies, expands or supplements any of the terms and conditions and/or specifications of the RFP.

Alternate proposals will not be considered by CSU, unless otherwise noted on the RFP or on the proposal form. An alternate proposal is defined as one that is submitted in addition to the proposer’s primary response to the RFP.

Pursuant to Section 12-412 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the State of Connecticut is exempt from the payment of excise, transportation and sales taxes imposed by the Federal Government and/or the State. Accordingly, such taxes must not be included in proposal prices.

By submitting a proposal, the proposer asserts that the offer and information contained therein is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud and was not made in connection with any competing proposer’s submission of a separate response to the RFP. By submitting a proposal, the proposer further asserts that it neither participated in the formation of CSU’s solicitation development process nor had any knowledge of the specific contents of the RFP prior to its issuance, and that no employee of CSU participated directly or indirectly in the preparation of the proposer’s proposal.

Proposals for the provision of services must include the cost of obtaining all permits, licenses, and notices required by the city or town in which the services is to be provided, and the State and Federal governments.

III. TERMS AND CONDITIONS RELATED TO CONTRACT WITH SUCCESSFUL PROPOSER

By submitting a response to the RFP, the proposer agrees that any contract negotiated between it (if the successful proposer), as contractor, and CSU may contain the following provisions, as deemed applicable by CSU:

A. General Conditions
1. The contract shall be interpreted and governed by the laws of the State of Connecticut, without regard to its principles of conflicts of laws.
2. The contractor agrees that it shall be subject to and abide by all applicable federal and state laws and regulations.
3. The contractor or subcontractor, as applicable, shall offer and agree to assign to CSU all rights, title and interest in and to all causes of action it may have under Section 4 of the Clayton Act, 15 U.S.C. 15, or under Chapter 624 of the general statutes, arising from the purchase of services, property or intangibles of any kind pursuant to a public purchase contract or subcontract; such assignment shall be made and become effective at the time the contract is executed by the parties, without further acknowledgment by them.
4. The contractor shall not assign or otherwise dispose of the contract or its right, title or interest therein, or its power to execute such contract, to any other person without the prior written consent of CSU.
5. If any provision, term or condition of the contract is prohibited, invalid, or unenforceable then that provision, term or condition shall be ineffective to the extent of the prohibition, invalidity, or prohibition without invalidating the remaining provisions, terms and conditions unless it materially alters the nature or intent thereof.
6. Failure of the contractor to deliver commodities or perform services as specified in the contract will constitute authority for CSU to purchase these commodities or services on the open market. The contractor shall promptly reimburse CSU for excess costs incurred by CSU due to these purchases, and these purchases shall be deducted by CSU from the quantities contracted for.
7. No right or duty, in whole or in part, of the contractor under the contract may be assigned or delegated without the prior written consent of CSU. The subcontracting or assignment of any of contractor’s obligations under the contract to a subcontractor shall require the prior written approval of CSU.
8. Upon termination of the contract by CSU, the contractor shall both immediately discontinue all services (unless the notice directs otherwise) and deliver to CSU all data, drawings, specifications, reports, estimates, summaries, and such other information and materials as may have been accumulated by the contractor in performing its duties under the contract, whether completed or in progress. All such documents, information, and materials shall become the property of CSU.

Central Connecticut State University is an affirmative action equal opportunity institution. The University will not knowingly do business with any bidder, contractor, subcontractor or supplier of materials found to be in violation of any state or federal antidiscrimination law
Appendix VIII

Employee Standards of Conduct

CCSU has developed specific standards of conduct deemed necessary to ensure the orderly and efficient performance of duties and services at the University and to protect the health, safety and welfare of all members of the University community. In accordance with those standards, the following items are strictly prohibited:

1. Use or possession of drugs or alcohol;
2. Possession of firearms;
3. Smoking in Agency buildings;
4. Harassment (Sexual, racial or otherwise) or intimidation of any member of the University community;
5. Violation of applicable traffic or public safety regulations or of Agency rules and procedures;
6. Unauthorized use of Agency vehicles, equipment or property;
7. Use of University telephones for personal business;
8. Removal or theft of University property;
9. Unauthorized duplication or possession of University keys;
10. Transfer of personal identification card or of parking pass to unauthorized personnel;
11. Conduct or behavior that endangers the health, safety and welfare of any member of the public or of the University community;
12. Interference with the work of other employees;
13. Work attire other than the specified uniform;
14. Loud, vulgar behavior or the use of profanity;

The Agency may, at its discretion, recommend discharge of any employee of the Contractor found to be in violation of these standards, or in violation of other standards adopted by the Agency from time to time, as required to protect the health, safety and welfare of the University community.
To all interested parties                        October 31, 2006

In an effort to provide the safest possible environment for our students, faculty and staff while recognizing that many of the services required to operate the university are provided by employees of private companies and as such are not directly subject to the Connecticut State University System Pre-Employment Background Verification Policy (dated March 4, 2005), CCSU is incorporating the following language into all its ongoing service contracts:

“The Contractor shall be responsible for conducting a worldwide background check including social security number verification; identity check; criminal arrests, convictions, and warrants; Sex Offender Registry status; and a motor vehicle check on all individuals it plans to assign to work on CCSU’s campus. The Contractor shall screen individuals based on the results of their background checks prior to assigning them to work on CCSU’s campus. For those individuals whom the Contractor has assigned to work on CCSU’s campus, the Contractor shall provide a designated CCSU administrator with access to their background checks a minimum of two weeks prior to the beginning of their work assignments at CCSU. CCSU shall have the right to refuse the assignment to CCSU of particular individuals.”

Note that this shall apply to all new hires from November 1, 2006 forward.

Sincerely

Thomas J. Brodeur, C.P.M.
Director of Purchasing
Phone: (860) 832-2531

xc: Bachoo, Magana, Moran, Scarlett, Karas