# Request for Proposal # 1417

**For:** Artists Accomodations  

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| ☐ Partial Contract       | ☐ III  |
| ☐ Subcontracting Only    |        |

**RFP Issued By**  
Office of Procurement Services  
Montclair State University  
Overlook Corporate Center  
150 Clove Road, Third Floor  
Little Falls, New Jersey 07424

Assigned Procurement Services Buyer: ___Liz Blades__________  
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**Date:** 8/5/19
**SIGNATURE PAGE: REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL # 1417**

FOR: Artists Accomodations

RETURN BID PROPOSAL TO:

OFFICE OF PROCUREMENT SERVICES
MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY
150 Clove Road, Third Floor
Little Falls, NJ 07424

PROCUREMENT SERVICES BUYER: NAME, #, EMAIL Liz Blades

ADDITIONAL COPIES TO BE SENT TO:
EMAIL: bladese@montclair.edu
FAX#: (973) 655-5468

1. BID PROPOSALS MUST BE RECEIVED AT OR BEFORE THE PUBLIC OPENING TIME OF 2:00 PM ON 9/3/19 AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS (NOTE: TELEPHONE, TELEFACSIMILE, EMAIL, OR TELEGRAPH PROPOSALS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED):

   OFFICE OF PROCUREMENT SERVICES
   MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY
   150 CLOVE RD, 3RD FLOOR
   LITTLE FALLS, NJ 07424

2. THE BIDDER MUST SIGN THIS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) SIGNATURE PAGE IN ADDITION TO THE ITEMS LISTED AS “APPLICABLE” IN APPENDIX #1 OF THIS REQUEST. HYPERLINKS TO EACH FORM HAVE BEEN PROVIDED WITHIN THE APPENDIX.

*3. THE BID PROPOSAL MUST INCLUDE ALL PRICE INFORMATION. PROPOSAL PRICES SHALL INCLUDE DELIVERY OF ALL ITEMS. F.O.B. DESTINATION OR AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED. PROPOSAL PRICES MUST BE FIRM THROUGH ISSUANCE OF CONTRACT.

4. ALL PROPOSAL PRICES MUST BE TYPED OR WRITTEN IN INK.

5. THE BIDDER IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE PRE-BID CONFERENCE(S) AND SITE VISIT(S). NO SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE FOR THOSE NOT ATTENDING. INFORMATION ON PRE-BID CONFERENCE(S) AND SITE VISIT(S) CAN BE FOUND IN THE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS SECTION OF THIS REQUEST.

6. PROPOSALS SHALL REMAIN OPEN FOR ACCEPTANCE AND MAY NOT BE CHANGED OR WITHDRAWN FOR A PERIOD OF SIXTY (60) DAYS AFTER THE BID OPENING DATE.

**TO BE COMPLETED BY BIDDER**

BIDDER NAME:

ADDRESS:

BIDDER TEL#: ___________________________ FEDERAL TAX IDENTIFICATION

EXT: ______________ # __________________

BIDDER FAX#: ___________________________ BIDDER E-MAIL:

SIGNATURE OF THE BIDDER ATTESTS THAT THE BIDDER HAS READ, UNDERSTANDS, AND AGREES TO ALL TERMS, CONDITIONS, AND SPECIFICATIONS SET FORTH IN THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL INCLUDING ALL ADDENDA, FURTHERMORE, SIGNATURE BY THE BIDDER SIGNIFIES THAT ADDENDA ISSUED, THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL, THE UNIVERSITY’S STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS (APPENDIX 1) AND THE RESPONSIVE BID PROPOSAL CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT UPON THE UNIVERSITY’S OPTION TO ISSUE A WRITTEN NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE TO BIDDER FOR ANY OR ALL OF THE ITEMS BID, AND FOR THE LENGTH OF TIME INDICATED IN THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL. FAILURE TO ACCEPT THE CONTRACT WITHIN THE TIME PERIOD INDICATED IN THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL, OR FAILURE TO HOLD PRICES OR TO MEET ANY OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS DEFINED IN EITHER ADDENDA OR THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL DURING THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT SHALL CONSTITUTE A BREACH AND MAY RESULT IN DEFAULT BY THE CONTRACTOR AND/OR CONTRACT TERMINATION.

**ORIGINAL SIGNATURE OF BIDDER**

DATE

**PRINT/TYPE NAME**

**TITLE**
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1.0 INFORMATION FOR BIDDERS

1.1 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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1.1.1 REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
Bidders are requested to provide their proposals in accordance with the terms and conditions provided within this solicitation.

1.1.2 SITE VISIT / PRE-BID MEETINGS
The bidder is strongly encouraged to attend the pre-bid conference(s) and site visit(s). No special arrangements will be made for those not attending. The bidder is responsible for the full Scope of Work regardless of attendance to the pre-bid conference(s) and site visit(s).

1.1.3 QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
Questions and inquiries regarding bidding information should be sent to bladese@montclair.edu or faxed to the number provided in the RFP Signature page. All questions submitted by the above due date and time will be answered on the Procurement Services website. Answers will be provided via addendum to this RFP and will be posted on Procurement Services webpage on or around the date provided in section 1.1. Additional instructions for question submittal must be in accordance with Section 4 of this solicitation.

1.1.4 QUOTES / PROPOSALS / BIDS DUE DATE
Bidders must be submit all information requested herein no later than the above referenced date and time in order to be considered for award. Incomplete proposals will be rejected. Bidder submissions must be in accordance with the instructions found in Section 4 of this solicitation.

NOTE: Bidders are not to contact the University using department directly, in person, by telephone or by email, concerning this RFP.

1.2 PURPOSE AND INTENT
This Request for Proposal (RFP) is issued by the Office of Procurement Services (Procurement Services), Montclair State University (University). The purpose of this RFP is to solicit bid proposals for Hotel Services, Arts and Cultural Programming.
The intent of this RFP is to award a contract to that responsible bidder whose bid proposal, conforming to this RFP is most advantageous to the University, price and other factors considered. However, the University reserves the right to separately procure individual requirements that are the subject of the awarded contract during the contract term, when deemed by the University’s Vice President for Finance and Treasurer to be in the University’s best interest.

The University’s Standard Contract Terms and Conditions (Appendix 1, Item 1), are part of the awarded contract. The University’s Standard Contract Terms and Conditions are in addition to the terms and conditions set forth in this RFP and should be read in conjunction with them.

1.3 BACKGROUND
Montclair State University is a research doctoral institution ranked in the top tier of national universities. Building on a distinguished history dating back to 1908, the University today has 10 colleges and schools that serve approximately 21,000 undergraduate and graduate students with more than 300 doctoral, master’s and baccalaureate programs. Situated on a beautiful, 252-acre suburban campus in Passaic and Essex Counties just 14 miles from New York City and having a School of Conservation located in Sussex County, Montclair State delivers the instructional and research resources of a large public university in a supportive, sophisticated and diverse academic environment.

Montclair State University is seeking proposal(s) from reputable hotels to provide off campus accommodations for visiting professional artists provided through its Office of Arts & Cultural Programming. The hotel(s) that will be selected must be within an eight (8) mile driving distance from 1 Normal Ave., Montclair, NJ to the hotel based on Rand McNally. The University is seeking to provide hotel accommodations by entering into an Agreement with one or more Hotels during eight (8) time periods between October 2019 and July 2020. This is a new procurement of the Hotel Accommodations for the Arts & Cultural Programming Department.

1.4 JOINT VENTURE
If a joint venture is submitting a bid proposal, the agreement between the parties relating to such joint venture should be submitted with the joint venture’s bid proposal. Authorized signatories from each party comprising the joint venture must sign the RFP Signature Page and the Source Disclosure Certification (Appendix 1, Item 3). A separate Ownership Disclosure Form (Appendix 1, Item 2) and Company Qualification Certification (Appendix 1, Item 4) must completed by each party to the joint venture.
2.0 DEFINITIONS

2.1 GENERAL DEFINITIONS
The following definitions will be part of the contract awarded as result of this RFP:

Addendum - Written clarification or revision to this RFP issued by Procurement Services.

Amendment - A change in the scope of work to be performed by the contractor after contract award. An amendment is not effective until signed by the University’s Vice President for Finance and Treasurer.

Bidder – A vendor submitting a bid proposal in response to this RFP.

Contract - Any addendum to this RFP, this RFP, the University’s Standard Terms and Conditions (Appendix 1, Item 1), the awarded bidder's bid proposal and the University’s form Agreement incorporating these documents.

Contractor - The contractor is the bidder awarded a contract.

Director – Director of Procurement Services.

Joint Venture – A business undertaking by two or more entities to share risk and responsibility for a specific project.

May - Denotes that which is permissible, but not mandatory.

Request for Proposal (RFP) - This document, which establishes the bidding and contract requirements and solicits bid proposals to meet the purchase needs of the University.

Shall or Must - Denotes that which is a mandatory requirement.

Should - Denotes that which is recommended, but not mandatory.

2.2 CONTRACT SPECIFIC DEFINITIONS

N/A
3.0 COMMODITY DESCRIPTION/SCOPE OF WORK
Montclair State University is seeking proposal(s) from reputable hotels to provide off campus accommodations for visiting professional artists provided through its Office of Arts & Cultural Programming. The hotel(s) that is selected must be within an eight (8) mile radius of Montclair State University. The University is seeking to provide hotel accommodations by entering into an Agreement with one or more Hotels during eight (8) time periods between October 2019 and June 2020. The proposed number of visiting artists will range from two (2) to twenty-one (21) guests per visit based on the below schedule.

PROPOSED ACCOMMODATION SCHEDULE
The University seeks per night per room bids based on the following proposed schedule of accommodations. The room rate must include daily hot buffet breakfast, including weekends.

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ACCOMMODATIONS/FACILITIES/AMENITIES
The Hotel(s) that the University enters into an agreement with must provide non-smoking room accommodations, each with two double-beds, as specified herein. The final number of rooms for each stay shall be agreed upon five (5) business days prior to the above stated check in date. The Hotel will provide room reservation confirmation numbers to the University within 24 hours of receipt of the final rooming list. The Hotel will provide its refund policy as it relates to changes and cancellations. If a University guest requests changes to their reservation that impact charges to the University (i.e. requests for early check-in date, late check-out date, etc.), the Hotel will communicate with the University contact prior to accommodating the guest's request.
Guests at the Hotel(s) shall have full access to Hotel facilities and amenities normally available to adult guests 18 or older. All additional facility fees will be the responsibility of each individual guest.

The following facilities/amenities are required:

- The Hotel must provide a safe in each room
- The Hotel must provide a refrigerator and microwave in each room
- Hotel restaurant
- Free shuttle services to local businesses, mall, etc. within 5 miles (Details of shuttle service including type of vehicle to be used.)
- Fitness Center
- Indoor Pool
- Business Center with access to computers and printers
- Indoor access to rooms
- Elevator

The University reserves the right to inspect all hotel locations to ascertain their condition before awarding the contract.

**CUSTOMER SERVICE**

Guests at the Hotel(s), as well as the University’s representative, shall be treated with courtesy and respect by all Hotel staff, and will be provided with positive customer service. The Hotel(s) shall attempt to accommodate requests made by Guests and/or the University, when reasonable. If/when said requests are deemed unreasonable by Hotel staff, the Hotel will communicate directly with the Guests and/or the University and provide a thorough explanation as to why the request cannot be accommodated.

Hotel will provide University with contact information for the individual primarily responsible for management of the University’s requirements at the hotel, including their name, direct phone number, direct email address, and direct fax number. Hotel will notify University in a timely manner of any personnel changes at the hotel which relate to fulfilling the requirements of this RFP. Additionally, Hotel will notify University contact immediately on any/all issues concerning University guests at the Hotel.

**SHUTTLE SERVICES**

When transporting passengers under this RFP, the shuttle must be dedicated solely to Montclair State University’s Arts and Cultural Programming guests. The shuttle service must be scheduled for a minimum of four (4) times a day traveling back and forth between the Hotel and the Alexander Kasser Theater at Montclair State University, and must be able to accommodate up to 25 passengers per trip. If one shuttle does not accommodate 25 passengers, use of two shuttles simultaneously is acceptable when the number of guests requires it. The University shall provide a preliminary shuttle schedule/times prior to check in date. It is understood that changes to the
preliminary shuttle schedule/times may be necessary. The University shall provide updates to
the shuttle schedule within 12 hours of the requested change(s); the Hotel(s) will accommodate
all reasonable change requests. Shuttle drop off and pick up location is to be directly in front of
the Alexander Kasser Theater at Montclair State University. Any alterations to the pickup of
drop off location will be communicated to the Hotel by the University contact directly. The
shuttle service must be available between the hours of 7:30AM and 12:00AM, seven days a
week. All shuttle drivers must be reachable by cell phone while transporting passengers under
this RFP. Any additional expense incurred to provide this shuttle service is the responsibility of
the Hotel.

In addition to the shuttle services specific to this RFP (detailed above), Guests at the Hotel(s)
shall have full access to the Hotel(s) standard shuttle services provided to all guests.

RESTAURANT

Hotel(s) must have an on-site restaurant with operating hours seven days a week. Hotel(s) will
provide Guests with menus from local restaurants and assist them with ordering food delivery
service at times when the on-site restaurant is not open.

PROXIMITY TO TRANSPORTATION TO NEW YORK CITY

Hotel(s) must be within close proximity of and easily accessible to mass transportation options
(train and/or bus) to and from New York City. Guests must be able to access said transportation
options without access to a vehicle (personal or Hotel provided). Hotel(s) will provide
University with information and schedules pertaining to said transportation options so the
information can be shared with Guests in advance of their stay(s).

TELEPHONE/internet access

The awarded Hotel must provide all local calls on a complimentary basis. Guests shall be
personally responsible for all long distance telephone use charges. All calling card, prepaid card,
and any 800 and 888 numbers shall be free of charge

Guests shall be personally responsible for all telephone usage charges as typically charged to
guests of the Hotel(s). The Hotel must provide free wireless internet connection.

INCIDENTAL CHARGES

Guests shall be individually responsible for all other incidental charges, including room service,
pay-per-view movies, laundry supplies, photocopy and fax services, other food and beverages,
personal items gifts, and all other charges beyond the basic room rates as specified and booked
by the University. Acceptable forms of payments for incidental charges will be cash, traveler’s
checks or credit card.
PRE / POST INSPECTION OF FACILITIES / DAMAGE CHARGES
Hotel staff must inspect the facilities before guests arrive and immediately prior to their departure. Guests shall review the condition of their room at check-in along with a member of the Hotel staff who shall inspect and record the contents/conditions of the room at check-in. The Guests will have 24 hours to assess any additional items not noted in the inspection record and shall submit any discrepancies to Hotel Management.

Guests of each room shall be individually responsible for any damage to the hotel property. The University will not bear liability for any damages.

Damage claims under the awarded Agreement(s) shall be subject to and governed by the N.J. Contractual Liability Act, N.J.S.A. 59:13-1 et seq.

HOTEL RENOVATIONS AND CONSTRUCTION
The Hotel must advise the University of renovation and/or construction for private rooms and/or public spaces at least four weeks prior to the scheduled check-in dates. This activity will directly affect an acceptable environment during the visiting artists stay. If renovation and/or construction work is to occur during any artist’s stay, the University expects a reasonable per room credit. Additionally, the University reserves the right to make alternate accommodation plans without penalty.

INVOICING
The awarded Hotel must provide a detailed invoice to Montclair State University for approval and payment. Any discrepancy within the billing statement must be resolved prior to payment and will be due net 30 days. Invoices must either be mailed or faxed to:

Montclair State University,
Kasser Theater, Room 401,
1 Normal Ave.
Montclair, NJ 07043
FAX #: 973-655-3051

3.1 STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS
Statements of Qualifications should be presented in the same order as listed below. Please restate the question as written and respond to each item completely and clearly. Attachments that amplify responses or provide relevant illustrations are welcome.

- Provide an overview of your organization.
- Provide information how your accommodations, facilities and amenities comply with our requirements in this RFP and include hours of operation
- Provide details on following:
  - guest shuttle services, including schedule/frequency and area served
  - mass transit options to NYC
- Hotel restaurant operating hours and menus
- Local food, shopping and entertainment options, including accessibility options with and without hotel shuttle
- Provide 3 clients references with scope of services that are similar in requirements. References should include clients name, mailing address, contact person, phone number, fax number, Email address and length of business relationship
- Provide details of shuttle service including type and number of vehicles to be used
- Provide your refund policy as it relates to changes to, and cancellations of reservations

4.0 BID PROPOSAL PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION

4.1 QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD
Procurement Services will accept questions and inquiries from all potential bidders via e-mail or fax to the Procurement Services buyer identified in the cover sheet. Bidders are not to contact the University user department directly, in person, by telephone or by email, concerning this RFP. Answers will be provided via addendum to this RFP and will be posted on Procurement Services webpage after the question due date (see Section 1.1 of this RFP for question due date).

4.2 ADDENDUM: REVISIONS TO THIS RFP
In the event that it becomes necessary to clarify or revise this RFP, such clarification or revision will be by addendum. Any addendum to this RFP will become part of this RFP and part of any contract awarded as a result of this RFP.

ADDENDUM ISSUED WILL BE POSTED ON PROCUREMENT SERVICES WEBPAGE.

There are no designated dates for release of addendum. Interested bidders should check the Procurement Services’ webpage on a daily basis from time of RFP issuance through bid proposal submission. It is the sole responsibility of the bidder to be knowledgeable of addendum issued relating to this RFP.

Notice of addendum issued will be faxed by the assigned Procurement Services buyer to any bidder who has picked up a copy of the RFP at Procurement Services and who provided Procurement Services with its fax number.

4.3 CONTENTS OF BID PROPOSAL
Bidders are instructed to supply all documentation identified in Appendix 1, with their bid proposal. Subsequent to bid opening, all information submitted by a bidder in the bid proposal is considered public information, except as may be exempted from public disclosure by the Open Public Records Act, N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq., and/or other applicable law.

A bidder may designate specific information in its bid proposal as confidential and proprietary if the bidder has a good faith legal/factual basis for such assertion. The University reserves the right to make the determination and will advise the bidder accordingly. Confidential and
proprietary information shall be clearly and prominently identified in the bid proposal and in a cover letter. The University will disregard any attempt by a bidder either to designate its entire bid proposal as confidential, proprietary and/or subject to copyright protection.

By signing the RFP Signature Page, the bidder waives any claims of copyright protection set forth within its proposal and any third party manufacturer's price list and/or catalogs. Price lists and/or catalogs cannot be kept confidential and must be accessible to University user departments.

The bidder is advised to thoroughly read and follow all instructions contained in this RFP.

Note: Bid proposals shall not contain URLs (Uniform Resource Locators, i.e., the global address of documents and other resources on the World Wide Web) or web addresses. Inasmuch as the web contains dynamically changing content, inclusion of a URL or web address in a bid response is indicative of potentially changing information. Inclusion of a URL or web address in a bid response implies that the bid proposal's content changes as the referenced web pages change.

4.3.1 PRICE ALTERATION
Bid prices must be typed or written in ink. Any price change (including "white-outs") must be initialed. Failure to initial price changes shall preclude a contract award from being made to the bidder.

4.3.2 BID ERRORS
A bidder may request that its bid proposal be withdrawn prior to bid opening. Such request must be made, in writing, to the Director of Procurement Services.

If, after the opening of bid proposals but before contract award, a bidder discovers an error in its bid proposal, the bidder may make written request to the Director of Procurement Services for authorization to withdraw its bid proposal from consideration for award. Evidence of the bidder’s good faith in making this request shall be used in making the determination. The factors that will be considered are that the mistake is so significant that to enforce the contract resulting from the bid proposal would be unconscionable; that the mistake relates to a material feature of the contract; that the mistake occurred notwithstanding the bidder’s exercise of reasonable care; and that the University will not be significantly prejudiced by granting the withdrawal of the bid proposal.

If, during the evaluation of bid proposals received, an obvious pricing error made by a potential contract awardee is found, the Director of Procurement Services shall issue written notice to the bidder. The bidder will have five days after receipt of the notice to confirm its pricing. If the bidder fails to respond, its bid proposal shall be considered withdrawn, and no further consideration shall be given it.
If it is discovered that there is an arithmetic disparity between the unit price and the total extended price, the unit price shall prevail. If there is any other ambiguity in the pricing other than a disparity between the unit price and extended price and the bidder’s intention is not readily discernible from other parts of the bid proposal, the assigned Procurement Services buyer may seek clarification from the bidder to ascertain the true intent of the bid proposal.

4.3.3 BID DISCREPANCIES
In evaluating bid proposals:

Discrepancies between words and figures will be resolved in favor of words;

Discrepancies between unit prices and totals of unit prices will be resolved in favor of unit prices;

Discrepancies in the multiplication of units of work and unit prices will be resolved in favor of the unit prices;

Discrepancies between the indicated total of multiplied unit prices and units of work and the actual total will be resolved in favor of the actual total; and

Discrepancies between the indicated sum of any column of figures and the correct sum thereof will be resolved in favor of the corrected sum of the column of figures.

4.3.4 PRICING
The bidder must submit its pricing using the format set forth in the price sheet(s) attached to this RFP (Attachment #1). Failure to submit all information required will result in the bid proposal being considered non-responsive unless the University determines the information is not material and may be waived. Notwithstanding the Contract Effective Date on the RFP Signature Page, each bidder is required to hold its prices firm through issuance of the contract.

4.4 SUBMISSION OF BID PROPOSAL
In order to be considered for award, the bid proposal must be received by Procurement Services at the location and by the required date and time identified in this RFP in a sealed envelope marked with the bid proposal title and number.

If your proposal is being submitted by **US Mail**, it must be addressed to:

Montclair State University  
Office of Procurement Services  
1 Normal Avenue  
Montclair, New Jersey 07042

If your proposal is being submitted **BY HAND OR OVERNIGHT DELIVERY (FedEx, UPS, etc.)**, please address it to:
Montclair State University
Office of Procurement Services,
150 Clove Road, 3rd Floor,
Little Falls, New Jersey 07424.

ANY BID PROPOSAL NOT RECEIVED BY THE DATE, TIME AND AT THE LOCATION
NOTED IN THIS RFP WILL BE REJECTED.

Note: Bidders using US Regular or Express mail services should allow adequate time to ensure
that bid proposals are received at Procurement Services on the date and time indicated on the
cover sheet.

4.5 BIDDER RESPONSIBILITY
The bidder assumes sole responsibility for the complete effort required in submitting a bid
proposal in response to this RFP. No special consideration will be given after bid proposals are
opened because of a bidder's failure to be knowledgeable as to all of the requirements of this
RFP.

4.6 COST LIABILITY
The University assumes no responsibility and bears no liability for costs incurred by a bidder in
the preparation and submittal of a bid proposal in response to this RFP.

4.7 BID PROPOSAL DELIVERY AND IDENTIFICATION
In order to be considered, a bid proposal must arrive at Procurement Services in accordance
with the instructions on the RFP Signature Page.

Bidders are cautioned to allow adequate delivery time to ensure timely delivery of bid
proposals. Late bid proposals are ineligible for consideration.

THE EXTERIOR OF ALL BID PROPOSAL PACKAGES ARE TO BE LABELED WITH
THE RFP NUMBER AND TITLE AND THE BIDDER’S NAME AND ADDRESS.

4.8 NUMBER OF BID PROPOSAL COPIES
The bidder must submit one (1) complete ORIGINAL bid proposal, clearly marked as the
“ORIGINAL” bid proposal. The bidder should submit three (3) full, complete and exact copies
of the original. The copies requested are necessary in the evaluation of the bid proposal. A
bidder failing to provide the requested number of copies will be charged the cost incurred by the
University in producing the requested number of copies. It is suggested that the bidder make and
retain a copy of its bid proposal.

4.9 SUBMITTALS
Bidders should submit with their bid package:

- Brochures / materials that detail your hotel’s facilities and amenities
• Complete responses to Section 3.1 Statement of Qualifications

• Required documents as per Appendix 1

4.9.1 SAMPLE TESTING NOT APPLICABLE TO THIS RFP
The samples submitted must meet the specification requirements set forth in the RFP and must be representative of the product bid. Bid samples [for pricing lines________] for evaluation and testing purposes are to be made available at no charge and delivered to University, at the bidder's expense. The bidder must, within [Buyer to indicate number of days] working days following a request from the Procurement Services buyer, submit bid samples to Procurement Services. Bid samples will not be returned. The University reserves the right to perform any tests necessary to assure that the bid samples conform to this RFP [for pricing lines________]. The testing results of the University are final.

4.9.2 BID SECURITY - NOT APPLICABLE TO THIS RFP
Each bid proposal must be accompanied by a Bid Bond (See Appendix 1, Item 10). Certified or Cashier's Check made payable to the University equal to ten percent (10%) of the amount of the bid proposal, not to exceed $20,000.00, as evidence of good faith, which guarantees that if the bid proposal submitted by the bidder is accepted, the bidder will enter into the Contract and will furnish the required Contract Documents and Surety Bonds. If a Bid Bond is submitted, it shall also provide that the Surety issuing the Bid Bond is bound to issue the required Payment and Performance Bonds (See Appendix 1, Item 11), if the bidder is awarded the Contract. If the bidder whose bid proposal is accepted is unable to provide the Performance and Payment Bonds or fails to execute a Contract, then such Bidder and the Bid Bond Surety shall be obligated to pay Montclair State University the difference between the amount of the bid proposal and the amount which the University contracts to pay another party to perform the work. The University reserves the right to retain any Certified or Cashier's Check deposited hereunder as reimbursement for the difference as aforesaid, and shall return any unrequited balance to the bidder. Should there be a deficiency in the amount of the Bid deposit, the bidder and the Surety shall pay the entire amount of the difference in cost upon demand. The bidder awarded the Contract shall construe nothing contained herein as a waiver of any other legal remedies the University may have by reason of a default or breach.

Certified or Cashier's Checks or Bonds submitted by unsuccessful bidders will be returned after the Contract has been executed. Bidders electing to furnish a Bid Bond must also include a Consent of Surety, in form acceptable to the University. Attorneys-in-fact who sign Bid Bonds or Contract Bonds must file a certified Power-of-Attorney with the University indicating the effective date of that power.
4.9.3 FINANCIAL CAPABILITY OF THE BIDDER
In order to provide the University with the ability to judge the bidder’s financial capacity and capabilities to undertake and successfully complete the contract, the bidder should submit its most recent annual audited or certified financial statement that includes a balance sheet, income statement and statement of cash flow, and all applicable notes for the most recent calendar year or the bidder’s most recent fiscal year. If a certified financial statement is not available, the bidder should provide either a reviewed or compiled statement from an independent accountant setting forth the same information required for the certified financial statement, together with a certification from the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer, that the financial statement and other information included in the statement fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the bidder as of, and for, the period presented in the statement. In addition, the bidder should submit a bank reference.

If the financial information is not included with the bidder’s response, the University may request the bidder to submit it, or deem the bid non-responsive. If the University requests it be submitted and the bidder fails to submit within seven (7) business days, the University may deem the bidder’s proposal non-responsive.

The bidder may designate specific financial information as not subject to disclosure when the bidder has a good faith legal/factual basis for such assertion. The bidder may submit specific financial documents in a separate, sealed package clearly marked “Confidential-Financial Information” along with its bid proposal.

The University reserves the right to make the determination whether to accept the bidder’s assertion of confidentiality and will advise the bidder accordingly.

5.0 PROPOSAL EVALUATION
5.1 EVALUATION CRITERIA
Proposals will be evaluated on Price and other factors in accordance with the University’s Procurement Policies. Additionally, the following criteria will be used to evaluate all bid proposals that meet the requirements of this RFP. The criteria are not necessarily listed in order of importance:

- Price
- The bidder’s reference for performance under similar contracts
- Quality of accommodations and amenities
- Shuttle bus availability and type
5.2 ORAL PRESENTATION AND/OR CLARIFICATION OF BID PROPOSAL
The University may request the highest ranking bidder(s) be required to give an oral presentation to the University concerning its bid proposal. The University may also require the bidder to submit written responses to questions regarding its bid proposal. Original bid proposals submitted, however, cannot be supplemented, changed, or corrected in any way. No comments regarding other bid proposals are permitted. Bidders may not attend presentations made by their competitors.

It is within the University’s discretion whether to require the highest ranking bidder(s) be required to give an oral presentation or require the highest ranking bidder(s) to submit written responses to questions regarding its bid proposal. The assigned Procurement Services buyer is the sole point of contact regarding any request for an oral presentation or clarification.

6.0 CONTRACT AWARD
The contract award shall be made with reasonable promptness by written notice to that responsible bidder, whose bid proposal, conforming to this RFP, is most advantageous to the University, price, and other factors considered. The University reserves the right to reject any or all bids, or to award in whole or in part, if deemed to be in the best interest of the University to do so. Furthermore, the University reserves the right to waive any other bid requirement in their sole discretion when such waiver is in the best interest of the University and where such waiver is permitted by law.

6.1 BIDDERS RIGHT TO PROTEST AWARD OF CONTRACT
A bidder who submits a proposal in response to an advertised RFP may submit a written protest to the Director of Procurement of the University setting forth in detail the specific grounds for challenging the award. The protest shall be filed within ten (10) business days following the bidder's receipt of written notification, sent either by certified mail or facsimile transmission, that its bid was not accepted or of notice of the decision to award the contract. Any protest filed after the 10 day period may be disregarded. If the contract award is protested, the University may proceed to award the contract if the failure to award will result in substantial cost to the University or if public exigency so requires. All contract awards will be posted on the Procurement Services website

https://www.montclair.edu/procurement/awarded-contracts/

7.0 SPECIAL CONTRACTUAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

7.1 PRECEDENCE OF SPECIAL CONTRACTUAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS
The contract awarded as a result of this RFP shall consist of addendum to this RFP, this RFP (including the University’s Standard Contract Terms and Conditions (Appendix 1, Item 1), the contractor's bid proposal and the University’s Agreement incorporating these documents and signed by the contractor and the University’s Vice President for Finance and Treasurer.
In the event of a conflict between provisions within the contract documents, the contract documents shall have the following order of priority: Agreement, RFP Addendum in the order of the most recent issuance date, the RFP, the University’s Standard Contract Terms and Conditions and the contractor’s bid proposal.

7.2 CONTRACT TERM AND EXTENSION OPTION
The term of the contract shall be for a period of one (1) year. The anticipated "Contract Effective Date" is provided on the Signature Page of this Request for Proposal. If delays in the procurement process result in a change to the anticipated Contract Effective Date, the bidder agrees to accept a contract for the full term of the contract.

7.3 CONTRACT TRANSITION
In the event that a new contract has not been awarded prior to the contract expiration date, as may be extended herein, it shall be incumbent upon the contractor to continue the contract under the same terms and conditions until a new contract can be completely operational. At no time shall this transition period extend more than ninety (90) days beyond the expiration date of the contract.

7.4 CONTRACT AMENDMENT
Any changes or modifications to the terms of the contract shall be valid only when they have been reduced to writing and signed by the contractor and the University’s Vice President for Finance and Treasurer.

7.5 CONTRACTOR’S WARRANTY
The contractor is responsible for the quality, technical accuracy, timely completion and delivery of all deliverables and other services to be furnished by the contractor under the contract. The contractor agrees to perform in a good, skillful and timely manner all services set forth in the contract.

The contractor shall, without additional compensation, correct or revise any errors, omissions, or other deficiencies in its services and deliverables furnished under the contract. The approval of interim deliverables furnished under the contract shall not in any way relieve the contractor of fulfilling all of its obligations under the contract. The acceptance or payment for any of the services rendered under the contract shall not be construed as a waiver by the University, of any rights under the agreement or of any cause of action arising out of the contractor’s performance of the contract.

The acceptance of, approval of or payment for any of the services performed by the contractor under the contract shall not constitute a release or waiver of any claim the University has or may have for latent defects or errors or other breaches of warranty or negligence.
7.6 ITEMS ORDERED AND DELIVERED
The contractor is authorized to ship only those items covered by the contract resulting from this RFP. If a review of orders placed by University user departments reveals that material other than that covered by the contract has been ordered and delivered, such delivery shall be a violation of the terms of the contract and may be considered by the University’s Vice President for Finance and Treasurer as a basis to terminate the contract and/or as a basis not to award the contractor a subsequent contract. The University’s Vice President for Finance and Treasurer may take such steps as are necessary to have the items returned to the contractor, regardless of the time between the date of delivery and discovery of the violation. In such event, the contractor shall reimburse the University the full purchase price.

The contract involves items which are necessary for the continuation of ongoing critical University services. Any delay in delivery of these items would disrupt University services and would force the University to immediately seek alternative sources of supply on an emergency basis. Timely delivery is critical to meeting the University's ongoing needs.

7.7 REMEDIES FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH MATERIAL CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS
In the event that the contractor fails to comply with any material contract requirements, the University’s Vice President for Finance and Treasurer may take steps to terminate the contract in accordance with the provisions herein and/or authorize the delivery of contract items by any available means, with the difference between the price paid and the defaulting contractor's price either being deducted from any monies due the defaulting contractor or being an obligation owed the University by the defaulting contractor.
## APPENDIX #1
### REQUIRED SUPPORTING BID DOCUMENTS

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Please go to the Procurement Services Form Webpage at https://www.montclair.edu/procurement/forms/ should any of the above hyperlinks not work. If a form is unavailable on the webpage, contact the assigned procurement services buyer listed on the cover page for assistance.

NOTE: The documents listed above are required by State Law and University Policy. All documents listed as “Applicable” are required to be completed and included in bidder submissions in order to be considered responsive.
ATTACHMENT #1
PRICE SHEET(S)

Bidder Name: ____________________________

The contract is awarded based on price and other factors. Provide pricing for the dates available at your hotel for non-smoking double-bedded accommodations based on the specifications stated under this RFP. The University is exempt from NJ Sales and Occupancy Taxes. The rate quoted must include shuttle services as detailed in RFP section 3.0 as well as hot buffet breakfast including weekends. The University reserves the right to award in whole or in part. The per night rate shall remain in effect for the full one year term of the contract to accommodate any additional unscheduled artist visits.

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GRAND TOTAL $___________________________________
**Price Extension**

**Will you extend contract prices to other State Colleges and Universities?**
Yes ______
No______

Montclair State University is a member of the New Jersey Higher Purchasing Association (NJHEPA), whose members include the 4 year Public Colleges and Universities, as well as private institutions: the private Universities include: Princeton University, Seton Hall University, Rider University, and Monmouth University.

**Will you extend pricing to members of NJHEPA:**
Yes___________ No __________

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Signature                                      Date

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