

ERIE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

Request for Proposals (RFP)

Government Relations and Lobbying Services



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The Request for Proposal (RFP) for Government Relations and Lobbying Services is being conducted pursuant to New York State Finance Law §§ 139-j and 139-k and the Erie County Water Authority’s Procurement Disclosure Policy. The Procurement Disclosure Policy is available by accessing the Erie County Water Authority’s website-<http://www.ecwa.org>, under the caption “Doing Business with ECWA.”

Purpose:

The Erie County Water Authority, Buffalo, New York is requesting proposals from qualified firms to provide lobbying and government relations services on behalf of the Authority. The professional services to be provided are lobbying and government relations services only. The Authority seeks the advice and assistance of highly specialized government relations professionals from time to time, and the selected firm will be required to provide these services in a prompt and responsive manner as requested by the Authority. These services may include lobbying the New York State Legislature, Executive Chamber, and various state agencies, as well as in securing New York State grants and other appropriations for the Authority's water treatment facilities and water distribution system, and should also have experience in arranging appropriations for water and wastewater facilities.

Background Information:*Organizational Information*

The Erie County Water Authority is a public-benefit corporation formed in 1949 to provide a potable water supply to the residents of Western New York. The Authority was created by an Act of the State Legislature, codified in Sections 1050 through 1073 of Title 3 (the "Erie County Water Authority Act") of Article 5 of the Public Authorities Law of the State of New York (as amended), to, among other things, finance, construct, operate and maintain a water supply and distribution system to benefit the residents of the County of Erie, New York. The Authority became operational in 1953. The Authority is financially self-sustaining, paying all operating expenses from revenues generated from the sale of water to 168,477 customers.

The Erie County Water Authority is not an agency of New York State, nor an agency of Erie County government. The Authority is completely independent with respect to budgeting, bonding authority, debt management and credit rating.

The Erie County Water Authority is governed by a Board of Commissioners. Board members are appointed by the Erie County Legislature for a three-year term and continue to hold office until a successor is confirmed. The three-year terms of office are staggered. The enabling State legislation provides that the officers of the Authority shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman and Treasurer who shall be members of the Authority, and a Secretary, who need not be a member of the Authority. The Board establishes policy and is responsible for the overall operations of the Authority.

Scope of Services:

The Authority is seeking a two-year contract with the option, at the Authority's discretion, for one two-year extension. The following services are desired:

- Developing and implementing a proactive government relations strategy on behalf of the Authority.
- Providing strategic consultation and planning on Authority government relations strategies and matters.
- Communicating and representing the Authority's interests with state legislators, state agencies, the Executive Chamber, and local government officials.
- Advise and assist the Authority on how to advance its agenda and interests before the state government.
- Monitoring, tracking, and researching legislation, regulations, and executive branch action or proposed actions that would be of significance to the Authority that is currently under consideration by the state legislature or Governor's office.
- Provide the Authority with periodic updates, copies of relevant legislations, rules, orders and/or decisions and otherwise keep the Authority informed of significant proposed governmental actions.
- Attend meetings with Commissioners to discuss potential opportunities and challenges, as requested by the Secretary to the Authority or Board of Commissioners.
- Prepare factual documents and briefing materials as may be advisable, and prepare written and oral testimony to be delivered before one or more committees and subcommittees of the New York State Legislature if required.
- Preparation of any lobbying registrations as may be necessary, including without limitation, the New York State Joint Commission on Public Integrity.
- Other government relations activities as requested by the Authority.

Estimated Proposal Timetable:

Thursday, August 16, 2018	Board Approval and Distribution of RFP
Friday, August 24, 2018	Inquiries related to RFP due by 12:00 Noon Prevailing Time
Monday, September 17, 2018	RFP Responses due by 4:00 pm Prevailing Time
Monday September 17 – Friday September 21, 2018	Review and evaluation of Responses; presentations, if required; firms should be available for questions during this week
Thursday, October 4, 2018	Award contract by the Board of Commissioners

Proposal Format:

Please respond as follows:

- Provide six (6) complete sets of responses—one (1) original and five (5) copies, along with one completed Respondent's Certification, the required forms (New York State Finance Law §§ 139-j and 139-k) A, B, and C, and Certificates of Insurance as indicated on the attached pages. All six (6) copies of the respondent's proposal must be arranged as follows:
 1. Title Page: showing RFP name and respondent's name, address, telephone number, facsimile number, e-mail address and contact person.
 2. Table of Contents: for reference
 3. Letter of Introduction: one page, introducing the respondent, signed by the person(s) authorized to sign on behalf of and bind the company to statements made in response to this RFP.
- The following will be required in a company overview as part of respondent's proposal:
 1. The name, address of the office providing requested services, telephone number, fax number, email address and website.
 2. A general description of your business, including size, number of employees, number of governmental relations specialists/registered lobbyists, primary business and other business services offered.

3. The name of the supervising lobbyist who will be assigned to the engagement and any other personnel who will have key roles in the work. Brief resumes should be furnished for key professional staff assigned to the engagement.
 4. Describe any experience in providing lobbying and government relations services for governmental agencies, especially as it may relate to water or other utilities.
 5. For the firm's office that will be responsible for the work, provide a list of the most significant engagements performed in the last five years that are similar to the services described in "Scope of Services". The engagements can include both public and private sector clients.
 6. Reference information for the firms listed in #5, the scope of the work and the dates the work was performed, and the name of the supervising financial advisors assigned to each engagement.
 7. Provide a list of New York State counties, cities, towns, villages, public benefit corporations, public authorities, etc. , who you have served or are currently serving in a similar capacity.
 8. Indicate if there are any pending legal actions against the firm.
 9. Please describe any potential conflict of interest your firm may encounter if selected by the Authority.
 10. Respondents must submit a description of their Affirmative Action Policies and efforts regarding minorities and women. This should include any specific activities planned regarding this engagement. Respondents should provide a policy statement of non-discrimination and equal employment opportunity and an affirmative action plan within the local office to the firm.
- A statement describing the overall approach of lobbying/governmental relations services for public clients.
 - Briefly describe any additional features, attributes, or conditions, which the Authority should consider in selecting your firm for governmental relations and lobbying services.
 - Describe how you involve the client in your ongoing lobbying/governmental relations.
 - Provide your firm's fee schedule for the services you propose to provide, including a list in detail of all disbursements for which the Authority will be responsible.
 - A signed Respondent's Certification form (attached)
 - Insurance Coverages: Refer to the attached INS2013-PS revision date: 03/01/2013 "Erie County Water Authority Insurance Requirements for Professional Services"

Submission of Proposal:

The respondent's reply must be submitted as follows:

One (1) original and five (5) additional copies of your proposal must be submitted in a sealed envelope, along with one completed Respondent's Certification. All proposals must bear on the outside the following:

Proposal For: Government Relations and Lobbying Services

Submitted To: Erie County Water Authority

Submitted By: Respondent's Name
Respondent's Address
City, State, Zip code

Respondent's Primary Contact Person

Respondent's Telephone Number, Facsimile
Number and E-Mail Address

Date Submitted

All proposals must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. (Prevailing Time) on Monday, September 17, 2018 to the following:

Terrence D. McCracken
Secretary to the Authority
Erie County Water Authority
295 Main Street, Room 350
Buffalo, New York 14203-2494
tmccracken@ecwa.org

All proposals become the property of the Erie County Water Authority. Any proposal received after the aforementioned deadline will not be considered by the Authority.

Proposal Evaluation:

The Erie County Water Authority's Evaluation committee will consider the following criteria in evaluating proposals:

Respondents must submit a complete response to this RFP. Failure to submit all information requested may result in the rejection of the incomplete proposal.

Proposals will be evaluated and ranked on the following criteria:

1. Responsiveness to the RFP.
2. Relevant experience, expertise, services provided and qualifications of the firm.
3. Cost of services

Proposals should be as thorough and detailed as necessary so that the Authority may properly evaluate the capabilities of the respondent(s) to provide the required services.

Evaluation/Selection Process:

1. An evaluation committee will review all accepted proposals, and will have the option of selecting firms for oral presentations. This process should be completed during the week of September 17, 2018.
2. The committee will report to the Board of Commissioners, recommending a firm by October 4, 2018.
3. The Authority will negotiate with the firm deemed in its sole judgment to be the most qualified.
4. Should the Authority be unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with the selected firm, negotiations with that firm will be formally terminated. The Authority will then undertake negotiations with the second most qualified firm.

General Information

REQUIREMENTS OF NEW YORK STATE FINANCE LAW

The enacted provisions of New York State Finance Law §§ 139-j and 139-k, require that Form A, B and C be completed, and returned to the Authority by each respondent. Each respondent must comply with the enacted provisions.

INQUIRIES

All inquiries related to this RFP are to be in writing via e-mail to the Erie County Water Authority, attention: Terrence D. McCracken, tmccracken@ecwa.org no later than **Friday, August 24, 2018** at 12:00 p.m. Prevailing Time. Information obtained from any other source is not official and may be inaccurate. Inquiries and responses will be recorded and those that are general in nature and may pertain to all potential respondents will be shared with all potential respondents at the Authority's option. Respondent, its agents and/or associates shall refrain from contacting or soliciting any other Erie County Water Authority official, including any Authority member,

regarding the selection of a firm during the RFP process. Failure to comply may disqualify the respondent, at the option of the Authority.

OWNERSHIP OF PROPOSALS

All responses to this request for proposal (RFP) become the property of the Erie County Water Authority and are not returnable.

RESPONDENT'S EXPENSES

Respondents are solely responsible for their own expenses in preparing a proposal in response to this RFP and for any expenses incurred by the respondent in subsequent negotiations with the Authority.

CONTRACT

The Erie County Water Authority reserves the right to award a contract in part, or in full, or not at all, based on its analysis of the responses received to this RFP. The Erie County Water Authority is not bound to accept the lowest cost proposal. The Authority is seeking a two-year contract with the option, at the Authority's discretion, for one two-year extension.

ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSALS

This RFP by and of itself should not be construed as a contract to purchase goods or services. However, after an award of contract has been made by the Board of Commissioners, the RFP and the selected respondent's proposal will be considered part of the contract with the Authority.

LIABILITY FOR ERRORS

While the Erie County Water Authority has used considerable efforts to ensure an accurate presentation of information in this RFP, all prospective respondents are urged to review the materials and facts pertinent to this RFP and to make inquiry to the Authority for clarification(s) and /or other material(s) (see section INQUIRIES above). The Erie County Water Authority shall not be held liable or accountable for any error or omission in any part of this RFP, or in the additional materials or responses, written or verbal, provided as exhibits, attachments, or otherwise.

ACCEPTANCE OF TERMS

All the terms and conditions of this RFP are deemed to be accepted by the respondent(s) and are incorporated in the respondent's proposal except those conditions and provisions which are expressly excluded by the respondent and so stated in the respondent's proposal.

QUOTES FROM THE MARKETPLACE

The Authority reserves the right to consider at any time quotes from the marketplace, from multiple sources and/or directly from firms other than those invited to respond to this RFP.

NEGOTIATION DELAY

If any agreement cannot be negotiated within fifteen (15) days of notification to the designated respondent, the Authority may terminate negotiations with that respondent and negotiate an agreement with another respondent or respondents of its choice.

SHORTLIST

Unless there is a successful respondent selected by the Authority after its initial review of the responses, the Authority will commence an evaluation process and develop a “shortlist” based principally on the criteria stated in the SCOPE OF SERVICES section on page 4, and the PROPOSAL EVALUATION section of this RFP. Those respondents listed on the “shortlist” may be asked to submit additional information or make a presentation of their proposal to staff of the Authority and/or personally appear before the Board of Commissioners of the Erie County Water Authority to discuss their proposal.

SUBCONTRACTING

There is no subcontracting permitted under this RFP.

DEFINITION OF AGREEMENT

The Erie County Water Authority may, at its option, notify a respondent in writing that its response-proposal has been accepted and such acceptance shall constitute the making of a formal agreement for the services identified in the accepted response-proposal. Alternatively, the Authority may require the execution of a written agreement for services, and no respondent shall acquire any legal or equitable rights or privileges until the Erie County Water Authority has delivered either a formal resolution of the Board of Commissioners or a fully executed written agreement to the respondent. The firm selected will be required to submit Certificates of Insurance, (see the attached pages), prior to the execution of any agreement with the Authority.

CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR

The Authority will assign the administration of any contract that results from this process to the Secretary to the Authority who will oversee the contract awarded to the successful respondent. In addition, the successful respondent will be expected to name a counterpart. The respondent's designee will be responsible for providing services and information to effectuate the implementation of the goods and services and provide support services on an ongoing basis for the term of the contract. If the respondent's primary designee is not available for any reason, an alternative designee will be made available to assist the Authority.

COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

The successful respondent shall give all notices and obtain all the licenses, permits, approvals, etc., required to perform its duties and provide the professional services expected by the Authority. The successful respondent will keep the Authority informed of any changes in legislation, regulations, court decisions, etc., which may impact the Authority with respect to the services provided.

GOVERNING LAW AND JURISDICTION

This RFP and any contract entered into between the respondent(s) and the Erie County Water Authority shall be governed by and in accordance with the laws of the State of New York. Notwithstanding any other provision in this RFP or contract between the Authority and the successful respondent, any matter which is not disposed of by agreement of the parties shall be governed, interpreted and decided by a court of competent jurisdiction of the State of New York.

CONFIDENTIALITY AND SECURITY

This RFP document, or any portion thereof, may not be used for any purpose other than the submission of proposals.

GENERAL

Subsequent to the submission of proposals, interviews and negotiations may be conducted with respondents selected by the Authority, but there shall be no obligation on the part of the Authority to receive further information from any respondent or conduct interviews with all respondents.

Respondents shall identify and present to the Authority any conflicts of interest, or appearances of conflicts of interest, issues, concerns, etc. Failure to do so could be deemed sufficient reason for the Authority to terminate its relations with the respondent or firm at any time.

FIRM PRICING

Prices quoted in the proposals shall be firm for a period of at least ninety (90) days after the submission deadline.

CURRENCY

Prices are to be in U.S. dollars.

RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

I have carefully examined the Request for Proposals (RFP) and any other documents accompanying or made a part of this Request for Proposals for (RFP) Government Relations and Lobbying Services.

I hereby propose to furnish the service(s) and/or product(s), etc. specified in my response to the Request for Proposals for the Erie County Water Authority (Authority) – Request for Proposals (RFP) Government Relations and Lobbying Services at the prices or rates quoted in my proposal. I agree that my proposal will remain firm for a period of up to ninety (90) days after date Offer submits its proposal, in order to allow the Authority adequate time to evaluate all proposals it receives.

I agree to abide by all conditions of the Request for Proposals issued by the Authority.

I certify that all information contained in this response to the Request for Proposals is truthful to the best of my knowledge and belief. I further certify that I am authorized to submit this response to the Request for Proposals on behalf of the agent/broker and/or insurer(s) as its act and deed and that the same is ready, willing and able to perform if awarded the contract.

I further certify, under oath, that this proposal is made without prior understanding, agreement, connection, discussion, or collusion with any other person, firm or corporation submitting a proposal for the same service(s), product(s), coverage(s), etc. unless a joint proposal is disclosed by the respondents and the joint proposers act as a syndicate, and the individual parties in the joint proposal, as well as the syndicate, abide by all the terms and conditions set forth in this RFP; and, that the undersigned executed this Respondent's Certification with full knowledge and understanding of the matters therein contained and was duly authorized to do so.

NAME OF BUSINESS:

BY:

SIGNATURE:

NAME & TITLE, TYPED OR PRINTED:

MAILING ADDRESS:

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE:

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

**BACKGROUND
FORMS A, B and C**

Pursuant to New York State Finance Law §§139-j and 139-k, this solicitation for a Request for Proposals (RFP) Government Relations and Lobbying Services includes and imposes certain restrictions on communications between a Governmental Entity and an Offerer/bidder during the procurement process. An Offerer/bidder is restricted from making contacts from the earliest notice of intent to solicit offers through final award and approval of the Procurement Contract by the Governmental Entity. The designated contact is identified on the cover page of this solicitation. Governmental Entity employees are also required to obtain certain information when contacted during the restricted period and make a determination of the responsibility of the Offerer/bidder pursuant to these two statutes. Certain findings of non-responsibility can result in rejection for contract award and in the event of two findings within a 4 year period; the Offerer/bidder is debarred from obtaining governmental Procurement Contracts. Further information about these requirements can be found in §§ 139-j and 139-k of the New York State Finance Law and the Erie County Water Authority's Procurement Disclosure Policy.

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FORM A

Offerer’s Affirmation of Understanding of and Agreement pursuant to State Finance Law §139-j (3) and §139-j (6) (b)

Instructions:

A Governmental Entity must obtain the required affirmation of understanding and agreement to comply with procedures on procurement lobbying restrictions regarding permissible Contacts in the restricted period for a procurement contract in accordance with State Finance Law §§139-j and 139-k. It is required that this affirmation be obtained as early as possible in the procurement process, but no later than the date the Offerer submits its proposal.

Offerer affirms that it understands and agrees to comply with the procedures of the Government Entity relative to permissible Contacts as required by State Finance Law §139-j (3) and §139-j (6) (b).

By: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Contractor Name: _____

Contractor Address: _____

FORM B

**Offerer’s Certification of Compliance
with State Finance Law §139-k(5)**

Instructions:

A Governmental Entity must obtain the required certification that the information is complete, true and accurate regarding any prior findings of non-responsibility, such as non-responsibility pursuant to State Finance Law §139-j. The Offerer must agree to the certification and provide it to the procuring Governmental Entity. It is required that the certification be obtained as early as possible in the process, but no later than the date of Offerer submits its proposal.

Offerer Certification:

I certify that all information provided to the Governmental Entity with respect to State Finance Law §139-k is complete, true and accurate.

By: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Contractor Name: _____

Contractor Address: _____

**Offerer Disclosure of Prior
Non-Responsibility Determinations**

Background:

New York State Finance Law §139-k(2) obligates a Governmental Entity to obtain specific information regarding prior non-responsibility determinations with respect to State Finance Law §139-j. In accordance with State Finance Law §139-k, an Offerer must be asked to disclose whether there has been a finding of non-responsibility made within the previous four (4) years by any Governmental Entity due to: (a) a violation of State Finance Law §139-j or (b) the intentional provision of false or incomplete information to a Governmental Entity. The terms “Offerer” and “Governmental Entity” are defined in State Finance Law § 139-k(1). State Finance Law §139-j sets forth detailed requirements about the restrictions on Contacts during the procurement process. A violation of State Finance Law §139-j includes, but is not limited to, an impermissible Contact during the restricted period (for example, contacting a person or entity other than the designated contact person, when such Contact does not fall within one of the exemptions).

As part of its responsibility determination, State Finance Law §139-k(3) mandates consideration of whether an Offerer fails to timely disclose accurate or complete information regarding the above non-responsibility determination. In accordance with law, no Procurement Contract shall be awarded to any Offerer that fails to timely disclose accurate or complete information under this section, unless a finding is made that the award of the Procurement Contract to the Offerer is necessary to protect public property or public health safety, and that the Offerer is the only source capable of supplying the required Article of Procurement within the necessary timeframe. See State Finance Law §§139-j (10)(b) and 139-k(3).

Instructions:

A Governmental Entity must include a disclosure request regarding prior non-responsibility determinations in accordance with State Finance Law §139-k in its solicitation of proposals or bid documents or specifications or contract documents, as applicable, for procurement contracts. The attached form is to be completed and submitted by the individual or entity seeking to enter into a Procurement Contract. It shall be submitted to the Governmental Entity conducting the Governmental Procurement no later than the date the Offerer submits its proposal.

FORM C

Offerer Disclosure of Prior Non-Responsibility Determinations

Name of Individual or Entity Seeking to Enter into the Procurement Contract:

Address: _____

Name and Title of Person Submitting this Form: _____

Contract Procurement Number: _____

Date: _____

1. Has any Governmental Entity made a finding of non-responsibility regarding the individual or entity seeking to enter into the Procurement Contract in the previous four years? (Please circle):

No Yes

If yes, please answer the next questions:

2. Was the basis for the finding of non-responsibility due to a violation of State Finance Law §139-j (Please circle):

No Yes

3. Was the basis for the finding of non-responsibility due to the intentional provision of false or incomplete information to a Governmental Entity? (Please circle):

No Yes

4. If you answered yes to any of the above questions, please provide details regarding the finding of non-responsibility below.

Governmental Entity: _____

Date of Finding of Non-responsibility: _____

Basis of Finding of Non-Responsibility: _____

(Add additional pages as necessary)

Contract Termination Provision

A Contract Termination Provision will be included in each Procurement Contract governed by State Finance Law §139-k. New York State Finance Law §139-k(5) provides that every procurement contract award subject to the provisions of State Finance Law §§139-k and 139-j shall contain a provision authorizing the Governmental Entity to terminate the contract in the event that the certification is found to be intentionally false or intentionally incomplete. This statutory contract language authorizes, but does not mandate, termination. “Governmental Entity” and “procurement contract” are defined in State Finance Law §139-k(1).

This required clause will be included in a covered procurement contract.

A sample of the Termination Provision is included below. If a contract is terminated in accordance with State Finance Law §139-k(5), the Governmental Entity is required to include a statement in the procurement record describing the basis for any action taken under the termination provision.

Sample Contract Termination Provision

The Governmental Entity reserves the right to terminate this contract in the event it is found that the certification filed by the Offerer in accordance with New York State Finance Law §139-k was intentionally false or intentionally incomplete. Upon such finding, the Governmental Entity may exercise its termination right by providing written notification to the Offerer in accordance with the written notification terms of this contract.

Erie County Water Authority Insurance Requirements for Professional Services

Project Number: 201800178

Description: Lobbying services at the local, state, and/or federal level.

The following minimum insurance requirements shall apply to professional service providers under agreement with the Erie County Water Authority (ECWA). The professional service provider carries relevant insurance for the services covered. If at anytime, in the opinion of ECWA, there is an unusual or exceptional risk, ECWA may establish additional insurance requirements for the duration of the agreement. All insurance required herein shall be obtained at the sole cost and expense of the professional service provider, including deductibles and self-insured retentions. These requirements include but are not limited to the minimum insurance requirements.

An X indicates insurance coverage is required.

X **Commercial General Liability Insurance:** (including, but not limited to, Bodily (Personal) Injury, Premises Operations, Property Damage Liability (broad form), Contractual Liability, Advertising Injury, Independent Contractors, Product Liability, Completed Operations Liability and Explosion, Collapse and Underground Coverage) – in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 combined single limit and \$2,000,000 in the aggregate:

- X Per Policy
- ___ Per Project or Job
- ___ Per Location

There should be no exclusions for any claims filed, actual or alleged, for violation of any applicable statute including, but not limited to, the New York State or federal labor laws, ordinances, administrative orders, executive orders, rules, regulations, or decrees of any court of competent jurisdiction.

X **Commercial Business Automobile Insurance** in an amount of not less than \$1,000,000 each accident and shall cover liability arising out of any automobile owned, leased, hired, borrowed and non-owned automobiles. Additionally, if vehicles are used for transporting hazardous materials, the contractor shall obtain and maintain the “broadened” coverage (endorsement CA 99 48 10 01 or CA 99 48 12 93), as well as proof of MCS 90 04 00.

Excess Umbrella Liability Insurance:

\$1,000,000 in the aggregate

\$2,000,000 in the aggregate

\$3,000,000 in the aggregate

\$4,000,000 in the aggregate

\$5,000,000 in the aggregate

Per Policy

Per Project or Job

Per Location

Professional Liability Insurance: Per each occurrence and in the aggregate. Continuous coverage shall be maintained, or on an extended discovery period (“tail coverage”), for a period of not less than two years from the time the agreement has been completed in an amount of not less than:

\$1,000,000 in the aggregate

\$2,000,000 in the aggregate

\$3,000,000 in the aggregate

\$4,000,000 in the aggregate

\$5,000,000 in the aggregate

Per Policy

Per Project or Job

Per Location

X Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability and New York State Disability Benefits Insurances, as required by New York State statute.

Certificates of Insurance and renewals, on forms approved by the New York State Department of Insurance, must be submitted to ECWA prior to the award of contract. Each insurance carrier issuing a Certificate of Insurance shall be rated by A. M. Best no lower than "A-" with a Financial Strength Code (FSC) of at least VII. The professional service provider shall name ECWA, its officers, agents and employees as additional insured on a Primary and Non-Contributory Basis, including a Waiver of Subrogation endorsement (form CG 20 26 11 85 or equivalent), on all applicable liability policies. Any liability coverage on a "claims made" basis should be designated as such on the Certificate of Insurance.

To avoid confusion with similar insurance company names and to properly identify the insurance company, please make sure that the insurer's National Association of Insurance Commissioners (N.A.I.C.) identifying number or A. M. Best identifying number appears on the Certificate of Insurance.

Acceptance of a Certificate of Insurance and/or approval by ECWA shall not be construed to relieve the professional service provider of any obligations, responsibilities or liabilities.

Certificates of Insurance should be e-mailed to AALESSI@ECWA.ORG or mailed to Mr. Anthony Alessi, ECWA Claims Representative/Risk Manager, Erie County Water Authority, 295 Main Street – Room 350, Buffalo, New York 14203-2494, or If you have any questions you can contact Mr. Alessi by e-mail or phone (716) 849-8477.

Please refer to the bid and the contract document(s) for additional information regarding insurance requirements.



CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

IMPORTANT: If the certificate holder is an ADDITIONAL INSURED, the policy(ies) must be endorsed. If SUBROGATION IS WAIVED, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).

PRODUCER ▶	CONTACT NAME: ▶	PHONE (A/C, No, Ext):	FAX (A/C, No):
	E-MAIL ADDRESS:	PRODUCER CUSTOMER ID #:	
INSURED ▶	INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE		NAIC #
	INSURER A:		
	INSURER B:		
	INSURER C:		
	INSURER D:		
	INSURER E:		

COVERAGES **CERTIFICATE NUMBER:** **REVISION NUMBER:**

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.

INSR LTR	TYPE OF INSURANCE	ADDL INSR	SUBR WVD	POLICY NUMBER	POLICY EFF (MM/DD/YYYY)	POLICY EXP (MM/DD/YYYY)	LIMITS
	GENERAL LIABILITY						EACH OCCURRENCE \$ 1,000,000
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY						DAMAGE TO RENTED PREMISES (Ea occurrence) \$ 100,000
	<input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS-MADE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUR						MED EXP (Any one person) \$ 5,000
			X	X			PERSONAL & ADV INJURY \$ 1,000,000
	GEN'L AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER:						GENERAL AGGREGATE \$ 2,000,000
	<input type="checkbox"/> POLICY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PROJECT <input type="checkbox"/> LOC						PRODUCTS - COMP/OP AGG \$ 2,000,000
	AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY						COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (Ea accident) \$ 1,000,000
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ANY AUTO						BODILY INJURY (Per person) \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> ALL OWNED AUTOS		X	X			BODILY INJURY (Per accident) \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> SCHEDULED AUTOS						PROPERTY DAMAGE (Per accident) \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> HIRED AUTOS						\$
	<input type="checkbox"/> NON-OWNED AUTOS						\$
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UMBRELLA LIAB						EACH OCCURRENCE \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> EXCESS LIAB						AGGREGATE \$
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DEDUCTIBLE RETENTION \$ 10,000						\$
			X	X			Per Specific Agreement
	WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY						WC STATUTORY LIMITS
	ANY PROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEMBER EXCLUDED? (Mandatory in NY)						OTHER
	If yes, describe under DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS below						E.L. EACH ACCIDENT \$
	Professional Liability						E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE \$
	Claims Made: Retroactive Date:						E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT \$
	Occurrence:						Each Claim:
							Aggregate:

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (Attach ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, if more space is required)

Additional Insured on a Primary and non-contributory basis (General and Auto Liability): Erie County Water Authority
 Additional Insured form CG 20 26 or equivalent.

CERTIFICATE HOLDER Erie County Water Authority 295 Main St, Suite 350 Buffalo, NY 14203 Attn: Anthony Alessi	CANCELLATION SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS.
	AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

Understanding New York Workers Compensation Board Workers Compensation and N.Y.S Disability Benefits Liability

This is a brief description for governmental organizations to validate vendor workers compensation and NYS Disability Benefits coverage. These requirements should be used when applying for permits, licenses or secure contracts. Copies should be obtained not only at the initial issuance but at renewal as well. A full instruction manual can be obtained from the [Workers Comp Board](#).

The forms discussed are:

- 1) Form CE-200- [Affidavit of Exemption](#) (obtain at: www.wcb.state.ny.us/content/ebiz/wc_db_exemptions/requestExemptionOverview.jsp)
 - Acceptable proof that the business listed is exempt from providing workers' compensation and/or disability insurance coverage.

2) Workers Compensation

- Form C-105.2: Certificate of Workers Compensation (WC) (Obtain from your insurance agent)
 - All private NYS licensed workers' compensation carriers are required to issue the C-105.2.
- Form SI- 12: Certificate of WC when self-insured. (Obtain from workers compensation board)
 - Only the Self-Insurance Office of the Workers' Compensation Board issues the SI-12. The Self-Insurance Office can be contacted at **518-402-0247**. **Only one legal name and Federal Employer Identification Number can be listed on each Form SI-12. (Multiple legal entities must not be listed.)**
- Form GSI- 105.2: Certificate of WC when participating in a group self-insured program.
 - The self-insurance administrator of the group completes the form.
- Form U-26.3: Certificate of WC
 - Acceptable proof that the business has workers' compensation coverage through the New York State Insurance Fund. Only available through (NYSIF).

3) New York State Disability Benefits Law (DBL)

- Form DB-120.1: [Certificate of DBL Insurance](#) (obtain from workers compensation board)
 - The DB-120.1 must be completed by either the NYS statutory disability benefits insurance carrier, or a licensed NYS insurance agent of that carrier. The form can be obtained by contacting the [Bureau of Compliance](#). (certificates@wcb.state.ny.us)
- Form DB-155: [Certificate of DBL Self-Insurance](#)
 - The Self-Insurance Office of the Workers' Compensation Board issues the DB-155. The Board's secretary will approve the DB-155. The Self-Insurance Office can be contacted at **518-402-0247**.

4) Exemption 1, 2, 3, or 4 Family, Owner Occupied residence (<http://www.wcb.state.ny.us/content/main/forms/bp-1.pdf>)

NOTE: ACORD Certificates of Insurance are not acceptable proof. Must use one of the forms noted above:



**Certificate of Attestation of Exemption
From New York State Workers' Compensation
and/or Disability Benefits Insurance Coverage**

This form cannot be used to waive the workers' compensation rights or obligations of any party.

The applicant may use this Certificate of Attestation of Exemption **ONLY** to show a government entity that New York State specific workers' compensation and/or disability benefits insurance is not required. The applicant may **NOT** use this form to show another business or that business's insurance carrier that such insurance is not required.

Please provide this form to the government entity from which you are requesting a permit, license or contract. This Certificate will not be accepted by government officials one year after the date printed on the form.

<p align="center">In the Application of (Legal Entity Name and Address):</p> <p>JOHN SMITH 123 MAIN STREET ALBANY, NY 12207 111-111-1111 Federal ID Number: XXXXX6789</p>	<p align="center">Business Applying For: BUILDING PERMIT</p> <p align="center">From: CITY OF ALBANY, DEPT OF BUILDING AND CODES</p> <p>The location of where work will be performed is 123 ACME AVENUE, ALBANY, NY 12203. Estimated dates necessary to complete work associated with the building permit are from October 14, 2008 to March 31, 2009. The estimated dollar amount of project is \$25,001 - \$50,000</p>
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Workers' Compensation Exemption Statement:
The above named business is certifying that it is **NOT REQUIRED TO OBTAIN NEW YORK STATE SPECIFIC WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE COVERAGE** for the following reason:
The business is owned by one individual and is not a corporation. Other than the owner, there are no employees, day labor, leased employees, borrowed employees, part-time employees, unpaid volunteers (including family members) or subcontractors.

Disability Benefits Exemption Statement:
The above named business is certifying that it is **NOT REQUIRED TO OBTAIN NEW YORK STATE STATUTORY DISABILITY BENEFITS INSURANCE COVERAGE** for the following reason:
The business is owned by one individual or is a partnership (LLC, LLP, PLLP or a RLLP) under the laws of New York State and is not a corporation; or is a one or two person owned corporation, with those individuals owning all of the stock and holding all offices of the corporation (in a two person owned corporation, each individual must be an officer and own at least one share of stock) or is a business with no NYS location. In addition, the business does not require disability benefits coverage at this time since it has not employed one or more individuals on at least 30 days in any calendar year in New York State. (Independent contractors are not considered to be employees under the Disability Benefits Law.)

I, JOHN SMITH, am the Sole Proprietor with the above-named legal entity. I affirm that due to my position with the above-named business I have the knowledge, information and authority to make this Certificate of Attestation of Exemption. I hereby affirm that the statements made herein are true, that I have not made any materially false statements and I make this Certificate of Attestation of Exemption under the penalties of perjury. I further affirm that I understand that any false statement, representation or concealment will subject me to felony criminal prosecution, including jail and civil liability in accordance with the Workers' Compensation Law and all other New York State laws. By submitting this Certificate of Attestation of Exemption to the government entity listed above I also hereby affirm that if circumstances change so that workers' compensation insurance and/or disability benefits coverage is required, the above-named legal entity will immediately acquire appropriate New York State specific workers' compensation insurance and/or disability benefits coverage and also immediately furnish proof of that coverage on forms approved by the Chair of the Workers' Compensation Board to the government entity listed above.

SIGN HERE	Signature:	Date:
<p>Exemption Certificate Number 2008-00197</p>		<p>Received October 2, 2008 NYS Workers' Compensation Board</p>

CE-200 (Draft 06/02/08)

STATE OF NEW YORK
WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD

CERTIFICATE OF NYS WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE COVERAGE

<p>1a. Legal Name & Address of Insured (Use street address only)</p> <p><i>Work Location of Insured (Only required if coverage is specifically limited to certain locations in New York State, i.e., a Wrap-Up Policy)</i></p>	<p>1b. Business Telephone Number of Insured</p> <p>1c. NYS Unemployment Insurance Employer Registration Number of Insured</p> <p>1d. Federal Employer Identification Number of Insured or Social Security Number</p>
<p>2. Name and Address of the Entity Requesting Proof of Coverage (Entity Being Listed as the Certificate Holder)</p> 	<p>3a. Name of Insurance Carrier</p> <p>3b. Policy Number of entity listed in box "1a"</p> <p>3c. Policy effective period _____ to _____</p> <p>3d. The Proprietor, Partners or Executive Officers are included. (Only check box if all partners/officers included) all excluded or certain partners/officers excluded.</p>

This certifies that the insurance carrier indicated above in box "3" insures the business referenced above in box "1a" for workers' compensation under the New York State Workers' Compensation Law. **(To use this form, New York (NY) must be listed under Item 3A on the INFORMATION PAGE of the workers' compensation insurance policy).** The Insurance Carrier or its licensed agent will send this Certificate of Insurance to the entity listed above as the certificate holder in box "2".

The Insurance Carrier will also notify the above certificate holder within 10 days IF a policy is canceled due to nonpayment of premiums or within 30 days IF there are reasons other than nonpayment of premiums that cancel the policy or eliminate the insured from the coverage indicated on this Certificate. (These notices may be sent by regular mail.) Otherwise, this Certificate is valid for one year after this form is approved by the insurance carrier or its licensed agent, or until the policy expiration date listed in box "3c", whichever is earlier.

Please Note: Upon the cancellation of the workers' compensation policy indicated on this form, if the business continues to be named on a permit, license or contract issued by a certificate holder, the business must provide that certificate holder with a new Certificate of Workers' Compensation Coverage or other authorized proof that the business is complying with the mandatory coverage requirements of the New York State Workers' Compensation Law.

Under penalty of perjury, I certify that I am an authorized representative or licensed agent of the insurance carrier referenced above and that the named insured has the coverage as depicted on this form.

Approved by: _____
(Print name of authorized representative or licensed agent of insurance carrier)

Approved by: _____
(Signature) (Date)

Title: _____

Telephone Number of authorized representative or licensed agent of insurance carrier: _____

Please Note: Only insurance carriers and their licensed agents are authorized to issue Form C-105.2. Insurance brokers are NOT authorized to issue it.

Workers' Compensation Law

Section 57. Restriction on issue of permits and the entering into contracts unless compensation is secured.

1. The head of a state or municipal department, board, commission or office authorized or required by law to issue any permit for or in connection with any work involving the employment of employees in a hazardous employment defined by this chapter, and notwithstanding any general or special statute requiring or authorizing the issue of such permits, shall not issue such permit unless proof duly subscribed by an insurance carrier is produced in a form satisfactory to the chair, that compensation for all employees has been secured as provided by this chapter. Nothing herein, however, shall be construed as creating any liability on the part of such state or municipal department, board, commission or office to pay any compensation to any such employee if so employed.

2. The head of a state or municipal department, board, commission or office authorized or required by law to enter into any contract for or in connection with any work involving the employment of employees in a hazardous employment defined by this chapter, notwithstanding any general or special statute requiring or authorizing any such contract, shall not enter into any such contract unless proof duly subscribed by an insurance carrier is produced in a form satisfactory to the chair, that compensation for all employees has been secured as provided by this chapter.

SAMPLE

Prove It to Move It

Form SI-12



STATE OF NEW YORK
WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD
SELF-INSURANCE OFFICE
20 PARK STREET - ROOM 206
ALBANY, NY 12207



(518) 402-0247
FAX (518) 402-6199

COMPLIANCE WITH DISABILITY BENEFITS LAW
(Pursuant To Section 220, subd. 8 of the Disability Benefits Law)

EMPLOYER	FEDERAL EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER
	LOCATION OF OPERATION
ADDRESS (HOME OR MAIN OFFICE)	OPERATIONS TO BE REPORTED ON OR ABOUT:

There are on file with the Workers' Compensation Board, documents indicating that the above-named employer has complied with the Disability Benefits Law with respect to all of his or her employees in the following manner:

- By approved self-insurance pursuant to Section 211, subdivision 3 of the Disability Benefits Law.
- By a combination of approved self-insurance pursuant to Section 211, subdivision 3 of the Disability Benefits Law and insurance with authorized insurance carrier(s).

Date:

By: _____
Gina Wagoner
WC Examiner

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New York State Insurance Fund

Workers' Compensation & Disability Benefits Specialists Since 1914

199 CHURCH STREET, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10007-1100
Phone: (888) 997-3863

CERTIFICATE OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE

POLICYHOLDER		CERTIFICATE HOLDER	

POLICY NUMBER	CERTIFICATE NUMBER	PERIOD COVERED BY THIS CERTIFICATE 01/01/2009 TO 05/01/2010	DATE 1/8/2009
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THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE POLICYHOLDER NAMED ABOVE IS INSURED WITH THE NEW YORK STATE INSURANCE FUND UNDER POLICY NO. 2058 840-6 UNTIL 05/01/2010, COVERING THE ENTIRE OBLIGATION OF THIS POLICYHOLDER FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION UNDER THE NEW YORK WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW WITH RESPECT TO ALL OPERATIONS IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK, EXCEPT AS INDICATED BELOW.

IF SAID POLICY IS CANCELLED, OR CHANGED PRIOR TO 05/01/2010 IN SUCH MANNER AS TO AFFECT THIS CERTIFICATE, 10 DAYS WRITTEN NOTICE OF SUCH CANCELLATION WILL BE GIVEN TO THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER ABOVE. NOTICE BY REGULAR MAIL SO ADDRESSED SHALL BE SUFFICIENT COMPLIANCE WITH THIS PROVISION. THE NEW YORK STATE INSURANCE FUND DOES NOT ASSUME ANY LIABILITY IN THE EVENT OF FAILURE TO GIVE SUCH NOTICE.

THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT APPLY TO BUILDING DEMOLITION.

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS NOR INSURANCE COVERAGE UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICY.

NEW YORK STATE INSURANCE FUND

DIRECTOR, INSURANCE FUND UNDERWRITING
VALIDATION NUMBER: 107031806

This certificate can be validated on our web site at <https://www.nysif.com/cert/certval.asp> or by calling (888) 875-5790

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STATE OF NEW YORK
WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD
**CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION IN WORKERS' COMPENSATION
GROUP SELF-INSURANCE**

1a. Legal Name and Address of Business Participating in Group Self-Insurance (Use Street Address Only)	1d. Business Telephone Number of Business referenced in box "1a"
	1e. NYS Unemployment Insurance Employer Registration Number of Business referenced in box "1a"
1b. Effective Date of Membership in the Group	
1c. The Proprietor, Partners or Executive Officers are <input type="checkbox"/> included (Only check box if all partners/officers included) <input type="checkbox"/> all excluded or certain partners/officers excluded	1f. Federal Employer Identification Number of Business referenced in box "1a"
2. Name and Address of the Entity Requesting Proof of Coverage (Entity Being Listed as Certificate Holder)	3. Name and Address of Group Self-Insurer

This certifies that the business referenced above in box "1a" is complying with the mandatory coverage requirements of the New York State Workers' Compensation Law as a participating member of the Group Self-Insurer listed above in box "3" and participation in such group self-insurance is still in force. The Group Self-Insurer's Administrator will send this Certificate of Participation to the entity listed above as the certificate holder in box "2".

The Group Self-Insurer's Administrator will notify the above certificate holder within 10 days IF the membership of the participant listed in box "1a" is terminated. (These notices may be sent by regular mail.) Otherwise, this Certificate is valid for a maximum of one year from the date certified by the group self-insurer.

If this certificate is no longer valid according to the above guidelines and the business referenced in box "1a" continues to be named on a permit, license or contract issued by the certificate holder, the business must provide the certificate holder either with a new certificate or other authorized proof the business is complying with the mandatory coverage requirements of the New York State Workers' Compensation Law.

Under penalty of perjury, I certify that I am an authorized representative of the Group Self-Insurer referenced above and that the business referenced in box "1a" has the coverage as depicted on this form.

Certified by: _____
(Print name of authorized representative of the Group Self-Insurer)

Certified by: _____
(Signature) (Date)

Title: _____

Telephone Number: _____



Workers' Compensation Board

**CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE COVERAGE
DISABILITY AND PAID FAMILY LEAVE BENEFITS LAW**

PART 1. To be completed by Disability and Paid Family Leave Benefits Carrier or Licensed Insurance Agent of that Carrier

<p>1a. Legal Name & Address of Insured (use street address only)</p> <p><i>Work Location of Insured (Only required if coverage is specifically limited to certain locations in New York State, i.e., Wrap-Up Policy)</i></p>	<p>1b. Business Telephone Number of Insured</p> <p>1c. Federal Employer Identification Number of Insured or Social Security Number</p>
<p>2. Name and Address of Entity Requesting Proof of Coverage (Entity Being Listed as the Certificate Holder)</p>	<p>3a. Name of Insurance Carrier ShelterPoint Life Insurance Company</p> <p>3b. Policy Number of Entity Listed in Box "1a"</p> <p>3c. Policy effective period _____ to _____</p>
<p>4. Policy provides the following benefits:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A. Both disability and paid family leave benefits.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> B. Disability benefits only.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> C. Paid family leave benefits only.</p> <p>5. Policy covers:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A. All of the employer's employees eligible under the NYS Disability and Paid Family Leave Benefits Law.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> B. Only the following class or classes of employer's employees: _____</p>	
<p>Under penalty of perjury, I certify that I am an authorized representative or licensed agent of the insurance carrier referenced above and that the named insured has NYS Disability and/or Paid Family Leave Benefits insurance coverage as described above.</p> <p>Date Signed _____ By _____ <small>(Signature of insurance carrier's authorized representative or licensed insurance agent of that insurance carrier)</small></p> <p>Telephone Number _____ Name and Title _____</p> <p>IMPORTANT: If Boxes 4A and 5A are checked, and this form is signed by the insurance carrier's authorized representative or NYS Licensed Insurance Agent of that carrier, this certificate is COMPLETE. Mail it directly to the certificate holder.</p> <p>If Box 4B, 4C or 5B is checked, this certificate is NOT COMPLETE for purposes of Section 220, Subd. 8 of the NYS Disability and Paid Family Leave Benefits Law. It must be mailed for completion to the Workers' Compensation Board, Plans Acceptance Unit, PO Box 5200, Binghamton, NY 13902-5200.</p>	

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PART 2. To be completed by the NYS Workers' Compensation Board (Only if Box 4C or 5B of Part 1 has been checked)

**State of New York
Workers' Compensation Board**

According to information maintained by the NYS Workers' Compensation Board, the above-named employer has complied with the NYS Disability and Paid Family Leave Benefits Law with respect to all of his/her employees.

Date Signed _____ By _____
(Signature of Authorized NYS Workers' Compensation Board Employee)

Telephone Number _____ Name and Title _____

Please Note: Only insurance carriers licensed to write NYS disability and paid family leave benefits insurance policies and NYS licensed insurance agents of those insurance carriers are authorized to issue Form DB-120.1. Insurance brokers are NOT authorized to issue this form.

DB-120.1 (10-17)



Additional Instructions for Form DB-120.1

By signing this form, the insurance carrier identified in Box 3 on this form is certifying that it is insuring the business referenced in box "1a" for disability and/or paid family leave benefits under the New York State Disability and Paid Family Leave Benefits Law. The Insurance Carrier or its licensed agent will send this Certificate of Insurance to the entity listed as the certificate holder in Box 2.

The insurance carrier must notify the above certificate holder and the Workers' Compensation Board within 10 days IF a policy is cancelled due to nonpayment of premiums or within 30 days IF there are reasons other than nonpayment of premiums that cancel the policy or eliminate the insured from coverage indicated on this Certificate. (These notices may be sent by regular mail.) Otherwise, this Certificate is valid for one year after this form is approved by the insurance carrier or its licensed agent, or until the policy expiration date listed in Box 3c, whichever is earlier

This certificate is issued as a matter of information only and confers no rights upon the certificate holder. This certificate does not amend, extend or alter the coverage afforded by the policy listed, nor does it confer any rights or responsibilities beyond those contained in the referenced policy.

This certificate may be used as evidence of a Disability and/or Paid Family Leave Benefits contract of insurance only while the underlying policy is in effect.

Please Note: Upon the cancellation of the disability and/or paid family leave benefits policy indicated on this form, if the business continues to be named on a permit, license or contract issued by a certificate holder, the business must provide that certificate holder with a new Certificate of NYS Disability and/or Paid Family Leave Benefits Coverage or other authorized proof that the business is complying with the mandatory coverage requirements of the New York State Disability and Paid Family Leave Benefits Law.

DISABILITY AND PAID FAMILY LEAVE BENEFITS LAW

§220. Subd. 8

(a) The head of a state or municipal department, board, commission or office authorized or required by law to issue any permit for or in connection with any work involving the employment of employees in employment as defined in this article, and notwithstanding any general or special statute requiring or authorizing the issue of such permits, shall not issue such permit unless proof duly subscribed by an insurance carrier is produced in a form satisfactory to the chair, that the payment of disability benefits and after January first, two thousand and twenty-one, the payment of family leave benefits for all employees has been secured as provided by this article. Nothing herein, however, shall be construed as creating any liability on the part of such state or municipal department, board, commission or office to pay any disability benefits to any such employee if so employed.

(b) The head of a state or municipal department, board, commission or office authorized or required by law to enter into any contract for or in connection with any work involving the employment of employees in employment as defined in this article and notwithstanding any general or special statute requiring or authorizing any such contract, shall not enter into any such contract unless proof duly subscribed by an insurance carrier is produced in a form satisfactory to the chair, that the payment of disability benefits and after January first, two thousand eighteen, the payment of family leave benefits for all employees has been secured as provided by this article.

FORM DB-155



STATE OF NEW YORK
WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD
SELF-INSURANCE OFFICE
20 PARK STREET - ROOM 206
ALBANY, NY 12207



(518) 402-0247
FAX (518) 402-6199

COMPLIANCE WITH DISABILITY BENEFITS LAW
(Pursuant To Section 220, subd. 8 of the Disability Benefits Law)

EMPLOYER	FEDERAL EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER
	LOCATION OF OPERATION
ADDRESS (HOME OR MAIN OFFICE)	OPERATIONS TO BE REVIEWED OR ABOUT:

There are on file with the Workers' Compensation Board, documents indicating that the above-named employer has complied with the Disability Benefits Law with respect to all of his or her employees in the following manner:

- By approved self-insurance pursuant to Section 211, subdivision 3 of the Disability Benefits Law.
- By a combination of approved self-insurance pursuant to Section 211, subdivision 3 of the Disability Benefits Law and insurance with authorized insurance carrier(s).

Date:

By: _____
Gina Wagoner
WC Examiner

DB-155 (3/04)

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Affidavit of Exemption to Show Specific Proof of Workers' Compensation Insurance Coverage for a 1, 2, 3 or 4 Family, Owner-occupied Residence

This form cannot be used to waive the workers' compensation rights or obligations of any party.

Under penalty of perjury, I certify that I am the owner of the 1, 2, 3 or 4 family, **owner-occupied** residence (including condominiums) listed on the building permit that I am applying for, and I am not required to show specific proof of workers' compensation insurance coverage for such residence because (please check the appropriate box):

- I am performing all the work for which the building permit was issued.
- I am not hiring, paying or compensating in any way, the individual(s) that is(are) performing all the work for which the building permit was issued or helping me perform such work.
- I have a homeowners insurance policy that is currently in effect and covers the property listed on the attached building permit AND am hiring or paying individuals a total of less than 40 hours per week (aggregate hours for all paid individuals on the jobsite) for which the building permit was issued.

I also agree to either:

- ◆ acquire appropriate workers' compensation coverage and provide appropriate proof of that coverage on forms approved by the Chair of the NYS Workers' Compensation Board to the government entity issuing the building permit if I need to hire or pay individuals a total of 40 hours or more per week (aggregate hours for all paid individuals on the jobsite) for work indicated on the building permit, or if appropriate, file a CE-200 exemption form; OR
- ◆ have the general contractor, performing the work on the 1, 2, 3 or 4 family, **owner-occupied** residence (including condominiums) listed on the building permit that I am applying for, provide appropriate proof of workers' compensation coverage or proof of exemption from that coverage on forms approved by the Chair of the NYS Workers' Compensation Board to the government entity issuing the building permit if the project takes a total of 40 hours or more per week (aggregate hours for all paid individuals on the jobsite) for work indicated on the building permit.

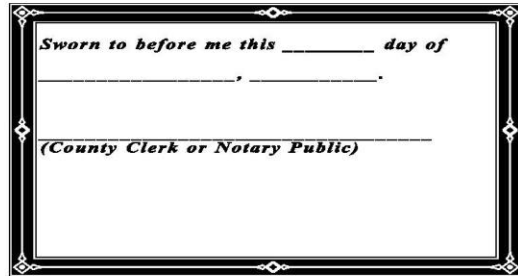
(Signature of Homeowner)

(Date Signed)

(Homeowner's Name Printed)

Home Telephone Number _____

Property Address that requires the building permit:



Once notarized, this BP-1 form serves as an exemption for both workers' compensation and disability benefits insurance coverage.

**LAWS OF NEW YORK, 1998
CHAPTER 439**

The **general municipal law is amended by adding a new section 125** to read as follows:

125. ISSUANCE OF BUILDING PERMITS. NO CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE SHALL ISSUE A BUILDING PERMIT WITHOUT OBTAINING FROM THE PERMIT APPLICANT EITHER:

1. PROOF DULY SUBSCRIBED THAT WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE AND DISABILITY BENEFITS COVERAGE ISSUED BY AN INSURANCE CARRIER IN A FORM SATISFACTORY TO THE CHAIR OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD AS PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION FIFTY-SEVEN OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW IS EFFECTIVE; OR

2. AN AFFIDAVIT THAT SUCH PERMIT APPLICANT HAS NOT ENGAGED AN EMPLOYER OR ANY EMPLOYEES AS THOSE TERMS ARE DEFINED IN SECTION TWO OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW TO PERFORM WORK RELATING TO SUCH BUILDING PERMIT.

Implementing Section 125 of the General Municipal Law

1. General Contractors -- Business Owners and Certain Homeowners

For **businesses and certain homeowners listed as the general contractors on building permits**, proof that they are in compliance with Section 57 of the Workers' Compensation Law (WCL) is **ONE** of the following forms that indicate that they are:

- ◆ insured (C-105.2 or U-26.3),
- ◆ self-insured (SI-12), or
- ◆ are exempt (CE-200),

under the mandatory coverage provisions of the WCL. Any residence that is not a **1, 2, 3 or 4 Family, Owner-occupied Residence** is considered a business (income or potential income property) and must prove compliance by filing one of the above forms.

2. Owner-occupied Residences

For homeowners of a **1, 2, 3 or 4 Family, Owner-occupied Residence**, proof of their exemption from the mandatory coverage provisions of the Workers' Compensation Law when applying for a building permit is to file form BP-1.

- ◆ Form BP-1 shall be filed if the homeowner of a **1, 2, 3 or 4 Family, Owner-occupied Residence** is listed as the general contractor on the building permit, and the homeowner:
 - ◇ is performing all the work for which the building permit was issued him/herself,
 - ◇ is not hiring, paying or compensating in any way, the individual(s) that is(are) performing all the work for which the building permit was issued or helping the homeowner perform such work, or
 - ◇ has a homeowner's insurance policy that is currently in effect and covers the property for which the building permit was issued AND the homeowner is hiring or paying individuals a total of less than 40 hours per week (aggregate hours for all paid individuals on the jobsite) for the work for which the building permit was issued.
- ◆ If the homeowner of a **1, 2, 3 or 4 Family, Owner-occupied Residence** is hiring or paying individuals a total of **40 hours or MORE** in any week (aggregate hours for all paid individuals on the jobsite) for the work for which the building permit was issued, then the homeowner may not file the "Affidavit of Exemption" form, BP-1(11/04), but shall either:
 - ◇ acquire appropriate workers' compensation coverage and provide appropriate proof of that coverage on forms approved by the Chair of the NYS Workers' Compensation Board to the government entity issuing the building permit (the C-105.2 or U-26.3 form), OR
 - ◇ have the general contractor, (performing the work on the 1, 2, 3 or 4 family, **owner-occupied** residence (including condominiums) listed on the building permit) provide appropriate proof of workers' compensation coverage, or proof of exemption from that coverage on forms approved by the Chair of the NYS Workers' Compensation Board to the government entity issuing the building permit.

STATE OF NEW YORK
WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD

NOTICE OF COMPLIANCE
DISABILITY BENEFITS LAW
TO EMPLOYEES

- If you are unable to work because of an illness or injury not work-related, you may be entitled to receive weekly benefits from your employer, or his or her insurance company, or from the Special Fund for Disability Benefits.
- To claim benefits you must file a claim form, within 30 days from the first date of your disability, but in no event more than 26 weeks from such date.
- Use one of the following claim forms:
-If, when your disability begins you are employed or are unemployed for four weeks or less, use WHITE claim form (Form DB-450), which you may obtain from your employer, his or her insurance carrier, your health provider or any office of the Workers' Compensation Board, and send it to your employer or the insurance carrier named below.
-If, when your disability begins, you have been unemployed more than four weeks, use the GREEN claim form (Form DB-300), which you may obtain from any Unemployment Insurance Office, your health provider, or any office of the Workers' Compensation Board. Send completed claim form to the Workers' Compensation Board, Disability Benefits Bureau Albany, New York 12241.
IMPORTANT Before filing your claim, your health provider must complete the "Health Care Provider's Statement" on the claim form, showing your period of disability.
- You are entitled to be treated by any physician, chiropractor, dentist, nurse-midwife, podiatrist or psychologist of your choice. However, unlike workers' compensation, your medical bills will not be paid unless your employer and/or union provide for the payment of such bills under a Disability Benefits Plan or Agreement.
- If you are ill or injured during the time you are receiving Unemployment Insurance Benefits, file a claim for Disability Benefits as soon as you sustain the injury or illness, by following the instructions outlined above.
- If you are out of work in excess of seven days, your employer is required to send you a Disability Benefits Statement of Rights (Form DB-271).
- Other information about Disability Benefits may be obtained by writing or calling the nearest Workers' Compensation Board Office.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD OFFICES

Albany, 12241 -100 Broadway-Menands- (518) 474-6681
 Binghamton, 13901 - State Office Bldg -44 Hawley St. - (607) 721-8333
 Buffalo, 14203-State Office Bldg -125 Main St - (716) 847-3171
 Hempstead, 11550 -175 Fulton Avenue - (516) 560-7445
 Rochester, 14614 - 130 Main Street West - (716) 242-8800
 Syracuse, 13202 - State Office Bldg -333 E Washington St. - (315) 428-4465

The undersigned employer is in compliance with the provisions of the Disability Benefits Law (El patrón abajo firmante esta en conformidad con las disposiciones de la ley de Beneficios por Incapacidad).
 Disability Benefits, when due, will be paid by (Los Beneficios por Incapacidad, cuando debidos, serán pagados por):

SAMPLE

Effective: From (_____) To UNTIL CANCELLED
 (En Vigor Desde) (HASTA)

Policy No _____
 (Poliza No.)

THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD EMPLOYS AND SERVES
 PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION.
 LA JUNTA DE COMPENSACIÓN OBRERA EMPLEA Y SIRVE
 A PERSONAS INCAPACITADAS SIN DISCRIMINAR.

DB-120 (2-97) Prescribed by Chair
 Workers' Compensation Board
 State of New York

ESTADO DE NUEVA YORK
JUNTA DE COMPENSACIÓN OBRERA

AVISO DE CUMPLIMIENTO
LEY DE BENEFICIOS POR INCAPACIDAD
A LOS EMPLEADOS

- Si usted no puede trabajar debido a enfermedad o lesión no relacionada con el trabajo, podría tener derecho a recibir, beneficios semanales de su patrón o de la compañía de seguros de él/ella o del Fondo Especial para Beneficios por Incapacidad.
- Para reclamar beneficios usted debe Presentar una forma de reclamación, dentro de 30 días a Partir de la Primera fecha de su incapacidad, pero en ningún caso más de 26 semanas de dicha fecha.
- Use una de las siguientes formas de reclamación:
-Si, cuando comience su incapacidad usted está empleado o ha estado desempleado por cuatro semanas o menos, use la forma de reclamación BLANCA (form DB-450), la cual puede obtener de su patrón o de la compañía de seguros de él/ella, o de su proveedor de cuidados de salud, o bien de cualquier oficina de la Junta de Compensación Obrera, y envíela a su patrón o a la compañía de seguros nombrada abajo.
-Si, cuando comience su incapacidad, usted ha estado desempleado más de cuatro semanas, use la forma de reclamación VERDE (form DB-300), la cual puede obtener en cualquier Oficina de Seguro de Desempleo, de su proveedor de salud, o bien de cualquier oficina de la Junta de Compensación Obrera Enviando la forma de reclamación, debidamente terminada, a Workers' Compensation Board, Disability Benefits Bureau, Albany, New York 12241.
IMPORTANTE Antes de presentar usted su reclamación, es necesario que su proveedor de salud complete la declaración del médico ("Health Care Provider's Statement") en la forma de reclamación, indicando el período de su incapacidad.
- Usted tiene derecho a ser tratado por cualquier medico, quiropráctico, dentista, enfermera-partera, podiatra o psicologo que usted elija. Pero, con arreglo a la compensación obrera, sus cuentas médicas no serán pagadas a menos que su patrón y/o Unión haga el pago de tales cuentas médicas bajo un Plan o Convenio de Beneficios por Incapacidad.
Si estuviera usted enfermo o lesionado durante el tiempo que esté recibiendo beneficios del Seguro de Desempleo, presente una reclamación para Beneficios por Incapacidad, siguiendo las instrucciones arriba descritas, tan pronto como sufra la lesión o la enfermedad.
Si usted está desempleado por más de siete días, su patrón está obligado a enviarle la declaración de Derechos de Beneficios por Incapacidad (Form DB-271).
- Otras informaciones relativas a Beneficios por Incapacidad pueden obtenerse escribiendo o llamando a la oficina mas cercana de la Junta de Compensación Obrera.

Robert R. Snashall
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 Chairman (Presidente)

The benefits provided are (Los beneficios provistos son)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Statutory (Estatutarios)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Under a Plan or Agreement (Bajo un Plan o Convenio)
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Class(es) of employees covered (Clasé(s) de empleados amparados)
ALL EMPLOYEES ELIGIBLE UNDER NY DBL
 Name of employer (Nombre del Patrón)

By *W. J. E. R.*

THIS NOTICE MUST BE POSTED CONSPICUOUSLY IN AND
 ABOUT THE EMPLOYER'S PLACE OR PLACES OF BUSINESS.

**Erie County Water Authority
ACORD Endorsement Samples**

POLICY NUMBER:

COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY

THIS ENDORSEMENT CHANGES THE POLICY. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.

**ADDITIONAL INSURED – OWNERS, LESSEES OR
CONTRACTORS – (FORM B)**

This endorsement modifies insurance provided under the following:

COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY COVERAGE PART.

SCHEDULE

Name of Person or Organization:

(If no entry appears above, information required to complete this endorsement will be shown in the Declarations as applicable to this endorsement.)

WHO IS AN INSURED (Section II) is amended to include as an insured the person or organization shown in the Schedule, but only with respect to liability arising out of "your work" for that insured by or for you.

POLICY NUMBER:

COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY

THIS ENDORSEMENT CHANGES THE POLICY. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.

ADDITIONAL INSURED – DESIGNATED PERSON OR ORGANIZATION

This endorsement modifies insurance provided under the following:

COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY COVERAGE PART.

SCHEDULE

Name of Person or Organization:

(If no entry appears above, information required to complete this endorsement will be shown in the Declarations as applicable to this endorsement.)

WHO IS AN INSURED (Section II) is amended to include as an insured the person or organization shown in the Schedule as an insured but only with respect to liability arising out of your operations or premises owned by or rented to you.