

# Bond Underwriting and Counterparty RFP

## Questions and Answers

May 1, 2007

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1. *Will the State be accepting joint proposals? Does the State either encourage or discourage joint proposals?*

Joint proposals will be accepted. Bidders are not required to submit joint proposals and will not be penalized if they do not submit a joint proposal. However, by submitting a proposal, all bidders agree to be bound by the RFP provisions describing the State's efforts to maximize the involvement of covered persons and firms under the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Females, and Persons with Disabilities Act. Such firms may be included in one or more firms' utilization plan(s).

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2. *In the RFP, one of the categories of services for which the State is seeking consideration states:*

*To serve as underwriter in a related services capacity in matters, including without limitation, asset securitization, valuation of revenue enterprises, public-private partnership planning and execution, and research and development strategies to improve operating or financial efficiencies of various enterprises, authorities or agencies, which may include capital markets related activities.*

*As it relates to public-private partnership planning and execution, could you please provide some insight as to if the State is seeking underwriting services, where applicable, or financial advisory services related to public-private partnership considerations?*

Respondents are encouraged to consider all alternatives for which underwriting or counterparty services may be requested in accordance with this RFP. In addition, respondents seeking to provide financial advisory services to the State are encouraged to respond to the "Government Financial and Revenue Advisory RFP" issued by the Governor's Office of Management and Budget on April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

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3. *Would the State consider increasing the page limit on the current RFPs?*

GOMB has increased the page limit for responses from 12 pages to 15 pages. Please limit the combined cover letter and the response to a total of 15 pages (not including attachments and appendices which may be required pursuant to Section IV-7 relating to legal and compliance matters).