

Exhibit I.W Compliance with NYS Workers' Compensation Law

Sections 57 and 220 of the New York State Workers' Compensation Law (WCL) provide that DCS shall not enter into any contract unless proof of workers' compensation and disability benefits insurance coverage is produced. Prior to entering into a contract with DCS, the selected Offeror will be required to verify for DCS, on forms authorized by the New York State Workers' Compensation Board, the fact that they are properly insured or are otherwise in compliance with the insurance provisions of the WCL. The forms to be used to show compliance with the WCL are listed below. DCS would prefer Offeror submit this insurance verification information with their Proposals if possible. Any questions relating to either workers' compensation or disability benefits coverage should be directed to the State of New York Workers' Compensation Board, Bureau of Compliance at (518)486-6307. You may also find useful information at their website <http://www.wcb.state.ny.us>. Failure to provide verification of either of these types of insurance coverage by the time the winning Offeror is selected and the Contract is ready to be executed will be grounds for disqualification of an otherwise successful Proposal.

Workers' Compensation Requirements under WCL § 57:

To comply with coverage provisions of the WCL, businesses must:

- A) be legally exempt from obtaining workers' compensation insurance coverage; or
- B) obtain such coverage from insurance carriers; or
- C) be a Board-approved self-insured employer or participate in an authorized group self-insurance plan.

To assist State and municipal entities in enforcing WCL Section 57, businesses requesting permits or seeking to enter into contracts **MUST provide ONE** of the following forms to the government entity issuing the permit or entering into a contract:

- A) CE-200, Certificate of Attestation of Exemption from NYS Workers' Compensation and/or Disability Benefits Coverage ⁽¹⁾; **OR**
- B) C-105.2 -- Certificate of Workers' Compensation Insurance (the business's insurance carrier will send this form to the government entity upon request) **PLEASE NOTE:** The State Insurance Fund provides its own version of this form, the U-26.3; **OR**
- C) SI-12 -- Certificate of Workers' Compensation Self-Insurance (the business calls the Board's Self-Insurance Office at 518-402-0247), **OR** GSI-105.2 -- Certificate of Participation in Worker's Compensation Group Self-Insurance (the business's Group Self-Insurance Administrator will send this form to the government entity upon request).

Disability Benefits Requirements under Workers' Compensation Law §220(8)

To comply with coverage provisions of the WCL regarding disability benefits, businesses may:

- A) be legally exempt from obtaining disability benefits insurance coverage; or
- B) obtain such coverage from insurance carriers; or
- C) be a Board-approved self-insured employer.

Accordingly, to assist State and municipal entities in enforcing WCL Section 220(8), businesses requesting permits or seeking to enter into contracts **MUST provide ONE** of the following forms to the entity issuing the permit or entering into a contract:

- A) CE-200, Certificate of Attestation of Exemption from NYS Workers' Compensation and/or Disability Benefits Coverage ⁽¹⁾; **OR**
- B) DB-120.1 -- Certificate of Disability Benefits Insurance (the business's insurance carrier will send this form to the government entity upon request); **OR**
- C) DB-155 -- Certificate of Disability Benefits Self-Insurance (the business calls the Board's Self-Insurance Office at 518-402-0247).

⁽¹⁾ Starting December 1, 2008, Form CE-200 can be filled out electronically on the Board's website, www.wcb.state.ny.us, under the heading "Forms." Applicants filing electronically are able to print a finished Form CE-200 immediately upon completion of the electronic application. Applicants without access to a computer may obtain a paper application for the CE-200 by writing or visiting the Customer Service Center at any District Office of the Workers' Compensation Board. Applicants using the manual process may wait up to four weeks before receiving a CE-200. Once the applicant receives the CE-200, the applicant can then submit that CE-200 to the government agency from which he/she is getting the permit, license or contract.