September 17, 2018

Dear Commissioner Destito,

As an advocate for individuals with disabilities, and a registered and active voter in the State of New York, I am writing to you to express my support for the application submitted by the New York State Industries for the Disabled (NYSID) to add digital printing in connection with a mail fulfillment contract to the Preferred Source Offering List.

I believe what makes New York State strong are the opportunities available to all individuals to have gainful employment and a meaningful impact on the communities that we all live and work in. Unfortunately, too often, those in society who need additional supports or accommodations are not able to participate in these work opportunities and the rewards and self-esteem associated with gainful employment. The Preferred Source program has been widely successful in allowing individuals, regardless of their disability, to participate in the workforce while getting the supports necessary to be successful. This program has been a hallmark of New York State's commitment to people with disabilities and has positively impacted countless individuals and their families by providing meaningful employment opportunities.

Approval of the NYSID application would simply allow the Preferred Source program to recognize that technology has changed how documents are delivered, and that State government agencies want a "one stop" service that prints and mails documents. This digital print application allows for state agencies to meet their objectives, limits the scope of work to print associated with mail fulfillment, and allows employment opportunities for people with disabilities to be maintained.

I hope you will support this application with the NYS Procurement Council on November 28, 2018.

Sincerely,

CC:

New York State Comptroller Thomas Dinapoli Procurement Council Members Assembly Member Patricia Fahy Assembly Member John T. McDonald

Senator Neil Breslin



September 17, 2018

Dear Commissioner Destito,

As an advocate for individuals with disabilities, and a registered and active voter in the State of New York, I am writing to you to express my support for the application submitted by the New York State industries for the Disabled (NYSID) to add digital printing in connection with a mail fulfillment contract to the Preferred Source Offering List.

I believe what makes New York State strong are the opportunities available to all individuals to have gainful employment and a meaningful impact on the communities that we all live and work in.

Unfortunately, too often, those in society who need additional supports or accommodations are not able to participate in these work opportunities and the rewards and self-esteem associated with gainful employment. The Preferred Source program has been widely successful in allowing individuals, regardless of their disability, to participate in the workforce while getting the supports necessary to be successful. This program has been a hallmark of New York State's commitment to people with disabilities and has positively impacted countless individuals and their families by providing meaningful employment opportunities.

Approval of the NYSiD application would simply allow the Preferred Source program to recognize that technology has changed how documents are delivered, and that State government agencies want a "one stop" service that prints and mails documents. This digital print application allows for state agencies to meet their objectives, limits the scope of work to print associated with mail fulfillment, and allows employment opportunities for people with disabilities to be maintained.

I hope you will support this application with the NYS Procurement Council on November 28, 2018.

Sincerely,

CC:

New York State Comptroller Thomas Dinapoli

Callon Fernel Lordon

Procurement Council Members
Assembly Member Patricia Fahy

Assembly Member John T. McDonald

Senator Neil Breslin

October 4, 2018

Lourdes Zapata
Chief Diversity Officer
Office of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo
Executive Chamber
633 Third Avenue
New York, NY
10017

Dear Ms. Zapata,

As an advocate for individuals with disabilities, and a registered and active voter in the State of New York, I am writing to you to express my support for the application submitted by the New York State Industries for the Disabled (NYSID) to add digital printing in connection with a mail fulfillment contract to the Preferred Source Offering List.

I believe what makes New York State strong are the opportunities available to all individuals to have gainful employment and a meaningful impact on the communities that we all live and work in. Unfortunately, too often, those in society who need additional supports or accommodations are not able to participate in these work opportunities and the rewards and self-esteem associated with gainful employment. The Preferred Source program has been widely successful in allowing individuals, regardless of their disability, to participate in the workforce while getting the supports necessary to be successful. This program has been a hallmark of New York State?s commitment to people with disabilities and has positively impacted countless individuals and their families by providing meaningful employment opportunities.

Approval of the NYSID application would simply allow the Preferred Source program to recognize that technology has changed how documents are delivered, and that State government agencies want a ?one stop? service that prints and mails documents. This digital print application allows for state agencies to meet their objectives, limits the scope of work to print associated with mail fulfillment, and allows employment opportunities for people with disabilities to be maintained.

I hope you will support this application with the NYS Procurement Council on November 28, 2018.

Sincerely,

Steven D. Coons President, Fedcap Rehabilitation Services, Inc. 501 Madison Avenue, FL. 12A New York, NY 10022

CC: New York State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli Procurement Council Members Assembly Member Patricia Fahy Assembly Member John T. McDonald Senator Neil Breslin

NEW YORK STATE SENATE

ALBANY NEW YORK 12247



NEIL D. BRESLIN SENATOR 44th DISTRICT

LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMISSION

RANKING MINORITY MEMBER

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

COMMITTEES

BANKS EDUCATION

FINANCE HIGHER EDUCATION

IUDICIARY

RULES

ROOM 414 STATE CAPITOL ALBANY NEW YORK 12247 TEL 518-155-2225 FAX 518-126-6807

TWITTER @NeilBreslin44
FACEBOOK Senator Nell D Breslin

October 17, 2018

Sean Carroll
Chief Procurement Officer, Council Chair
New York State Office of General Services
38th Floor
Corning Tower
Albany, NY 12242

RE: Mail Fulfilment Application

Dear Mr. Carroll:

I write this letter in support of the mail fulfilment application that is currently before the NYS Procurement Council. This application would allow printing, in a very limited and defined scope to be included as a preferred source offering through the NYS Industry for the Disabled. Mail fulfilment is an important job that offers individuals with specific disabilities a living wage.

The scope of the work included in this application limits the printing to jobs that NYSID member agencies currently provide mail fulfillment services for. In other words, rather than the state agency printing a document and sending it by truck to the NYSID member agency, they would receive an electronic version of the same document and would print, insert, and mail it. Currently, I do not believe any of this work is performed by private industry, and I do not anticipate any work, currently being done by private printers, will be lost by approval of this application.

This application, if approved, will help secure employment for individuals with disabilities, and will prevent the loss of jobs for both disabled and non-disabled workers.

I would appreciate your favorable consideration of this application. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Neil D. Breslin Member of Senate

Ce: Alan Krafchin, Center for Disability Services Ronald P. Romano, NYSID



BOARD

Jaffray E. Finkla Chairperson

Marya Piotrowski Vice Charperson

Brian K. Regan, PhD

Kathleen Kelly Secretary

Marc Aronstein
David Barr
Daniela Bendor
Steve Bernstein
Tom Blumberg
Deborah Boatright

Adrian Deen Michael Jabbour David E. Lurie, Esq Kristina Romanzi

Sherry Tucker Chief Executive Officer

Ann Morre Barbarotta Seniar Vice President Chief Operating Officer

Lori Alameda Senior Vice President Chief Financial Officer

Dean Weinstock Senior Vice President Operations

Howell Schrage, MD Senior Vice President Medical Director October 22, 2018

Mr. Sean Carroll
Chief Procurement Officer
38th Floor - Corning Tower - Empire State Plaza
Albany NY 12242
Sean.Carroll@ogs.ny.gov

Dear Mr. Carroll,

As a New Yorker who feels all individuals, regardless of ability, deserve an opportunity to find meaningful employment, I am writing to you to express my support for the new definition proposed by the Procurement Council and agreed to by the New York State Industries for the Disabled (NYSID). The new definition recognizes that technology has changed the nature of the mail fulfillment business and will protect jobs for people with disabilities by maintaining it on the Preferred Source Offering List.

New York's Preferred Source program has been widely successful in allowing individuals, regardless of their disability, to participate in the workforce while getting the supports necessary to be successful. This program has been a hallmark of New York State's commitment to creating opportunities for all people and has positively impacted countless individuals with disabilities and their families.

The Preferred Source Program, and its list of Procurement Council approved Preferred Source offerings, was not intended to be a static document unable to adjust and evolve with the changing business and procurement landscape. To its credit, the Office of General Services and the Procurement Council coordinated a process in which all interests had an opportunity to be heard – the proposed definition represents compromise from all sides.

Approval of the proposed definition would simply allow the Preferred Source program to recognize that technology has changed and documents most often are delivered electronically. It would provide government agencies with a "one stop" service that prepares and mails documents, saving the time and costs associated with the agency delivering prepared documents to the mail fulfillment facility. At the same time, the updated definition limits the scope of work to materials associated with mail fulfillment only.

Please share this letter with all members of the NYS Procurement Council. I hope you and the Council Members will support this application that will be in front of the NYS Procurement Council on November 28, 2018.

Sincerely.

Sherry Tucker, CEO





2260 Dwyer Avenue Utica, NY 13501

Phone: 315-724-9891 Fax: 315-724-9896

www.htcorp.net

Officers

Scott C. McCartney
Chair

James B. Stewart Vice Chair

John D. Bullis
Treasurer

Denise R. Snyder Secretary

Timothy J. Giarrusso

President/CEO

Directors

Anne F. Bonsted

David T. Casullo

Harrison J. Hummel, III

William J. Kline

Ryan C. Miller

Roxanne K. Mutchler

Dominick R. Nicotera

James M. Sullivan

Mission

Creating Employment for People with Disabilities October 22, 2018

Mr. Sean Carroll Chief Procurement Officer 38th Floor - Corning Tower - Empire State Plaza Albany, NY 12242

Dear Mr. Carroll,

As a New Yorker who feels all individuals, regardless of ability, deserve an opportunity to find meaningful employment, I am writing to you to express my support for the new definition proposed by the Procurement Council and agreed to by the New York State Industries for the Disabled (NYSID). The new definition recognizes that technology has changed the nature of the mail fulfillment business and will protect jobs for people with disabilities by maintaining it on the Preferred Source Offering List.

New York's Preferred Source program has been widely successful in allowing individuals, regardless of their disability, to participate in the workforce while getting the supports necessary to be successful. This program has been a hallmark of New York State's commitment to creating opportunities for all people and has positively impacted countless individuals with disabilities and their families.

The Preferred Source Program, and its list of Procurement Council approved Preferred Source offerings, was not intended to be a static document unable to adjust and evolve with the changing business and procurement landscape. To its credit, the Office of General Services and the Procurement Council coordinated a process in which all interests had an opportunity to be heard – the proposed definition represents compromise from all sides.

Approval of the proposed definition would simply allow the Preferred Source program to recognize that technology has changed and documents most often are delivered electronically. It would provide government agencies with a "one stop" service that prepares and mails documents, saving the time and costs associated with the agency delivering prepared documents to the mail fulfillment facility. At the same time, the updated definition limits the scope of work to materials associated with mail fulfillment only.

Please share this letter with all members of the NYS Procurement Council. I hope you and the Council Members will support this application that will be in front of the NYS Procurement Council on November 28, 2018.

Sincerely,

Timothy Giarrusso President/CEO From: Hallie Greene < HGreene@rosicki.com > Sent: Monday, October 22, 2018 4:01 PM

To: Carroll, Sean (OGS) < Sean.Carroll@ogs.ny.gov > Subject: New York State Procurement Council

ATTENTION: This email came from an external source. Do not open attachments or click on links from unknown senders or unexpected emails.

October 22, 2018

Mr. Sean Carroll
Chief Procurement Officer
38th Floor - Corning Tower - Empire State Plaza
Albany NY 12242
Sean.Carroll@ogs.ny.gov

Dear Mr. Carroll, 1

As a New Yorker who feels all individuals, regardless of ability, deserve an opportunity to find meaningful employment, I am writing to you to express my support for the new definition proposed by the Procurement Council and agreed to by the New York State Industries for the Disabled (NYSID). The new definition recognizes that technology has changed the nature of the mail fulfillment business and will protect jobs for people with disabilities by maintaining it on the Preferred Source Offering List.

New York's Preferred Source program has been widely successful in allowing individuals, regardless of their disability, to participate in the workforce while getting the supports necessary to be successful. This program has been a hallmark of New York State's commitment to creating opportunities for all people and has positively impacted countless individuals with disabilities and their families.

The Preferred Source Program, and its list of Procurement Council approved Preferred Source offerings, was not intended to be a static document unable to adjust and evolve with the changing business and procurement landscape. To its credit, the Office of General Services and the Procurement Council coordinated a process in which all interests had an opportunity to be heard – the proposed definition represents compromise from all sides.

Approval of the proposed definition would simply allow the Preferred Source program to recognize that technology has changed and documents most often are delivered electronically. It would provide government agencies with a "one stop" service that prepares and mails documents, saving the time and costs associated with the agency delivering prepared documents to the mail fulfillment facility. At the same time, the updated definition limits the scope of work to materials associated with mail fulfillment only.

Please share this letter with all members of the NYS Procurement Council. I hope you and the Council Members will support this application that will be in front of the NYS Procurement Council on November 28, 2018.

Sincer	ely,
Hallie	Greene

Hallie Greene
Director
Rosicki, Rosicki & Associates, P.C.
51 E. Bethpage Road
Plainview, NY 11803
T: 516-741-2585, Ext. 262
F: 516-873-7244
hgreene@rosicki.com

WE ARE A DEBT COLLECTOR AND ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

This message is intended for the use of the individual or entity to which it is addressed, and may contain information that is confidential. If the reader of this message is not the intended recipient, any dissemination, distribution or copying of this communication is prohibited. If you received this message in error, please delete and/or notify the sender by return e-mail. Although our company attempts to sweep e-mail and attachments for viruses, it does not guarantee that either are virus-free and accepts no liability for any damage sustained as a result of viruses. Thank you.



312 Expressway Drive South, Medford, New York 11763

phone: 631-758-0474 • fax: 631-758-0487 • www.concernhousing.org

October 22, 2018

Mr. Sean Carroll
Chief Procurement Officer
38th Floor - Corning Tower - Empire State Plaza
Albany NY 12242
Sean.Carroll@ogs.ny.gov

Dear Mr. Carroll,

As a New Yorker who feels all individuals, regardless of ability, deserve an opportunity to find meaningful employment, I am writing to you to express my support for the new definition proposed by the Procurement Council and agreed to by the New York State Industries for the Disabled (NYSID). The new definition recognizes that technology has changed the nature of the mail fulfillment business and will protect jobs for people with disabilities by maintaining it on the Preferred Source Offering List.

New York's Preferred Source program has been widely successful in allowing individuals, regardless of their disability, to participate in the workforce while getting the supports necessary to be successful. This program has been a hallmark of New York State's commitment to creating opportunities for all people and has positively impacted countless individuals with disabilities and their families.

The Preferred Source Program, and its list of Procurement Council approved Preferred Source offerings, was not intended to be a static document unable to adjust and evolve with the changing business and procurement landscape. To its credit, the Office of General Services and the Procurement Council coordinated a process in which all interests had an opportunity to be heard – the proposed definition represents compromise from all sides.

Approval of the proposed definition would simply allow the Preferred Source program to recognize that technology has changed and documents most often are delivered electronically. It would provide government agencies with a "one stop" service that prepares and mails documents, saving the time and costs associated with the agency delivering prepared documents to the mail fulfillment facility. At the same time, the updated definition limits the scope of work to materials associated with mail fulfillment only.

Please share this letter with all members of the NYS Procurement Council. I hope you and the Council Members will support this application that will be in front of the NYS Procurement Council on November 28, 2018.

Sincetely,

Ralph Fasano
Executive Director











The Jefferson Rehabilitation Center

Building a Brighter Fature for People with Developmental Disabilities Since 1954

October 22, 2018

Mr. Sean Carroll
Chief Procurement Officer
38th Floor - Corning Tower - Empire State Plaza
Albany NY 12242
Sean.Carroll@ogs.ny.gov

Dear Mr. Carroll,

As a New Yorker who feels all individuals, regardless of ability, deserve an opportunity to find meaningful employment, I am writing to you to express my support for the new definition proposed by the Procurement Council and agreed to by the New York State Industries for the Disabled (NYSID). The new definition recognizes that technology has changed the nature of the mail fulfillment business and will protect jobs for people with disabilities by maintaining it on the Preferred Source Offering List.

New York's Preferred Source program has been widely successful in allowing individuals, regardless of their disability, to participate in the workforce while getting the supports necessary to be successful. This program has been a hallmark of New York State's commitment to creating opportunities for all people and has positively impacted countless individuals with disabilities and their families.

The Preferred Source Program, and its list of Procurement Council approved Preferred Source offerings, was not intended to be a static document unable to adjust and evolve with the changing business and procurement landscape. To its credit, the Office of General Services and the Procurement Council coordinated a process in which all interests had an opportunity to be heard – the proposed definition represents compromise from all sides.

Approval of the proposed definition would simply allow the Preferred Source program to recognize that technology has changed and documents most often are delivered electronically. It would provide government agencies with a "one stop" service that prepares and mails documents, saving the time and costs associated with the agency delivering prepared documents to the mail fulfillment facility. At the same time, the updated definition limits the scope of work to materials associated with mail fulfillment only.

Please share this letter with all members of the NYS Procurement Council. I hope you and the Council Members will support this application that will be in front of the NYS Procurement Council on November 28, 2018.

Sincerely,

Howard W. Ganter Executive Director

380 Gaffney Drive

Cc: File

www.thejrc.org

Brian Marcolini, President, Board of Directors
Howard W. Ganter, Executive Director
P.O. Box 41 Watertown, New York 13601 315-788-2730 Fax 315-788-8557

A Chapter of The Arc.



Schenectadyatc SEE ABILITY, ONOT DISABILITY.

Serving People with Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities since 1952.

October 22, 2018

Mr. Sean Carroll
Chief Procurement Officer
38th Floor - Corning Tower - Empire State Plaza
Albany NY 12242
Sean.Carroll@ogs.ny.gov

Dear Mr. Carroll,

As a New Yorker who feels all individuals, regardless of ability, deserve an opportunity to find meaningful employment, and as the Executive Director of Schenectady ARC, an organization that actively supports individuals in their efforts to find and keep gainful employment, I am writing to express my support for the new definition of Mail Fulfillment Services proposed by the Procurement Council and agreed to by the New York State Industries for the Disabled (NYSID). The new definition recognizes that technology has changed the nature of the mail fulfillment business and will protect jobs for people with disabilities by maintaining it on the Preferred Source Offering List.

New York's Preferred Source program has been widely successful in allowing individuals, regardless of their disability, to participate in the workforce while getting the supports necessary to be successful. This program has been a hallmark of New York State's commitment to creating opportunities for all people and has positively impacted countless individuals with disabilities and their families.

The Preferred Source Program, and its list of Procurement Council approved Preferred Source offerings, was not intended to be a static document unable to adjust and evolve with the changing business and procurement landscape. To its credit, the Office of General Services and the Procurement Council coordinated a process in which all interests had an opportunity to be heard – the proposed definition represents compromise from all sides.

Approval of the proposed definition would simply allow the Preferred Source program to recognize that technology has changed and documents most often are delivered electronically. It would provide government agencies with a "one stop" service that prepares and mails documents, saving the time and costs associated with the agency delivering prepared documents to the mail fulfillment facility. At the same time, the updated definition limits the scope of work to materials associated with mail fulfillment only.

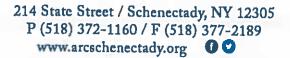
I would appreciate it if you would share this letter with all members of the NYS Procurement Council. I hope you and the Council Members will support this application that will be in front of the NYS Procurement Council on November 28, 2018.

Sincerely,

Kirk Lewis

Executive Director









October 24, 2018

Mr. Sean Carroll
Chief Procurement Officer
38th Floor - Corning Tower - Empire State Plaza
Albany NY 12242
Sean.Carroll@ogs.ny.gov

Dear Mr. Carroll,

The Arc of Livingston-Wyoming

18 Main Street Mount Morris, NY 14510

T 585 658 2828 F 585 658 4109 www.lwarc.org

Achieve with us.

As a New Yorker who feels all individuals, regardless of ability, deserve an opportunity to find meaningful employment, I am writing to you to express my support for the new definition proposed by the Procurement Council and agreed to by the New York State Industries for the Disabled (NYSID). The new definition recognizes that technology has changed the nature of the mail fulfillment business and will protect jobs for people with disabilities by maintaining it on the Preferred Source Offering List. New York's Preferred Source program has been widely successful in allowing individuals, regardless of their disability, to participate in the workforce while getting the supports necessary to be successful. This program has been a hallmark of New York State's commitment to creating opportunities for all people and has positively impacted countless individuals with disabilities and their families. The Preferred Source Program, and its list of Procurement Council approved Preferred Source offerings, was not intended to be a static document unable to adjust and evolve with the changing business and procurement landscape. To its credit, the Office of General Services and the Procurement Council coordinated a process in which all interests had an opportunity to be heard – the proposed definition represents compromise from all sides.

Approval of the proposed definition would simply allow the Preferred Source program to recognize that technology has changed and documents most often are delivered electronically. It would provide government agencies with a "one stop" service that prepares and mails documents, saving the time and costs associated with the agency delivering prepared documents to the mail fulfillment facility. At the same time, the updated definition limits the scope of work to materials associated with mail fulfillment only.

Please share this letter with all members of the NYS Procurement Council. I hope you and the Council Members will support this application that will be in front of the NYS Procurement Council on November 28, 2018.

Sincerely,

Kellie Kennedy

Director of Day Services

ellingenedy



350 S. Washington Street PO Box 271 Herkimer, NY 13350 P:(315)574-7000 F:(315)866-8339 E:info@archerkimer.org www.archerkimer.org

October 25, 2018

Mr. Sean Carroll
Chief Procurement Officer
38th Floor - Corning Tower - Empire State Plaza
Albany NY 12242

Dear Mr. Carroll, Sean -

As a New Yorker who feels all individuals, regardless of ability, deserve an opportunity to find meaningful employment, I am writing to you to express my support for the new definition proposed by the Procurement Council and agreed to by the New York State Industries for the Disabled (NYSID). The new definition recognizes that technology has changed the nature of the mail fulfillment business and will protect jobs for people with disabilities by maintaining it on the Preferred Source Offering List.

New York's Preferred Source program has been widely successful in allowing individuals, regardless of their disability, to participate in the workforce while getting the supports necessary to be successful. This program has been a hallmark of New York State's commitment to creating opportunities for all people and has positively impacted countless individuals with disabilities and their families.

The Preferred Source Program, and its list of Procurement Council approved Preferred Source offerings, was not intended to be a static document unable to adjust and evolve with the changing business and procurement landscape. To its credit, the Office of General Services and the Procurement Council coordinated a process in which all interests had an opportunity to be heard - the proposed definition represents compromise from all sides.

Approval of the proposed definition would simply allow the Preferred Source program to recognize that technology has changed and documents most often are delivered electronically. It would provide government agencies with a "one stop" service that prepares and mails documents, saving the time and costs associated with the agency delivering prepared documents to the mail fulfillment facility. At the same time, the updated definition limits the scope of work to materials associated with mail fulfillment only.

Please share this letter with all members of the NYS Procurement Council. I hope you and the Council Members will support this application that will be in front of the NYS Procurement Council on November 28, 2018.

Sincerely.

Kevin Crosley

President/CEO









October 31, 2018

Mr. Sean Carroll
Chief Procurement Officer
38th Floor - Corning Tower – Empire State Plaza
Albany NY 12242
Sean.Carroll@ogs.ny.gov

Dear Mr. Carroll,

As a New Yorker who feels all individuals, regardless of ability, deserve an opportunity to find meaningful employment, I am writing to you to express my support for the new definition proposed by the Procurement Council and agreed to by the New York State Industries for the Disabled (NYSID). The new definition recognizes that technology has changed the nature of the mail fulfillment business and will protect jobs for people with disabilities by maintaining it on the Preferred Source Offering List.

New York's Preferred Source program has been widely successful in allowing individuals, regardless of their disability, to participate in the workforce while getting the supports necessary to be successful. This program has been a hallmark of New York State's commitment to creating opportunities for all people and has positively impacted countless individuals with disabilities and their families.

The Preferred Source Program, and its list of Procurement Council approved Preferred Source offerings, was not intended to be a static document unable to adjust and evolve with the changing business and procurement landscape. To its credit, the Office of General Services and the Procurement Council coordinated a process in which all interests had an opportunity to be heard – the proposed definition represents compromise from all sides.

Approval of the proposed definition would simply allow the Preferred Source program to recognize that technology has changed and documents most often are delivered electronically. It would provide government agencies with a "one stop" service that prepares and mails documents, saving the time and costs associated with the agency delivering prepared documents to the mail fulfillment facility. At the same time, the updated definition limits the scope of work to materials associated with mail fulfillment only.

Please share this letter with all members of the NYS Procurement Council. I hope you and the Council Members will support this application that will be in front of the NYS Procurement Council on November 28, 2018.

Martha Carney
60 Prospet Anc
Howlett NY 11557



PAUL A. GIORDANO, PRESIDENT
STANFORT J. PERRY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
BARRY R. DONOWITZ, Ph.D., ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
CHRISTOPHER J. O'CONNOR, ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

UNITED WAY OF LONG ISLAND Participating Agency

November 6, 2018

OFFICERS

Paul A. Giordono President

Soundro M. Gumerove, Esq. First Vice President

Jock Garolalo Vice President

Howard Jarist, Esq. Vice President Thamas F. Moure

Vice President
Martin B. Boarstein
Financial Secretary

Rody Bruell Secretory

Rose-Angela Marazita Assistant Secretary

Perry E. Beek Treasurer

DIRECTORS

Ephraim Abramson Sesan T. Broderick Jesska Campbell Martha Medina Carney Gregg Cohen, Esq. Josephine Connelly Patricia Desiderio Eileen Goggins Hallia Greene Lloyd Groveman Kevin Miller Thomas P. Rosicki, Esq. Eric Segal

HONORARY BOARD

Harrietta Traversa

Francina Anders

Jeffrey Witt

Arthur Asch Sleven Commer Sam Cukier Hon. Delia DeRiggi-Whitton Vito G. DiCristine Matthew Dwyer Sleven Ettinger Hon, Kemp Hannon Dr. Robert V. Iosue Joon Irwin Anito Ketz Hon. Peter T. King Gloria Kotter Hon. Carl L. Marcellino Agnes Hendes Richard P. Miller Hon. Kathleen Rice Joon Souk Hon. Daniel Serota Appaie Tricorico

Mr. Sean Carroll

Chief Procurement Officer

38th Floor - Corning Tower - Empire State Plaza

Albany NY 12242

Sean.Carroll@ogs.ny.gov

Dear Mr. Carroll,

As a New Yorker who feels all individuals, regardless of ability, deserve an opportunity to find meaningful employment, I am writing to you to express my support for the new definition proposed by the Procurement Council and agreed to by the New York State Industries for the Disabled (NYSID). The new definition recognizes that technology has changed the nature of the mail fulfillment business and will protect jobs for people with disabilities by maintaining it on the Preferred Source Offering List.

New York's Preferred Source program has been widely successful in allowing individuals, regardless of their disability, to participate in the workforce while getting the supports necessary to be successful. This program has been a hallmark of New York State's commitment to creating opportunities for all people and has positively impacted countless individuals with disabilities and their families.

The Preferred Source Program, and its list of Procurement Council approved Preferred Source offerings, was not intended to be a static document unable to adjust and evolve with the changing business and procurement landscape. To its credit, the Office of General Services and the Procurement Council coordinated a process in which all interests had an opportunity to be heard – the proposed definition represents compromise from all sides.

Approval of the proposed definition would simply allow the Preferred Source program to recognize that technology has changed and documents most often are delivered electronically. It would provide government agencies with a "one stop" service that prepares and mails documents, saving the time and costs associated with the agency delivering prepared documents to the mail fulfillment facility. At the same time, the updated definition limits the scope of work to materials associated with mail fulfillment only.

Please share this letter with all members of the NYS Procurement Council. I hope you and the Council Members will support this application that will be in front of the NYS Procurement Council on November 28, 2018.

Sincerely,

Justin Dantzler

Director of Business & Employment Development

AHRC

A chapter of The Arc.