

Respond to RFx in PASSPort

Found a contract opportunity in PASSPort to pursue? That's great!

Follow these instructions on how to submit your bid or proposal in response to the RFx.

Important: If you're looking for guidance related to the DYCD COMPASS RFPs, please also refer to the **COMPASS RFP: Five Steps to Get Ready and Submit Your Proposal in PASSPort (PDF)** (Link: <https://www.nyc.gov/assets/mocs/downloads/PASSPort/learning-to-use-passport/compass-submit-proposal.pdf>) guide.

- **Note:** DYCD released **Round 2** of the COMPASS RFPs on **October 31, 2025**. All proposals must now be submitted to Round 2 in PASSPort. (Round 1 is closed; only Round 2 submissions are accepted.) **If you submitted or drafted a response to Round 1** (before Round 2 was released), refer to the **Round 2 Proposal Submission Instructions (PDF)** (Link: <https://www.nyc.gov/assets/mocs/downloads/pdf/Round2Instructions.pdf>) to ensure your proposal(s) is complete and eligible for review. Any previous proposal submissions to Round 1 **do not** automatically carry over!

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Before we begin

The steps below can be completed by users provisioned with the roles:

- **Vendor Admin**
- **Vendor Procurement L1**
- **Vendor Procurement L2**

Key terms

Here are some key terms associated with responding to contracting opportunities in PASSPort:

RFx Status	RFx Status shows the current phase of a solicitation in PASSPort: • Planned: The RFx is in the planning stages. • Released: The RFx is accepting vendor responses. • Responses Received: The agency no longer accepts RFx responses. • Selections Made: The agency selected vendor(s) for contract awards. • Closed: The solicitation process has ended.
Due Date	Responses must be submitted before the Due Date as Agencies can stop accepting responses at any time on the due date. We recommend submitting responses at least 48 hours in advance of the due date.
Prequalification	Some RFx require vendors to get prequalified to respond to a particular solicitation. For example, the Health and Human Service Prequalification (HHS PQL) is a requirement of HHS providers to respond to HHS RFx in PASSPort. To learn more, see HHS Accelerator Prequalification. Check with the City Agencies in your line of work for other prequalification lists.
RFx Response	A Response (Response Submission) to a solicitation released in PASSPort is the broad term for how a vendor answers the RFx. Examples of specific responses are proposals or bids.
RFx Response Status	The Response Status reflects the current stage of your RFx response: • In Progress: You acknowledged the RFx which generated a draft RFx response. You have not yet submitted the response. • Submitted: You successfully submitted a RFx response.

- **Canceled:** You canceled the RFx response, which cannot be recovered.
- **Withdrawn:** You withdrew a submitted RFx response, which cannot be recovered.

Addendum	An Addendum is issued when an Agency makes an update to an RFx, such as a change in the due date. It's a document that details the changes. PASSPort notifies the participating vendors when an addendum has been issued.
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Round	A new Round is issued when an Agency makes substantial changes to an RFx (such as a change in the scope), requiring vendors to submit new responses to the new round. An addendum is published upon agencies issuing a new round.
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Selection Status	A Selection Status will only display after the selections have been made by the Agency, meaning the Agency has evaluated vendor responses and has made award selections. The selection status will read either Selected or Not Selected. Vendors will receive a notification upon award selection.
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Other Terms	More procurement terms and definitions can be found in the Find Contract Opportunities guide under Key Terms (Link: /site/mocs/passport/articles/find-opportunities.page#key-terms) and in the MOCS Glossary (Link: /site/mocs/about/glossary.page).
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Respond to an RFx: Overview

Responding to an RFx consists of the following steps:

- **Study the RFx:** Thoroughly examine all RFx details to confirm your organization is qualified and has sufficient time to respond.
- **Acknowledge the RFx:** In some cases, you must acknowledge receipt of the RFx and confirm your intent to submit a response.
- **Prepare Your Response:** Complete all required sections of the RFx response.
- **Submit Your Response:** Review your entries and submit the response well before the due date.

View RFx Details

Carefully study all sections of the RFx to make an informed decision about whether your organization wishes to respond to this RFx:

- **Summary** including RFx status, funding Agency, EPIN, number of contracts, and procurement value. Only RFx in **Released** status are open to accept vendor responses!
- **Description** lists basic information about the RFx and what the Agency is looking to procure.
- **Key Dates** provides the Anticipated Contract Start and End Dates, Release Date, and Due Date.
- **Documents** lists supplemental material provided by the contracting agency for additional context for the RFx. **Note:** If an agency issues an addendum, a summary document will be available in the Document section outlining the changes.

To learn more about how to view RFx details, see **Find Contract Opportunities** ([Link: /site/mocs/passport/articles/find-opportunities.page](/site/mocs/passport/articles/find-opportunities.page)).

Key Information to Look Out For:

- **Countdown Timer:** A timer at the top of the page shows how much time remains until the due date. Aim to submit your response at least 48 hours in advance of the due date.
- **Summary section:** This section includes the agency's contact email address.
- **Key Dates section:** It not only lists the RFx due date, but also any deadline for submitting questions to the agency which may be multiple days in advance of the due date.
- **Pre-Proposal Meetings:** Any invitations to pre-proposal meetings (in-person or virtual) will be listed here.
- **Documents:** Download all available documents, including details on the opportunity, vendor guidance, and required templates. **Note:** Agencies also upload addenda and new round notices to this section.

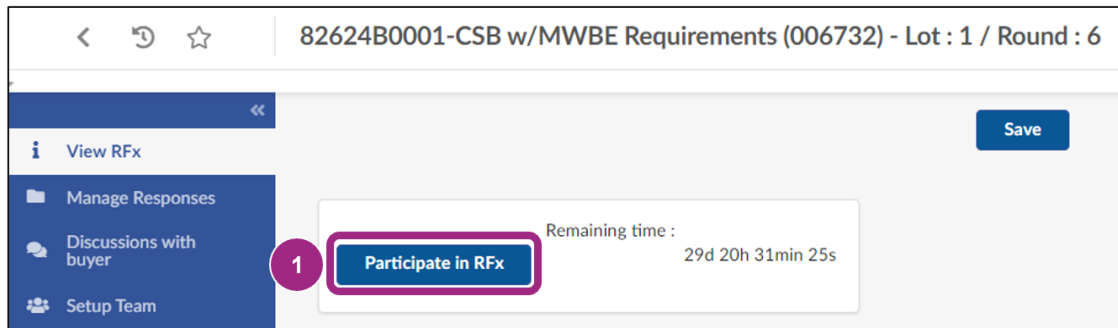
Acknowledge the RFx

Before an RFx response can be started, some RFx require vendors **acknowledge receipt** of the RFx and confirm that they **intend to respond** to the RFx.

Acknowledging an RFx must be completed by a **Vendor Admin**. Discuss internally who is best suited for this task. Only the designated Vendor Admin can grant colleagues access to working on the RFx response later in the process.

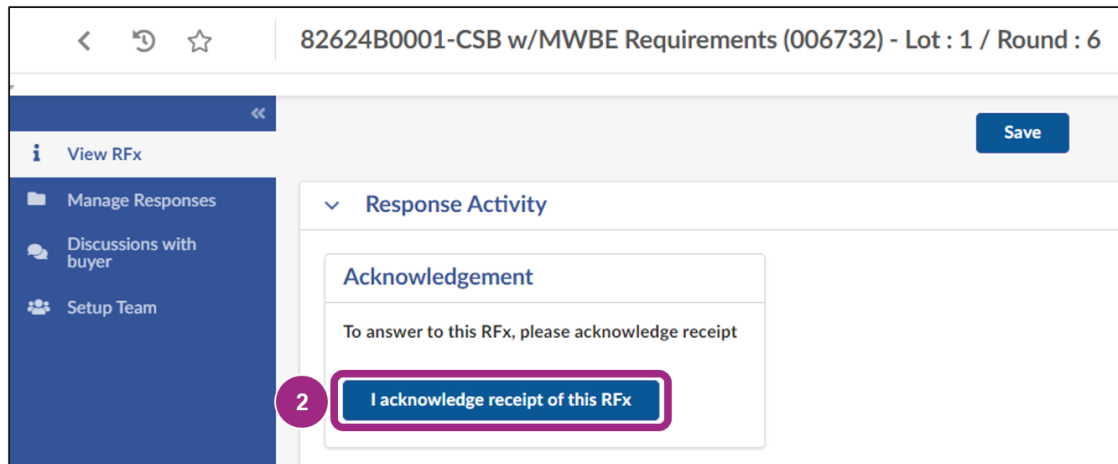
1. In the RFx, click the **Participate in RFx** button.

To learn more about finding opportunities, see **Find Contract Opportunities** (Link: </site/mocs/passport/articles/find-opportunities.page>).



The page refreshes.

2. In the Response Activity section, click the **I acknowledge receipt of this RFx** button.



Note: If the acknowledgement buttons do not display, skip to the next step. Not all RFx require a vendor to acknowledge the RFx.

3. Click the **WILL RESPOND: our intent is to respond to this RFx** checkbox.

4. Confirm the selection by clicking the green **Valid** button.

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Save

Remaining time :
29d 20h 26min 38s

View RFX

Manage Responses

Discussions with buyer

Setup Team

Response Activity

Receipt acknowledged on 10/1/2024 3:31:46 AM (Your Local Time)

To answer to this RFX, please confirm that you intend to bid.

☐ WILL RESPOND: our intent is to respond to this RFX 3

☐ WILL NOT RESPOND: our intent is not to respond to this RFX

Valid 4

Note: If you selected WILL RESPOND and decide later that you will not submit a response, inform the Agency Contact listed in the Summary section of the RFX.

Once you've confirmed your intention to respond, PASSPort provides the functions and actions below.

- **A countdown timer.** The remaining time is displayed on every page of the RFX, tracking how much time vendors have left to submit their response before the RFX no longer accepts submissions. Please submit your response at least 48 hours in advance of the due date.
- **Download all contents related to the RFX.** Click the Actions button. Select this option to download a copy of the RFX so you can work on your response outside of the PASSPort.
- **Duplicate Response** closes your RFX response to create a copy of your response for future competition pools, or to submit information related to an RFX addendum. Multiple responses can be worked on at the same time.
- **Chat with the contracting agency.** Use the Discussion Forum to communicate with the contracting agency.

How to Use the Discussion Forum

Use the Discussion Forum in the RFX to communicate with the contracting agency.

The Discussion Forum benefits your team in that it:

- Makes messages visible to contacts added to your Setup Team.
- Documents all interactions.
- Available in the RFX response at all times.

Before you submit a message:

- Check the **Key Dates** section in the RFX to see if it lists a deadline for submitting questions to the Agency.
- For PASSort functionality questions and issues, contact the MOCS Service Desk and not the Agency.

To use the Discussion Forum:

1. Click **Discussion with buyer** on the left navigation menu.
2. Click the **Compose** button.

The screenshot shows a web application interface for a Discussion Forum. On the left is a blue navigation sidebar with three items: 'View RFX', 'Manage Responses', and 'Discussions with buyer'. The 'Discussions with buyer' item is highlighted with a red box and a red circle with the number '1'. To the right of the sidebar is a main content area. At the top of this area is a header bar with a breadcrumb trail '82624B0001-CSB w/MWBE Requirements (006732) - Lot : 1 / Round : 6', a search bar, and 'Save' and 'Close' buttons. Below the header is a section titled 'Response Activity'. Inside this section is a search form with a 'Keywords' text field, a 'Q Search' button, a 'Reset' button, and an 'Advanced search' button. Below the search form are two rows of filters: 'Type' with a dropdown menu, and 'Date' with a 'From' and 'To' date range selector. Below these filters is a red box with a red circle with the number '2' containing the 'Compose' button. In the bottom right corner of the main content area is a 'Message History' button.

A form to compose the message appears on the right side of the page.

3. In the **Type** drop-down field, select the appropriate message type.
4. In the **Subject** text field, enter a brief phrase similar to the subject line of an email. For example, "Question about Scope of Work".
5. In the unlabeled drop-down field below the Subject, select the intended recipient(s).

Select **Agency Contact** to send a message to the agency.

Response Activity

Keywords:

Type: Date: From: To:

Subject: Last update (Your Local Time): Original sender: Last sender:

Type*:

From:

Subject*:

6. Below the recipient drop-down field is an unlabeled text field. Click the unlabeled text field and begin typing to compose your message.
7. If needed, click the **Click or Drag to add files** button to add an attachment.
8. When you're ready to submit the message, click the **Send** button.

Response Activity

Keywords:

Type: Date: From: To:

Subject: Last update (Your Local Time): Original sender: Last sender:

Type*:

From:

Subject*:

Enter message here. Formatting options will appear when you begin to type in this field.

The screen refreshes, and the message will display in three locations for your convenience:

- In the Response Activity window, in a table below the Compose button.
- In the Response Activity window, to the right of the screen. From here, there are options to reply, reply all, or forward the message.
- In the Message History window, which can be viewed by clicking the **Message History** button. In this window, you can view all past messages.

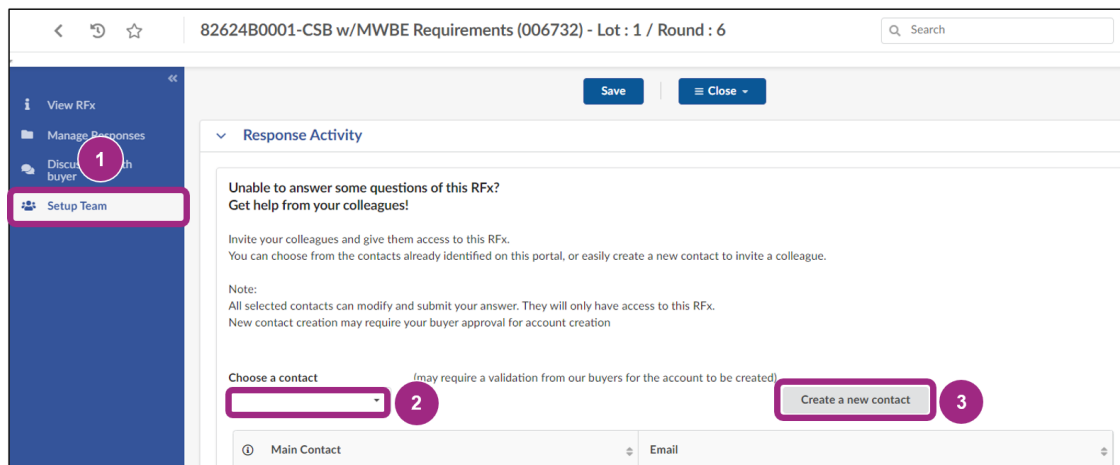
Add RFx Contributors

Only the user **who acknowledged the RFx** can work on the response, making them the sole contributor.

To allow further contacts from your organization to contribute to the RFx response, the initial user can use the **Setup Team** tab. This allows any Vendor Admin or Procurement user role to be granted access to the RFx response.

Here's how the **Vendor Admin** who acknowledged the RFx can add RFx contributors:

1. Go to the **Setup Team** tab in the left navigation menu.
2. To select an existing contact, select their name from the **Choose a contact** drop-down field.
3. To create a new contact to work on this RFx response, click the **Create a new contact** button.

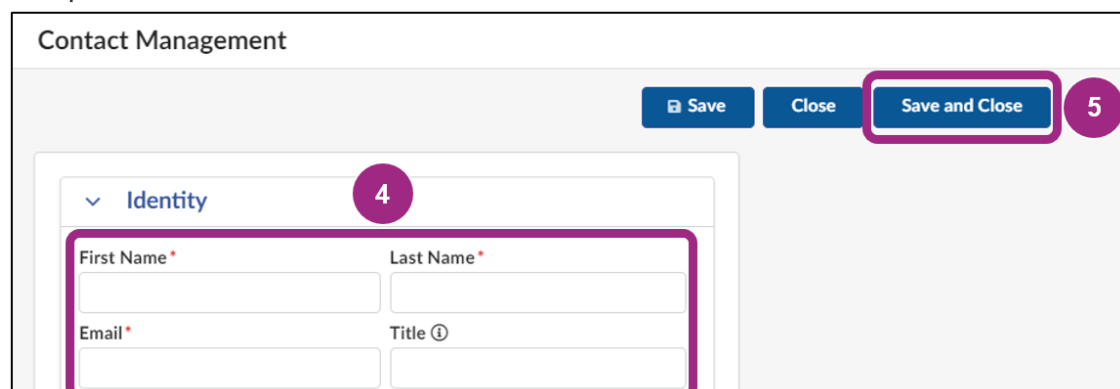


The Contact Management window opens.

4. Enter the user's **First Name**, **Last Name**, and **Email** address.

Use the same email (NYC.ID) that Contact uses to log in to PASSPort.

5. Click the **Save and Close** button at the top of the page to add the contact to the Setup Team.



Prepare Your RFx Response

When the intent to respond is affirmed, PASSPort automatically creates a draft response for the vendor in the **Manage Responses** tab. Now it's time to prepare your RFx response!

Important: Only users who have been added to the Setup Team tab (by the Vendor Admin who acknowledged the RFx) can work on the RFx response.

1. Go to the **Manage Responses** tab in the left navigation menu.

The in progress RFx response is listed in the Response Activity section.

2. Click the **pencil** icon to open the draft response.

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View RFx | Manage Responses | Discussions with buyer | Setup Team

1 Response Activity

Status: Canceled x Submitted x In progress x [Filter Icon]

Search Search Reset

Your Proposal Info: Competition Pool

RFx Name	Response Name	Competition Pool	Responsiveness Status	Submission Status
82624B0001-CSB w/MWBE Requirements	Proposal # 1			In progress

2 [Pencil Icon]

The Your Proposal Info tab of your RFx response will display.

3. Edit the **Response Label** field to change the system generated response name.
4. Enter a description in the **Description** field, if necessary.
5. Select a competition pool in the **Your Proposal Info: Competition Pool** drop-down field.

All RFx have at least one competition pool. An agency may choose to segment a procurement into multiple competition pools based on the procurement's specifications.

6. Click the **Save** button near the top of the page when all required fields are completed.

Note: RFx response Action Buttons:

- If necessary, use the **Cancel this response** button. Once an RFx response is canceled, it cannot be recovered.
- Learn when and how to use the **Duplicate Response** button - refer to **Duplicate an RFx Response**.
- A **Create New Response** button will be available for you to initiate the new proposal. This button will only become available after a first response has been submitted.

Now that the RFx response has a title and description, we recommend you **complete the RFx response tabs in the following order:**

- Questionnaire tab
- Documents tab
- Item tab
- LL34 Compliance tab
- Subcontractors and Joint Ventures tab
- MWBE Requirements tab

Note: There might be **more than one Questionnaire tab** in an RFx (e.g., General Envelope Questionnaire, Technical Envelope Questionnaire, and Financial Envelope Questionnaire).

Questionnaire Tab

This tab displays questions the agency would like you to respond to. The questions are written by the agency to collect vendors' answers which will be used to evaluate their RFx response(s) during the Evaluation and Award phase.

Note: There may be **more than one Questionnaire tab** depending on the procurement method and the agency's questions (e.g., General Envelope Questionnaire, Technical Envelope Questionnaire, and Financial Envelope Questionnaire). Questions may be scored or used for informational and/or responsiveness purposes.

1. Go to the **Questionnaire** tab in the left navigation menu.
2. Click the green **Access Questionnaire** button.

The screenshot shows the 'City Wide Bidder List Vendor's proposal' interface. On the left, the 'Questionnaire' tab is selected in the navigation menu, indicated by a red circle with the number 1. In the main content area, the 'Response Overview' section displays various fields including 'PQL Label', 'Agency', 'Label', 'Respondent', and 'Commodity'. A green button labeled 'Access Questionnaire' is highlighted with a red circle and the number 2.

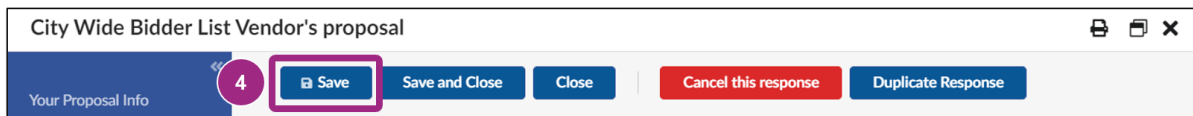
3. Answer the questions using the dropdowns or fields provided. Required fields can be identified by a red asterisk (*).

The screenshot shows the 'City Wide Bidder List Vendor's proposal' interface with the 'Affirmations' section selected. The 'Affirmations' section contains a text area for 'Affirmation 1' and a dropdown menu for 'Answer'. The 'Answer' dropdown is highlighted with a red circle and the number 3, and it contains the text 'I DO NOT affirm and will attach a signed document stating why I cannot affirm.' The 'Comment' field is also visible, containing the text 'Completed'.

Note: Agencies may structure questions in the form of **requests for documents**. Documents cannot be uploaded directly to the Questionnaire. However, vendors can share requested documents with the agency by adding them to the **Documents tab** of the

RFx response. Learn more about RFx document management in the Documents tab section of this guide.

4. Click the **Save** button after all sections of the questionnaire are completed.



Documents Tab

Agencies can share documents with vendors in the Documents section of the View RFx tab (not to be confused with the Documents tab in the RFx response). Likewise, vendors can share requested documents with the agency by adding them to the **Documents tab** of the RFx response.

How to Name Documents:

To help streamline the RFx response process, MOCS recommends vendors implement **naming conventions** for the files they upload in the Documents tab of the RFx.

File names should include the following information:

- The section number
- The question number
- The document name
- Your organization's name

For example, if the agency requested that you upload an organizational chart in Section 2, Question 3 of the Questionnaire, name the document "S2Q3_OrgChart_[YourLegalBusinessName]".

This naming convention will help staff performing responsiveness checks ensure that all requested documents are accounted for.

Additionally, Vendors are advised to **create a folder for each RFx** in their PASSPort Vault for better organization. For more information on folder and document management, see **Create Folders in the Vault** (Link: </site/mocs/passport/articles/create-folder.page>) and **Best Practices for the Vault** (Link: </site/mocs/passport/articles/best-practices.page>).

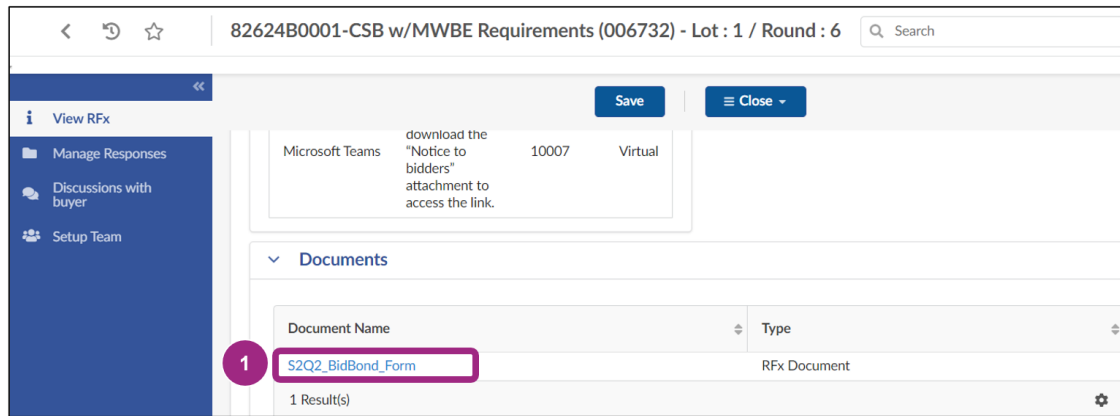
Note: Agencies will adopt similar naming conventions for files they intend to share with and request from vendors. This will assist with organization and allow both agencies and vendors to easily reference and locate documents.

How to View Documents:

The **Documents** section in the **View RFx** tab (not to be confused with the Documents tab in the RFx response) houses supplemental material provided by the contracting agency.

This section may also contain documents related to questions in the Questionnaire tab of the RFx response. In some cases, agencies may request that vendors download a blank form or template listed in this section and upload the completed document in the Documents tab of the RFx response.

1. Click on the **hyperlinked Document Name** to download the document to your device.



How to Add Documents to Your RFx Response:

1. Go to the **Documents** tab in the left navigation menu of your RFx response. In the **Response Documents** section, there is a table that lists all the documents requested by the agency.

The table includes information about the document, such as the:

- **Document Type**
- **Required Type:** Indicates if the document is Optional or Required.
- **Agency Label:** May include a description of the document requested. If the document is related to a question in the Questionnaire tab, that information will be included here.
- **Status:** Indicates if the document has not yet been added (Pending Upload)

Note: If the RFx is a **Double** or **Triple Envelope**, 2 or 3 tables will appear in this tab.

2. Click the **Manage Documents** button to begin adding documents to your response.

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Save Save and Close Close Cancel this response Duplicate Response

Response Documents

Proposals # 4988

Document Name	Document Type	Required Type	Agency Label	Status
Other	Optional Document		Upload a signed letter stating why you cannot affirm section 1 question 1 of the questionnaire. The document should be titled: S1Q1_Affirmation_[YourOrganizationName]	Pending upload
Security / Bond	Optional Document		Upload a notarized bid bond with the title S2Q2_NotarizedBidBond_[YourOrganizationName]	Pending upload

The Manage Documents window opens.

Documents are sorted into two sections: **Required** and **Optional**.

For detailed instructions on how to add documents, see **Upload or Link Documents to a Task** (Link: </site/mocs/passport/articles/upload-link-docs.page>). After successfully adding the requested documents, the document Status updates to **Uploaded**.

- Click the **Save** button near the top of page.

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Save Save and Close Close Cancel this response Duplicate Response

If needed, return to the **Questionnaire Tab** to complete any pending questions.

Item Tab

Here, the agency identifies the required items for the contract. The Item tab can be completed directly in the system, or it can be downloaded, completed, and uploaded in Excel format. PASSPort automatically populates the responses provided.

Note: PASSPort Vault functionality is not connected to the Item tab. Therefore, vendors must upload documents **from their computer** to this tab.

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Creation By Import

Download in Excel 2007-2010 format (xlsx)
Download in Excel 97-2003 format (xls)

Drop here your quotation form (in Excel format)

Click or Drag to add a file

- To **manually** complete the Item tab, complete the required fields marked with a red asterisk (*).

If there are multiple subtabs, be sure to complete the fields in each subtab.

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Currency: USD

Proposal Amount: 0.00

Keywords: ☐ Not answered items Search Reset

Response Response

0 Selected

Order	Items Code	Item Types	Label	Payment Method	Payment Units	Quantity	Price	Total
	I1_1	Required Item	Item 1	Unit Price	Each	5.00	200.00	1,000.00
	I1_2	Required Item	Item 2	Unit Price	Each	10.00	150.00	1,500.00
	I1_3	Required Item	Item 3	Hourly Rate	Hourly	5,000.00	48.50	242,500.00

3 Result(s)

2. Click the **Save** button near the top of the page.

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Save Save and Close Close Cancel this response Duplicate Response

Currency: USD

Proposal Amount: 245,000.00

Your Proposal Info
Questionnaire
Documents
Item

The page refreshes, and the Proposal Amount field to the right of the screen updates and displays the total amount of all fields in the Item table.

LL34 Compliance Tab

Although the Subcontractors and Joint Ventures tab appears next in the RFX response menu, **the LL34 Compliance tab must be completed first.**

The LL34 Compliance tab allows you to complete all Doing Business Data information within PASSPort. Local Law 34 of 2007 (LL 34) is New York City's campaign finance law that limits municipal campaign contributions from principal officers, owners, and senior managers of entities doing business with the City.

An organization is required to submit the information requested on this tab each time it enters into a transaction considered a business dealing with the City, regardless of whether the organization or the people associated with it make or intend to make campaign contributions.

1. Go to the **LL34 Compliance** tab in the left navigation menu.
2. Read the LL34 compliance guidance and click the **checkbox** that affirms you have read the guidance and will complete the LL34 Compliance field.
3. If you have not done so already, click the **LL34 Contact Setup** button to identify LL34 contacts in your vendor profile. See the compliance guidance for instructions.

4. In the Principal Officers section, select a Principal Officer in the **Add Existing Contact** drop-down field. Multiple selections can be made.

If your organization does not have a CEO, CFO, COO, or the equivalent such as President, Treasurer, etc., check the applicable box for **Excluded Officers**.

5. In the Principal Owners section, select a Principal Owner in the **Add Existing Contact** drop-down field. Multiple selections can be made.

If there are no listed owner(s), choose the applicable checkbox:

- The entity is not-for-profit
- The entity is an individual
- No individual or organization owns more than 10% of the entity
- Other

6. If the organization is owned by another, click the Add an Organization button.

The Add Organization window opens, and the Organization Name can be entered on that screen.

7. In the Senior Managers section, select a Senior Manager in the **Add Existing Contact** drop-down field. Multiple selections can be made.

Note: At least one Senior Manager must be selected in this field.

Principal Owners

① There are no listed owner (s) because (select one) :

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☐ The entity is not-for-profit ☐ The entity is an individual ☐ No individual or organization owns more than 10% of the entity ☐ Other

Add Existing Contact

Individual Owners:

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Add an Organization

Organization Owners

0 Result(s)

Senior Managers

Add Existing Contact

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8. Click the **Save** button near the top of the page.

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Subcontractors and Joint Ventures Tab

The Subcontractors and Joint Ventures tab is where you identify any applicable joint ventures or M/WBE certified subcontractors in connection with the RFx and enter corresponding information, if applicable.

Subcontractors and Joint Ventures identified in this tab will count towards the M/WBE Participation Goals, found in this tab and the M/WBE Requirements tab, if they carry an applicable M/WBE certification.

1. Go to the **Subcontractors and Joint Ventures** tab in the left navigation.
2. Read the instructions in the M/WBE Requirements section.

Your Proposal Info

Questionnaire

Item

Subcontractors and Joint Ventures

LL34 Compliance

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Subcontractors and Joint Ventures

M/WBE REQUIREMENTS

INSTRUCTIONS

Please see below the M/WBE Participation Goals determined for this solicitation that must be met by your organization.

The Total Participation Goals table displays the percentages of work that shall be completed by NYC Certified M/WBEs.

Your own organization's (prime vendor) M/WBE certification status will automatically be displayed in the field directly below this text labeled as "Prime Vendor M/WBE Certification," and shall count towards the Total Participation Goals. Any participation goal(s) your organization cannot meet through its own certification(s) must be met by subcontractors and/or joint ventures. Please identify all subcontractors and/or joint ventures with their M/WBE certifications in the Subcontractor Information and Joint Venture sections below.

Note: Please keep in mind that the percentages reflect the **minimum** requirements for M/WBE participation. For example, if there is a "Women" (WBE) owned business participation requirement of 10%, then a WBE certified organization must perform at a **minimum** 10% of the proposal or bid amount.

To identify your M/WBE certified subcontractors and/or joint ventures, please make sure to first complete the "Item" tab (and click **Save**). Once the Item tab is completed, please click the **Subcontractors and Joint Ventures** tab and review the participation goals for your organization. Please address any alerts (in red) displayed alongside the relevant participation goal(s) for your organization. After all alerts are addressed, they shall automatically disappear from the Subcontractors and Joint Ventures tab and no longer block your RFX submission.

After all tabs and their required fields are reviewed and completed, you may submit your RFX by clicking **Validate & Submit**.

For detailed instructions, refer to the **Finding and Responding to RFX** guide listed [here](#).

Step 1: Review the M/WBE Participation Goals

If the RFX has M/WBE Participation Goals, your **own** organization's M/WBE certification(s) count towards the Total Participation Goals and automatically display in the **Prime Vendor M/WBE Certification** field directly below the Instructions.

Any M/WBE participation goals that **remain unmet** are highlighted with orange text alerts displaying to the right of the M/WBE Participation Goals table.

In this example, the Prime Vendor does not have any M/WBE Certifications displaying (the field is blank) and thus still needs to meet the requirements as indicated.

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Prime Vendor M/WBE Certification :

Group	Percentage
Black American	10.00
Hispanic American	
Asian American	
Native American	
Unspecified	
Women	
Total Participation Goals	10.00

Black American M/WBE Requirements are not yet met.

Note: Any participation goal(s) an organization cannot meet through its own certification(s) must be met by identifying subcontractors and/or joint ventures with the required certifications.

Step 2: Add a M/WBE Certified Subcontractor(s)

Click the **Add Subcontractor** button in the Subcontractor Information section.

A screenshot of a web interface showing a section titled "Subcontractor Information" with a dropdown arrow. Below the title is a button labeled "Add Subcontractor" with a red circle containing the number "1" next to it. Below the button is a search bar displaying "0 Result(s)".

Then, follow the steps in the section that applies to your situation:

- Case: **I have identified the subcontractor and they are Filed in PASSPort**
- Case: **I have not identified the subcontractor and/or they are not Filed in PASSPort**

Case: I have identified the subcontractor and they are Filed in PASSPort

1. In the **Subcontract Information** section, complete the required fields marked by a red asterisk (*).

Note: The Subcontractor Dollar Amount value is calculated against the Proposal Amount in the Item tab to determine the percentage towards the M/WBE Goal Participation for this RFx.

In this example, \$24,500 is allocated to the Subcontractor Dollar Amount which is 10% of the Proposal Amount (in the Item tab) and can count towards the Participation Goal if the subcontractor is M/WBE Certified in the specified goal.

2. In the Vendor Information section, select the name of the vendor in the **Select PASSPort Vendor** drop-down field.

Add Subcontract

Save

Close

Proposal ID
Proposal # 1

Subcontract Information

Subcontractor Dollar Amount*

24500

Purpose*

Textile Consulting

Estimated Start Date ⓘ*

2/3/2025

Estimated End Date ⓘ*

2/28/2025

M/WBE Certification

Vendor Information

☐ Subcontractor not filed in PASSPort or not yet identified

Select PASSPort Vendor

Vendor Name

EIN

1

2

3. Click the **Save** button near the top of the page.

Add Subcontract

3

Save

Close

The organization's M/WBE Certification and EIN auto-populate in the relevant fields.

4. Click the **Close** button to return to the Subcontractors and Joint Ventures tab.

Add Subcontract

Save **Close**

Proposal ID
Proposal # 1

Subcontract Information

Subcontractor Dollar Amount*
24,500.00

Purpose*
Textile Consulting

Estimated Start Date ⓘ*
2/3/2025

Estimated End Date ⓘ*
2/28/2025

M/WBE Certification
Black American

Vendor Information

☐ Subcontractor not filed in PASSPort or not yet identified

Select PASSPort Vendor
Vendor Name

EIN
098713158

Case: I have not identified the subcontractor and/or they are not Filed in PASSPort

In this case, vendors will click the **Subcontractor not filed in PASSPort or not yet identified** checkbox to manually enter subcontractor information.

There are three scenarios in which vendors would click the **Subcontractor not filed in PASSPort or not yet identified** checkbox:

- **Scenario 1:** The subcontractor has a PASSPort account but is **not Filed**.
- **Scenario 2:** The subcontractor does **not** have a PASSPort account.
- **Scenario 3:** A specific subcontractor has **not yet been identified**, and this serves as a placeholder to meet a specific participation goal.

Follow the steps below to manually enter subcontractor information:

1. In the **Subcontract Information** section, complete the required fields marked by a red asterisk (*).

In this example, \$24,500 is allocated to the Subcontractor Dollar Amount which is 10% of the Proposal Amount (in the Item tab) and can count towards the Participation Goal if the subcontractor is M/WBE Certified in the specified goal.

Note: The Subcontractor Dollar Amount value is calculated against the Proposal Amount in the Item tab to determine the percentage towards the M/WBE Goal Participation for this RFx.

2. In the Vendor Information section, click the **Subcontractor not filed in PASSPort or not yet identified** checkbox and complete the following fields:

- EIN
- Subcontractor Name
- Subcontractor Address
- Subcontractor Phone
- M/WBE Certification (now editable in the Subcontract Information section)

The screenshot shows the 'Add Subcontract' form. At the top right are 'Save' and 'Close' buttons. Below the 'Proposal ID' field (containing 'Proposal # 1') are two main sections: 'Subcontract Information' and 'Vendor Information'. In the 'Subcontract Information' section, a purple bracket labeled '1' groups the 'Subcontractor Dollar Amount' (24500), 'Purpose' (Textile Consulting), 'Estimated Start Date' (2/3/2025), 'Estimated End Date' (2/28/2025), and 'M/WBE Certification' (Black American) fields. A purple circle labeled '2' is next to the 'Estimated Start Date' field. In the 'Vendor Information' section, a purple bracket labeled '2' groups the checkbox 'Subcontractor not filed in PASSPort or not yet identified' (which is checked), the 'EIN' field, the 'Subcontractor Name' field, the 'Subcontractor Address' field, and the 'Subcontractor Phone' field.

3. Click the **Save** button.

4. Click **Close** to return to the Subcontractors and Joint Ventures tab.

This close-up shows the top right corner of the 'Add Subcontract' form. The 'Save' and 'Close' buttons are highlighted with purple boxes. A purple circle labeled '3' is above the 'Save' button, and a purple circle labeled '4' is above the 'Close' button.

Step 3: Add a Joint Venture

If applicable, add a Joint Venture.

1. Click the **Add Joint Venture** button in the Joint Venture section.

The screenshot shows the 'Joint Venture' section of the form. A purple box highlights the 'Add Joint Venture' button, which is next to a purple circle labeled '1'.

2. Select the vendor's name in the **Select PASSPort Vendor** drop-down field. The organization must be filed in PASSPort.

Joint Venture

Save Save and Close Close

▼ Add Vendor

Proposal ID
Proposal # 1

Select PASSport vendor*

2

3. Click the **Save** button near the top of the page.

Joint Venture

3

Save Save and Close Close

4. Complete the **Ownership %** and **M/WBE Certification** fields.

▼ Add Vendor

To change the PASSport Vendor, please delete this record and add a new joint venture

Proposal ID
Proposal # 1

Select PASSport vendor
Vendor Name

Ownership %
60

M/WBE Cetification
Black American

Status
Valid

Total

4

5. Click the **Save** button near the top of the page.

Joint Venture

5

Save Save and Close Close

PASSPort automatically populates the **Total** amount covered by the joint venture based on the Ownership % entered compared to the Proposal Amount (see Item tab).

In this example, the joint venture partner entity selected has 60% ownership which calculates here to equal \$147,000 in total of the full \$245,000 Proposal Amount.

Select PASSport vendor

Vendor Name

Ownership %

60.00

M/WBE Cetification

Black American

Status

Valid

Total

147,000.00

- Once participation goals are met and all alerts are addressed, the alerts no longer display.

Note: For vendors with multiple M/WBE certifications, please note that only one certification can be entered at a time. To add an additional certification, please repeat the **Add a Subcontractor** or **Add a Joint Venture** steps to meet additional participation goals.

If any information entered requires updating in an added Subcontractor or Joint Venture record, delete the record by clicking the **trash** icon and re-add it with the updated information.

Subcontractor Information

Add Subcontractor

M/WBE Certification	Subcontractor Dollar Amount	EIN	Estimated End Date	Estimated Start Date	Purpose	Subcontractor Address	Subcontractor Phone
Black American	24,500.00		2/28/2025	2/3/2025	Textile Consulting		
1 Result(s)							

Joint Venture

Add Joint Venture

Owner Participation	Vendor Name	M/WBE Certification
60.00		- Black American - Women
1 Result(s)		

M/WBE Requirements Tab (Read-Only)

The M/WBE Requirements tab appears for procurements with an M/WBE goal and ensures compliance with M/WBE regulations. For more details on the M/WBE program related to this solicitation, please refer to the Local Law 1 Notice to All Prospective Contractors.

This tab is read-only and does not require any data entry.

If any information in the M/WBE Requirements tab is incorrect, please update it through the Subcontractors and Joint Ventures tab as needed.

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Save Save and Close Close Cancel this response Duplicate Response

Your Proposal Info
Questionnaire
Documents
Item
Subcontractors and Joint Ventures
M/WBE Requirements

▼ M/WBE Requirements

Group	Percentage
Black American	10
Hispanic American	
Asian American	
Native American	
Women	
Unspecified	
Total Participation Goals	10

▼ Your M/WBE Subcontracts

M/WBE Certification Type	Anticipated Subcontractor Amount	Purpose	Estimated Start Date	Estimated End Date
Black American	24,500.00	Textile Consulting	2/3/2025	2/28/2025
	24,500.00			
1 Result(s)				

How To Submit a Request for Waiver of M/WBE Participation Requirement

If necessary, a waiver of the M/WBE participation requirement can be submitted via the Discussion Forum of the RFx.

A copy of the Schedule B form can be found in the **Documents** section of the RFx. The **Vendor Contract History Excel template (Link: /assets/mocs/downloads/PASSPort/learning-to-use-passport/Vendor_Contracting_History.xlsx)** is linked in Part 3 of the Schedule B form.

Follow these steps to submit a Waiver Request to the Agency:

1. Click **Save and Close** to close out of the proposal window.
2. Go to the **View RFx** tab.

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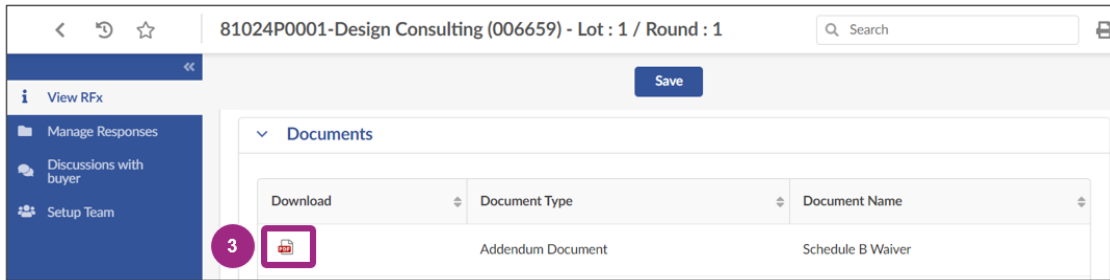
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Save and Close Close

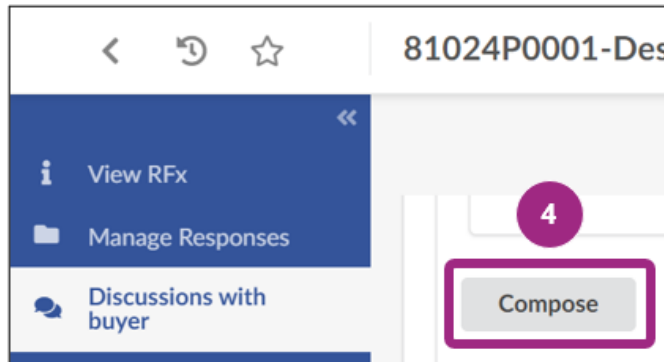
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View RFx

3. Scroll down to the **Documents** section, download the Schedule B form, and complete Part 3.

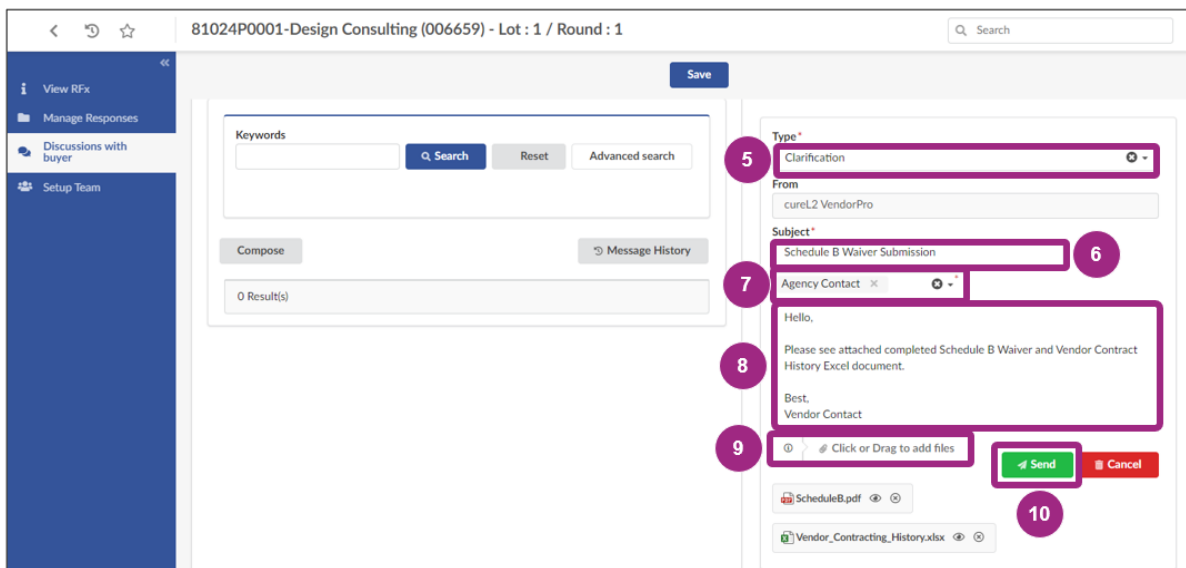


4. Go to the **Discussion with Buyer** tab and click the **Compose** button to start a draft



message to the agency.

5. Select **Clarification** in the **Type** drop-down field.
6. Type a subject in the **Subject** field such as "Schedule B Waiver Submission".
7. Select Agency Contact from the **unlabeled drop-down field**.
8. Type your message in the **unlabeled text field**.
9. Click the **Click or Drag to add files** button and upload the completed *Schedule B - Part 3* form and the completed *Vendor Contract History Excel* document.
10. Click the **Send** button to submit your message and its attachments to the Agency Contact.

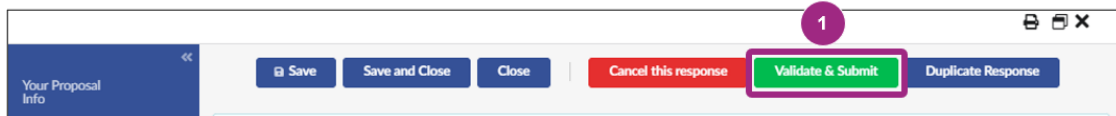


The agency will review the waiver and the result of the agency's waiver determination will be reflected in PASSPort in both the M/WBE Requirements tab and the Subcontractor and Joint Ventures tab of your RFx response. For additional information, see **Local Law 1 Notice to All Prospective Contractors** (Link: https://cityshare.nycnet/intranets/buywise_api/assets/buywise_api/pdf/lr-mwbe/MWBE_LL1_NoticeProspectiveContractors_20200924.pdf).

Submit Your RFX Response

After your response is filled out and all required information has been provided, the response can be submitted.

1. Click the green **Validate & Submit** button near the top of the page.



A **Do you really want to submit your proposal?** pop-up window opens.

2. Read the statement carefully then click the **checkbox** at the bottom left of the window to sign off on the response and confirm that the response content is accurate upon submission.

Important: After you submit your proposal, you will not be able to retract or modify your response. Please be sure to review your work carefully before submitting!

3. Click the **Submit my proposal** button in the bottom right corner of the window.

Do you really want to submit your proposal?

Once an offer is submitted, it cannot be modified. You will only be able to create a new one.

- 2 / 2 items have been filled.
- 2 / 2 questions have been filled.
- 1 document(s) have been attached to the proposal. (Questionnaires)
- Total number of attached documents: 1

By submission of this Bid or Proposal, I hereby certify:

- The person submitting this bid or proposal (the "signatory"), is of lawful age, and is signing as an individual bidder or proposer or as an officer or partner or representative of a corporation, partnership, firm, organization, or joint venture placing the bid or proposal.
- That I have read and reviewed all documents and information contained within the Solicitation, including any instructions and terms and conditions attached to this Solicitation.
- I acknowledge receipt and review of all Addenda and Amendments to this Solicitation.
- That the Bidder/Proposer meets the minimum qualification requirements established for this Solicitation.
- That the Bidder/Proposer agrees to all material terms of the Solicitation and/or contract, including all representations and warranties.
- To the extent applicable, I further hereby:
 - acknowledge my understanding of the M/WBE participation requirements as set forth herein and the pertinent provisions of Section 6-129 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York ("Section 6-129"), and the rules promulgated thereunder;
 - affirm that the information supplied in support of this M/WBE Utilization Plan is true and correct;
 - agree, if awarded this Contract, to comply with the M/WBE participation requirements of this Contract, the pertinent provisions of Section 6-129, and the rules promulgated thereunder, all of which shall be deemed to be material terms of this Contract;
 - agree and affirm that it is a material term of this Contract that the Vendor will award the total dollar value of the M/WBE Participation Goals to certified MBEs and/or WBEs, unless a full waiver is obtained or such goals are modified by the Agency; and
 - agree and affirm, if awarded this Contract, to make all reasonable, good faith efforts to meet the M/WBE Participation Goals, or if a partial waiver is obtained or such goals are modified by the Agency, to meet the modified Participation Goals by soliciting and obtaining the participation of certified MBE and/or WBE firms.
 - agree and affirm that I have read and understand all items contained in the associated Prequalification Questionnaire and certify that as of this date, these items have not changed, or such changed items have been provided with this bid or proposal

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☒ clicking this checkbox you are signing off the response and confirming that its contents are accurate.

3

Cancel

Submit my proposal

Are you receiving a **blocking alert** when trying to submit your response? Here are some common reasons for this issue:

- **Incomplete Required Fields:** Ensure all required fields are filled out by carefully reviewing each tab in the RFX.
- **Incorrectly Completed Fields:** Ensure the LL34 Compliance tab has been completed correctly.
- **Competition Pool Not Selected:** At least one Competition Pool must be selected in the Your Proposal Info tab.
- **RFX Closed by the Agency:** The RFX may have been closed by the agency and is no longer accepting submissions. Remember to submit responses at least 48 hours before the due date.

The screen will refresh, displaying a system message confirming that the response has been successfully submitted.

Close | Withdrawal | Duplicate Response

🔔 Bid Submitted on 11/20/2023 12:17:25 PM
🔔 RFP 81024P0001-Design Consulting - 1 (Released)
🔔 Your proposal has been successfully submitted. Buyers have been notified. You can follow your bid status in next step "History of Submitted Bids"

4. Take a moment to navigate to the **Manage Responses** tab and confirm that the Submission Status updated from In Progress to **Submitted**.

View RFX

Manage Responses

Discussions with buyer

Setup Team

Save | Create a new proposal | Other Actions

4 Submitted on 11/20/2023 12:17:25 PM

Expected date format: M/d/yyyy

Remaining time : 10d 11h 40min 05s

Response Activity

Status

Canceled Submitted In progress 🔍 Search Reset

Your Proposal Info: Competition Pool

RFX Name	Response Name	Competition Pool	Responsiveness Status	Submission Status	Submitted on (Your Local Time)	Selection Status	Response Price
81024P0001-Design Consulting	Proposal # 1	Queens		Submitted	11/20/2023 12:17:25 PM		60,000.00

1 Result(s)

Congratulations! You successfully submitted the RFX response!

Need to edit a submitted response?

- **For RFX in Released status:**
 - Use the Duplicate Response button to create a copy of your submitted response. Edit as needed and submit. Then, click into the incorrect response (originally submitted response) and click the red button to withdraw your first response.
- **For RFX in Responses Received status:**
 - The Agency no longer accepts responses. The vendor cannot revise or retract their submitted responses.

Duplicate an RFx Response

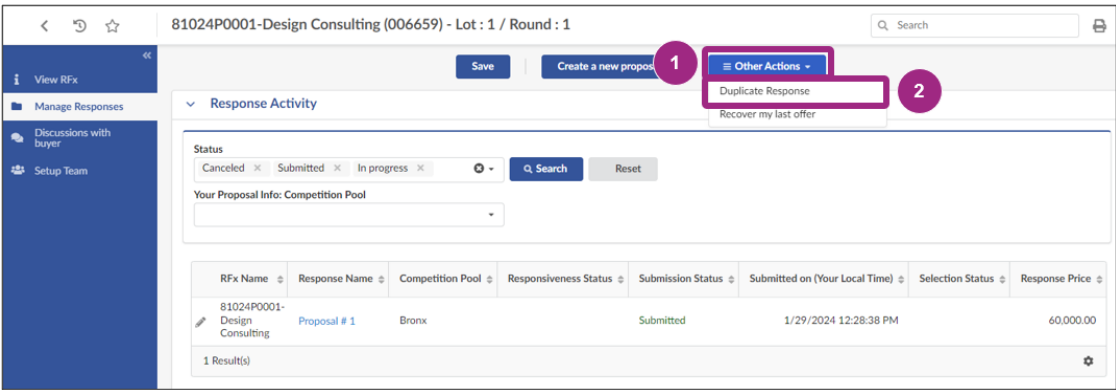
Once the initial response is submitted, vendors have the option to duplicate their RFx response.

This option creates a copy of the response that can be edited and used for subsequent competition pools, or to submit updated information related to an RFx addendum.

Responses can be worked on **simultaneously** by contacts listed in the Setup Team.

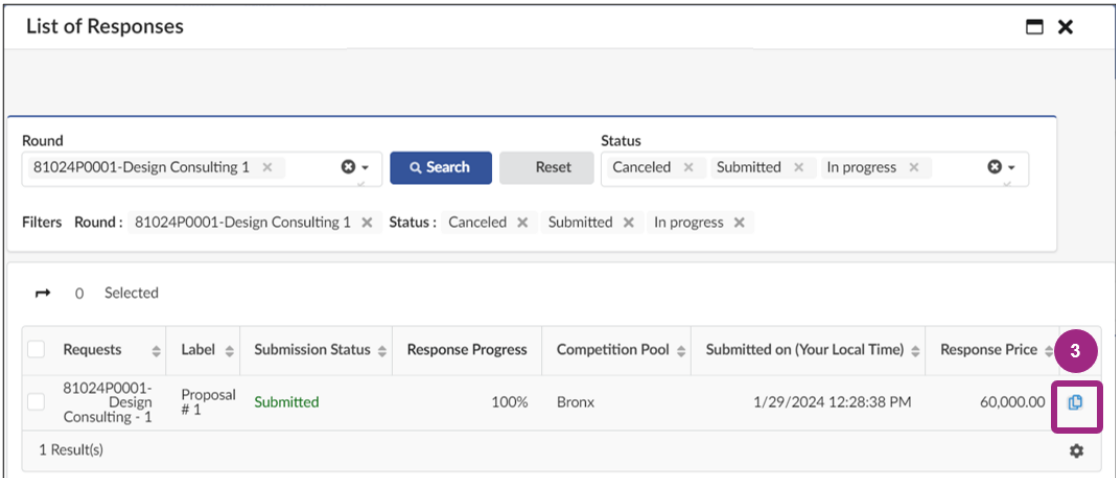
To proceed with this option, follow these steps:

- 1. Click the **Other Actions** button at the top of the RFx page.
- 2. In the drop-down, select **Duplicate Response**.



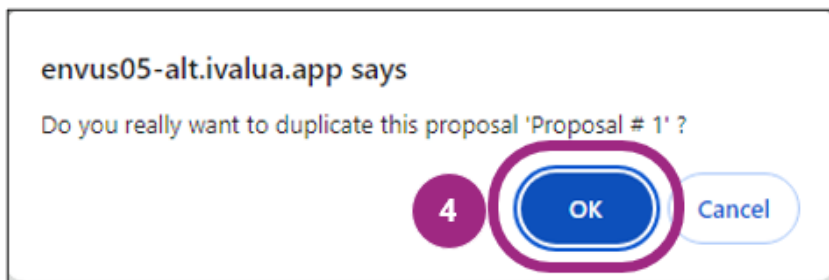
The List of Responses window opens.

- 3. Locate the response you would like to duplicate, scroll to the right, and click the Duplicate this proposal icon.



A pop-up window appears at the top of the page.

4. Click the **OK** button to continue.



5. The page refreshes, and an exact copy of the response appears in the Manage Responses tab. Change the Response Name to your preferred title.

RFX Name	Response Name	Competition Pool	Responsiveness Status	Submission Status	Submitted on (Your Local Time)	Selection Status	Response Price
81024P0001-Design Consulting	Copy of Proposal # 1		In progress				
81024P0001-Design Consulting	Proposal # 1	Bronx		Submitted	1/29/2024 12:28:38 PM		60,000.00
2 Result(s)							

Alternatively, to create a new (blank) response instead of duplicating an existing one, click the **Create a New Proposal** button at the top of the RFX page which becomes available only after the initial response is submitted. Be sure to change the default Response Name to your preference.

81024P0001-Design Consulting (006659) - Lot : 1 / Round : 1

Search

Print

View RFX

Manage Responses

Save

Create a new proposal

Other Actions

Response Activity

RFX Name	Response Name	Competition Pool	Responsiveness Status	Submission Status	Submitted on (Your Local Time)	Selection Status	Response Price
81024P0001-Design Consulting	Proposal # 2		In progress				
81024P0001-Design Consulting	Proposal # 1	Bronx		Submitted	1/29/2024 12:28:38 PM		60,000.00
2 Result(s)							

Next Steps

The RFX Response **Selection Status** will be updated once agency award selections are finalized:

- **Selected:** Your organization has been selected for an award. The contracting agency will reach out to you with next steps.
- **Not Selected:** Your organization was not selected for an award.

Note: This process may take several weeks or even months, as responses undergo a thorough evaluation before award selections are made. Vendors will be notified if awarded a contract.

View RfX

Manage Responses

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Setup Team

Save

Create a new proposal

Other Actions

Bid Submitted on 11/20/2023 12:17:25 PM

Expected date format: M/d/yyyy

Remaining time : 10d 11h 40min 05s

Response Activity

Status

Canceled

Submitted

In progress

Search

Reset

Your Proposal Info: Competition Pool

RfX Name	Response Name	Competition Pool	Responsiveness Status	Submission Status	Submitted on (Your Local Time)	Selection Status	Response Price
81024P0001-Design Consulting	Proposal # 1	Queens		Submitted	11/20/2023 12:17:25 PM		60,000.00

1 Result(s)

Last updated: April 8, 2025