



## LEGISLATIVE ALERT

***Re: 08-X-20081, S 2513 – Environmentally Preferable Cleaning Products-1A  
Request for Proposal for Green Products***

Within the last two weeks, the New Jersey Sanitary Supply Association was alerted by two of its members, Scrubber Doctor in Neptune and Spruce Industries in Garwood, of specifications in the bidding proposal for above legislation that called for specific packaging and color of the chemicals in packet form. This specification was clearly written in deference to one chemical manufacturer and went beyond the intention of meeting standards set by Green Seal, ECP or EPA.

Based on the concerns voiced to us by these members and others, NJSSA and its legislative monitoring committee contacted New Jersey State Purchasing and Treasury executives and requested the bid opening be postponed to permit further reconsideration of the bid specifications. We are concerned with the fact that the bid for pre-measured products was so specific as to color and packaging that it would not allow a broad number of bidders to participate. As a result of our intervention, the bid opening has been postponed until April 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. to permit us to reach out to NJSSA members for suggestions on how the bid should be amended to allow for the maximum number of bidders.

**We ask that you take the time to immediately review the specifications of the bid and send your recommendations to Pat Koziol, NJSSA Executive Director at [pkoziol@njssa.net](mailto:pkoziol@njssa.net) or [pat.koziol@plsi.com](mailto:pat.koziol@plsi.com) by March 14, 2008. We will compile these recommendations and present them to the State for revisions to the bid proposal. For a copy of the bid, go to <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase>. When at the site, go to “Special Notices” and “Current Bidding Opportunities – Bid Solicitation #2008-x-20081.”**

Thanks very much to Les Goldberg of Scrubber Doctor, Dan Josephs of Spruce Industries, Rick Levesque of Insight Consulting, and Bill Balek and Dan Wagner of ISSA for their legislative efforts on behalf of NJSSA.