Central System RFP Questions & Answers February 22, 2002

1. We have requested to procure a proposal bond from companies this firm has used in the past and we are having difficulty identifying a bonding company that will issue a bond meeting the Lottery's proposal bond requirements. In this regard we have the following questions:

Can the Lottery identify a bonding company that has issued a proposal bond for other contracts?

Will the Lottery accept a certified check in the amount of \$100,000.00 in place of a proposal bond?

A. The RFP Section 1.26 specifically identifies "Each respondent must submit with the proposal a proposal bond in the amount of \$100,000 to guarantee for eighteen (18) months after submission of the proposal the availability of the goods and services at the price(s) quoted in the proposal. Neither a letter of credit nor any other form of security will be acceptable. The bond will be payable to the Lottery if the vendor's proposal is withdrawn or the vendor refuses or fails to be bound by any provision of the proposal."

Names of companies on file that have issued proposal bonds are:

Liberty Mutual Insurance Company Continental Casualty Company Firemens Insurance Company of Newark, NJ

These names are given only as information requested and <u>not</u> endorsed by the Lottery.