

Kent State University Request for Proposal no. 2023
(Housing Options for Students at the School of Fashion Site in New York City)
Vendor Questions and University Answers

4stay

- 1) Definition of "Garment District" boundaries: The RFP overview notes that the program is based in the Garment District. Does the University have specific street boundaries or a strict radius around the 315 West 39th Street campus that it considers the absolute limit for student placements?

The Garment District neighborhood can loosely be considered bounded by 34th and 41st Streets and by Fifth and Ninth Avenues. However, we are also open to other neighborhoods within walking distance, such as Midtown East, Midtown West, Chelsea, etc.

- 2) Definition of a "reasonable subway commute": The Location Requirements mandate that housing must be either within walking distance of the NYC Fashion site or accessible via a "reasonable subway commute". Could you please quantify the maximum acceptable door-to-door transit time (e.g., under 30 minutes) or list any specifically preferred subway lines?

The maximum acceptable door-to-door transit time would be 45 minutes or less. There are no preferred subway lines, but a route with no transfers is preferred.

- 3) Form 6 Location Specifications: Form 6 (Standard Affirmation and Disclosure Form for Executive Order 2019-12D) requires the bidder to provide all locations where services will be performed, noting that failure to provide this information will cause the submission to be deemed not responsive. Because 4stay utilizes a master lease model that will allocate specific beds based on the University's final cohort size, will our proposal be deemed non-responsive if the exact, final property locations cannot be specified at the time of submission? Alternatively, will the University accept a representative list of our primary property prospects for this section?

Your proposal will not be considered non-responsive if the exact final property locations are not known at the time of submission. A representative list of your primary property prospects is acceptable.

- 4) Accessibility and Disability Laws: Section 4.36 notes compliance with State of Ohio laws regarding accessibility and disability, while the physical properties are located in New York. For the purposes of property evaluation and student accommodations, should the vendor prioritize Ohio accessibility regulations or New York state/local building and accessibility codes?

New York state and local building and accessibility codes will be acceptable.