



SPECIFICATIONS AND BID PROPOSAL FOR:

CONTRACT#: _____

FORWARD TO: _____

DATE AND TIME DUE: _____

PLEASE NOTE:

Please direct all questions to: _____
Telephone # _____

Pre Bid Conference: _____

BALTIMORE REGIONAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING COMMITTEE (BRCPC)

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR SOLICITATIONS

1. INSTRUCTIONS, FORMS AND SPECIFICATIONS

- 1.1 All bids are to be submitted on and in accordance with forms required by the lead jurisdiction, which are available at the office of the Purchasing Agent.
- 1.2 All bids must be clearly identified with the solicitation number, title of the solicitation and the due date and time.
- 1.3 Each bid shall be accompanied by an affidavit regarding price fixing, gratuities, bribery, and discriminatory employment practices. If the bidder is a business entity, a duly and legally authorized representative of the business entity shall execute the affidavit. The Purchasing Agent will provide the affidavit to bidders.
- 1.4 Bids must be typed or written and signed in ink, unless the solicitation is bid electronically, in which case an electronic signature is acceptable. Erasures or alterations must be initialed in ink, unless the solicitation is bid electronically, in which case electronic initials are acceptable. A duly and legally authorized representative of the business entity shall sign all bids in ink (or in the case of electronic solicitation, digitally). All bids shall be delivered sealed to the Purchasing Agent, no later than the time and date indicated herein. Bids received after the time or date indicated will not be considered.
- 1.5 Additional information or clarifications of any of the instructions or information contained herein may be obtained from the Purchasing Agent.
- 1.6 Any bidder who finds a discrepancy in or omission from the specifications, or who is in doubt as to their meaning or feels that the specifications are discriminatory, shall notify the Purchasing Agent in writing not less than 10 calendar days before the scheduled opening of bids. Discrepancies or exceptions taken do not obligate the Purchasing Agent to change or supplement the specifications. The Purchasing Agent will notify all bidders in writing, by addendum duly issued, of any interpretations of specifications or instructions that are made.
- 1.7 Unless a written discrepancy, change, supplement, or exception to the specifications is noted on the bid detailing nonconformance, any part number, or product number, etc. noted on the bid will be considered in full compliance with the specifications. Submission of a bid in response to this solicitation evidences the bidder's acceptance of the terms and conditions herein.
- 1.8 All official correspondence in regard to the specifications shall be directed to and/or will be issued in writing by the Purchasing Agent. Oral instructions or suggestions are not binding upon the Purchasing Agent or BRCPC.
- 2.9 The Purchasing Agent will notify bidders of any changes, additions or deletions to the specifications by written addenda posted on the lead agency's web site at www._____. Addenda to solicitations are sometimes issued within as little as 48 hours prior to bid opening. It is each potential bidder's sole responsibility to frequently visit the web site to obtain all addenda.

2. BID DEPOSIT

- 2.1 A bid deposit may be required when indicated in the solicitation. Failure to submit the bid deposit with the bid, when required, will nullify the bid.
- 2.2 When required in the solicitation, a certified check, treasurer's check, U.S. Postal Money Order, or a bid bond must accompany each bid.
- 2.3 Bid deposits will be returned to each unsuccessful bidder upon the award of the solicitation, and to successful bidders upon its execution of the contracts with each participation jurisdiction and the meeting of bond requirements, if applicable.

- 2.4 Nonperformance by a successful bidder, failure to execute a contract with each participation jurisdiction, or failure to meet bond requirements within the time frame specified in the solicitation or award notification may result in the bid bond being forfeited as liquidated damages.

3. BASIS FOR AWARD OF CONTRACT

- 3.1 The Purchasing Agent shall award all contracts to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder(s) for competitive sealed bids and based on best value for competitive negotiations as determined in the sole discretion of the Purchasing Agent. Each participating jurisdiction will execute its own contract and issue its own purchase order for their contract. Each participating jurisdiction is responsible for determining that the method of solicitation complies with its procurement laws.
- 3.2 Any other consideration for the award will be stated in the solicitation.
- 3.3 Unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Purchasing Agent and the bidder(s) specified, all bids submitted shall be irrevocable for 120 calendar days following bid opening date, unless the bidder(s), upon request of the Purchasing Agent, agree to an extension. No bidder may withdraw its bid during that period.
- 3.4 When there is a conflict between the unit price or percentage and the extension, the unit price or percentage will prevail as the amount of the bid.
- 3.5 Bids shall be exclusive of all non-applicable Federal and Maryland state taxes. Tax exemption certificates will be furnished if required.
- 3.6 Each participating jurisdiction reserves the right to make payments via electronic funds transfers (EFT) or procurement cards for purchases for which those payment methods may be appropriate.

4. CASH DISCOUNT AND NET PAYMENTS

- 4.1 Cash discounts based on time of payment will not be considered in determining an award, but will be taken by each participating jurisdiction, if applicable, at time of payment.
- 4.2 Bids requiring payment within less than 30 days from the date of invoice will be rejected.

5. PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BONDS

- 5.1 The successful bidder may be required to give security or bond for the performance of each participating jurisdiction's contract as determined by the Purchasing Agent.
- 5.2 When bonds are required, a surety licensed to do business in the State of Maryland must issue the bonds for each participating jurisdiction.

6. RESERVATIONS

- 6.1 The Purchasing Agent reserves the right to reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, when in his/her reasoned and sole judgment, the public or BRCPC's interest will be served thereby.
- 6.2 The Purchasing Agent may waive formalities or technicalities in bids as the interest of the public or BRCPC and its participating jurisdictions may require, providing these differences do not violate the intent of the specifications, materially affect the operation for which the items are being purchased, or increase the price or estimated maintenance and repair cost.
- 6.3 Unless otherwise provided herein, each participating jurisdiction reserves the right to increase or decrease the quantities to be purchased at the prices bid. The quantity intended to be purchased and the period and/or percentage amount of any such reservation shall be stated in the solicitation and/or in any applicable participating jurisdiction's contract.

- 6.4 Unless otherwise provided herein, the Purchasing Agent reserves the right to make award(s) on a lump sum basis, individual item basis, or such combination as shall be in the best interest of the public and/or BRCPC.
- 6.5 Unless otherwise provided herein, the Purchasing Agent reserves the right to order goods or services from other sources without prejudice to the contract.

7. DELIVERIES

- 7.1 Bidders shall guarantee delivery in accordance with any delivery schedule as may be provided in the solicitation and/or in each participating jurisdiction's contract.
- 7.2 All deliveries shall be F.O.B. Destination and delivery costs and charges shall be included in the bid price.
- 7.3 Each participating jurisdiction reserves the right to levy a per diem charge to the successful bidder for each day the goods or services are not delivered in accordance with the delivery schedule. The per diem charge, identified in the solicitation and/or in each participating jurisdiction's contract, may be invoked at the discretion of the participating jurisdiction and said sum may be taken as liquidated damages and deducted from any compensation due to the successful bidder. Invoking the per diem charge as liquidated damages is not a waiver of the right to any other remedies or damages.
- 7.4 When practical, the successful bidder must package and ship all products in packaging and containers made of recycled, recyclable or biodegradable materials. Bidders are encouraged to eliminate packaging, or to use the minimum amount necessary for product protection, in order to minimize waste to the greatest extent practicable.

8. COMPETITION

- 8.1 The name of any manufacturer, trade name of manufacturer, or vendor catalog number mentioned in the specifications is for the purpose of designating a standard of quality and type and for no other reason. Minimum specifications where included, are not established arbitrarily to limit competition or to exclude otherwise competitive bidders.
- 8.2 A bidder shall offer a price on only one unit. Even though two or more units may meet specifications, Bidders must determine which to offer. Submission by a bidder for more than one unit shall be sufficient cause for rejection of that specific item in the Purchasing Agent's sole discretion.
- 8.3 Bids that show any omission, irregularity, alteration of forms, additions not called for, conditional or unconditional unresponsive bids, or bids obviously unbalanced may be rejected in the Purchasing Agent's sole discretion.
- 8.4 All bids must be accompanied by such descriptive literature as may be called for by the solicitation.
- 8.5 If goods to be provided or goods to be used by a successful bidder when providing a service contain any ingredients that could be hazardous or injurious to a person's health, a Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) must be provided to the Purchasing Agent. This applies also to any goods used by the Successful Bidder when providing a service to the BRCPC.

9. HOLD HARMLESS/INDEMNIFICATION

The successful bidder shall indemnify, defend, and save harmless each of the participating jurisdictions and their respective employees, agents and officials against or from all costs, fees (including reasonable attorneys' fees), liabilities expenses, damages, injury, and loss including (but not limited to) attorney's fees, which may be incurred or made against any of the participating jurisdictions, their respective employees, agents or officials, and resulting from any act or omission committed in the performance of the duties and obligations of the successful bidder under this solicitation and/or each participating jurisdiction's resulting contract or anyone under contract with the successful bidder to perform duties or obligations thereunder. The successful bidder shall allow each participating jurisdiction to participate in the defense of the participating jurisdiction, its employees, agents and officials, to the extent and as may be required by the participating jurisdiction, and the successful bidder shall cooperate with the applicable participating jurisdiction in all aspects in connection therewith.

10. INSURANCE

10.1 The successful bidder shall, at all times during the term of each participating jurisdiction's contract, maintain and keep in force such insurance as Worker's Compensation, Liability, and Property Damage as will protect the successful bidder from claims under Worker's Compensation Acts and also such insurance as will protect the successful bidder and the participating jurisdictions from any other claims for damages for person injury, including death, as well as from claims for damages to any property of each participating jurisdiction or of the public, which may arise from operations under this solicitation and each participating jurisdictions' contract, whether such operations are by the successful bidder or any subcontractor or any agent directly or indirectly employed by any of them.

10.2 Refer to the specifications for detailed insurance requirements. [Or insert the lead jurisdiction's requirements here]

11. DISPUTES

Prior to award, in case of disputes, the decision of the Purchasing Agent shall be final and binding. The Purchasing Agent may request, in writing, the recommendation of participating jurisdictions or other objective source. Subsequent to award of the solicitation, in case of disputes as to whether an item or service quoted or delivered meets specifications, the decision of the applicable participating jurisdiction shall be final and binding with respect to the participating jurisdiction's contract.

12. TERMINATION

12.1 Termination for Convenience: Any participating jurisdiction may terminate its contract, in whole or in part, upon giving at least thirty (30) days written notice to the successful bidder. The participating jurisdiction shall pay all reasonable costs incurred by the successful bidder up to the date of termination in connection with that participating jurisdiction's contract only. The successful bidder will not be reimbursed for any anticipatory profits, which have not been earned up to the date of termination by any participating jurisdiction or BRCPC. The BRCPC will be promptly notified in writing of any termination hereunder by the applicable participating jurisdiction.

12.2 Termination for Default: When the successful bidder has not performed or has unsatisfactorily performed under the contract of any participating jurisdiction, the participating jurisdiction may terminate its contract for default and the successful bidder is entitled to any reasonable costs incurred by the successful bidder up to the date of termination. The successful bidder will not be reimbursed for any anticipatory profits that have not been earned up to the date of termination. The BRCPC will be promptly notified in writing of this termination by the applicable participating jurisdiction.

13. PATENT INFRINGEMENT

The successful bidder agrees to indemnify, protect, defend and save harmless each participating jurisdiction, its officers, agents, and employees with respect to any claim, action, cost (including, but not limited to, attorney's fees), or judgment for patent, copyright, or trademark infringement, or any other claim related to intellectual property or proprietary information arising out of purchase or use of goods or services or from any of the successful bidder's duties or obligations covered by the solicitation or any participating jurisdiction's contract. The successful bidder shall allow each participating jurisdiction to participate in the defense of the participating jurisdiction, its employees, agents and officials, to the extent and as may be required by the participation jurisdiction, and the successful bidder shall cooperate with the applicable participating jurisdiction in all aspects in connection therewith.

14. NON-ASSIGNMENT

A participating jurisdiction's contract resulting from this solicitation and the compensation, which may become due thereunder, are not assignable except with prior written approval of the applicable participating jurisdiction.

15. FACILITIES

The BRCPC and each participating jurisdiction reserves the right to inspect the bidder's facilities at no cost to the BRCPC or any participating jurisdiction at any time with prior notice.

16. AUTHORITY

Instructions, specifications, and proposals are issued, and all bids, quotations, orders, and purchases are made pursuant and subject to the enabling respective legislation of each of the participating jurisdictions. The successful bidder shall ensure compliance with the ethics provisions of the participating jurisdictions.

17. FAILURE TO RESPOND

Bidders who fail to respond three (3) times in succession to solicitations without adequate justification may be removed from the bidder's list.

18. AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

BRCPC has no obligation (contractual, financial or otherwise) hereunder or for any participating jurisdiction's contract. The contractual obligation of each participating jurisdiction under its respective contract is contingent upon appropriation of funds by the governing body of the applicable jurisdiction from which payment shall be made.

19. GOVERNING LAW

19.1 This solicitation shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Maryland without regard to any choice of law principles that would dictate the laws of any other jurisdiction. The exclusive venue for any and all actions related to this solicitation hereto shall be the appropriate Federal or State court located within the State of Maryland.

19.2 The laws of Maryland shall govern the resolution of any issue arising in connection with each participating jurisdiction's contract, including, but not limited to, all questions on the validity of each such contract, the capacity of the parties to enter therein, any modification or amendment thereto, and the rights and obligations of the parties thereunder.

19.3 All bidders must be registered to do business in the State of Maryland in accordance with the Annotated Code of Maryland Corporations and Associations Sec. 2-102 Formation generally, Sec. 7-202 Registration to do interstate and foreign* business, and/or Sec. 7-203 Qualification to do intrastate. For information on registering or qualifying a corporation, LLC, LLP or LP call the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation (SDAT) at (410) 767-1340. Sole Proprietors and General Partnerships may call (410) 767-4991 or you may download the SDAT forms at: www.dat.state.md.us/sdatweb/sdatforms.html - entity or by calling at (410) 767-1340 or Toll Free (888) 246-5941. The successful bidder will be required to submit a Good Standing Certificate (also known as "Certificate of Status") issued by SDAT.

***a corporation, association, or joint-stock company organized under the laws of the United States, another state of the United States, a territory, possession, or district of the United States, or a foreign country." Sec. 1-101 Annotated Code of Maryland Corporations and Associations.*

20. NON-WAIVER

Any waiver of any breach of covenants herein contained to be kept and performed by the successful bidder shall not be deemed or considered as a continuing waiver and shall not operate to bar or prevent any participating jurisdiction from declaring a breach or default for any succeeding breach either of the same condition of covenant or otherwise. No failure or delay by any participating jurisdiction to insist upon the strict performance of any term, condition or covenant of its contract agreement, or to exercise any right, power, or remedy consequent upon a breach thereof, shall constitute a waiver of any such term, condition, or covenant or of any such breach, or preclude the participating jurisdiction from exercising any such right, power, or remedy at any later time or times.

21. INTEGRATION

This solicitation, bid response, and each subsequent participating jurisdiction's contract with the successful bidder contain the entire understanding between the successful bidder and each applicable participating jurisdiction. Each participating jurisdiction's contract shall only be amended if such amendment is in writing and executed by a legally authorized

representative of the successful bidder and the applicable participating jurisdiction. Any contract amendment of one participating jurisdiction shall not impact or affect any other participating jurisdiction's contract or BRCPC.

22. SOCIO-ECONOMIC PROGRAMS

The participating jurisdictions have various socio-economic programs, which, if applicable, are detailed in the solicitation. Although there is no requirement that the bidder be a minority-owned, women-owned, disabled-owned business or small business, all under utilized businesses are encouraged to respond to this solicitation.

23. USE OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT LABOR

The use of illegal immigrant labor is in violation of the law and is strictly prohibited. Contractors and subcontractors must verify employment eligibility of workers in order to assure that they are not violating Federal/State/Local laws regarding illegal immigration.

24. PUBLIC INFORMATION

The participating jurisdictions operate under a public information law – Maryland Access to Public Records Act, State Government Article, Sections 10-611 through 10-628, of the Annotated Code of Maryland. Bids/proposals will be available for public inspection except to the extent that a bidder designates trade secrets or other proprietary data to be confidential. A bidder's designation of material as confidential will not necessarily be conclusive, and may be required to provide justification as to why such material should not be disclosed upon request.

**GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO
STATE OF MARYLAND, BOARDS OF EDUCATION**

1. TOBACCO PRODUCTS

The use of tobacco products is not permitted on school property. Referencing Code of Maryland Regulations 13A.02.04, the use of tobacco products is not permitted in or on property owned by the Board of Education or the political subdivisions.

2. CHILD SEX OFFENDER NOTIFICATION

2.1 Maryland law requires certain child sex offenders to register with the local law enforcement agency. One of the purposes of this law, found in Article 27§ 792, is to inform school systems when a child sex offender is residing or working in the area. When the child sex offender registers, the local police are required to notify the Superintendent of Schools, and the Superintendent, in turn, is required to send a notice to school principals.

2.2 As a successful bidder and/or its agents working for the political subdivisions, shall not employ convicted child sex offenders to work on projects for public schools if they, as a result, are required to perform delivery, installation, repair, construction or any other kind of services on political subdivision property. Further, Maryland Law effective June 22, 2006, requires that any person who enters a contract with a county board of education or a non-public school "may not knowingly employ an individual to work at a school" if the individual is a registered sex offender. A successful bidder and/or its agents who violate this requirement is guilty of a misdemeanor and if convicted may be subject to up to five years imprisonment and/or a \$5,000 fine.

2.3 A successful bidder shall screen their work-forces to ensure that a registered sex offender does not perform work at a school and also ensure that a subcontractor, independent contractor, successful bidder and/or any agents conducts screening of its personnel who may work at a school. The term "work force" is intended to refer to all of the successful bidder's direct employees, subcontractors, agents, and/or independent contractors

it used to perform the work. Violations of this provision may cause a participation jurisdiction to take action against the successful bidder up to and including termination of the contract.

- 2.4 To assist you in identifying convicted child sex offenders, the schools have the list of convicted child sex offenders, which successful bidders may view. The schools maintain the list and update the list as new offenders are identified, however, it is solely the responsibility of the successful bidder to comply with this provision.