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Baltimore Regional Cooperative Purchasing Committee

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REQUEST FOR BID NO. B-552 GLASS BEADS FOR ROAD SURFACES, TERM AGREEMENT

Due Date: 07/24/12, Time: 3:00 PM

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

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Amendments to solicitations often occur prior to bid opening and sometimes within as little as 48 hours prior to bid opening. It is the potential vendor's responsibility to frequently visit the Purchasing web site to obtain amendments once they have downloaded a solicitation.

All original and duplicate bids and other attachments, related documents and correspondence, shall be typed or written in English. All prices/percentages and/or other monetary figures shall be in United States dollars.

BIDDER CHECKLIST

- Have you signed your bid?
- Have you signed the Procurement Affidavit?
- Have you filled out all applicable forms?
- Have you returned the original? (and required duplicate copies when required?)
- Have you signed and returned amendments?
- Have you included the bid bond, if required?

**BALTIMORE REGIONAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING COMMITTEE
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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. Erasures or alterations must be initialed in ink. A duly and legally authorized representative of the business entity shall sign all bids in ink. 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.
- 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.
- 1.9 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.baltimorecountymd.gov/purchasing. 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 quantity 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 Workmen's Compensation, Liability, and Property Damage as will protect the successful bidder from claims under Workmen'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.

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 participating 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. 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.

18. GOVERNING LAW

18.1 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.

18.2 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.

18.3 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.

19. 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.

20. 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.

21. 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.

Additional General Instructions for Solicitations

1. Instructions, Forms and Specifications

1.1 All bids/proposals are to be submitted on and in accordance with the forms provided by the Purchasing Division. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope or carton as appropriate. All bids must be clearly identified on the front of the envelope or top of the carton with the SOLICITATION NUMBER and the DUE DATE and TIME. Bid times are either Eastern Standard Time or Eastern Daylight Time, whichever prevails. Late bids will not be considered.

1.2 Responses to Requests for Bids and Requests for Proposals shall be accompanied by an executed Procurement Affidavit, as provided by the Purchasing Division. This does not apply to Requests for Quotations.

1.3 Amendments to solicitations often occur prior to bid opening and sometimes within hours prior to bid opening. All bidders are responsible for frequently visiting the Purchasing web site to obtain amendments once they have downloaded a solicitation.

1.4 Additional information or clarification of any of the instructions or information contained herein may be obtained from the Purchasing Division. The County assumes no responsibility for oral instructions or suggestions. All official correspondence in regard to this solicitation must be directed to, and will be issued by, the Purchasing Division.

1.5 Bidders finding any discrepancy in or omission from the specifications, in doubt as to meaning, or asserting that the specifications are discriminatory, shall notify the Purchasing Division in writing at once, but in no case later than five (5) business days prior to the scheduled opening of bids. Exceptions stated do not obligate the County to change the specifications. The Purchasing Division will notify all bidders in writing, by amendment duly issued, of any substantive revisions to specifications or instructions.

1.6 Unless a written exception detailing non-conformance to specifications is noted on the bid, any part number, product number, catalog number, etc., noted on the bid will be considered in full compliance with the specifications.

1.7 Submission of a bid in response to this solicitation evidences the bidder's acceptance of these General Instructions and the terms and conditions of the solicitation. Submission of a bid

evidences bidder's representation and warranty that the person submitting the bid response is authorized to act for and bind the contractor.

1.8 All original and duplicate bids/proposals and other attachments, related documents and correspondence, including all follow-up documents and correspondence, shall be typed or written in English. All prices/percentages and/or other monetary figures shall be in United States dollars.

1.9 Requests for Bids and Requests for Proposals should be accompanied by an electronic version (Compact Disc) of the bid proposal in PDF format. It shall be the bidder's responsibility to verify that the electronic version is complete. The electronic version of the non-successful proposal response will be the only version retained by Baltimore County. The Compact Disc must be labeled with the bid number, the bid title, and the bidder's name submitting the response. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope or carton as appropriate. This does not apply to Requests for Quotation.

1.10 Issuing Officer: The sole point of contact for the County for purposes of this solicitation is the Buyer, listed on the cover page; questions regarding any aspect of the competitive process must be directed to the Buyer, in writing.

2. Award of Solicitations

2.1 Any award pursuant to Requests for Quotation and Requests for Bid is made to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder following the public opening of bids under Section 10-2-406 of the Baltimore County Code, 2003, as amended.

2.2 Awards on Requests for Quotations and Requests for Bid will be made within sixty (60) days after bid opening unless otherwise indicated in this solicitation. No bidder will be allowed to withdraw a bid during that period.

2.3 The successful bidder may be required to give security or bond, as stated in the bid document, for performance of the contract.

2.4 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.

2.5 Cash discounts will be considered in determining awards. However, cash discount offers must allow not less than 30 days to be considered in

bid evaluation. A bid offering a cash discount in a period of less than 30 days will be evaluated as a bid without a discount offer; however, should that bidder obtain award by consideration of the gross price, the County shall make every effort to obtain the discount. The County will not accept any payment terms with a period of less than 30 days.

2.6 Invoices against resulting order(s) must be submitted, in duplicate, to the Office of Budget and Finance, Disbursements Section, 400 Washington Avenue, Room 148, Towson, Maryland 21204-4665. Invoices must show the vendor's Federal Tax Identification Number or Social Security Number, as appropriate, and order number and line number(s) that correspond with resulting order(s).

2.7 The County will not pay interest charges or other penalties for invoice payments.

2.8 Prices quoted shall be exclusive of all non-applicable Federal and Maryland State taxes. Tax exemption certificate will be furnished if required.

2.9 The County reserves the right to consider making payments via electronic funds transfers (EFT) on contracts for which this payment vehicle may be appropriate.

3. Reservations

3.1 The County reserves the right to reject, in whole or in part, any and all bids received, and to make a whole award, multiple awards, a partial award, or no award, to best serve the public interest.

3.2 The County may waive formalities in bids as the interests of the County may require.

3.3 The County reserves the right to increase or decrease quantities by approximately twenty (20) percent to be purchased at the prices bid.

3.4 The County reserves the right to award solicitations or place orders on a lump sum or individual item basis, or in such combination as to best serve the public interest.

3.5 The County may waive minor differences, irregularities, and technicalities in the specifications, provided they neither violate the specifications intent, materially affect the operation for which the items or services are being purchased, nor increase estimated maintenance and repair costs to the County.

3.6 At any time during normal business hours and as often as the County may deem necessary, the Contractor shall make available to and permit inspection and photocopying, by the County, its employees or agents, of all records, information and

documentation of the Contractor related to the subject matter of this contract, including, but not limited to, all contracts, invoices, payroll, and financial audits.

3.7 Notwithstanding any other terms or provisions of the contract, in the event the County is temporarily or permanently prevented, restricted or delayed in the performance of any or all of the duties and obligations imposed upon or assumed by it thereunder, by act of the General Assembly of Maryland or the Baltimore County Council, by a court of competent jurisdiction or by administrative delay not due to the fault of the County (and its members and agents) shall not be liable directly or indirectly for any claims caused to or suffered by the Contractor or any other person in connection with or as a result of such prevention, restriction or delay.

3.8 The County further reserves the right to make such investigation as it deems necessary to determine the ability of bidders to furnish the required services, and bidders shall furnish all such information for this purpose as the County may request. The County also reserves the right to reject the proposal of any bidder who is not currently in a position to perform the contract, or who has previously failed to perform similar contracts properly, or in a manner acceptable to the County, all of which shall be in the County's sole discretion.

4. Competition

4.1 The name of any manufacturer, trade name, or vendor catalog number mentioned in the specifications is for the purpose of designating a standard of quality and type, and for no other purpose unless otherwise stated in the solicitation.

4.2 A bidder may offer a price on only one unit per line item. Even though two or more units may meet the specification, bidders must determine for themselves which to offer. Submission by a bidder of prices for more than one unit shall be sufficient cause for rejection of the bid for that specific item.

4.3 Bids which show omission, irregularity, alteration of forms or additions not called for, as well as conditional or unconditional unresponsive bids, or bids obviously unbalanced, may be rejected.

4.4 All bids must be accompanied by such descriptive literature as may be called for by the specifications or proposal.

4.5 If products to be provided to the County contain any substances that could be hazardous or injurious to a person's health, a material safety data sheet (MSDS) must be provided to the Purchasing Division.

This applies also to any product used by a Contractor when providing a service to the County.

4.6 Specifications are based on County needs and uses, estimated costs of operations and maintenance, and other significant and/or limiting factors to meet County requirements, and to ensure consistency with County policies. Minimum specifications, and maximum specifications where included, are not established arbitrarily to limit competition or to exclude otherwise competitive bidders.

4.7 Unless multiple or alternate bids are requested in the solicitation, these bids may not be accepted. However, if a bidder clearly indicates a base bid, it shall be considered for award as though it were the only bid submitted by the bidder.

5. Minority/Women's Business Enterprise (MBE/WBE) and Small Business Notice: Baltimore County is seeking Minority, Woman and Small Businesses to bid on current solicitations as a prime or sub contractor. In accordance with the Executive Order dated June 4, 2009, "an overall goal of 15% of the cumulative total of all discretionary dollars spent in a fiscal year of County procurements is to be awarded to and/or performed by MBE and WBE firms." MBE/WBE's and Small Businesses are encouraged to respond to this solicitation.

6. Authority

6.1 In case of disputes as to whether an item or service quoted or delivered meets specifications, the decision of the Purchasing Agent or authorized representative shall be final and binding on both parties. The Purchasing Agent may request the recommendation in writing of the head of the using agency, the Standards and Specifications Committee, or other objective sources.

6.2 Bidders desiring to appeal a decision of the Purchasing Division must deliver written protests to the Purchasing Division within 10 days of notification of award. The Purchasing Agent or designee will review the protested decision, examine any additional information provided by the bidder and respond in writing within 10 working days of receipt of written protests.

6.3 Instructions, Specifications, and Proposals are issued, and all bids, quotations, orders, and purchases are made pursuant and subject to the provisions of the Baltimore County Charter, and Article 10, Title 2 of the Baltimore County Code, 2003, as amended, and regulations and policies established or prescribed by the Purchasing Division.

**BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
PROCUREMENT AFFIDAVIT**

A. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

I HEREBY AFFIRM THAT:

I am the [title] _____ and I am duly authorized to represent and bind [business] _____ (the "Business") and that I possess the legal authority to make this Affidavit on behalf of myself and the Business for which I am acting.

B. AFFIRMATION REGARDING BRIBERY CONVICTIONS

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

Neither I, nor to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, the Business, nor any of its officers, directors, partners, members, affiliates, or any of its employees directly involved in obtaining or performing contracts with public bodies (as is defined in Section 16-101(f) of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland), has been convicted of, or has had probation before judgment imposed pursuant to Article 27, Section 6-225 of the Criminal Procedure Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, or has pleaded nolo contendere to a charge of, bribery, attempted bribery, or conspiracy to bribe in violation of Maryland law, or of the law of any other state or federal law, except as follows [indicate the reasons why the affirmation cannot be given and list any conviction, plea, or imposition of probation before judgment with the date, court, official or administrative body, the sentence or disposition, the name(s) of person(s) involved, and their current positions and responsibilities with the Business]:

_____.

C. AFFIRMATION REGARDING OTHER CONVICTIONS

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

Neither I, nor to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, the Business, nor any of its officers, directors, partners, members, affiliates, or any of its employees directly involved in obtaining or performing contracts with public bodies, has:

(1) Been convicted under state or federal statute of a criminal offense incident to obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public or private contract, fraud, embezzlement, theft, forgery, falsification or destruction of records, or receiving stolen property;

(2) Been convicted of any criminal violation of a state or federal antitrust statute;

(3) Been convicted under the provisions of Title 18 of the United States Code for violation of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act, 18 U.S.C. §1961, et seq., or the Mail Fraud Act, 18 U.S.C. §1341, et seq., for acts arising out of the submission of bids or proposals for a public or private contract;

(4) Been convicted of a violation of the State Minority Business Enterprise Law, Section 14-308 of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland;

(5) Been convicted of conspiracy to commit any act or omission that would constitute grounds for conviction or liability under any law or statute described in subsection (1), (2), (3), or (4) above;

(6) Been found civilly liable under a state or federal antitrust statute for acts or omissions in connection with the submission of bids or proposals for a public or private contract;

(7) Admitted in writing or under oath, during the course of an official investigation or other proceedings, acts or omissions that would constitute grounds for conviction or liability under any law or statute described above, except as follows [indicate reasons why the affirmations cannot be given, and list any conviction, plea, or imposition

of probation before judgment with the date, court, official or administrative body, the sentence or disposition, the name(s) of the person(s) involved and their current positions and responsibilities with the Business, and the status of any debarment]:

D. AFFIRMATION REGARDING DEBARMENT

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

Neither I, nor to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, the Business, nor any of its officers, directors, partners, members, affiliates, or any of its employees directly involved in obtaining or performing contracts with public bodies, has ever been suspended or debarred (including being issued a limited denial of participation) by any public entity, except as follows [list each debarment or suspension providing the dates of the suspension or debarment, the name of the public entity and the status of the proceeding, the name(s) of the person(s) involved and their current positions and responsibilities with the Business, the grounds of the debarment or suspension, and the details of each person's involvement in any activity that formed the grounds of the debarment or suspension]:

E. AFFIRMATION REGARDING DEBARMENT OF RELATED ENTITIES

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

(1) The Business was not established and it does not operate in a manner designed to evade the application of or defeat the purpose of debarment pursuant to Sections 16-101, et seq., of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland; and

(2) The Business is not a successor, assignee, subsidiary, or affiliate of a suspended or debarred business, except as follows: [you must indicate the reasons why the affirmations cannot be given without qualification]:

F. SUB-CONTRACT AFFIRMATION

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

Neither I, nor to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, the Business, has knowingly entered into a contract with a public body under which a person debarred or suspended under Title 16 of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland will provide, directly or indirectly, supplies, services, architectural services, construction related services, leases of real property, or construction.

G. AFFIRMATION REGARDING COLLUSION

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

Neither I, nor to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, the Business, nor any of its officers, directors, partners, members, affiliates, nor any of its employees, have in any way:

(1) Agreed, conspired, connived, or colluded to produce a deceptive show of competition in the compilation of the accompanying bid or offer that is being submitted;

(2) In any manner, directly or indirectly, entered into any agreement of any kind to fix the bid price or price proposal of the bidder or offeror or of any competitor, or otherwise take any action to impact, restrain, or inhibit free competitive bidding in connection with the contract for which the accompanying bid or offer is submitted;

(3) Colluded with anyone to obtain information concerning the bid that would give the Business an unfair advantage over others.

H. POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION DISCLOSURE AFFIRMATION

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

The Contractor affirms that it is aware of, and will comply with, the provisions of Sections 14-101 through 14-108 of the Election Law Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, which require that every person who makes, during any 12-month period, one or more contracts, with one or more Maryland governmental entities involving cumulative consideration, or at least \$100,000.00, shall file with the State Board of Elections certain specified information to include disclosure of attributable political contributions in excess of \$500 during defined reporting periods.

I. CERTIFICATION OF REGISTRATION AND TAX PAYMENT

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

(1) The Business is a (*Insert State Name*) (*Example: Maryland, Ohio, Iowa*) (*Select One: Corporation, Partnership, Limited Liability Company, Limited Liability Partnership, Sole Proprietor*) (_____), that it **is** registered in accordance with the Corporations and Associations Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, that it **is** in good standing in the State of Maryland, and that it **has** filed all of its annual reports, together with filing fees, with the Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation, and that the name and address of its resident agent filed with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation is:

Name: _____

Address: _____

(If none, so state).

(2) Except as validly contested, the Business has paid, or has arranged for payment of, all taxes due the State of Maryland and Baltimore County, and has filed all required returns and reports with the Comptroller of the Treasury, the State Department of Assessments and Taxation, and the Employment Security Administration, as applicable, and will have paid all withholding taxes due the State of Maryland prior to final settlement.

J. CONTINGENT FEES

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

The Business has not employed or retained any person, partnership, corporation, or other entity, other than a bona fide employee or agent working for the Business, to solicit or secure the Contract, and that the Business has not paid or agreed to pay any person, partnership, corporation, or other entity, other than a bona fide employee or agent, any fee or other consideration contingent on the making of the Contract.

K. NONDISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT STATEMENT

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

During the performance of any contract awarded pursuant to the solicitation of which this affidavit is a part:

(1) The Business will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, genetic information, or disability unrelated in nature and extent so as to reasonably preclude the performance of the employment, or because of the individual's refusal to submit to a genetic test or make available the results of a genetic test. The Business will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, genetic information, or disability unrelated in nature and extent so as to reasonably preclude the performance of the employment, or because of the individual's refusal to submit to a genetic test or make available the results of a

genetic test. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, promotion, upgrading, demotion or transfer, rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The Business agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the owner setting forth provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

(2) The Business will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Business, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, genetic information, or disability unrelated in nature and extent so as to reasonably preclude the performance of the employment, or because of the individual's refusal to submit to a genetic test or make available the results of a genetic test.

(3) The Business shall send to each labor union or representative of workers with which the Business has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice, to be provided by the owner, advising the said labor union or workers' representative of these commitments, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

(4) The Business shall furnish, if requested by the County, a compliance report concerning our employment practices and policies in order for the County to ascertain compliance with the special provisions of this affidavit concerning nondiscrimination in employment.

(5) In the event of the Business's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clause of this affidavit, the contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part, and the Business may be declared ineligible for further County work.

(6) The Business shall include the special provisions outlined herein pertaining to nondiscrimination in employment in every subcontract, so that such nondiscrimination in employment provisions shall be binding on each subcontractor or vendor.

L. FOREIGN CONTRACTS

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

The Contractor affirms that it is aware of, and will comply with, the provisions of Sections 10-2-110 Article 10. Finance, Title 2 – Purchasing, Baltimore County Code 2003, as amended, which requires that prior to the award of a contract for services under the provisions of this title, and during the entire term of a contract award, the bidder or vendor shall disclose to the County whether any services covered by the bid or contract, including any subcontracted services, will be performed outside the United States. The disclosure shall be made to the Office of Budget and Finance, Purchasing Division.

M. ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT this Affidavit is to be furnished to the County and may be distributed to units of (1) Baltimore County; (2) the State of Maryland; (3) other counties or political subdivisions of the State of Maryland; (4) other states; and (5) the federal government. I further acknowledge that this Affidavit is subject to applicable laws of the United States and the State of Maryland, both criminal and civil, and that nothing in this Affidavit or any contract resulting from the submission of this bid or proposal shall be construed to supersede, amend, modify or waive, on behalf of Baltimore County, or the State of Maryland or any unit of the State of Maryland having jurisdiction, the exercise of any right or remedy at Law or in equity with respect to any misrepresentation made or any violation of the obligations, terms and covenants undertaken by the Business with respect to (a) this Affidavit, (b) the contract, and (3) other Affidavits comprising part of the contract.

I DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE AND AFFIRM UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY THAT THE CONTENTS OF THIS AFFIDAVIT ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION, AND BELIEF, AFTER DILIGENT INQUIRY.

Date: _____

By: _____

Name:
Title:
(Authorized Representative and Affiant)

MINORITY PARTICIPATION AFFIDAVIT

A. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

I HEREBY AFFIRM THAT:

I am the [title]_____ and the duly authorized representative of [business] _____ (the "Business") and that I possess the legal authority to make this Affidavit on behalf of myself and the Business for which I am acting.

B. AFFIRMATION REGARDING MINORITY PARTICIPATION

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

I am aware that, pursuant to the June 4, 2009 Executive Order of Baltimore County, Maryland, the following words have the meanings indicated.

(A) "Minority Business Enterprise" or "MBE" means a business enterprise that is owned, operated and controlled by one or more minority group members (African American, Hispanic American, Asian American, or Native American) who have at least 51% ownership and in which the minority group members have operational and managerial control, interest in capital and earnings commensurate with their percentage of ownership.

(B) "Women's Business Enterprise" or "WBE" means a business enterprise that is owned, operated and controlled by one or more women who have at least 51% ownership and in which the women have operational and managerial control, interest in capital and earnings commensurate with their percentage of ownership.

____ The Business is a certified MBE with

[____] Maryland State Department of Transportation (MDOT) # _____

[____] City of Baltimore # _____

[____] Name Other Jurisdiction: _____ # _____

____ The Business is a certified WBE with

[____] Maryland State Department of Transportation (MDOT) # _____

[____] City of Baltimore # _____

[____] Name Other Jurisdiction: _____ # _____

____ The Business is not a certified MBE or WBE, however:

[____] The ownership of the Business consists of ____% minorities and ____% women (for a total of ____%), each of which has operational and managerial control, interest in capital and earnings commensurate with their percentage of ownership.

[____] The Business anticipates utilizing MBE or WBE subcontractors for ____% of the work on the contract.

[____] The Business is not a certified MBE or WBE nor is it 51% owned, operated and controlled by one or more minority group members or a woman.

[____] Due to the specific nature of work, this contract does not lend itself to subcontracting opportunities. Therefore, _____ is requesting a full waiver of the MBE/WBE requirement.

I DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE AND AFFIRM UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY THAT THE CONTENTS OF THIS AFFIDAVIT ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION, AND BELIEF.

Date: _____

By: _____

Name:
Title:
(Authorized Representative and Affiant)

Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) and Certification
(Substitute for IRS Form W-9)
COMPLETE BOTH SIDES OF FORM

Baltimore County, Maryland
 Office of Budget and Finance
 400 Washington Avenue, Room 148
 Towson, Maryland 21204

Certification of TIN and business name are required for all successful bidders prior to issuing a contract or purchase order. Completion of **SIDE 1** of this form is necessary to meet IRS regulations. All MBE/WBE vendors should also complete **SIDE 2**. For questions, call 410-887-3587.

SIDE 1

List your **legal business name** below, **as shown on your income tax return**. **Sole proprietors** should list their individual name as noted on your social security card. You may enter a business name on line 2. Other entities must list your business name as shown on Federal tax documents. This name should match the name shown on the charter or other legal document creating the entity. You may enter any business, trade, or DBA name on the business name line (2). For **limited liability companies (LLC)** that are owned by an individual, the owner's name must be listed in the Name line (1) and the business name can be listed on the business name line (2). For **limited liability companies** that are corporations, partnerships, etc., enter the business name on Name line (1).

1. Name (as shown on your income tax return)		
2. Business name, if different from above		
Address		
City	State	ZIP Code
Remittance Address, if different from above		
City	State	ZIP Code
Contact Person	Title	
Phone Number () - Ext:	Fax Number () -	
E-mail address		

Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on Line 1. For individuals, this is your social security number (SSN). For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). Note, this is the TIN shown on your federal tax documents.

Social Security Number											
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OR											
Employer Identification Number											
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<input type="checkbox"/> CHECK HERE IF YOU ARE EXEMPT FROM BACK-UP WITHHOLDING	
<input type="checkbox"/> CHECK HERE IF YOU ARE TAX-EXEMPT, EXPLAIN:	
Filing Status (Ownership) (LLC is not acceptable)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	<input type="checkbox"/> Sole Proprietor
<input type="checkbox"/> Corporation	<input type="checkbox"/> Partnership
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: (explain)	

CERTIFICATION:
 Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

- The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and
- I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and
- I am a U.S. person (including a U.S. resident alien).

Signature of U.S. Person	Date
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SIDE 2

MBE / WBE Certification	
<p>Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT)</p> <p>Certification #: _____</p> <p>Certification Date: _____ / _____ / _____</p> <p>Pending: _____</p>	<p>City of Baltimore</p> <p>Certification #: _____</p> <p>Certification Date: _____ / _____ / _____</p> <p>Pending: _____</p>

Business Ownership (Check Only One)					
	G	Government Entity		O	Other: _____
	H	Disabled		P	Non Profit
	MA	Minority-owned, Not small business		W	Woman-owned, Small business
	M	Minority-owned, Small business		WA	Woman-owned, Not small business
	NS	Non-minority-owned, small business		X	Woman-owned, Minority, Small business
	NL	Non-minority-owned, Large business		XA	Woman-owned, Minority, Not small business

Type of Business/Organization			
	Association		Attorney
	Government Entity		Educational Institution
	Medical Service Provider		Non-profit Organization
	Other: (explain)		Financial Institution

Ethnicity of Ownership (Check Only One)					
	A	Asian American		I	American Indian/Alaskan Native
	B	African American		N	Non-minority
	H	Hispanic American		O	Other Ethnic Group: _____

Incorporation	
Incorporation State: _____	OR Date Business Started _____ / _____ / _____

Signature		
I certify that the information shown on this registration is true and correct. I will advise the Purchasing Division immediately, in writing, of any change affecting this data.		
Signature: _____	Title: _____	Date: _____

BID REPLY LABEL

*CUT ON THE DOTTED LINE AND
SECURE TO THE OUTSIDE OF YOUR
RESPONSE ENVELOPE OR CARTON.*

REQUEST FOR BID

**NO. B-552
07/24/12, 3:00 PM
GLASS BEADS FOR ROAD SURFACES,
TERM AGREEMENT**

**TO: BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
PURCHASING DIVISION
400 WASHINGTON AVE, ROOM 148
TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204-4665**

**BALTIMORE REGIONAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING COMMITTEE
REQUEST FOR BID NO. B-552
GLASS BEADS FOR ROAD SURFACES, TERM AGREEMENT**

GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. SCOPE.

- 1.1 It is the intention of these specifications that the vendor hereunder shall furnish and Carroll, Harford, and Baltimore County shall purchase glass beads covered by this contract, which the jurisdictions may require during the period of time specified. The quantities shown are approximate and are for the purpose of bid evaluation.
- 1.2 The County reserves the right to order supplies that may be required during the said period, and it also reserves the right not to order supplies bid upon by the vendor, if it is found that such supplies are not required by the County during the period covered by this contract.
- 1.3 Quantities listed are an estimated annual usage to be purchased by the following jurisdictions:

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>QUANTITIY</u>
Baltimore County	220,000 lbs = 110 Containers
Carroll County	132,000 lbs. = 44 Containers
Harford County	132,000 lbs. = 66 Containers

- 1.3.1 Actual requirements may be more or less than those estimated herein. The estimated amounts are provided as a basis for bidding only and are not guaranteed amounts.

2. TERM OF AGREEMENT.

- 2.1 The term of this contract shall be for one (1) year beginning on or about August 20, 2012. Baltimore County reserves the right to renew this contract for up to four (4) additional one-year renewal options under the same terms and conditions. Baltimore County will automatically renew this contract on each option year unless notice is given to the vendor/contractor that the contract is not renewed.
- 2.2 If price adjustments are requested pursuant to the terms of the contract, the vendor/contractor must notify the Baltimore County Purchasing Division ninety (90) days prior to the current terms expiration date.
- 2.3 The vendor/contractor must maintain the insurance coverages required by the County while this contract is in force, including automatic renewal terms, and shall provide documentation of such insurance in a form satisfactory to the county when required.

- 3. **PRICES.** Prices quoted must remain firm for the period covered by this contract, unless price escalation is herein specified. Prices quoted shall include delivery costs and charges.

- 4. **AUDITS.** At any time during the normal business hours and as often as the County may deem necessary, the Contractor shall make available to and permit inspection by the County, its employees or agents, all records information and documentation of the contractor related to the

subject matter of this contract, including, but not limited to, all contracts, invoices, payroll, and financial audits.

5. **METHOD OF AWARD.** Award will be made on a total lump sum basis. In accordance with Sec. 10-2-406 of the Baltimore County Code, 2003, as amended, past performance of bidders in furnishing goods and services to Baltimore County will be considered in determining the award.
6. **DELIVERY ORDERS AND PROCUREMENT CARDS.** Orders exceeding \$1,000 in total will be placed via delivery order by the purchasing agent. Any orders under \$1,000 will be placed by telephone by the using agency and shall be charged directly to agency's procurement cards. Delivery orders issued within the term of this contract, even if not completed within the term of this contract, shall continue to be bound by the terms and conditions herein.
7. **COOPERATIVE PURCHASE.**
 - 7.1 The County reserves the right to extend all of the terms, conditions, specifications, and unit or other prices of any contract resulting from this bid to any and all public bodies, subdivisions, school districts, community colleges, colleges, and universities including non-public schools. This is conditioned upon mutual agreement of all parties pursuant to special requirements which may be appended thereto. The supplier/contractor agrees to notify the issuing body of those entities that wish to use any contract resulting from this bid and will also provide usage information, which may be requested.
 - 7.2 The County assumes no authority, liability or obligation, on behalf of any other public or non-public entity that may use any contract resulting from this bid. All purchases and payment transactions will be made directly between the contractor and the requesting entity. Any exceptions to this requirement must be specifically noted in the bid/proposal response.
8. **MULTI-AGENCY PROCUREMENT.** Baltimore County reserves the right to extend the terms and conditions of this contract to any and all other County agencies requiring these commodities and/or services. A delivery order will be issued against the original master agreement, confirming the contracted pricing and giving quantity and delivery requirements.
9. **ESCALATION.**
 - 9.1 All prices offered herein shall be firm against any increase for one (1) year from the effective date of the contract. Prior to commencement of subsequent renewal terms, the County may entertain a request for escalation in accordance with the current Consumer Price Index at the time of the request or up to a maximum 5% increase on the current pricing, whichever is lower.
 - 9.2 For purposes of this section, "Consumer Price Index" shall mean the Consumer Price Index-All Urban Consumers-United States Average-All Items (CPI-U), as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.
 - 9.3 Baltimore County reserves the right to accept or reject the request for a price increase within fourteen (14) days. If the price increase is approved, the price will remain firm for one (1) year from the date of the increase.

10. INVOICE PROCEDURE.

- 10.1 Delivery tickets must accompany each delivery. Invoices must be legibly prepared showing the full description and price item (s) delivered. Authorization to pay invoices will be given by the using agency prior to payment of invoices.
- 10.2 Invoices must be submitted in duplicate on a monthly basis to the Office of Budget and Finance, Disbursements Section, 400 Washington Avenue, Room 148, Towson, MD 21204.
- 10.3 Cash Discounts – Cash discount periods will be computed either from the date of delivery and acceptance of the goods ordered, or the date of receipt of correct and proper invoices prepared in accordance with terms of Baltimore County’s order, whichever date is later. Under no circumstances will interest be paid.

11. DELIVERIES.

- 11.1 Deliveries shall be made promptly. If deliveries are not made within thirty (30) days after receipt of order, the Buyer reserves the right to procure the supplies/services elsewhere on the open market, in which event, the extra cost of procuring the supplies/services may be charged against the vendor and deducted from any monies due or which may become due him.
 - 11.1.1 Packing slips must accompany each shipment and a signed copy left at each delivery location.
 - 11.1.2 Each delivery must be invoiced separately referencing the date of the order.
 - 11.1.3 2,000 lb. cardboard containers must be delivered on skids.
- 11.2 If the vendor is unable to supply requested supplies/services within the designated time, due to factory delay, strike or any unforeseen circumstances, the vendor must notify the Buyer of the delay and the anticipated delivery date. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in a poor performance rating, which is considered in subsequent awards.
- 11.3 Failure to meet delivery date and to provide supplies/services as specified may result in written termination of this contract.
- 11.4 Deliveries shall be F.O.B. Destination to the various participating jurisdictions as follows:
 - 11.4.1 Carroll County: Carroll County Roads Operations
1250 Old Meadowbranch Road
Westminster, MD 21157
 - 11.4.2 Harford County: Department of Public Works
1807 N. Fountain Green Road
Bel Air, MD 21015
 - 11.4.3 Baltimore County: Traffic Sign Shop
12200-C Long Green Pike
Glen Arm, MD 21057

12. **MINORITY AND WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE REQUIREMENTS:** The resulting minority and women business participation requirement for this contract is **0%**.

13. **ELECTRONIC VERSION SUBMITTAL.**

13.1 In accordance with the General Instructions for Solicitations, #1.9, Instructions, Forms and Specifications, responses to Requests for Bids and Requests for Proposals shall be accompanied by an electronic version (CD) of the bid proposal in PDF format. The CD must be labeled with the bid number, the bid title, and the bidders' name submitting the response. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope or carton as appropriate. This does not apply to Requests for Quotations.

14. **QUESTIONS.**

Questions pertaining to this solicitation must be submitted in writing (e-mail). The deadline for written questions is seven (7) working days prior to the due date of the bid.

If it becomes necessary to revise any part of this solicitation, amendments will be posted on the website at www.baltimorecountymd.gov/purchasing.

15. **INQUIRIES.** Any inquiries relative to this bid should be directed to the Buyer, Ms. Dayle T. Deemer at (410) 887-2495 or ddeemer@baltimorecountymd.gov.

**BALTIMORE REGIONAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING COMMITTEE
REQUEST FOR BID NO. B-552
GLASS BEADS FOR ROAD SURFACES, TERM AGREEMENT**

SPECIFICATIONS

1. SCOPE.

1.1 These specifications cover AASHTO (currently M247-11 or latest version) Type 1 (Standard Gradation), Glass Beads to be dropped or sprayed upon pavements markings so as to produce a reflectorized pavement marking, when used in traffic paints.

1.2 The beads shall be transparent, clear, colorless glass, smooth and spherically shaped, free from milkiness, pits, or excessive air bubbles and conform to the following specific requirements:

1.2.1 Gradation

1.2.1.1 The beads shall meet the gradation requirement for Type 1 as given in Table 1.

Table 1 – Gradation of Glass Beads

<u>Sieve Designation</u>		<u>Mass Percent Passing</u>
<u>Standard, mm</u>	<u>Alternate No.</u>	<u>Type I</u>
1.18	16	100
0.850	20	95 – 100
0.600	30	75 – 95
0.425	40	---
0.300	50	15 – 35
0.180	80	---
0.150	100	0 - 5

1.2.2 Roundness – The glass beads shall have a minimum of 70 percent true spheres.

1.2.3 Crushing Resistance – Retained 0.425-mm (No.40) sieve 133N (30 lb.) minimum.

1.2.4 Refractive Index – The glass beads shall have a minimum refractive index of 1.50.

1.2.5 Moisture Resistance Flow Characteristics - The beads shall not absorb moisture in storage. They shall remain free of dusters and lumps and shall flow freely from dispensing equipment.

1.2.6 Flotation – When tested in accordance with Section 3 of this Solicitation (Section 5.5 of AASHTO Designation: M247-05, Standard Specification for Glass Beads Used in Traffic Paints) a minimum of 90 percent beads shall float in xylene.

2. ASTM STANDARDS.

- 2.1 Glass beads shall meet all the requirements of American Association of State Highways and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) specifications M247, when tested in accordance with the following ASTM Standards:
 - 2.1.1 Gradation – ASTM D 1214, Test Method of Sieve Analysis of Glass Spheres
 - 2.1.2 Roundness – ASTM D 1155, Test Method for Roundness of Glass Spheres
 - 2.1.3 Crushing – ASTM D 1213, Test Method for Crushing resistance of Glass Spheres.

3. METHODS OF SAMPLING AND TESTING.

- 3.1 The sampling shall be random in the following ratios – 45 kg (100 lb.) of sample (in full bags) per 4,525 kg (10,000 lb.) shipped. Upon arrival material shall be reduced in a sample splitter to a size of approximately 1 kg.
- 3.2 The following requirements shall be tested with the following test methods:
 - 3.2.1 Gradation – ASTM D1214
 - 3.2.2 Roundness – ASTM D1155
 - 3.2.3 Crushing – ASTM D 1213
- 3.3 The refractive index shall be tested by liquid immersion method (Becke Line Method or equal) at a temperature of $25 \pm 5^{\circ}\text{C}$ ($77 \pm 9^{\circ}\text{F}$).
- 3.4 Flow Characteristics – Beads will flow properly when tested in accordance with the procedure in Section 3.4.1 unless they are specified to be moisture resistant, in which case the procedure in Section 3.4.2 will be followed.
 - 3.4.1 A 100 g sample of beads is placed in a Corning 3140 crystallizing dish, 100-mm diameter by 50-mm depth. Place the dish in a Corning 3080 Desiccator (or equivalent) 250-mm inside diameter by 330-mm overall height and 130-mm chamber depth, which shall be filled with a sulfuric acid-water solution having a specific gravity of 1.10 (approximately 94 percent humidity) to a point 25.4 mm below the top of a size 5 Coors 60003 Desiccator Plate. The sample shall remain in the covered Desiccator at $25 \pm 5^{\circ}\text{C}$ for four hours. Remove the sample from the Desiccator and transfer the beads to a metal pan. The beads shall be essentially free of lumps and dusters and shall flow without stoppage when poured slowly through a standard glass funnel (Corning 6120), 127-mm diameter, 102-mm stem length, and 11-mm stem inside diameter (See 3.4.1.1).
 - 3.4.1.1 The test operations should be performed immediately on removal of the beads from the Desiccator.
 - 3.4.2 A 100 g sample of beads is placed in a 600 mL beaker, with the beaker held at about a 45° angle, 100 mL of distilled water is slowly added to the beaker. The water is carefully poured down the side of the tilted beaker. The beads are to

remain undisturbed. The beaker is allowed to stand undisturbed, for five minutes. At the end of the standing time, the water is carefully poured from the beaker. At the end of the standing time, the water is carefully poured from the beaker. It may be necessary to slightly rotate the beaker to avoid trapping pockets of water. Holding the beaker at the "pour angle," the beads are transferred to a clean, dry 600-mL beaker. A thin, even layer of beads may coat the inside of the original beaker. The second beaker is allowed to stand undisturbed, for five minutes. At the end of the standing time, the beads are slowly poured into a standard glass funnel (Corning 6120) or equivalent with top diameter 120-127 mm, stem OD 14.5-16.0 mm, ID 10.5-13.0 mm, length 125 ± 25 mm and angle (funnel cone) of 60 degrees. The beads should flow through the funnel stem without stopping. Slight initial agitation to start the flow of beads through the funnel is permissible.

- 3.5 Floatation Test – Determine the mass of approximately 1 g to the nearest 0.0005 g, evenly distributed beads into a clean standard 100-mm glass Petri dish previously weighed to the nearest 0.0005 g. The dish is vibrated slightly to attain as near as possible a monolayer of beads. Xylene, C.P. Grade, is introduced at one side of the dish at a rate of 10 to 15 mL per minute from a burette until 30 mL has been added. The floating beads are then carefully drawn off by suction through a suitably constricted delivery tube connected to a receiving flask. Excess xylene is drawn off so that no remaining beads are lost and the dish dried in an oven at $110 \pm 5^\circ\text{C}$. The dish is weighed and the percentage of floating beads calculated.

4. PACKAGING AND MARKING.

- 4.1 Glass beads shall be furnished in kilogram (pound) lots as specified by the purchaser and packaged in moisture proofed cardboard containers.
- 4.2 The containers are to be guaranteed to furnish dry and undamaged beads.
- 4.3 Each package shall contain the following information:
- 4.3.1 Name and address of manufacturer
 - 4.3.2 Shipping point
 - 4.3.3 Trademark or name
 - 4.3.4 The wording "glass beads"
 - 4.3.5 The specification number
 - 4.3.6 Number of Kilograms (pounds)
 - 4.3.7 The lot or batch number
 - 4.3.8 The month and year of manufacture.

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PROPOSAL SIGNATURE COVER PAGE

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COMPANY NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

_____ (City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip Code)

TELEPHONE: _____ FAX: _____

SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____

PRINT NAME: _____ TITLE: _____

TAX ID NUMBER (FIN/SS#) _____ EMAIL: _____

Is your company a certified Minority Business Enterprise? Bidders must complete the applicable Minority Participation Affidavit attached.

Initial to confirm that a complete electronic version of the bid proposal response is included in the bid package. _____

Is your firm in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations relating to the employment of illegal aliens? If YES, check here _____

NOTICE: A notice required to be delivered shall be deemed to have been received when such notice has been sent to the following address and individual:

F.O.B. Destination (unless otherwise stated herein).

Delivery shall be made within _____ calendar days after receipt of order.

Payment Terms: _____ Cash discounts for less than 30 days will not be considered in determining awards. However, should that bidder obtain award by consideration of the gross price, the County should make every effort to obtain the discount. The County will not accept payment terms with a period of less than (30) days.

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LINE NO.	COMMODITY/SERVICE DESCRIPTION	Est Annual Usage	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	EXTENDED AMOUNT
1	<p>COMMODITY CODE: 55008 Beads, Glass, Type 1, standard gradation, 2,000 lb. container, coated for moisture resistance and adhesion promotion for use in waterbourne traffic paint, as per AASHTO specification latest version – currently M247-11.</p> <p>2,000 lb. cardboard containers to be delivered on skids</p> <p>Estimated annual usage per the following jurisdictions:</p> <p>Baltimore County – 110 containers Carroll County – 44 containers Harford County – 66 containers</p>	220	Each	\$ _____	\$ _____

GRAND TOTAL \$ _____

COMPANY NAME: _____

FED ID OR SOCIAL SECURITY NO. _____