

# Solicitation RT12002

## WSCA Tires, Tubes and Services

State of Utah



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## Bid RT12002 WSCA Tires, Tubes and Services

Bid Number        **RT12002**  
 Bid Title         **WSCA Tires, Tubes and Services**

Bid Start Date    **Nov 4, 2011 5:58:50 PM MDT**  
 Bid End Date     **Nov 30, 2011 3:00:00 PM MST**  
 Question & Answer  
 End Date         **Nov 16, 2011 5:00:00 PM MST**

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Contract Duration **3 years**  
 Contract Renewal **See Specifications**  
 Prices Good for   **1 year**

Bid Comments     **Make Certain that you answer all parts of the RFP that are required. Assume we know nothing about your company.**

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### Changes made on Nov 7, 2011 5:49:30 PM MST

New Documents     **CAL TCs.pdf**

Removed Documents **California TC.pdf**

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### Item Response Form

Item                 **RT12002--01-01 - WSCA Tires, Tubes and Services**  
 Quantity           **1 contract**  
 Prices are not requested for this item.  
 Delivery Location   **State of Utah**  
                           **No Location Specified**  
                           **Qty 1**

#### **Description**

Per the attached specifications.  
 Attachment A can be filled out on the web form or downloaded, completed and submitted as an attachment.  
 Attachment B must be downloaded, completed and submitted as an attachment.

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RESPONSES DUE NO LATER THAN:

Nov 30, 2011 3:00:00 PM MST

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[www.bidsync.com](http://www.bidsync.com)

RESPONSES MAY BE MAILED OR DELIVERED TO:

State of Utah  
Division of Purchasing  
3150 State Office Building, Capitol Hill  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-1061

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# State of Utah Request for Proposal

Legal Company Name (include d/b/a if applicable) <input type="text"/>		Federal Tax Identification Number <input type="text"/>		State of Utah Sales Tax ID Number <input type="text"/>	
Ordering Address <input type="text"/>		City <input type="text"/>		State <input type="text"/>	Zip Code <input type="text"/>
Remittance Address (if different from ordering address) <input type="text"/>		City <input type="text"/>		State <input type="text"/>	Zip Code <input type="text"/>
Type <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Proprietorship <input type="checkbox"/> Government			Company Contact Person <input type="text"/>		
Telephone Number (include area code) <input type="text"/>		Fax Number (include area code) <input type="text"/>			
Company's Internet Web Address <input type="text"/>		Email Address <input type="text"/>			
Discount Terms (for bid purposes, bid discounts less than 30 days will not be considered) <input type="text"/>		Days Required for Delivery After Receipt of Order (see attached for any required minimums) <input type="text"/>			
The undersigned certifies that the goods or services offered are produced, mined, grown, manufactured, or performed in Utah. Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> . If no, enter where produced, etc. <input type="text"/>					
Offeror's Authorized Representative's Signature <input type="text"/>			Date <input type="text"/>		
Type or Print Name <input type="text"/>			Position or Title <input type="text"/>		

## NOTICE

When submitting a response (proposal, quote or bid) electronically through BidSync, it is the sole responsibility of the supplier to ensure that the response is received by BidSync prior to the closing date and time. Each of the following steps in BidSync MUST be completed in order to place an offer:

- A. Login to [www.bidsync.com](http://www.bidsync.com);
- B. Locate the bid (solicitation) to which you are responding;
  - a. Click the "Search" tab on the top left of the page;
  - b. Enter keyword or bid (solicitation) number and click "Search";
- C. Click on the "Bid title/description" to open the Bid (solicitation) Information Page;
- D. "View and Accept" all documents in the document section;
- E. Select "Place Offer" found at the bottom of the page;
- F. Enter your pricing, notes, other required information and upload attachments to this page;
- G. Click "Submit" at the bottom of the page;
- H. Review Offer(s); and
- I. Enter your password and click "Confirm".

Note that the final step in submitting a response involves the supplier's acknowledgement that the information and documents entered into the BidSync system are accurate and represent the supplier's actual proposal, quote or bid. This acknowledgement is registered in BidSync when the supplier clicks "Confirm". BidSync will post a notice that the offer has been received. This notice from BidSync MUST be recorded prior to the closing date and time or the response will be considered late and will not be accepted.

Be aware that entering information and uploading documents into BidSync may take considerable time. Please allow sufficient time to complete the online forms and upload documents. Suppliers should not wait until the last minute to submit a response. It is recommended that suppliers submit responses a minimum of 24 hours prior to the closing deadline. The deadline for submitting information and documents will end at the closing time indicated in the solicitation. All information and documents must be fully entered, uploaded, acknowledged (Confirm) and recorded into BidSync before the closing time or the system will stop the process and the response will be considered late and will not be accepted.

Responses submitted in BidSync are completely secure. No one (including state purchasing staff) can see responses until after the deadline. Suppliers may modify or change their response at any time prior to the closing deadline. However, all modifications or changes must be completed and acknowledged (Confirm) in the BidSync system prior to the deadline. BidSync will post a notice that the modification/change (new offer) has been received. This notice from BidSync MUST be recorded prior to the closing date and time or the response will be considered late and will not be accepted.

Utah Code 46-4-402(2) Unless otherwise agreed between a sender (supplier) and the recipient (State Purchasing), an electronic record is received when: (a) it enters an information processing system that the recipient has designated or uses for the purpose of receiving electronic records or information of the type sent and from which the recipient is able to retrieve the electronic record; and (b) it is in a form capable of being processed by that system.

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL - INSTRUCTIONS AND GENERAL PROVISIONS

**1. SUBMITTING THE PROPOSAL:** (a) The Utah Division of Purchasing and General Services (DIVISION) prefers that proposals be submitted electronically. Electronic proposals may be submitted through a secure mailbox at BidSync (formerly RFP Depot, LLC) ([www.bidsync.com](http://www.bidsync.com)) until the date and time as indicated in this document. It is the sole responsibility of the supplier to ensure their proposal reaches BidSync before the closing date and time. There is no cost to the supplier to submit Utah's electronic proposals via BidSync. (b) Electronic proposals may require the uploading of electronic attachments. The submission of attachments containing embedded documents is prohibited. All documents should be attached as separate files. (c) If the supplier chooses to submit the proposal directly to the DIVISION in writing: The proposal must be signed in ink, sealed, and delivered to the Division of Purchasing, 3150 State Office Building, Capitol Hill, Salt Lake City, UT 84114-1061 by the "Due Date and Time." The "Solicitation Number" and "Due Date" must appear on the outside of the envelope. All prices and notations must be in ink or typewritten. Each item must be priced separately. Unit price shall be shown and a total price shall be entered for each item offered. Errors may be crossed out and corrections printed in ink or typewritten adjacent and must be initialed in ink by person signing offer. Unit price will govern, if there is an error in the extension. Written offers will be considered only if it is submitted on the forms provided by the DIVISION. (d) Proposals, modifications, or corrections received after the closing time on the "Due Date" will be considered late and handled in accordance with the Utah Procurement Rules, section R33-3-209. (e) Facsimile transmission of proposals to DIVISION will not be considered.

**2. PROPOSAL PREPARATION:** (a) Delivery time of products and services is critical and must be adhered to as specified. (b) Wherever in this document an item is defined by using a trade name of a manufacturer and/or model number, it is intended that the words, "or equivalent" apply. "Or equivalent" means any other brand that is equal in use, quality, economy and performance to the brand listed as determined by the DIVISION. If the supplier lists a trade name and/or catalog number in the offer, the DIVISION will assume the item meets the specifications unless the offer clearly states it is an alternate, and describes specifically how it differs from the item specified. All offers must include complete manufacturer's descriptive literature if quoting an equivalent product. All products are to be of new, unused condition, unless otherwise requested in this solicitation. (c) Incomplete proposals may be rejected. (d) Where applicable, all proposals must include complete manufacturer's descriptive literature. (e) By submitting the proposal the offeror certifies that all of the information provided is accurate, that they are willing and able to furnish the item(s) specified, and that prices offered are correct. (f) This proposal may not be withdrawn for a period of 60 days from the due date.

**3. FREIGHT COST:** (a) Where "Freight Cost" is listed as a separate line item, suppliers are to provide product line item pricing FOB Origin Less Freight. On the line item for "Freight Cost" suppliers are to indicate the total freight cost FOB Destination Freight Prepaid, and complete the "Freight Information" document. The DIVISION will analyze freight charges separately from the item cost and determine how the shipment will be routed (either by the supplier, or by the State's carrier). (b) Where there is not a line item for "Freight Cost", suppliers are to provide line item pricing FOB Destination Freight Prepaid. Unless otherwise indicated on the contract/purchase order, shipping terms will be FOB Destination Freight Prepaid.

**4. SOLICITATION AMENDMENTS:** All changes to this solicitation will be made through written addendum only. Answers to questions submitted through BidSync shall be considered addenda to the solicitation documents. Bidders are cautioned not to consider verbal modifications.

**5. PROTECTED INFORMATION:** Suppliers are required to mark any specific information contained in their offer which they are claiming as protected and not to be disclosed to the public or used for purposes other than the evaluation of the offer. Each request for non-disclosure must be made by completing the "Confidentiality Claim Form" located at: <http://www.purchasing.utah.gov/contract/documents/confidentialityclaimform.doc> with a specific justification explaining why the information is to be protected. Pricing and service elements of any proposal will not be considered proprietary. All material becomes the property of the DIVISION and may be returned only at the DIVISION's option.

**6. BEST AND FINAL OFFERS:** Discussions may be conducted with offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of assuring full understanding of, and responsiveness to, solicitation requirements. Prior to award, these offerors may be asked to submit best and final offers. In conducting discussions, there shall be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by a competing offeror.

**7. SAMPLES:** Samples of item(s) specified in this offer, brochures, etc., when required by the DIVISION, must be furnished free of expense to the DIVISION. Any item not destroyed by tests may, upon request made at the time the sample is furnished, be returned at the offeror's expense.

**8. AWARD OF CONTRACT:** (a) The contract will be awarded with reasonable promptness, by written notice, to the responsible offeror whose proposal is determined to be the most advantageous to the DIVISION, taking into consideration price and evaluation factors set forth in the RFP. No other factors or criteria will be used in the evaluation. The contract file shall contain the basis on which the award is made. Refer to Utah Code Annotated 65-56-408. (b) The DIVISION may accept any item or group of items, or overall best offer. The DIVISION can reject any or all proposals, and it can waive any informality, or technicality in any proposal received, if the DIVISION believes it would serve the best interests of the DIVISION. (c) Before, or after, the award of a contract the DIVISION has the right to inspect the offeror's premises and all business records to determine the offeror's ability to meet contract requirements. (d) The DIVISION will open proposals publicly, identifying only the names of the offerors. During the evaluation process, proposals will be seen only by authorized DIVISION staff and those selected by DIVISION to evaluate the proposals. Following the award decision, all proposals become public information except for protected information (see number 5 above). A register of proposals and contract awards are posted at <http://purchasing.utah.gov/vendor/bidtab.html>. (e) Estimated quantities are for bidding purposes only, and not to be interpreted as a guarantee to purchase any amount. (f) Utah has a reciprocal preference law which will be applied against offerors offering

products or services produced in states which discriminate against Utah products. For details see Section 63G-6-404 and 63G-6-405, Utah Code Annotated. (g) Multiple contracts may be awarded if the DIVISION determines it would be in its best interest.

**9. DIVISION APPROVAL:** Contracts written with the State of Utah, as a result of this proposal, will not be legally binding without the written approval of the Director of the DIVISION.

**10. DEBARMENT:** The CONTRACTOR certifies that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction (contract) by any governmental department or agency. If the CONTRACTOR cannot certify this statement, attach a written explanation for review by the DIVISION.

**11. ENERGY CONSERVATION AND RECYCLED PRODUCTS:** The contractor is encouraged to offer Energy Star certified products or products that meet FEMP (Federal Energy Management Program) standards for energy consumption. The State of Utah also encourages contractors to offer products that are produced with recycled materials, where appropriate, unless otherwise requested in this solicitation.

**12. GOVERNING LAWS AND REGULATIONS:** All State purchases are subject to the Utah Procurement Code, Title 63 Chapter 56 U.C.A. 1953, as amended, and the Procurement Rules as adopted by the Utah State Procurement Policy Board. These are available on the Internet at [www.purchasing.utah.gov](http://www.purchasing.utah.gov). By submitting a bid or offer, the bidder/offeror warrants that the bidder/offeror and any and all supplies, services equipment, and construction purchased by the State shall comply fully with all applicable Federal and State laws and regulations, including applicable licensure and certification requirements.

**13. SALES TAX ID NUMBER:** Utah Code Annotated (UCA) 59-12-106 requires anyone filing a bid with the state for the sale of tangible personal property or any other taxable transaction under UCA 59-12-103(1) to include their Utah sales tax license number with their bid. For information regarding a Utah sales tax license see the Utah State Tax Commission's website at [www.tax.utah.gov/sales](http://www.tax.utah.gov/sales). The Tax Commission is located at 210 North 1950 West, Salt Lake City, UT 84134, and can be reached by phone at (801) 297-2200.

(Revision Date: 13 JULY 2010 - RFP Instructions)

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**State of Utah in behalf of the  
Western States Contract Alliance  
(WSCA)**

**Tire and Tube RFP**

**November 4, 2011**

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## **I GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **1. PURPOSE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)**

The State of Utah, Division of Purchasing, on behalf of the Western States Contracting Alliance (WSCA), is requesting proposals from tire and tube manufacturers to provide competitive pricing for tire products and services through their retail distribution networks to all WSCA participating states. The contracts may be used by other non-WSCA states with the authorization from the WSCA Directors and the approval of the individual state procurement directors.

A key objective of this RFP is to obtain the lowest cost for tires, tubes, and related services. Combining usage volumes from multiple states will result in volume discounts favorable to the participating states. Administrative savings will result by having the State of Utah manage only one Master Price Agreement (contract) for each manufacturer for all WSCA participating states.

The RFP may result in Master Price Agreements with multiple qualified manufacturers.

### **2. MASTER PRICE LIST DOCUMENTS and ORDER OF PRECEDENCE**

Each contract issued under the Master Price Agreement will consist of the following documents:

1. A Participating Entity's "Participating Addendum" (PA) Ref: 5.9 below including state specific Terms and Conditions where applicable.
2. WSCA Standard Terms and Conditions.
3. The Solicitation.
4. Offeror's response to the Solicitation.

These documents shall be read to be consistent and complementary. Any conflict among these documents shall be resolved by giving priority to the documents in the order listed above. Contractor terms and conditions that apply to the Master Agreement are only those that are expressly accepted by the Lead State and must be in writing and attached to the Master Agreement as an Exhibit or Attachment. No other terms and conditions shall apply, including terms and conditions listed in the Contractor's response to the Solicitation, or terms listed or referenced on the Contractor's website, in the Contractor quotation/sales order or in similar documents subsequently provided by the Contractor.

The attached terms and conditions in this solicitation for Utah, Arizona, California, Connecticut, Maine, Missouri, Wisconsin, Vermont, and Minnesota are for information purposes only. The awarded Contractor(s) will resolve any of the terms and conditions with these states in their respective Participating Addendum Agreements.

### **3. BACKGROUND**

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WSCA is a subset of the National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO). NASPO is a non-profit association dedicated to strengthening the procurement community through education, research, and communication. It is made up of the directors of the central procurement offices in each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia and the territories of the United States. NASPO was formally established on January 29, 1947, in Chicago, Illinois. NASPO is an organization through which the member purchasing officials provide leadership in professional public procurement, improve the quality of procurement, exchange information and cooperate to attain greater efficiency, economy, and customer satisfaction. NASPO's website can be found at the URL <http://www.naspo.org>.

WSCA is a cooperative group-contracting consortium for state governments and their respective departments, agencies, and institutions and may include colleges, universities, and school districts. They may also include other public entities such as cities and counties. The consortium was established in October 1993 and includes the States of Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Minnesota, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming. The purpose of WSCA is to establish the means by which participating states may join together in cooperative multi-state contracting. The mission of WSCA is to implement multi-state contracts to achieve cost-effective and efficient acquisition of quality products and services generally used by all WSCA participants. Additional information about WSCA can be found on their website at <http://www.aboutwsca.org>.

WSCA uses a "Lead State" model in issuing cooperative solicitations. One WSCA state leads the procurement and establishes a Sourcing Team made up of members of other WSCA States. The Lead State issues the solicitation and awards the contracts based on that state's statutory requirements and processes. The Lead State owns and manages the contract(s). Once contracts have been executed by the Lead State, other WSCA states may then choose to participate with the awarded contracts. The resulting contracts may also be used by other NASPO states with the authorization from the WSCA directors.

WSCA contracts have considerable diversity in terms of the end users who utilize the contracts. Contract(s) resulting from WSCA procurements may be used by State agencies and Institutions of Higher Education as well as the cities, counties, school districts and other political subdivisions within each respective State. The resulting Master Price Agreement(s) may also be used by other NASPO states with the authorization from the WSCA directors and subject to approval of the individual State Procurement Director and local statutory provisions.

#### **4. ISSUING OFFICE AND WSCA CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR**

The State of Utah, Division of Purchasing has been designated by WSCA as the Lead State conducting this procurement and subsequent contract management. The reference number for this Solicitation is **RT12002**. The WSCA Contract Administrator designated by the State of Utah, Division of Purchasing is:

Reed Taylor, Purchasing Manger  
State of Utah, Division of Purchasing  
3150 State Office Building, Capitol Hill  
Salt Lake City, UT 84114-1061

Email: [rtaylor@utah.gov](mailto:rtaylor@utah.gov)

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## **5. DEFINITIONS**

Whenever the following terms are used in this document, they have the meaning as outlined in the definitions below:

5.1 Addendum or Addenda: An addition or deletion to, a material change in, or clarification of, the RFP. Addenda shall be labeled as such and shall be made available to all interested Offerors as set forth in this RFP electronically via Bidsync.

5.2 Additional terms and conditions: Additional terms and conditions referred to in the RFP section "Standard Contract Terms and Conditions, Western States Contracting Alliance" are those terms and conditions that are found in the body of the RFP that may be different from the terms and conditions found in the Standard Contract Terms and Conditions, Western States Contracting Alliance.

5.3 Approved Distributor: A distributor of the Offeror's Products which also provides tire related services. The Offeror determines who their Approved Distributors are for the purposes of this RFP.

5.4 Contract: The final agreement arising out of this RFP under which Contractor agrees to hold prices, terms, and conditions firm for a specified period and for the benefit of the Using Agencies. For the purpose of this RFP, Contract and Price Agreement have the same meaning.

5.5 Contractor: The person or organization with successful offer who enters into a Contract.

5.6 Intent to Participate: The form executed by a State Procurement Official that describes the cooperative procurement and signifies the State's willingness to enter into the cooperative procurement.

5.7 Manufacturers List Price: (MPL) this is the manufacturer's price list that the Offeror must submit with their bid response to this RFP. The MPL may have several different trade names used by each manufacturer but for the purposes of this RFP it will be referred to as the MPL.

5.8 Offeror: Any entity formally submitting a Proposal in response to this RFP for Goods and Services contemplated, acting directly or through a duly authorized representative.

5.9 Participating Addendum: A bilateral agreement executed by the contractor and a "Participating State" that clarifies the operation of the price agreement for the state concerned e.g. ordering procedures specific to their state, and may add other state-specific language or other requirements.

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5.10 Participating State: A member of WSCA who has indicated its intent to participate by signing an Intent to Contract, or who subsequently signs a Participating Addendum where required, or another state authorized by WSCA to be a party to the resulting price agreement through the execution of a Participating Addendum.

5.11 Product: Tires and Tubes offered in response to this RFP.

5.12 Product List: This is a list of products that the Offeror is to provide their cost on the MPL less the discount they are bidding to equal the total cost offered. This list is for comparison purposes to determine the most advantageous pricing. OFFERORS MAY NOT OFFER SPECIAL PRICING FOR THE PRODUCTS ON THE "PRODUCT LIST"

5.13 Proposal: The complete response of the Offeror(s) submitted, including all the required forms, and certifications, setting forth Offeror's prices for performing the work or supplying the Products and Services described in the specifications.

5.14 Requests for Proposal ("RFP"): The entire solicitation document, including all parts, sections, exhibits, attachments, and any issued Addenda.

5.15 Services: The warranty, support and other services the Contractor will provide to Using Agencies pursuant to the Contract.

5.16 Using Agency. Any purchaser making a purchase for State government or any State's political subdivisions or participating entity state agency or local public body is a using agency. State agency means department, commission, council, board, committee, institution, legislative body, agency, Government Corporation, or educational institution. Local Body means a political subdivision of the state and the agencies, instrumentalities and institutions thereof including all cities, counties, courts, and public schools.

5.17 WSCA. The Western States Contracting Alliance, a cooperative group contracting consortium for State government departments, institutions, agencies and political subdivisions (i.e., colleges, school districts, counties, cities, etc.) for the states of Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Minnesota, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

## **6. CONTRACT PARTICIPANTS**

States listed on page 12 have indicated their intent to participate in the master price agreement(s) resulting from this RFP. This Intent to Participate is not binding. Other States may participate in the Master Price Agreement(s) at any time during which the Master Price Agreement(s) is in place.

A Participating Addendum (PA) shall be executed for each contractor by the individual Participating State or Participating Entity desiring to use the Master Price Agreement. The Participating State or Participating Entity and contractor shall negotiate and agree upon any additional terms and conditions prior to the execution of a PA. States are not required to sign a PA with all awarded contractors.

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**7. SUBMITTING YOUR PROPOSAL**

The State of Utah, Division of Purchasing requires that proposals be submitted electronically. **Electronic proposals must be submitted through a secure mailbox at BidSync ([www.bidsync.com](http://www.bidsync.com)) no later than 3:00 P.M. Mountain Time (MT), November 30, 2011 (“RFP Closing Date”).**

When submitting the Proposal electronically through BidSync, please allow sufficient time to complete the online forms and upload documents. The solicitation will end at the closing time listed in the RFP. If Offerors are in the middle of uploading their Proposal at the closing time, the system will stop the process and the Proposal will not be received by BidSync and will be considered late.

**8. QUESTIONS**

Questions will be accepted through Bidsync only and **will be accepted until 5:00 P.M. (MT), November 16, 2011.** Questions may be answered as they come in or may be compiled into one document and answered via an Addendum. Offerors should periodically check the electronic procurement system for answered questions and Addenda.

Electronic Proposals may require uploading of electronic attachments. BidSync’s site will accept a wide variety of document types as attachments. However, the submission of documents containing embedded (zip files), mov, wmp, mp3 and protected file files are prohibited. All documents should be attached as separate files.

**9. RFP TIMELINE**

<b>RFP Released</b>	<b>November 4, 2011</b>
<b>Proposals Due (“RFP Closing Date”)</b>	<b>November 30, 2011</b>
<b>Effective date of new Price Agreement</b>	<b>April 1, 2012</b>

It is the sole responsibility of the offeror to ensure their proposal reaches BidSync before the closing date and time. There is no cost to the Offeror to submit electronic proposals to the Division of Purchasing via BidSync.

**10. LENGTH OF PRICE AGREEMENT**

The Master Price Agreement resulting from this RFP will be a three (3) year Master Price Agreement. The Master Price Agreement may be extended beyond the initial term up to two (2) optional two year renewals for a maximum of seven years upon mutual agreement of the parties.

**11. PRICE GUARANTEE PERIOD**

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Pricing shall be considered firm for the first 12 months of the contract and no change in the Manufacturers Price List (referred to as the MPL) will be accepted during that time. Offerors must offer a discount from the MPL for any tires offered.

Price adjustments for tires, tubes and tire services may be allowed only during the contract anniversary date or renewal period providing the adjustment is made owing to legitimate increases in the contractor's operating expenses, e.g. raw materials, fuel, taxes, labor, etc. **The percentage of discount from the published MPL shall remain the same for all renewal terms of this contract.**

A written request for an increase with supporting documentation e.g. updated MPL must be received by the Contract Administrator, State of Utah Division of Purchasing at least thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of the increase. Increases shall not be effective unless they are approved by the Director, State of Utah Division of Purchasing.

Price decreases or higher discounts available from the manufacturer shall be immediately passed on to the WSCA Participating States. When the manufacturer offers price reductions or higher discounts, the Contractor must notify Contract Administrator, State of Utah Division of Purchasing and must pass those discounts on to the WSCA Participating States at once.

**12. HISTORICAL USAGE DATA**

The data below represents a recent year spend for Tires and Tubes from those states that have indicated their intent to participate in the master price agreement resulting from this solicitation.

<u>State</u>	<u>Annual Spend</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Annual Spend</u>
Alabama	\$6,393,567	Connecticut	\$2,500,000
Alaska	\$569,595	Washington	\$6,161,814
Arizona	\$4,537,322	South Dakota	\$2,184,595
California	\$37,617,403	Montana	\$1,112,651
Colorado	\$7,719,389	Iowa	\$567,727
Missouri	\$5,491,166	North Dakota	\$1,411,546
Nevada	\$2,891,328	Arkansas	\$5,031,446
Oregon	\$2,621,174	Wisconsin	\$7,620,118
Utah	\$3,299,823	Minnesota	\$7,441,708
Delaware	\$950,000	Hawaii	Not Reported
Idaho	\$2,000,000	Louisiana	\$155,280
Maine	Not Reported	Massachusetts	\$1,267,137
Mississippi	\$6,900,000	New Mexico	\$700,000
New Hampshire	\$261,452		
Vermont	\$200,000	TOTAL 1 YR	\$122,931,782

**13. PROTECTED INFORMATION**

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The Utah Government Records Access and Management Act (GRAMA), Utah Code Ann., Subsection 63-2-304, provides in part that:

*the following records are protected if properly classified by a government entity:*

*(1) trade secrets as defined in Section 13-24-2 if the person submitting the trade secret has provided the governmental entity with the information specified in Section 63-2-308 (Business Confidentiality Claims);*

*(2) commercial information or non-individual financial information obtained from a person if:*

*(a) disclosure of the information could reasonably be expected to result in unfair competitive injury to the person submitting the information or would impair the ability of the governmental entity to obtain necessary information in the future;*

*(b) the person submitting the information has a greater interest in prohibiting access than the public in obtaining access; and*

*(c) the person submitting the information has provided the governmental entity with the information specified in Section 63-2-308;*

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*(3) records the disclosure of which would impair governmental procurement proceedings or give an unfair advantage to any person proposing to enter into a contract or agreement with a governmental entity, except that this Subsection (6) does not restrict the right of a person to see bids submitted to or by a governmental entity after bidding has closed; ....*

GRAMA provides that trade secrets, commercial information or non-individual financial information may be protected by submitting a Claim of Business Confidentiality.

To protect information under a Claim of Business Confidentiality, the Offeror must:

1. Provide a written Claim of Business Confidentiality *at the time the information (proposal) is provided to the state*, and
2. Include a concise statement of reasons supporting the claim of business confidentiality (Subsection 63-2-308(1)).
3. Submit an electronic “redacted” (excluding protected information) copy of your proposal response. Copy must clearly be marked “Redacted Version.”

A Claim of Business Confidentiality may be appropriate for information such as client lists and non-public financial statements. Pricing and service elements may not be protected. An entire proposal may not be protected under a Claim of Business Confidentiality. The claim of business confidentiality must be submitted with your proposal on the form which may be accessed at:

<http://www.purchasing.utah.gov/contractinfo/ConfidentialityClaimForm.doc>

To ensure the information is protected, the Division of Purchasing asks the Offeror to clearly identify in the Executive Summary and in the body of the proposal any specific information for which an Offeror claims business confidentiality protection as "PROTECTED".

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All materials submitted become the property of the state of Utah. Materials may be evaluated by anyone designated by the state as part of the proposal evaluation committee. Materials submitted may be returned only at the State's option.

## **II. SCOPE OF WORK**

The scope of this RFP includes specific full lines of tires and tubes as covered in the MPL and related services in the following sub-categories:

### **1. TIRES AND TUBES**

- 1.1. Pursuit and Performance Tires.
- 1.2. Automobile/Passenger Vehicles.
- 1.3. Light Duty Trucks: Radial and Bias.
- 1.4. Medium Commercial/Heavy Duty Trucks /Buses.
- 1.5. Off-the Road OTR: Radial and Bias.
- 1.6. Agriculture/Farm.
- 1.7. Industrial.
- 1.8. Specialty Tires.

### **2. SERVICES**

Offerors are asked to bid on each of the below mentioned services that may be performed by their Approved Distributors to include any parts and labor as a total on their bid form. If any Offeror does not offer any of the below listed items they should mark it as NA. If awarded a contract, the Awarded Contractors are responsible for the timeliness and quality of all services provided by individual distributors under this RFP.

- 2.1. Tire Installation w/purchase in store includes dismount of used tires and tubes.
- 2.2. Change tire, dismount and mount.
- 2.3. Flat repair, remove, repair and mount.
- 2.4. Flat repair, off vehicle.
- 2.5. Rotate mounted tires (per tire).
- 2.6. New valve stem rubber or metal.
- 2.7. Wheel balance - computer spin balance (per tire).
- 2.8. Wheel balance/Valve stem combo.
- 2.9. Alignment services.
- 2.10. Emergency tire repair-road side assistance (per hour).

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- 2.11. Studding.
- 2.12. Siping.
- 2.13. Used tire recycle/disposal fee (per tire).
- 2.14. Bulk tire disposal.

### **III. PRICING, PRODUCT AND SERVICE SPECIFICATIONS, QUALITY AND SERVICE REQUIREMENTS**

#### **1. PRICING**

WSCA is requesting a discount off of the MPL for all products offered as listed in each of the sub-categories. Each sub-category may or may not have a different discount offered. WSCA pricing will be determined by taking the MPL price less the discount offered to determine the WSCA price. The desire of WSCA and the purpose of this RFP are to obtain the lowest prices offered as compared to but not limited to any other State or Federal Government entities for the same product or service.

In order to determine the most advantageous pricing, a “Product List” has been developed listing some products that may or may not have been purchased over the last year. Offerors are to provide their MPL cost, their bid discount, and the total net product cost. OFFERORS MAY NOT OFFER SPECIAL PRICING FOR THE PRODUCTS ON THE “PRODUCT LIST”. The “Product List” is Attachment B of this RFP and will be required to be completed by the Offeror as part of their bid response.

Offerors may not net price any products listed on Attachment B even if products listed in Section B4 are considered in the national school bus program . These tires must be bid by a percentage off MPL as stated in the solicitation. Other tires that are part of the National School Bus Program and are not listed on Attachment B can be net priced as listed.

The tire and tube prices paid by the WSCA participants (participating states) will be those prices listed in the MPL less the awarded Contractor’s discount provided and attached to this RFP response and on file with the Utah Division of Purchasing. The prices paid by the WSCA Participating States for services will be prices listed and attached to this RFP response and on file with the Utah Division of Purchasing. The awarded Contractor will provide the Contract Administrator an electronic version in Excel or Excel compatible in “.xls” format that includes both the published list prices and the discount used to compute the final cost.

1.1 Pricing Offered in Response: Prices listed in Offerors response to this solicitation must take into consideration all inherent costs of providing the requested goods and services. The Offeror agrees to pay any and all fees, including, but not limited to: fuel surcharges, delivery and transportation costs, duties, custom fees, permits, brokerage fees, licenses and registrations. The WSCA Participating States will not pay any additional charges beyond the price(s) listed in the response, unless otherwise provided for by law or expressly allowed by the terms of the solicitation.

#### **2. PRODUCT AND SERVICE SPECIFICATIONS**

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2.1 General Tire Specifications: All tires shall be of quality not less than the tires normally furnished in representative quantities by Original Equipment Manufacturers as original equipment for automobiles, trucks, tractors, buses, backhoes, loaders, motor graders, and other heavy equipment. Tires supplied must be marked with "DOT" compliance symbol. Tires shall conform to all applicable Federal Specifications. *All tires must be NEW and must have been produced or manufactured within the last one (1) year prior to delivery to the ordering agency.*

All tires must have the size (including load range), manufacturer's name and D.O.T. number, serial number and indication of body material molded in side-wall at time of cure. The application of any of the above by any other means such as branding, application of decals, etc. will not be acceptable.

Tires offered must have been tested to meet or exceed ASTM (American Society of Testing and Materials) Standard F1922 for highway tires, F1923 for Off Road/Low Speed tires, and meet operational performance levels and marking requirements of Federal Standards FMVSS 109 for new pneumatic passenger tires and FMVSS 119 for new pneumatic non-passenger MPVs, trucks, buses, and trailers.

2.1.1. Pursuit and Performance Tires: Pursuit & Performance Tires include tires for police and other pursuit vehicles and for other high-speed, performance vehicles. This subcategory includes any tire that is H, V, W, Y, or ZR rated or above. An H rating is the minimum speed rating for tires in this subcategory. Tires shall be new, standard production tires expressly designed and certified by manufacturer for high speed operation and shall exhibit exceptional safety, stability, handling and stopping characteristics. Contractor shall maintain evidence/certifications that such tires meet all laboratory test and size requirements of Federal Standards MVSS 109 and shall ensure that the tires are marked with "DOT" compliance symbol.

2.1.2 Automobile/Passenger Vehicles: These tires include common passenger car tires and are designated with a "P" at the beginning of the tire size. Common applications for these types of tires would be passenger cars and mini vans.

Tires shall be of standard OEM quality equal to or superior in every respect to those normally furnished as original equipment for such vehicles.

2.1.3 Light Duty Trucks Radial and Bias: These tires can usually be identified by the letters "LT" at the beginning of the tire size. Common applications for these types of tires would be pickup trucks, sport utility vehicles, full size vans and some trailers.

Tires shall be of standard OEM quality equal to or superior in every respect to those normally furnished as original equipment for such vehicles.

2.1.4 Medium Commercial/Heavy Duty Trucks /Buses: These tires do not have a letter at the beginning of the tire size. Common applications for these types of tires would be medium and heavy trucks, buses, semi trucks, cargo vans and

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trailer tires. Tires in this subcategory have a diameter that is equal to or greater than twenty (20) inches.

Tires shall be of standard OEM quality equal to or superior in every respect to those normally furnished as original equipment for such vehicles.

**2.1.5 Off-the-Road OTR and Low Speed Off Highway Tires (Radial and Bias):** Common applications are heavy construction equipment such as wheel loaders, backhoes, graders, and trenchers.

**2.1.6 Agricultural/Farm (Radial and Bias):** Common applications are farm tractors, wagons, harvesters, and other farm implements requiring tires with high traction qualities and tires with high flotation qualities at low inflation pressures.

**2.1.7 Industrial:** Common applications are specialty industrial equipment, some construction equipment, and material handling equipment such as skid loaders and forklifts and include pneumatic, non-pneumatic, and press on tires.

**2.1.8 Specialty Tires:** Specialty tires may include, but are not limited to, recreational, all-terrain-vehicle (ATV), boat trailer, yard and garden, and aviation tires. This category also includes all other tires not identified above.

**2.2 Low Roll Resistance Tires:** Because of average fuel economy standards, the auto industry generally equips new vehicles with tires that have significantly lower rolling resistance and better fuel economy than the average replacement tire. Replacement tires do not have to meet original equipment fuel efficiency standards as there is very little information regarding their rolling resistance and their relative fuel economy characteristics.

In the interests of maintaining fuel economy in fleet vehicles, WSCA Participating States would like to contract with manufacturer's that offer certified low rolling resistance tires. Offerors are to identify in their bid response whether or not they offer these types of tires and, if so, include them on their MPL and identified them as Low Roll Resistance Tires. Offerors are to also offer the fuel economy rating of the tires offered; e.g. miles per gallon fuel efficiency increase or percentage of fuel economy increase.

**2.3 Tubes:** All inner tubes shall be standard production first line, heavy duty butyl tubes or natural rubber of fresh stock. All tubes shall be of quality not less than the tubes normally furnished in representative quantities by Original Equipment Manufacturers as original equipment for automobiles, trucks, tractors, buses, backhoes, loaders, motor graders, and other heavy equipment. Tubes shall conform to all applicable Federal Specifications. *All tubes must be NEW and must have been produced or manufactured within the last one (1) year prior to installation or delivery to the ordering agency.*

**2.4 Detailed Services Specifications:** Offerors are asked to bid on each of the below mentioned listed services that may be performed by their Approved Distributors to include any parts and labor as a total on their bid form. If any Offeror does not offer any

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of the below listed items they should mark it as NA. Offerors are asked to provide a list of their Approved Distributors for each state they are bidding in. If awarded a Contract, the Awarded Contractor(s) are responsible for the timeliness and quality of all services provided by the individual distributors under this RFP. WSCA Participating States may elect to use these services listed below at their discretion.

Product installation and repairs, such as mounting, rotation, and balancing, shall be in accordance with manufacturer's recommended procedures of warranted new virgin-product tires for each product subcategory.

- 2.4.1 Tire Installation with purchase in store includes dismount of used tires and tubes.
- 2.4.2 Change tire, dismount and mount.
- 2.4.3 Flat repair, remove, repair and mount.
- 2.4.4 Flat repair, off vehicle.
- 2.4.5 Rotate mounted tires (per tire).
- 2.4.6 New valve stem rubber or metal.
- 2.4.7 Wheel balance - computer spin balance (per tire).
- 2.4.8 Wheel balance – computer spin balance and valve stem combination.
- 2.4.9 Alignment services: If Offeror provides this service, the prices should be listed as a percentage discount from list price for parts and a price per hour for labor.
- 2.4.10 Emergency tire repair: Road side assistance (price per hour for labor or service call). Awarded Contractor shall provide complete twenty-four (24) hour roadside service, as required. Dispatch response time (arrival time by Contractor to Using Agency identified location), shall occur within the time parameters requested by the Using Agency at the time of contact (one hour, 2-5 hours, 24 hours etc.). Contractor shall make every effort possible, including having all necessary tools, replacement materials and labor on hand at time of repair, to make all roadside repairs and tire replacement(s) in a safe, cost efficient manner. In the event that Awarded Contractor is unable or unwilling to respond within the required dispatch time after telephone notification of the emergency, the Using Agency reserves the right to procure the Products or Services or a combination of Products and Services elsewhere without Contract violation.
- 2.4.11 Studding: Metal implants in the surface of the tread to improve traction on ice.

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2.4.12 Siping: The small slots that are cut or molded into a tire tread surface. These slots are meant to aid in increasing traction in snow, ice, mud, and wet road surfaces.

2.4.13 Used tire recycle and disposal fee (per tire): Some WSCA Participating States have statutes that only allow up to a specific fee to be charged. In those states, they will only pay the bid amount or the statute price, whichever is lower.

2.4.14 Bulk Disposal of Tires: This is considered an additional chargeable service that will be excluded from the award criteria and scoring, but may be utilized for contract pricing. Failure to bid on this optional service will not affect award.

If the Offeror bids on this service and is awarded a contract, that Contractor shall, when requested, place trailers on-site at any requesting Using Agency for the disposal of scrap tires. Contractor shall, on a will-call basis, within five (5) days' notification from requesting Using Agency, remove and replace full trailers with empty trailers. Trailer capacity shall be a minimum of six (6) tons of scrap tires. Contractor shall dispose of scrap tires that are removed in Contractor-provided trailers at an approved waste tire recovery area, or other approved disposal methods. Contractor shall invoice for disposal of scrap tires at the established Contract price per ton. Contractor shall submit with invoice documentation of scrap tire disposal weight from a disposal site, if this is the method of disposal utilized by the Contractor. Contractor may return scrap tires mounted to wheels to Using Agency if dismounting is required. With prior approval from the designated Using Agency contract representative, Contractor may dismount scrap tires from wheels and invoice at the established Contract price for such service. Contractor shall return wheels to Using Agency for disposition.

2.4.15 Tire pressure monitoring system (TPMS): Newer vehicles all come with a tire pressure monitoring system (TPMS) which is built into the tire valve. When new tires are mounted on a vehicle with the TPMS system, the TPMS system is reinstalled with a new washer, valve, and valve cap (TPMS service kit).

### **3. QUALITY AND SERVICE REQUIREMENTS**

**(Offeror shall address all sub-headings in section 3 in their Proposal. There are Mandatory Requirements and Scoring Requirements indicated by (MR) and (SR) respectively.)**

3.1 Availability (SR): All tires of common usage should be regularly carried in stock by the Awarded Contractor, or their distributor. All other tires must be available from the Awarded Contractor, or their distributor, within 30 days after receipt of order. Indicate the process, policies, or procedures used by manufacturer to mitigate the risks of running short of the materials needed to produce the tire products required to meet the need of the states participating in the WSCA Master Price Agreement.

**With your RFP proposal, include a statement of your company's product availability standards.**

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3.2 Shipping to Using Agency (MR): In some instances, a using agency may require tires be shipped to their agency. Orders of this type must be shipped FOB Destination at contract price with no additional fees or freight charges added.

3.3 Returns (MR): The Awarded Contractor shall not charge for return fees for inaccuracies or other errors on the part of the Contractor.

3.4 Product Guarantee and Adjustment (MR): Tires furnished shall be guaranteed to be free from defects in workmanship and material for original tread life or 48 months whichever comes first. Any tire which fails this guarantee shall either be satisfactorily repaired by the Awarded Contractor or replaced with a new tire charging only for the mileage used based on the tread depth, or as agreed upon by the Using Agency. Allowances and replacement charges shall be based upon the Contract tire price. The Awarded Contractor shall defray all transportation costs on both the defective tire(s) and replacement tire(s). The Awarded Contractor shall provide a one (1) year warranty on all tubes and parts beginning on the date of installation, to repair and/or replace as necessary, as determined by the Using Agency, AT NO COST TO THE USING AGENCY. If such items are not normally warranted for one year, maintenance to supply the equivalent of a one (1) year warranty must be included in the cost. Shipping cost for returned tubes and parts warranty service SHALL BE PAID BY THE AWARDED CONTRACTOR.

**Include with your RFP proposal a statement that your company agrees to the minimum Warranty Requirements. If your company's warranty exceeds the minimum requirements, include a copy of the warranty with your proposal.**

3.5 Emergency Vehicle Service Priority (MR): Awarded Contractor shall give Emergency Vehicles (i.e. police vehicles, snow removal equipment, firefighting equipment, ambulances, etc.), during emergency operations, priority service over all other customers including both private and public customers. If there is no emergency, the Awarded Contractor shall service Emergency Vehicles in their normal priority manner.

3.6 Service Areas (SR): The Offeror must demonstrate, in their RFP proposal, the ability to sell and service tires and tubes to the participating states. The Offeror is required to provide a list of sales and service areas within each participating state along with a map of each state plotted with their Authorized Distributors

The Offeror's list of Authorized Distributors within each state must provide full location addresses including contact information and services that are currently provided by each location.

3.7 Contact Person (MR): The Offeror must provide the name of the person who will work with the WSCA Contract Administrator during the term of the contract. This person must be authorized to coordinate with distributors and representatives in each participating state to ensure an efficient implementation of the contract and to insure correct pricing for goods and services.

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3.8 Insurance Requirements (MR): The Awarded Contractor and Approved Distributor will agree to carry all insurance which may be required by federal and state laws, state and city ordinances, charters, regulations, and codes. Concurrent with the execution of the contract for services, the Awarded Contractor and Approved Distributor will furnish a participating state the following certificates of insurance within ten (10) days upon request. Certificates shall be issued by an insurance company meeting the requirements to conduct business in the participating state. The Awarded Contractor and Approved Distributor shall name the participating State as additional insured on all insurance policies. No policy shall expire, be canceled or materially changed to effect coverage available to the State without thirty (30) days written notice to the State.

The following certificates are to be furnished with the RFP upon request.

**Liability insurance**: A certificate of insurance evidencing insurance coverage for general liability including contractual liability, written on a comprehensive form with coverage for personal injury and a limit of liability of at least \$1,000,000 for bodily injury, property damage and personal injury.

**Worker's compensation and employer's liability**: A certificate of insurance evidencing statutory coverage for worker's compensation coverage, injury and a limit of liability of \$1,000,000 for employer's liability, or a letter of certification from the industrial commission that the vendor is an authorized self insurer.

**With your Proposal, include a statement that your company agrees or exceeds the Insurance requirements.**

3.9 WSCA Administrative Fees (MR): A fee of 1/2 of 1% of the total purchases will be provided to the WSCA Contract Administrator on a quarterly basis. The check must be made payable to WSCA and sent to: Reed Taylor, Contract Administrator. A statement, submitted electronically, will be a summary report of quarterly purchases by participating WSCA states. The Administrative Fee and submitted reports are to coincide with the quarters and date ranges as outlined below:

- Quarter 1: January 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup> – due by April 30<sup>th</sup>
- Quarter 2: April 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup> – due by July 30<sup>th</sup>
- Quarter 3: July 1<sup>st</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup> – due by October 30<sup>th</sup>
- Quarter 4: October 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup> - due by January 30<sup>th</sup>

After contract award, the Contractor will be provided by e-mail an **Excel** spreadsheet template that includes instructions, sample date and all information that must be provided.

3.10 Participating State Administrative Fee (MR): Each participating State may establish and include by participating addendum, an additional Administrative Fee based on that state's own purchases, which will be disbursed directly to that participating state. Where applicable, pricing may be adjusted accordingly.

3.11 Quarterly Report Requirements for Reporting Utah Purchases Only (MR): The Contractor will be required to submit "Utah purchases only" quarterly usage reports to the

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Division of Purchasing listing all purchases with a minimum of the following groups: 1) City/Town; 2) County; 3) Higher Education; 4) Public Education and 5) State Agency. All reports must be submitted, using the same template, in electronic format via e-mail to [salesreports@utah.gov](mailto:salesreports@utah.gov).

After contract award, you will be provided by e-mail an **Excel** spreadsheet template that includes instructions, sample data and all information that must be provided.

Quarterly reports must coincide with the quarters in the State of Utah fiscal year as outlined below:

- Quarter 1: January 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup> – due by April 30<sup>th</sup>
- Quarter 2: April 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup> – due by July 30<sup>th</sup>
- Quarter 3: July 1<sup>st</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup> – due by October 30<sup>th</sup>
- Quarter 4: October 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup> - due by January 30<sup>th</sup>

Offerors shall identify in their RFP response the name of the individual responsible for the preparation and submission of the mandatory usage reports. If there will be a different contact person for the Utah reporting versus the WSCA reporting, identify both individuals in your RFP response.

3.12 Other State Reporting Requirements (MR): Each participating State may establish and include, by participating addendum, a reporting requirement for that state's own purchases, which will be provided directly to that participating State.

3.13 Environmental and Sustainability Requirements (MR): It is the desire of WSCA Participating States to allow eligible Using Agencies to procure products and services that help to minimize the environmental impact resulting from the use and disposal of these products. Such products, referred to as "Environmentally Preferable Products" (EPPs), include, but are not limited to, those which contain recycled content, conserve energy or water, minimize waste or reduce the amount of toxic material used and disposed of.

**Include with your proposal information of your company's initiatives concerning environmentally preferred products.**

3.14 Dealer response to availability, delivery and pricing problems (SR): Indicate how does the manufacturer insure that the dealer network will be effective in responding to tire availability, delivery, and pricing problems.

3.15 Compliance of dealers with insurance requirements and warranty issues (SR): Indicate how will your company insure that the dealer network is complying with the terms of the contract with regards to liability insurance requirements and warranty issues.

## **IV PROPOSAL RESPONSE FORMAT**

All proposals must be organized to include the following clearly marked sections:

**1. RFP Form (Provided in Bidsync)**

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**2. Executive Summary**

This one or two page executive summary is to briefly describe the manufacturer's proposal. The summary should highlight the major features of the proposal. It must include any requirements that cannot be met by the manufacturer or distributors. The reader should be able to determine the essence of the proposal by reading the executive summary. Proprietary information requests should be identified in this section.

**3. Detailed Response to Section III. 3 "Quality and Service Requirements"**

This section should constitute the major portion of the proposal and must contain responses and exceptions to any or all items listed in this RFP. Offerors are asked to respond to all elements in section III.3. Offerors will also be required to provide with their proposal a list of all Authorized Distributors that they want to have included in their potential contract as per the instructions in III.3.6.

**4. Cost Proposal**

Offerors are required to complete Attachment A of this RFP. The Offeror is also required to provide their MPL for all Tires and Tubes offered.

In order to determine the most advantageous pricing, Offerors are also required to complete Attachment B which is labeled "Product List" that will be used for pricing comparison purposes.

## **V PROPOSAL EVALUATION CRITERIA**

**1. PROPOSAL EVALUATION PROCESS**

An evaluation committee comprised of representatives from WSCA member States will evaluate the proposals against the following weighted criteria. Each area of the evaluation criteria must be addressed in detail in the proposal.

Any proposals failing to meet one or more mandatory requirements may be considered non-responsive and deemed "unacceptable" and will be eliminated from further consideration.

An oral presentation or conference call may be required to supplement the Offerors written proposal. These presentations will be scheduled, if required, by the committee after proposals are received and prior to award of the contract.

**2. PROPOSAL EVALUATION CRITERIA**

<u>WEIGHT</u>	<u>EVALUATION CRITERIA</u>
50%	Proposed costs
35%	Authorized Distributor network coverage

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15% Demonstrated ability to meet scope of work in the “Quality and Service Requirements” Section

**2.1 Proposed Costs (50% of total points possible)**

Product costs will receive a weight of 80% of the total Proposed Cost points and Services will receive a weight of 20% of the total.

2.1.1 Mandatory Elements

2.1.1.1 Offeror agrees to provide firm prices for one year (Products and Services)

2.1.1.2 Offeror completes Attachment A and agrees to keep the same percentage off for the entire time of the contract awarded from this solicitation.

2.1.1.3 Offeror’s pricing on Products and Services. Products will be based upon the market mix of tires as listed in Attachment B labeled “Product Mix”

2.1.2 Scoring Elements

2.1.2.1 Offeror’s pricing of Products Attachment B (Product totals will be weighted based on prior usage. The weighted percentages are listed on Attachment B)

2.1.2.2 Offer’s pricing of Services Attachment A.

**2.2 Authorized Distributor Network Coverage (35% of total points possible)**

2.2.1 Mandatory Elements

2.2.1.1 Offeror provides a list of Authorized Distributors by Participating state along with a map of each state plotted with their Authorized Distributors are located.

2.2.2 Scoring Elements

2.2.2.1 Offeror’s network coverage for each participating state.

**2.3 Demonstrate ability to meet scope of work (15% of total points possible)**

2.3.1 Mandatory Elements

2.3.1.1 Offeror meets the required elements listed in sections III.3.

2.3.2 Scoring Elements

2.3.2.1 Indicate the process, policies, or procedures used by manufacturer to mitigate the risk of running short of the materials needed

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to produce the tire products required to meet the needs of the states participating on the WSCA contract.

2.3.2.2 How does the manufacturer insure that the dealer network will be effective in responding to tire availability, delivery, and pricing problems?

2.3.2.3 How will you company insure that the dealer network is complying with the terms of the contract with regards to liability insurance requirements and warranty issues?

## **VI. AWARD**

Criteria for award of contracts will be based on mandatory elements and the RFP Evaluation Score sheet.

The award of this RFP will be to the vendor(s) with the highest combined technical and price points. The state reserves the right to award to multiple contractors by tire category and/or by grouped tire categories and/or by all tire categories.

There will be a technical score that will be added to the price score for each tire category. There will be one technical score for each offeror that will be added to each of the eight tire category scores and one tire service composite score. Therefore each tire category can potentially have a score of 1000 (Technical score (500pts)+Price score per tire category (400pts) +Price score for tire service (100pts).

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**Offerors Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Evaluator:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Score will be assigned as follows:**  
 0 = Failure, no response  
 1 = Poor, inadequate, fails to meet requirement  
 2 = Fair, only partially responsive  
 3 = Average, meets minimum requirement  
 4 = Above average, exceeds minimum requirement  
 5 = Superior

	Possible Points for Technical and Price	Possible Points per Category Breakdown of Technical & Price	Score Given (0-5)	Score Weight (pts possible divided by 5 equals weight)	Points
<b>Technical</b>	500				
<b>1. Demonstrated Ability to Meet Quality and Service Requirements</b>					
A. Process, policy, or procedures to insure product availability for state participants		50 points possible		X 10	
B. Insuring dealer network is responsive to tire availability, delivery, and pricing problems.		50 points possible		X 10	
C. Insuring dealer network complies with insurance requirements and warrantee issues		50 points possible		X 10	
<b>2. Authorized Distributor Network Coverage</b>		350 Points Possible		X 70	
<b>Pricing</b>	500				
A. Pricing of Tires      80%		400 points			*
B. Pricing of Service    20%		100 points			*
<b>TOTAL EVALUATION POINTS</b>	<b>1000 points possible</b>				<b>( ) Total Points Received</b>

\* Purchasing will use the following cost formula: The points assigned to each offerors cost proposal will be based on the lowest proposal price. The Offeror with the lowest Proposed Price will receive 100% of the price points. All other offerors will receive a portion of the total cost points based on what percentage higher their Proposed Price is than the Lowest Proposed Price. An Offeror whose Proposed Price is more than double (200%) the Lowest Proposed Price will receive no points. The formula to compute the points is: Cost Points x (2- Proposed Price/Lowest Proposed Price).

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**Standard Contract Terms and Conditions  
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**PARTICIPANTS:** The Western States Contracting Alliance (herein WSCA) is a cooperative group contracting consortium for state government departments, institutions, agencies and political subdivisions (e.g., colleges, school districts, counties, cities, etc.) for the states of Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Minnesota, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming. Other states and their political subdivisions are also eligible to participate in WSCA contracts. Obligations under this contract are limited to those Participating States who have signed a Participating Addendum where contemplated by the solicitation. Financial obligations of Participating States are limited to the orders placed by the departments or other state agencies and institutions having available funds. Participating States incur no financial obligations on behalf of political subdivisions. Unless otherwise specified in the solicitation, the resulting award(s) will be permissive.

**QUALITY ESTIMATES:** WSCA does not guarantee to purchase any amount under the contract to be awarded. Estimated quantities are for the purposes of submitting proposals only and are not to be construed as a guarantee to purchase any amount.

**SPECIFICATIONS:** Any deviation from specifications must be clearly indicated by offeror, otherwise, it will be considered that the proposal is in strict compliance. When BRAND NAMES or manufacturers' numbers are stated in the specifications they are intended to establish a standard only and are not restrictive unless the RFP states "No substitute". Proposals will be considered on other makes, models or brands having comparable quality, style, workmanship and performance characteristics. Alternate proposals offering lower quality or inferior performance will not be considered.

**ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF PROPOSALS:** WSCA reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals or parts of proposals, and to waive informalities therein.

**SAMPLES:** Generally, when required, samples will be specifically requested in the Request for Proposals. Samples, when required, are to be furnished free of charge. Except for those samples destroyed or mutilated in testing, samples will be returned at a offeror's request, transportation collect.

**CASH DISCOUNT TERMS:** Offeror may quote a cash discount based upon early payment; however, discounts offered for less than 30 days will not be considered in making the award. The date from which discount time is calculated shall be the date a correct invoice is received or receipt of shipment, whichever is later; except that if testing is performed, the date shall be the date of acceptance of the merchandise.

**TAXES:** Proposal prices shall be exclusive of state sales and federal excise taxes. Where the state government entities are not exempt from sales taxes on sales within their state, the contractor shall add the sales taxes on the billing invoice as a separate entry.

**MODIFICATION OR WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSALS:** Proposals may be modified or withdrawn prior to the time set for the opening of proposals. After the time set for the opening of

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proposals, no proposal may be modified or withdrawn, unless done in response to a request for a "Best and Final Offer" from WSCA.

**PATENTS, COPYRIGHTS, ETC.:** The Contractor shall release, indemnify and hold the Buyer, its officers, agents and employees harmless from liability of any kind or nature, including the Contractor's use of any copyrighted or un-copyrighted composition, secret process, patented or unpatented invention, article or appliance furnished or used in the performance of this contract.

**AWARD:** WSCA may award multiple contracts as the result of this solicitation. Awards shall be made to the responsible offeror(s) whose proposal is determined to be the most advantageous to WSCA, taking into consideration price and the other evaluation factors set forth in the RFP.

**NON-COLLUSION:** By signing the proposal the offeror certifies that the proposal submitted, has been arrived at independently and has been submitted without collusion with, and without any agreement, understanding or planned common course of action with, any other vendor of materials, supplies, equipment or services described in the Request for Proposal, designed to limit independent bidding or competition.

**CANCELLATION:** Unless otherwise stated in the additional terms and conditions listed in the RFP, any contract entered into as a result of this bid may be canceled by either party upon 60 days notice, in writing, prior to the effective date of the cancellation. Further, any Participating State may cancel its participation upon 30 days written notice, unless otherwise limited or stated in the additional terms and conditions listed in this solicitation. Cancellation may be in whole or in part. Any cancellation under this provision shall not effect the rights and obligations attending orders outstanding at the time of cancellation, including any right of and Purchasing Entity to indemnification by the Contractor, rights of payment for goods/services delivered and accepted, and rights attending any warranty or default in performance in association with any order. Cancellation of the contract due to Contractor default may be immediate.

**DEFAULT AND REMEDIES:** Any of the following events shall constitute cause for WSCA to declare Contractor in default of the contract: 1. Nonperformance of contractual requirements; 2. A material breach of any term or condition of this contract WSCA shall issue a written notice of default providing a period in which Contractor shall have an opportunity to cure. Time allowed for cure shall not diminish or eliminate Contractor's liability for liquidated or other damages. If the default remains, after Contractor has been provided the opportunity to cure, WSCA may do one or more of the following: 1. Exercise any remedy provided by law; 2. Terminate this contract and any related contracts or portions thereof; 3. Impose liquidated damages; 4. Suspend contractor from receiving future proposal solicitations.

**LAWS AND REGULATIONS:** Any and all supplies, services and equipment offered and furnished shall comply fully with all applicable Federal and State laws and regulations.

**CONFLICT OF TERMS:** In the event of any conflict between these Standard Terms and Conditions and any additional terms and conditions listed in the solicitation; the additional terms and conditions listed in the solicitation shall govern.

**REPORTS:** The contractor shall submit quarterly reports to the WSCA Contract Administrator showing the quantities and dollar volume of purchases by each participating entity.

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**HOLD HARMLESS:** The contractor shall release, protect, indemnify and hold WSCA and the respective states and their officers, agencies, employees, harmless from and against any damage, cost or liability, including reasonable attorney's fees for any or all injuries to persons, property or claims for money damages arising from acts or omissions of the contractor, his employees or subcontractors or volunteers.

**ORDER NUMBERS:** Contract order and purchase order numbers shall be clearly shown on all acknowledgments, shipping labels, packing slips, invoices, and on all correspondence.

**GOVERNING LAW:** This procurement and the resulting agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the state sponsoring and administering the procurement. The construction and effect of any Participating Addendum or order against the contract(s) shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Participating Entity's State. Venue for any claim, dispute or action concerning an order placed against the contract(s) or the effect of an Participating Addendum shall be in the Purchasing Entity's State.

**DELIVERY:** The prices offered shall be the delivered price to any Participating State agency or political subdivision. All deliveries shall be F.O.B. destination with all transportation and handling charges paid by the contractor. Responsibility and liability for loss or damage shall remain the Contractor until final inspection and acceptance when responsibility shall pass to the Buyer except as to latent defects, fraud and Contractor's warranty obligations. The minimum shipment amount will be found in the additional terms and conditions listed in the solicitation. Any order for less than the specified amount is to be shipped with the freight prepaid and added as a separate item on the invoice. Any portion of an order to be shipped without transportation charges that is back ordered shall be shipped without charge.

**WARRANTY:** As used herein "Buyer" refers to any Participating State agency or political subdivision. The contractor acknowledges that the Uniform Commercial Code applies to this contract. In general, the contractor warrants that: (a) the product will do what the salesperson said it would do, (b) the product will live up to all specific claims that the manufacturer makes in their advertisements, (c) the product will be suitable for the ordinary purposes for which such product is used, (d) the product will be suitable for any *special purposes* that the Buyer has relied on the contractor's skill or judgment to consider.

**AMENDMENTS:** The terms of this contract shall not be waived, altered, modified, supplemented or amended in any manner whatsoever without prior written approval of the WSCA Contract Administrator.

**ASSIGNMENT/SUBCONTRACT:** Contractor shall not assign, sell, transfer, subcontract or sublet rights, or delegate responsibilities under this contract, in whole or in part, without the prior written approval of the WSCA Contract Administrator.

**NONDISCRIMINATION:** The offeror agrees to abide by the provisions of Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 USC 2000e), which prohibit discrimination against any employee or applicant for employment, or any applicant or recipient of services, on the basis of race, religion, color, or national origin; and further agrees to abide by Executive Order No. 11246, as amended, which prohibits discrimination on basis of sex; 45 CFR 90 which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, or the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 which prohibits discrimination on the basis of

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disabilities. The offeror further agrees to furnish information and reports to requesting State(s), upon request, for the purpose of determining compliance with these statutes. Offeror agrees to comply with each individual state's certification requirements, if any, as stated in the additional terms and conditions listed in the solicitation. This contract may be canceled if the offeror fails to comply with the provisions of these laws and regulations. The offeror must include this provision in every subcontract relating to purchases by the States to insure that subcontractors and vendors are bound by this provision.

**SEVERABILITY:** If any provision of this contract is declared by a court to be illegal or in conflict with any law, the validity of the remaining terms and provisions shall not be affected; and the rights and obligations of the parties shall be construed and enforced as if the contract did not contain the particular provision held to be invalid.

**INSPECTIONS:** Goods furnished under this contract shall be subject to inspection and test by the Buyer at times and places determined by the Buyer. If the Buyer finds goods furnished to be incomplete or in compliance with proposal specifications, the Buyer may reject the goods and require Contractor to either correct them without charge or deliver them at a reduced price, which is equitable under the circumstances. If Contractor is unable or refuses to correct such goods within a time deemed reasonable by the Buyer, the Buyer may cancel the order in whole or in part. Nothing in this paragraph shall adversely affect the Buyer's rights including the rights and remedies associated with revocation of acceptance under the Uniform Commercial Code.

**PAYMENT:** Payment for completion of a contract is normally made within 30 days following the date the entire order is delivered or the date a correct invoice is received, whichever is later. After 45 days the Contractor may assess overdue account charges up to a maximum rate of one percent per month on the outstanding balance. Payments will be remitted by mail. Payments may be made via a State or political subdivision "Purchasing Card".

**FORCE MAJEURE:** Neither party to this contract shall be held responsible for delay or default caused by fire, riot, acts of God and/or war which is beyond that party's reasonable control. WSCA may terminate this contract after determining such delay or default will reasonably prevent successful performance of the contract.

**HAZARDOUS CHEMICAL INFORMATION:** The contractor will provide one set of the appropriate material safety data sheet(s) and container label(s) upon delivery of a hazardous material to the user agency. All safety data sheets and labels will be in accordance with each participating state's requirements.

**FIRM PRICE:** Unless otherwise stated in the additional terms and conditions listed in the solicitation for the purpose of award, offers made in accordance with this solicitation must be good and firm for a period of ninety (90) days from the date of proposal opening. Prices must remain firm for the full term of the contract.

**EXTENSION OF PRICES:** In the case of error in the extension of prices in the proposal, the unit prices will govern.

**PROPOSAL PREPARATION COSTS:** WSCA is not liable for any costs incurred by the offeror in proposal preparation.

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**CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** The contractor certifies that it has not offered or given any gift or compensation prohibited by the state laws of any WSCA participants to any officer or employee of WSCA or participating states to secure favorable treatment with respect to being awarded this contract.

**INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR:** The contractor shall be an independent contractor, and as such shall have no authorization, express or implied to bind WSCA or the respective states to any agreements, settlements, liability or understanding whatsoever, and agrees not to perform any acts as agent for WSCA or the states, except as expressly set forth herein.

**POLITICAL SUBDIVISION PARTICIPATION:** Participation under this contract by political subdivisions (i.e., colleges, school districts, counties, cities, etc.) of the Participating States shall be voluntarily determined by the political subdivision. The contractor agrees to supply the political subdivisions based upon the same terms, conditions and prices.

**DEBARMENT:** The contractor certifies that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction (contract) by any governmental department or agency. If the contractor cannot certify this statement, attach a written explanation for review by WSCA.

**RECORDS ADMINISTRATION:** The contractor will maintain, or supervise the maintenance of all records necessary to properly account for the payments made to the contractor for costs authorized by this contract. These records will be retained by the contractor for at least four years after the contract terminates, or until all audits initiated within the four years have been completed, whichever is later.

**AUDIT OF RECORDS:** The contractor agrees to allow WSCA, State and Federal auditors, and state agency staff access to all the records to this contract, for audit and inspection, and monitoring of services. Such access will be during normal business hours, or by appointment.

**ENTITY PARTICIPATION:** Use of specific WSCA cooperative contracts by state agencies, political subdivisions and other entities (including cooperatives) authorized by individual state's statutes to use state contracts are subject to the approval of the respective State Chief Procurement Official. Issues of interpretation and eligibility for participation are solely within the authority of the respective State Chief Procurement Official.

## WSCA Tires, Tubes and Service Solicitation

### ATTACHMENT A

#### Pricing Discounts & Service Pricing

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Bidder Name \_\_\_\_\_

Please answer the following questions as part of your bid.

A. Enter your discount off of MPL in the matrix below. Also, you must include your complete MPL for all tires/tubes you want considered with your bid. If the listed subcategory is not provided by your company, then mark as NA.

Tires and Tubes Subcategory	Discount on Products			
	Percent Discount	MPL Name	MPL Date	MPL REF. Number
1. Pursuit and Performance Tires				
2. Automobile/Passenger Vehicles				
3. Light Duty Trucks:				
3a. Radial				
3b. Bias				
4. Medium Commercial/Heavy Duty Trucks/Buses				
5. Off Road				
5a. Off Road Radial				
5b. Off Road Bias				
6. Agriculture/Farm				
7. Industrial Tires				
8. Specialty Tires				

B. Enter your fixed pricing for each of the services listed below. If any service listed is not provided, then enter NA.

WSCA Pricing for Services						
	Product Sub-Category 1,2 & 3	Product Sub-Category #4: Medium Commercial	Product Sub-Category # 5 Off Road	Product Sub-Category #6 Agriculture/Farm	Product Sub-Category #7 Industrial	Product sub-Category #8 Specialty
1. * Tire Installation w/purchase in store includes dismount of used tires and tubes (per tire)						
2. *Change tire, dismount and mount						
3. *Flat Repair, remove, repair and mount						
4. *Flat repair, off vehicle						
5. *Rotate mounted tires (per tire)						
6. *New valve stem rubber or metal (per tire)						
7. *Wheel balance-computer spin balance (Per Tire)						
8. *Wheel balance/Valve stem combo (per tire)						
9. Alignment services						
9a. Standard two wheel alignment						
9b. Four wheel alignment						
9c. Bushing/cam alignment						
9d. Parts discount % from list Prices						
10. Emergency tire repair-road side assistance (per hour)						
11. Studding (per tire)						
12. Siping (per tire)						
13. Used tire recycle/disposal fee (per tire)						
14. Bulk tire disposal (min. of six tons capacity)						
15. *Tire pressure monitoring kit (per Tire)						

Those items which have an asterisk (\*) next to the number indicates the items that will be part of the market basket used to determine points earned for Tire Services.

**Products List**  
**Solicitation Number RT12002**

**BIDDER NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PRICE LIST DATE & NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

The products listed are for evaluation purposes only and do not reflect the amount of products or product types to be purchased during the duration of any resultant contract.

Percentage shall apply to all current and future products supplied on the MPL by sub-category as well as specific items listed on the price sheet.

Products must meet or exceed the current UTQG system in the following categories: Treadwear, Traction and Temperature

Line #	Item Description	Load Rating	Radial or Bias PLY	Tube / Tubless	Speed Rating	Tread wear Index (min.)	Temp. Rating (min.)	Traction Rating (min.)	List Brand Name	List Mfg. Mileage Warranty	List MPL Page #	List MPL Price	List Discount %	Tire Cost to WCSA State
<b>B1</b>	<b>Pursuit/Performance Tires:</b>													
	P225/60R16 All Season	SL	Radial	Tubless	97V	260	A	A						
	P225/60R16 Snow	SL	Radial	Tubless	97V									
	P235/55R17 All Season	SL	Radial	Tubless	98W	260	A	A						
	P235/55R17 Snow	SL	Radial	Tubless	98V									
<b>B2</b>	<b>Automobile/Passenger Vehicles:</b>													
	P205/65R15 All Season	SL	Radial	Tubless	T	400	B	A						
	P205/70R15 All Season	SL	Radial	Tubless	S	400	B	A						
	P215/60R16 All Season	SL	Radial	Tubless	T	400	B	A						
<b>B3</b>	<b>Light Duty Trucks:</b>													
	LT215/85R16 HWY	D	Radial	Tubless										
	LT215/85R16 Traction	D	Radial	Tubless										
	P265/75R16	SL	Radial	Tubless		480	A	B						
	7.00-15LT	D	Bias	Tubless										
<b>B4</b>	<b>Medium Commercial / Heavy Duty Trucks / Buses:</b>					Tread Dept (min)								
	11R22.5 Steer	G	Radial	Tubless		20/32								
	11R22.5 Drive	G	Radial	Tubless		20/32								
	11R24.5 Steer	G	Radial	Tubless		20/32								
	11R24.5 Drive	G	Radial	Tubless		20/32								
	1000R20 All Position	H	Radial	Tubetype		20/32								
<b>B5</b>	<b>Off Road:</b>													
	14.00-24 E3	28	Bias	Tubetype										
	14.00R24 G/L3		Radial	Tubless										
<b>B6</b>	<b>Farm/Agriculture/Ind</b>		Ply			Tread								
	11L-16 TL1		8	Tubless		8								
	16.9-26 TLR2		10	Tubless		94								
<b>B7</b>	<b>Industrial</b>													
	18.4-30 TTR1		8	Tubetype		50								
<b>B8</b>	<b>Specialty Tires</b>													
	12-165 10 IT323			Tubless										
	750-15 F COMPACT			Tubetype										

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## **Arizona Special Terms and Conditions**

### **INDEMNIFICATION CLAUSE:**

Contractor shall indemnify, defend, save and hold harmless the State of Arizona, its departments, agencies, boards, commissions, universities and its officers, officials, agents, and employees (hereinafter referred to as "Indemnitee") from and against any and all claims, actions, liabilities, damages, losses, or expenses (including court costs, attorneys' fees, and costs of claim processing, investigation and litigation) (hereinafter referred to as "Claims") for bodily injury or personal injury (including death), or loss or damage to tangible or intangible property caused, or alleged to be caused, in whole or in part, by the negligent or willful acts or omissions of Contractor or any of its owners, officers, directors, agents, employees or subcontractors. This indemnity includes any claim or amount arising out of or recovered under the Workers' Compensation Law or arising out of the failure of such contractor to conform to any federal, state or local law, statute, ordinance, rule, regulation or court decree. It is the specific intention of the parties that the Indemnitee shall, in all instances, except for Claims arising solely from the negligent or willful acts or omissions of the Indemnitee, be indemnified by Contractor from and against any and all claims. It is agreed that Contractor will be responsible for primary loss investigation, defense and judgment costs where this indemnification is applicable. In consideration of the award of this contract, the Contractor agrees to waive all rights of subrogation against the State of Arizona, its officers, officials, agents and employees for losses arising from the work performed by the Contractor for the State of Arizona.

*This indemnity shall not apply if the contractor or sub-contractor(s) is/are an agency, board, commission or university of the State of Arizona.*

### **INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:**

Contractor and subcontractors shall procure and maintain until all of their obligations have been discharged, including any warranty periods under this Contract, are satisfied, insurance against claims for injury to persons or damage to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder by the Contractor, his agents, representatives, employees or subcontractors.

The *insurance requirements* herein are minimum requirements for this Contract and in no way limit the indemnity covenants contained in this Contract. The State of Arizona in no way warrants that the minimum limits contained herein are sufficient to protect the Contractor from liabilities that might arise out of the performance of the work under this contract by the Contractor, its agents, representatives, employees or subcontractors, and Contractor is free to purchase additional insurance.

**A. MINIMUM SCOPE AND LIMITS OF INSURANCE:** Contractor shall provide coverage with limits of liability not less than those stated below.

**1. Commercial General Liability – Occurrence Form**

Policy shall include bodily injury, property damage, personal injury and broad form contractual liability coverage.

• General Aggregate	\$2,000,000
• Products – Completed Operations Aggregate	\$1,000,000
• Personal and Advertising Injury	\$1,000,000
• Blanket Contractual Liability – Written and Oral	\$1,000,000
• Fire Legal Liability	\$ 50,000
• Each Occurrence	\$1,000,000

- a. The policy shall be endorsed to include the following additional insured language: ***"The State of Arizona, its departments, agencies, boards, commissions, universities and its officers, officials, agents, and employees shall be named as additional insureds with respect to liability arising out of the activities performed by or on behalf of the Contractor"***.

- b. Policy shall contain a waiver of subrogation against the State of Arizona, its departments, agencies, boards, commissions, universities and its officers, officials, agents, and employees for losses arising from work performed by or on behalf of the Contractor.

2. **Business Automobile Liability**

Bodily Injury and Property Damage for any owned, hired, and/or non-owned vehicles used in the performance of this Contract.

Combined Single Limit (CSL) \$1,000,000

- a. The policy shall be endorsed to include the following additional insured language: ***"The State of Arizona, its departments, agencies, boards, commissions, universities and its officers, officials, agents, and employees shall be named as additional insureds with respect to liability arising out of the activities performed by or on behalf of the Contractor, involving automobiles owned, leased, hired or borrowed by the Contractor"***.

- b. Policy shall contain a waiver of subrogation against the State of Arizona, as departments, agencies, boards, commissions, universities and its officers, officials, agents, and employees for losses arising from work performed by or on behalf of the Contractor.

3. **Worker's Compensation and Employers' Liability**

Workers' Compensation	Statutory
Employers' Liability	
Each Accident	\$ 500,000
Disease – Each Employee	\$ 500,000
Disease – Policy Limit	\$1,000,000

- a. Policy shall contain a waiver of subrogation against the State of Arizona, its departments, agencies, boards, commissions, universities and its officers, officials, agents, and employees for losses arising from work performed by or on behalf of the Contractor.

- b. This requirement shall not apply to: Separately, EACH contractor or subcontractor exempt under A.R.S. 23-901, and when such contractor or subcontractor executes the appropriate waiver (Sole Proprietor/Independent Contractor) form.

B. **ADDITIONAL INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:** The policies shall include, or be endorsed to include, the following provisions:

1. The State of Arizona, its departments, agencies, boards, commissions, universities and its officers, officials, agents, and employees wherever additional insured status is required. Such additional insured shall be covered to the full limits of liability purchased by the Contractor, even if those limits of liability are in excess of those required by this Contract.
2. The Contractor's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance with respect to all other available sources.
3. Coverage provided by the Contractor shall not be limited to the liability assumed under the indemnification provisions of this Contract.

C. **NOTICE OF CANCELLATION:** With the exception of (10) day notice of cancellation for non-payment of premium, any changes material to compliance with this contract in the insurance policies above shall require (30) days written notice to the State of Arizona. Such notice shall be sent directly to **(State of Arizona Department Representative's Name & Address)** and shall be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested.

- D. **ACCEPTABILITY OF INSURERS:** Insurance is to be placed with duly licensed or approved non-admitted insurers in the state of Arizona with an "A.M. Best" rating of not less than A- VII. The State of Arizona in no way warrants that the above-required minimum insurer rating is sufficient to protect the Contractor from potential insurer insolvency.
- E. **VERIFICATION OF COVERAGE:** Contractor shall furnish the State of Arizona with certificates of insurance (ACORD form or equivalent approved by the State of Arizona) as required by this Contract. The certificates for each insurance policy are to be signed by a person authorized by that insurer to bind coverage on its behalf.

All certificates and endorsements are to be received and approved by the State of Arizona before work commences. Each insurance policy required by this Contract must be in effect at or prior to commencement of work under this Contract and remain in effect for the duration of the project. Failure to maintain the insurance policies as required by this Contract, or to provide evidence of renewal, is a material breach of contract.

All certificates required by this Contract shall be sent directly to **(State of Arizona Department Representative's Name and Address)**. The State of Arizona project/contract number and project description shall be noted on the certificate of insurance. The State of Arizona reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all insurance policies required by this Contract at any time. **DO NOT SEND CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE TO THE STATE OF ARIZONA'S RISK MANAGEMENT DIVISION.**

- F. **SUBCONTRACTORS:** Contractors' certificate(s) shall include all subcontractors as insureds under its policies or Contractor shall furnish to the State of Arizona separate certificates and endorsements for each subcontractor. All coverages for subcontractors shall be subject to the minimum requirements identified above.
- G. **APPROVAL:** Any modification or variation from the *insurance requirements* in this Contract shall be made by the contracting agency in consultation with the Department of Administration, Risk Management Division. Such action will not require a formal Contract amendment, but may be made by administrative action.
- H. **EXCEPTIONS:** In the event the Contractor or sub-contractor(s) is/are a public entity, then the Insurance Requirements shall not apply. Such public entity shall provide a Certificate of Self-insurance. If the contractor or sub-contractor(s) is/are a State of Arizona agency, board, commission, or university, none of the above shall apply.

## UNIFORM TERMS AND CONDITIONS

### Version 8

#### 1. Definition of Terms

As used in this Solicitation and any resulting Contract, the terms listed below are defined as follows:

- 1.1. "*Attachment*" means any item the Solicitation requires the Offeror to submit as part of the Offer.
- 1.2. "*Contract*" means the combination of the Solicitation, including the Uniform and Special Instructions to Offerors, the Uniform and Special Terms and Conditions, and the Specifications and Statement or Scope of Work; the Offer and any Best and Final Offers; and any Solicitation Amendments or Contract Amendments.
- 1.3. "*Contract Amendment*" means a written document signed by the Procurement Officer that is issued for the purpose of making changes in the Contract.
- 1.4. "*Contractor*" means any person who has a Contract with the State.
- 1.5. "*Days*" means calendar days unless otherwise specified.
- 1.6. "*Exhibit*" means any item labeled as an Exhibit in the Solicitation or placed in the Exhibits section of the Solicitation.
- 1.7. "*Gratuity*" means a payment, loan, subscription, advance, deposit of money, services, or anything of more than nominal value, present or promised, unless consideration of substantially equal or greater value is received.
- 1.8. "*Materials*" means all property, including equipment, supplies, printing, insurance and leases of property but does not include land, a permanent interest in land or real property or leasing space.
- 1.9. "*Procurement Officer*" means the person, or his or her designee, duly authorized by the State to enter into and administer Contracts and make written determinations with respect to the Contract.
- 1.10. "*Services*" means the furnishing of labor, time or effort by a contractor or subcontractor which does not involve the delivery of a specific end product other than required reports and performance, but does not include employment agreements or collective bargaining agreements.
- 1.11. "*Subcontract*" means any Contract, express or implied, between the Contractor and another party or between a subcontractor and another party delegating or assigning, in whole or in part, the making or furnishing of any material or any service required for the performance of the Contract.
- 1.12. "*State*" means the State of Arizona and Department or Agency of the State that executes the Contract.
- 1.13. "*State Fiscal Year*" means the period beginning with July 1 and ending June 30.

#### 2. Contract Interpretation

- 2.1. Arizona Law. The Arizona law applies to this Contract including, where applicable, the Uniform Commercial Code as adopted by the State of Arizona and the Arizona Procurement Code, Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) Title 41, Chapter 23, and its implementing rules, Arizona Administrative Code (A.A.C.) Title 2, Chapter 7.

- 2.2. Implied Contract Terms. Each provision of law and any terms required by law to be in this Contract are a part of this Contract as if fully stated in it.
- 2.3. Contract Order of Precedence. In the event of a conflict in the provisions of the Contract, as accepted by the State and as they may be amended, the following shall prevail in the order set forth below:
- 2.3.1. Special Terms and Conditions;
  - 2.3.2. Uniform Terms and Conditions;
  - 2.3.3. Statement or Scope of Work;
  - 2.3.4. Specifications;
  - 2.3.5. Attachments;
  - 2.3.6. Exhibits;
  - 2.3.7. Documents referenced or included in the Solicitation.
- 2.4. Relationship of Parties. The Contractor under this Contract is an independent Contractor. Neither party to this Contract shall be deemed to be the employee or agent of the other party to the Contract.
- 2.5. Severability. The provisions of this Contract are severable. Any term or condition deemed illegal or invalid shall not affect any other term or condition of the Contract.
- 2.6. No Parole Evidence. This Contract is intended by the parties as a final and complete expression of their agreement. No course of prior dealings between the parties and no usage of the trade shall supplement or explain any terms used in this document and no other understanding either oral or in writing shall be binding.
- 2.7. No Waiver. Either party's failure to insist on strict performance of any term or condition of the Contract shall not be deemed a waiver of that term or condition even if the party accepting or acquiescing in the nonconforming performance knows of the nature of the performance and fails to object to it.

### 3. Contract Administration and Operation

- 3.1. Records. Under A.R.S. § 35-214 and § 35-215, the Contractor shall retain and shall contractually require each subcontractor to retain all data and other "records" relating to the acquisition and performance of the Contract for a period of five years after the completion of the Contract. All records shall be subject to inspection and audit by the State at reasonable times. Upon request, the Contractor shall produce a legible copy of any or all such records.
- 3.2. Non-Discrimination. The Contractor shall comply with State Executive Order No. 2009-09 and all other applicable Federal and State laws, rules and regulations, including the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- 3.3. Audit. Pursuant to ARS § 35-214, at any time during the term of this Contract and five (5) years thereafter, the Contractor's or any subcontractor's books and records shall be subject to audit by the State and, where applicable, the Federal Government, to the extent that the books and records relate to the performance of the Contract or Subcontract.
- 3.4. Facilities Inspection and Materials Testing. The Contractor agrees to permit access to its facilities, subcontractor facilities and the Contractor's processes or services, at reasonable times for inspection of the facilities or materials covered under this Contract.

The State shall also have the right to test, at its own cost, the materials to be supplied under this Contract. Neither inspection of the Contractor's facilities nor materials testing shall constitute final acceptance of the materials or services. If the State determines non-compliance of the materials, the Contractor shall be responsible for the payment of all costs incurred by the State for testing and inspection.

- 3.5. Notices. Notices to the Contractor required by this Contract shall be made by the State to the person indicated on the Offer and Acceptance form submitted by the Contractor unless otherwise stated in the Contract. Notices to the State required by the Contract shall be made by the Contractor to the Solicitation Contact Person indicated on the Solicitation cover sheet, unless otherwise stated in the Contract. An authorized Procurement Officer and an authorized Contractor representative may change their respective person to whom notice shall be given by written notice to the other and an amendment to the Contract shall not be necessary.
- 3.6. Advertising, Publishing and Promotion of Contract. The Contractor shall not use, advertise or promote information for commercial benefit concerning this Contract without the prior written approval of the Procurement Officer.
- 3.7. Property of the State. Any materials, including reports, computer programs and other deliverables, created under this Contract are the sole property of the State. The Contractor is not entitled to a patent or copyright on those materials and may not transfer the patent or copyright to anyone else. The Contractor shall not use or release these materials without the prior written consent of the State.
- 3.8. Ownership of Intellectual Property. Any and all intellectual property, including but not limited to copyright, invention, trademark, trade name, service mark, and/or trade secrets created or conceived pursuant to or as a result of this contract and any related subcontract ("Intellectual Property"), shall be work made for hire and the State shall be considered the creator of such Intellectual Property. The agency, department, division, board or commission of the State of Arizona requesting the issuance of this contract shall own (for and on behalf of the State) the entire right, title and interest to the Intellectual Property throughout the world. Contractor shall notify the State, within thirty (30) days, of the creation of any Intellectual Property by it or its subcontractor(s). Contractor, on behalf of itself and any subcontractor(s), agrees to execute any and all document(s) necessary to assure ownership of the Intellectual Property vests in the State and shall take no affirmative actions that might have the effect of vesting all or part of the Intellectual Property in any entity other than the State. The Intellectual Property shall not be disclosed by contractor or its subcontractor(s) to any entity not the State without the express written authorization of the agency, department, division, board or commission of the State of Arizona requesting the issuance of this contract.
- 3.9. Federal Immigration and Nationality Act. The contractor shall comply with all federal, state and local immigration laws and regulations relating to the immigration status of their employees during the term of the contract. Further, the contractor shall flow down this requirement to all subcontractors utilized during the term of the contract. The State shall retain the right to perform random audits of contractor and subcontractor records or to inspect papers of any employee thereof to ensure compliance. Should the State determine that the contractor and/or any subcontractors be found noncompliant, the State may pursue all remedies allowed by law, including, but not limited to; suspension of work, termination of the contract for default and suspension and/or debarment of the contractor.
- 3.10. E-Verify Requirements. In accordance with A.R.S. § 41-4401, Contractor warrants compliance with all Federal immigration laws and regulations relating to employees and warrants its compliance with Section A.R.S. § 23-214, Subsection A.
- 3.11. Scrutinized Businesses. In accordance with A.R.S. § 35-391 and A.R.S. § 35-393, Contractor certifies that the Contractor does not have scrutinized business operations in Sudan or Iran.

3.12 Offshore Performance of Work Prohibited.

Any services that are described in the specifications or scope of work that directly serve the State of Arizona or its clients and involve access to secure or sensitive data or personal client data shall be performed within the defined territories of the United States. Unless specifically stated otherwise in the specifications, this paragraph does not apply to indirect or 'overhead' services, redundant back-up services or services that are incidental to the performance of the contract. This provision applies to work performed by subcontractors at all tiers.

4. **Costs and Payments**

4.1. Payments. Payments shall comply with the requirements of A.R.S. Titles 35 and 41, Net 30 days. Upon receipt and acceptance of goods or services, the Contractor shall submit a complete and accurate invoice for payment from the State within thirty (30) days.

4.2. Delivery. Unless stated otherwise in the Contract, all prices shall be F.O.B. Destination and shall include all freight delivery and unloading at the destination.

4.3. Applicable Taxes.

4.3.1. Payment of Taxes. The Contractor shall be responsible for paying all applicable taxes.

4.3.2. State and Local Transaction Privilege Taxes. The State of Arizona is subject to all applicable state and local transaction privilege taxes. Transaction privilege taxes apply to the sale and are the responsibility of the seller to remit. Failure to collect such taxes from the buyer does not relieve the seller from its obligation to remit taxes.

4.3.3. Tax Indemnification. Contractor and all subcontractors shall pay all Federal, state and local taxes applicable to its operation and any persons employed by the Contractor. Contractor shall, and require all subcontractors to hold the State harmless from any responsibility for taxes, damages and interest, if applicable, contributions required under Federal, and/or state and local laws and regulations and any other costs including transaction privilege taxes, unemployment compensation insurance, Social Security and Worker's Compensation.

4.3.4. IRS W9 Form. In order to receive payment the Contractor shall have a current I.R.S. W9 Form on file with the State of Arizona, unless not required by law.

4.4. Availability of Funds for the Next State fiscal year. Funds may not presently be available for performance under this Contract beyond the current state fiscal year. No legal liability on the part of the State for any payment may arise under this Contract beyond the current state fiscal year until funds are made available for performance of this Contract.

4.5. Availability of Funds for the current State fiscal year. Should the State Legislature enter back into session and reduce the appropriations or for any reason and these goods or services are not funded, the State may take any of the following actions:

4.5.1. Accept a decrease in price offered by the contractor;

4.5.2. Cancel the Contract; or

4.5.3. Cancel the contract and re-solicit the requirements.

5. **Contract Changes**

5.1. Amendments. This Contract is issued under the authority of the Procurement Officer who signed this Contract. The Contract may be modified only through a Contract Amendment

within the scope of the Contract. Changes to the Contract, including the addition of work or materials, the revision of payment terms, or the substitution of work or materials, directed by a person who is not specifically authorized by the procurement officer in writing or made unilaterally by the Contractor are violations of the Contract and of applicable law. Such changes, including unauthorized written Contract Amendments shall be void and without effect, and the Contractor shall not be entitled to any claim under this Contract based on those changes.

- 5.2. Subcontracts. The Contractor shall not enter into any Subcontract under this Contract for the performance of this contract without the advance written approval of the Procurement Officer. The Contractor shall clearly list any proposed subcontractors and the subcontractor's proposed responsibilities. The Subcontract shall incorporate by reference the terms and conditions of this Contract.
- 5.3. Assignment and Delegation. The Contractor shall not assign any right nor delegate any duty under this Contract without the prior written approval of the Procurement Officer. The State shall not unreasonably withhold approval.

## 6. Risk and Liability

- 6.1. Risk of Loss: The Contractor shall bear all loss of conforming material covered under this Contract until received by authorized personnel at the location designated in the purchase order or Contract. Mere receipt does not constitute final acceptance. The risk of loss for nonconforming materials shall remain with the Contractor regardless of receipt.
- 6.2. Indemnification
- 6.2.1. Contractor/Vendor Indemnification (Not Public Agency) The parties to this contract agree that the State of Arizona, its departments, agencies, boards and commissions shall be indemnified and held harmless by the contractor for the vicarious liability of the State as a result of entering into this contract. However, the parties further agree that the State of Arizona, its departments, agencies, boards and commissions shall be responsible for its own negligence. Each party to this contract is responsible for its own negligence.
- 6.2.2. Public Agency Language Only Each party (as 'indemnitor') agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the other party (as 'indemnitee') from and against any and all claims, losses, liability, costs, or expenses (including reasonable attorney's fees) (hereinafter collectively referred to as 'claims') arising out of bodily injury of any person (including death) or property damage but only to the extent that such claims which result in vicarious/derivative liability to the indemnitee, are caused by the act, omission, negligence, misconduct, or other fault of the indemnitor, its officers, officials, agents, employees, or volunteers."
- 6.3. Indemnification - Patent and Copyright. The Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the State against any liability, including costs and expenses, for infringement of any patent, trademark or copyright arising out of Contract performance or use by the State of materials furnished or work performed under this Contract. The State shall reasonably notify the Contractor of any claim for which it may be liable under this paragraph. If the contractor is insured pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-621 and § 35-154, this section shall not apply.
- 6.4. Force Majeure.
- 6.4.1 Except for payment of sums due, neither party shall be liable to the other nor deemed in default under this Contract if and to the extent that such party's performance of this Contract is prevented by reason of force majeure. The term "force majeure" means an occurrence that is beyond the control of the party affected and occurs without its fault or negligence. Without limiting the foregoing, force majeure includes acts of God; acts of the public enemy; war; riots; strikes;

mobilization; labor disputes; civil disorders; fire; flood; lockouts; injunctions-intervention-acts; or failures or refusals to act by government authority; and other similar occurrences beyond the control of the party declaring force majeure which such party is unable to prevent by exercising reasonable diligence.

6.4.2. Force Majeure shall not include the following occurrences:

6.4.2.1. Late delivery of equipment or materials caused by congestion at a manufacturer's plant or elsewhere, or an oversold condition of the market;

6.4.2.2. Late performance by a subcontractor unless the delay arises out of a force majeure occurrence in accordance with this force majeure term and condition; or

6.4.2.3. Inability of either the Contractor or any subcontractor to acquire or maintain any required insurance, bonds, licenses or permits.

6.4.3. If either party is delayed at any time in the progress of the work by force majeure, the delayed party shall notify the other party in writing of such delay, as soon as is practicable and no later than the following working day, of the commencement thereof and shall specify the causes of such delay in such notice. Such notice shall be delivered or mailed certified-return receipt and shall make a specific reference to this article, thereby invoking its provisions. The delayed party shall cause such delay to cease as soon as practicable and shall notify the other party in writing when it has done so. The time of completion shall be extended by Contract Amendment for a period of time equal to the time that results or effects of such delay prevent the delayed party from performing in accordance with this Contract.

6.4.4. Any delay or failure in performance by either party hereto shall not constitute default hereunder or give rise to any claim for damages or loss of anticipated profits if, and to the extent that such delay or failure is caused by force majeure.

6.5. Third Party Antitrust Violations. The Contractor assigns to the State any claim for overcharges resulting from antitrust violations to the extent that those violations concern materials or services supplied by third parties to the Contractor, toward fulfillment of this Contract.

## 7. Warranties

7.1. Liens. The Contractor warrants that the materials supplied under this Contract are free of liens and shall remain free of liens.

7.2. Quality. Unless otherwise modified elsewhere in these terms and conditions, the Contractor warrants that, for one year after acceptance by the State of the materials, they shall be:

7.2.1. Of a quality to pass without objection in the trade under the Contract description;

7.2.2. Fit for the intended purposes for which the materials are used;

7.2.3. Within the variations permitted by the Contract and are of even kind, quantity, and quality within each unit and among all units;

7.2.4. Adequately contained, packaged and marked as the Contract may require; and

7.2.5. Conform to the written promises or affirmations of fact made by the Contractor.

- 7.3. Fitness. The Contractor warrants that any material supplied to the State shall fully conform to all requirements of the Contract and all representations of the Contractor, and shall be fit for all purposes and uses required by the Contract.
- 7.4. Inspection/Testing. The warranties set forth in subparagraphs 7.1 through 7.3 of this paragraph are not affected by inspection or testing of or payment for the materials by the State.
- 7.5. Compliance With Applicable Laws. The materials and services supplied under this Contract shall comply with all applicable Federal, state and local laws, and the Contractor shall maintain all applicable license and permit requirements.
- 7.6. Survival of Rights and Obligations after Contract Expiration or Termination.
- 7.6.1. Contractor's Representations and Warranties. All representations and warranties made by the Contractor under this Contract shall survive the expiration or termination hereof. In addition, the parties hereto acknowledge that pursuant to A.R.S. § 12-510, except as provided in A.R.S. § 12-529, the State is not subject to or barred by any limitations of actions prescribed in A.R.S., Title 12, Chapter 5.
- 7.6.2. Purchase Orders. The Contractor shall, in accordance with all terms and conditions of the Contract, fully perform and shall be obligated to comply with all purchase orders received by the Contractor prior to the expiration or termination hereof, unless otherwise directed in writing by the Procurement Officer, including, without limitation, all purchase orders received prior to but not fully performed and satisfied at the expiration or termination of this Contract.

## 8. State's Contractual Remedies

- 8.1. Right to Assurance. If the State in good faith has reason to believe that the Contractor does not intend to, or is unable to perform or continue performing under this Contract, the Procurement Officer may demand in writing that the Contractor give a written assurance of intent to perform. Failure by the Contractor to provide written assurance within the number of Days specified in the demand may, at the State's option, be the basis for terminating the Contract under the Uniform Terms and Conditions or other rights and remedies available by law or provided by the contract.
- 8.2. Stop Work Order.
- 8.2.1. The State may, at any time, by written order to the Contractor, require the Contractor to stop all or any part, of the work called for by this Contract for period(s) of days indicated by the State after the order is delivered to the Contractor. The order shall be specifically identified as a stop work order issued under this clause. Upon receipt of the order, the Contractor shall immediately comply with its terms and take all reasonable steps to minimize the incurrence of costs allocable to the work covered by the order during the period of work stoppage.
- 8.2.2. If a stop work order issued under this clause is canceled or the period of the order or any extension expires, the Contractor shall resume work. The Procurement Officer shall make an equitable adjustment in the delivery schedule or Contract price, or both, and the Contract shall be amended in writing accordingly.
- 8.3. Non-exclusive Remedies. The rights and the remedies of the State under this Contract are not exclusive.
- 8.4. Nonconforming Tender. Materials or services supplied under this Contract shall fully comply with the Contract. The delivery of materials or services or a portion of the materials or services that do not fully comply constitutes a breach of contract. On delivery of nonconforming materials or services, the State may terminate the Contract for default under applicable termination clauses in the Contract, exercise any of its rights and

remedies under the Uniform Commercial Code, or pursue any other right or remedy available to it.

- 8.5. Right of Offset. The State shall be entitled to offset against any sums due the Contractor, any expenses or costs incurred by the State, or damages assessed by the State concerning the Contractor's non-conforming performance or failure to perform the Contract, including expenses, costs and damages described in the Uniform Terms and Conditions.

## 9. Contract Termination

- 9.1. Cancellation for Conflict of Interest. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-511, the State may cancel this Contract within three (3) years after Contract execution without penalty or further obligation if any person significantly involved in initiating, negotiating, securing, drafting or creating the Contract on behalf of the State is or becomes at any time while the Contract or an extension of the Contract is in effect an employee of or a consultant to any other party to this Contract with respect to the subject matter of the Contract. The cancellation shall be effective when the Contractor receives written notice of the cancellation unless the notice specifies a later time. If the Contractor is a political subdivision of the State, it may also cancel this Contract as provided in A.R.S. § 38-511.
- 9.2. Gratuities. The State may, by written notice, terminate this Contract, in whole or in part, if the State determines that employment or a Gratuity was offered or made by the Contractor or a representative of the Contractor to any officer or employee of the State for the purpose of influencing the outcome of the procurement or securing the Contract, an amendment to the Contract, or favorable treatment concerning the Contract, including the making of any determination or decision about contract performance. The State, in addition to any other rights or remedies, shall be entitled to recover exemplary damages in the amount of three times the value of the Gratuity offered by the Contractor.
- 9.3. Suspension or Debarment. The State may, by written notice to the Contractor, immediately terminate this Contract if the State determines that the Contractor has been debarred, suspended or otherwise lawfully prohibited from participating in any public procurement activity, including but not limited to, being disapproved as a subcontractor of any public procurement unit or other governmental body. Submittal of an offer or execution of a contract shall attest that the contractor is not currently suspended or debarred. If the contractor becomes suspended or debarred, the contractor shall immediately notify the State.
- 9.4. Termination for Convenience. The State reserves the right to terminate the Contract, in whole or in part at any time when in the best interest of the State, without penalty or recourse. Upon receipt of the written notice, the Contractor shall stop all work, as directed in the notice, notify all subcontractors of the effective date of the termination and minimize all further costs to the State. In the event of termination under this paragraph, all documents, data and reports prepared by the Contractor under the Contract shall become the property of and be delivered to the State upon demand. The Contractor shall be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for work in progress, work completed and materials accepted before the effective date of the termination. The cost principles and procedures provided in A.A.C. R2-7-701 shall apply.
- 9.5. Termination for Default.
- 9.5.1. In addition to the rights reserved in the contract, the State may terminate the Contract in whole or in part due to the failure of the Contractor to comply with any term or condition of the Contract, to acquire and maintain all required insurance policies, bonds, licenses and permits, or to make satisfactory progress in performing the Contract. The Procurement Officer shall provide written notice of the termination and the reasons for it to the Contractor.
- 9.5.2. Upon termination under this paragraph, all goods, materials, documents, data

and reports prepared by the Contractor under the Contract shall become the property of and be delivered to the State on demand.

9.5.3. The State may, upon termination of this Contract, procure, on terms and in the manner that it deems appropriate, materials or services to replace those under this Contract. The Contractor shall be liable to the State for any excess costs incurred by the State in procuring materials or services in substitution for those due from the Contractor.

9.6. Continuation of Performance Through Termination. The Contractor shall continue to perform, in accordance with the requirements of the Contract, up to the date of termination, as directed in the termination notice.

**10. Contract Claims**

All contract claims or controversies under this Contract shall be resolved according to A.R.S. Title 41, Chapter 23, Article 9, and rules adopted thereunder.

**11. Arbitration**

The parties to this Contract agree to resolve all disputes arising out of or relating to this contract through arbitration, after exhausting applicable administrative review, to the extent required by A.R.S. § 12-1518, except as may be required by other applicable statutes (Title 41).

**12. Comments Welcome**

The State Procurement Office periodically reviews the Uniform Terms and Conditions and welcomes any comments you may have. Please submit your comments to: State Procurement Administrator, State Procurement Office, 100 North 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 201, Phoenix, Arizona, 85007.

## GSPD-401Non-IT Commodities (REVISED AND EFFECTIVE 06/08/2010)

**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**1. DEFINITIONS:** The following terms shall be given the meaning shown, unless context requires otherwise or a unique meaning is otherwise specified.

- a) **"Business entity"** means any individual, business, partnership, joint venture, corporation, S-corporation, limited liability corporation, limited liability partnership, sole proprietorship, joint stock company, consortium, or other private legal entity recognized by statute.
- b) **"Buyer"** means the State's authorized contracting official.
- c) **"Contract"** means this Contract or agreement (including any purchase order), by whatever name known or in whatever format used.
- d) **"Contractor"** means the Business Entity with whom the State enters into this Contract. Contractor shall be synonymous with "supplier", "vendor" or other similar term.
- e) **"Goods"** (commodities) means all types of tangible personal property, including but not limited to materials, supplies, and equipment (including computer equipment and telecommunications).
- f) **"State"** means the government of the State of California, its employees and authorized representatives, including without limitation any department, agency, or other unit of the government of the State of California.

**2. CONTRACT FORMATION:**

- a) If this Contract results from a sealed bid offered in response to a solicitation conducted pursuant to Chapters 2 (commencing with Section 10290), 3 (commencing with Section 12100), and 3.6 (commencing with Section 12125) of Part 2 of Division 2 of the Public Contract Code (PCC), then Contractor's bid is a firm offer to the State which is accepted by the issuance of this Contract and no further action is required by either party.
- b) If this Contract results from a solicitation other than described in paragraph a), above, Contractor's quotation or proposal is deemed a firm offer and this Contract document is the State's acceptance of that offer.
- c) If this Contract resulted from a joint bid, it shall be deemed one indivisible Contract. Each such joint Contractor will be jointly and severally liable for the performance of the entire Contract. The State assumes no responsibility or obligation for the division of orders or purchases among joint Contractor's.

**3. COMPLETE INTEGRATION:** This Contract, including any documents incorporated herein by express reference, is intended to be a complete integration and there are no prior or contemporaneous different or additional agreements pertaining to the subject matter of the Contract.

**4. SEVERABILITY:** The Contractor and the State agree that if any provision of this Contract is found to be illegal or unenforceable, such term or provision shall be deemed stricken and the remainder of the Contract shall remain in full force and effect. Either party having knowledge of such term or provision shall promptly inform the other of the presumed non-applicability of such provision.

**5. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR:** Contractor and the agents and employees of Contractor, in the performance of this Contract, shall act in an independent capacity and not as officers or employees or agents of the State.

**6. APPLICABLE LAW:** This Contract shall be governed by and shall be interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of California; venue of any action brought with regard to this Contract shall be in Sacramento County, Sacramento, California. The United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods shall not apply to this Contract.

**7. COMPLIANCE WITH STATUTES AND REGULATIONS:**

- a) Contractor warrants and certifies that in the performance of this Contract, it will comply with all applicable statutes, rules,

regulations and orders of the United States and the State of California and agrees to indemnify the State against any loss, cost, damage or liability by reason of Contractor's violation of this provision.

b) If this Contract is in excess of \$554,000, it is subject to the requirements of the World Trade Organization (WTO) Government Procurement Agreement (GPA).

**8. CONTRACTOR'S POWER AND AUTHORITY:** The Contractor warrants that it has full power and authority to grant the rights herein granted and will hold the State harmless from and against any loss, cost, liability, and expense (including reasonable attorney fees) arising out of any breach of this warranty. Further, Contractor avers that it will not enter into any arrangement with any third party which might abridge any rights of the State under this Contract.

a) The State will notify Contractor of any such claim in writing and tender the defense thereof within a reasonable time; and  
 b) Contractor will have sole control of the defense of any action on such claim and all negotiations for its settlement or compromise; provided that (i) when substantial principles of government or public law are involved, when litigation might create precedent affecting future State operations or liability, or when involvement of the State is otherwise mandated by law, the State may participate in such action at its own expense with respect to attorneys' fees and costs (but not liability); (ii) the State will have the right to approve or disapprove any settlement or compromise, which approval will not unreasonably be withheld or delayed; and (iii) the State will reasonably cooperate in the defense and in any related settlement negotiations.

**9. ASSIGNMENT:** This Contract shall not be assignable by the Contractor in whole or in part without the written consent of the State. For the purpose of this paragraph, State will not unreasonably prohibit Contractor from freely assigning its right to payment, provided that Contractor remains responsible for its obligations hereunder.

**10. WAIVER OF RIGHTS:** Any action or inaction by the State or the failure of the State on any occasion, to enforce any right or provision of the Contract, shall not be construed to be a waiver by the State of its rights hereunder and shall not prevent the State from enforcing such provision or right on any future occasion. The rights and remedies of the State herein are cumulative and are in addition to any other rights or remedies that the State may have at law or in equity.

**11. ORDER OF PRECEDENCE:** In the event of any inconsistency between the articles, attachments, specifications or provisions which constitute this Contract, the following order of precedence shall apply:

- a) these General Provisions – Non-IT Commodities;
- b) Contract form, i.e., Purchase Order STD 65, etc., and any amendments thereto;
- c) Statement of Work, including any specifications incorporated by reference herein;
- d) special terms and conditions; and
- e) all other attachments incorporated in the Contract by reference.

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### **12. PACKING AND SHIPMENT:**

- a) All Goods are to be packed in suitable containers for protection in shipment and storage, and in accordance with applicable specifications. Each container of a multiple container shipment shall be identified to:
  - i) show the number of the container and the total number of containers in the shipment; and
  - ii) the number of the container in which the packing sheet has been enclosed.
- b) All shipments by Contractor or its subcontractors must

include packing sheets identifying: the State's Contract number; item number; quantity and unit of measure; part number and description of the Goods shipped; and appropriate evidence of inspection, if required. Goods for different Contracts shall be listed on separate packing sheets.

c) Shipments must be made as specified in this Contract, as it may be amended, or otherwise directed in writing by the State's Transportation Management Unit within the Department of General Services, Procurement Division.

**13. TRANSPORTATION COSTS AND OTHER FEES OR EXPENSES:** No charge for delivery, drayage, express, parcel post, packing, cartage, insurance, license fees, permits, cost of bonds, or for any other purpose will be paid by the State unless expressly included and itemized in the Contract.

a) Contractor must strictly follow Contract requirements regarding Free on Board (F.O.B.), freight terms and routing instructions. The State may permit use of an alternate carrier at no additional cost to the State with advance written authorization of the Buyer.

b) If "prepay and add" is selected, supporting freight bills are required when over \$50, unless an exact freight charge is approved by the Transportation Management Unit within the Department of General Services Procurement Division and a waiver is granted.

c) On "F.O.B. Shipping Point" transactions, should any shipments under the Contract be received by the State in a damaged condition and any related freight loss and damage claims filed against the carrier or carriers be wholly or partially declined by the carrier or carriers with the inference that damage was the result of the act of the shipper such as inadequate packaging or loading or some inherent defect in the equipment and/or material, Contractor, on request of the State, shall at Contractor's own expense assist the State in establishing carrier liability by supplying evidence that the equipment and/or material was properly constructed, manufactured, packaged, and secured to withstand normal transportation conditions.

**14. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE:**

Time is of the essence in this Contract.

**15. DELIVERY:** Contractor shall strictly adhere to the delivery and completion schedules specified in this Contract. Time, if stated as a number of days, shall mean calendar days unless otherwise specified. The quantities specified herein are the only quantities required. If Contractor delivers in excess of the quantities specified herein, the State shall not be required to make any payment for the excess Goods, and may return them to Contractor at Contractor's expense or utilize any other rights available to the State at law or in equity.

**16. SUBSTITUTIONS:** Substitution of Goods may not be tendered without advance written consent of the Buyer. Contractor shall not use any specification in lieu of those contained in the Contract without written consent of the Buyer.

**17. INSPECTION, ACCEPTANCE AND REJECTION:**

a) Contractor and its subcontractors will provide and maintain a quality assurance system acceptable to the State covering Goods and services under this Contract and will tender to the State only those Goods that have been inspected and found to conform to this Contract's requirements.

Contractor will keep records evidencing inspections and their result, and will make these records available to the State during Contract performance and for three years after final payment. Contractor shall permit the State to review procedures, practices, processes and related documents to determine the acceptability of Contractor's quality assurance system or other business practices related to performance of the Contract.

b) All Goods may be subject to inspection and test by the State or its authorized representatives.

c) Contractor and its subcontractors shall provide all

reasonable facilities for the safety and convenience of inspectors at no additional cost to the State. Contractor shall furnish to inspectors all information and data as may be reasonably required to perform their inspection.

d) All Goods to be delivered hereunder may be subject to final inspection, test and acceptance by the State at destination, notwithstanding any payment or inspection at source.

e) The State shall give written notice of rejection of Goods delivered or services performed hereunder within a reasonable time after receipt of such Goods or performance of such services. Such notice of rejection will state the respects in which the Goods do not substantially conform to their specifications. If the State does not provide such notice of rejection within thirty (30) days, unless otherwise specified in the Statement of Work, of delivery, such Goods and services will be deemed to have been accepted.

Acceptance by the State will be final and irreversible, except as it relates to latent defects, fraud, and gross mistakes amounting to fraud. Acceptance shall not be construed to waive any warranty rights that the State might have at law or by express reservation in this Contract with respect to any nonconformity.

**18. SAMPLES:**

a) Samples of items may be required by the State for inspection and specification testing and must be furnished free of expense to the State. The samples furnished must be identical in all respects to the products bid and/or specified in the Contract.

b) Samples, if not destroyed by tests, may, upon request made at the time the sample is furnished, be returned at Contractor's expense.

**19. WARRANTY:** Unless otherwise specified, the warranties contained in this Contract begin after acceptance has occurred.

a) Contractor warrants that Goods and services furnished hereunder will conform to the requirements of this Contract (including all descriptions, specifications and drawings made a part hereof), and such Goods will be merchantable, fit for their intended purposes, free from all defects in materials and workmanship and to the extent not manufactured pursuant to detailed designs furnished by the State, free from defects in design. The State's approval of designs or specifications furnished by Contractor shall not relieve the Contractor of its obligations under this warranty.

b) All warranties, including special warranties specified elsewhere herein, shall inure to the State, its successors, assigns, customer agencies and users of the Goods or services.

**20. SAFETY AND ACCIDENT PREVENTION:** In performing work under this Contract on State premises, Contractor shall conform to any specific safety requirements contained in the Contract or as required by law or regulation. Contractor shall take any additional precautions as the State may reasonably require for safety and accident prevention purposes. Any violation of such rules and requirements, unless promptly corrected, shall be grounds for termination of this Contract in accordance with the default provisions hereof.

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**21. INSURANCE:** When performing work on property in the care, custody or control of the State, Contractor shall maintain all commercial general liability insurance, workers' compensation insurance and any other insurance the State deems appropriate under the Contract. Contractor shall furnish an insurance certificate evidencing required insurance coverage acceptable to the State. Upon request by the Buyer, the Contractor may be required to have the State shown as an "additional insured" on selected policies.

**22. TERMINATION FOR NON-APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS:**

a) If the term of this Contract extends into fiscal years subsequent to that in which it is approved, such continuation of the Contract is contingent on the appropriation of funds for such purpose by the Legislature. If funds to effect such continued payment are not appropriated, Contractor agrees to take back any affected Goods furnished under this Contract, terminate any services supplied to the State under this Contract, and relieve the State of any further obligation therefor.

b) STATE AGREES THAT IF PARAGRAPH (a) ABOVE IS INVOKED, GOODS SHALL BE RETURNED TO THE CONTRACTOR IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME CONDITION IN WHICH DELIVERED TO THE STATE, SUBJECT TO NORMAL WEAR AND TEAR.

STATE FURTHER AGREES TO PAY FOR PACKING, CRATING, TRANSPORTATION TO CONTRACTOR'S NEAREST FACILITY AND FOR REIMBURSEMENT TO THE CONTRACTOR FOR EXPENSES INCURRED FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE IN SUCH PACKING AND CRATING.

**23. TERMINATION FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THE STATE:**

a) The State may terminate performance of work under this Contract for its convenience in whole or, from time to time, in part, if the Department of General Services, Deputy Director, Procurement Division, or designee, determines that a termination is in the State's interest. The Department of General Services, Deputy Director, Procurement Division, or designee, shall terminate by delivering to the Contractor a Notice of Termination specifying the extent of termination and the effective date thereof. The parties agree that, as to the terminated portion of the Contract, the Contract shall be deemed to remain in effect until such time as the termination settlement, if any, is concluded and the Contract shall not be void.

b) After receipt of a Notice of Termination, and except as directed by the State, the Contractor shall immediately proceed with the following obligations, as applicable, regardless of any delay in determining or adjusting any amounts due under this clause. The Contractor shall:

i) Stop work as specified in the Notice of Termination.

ii) Place no further subcontracts for materials, services, or facilities, except as necessary to complete the continued portion of the Contract.

iii) Terminate all subcontracts to the extent they relate to the work terminated.

iv) Settle all outstanding liabilities and termination settlement proposals arising from the termination of subcontracts; the approval or ratification of which will be final for purposes of this clause.

**24. TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT:**

a) The State may, subject to the Force Majeure paragraph contained herein, by written notice of default to the Contractor, terminate this Contract in whole or in part if the Contractor fails to:

i) Deliver the Goods or to perform the services within the time specified in the Contract or any amendment thereto;

ii) Make progress, so as to endanger performance of this Contract (but see subparagraph (b) below); or

iii) Perform any of the other provisions of this Contract (but see subparagraph (b), below).

b) The State's right to terminate this Contract under subparagraphs (a)(ii) and (a)(iii) above, may be exercised if the Contractor does not cure such failure within the time frame stated in the cure notice issued by the Buyer.

c) If the State terminates this Contract in whole or in part, it may acquire, under the terms and in the manner the Buyer considers appropriate, Goods or services similar to those terminated, and the Contractor will be liable to the State for any excess costs for those Goods or services. However, the Contractor shall continue the work not terminated.

d) If the Contract is terminated for default, the State may require the Contractor to transfer title and deliver to the State, as directed by the Buyer, any:

i) Completed Goods, and

ii) Partially completed Goods and materials, parts, tools, dies, jigs, fixtures, plans, drawings, information, and Contract rights (collectively referred to as "manufacturing materials" in this clause) that the Contractor has specifically produced or acquired for the terminated portion of this Contract. Upon direction of the Buyer, the Contractor shall also protect and preserve property in its possession in which the State has an interest.

e) The State shall pay Contract price for completed Goods delivered and accepted. The Contractor and Buyer shall agree on the amount of payment for manufacturing materials delivered and accepted for the protection and preservation of the property. Failure to agree will be a dispute under the Disputes clause. The State may withhold from these amounts any sum the Buyer determines to be necessary to protect the State against loss because of outstanding liens or claims of former lien holders.

f) If, after termination, it is determined that the Contractor was not in default, or that the default was excusable, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if the termination had been issued for the convenience of the State.

g) The rights and remedies of the State in this clause are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Contract.

**25. FORCE MAJEURE:**

Except for defaults of subcontractors at any tier, the Contractor shall not be liable for any excess costs if the failure to perform the Contract arises from causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor. Examples of such causes include, but are not limited to:

a) Acts of God or of the public enemy, and

b) Acts of the federal or state government in either its sovereign or contractual capacity.

If the failure to perform is caused by the default of a subcontractor at any tier, and if the cause of the default is beyond the control of both the Contractor and subcontractor, and without the fault or negligence of either, the Contractor shall not be liable for any excess costs for failure to perform.

**26. RIGHTS AND REMEDIES OF STATE FOR DEFAULT:**

a) In the event any Goods furnished or services provided by the Contractor in the performance of the Contract should fail to conform to the requirements herein, or to the sample submitted by the Contractor, the State may reject the same, and it shall become the duty of the Contractor to reclaim and remove the item promptly or to correct the performance of services, without expense to the State, and immediately replace all such rejected items with others conforming to the Contract.

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b) In addition to any other rights and remedies the State may have, the State may require Contractor, at Contractor's expense, to ship Goods via air freight or expedited routing to avoid or minimize actual or potential delay if the delay is the fault of the Contractor.

c) In the event of the termination of the Contract, either in whole or in part, by reason of default or breach by the Contractor, any loss or damage sustained by the State in procuring any items which the Contractor agreed to supply shall be borne and paid for by the Contractor.

d) The State reserves the right to offset the reasonable cost of all damages caused to the State against any outstanding

invoices or amounts owed to Contractor or to make a claim against the Contractor therefore.

**27. CONTRACTOR'S LIABILITY FOR INJURY TO PERSONS OR DAMAGE TO PROPERTY:**

a) The Contractor shall be liable for damages arising out of injury to the person and/or damage to the property of the State, employees of the State, persons designated by the State for training, or any other person(s) other than agents or employees of the Contractor, designated by the State for any purpose, prior to, during, or subsequent to delivery, installation, acceptance, and use of the Goods either at the Contractor's site or at the State's place of business, provided that the injury or damage was caused by the fault or negligence of the Contractor.

b) Contractor shall not be liable for damages arising out of or caused by an alteration or an attachment not made or installed by the Contractor, or for damage to alterations or attachments that may result from the normal operation and maintenance of the Goods provided by the Contractor during the Contract.

**28. INDEMNIFICATION:** Contractor agrees to indemnify, defend and save harmless the State, its officers, agents and employees from any and all claims and losses accruing or resulting to any and all Contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, laborers and any other person, firm, or corporation furnishing or supplying work, services, materials or supplies in connection with the performance of this Contract, and from any and all claims and losses accruing or resulting to any person, firm or corporation which may be injured or damaged by Contractor in the performance of this Contract.

**29. INVOICES:** Unless otherwise specified, invoices shall be sent to the address set forth herein. Invoices shall be submitted in triplicate and shall include the Contract number; release order number (if applicable); item number; unit price, extended item price and invoice total amount. State sales tax and/or use tax shall be itemized separately and added to each invoice as applicable.

**30. REQUIRED PAYMENT DATE:** Payment will be made in accordance with the provisions of the California Prompt Payment Act, Government Code Section 927 et. seq. Unless expressly exempted by statute, the Act requires state agencies to pay properly submitted, undisputed invoices not more than 45 days after (i) the date of acceptance of Goods or performance of services; or (ii) receipt of an undisputed invoice, whichever is later.

**31. TAXES:** Unless otherwise required by law, the State of California is exempt from Federal excise taxes. The State will only pay for any State or local sales or use taxes on the services rendered or Goods supplied to the State pursuant to this Contract.

**32. NEWLY MANUFACTURED GOODS:** All Goods furnished under this Contract shall be newly manufactured Goods; used or reconditioned Goods are prohibited, unless otherwise specified.

**33. CONTRACT MODIFICATION:** No amendment or variation of the terms of this Contract shall be valid unless made in writing, signed by the parties and approved as required. No oral understanding or agreement not incorporated in the Contract is binding on any of the parties.

**34. CONFIDENTIALITY OF DATA:** All financial, statistical, personal, technical and other data and information relating to the State's operation which are designated confidential by the State and made available to the Contractor in order to carry out this Contract, or which become available to the Contractor in carrying out this Contract, shall be protected by the Contractor from unauthorized use and disclosure through the observance of the same or more effective procedural requirements as are applicable to the State. The identification of all such confidential data and information as well as the State's procedural requirements for protection of such data and information from unauthorized use and disclosure shall be provided by the State in writing to the Contractor. If the methods and procedures employed by the Contractor for the protection of the Contractor's data and

information are deemed by the State to be adequate for the protection of the State's confidential information, such methods and procedures may be used, with the written consent of the State, to carry out the intent of this paragraph. The Contractor shall not be required under the provisions of this paragraph to keep confidential any data or information which is or becomes publicly available, is already rightfully in the Contractor's possession, is independently developed by the outside the scope of this Contract, or is rightfully obtained from third parties.

**35. NEWS RELEASES:** Unless otherwise exempted, news releases pertaining to this Contract shall not be made without prior written approval of the Department of General Services.

**36. PATENT, COPYRIGHT and TRADE SECRET INDEMNITY:**

a) Contractor shall hold the State of California, its officers, agents and employees, harmless from liability of any nature or kind, including costs and expenses, for infringement or use of any copyrighted or uncopyrighted composition, secret process, patented or unpatented invention, article or appliance furnished or used in connection with the Contract.

b) Contractor may be required to furnish a bond to the State against any and all loss, damage, costs, expenses, claims and liability for patent, copyright and trade secret infringement.

c) Contractor, at its own expense, shall defend any action brought against the State to the extent that such action is based upon a claim that the Goods or software supplied by the Contractor or the operation of such Goods pursuant to a current version of Contractor supplied operating software infringes a United States patent or copyright or violates a trade secret. The Contractor shall pay those costs and damages finally awarded against the State in any such action. Such defense and payment shall be conditioned on the following:

i) That the Contractor shall be notified within a reasonable time in writing by the State of any notice of such claim; and,

ii) That the Contractor shall have the sole control of the defense of any action on such claim and all negotiations for its settlement or compromise, provided, however, that when principles of government or public law are involved, the State shall have the option to participate in such action at its own expense.

d) Should the Goods or software, or the operation thereof, become, or in the Contractor's opinion are likely to become, the subject of a claim of infringement of a United States patent or copyright or a trade secret, the State shall permit the Contractor at its option and expense either to procure for the State the right to continue using the Goods or software, or to replace or modify the same so that they become non-infringing. If none of these options can reasonably be taken, or if the use of such Goods or software by the State shall be prevented by injunction, the Contractor agrees to

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take back such Goods or software and make every reasonable effort to assist the State in procuring substitute Goods or software. If, in the sole opinion of the State, the return of such infringing Goods or software makes the retention of other Goods or software acquired from the Contractor under this Contract impractical, the State shall then have the option of terminating such Contracts, or applicable portions thereof, without penalty or termination charge. The Contractor agrees to take back such Goods or software and refund any sums the State has paid Contractor less any reasonable amount for use or damage.

e) The Contractor shall have no liability to the State under any provision of this clause with respect to any claim of patent, copyright or trade secret infringement which is based upon:

- i) The combination or utilization of Goods furnished hereunder with equipment or devices not made or furnished by the Contractor; or,
  - ii) The operation of equipment furnished by the Contractor under the control of any operating software other than, or in addition to, the current version of Contractor-supplied operating software; or
  - iii) The modification by the State of the equipment furnished hereunder or of the software; or
  - iv) The combination or utilization of software furnished hereunder with non-contractor supplied software.
- f) Contractor certifies that it has appropriate systems and controls in place to ensure that state funds will not be used in the performance of this Contract for the acquisition, operation or maintenance of computer software in violation of copyright laws.
- g) The foregoing states the entire liability of the Contractor to the State with respect to infringement of patents, copyrights or trade secrets.

**37. EXAMINATION AND AUDIT:** Contractor agrees that the State, or its designated representative shall have the right to review and copy any records and supporting documentation pertaining to performance of this Contract. Contractor agrees to maintain such records for possible audit for a minimum of three (3) years after final payment, unless a longer period of records retention is stipulated. Contractor agrees to allow the auditor(s) access to such records during normal business hours and to allow interviews of any employees or others who might reasonably have information related to such records. Further, Contractor agrees to include a similar right of the State to audit records and interview staff in any subcontract related to performance of this Contract.

**38. DISPUTES**

- a) The parties shall deal in good faith and attempt to resolve potential disputes informally. If the dispute persists, Contractor shall submit to the Department Director or designee a written demand for a final decision regarding the disposition of any dispute between the parties arising under, related to or involving this Contract, unless the State, on its own initiative, has already rendered such a final decision. Contractor's written demand shall be fully supported by factual information, and if such demand involves a cost adjustment to the Contract, Contractor shall include with the demand a written statement signed by an authorized person indicating that the demand is made in good faith, that the supporting data are accurate and complete and that the amount requested accurately reflects the Contract adjustment for which Contractor believes the State is liable. If the Contractor is not satisfied with the decision of the Department Director or designee, the Contractor may appeal the decision to the Department of General Services, Deputy Director, Procurement Division. In the event that this Contract is for information technology Goods and/or services, the decision may be appealed to an Executive Committee of State and Contractor personnel.
- b) Pending the final resolution of any dispute arising under, related to or involving this Contract, Contractor agrees to diligently proceed with the performance of this Contract, including the delivery of Goods or providing of services in accordance with the State's instructions. Contractor's failure to diligently proceed in accordance with the State's instructions shall be considered a material breach of this Contract.
- c) Any final decision of the State shall be expressly identified as such, shall be in writing, and shall be signed by the Department Director or designee or Deputy Director, Procurement Division if an appeal was made. If the State fails to render a final decision within 90 days after receipt of Contractor's demand, it shall be deemed a final decision adverse to Contractor's contentions. The State's final decision shall be conclusive and binding regarding the

dispute unless Contractor commences an action in a court of competent jurisdiction to contest such decision within 90 days following the date of the final decision or one (1) year following the accrual of the cause of action, whichever is later.

**39. STOP WORK:**

a) The State may, at any time, by written Stop Work Order to the Contractor, require the Contractor to stop all, or any part, of the work called for by this Contract for a period up to 90 days after the Stop Work Order is delivered to the Contractor, and for any further period to which the parties may agree. The Stop Work Order shall be specifically identified as such and shall indicate it is issued under this clause. Upon receipt of the Stop Work Order, the Contractor shall immediately comply with its terms and take all reasonable steps to minimize the incurrence of costs allocable to the work covered by the Stop Work Order during the period of work stoppage. Within a period of 90 days after a Stop Work Order is delivered to the Contractor, or within any extension of that period to which the parties shall have agreed, the State shall either:

- i) Cancel the Stop Work Order; or
  - ii) Terminate the work covered by the Stop Work Order as provided for in the termination for default or the termination for convenience clause of this Contract.
- b) If a Stop Work Order issued under this clause is canceled or the period of the Stop Work Order or any extension thereof expires, the Contractor shall resume work. The State shall make an equitable adjustment in the delivery schedule, the Contract price, or both, and the Contract shall be modified, in writing, accordingly, if:
- i) The Stop Work Order results in an increase in the time required for, or in the Contractor's cost properly allocable to the performance of any part of this Contract; and
  - ii) The Contractor asserts its right to an equitable adjustment within 30 days after the end of the period of work stoppage; provided, that if the State decides the facts justify the action, the State may receive and act upon a proposal submitted at any time before final payment under this Contract.
- c) If a Stop Work Order is not canceled and the work covered by the Stop Work Order is terminated in accordance with the provision entitled Termination for the Convenience of the State, the State shall allow reasonable costs resulting from the Stop Work Order in arriving at the termination settlement.
- d) The State shall not be liable to the Contractor for loss of profits because of a Stop Work Order issued under this clause.

**40. PRIORITY HIRING CONSIDERATIONS:**

If this Contract includes services in excess of \$200,000, the Contractor shall give priority consideration in filling vacancies in positions funded by the Contract to qualified recipients of aid under Welfare and Institutions Code Section 11200 in accordance with PCC Section 10353.

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**41. COVENANT AGAINST GRATUITIES:** The Contractor warrants that no gratuities (in the form of entertainment, gifts, or otherwise) were offered or given by the Contractor, or any agent or representative of the Contractor, to any officer or employee of the State with a view toward securing the Contract or securing favorable treatment with respect to any determinations concerning the performance of the Contract. For breach or violation of this warranty, the State shall have the right to terminate the Contract, either in whole or in part, and any loss or damage sustained by the State in procuring on the open market any items which Contractor agreed to supply shall be borne and paid for by the

Contractor. The rights and remedies of the State provided in this clause shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or in equity.

**42. NONDISCRIMINATION CLAUSE:**

a) During the performance of this Contract, Contractor and its subcontractors shall not unlawfully discriminate, harass or allow harassment, against any employee or applicant for employment because of sex, sexual orientation, race, color, ancestry, religious creed, national origin, disability (including HIV and AIDS), medical condition (cancer), age, marital status, and denial of family care leave. Contractor and subcontractors shall insure that the evaluation and treatment of their employees and applicants for employment are free from such discrimination and harassment. Contractor and subcontractors shall comply with the provisions of the Fair Employment and Housing Act (Government Code, Section 12990 et seq.) and the applicable regulations promulgated thereunder (California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Section 7285.0 et seq.). The applicable regulations of the Fair Employment and Housing Commission implementing Government Code Section 12990 (a-f), set forth in Chapter 5 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations are incorporated into this Contract by reference and made a part hereof as if set forth in full.

Contractor and its subcontractors shall give written notice of their obligations under this clause to labor organizations with which they have a collective bargaining or other agreement.

b) The Contractor shall include the nondiscrimination and compliance provisions of this clause in all subcontracts to perform work under the Contract.

**43. NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD CERTIFICATION:**

Contractor swears under penalty of perjury that no more than one final, unappealable finding of contempt of court by a federal court has been issued against the Contractor within the immediately preceding two-year period because of the Contractor's failure to comply with an order of the National Labor Relations Board. This provision is required by, and shall be construed in accordance with, PCC Section 10296.

**44. ASSIGNMENT OF ANTITRUST ACTIONS:**

Pursuant to Government Code Sections 4552, 4553, and 4554, the following provisions are incorporated herein:

a) In submitting a bid to the State, the supplier offers and agrees that if the bid is accepted, it will assign to the State all rights, title, and interest in and to all causes of action it may have under Section 4 of the Clayton Act (15 U.S.C. 15) or under the Cartwright Act (Chapter 2, commencing with Section 16700, of Part 2 of Division 7 of the Business and Professions Code), arising from purchases of Goods, material, or services by the supplier for sale to the State pursuant to the solicitation. Such assignment shall be made and become effective at the time the State tenders final payment to the supplier.

b) If the State receives, either through judgment or settlement, a monetary recovery for a cause of action assigned under this chapter, the assignor shall be entitled to receive reimbursement for actual legal costs incurred and may, upon demand, recover from the State any portion of the recovery, including treble damages, attributable to overcharges that were paid by the assignor but were not paid by the State as part of the bid price, less the expenses incurred in obtaining that portion of the recovery.

c) Upon demand in writing by the assignor, the assignee shall, within one year from such demand, reassign the cause of action assigned under this part if the assignor has been or may have been injured by the violation of law for which the cause of action arose and

i) the assignee has not been injured thereby, or  
ii) the assignee declines to file a court action for the cause of action.

**45. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE CERTIFICATION:**

The Contractor certifies under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the Contractor will comply with the requirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1990 (Government Code Section 8350 et seq.) and will provide a drug-free workplace by taking the following actions:

- a) Publish a statement notifying employees that unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited and specifying actions to be taken against employees for violations, as required by Government Code Section 8355(a).
- b) Establish a Drug-Free Awareness Program as required by Government Code Section 8355(b) to inform employees about all of the following:
  - i) the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
  - ii) the person's or organization's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
  - iii) any available counseling, rehabilitation and employee assistance programs; and,
  - iv) penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations.
- c) Provide, as required by Government Code Section 8355(c), that every employee who works on the proposed or resulting Contract:
  - i) will receive a copy of the company's drug-free policy statement; and,
  - ii) will agree to abide by the terms of the company's statement as a condition of employment on the Contract.

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**47. SWEATFREE CODE OF CONDUCT:**

a) Contractor declares under penalty of perjury that no apparel, garments or corresponding accessories, equipment, materials, or supplies furnished to the State pursuant to the Contract have been produced in whole or in part by sweatshop labor, forced labor, convict labor, indentured labor under penal sanction, abusive forms of child labor or exploitation of children in sweatshop labor, or with the benefit of sweatshop labor, forced labor, convict labor, indentured labor under penal sanction, abusive forms of child labor or exploitation of children in sweatshop labor.

Contractor further declares under penalty of perjury that they adhere to the Sweatfree Code of Conduct as set forth on the California Department of Industrial Relations website located at [www.dir.ca.gov](http://www.dir.ca.gov), and Public Contract Code Section 6108.

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b) Contractor agrees to cooperate fully in providing reasonable access to its records, documents, agents or employees, or premises if reasonably required by authorized officials of the State, the Department of Industrial Relations, or the Department of Justice to determine Contractor's compliance with the requirements under paragraph (a).

**48. RECYCLING:** The Contractor shall certify in writing under penalty of perjury, the minimum, if not exact, percentage of post consumer material as defined in the Public Contract Code Section 12200, in products, materials, Goods, or supplies offered or sold to the State regardless of whether the product meets the requirements of Section 12209. With respect to printer or duplication cartridges that comply with the requirements of

Section 12156(e), the certification required by this subdivision shall specify that the cartridges so comply (PCC 12205).

**49. CHILD SUPPORT COMPLIANCE ACT:** For any Contract in excess of \$100,000, the Contractor acknowledges in accordance with PCC Section 7110, that:

- a) The Contractor recognizes the importance of child and family support obligations and shall fully comply with all applicable state and federal laws relating to child and family support enforcement, including, but not limited to, disclosure of information and compliance with earnings assignment orders, as provided in Chapter 8 (commencing with Section 5200) of Part 5 of Division 9 of the Family Code; and
- b) The Contractor, to the best of its knowledge is fully complying with the earnings assignment orders of all employees and is providing the names of all new employees to the New Hire Registry maintained by the California Employment Development Department.

**AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT:**

**51. ELECTRONIC WASTE RECYCLING ACT OF 2003:**

The Contractor certifies that it complies with the requirements of the Electronic Waste Recycling Act of 2003, Chapter 8.5, Part 3 of Division 30, commencing with Section 42460 of the Public Resources Code, relating to hazardous and solid waste.

Contractor shall maintain documentation and provide reasonable access to its records and documents that evidence compliance.

**52. USE TAX COLLECTION:** In accordance with PCC Section 10295.1, Contractor certifies that it complies with the requirements of Section 7101 of the Revenue and Taxation Code. Contractor further certifies that it will immediately advise State of any change in its retailer's seller's permit or certification of registration or applicable affiliate's seller's permit or certificate of registration as described in subdivision (a) of PCC Section 10295.1.

**53. EXPATRIATE CORPORATIONS:** Contractor hereby declares that it is not an expatriate corporation or subsidiary of an expatriate corporation within the meaning of PCC Section 10286 and 10286.1, and is eligible to Contract with the State.

**54. DOMESTIC PARTNERS:** For Contracts over \$100,000 executed or amended after January 1, 2007, the Contractor certifies that the Contractor is in compliance with Public Contract Code Section 10295.3.

**55. SMALL BUSINESS PARTICIPATION AND DVBE PARTICIPATION REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:**

a) If for this Contract Contractor made a commitment to achieve small business participation, then Contractor must within 60 days of receiving final payment under this Contract (or within such other time period as may be specified elsewhere in this Contract) report to the awarding department the actual percentage of small business participation that was achieved. (Govt. Code § 14841.)

b) If for this Contract Contractor made a commitment to achieve disabled veteran business enterprise (DVBE) participation, then Contractor must within 60 days of receiving final payment under this Contract (or within such other time period as may be specified elsewhere in this Contract) certify in a report to the awarding department: (1) the total amount the prime Contractor received under the Contract; (2) the name and address of the DVBE(s) that participated in the performance of the Contract; (3) the amount each DVBE received from the prime Contractor; (4) that all payments under the Contract have been made to the DVBE; and (5) the actual percentage of DVBE participation that was achieved. A person or entity that knowingly provides false information shall be subject to a civil penalty for each violation. (Mil. & Vets. Code § 999.5(d); Govt. Code § 14841.)

**56. LOSS LEADER:** It is unlawful for any person engaged in business within this state to sell or use any article or product as a

"loss leader" as defined in Section 17030 of the Business and Professions Code. (PCC 10302(b).)  
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**E-Commerce (Electronic Commerce)**

On July 1, 2003, the State of Connecticut began utilizing an internet-based E-Procurement ordering system (PeopleSoft), known as Core-CT. With Core-CT, companies receiving awards from this bid/proposal will receive purchase orders from the State of Connecticut through this system. Companies may be required to provide the State of Connecticut with functional data files including detailed product and pricing information. These files will then be loaded into a catalog on this system for ordering purposes.

For additional detailed information on E-Commerce/Data File Requirements and CoreCT, please go to [http://www.das.state.ct.us/Purchase/Info/supplier\\_kit.asp](http://www.das.state.ct.us/Purchase/Info/supplier_kit.asp) or contact the Contract Specialist referenced on this bid package.

**P-Card (Purchasing Credit Card)**

The State of Connecticut uses a purchasing card for order placement and payment in many instances. Suppliers should anticipate that some or all orders issued as a result of this bid may be paid by using the purchasing card. The Supplier shall be aware that he/she is responsible for the credit card user handling fee associated with credit card purchases. Suppliers should only charge to the State of Connecticut's Mastercard when the goods are delivered (physical receipt of goods, at store), or are shipped. Questions regarding the State of Connecticut Purchasing Card Program should be directed to Ms. Kerry DiMatteo, Procurement Card Program Administrator at (860) 713-5072.

**Whistleblowing**

This Agreement is subject to the provisions of §4-61dd of the Connecticut General Statutes. In accordance with this statute, if an officer, employee or appointing authority of the Contractor takes or threatens to take any personnel action against any employee of the Contractor in retaliation for such employee's disclosure of information to any employee of the contracting state or quasi-public agency or the Auditors of Public Accounts or the Attorney General under the provisions of subsection (a) of such statute, the Contractor shall be liable for a civil penalty of not more than five thousand dollars for each offense, up to a maximum of twenty per cent of the value of this Agreement. Each violation shall be a separate and distinct offense and in the case of a continuing violation, each calendar day's continuance of the violation shall be deemed to be a separate and distinct offense. The State may request that the Attorney General bring a civil action in the Superior Court for the Judicial District of Hartford to seek imposition and recovery of such civil penalty. In accordance with subsection (f) of such statute, each large state contractor, as defined in the statute, shall post a notice of the provisions of the statute relating to large state contractors in a conspicuous place which is readily available for viewing by the employees of the Contractor.

**Tangible Personal Property**

The Contractor on its behalf and on behalf of its Affiliates, as defined below, shall comply with the provisions of Conn. Gen. Stat. §12-411b, as follows:

- (a) For the term of the Contract, the Contractor and its Affiliates shall collect and remit to the State of Connecticut, Department of Revenue Services, any Connecticut use tax due under the provisions of Chapter 219 of the Connecticut General Statutes for items of tangible personal property sold by the Contractor or by any of its Affiliates in the same manner as if the Contractor and such Affiliates were engaged in the business of selling tangible personal property for use in Connecticut and had sufficient nexus under the provisions of Chapter 219 to be required to collect Connecticut use tax;

- (b) A customer's payment of a use tax to the Contractor or its Affiliates relieves the customer of liability for the use tax;
- (c) The Contractor and its Affiliates shall remit all use taxes they collect from customers on or before the due date specified in the Contract, which may not be later than the last day of the month next succeeding the end of a calendar quarter or other tax collection period during which the tax was collected;
- (d) The Contractor and its Affiliates are not liable for use tax billed by them but not paid to them by a customer; and
- (e) Any Contractor or Affiliate who fails to remit use taxes collected on behalf of its customers by the due date specified in the Contract shall be subject to the interest and penalties provided for persons required to collect sales tax under chapter 219 of the general statutes.

For purposes of this section of the Contract, the word "Affiliate" means any person, as defined in section 12-1 of the general statutes, that controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with another person. A person controls another person if the person owns, directly or indirectly, more than ten per cent of the voting securities of the other person. The word "voting security" means a security that confers upon the holder the right to vote for the election of members of the board of directors or similar governing body of the business, or that is convertible into, or entitles the holder to receive, upon its exercise, a security that confers such a right to vote. "Voting security" includes a general partnership interest.

The Contractor represents and warrants that each of its Affiliates has vested in the Contractor plenary authority to so bind the Affiliates in any agreement with the State of Connecticut. The Contractor on its own behalf and on behalf of its Affiliates shall also provide, no later than 30 days after receiving a request by the State's contracting authority, such information as the State may require to ensure, in the State's sole determination, compliance with the provisions of the Act.

#### **Summary of State Ethics Laws**

Pursuant to the requirements of section 1-101qq of the Connecticut General Statutes, the summary of State ethics laws developed by the State Ethics Commission pursuant to section 1-81b of the Connecticut General Statutes is incorporated by reference into and made a part of the Contract as if the summary had been fully set forth in the Contract.

Consulting Agreements: The chief official of the vendor awarded a contract described in subsection (a) of this section or the individual awarded such contract who is authorized to execute such contract, shall attest in an affidavit as to whether any consulting agreement has been entered into in connection with such contract. Such affidavit shall be required if any duties of the consultant included communications concerning business of such state agency, whether or not direct contact with a state agency, state or public official or state employee was expected or made. "Consulting agreement" means any written or oral agreement to retain the services, for a fee, of a consultant for the purposes of (A) providing counsel to a contractor, vendor, consultant or other entity seeking to conduct, or conducting, business with the State, (B) contacting, whether in writing or orally, any executive, judicial, or administrative office of the state, including any department, institution, bureau, board, commission, authority, official or employee for the purpose of solicitation, dispute resolution, introduction or requests for information or (C) any other similar activity related to such contract. "Consulting agreement" does not include any agreements entered into with a consultant who is registered under the provisions of Chapter 10 of the Connecticut General Statutes concerning the State's Codes of Ethics, as of the date such affidavit is submitted. (2) Such affidavit shall be sworn as true to the best knowledge and belief of the person signing the certification on the affidavit and shall be subject to the penalties of false statement. (3) Such affidavit shall include the name of the consultant, the consultant's firm, the basic terms of the consulting agreement, a brief description of the services provided, and an indication as to whether the consultant is a former state employee or public official. If the consultant is a former state employee or public official, such affidavit shall indicate his or her

former agency and the date such employment terminated. (4) Such affidavit shall be amended whenever the vendor awarded the contract enters into any new consulting agreement during the term of the contract. (c) If a vendor refuses to submit the affidavit required under subsection (b) of this section, then the state agency shall not award the Contract to such vendor and shall award the contract to the next highest ranked vendor or the next lowest responsible qualified bidder or seek new bids or proposals

#### **Certification Requirements**

Conn. Gen. Stat. § 4-252 (the "Statute") requires that the Request for Proposal, include a notice of the vendor certification requirements described in the Statute. Accordingly, pursuant to the Statute, vendors are notified as follows:

(a) The terms "gift," "quasi-public agency," "state agency," "large state contract," "principals and key personnel" and "participated substantially" as used in this section shall have the meanings set forth in the Statute.

(b) No state agency or quasi-public agency shall execute a large state contract unless the state agency or quasi-public agency obtains the written certifications described in this section. Each such certification shall be sworn as true to the best knowledge and belief of the person signing the certification, subject to the penalties of false statement.

(c) The official of the person, firm or corporation awarded the contract, who is authorized to execute the contract, shall certify on such forms as the State shall provide: (1) That no gifts were made between the date that the state agency or quasi-public agency began planning the project, services, procurement, lease or licensing arrangement covered by the contract and the date of execution of the contract, by (A) such person, firm, corporation, (B) any principals and key personnel of the person, firm or corporation, who participated substantially in preparing the bid or proposal or the negotiation of the contract, or (C) any agent of such person, firm, corporation or principals and key personnel, who participated substantially in preparing the bid or proposal or the negotiation of the contract, to (i) any public official or state employee of the state agency or quasi-public agency soliciting bids or proposals for the contract, who participated substantially in the preparation of the bid solicitation or request for proposals for the contract or the negotiation or award of the contract, or (ii) any public official or state employee of any other state agency, who has supervisory or appointing authority over such state agency or quasi-public agency; (2) That no such principals and key personnel of the person, firm or corporation, or agent of such person, firm or corporation or principals and key personnel, knows of any action by the person, firm or corporation to circumvent such prohibition on gifts by providing for any other principals and key personnel, official, employee or agent of the person, firm or corporation to provide a gift to any such public official or state employee; and (3) That the person, firm or corporation made the bid or proposal without fraud or collusion with any person. (d) Any bidder or proposer that does not make the certifications required under subsection (c) of this section shall be disqualified and the state agency or quasi-public agency shall award the contract to the next highest ranked proposer or the next lowest responsible qualified bidder or seek new bids or proposals. (e) The date that the state agency or quasi-public agency began planning the project, services procurement, lease or licensing arrangement to be covered by the contract is November 1, 2006.

#### **Executive Orders**

The Contract is subject to the provisions of Executive Order No. 7C of Governor M. Jodi Rell, promulgated July 13, 2006, concerning contracting reforms, Executive Order No. 14 of Governor M. Jodi Rell, promulgated April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2006, concerning procurement of cleaning products and services, Executive Order No. Sixteen of Governor John G. Rowland promulgated August 4, 1999, concerning violence in the workplace, Executive Order No. Seventeen of Governor Thomas J. Meskill, promulgated February 15, 1973, concerning the listing of employment openings and Executive Order No. Three of Governor Thomas J. Meskill, promulgated June 16, 1971, concerning labor employment practices, all of which are incorporated into and are made a part of the Contract as if they had been fully set forth in it. At the Contractor's request, the Client Agency shall provide a copy of these orders to the Contractor.

**Non-discrimination**

References in this section to "contract" shall mean this Contract and references to "contractor" shall mean the Contractor.

- (a) The following subsections are set forth here as required by section 4a-60 of the Connecticut General Statutes:
- (1) The contractor agrees and warrants that in the performance of the contract such contractor will not discriminate or permit discrimination against any person or group of persons on the grounds of race, color, religious creed, age, marital status, national origin, ancestry, sex, mental retardation or physical disability, including, but not limited to, blindness, unless it is shown by such contractor that such disability prevents performance of the work involved, in any manner prohibited by the laws of the United States or of the state of Connecticut. The contractor further agrees to take affirmative action to insure that applicants with job-related qualifications are employed and that employees are treated when employed without regard to their race, color, religious creed, age, marital status, national origin, ancestry, sex, mental retardation, or physical disability, including, but not limited to, blindness, unless it is shown by such contractor that such disability prevents performance of the work involved;
  - (2) the contractor agrees, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, to state that it is an "affirmative action-equal opportunity employer" in accordance with regulations adopted by the commission;
  - (3) the contractor agrees to provide each labor union or representative of workers with which such contractor has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding and each vendor with which such contractor has a contract or understanding, a notice to be provided by the commission advising the labor union or workers' representative of the contractor's commitments under this section, and to post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment;
  - (4) the contractor agrees to comply with each provision of this section and sections 46a-68e and 46a-68f and with each regulation or relevant order issued by said commission pursuant to sections 46a-56, 46a-68e and 46a-68f;
  - (5) the contractor agrees to provide the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities with such information requested by the commission, and permit access to pertinent books, records and accounts, concerning the employment practices and procedures of the contractor as relate to the provisions of this section and section 46a-56.
- (b) If the contract is a public works contract, the contractor agrees and warrants that he will make good faith efforts to employ minority business enterprises as subcontractors and suppliers of materials on such public works project.
- (c) "Minority business enterprise" means any small contractor or supplier of materials fifty-one per cent or more of the capital stock, if any, or assets of which is owned by a person or persons:
- (1) Who are active in the daily affairs of the enterprise,
  - (2) who have the power to direct the management and policies of the enterprise and
  - (3) who are members of a minority, as such term is defined in subsection (a) of section 32-9n; and "good faith" means that degree of diligence which a reasonable person would exercise in the performance of legal duties and obligations. "Good faith efforts" shall include, but not be limited to, those reasonable initial efforts necessary to comply with statutory or regulatory requirements and additional or substituted efforts when it is determined that such initial efforts will not be sufficient to comply with such requirements.
- (d) Determination of the contractor's good faith efforts shall include but shall not be limited to the following factors: The contractor's employment and subcontracting policies, patterns and practices; affirmative advertising, recruitment and training; technical assistance activities and such other reasonable activities or efforts as the commission may prescribe that are designed to ensure the participation of minority business enterprises in public works projects.

- (e) The contractor shall develop and maintain adequate documentation, in a manner prescribed by the commission, of its good faith efforts.
- (f) The contractor shall include the provisions of section A above in every subcontract or purchase order entered into in order to fulfill any obligation of a contract with the state and such provisions shall be binding on a subcontractor, vendor or manufacturer unless exempted by regulations or orders of the commission. The contractor shall take such action with respect to any such subcontract or purchase order as the commission may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance in accordance with section 46a-56; provided, if such contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the commission, the contractor may request the state of Connecticut to enter into any such litigation or negotiation prior thereto to protect the interests of the state and the state may so enter.
- (g) The following subsections are set forth here as required by section 4a-60a of the Connecticut General Statutes:
  - (1) The contractor agrees and warrants that in the performance of the contract such contractor will not discriminate or permit discrimination against any person or group of persons on the grounds of sexual orientation, in any manner prohibited by the laws of the United States or of the state of Connecticut, and that employees are treated when employed without regard to their sexual orientation;
  - (2) the contractor agrees to provide each labor union or representative of workers with which such contractor has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding and each vendor with which such contractor has a contract or understanding, a notice to be provided by the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities advising the labor union or workers' representative of the contractor's commitments under this section, and to post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment;
  - (3) the contractor agrees to comply with each provision of this section and with each regulation or relevant order issued by said commission pursuant to section 46a-56;
  - (4) the contractor agrees to provide the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities with such information requested by the commission, and permit access to pertinent books, records and accounts, concerning the employment practices and procedures of the contractor which relate to the provisions of this section and section 46a-56.
- (h) The contractor shall include the provisions of section G above in every subcontract or purchase order entered into in order to fulfill any obligation of a contract with the state and such provisions shall be binding on a subcontractor, vendor or manufacturer unless exempted by regulations or orders of the commission. The contractor shall take such action with respect to any such subcontract or purchase order as the commission may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance in accordance with section 46a-56; provided, if such contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the commission, the contractor may request the state of Connecticut to enter into any such litigation or negotiation prior thereto to protect the interests of the state and the state may so enter.

### **Insurance**

Before commencing Performance, the Contractor shall obtain and maintain at its own cost and expense for the duration of the Contract, the following insurance:

- (a) Commercial General Liability: \$1,000,000 combined single limit per occurrence for bodily injury, personal injury and property damage. Coverage shall include Premises and Operations, Independent Contractors, Products and Completed Operations, Contractual Liability and Broad Form Property Damage coverage. If a general aggregate is used, the general aggregate limit shall apply separately to the project or the general aggregate limit shall be twice the occurrence limit.
- (b) Automobile Liability: \$1,000,000 combined single limit per accident for bodily injury. Coverage extends to owned, hired and non-owned automobiles. If the vendor/contractor

does not own an automobile, but one is used in the execution of the contract, then only hired and non-owned coverage is required. If a vehicle is not used in the execution of the contract then automobile coverage is not required.

- (c) **Workers' Compensation and Employers Liability:** Statutory coverage in compliance with the Compensation laws of the State of Connecticut. Coverage shall include Employer's Liability with minimum limits of \$100,000 each accident, \$500,000 Disease – Policy limit, \$100,000 each employee.

**Disclosure of Records**

The Contract may be subject to the provisions of section 1-218 of the Connecticut General Statutes. In accordance with this section, each contract in excess of two million five hundred thousand dollars between a public agency and a person for the performance of a governmental function shall (a) provide that the public agency is entitled to receive a copy of records and files related to the performance of the governmental function, and (b) indicate that such records and files are subject to FOIA and may be disclosed by the public agency pursuant to FOIA. No request to inspect or copy such records or files shall be valid unless the request is made to the public agency in accordance with FOIA. Any complaint by a person who is denied the right to inspect or copy such records or files shall be brought to the Freedom of Information Commission in accordance with the provisions of sections 1-205 and 1-206 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

**Sovereign Immunity**

The parties acknowledge and agree that nothing in the Request for Proposals or the Contract shall be construed as a modification, compromise or waiver by the State of any rights or defenses of any immunities provided by Federal law or the laws of the State of Connecticut to the State or any of its officers and employees, which they may have had, now have or will have with respect to all matters arising out of the Contract. To the extent that this section conflicts with any other section, this section shall govern.

**Notice to Executive Branch State Contractors and Prospective State Contractors of Campaign Contribution and Solicitation Ban**

With regard to a State contract as defined in P.A. 07-1 having a value in a calendar year of \$50,000 or more or a combination or series of such agreements or contracts having a value of \$100,000 or more, the authorized signatory to this submission in response to the State's solicitation expressly acknowledges receipt of the State Elections Enforcement Commission's notice advising prospective state contractors of state campaign contribution and solicitation prohibitions, and will inform its principals of the contents of the notice. See Exhibit C, SEEC Form 11.

**GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF PURCHASE ORDER**

1. **WARRANTY:** Contractor warrants:
- That all articles and services to be supplied by it under this agreement are fit and sufficient for the purpose intended and
  - That all articles and services covered by this contract will conform to the specifications, drawing samples, symbols or other description specified by the Division, and
  - That such articles are merchantable, good quality and free from defects whether patent or latent in material and workmanship, and
  - That all workmanship, materials and articles to be provided are of the best grade and quality, and
  - That it has good and clear title to all articles to be supplied by it and the same are free and clear from all liens, encumbrances and security interest.
- Neither the final certificate of payment nor any provision herein, nor partial nor entire use of the articles provided shall constitute an acceptance of work not done in accordance with this agreement or relieve the Contractor liability in respect of any warranties or responsibility for faulty material or workmanship. The Contractor shall remedy any defects in the work and pay any damage to other work resulting therefrom, which shall appear within 1 year from the date of final acceptance of the work provided hereunder. The Division of Purchases shall give written notice of observed defects with reasonable promptness.
2. **TAXES:** Contractor agrees that, unless otherwise indicated in the order, the prices herein do not include federal, state or local sales, or use the tax from which an exemption is available for purposes of this order. Contractor agrees to accept and use tax exemption certificates when supplied by the Division as applicable. In case it shall ever be determined that any tax included in the prices herein was not required to be paid by Contractor, Contractor agrees to notify the Division and to make prompt application for the refund thereof, to take all proper steps to procure the same and when received to pay the same to the Division.
3. **PACKING & SHIPMENT:** Deliveries shall be made as specified without charge for boxing, carting or storage, unless otherwise specified. Articles shall be suitably packed to secure lowest transportation cost and to conform with the requirements of common carriers and any applicable specifications. Order numbers and symbols must be plainly marked on all invoices, packages, bills of lading and shipping orders. Bill of lading should accompany each invoice. Count or weight shall be final and conclusive on shipments not accompanied by packing lists.
4. **DELIVERY:** Delivery should be strictly in accordance with delivery schedule. If Contractor's deliveries fail to meet such schedule, The Division, without limiting its other remedies, may direct expedited routing and the difference between the expedited routing and the order routing costs shall be paid by the Contractor. Articles fabricated beyond the Division's releases are at Contractor's risk. Contractor shall not make material commitments or production arrangements in excess of the amount or in advance of the time necessary to meet delivery schedule, and, unless otherwise specified herein, no deliveries shall be made in advance of the Division's delivery schedule. Neither party shall be liable for excess costs of deliveries or defaults due to the causes beyond its control and without its fault or negligence, provided, however, that when the Contractor has reason to believe that the deliveries will not be made as scheduled, written notice setting forth the cause of the anticipated delay will be given immediately to the Division. If the Contractor's delay or default is caused by the delay or default of a subcontractor, such delay or default shall be excusable only if it arose out of causes beyond the control of both Contractor and subcontractor and without fault of negligence or either of them and the articles or services to be furnished were not obtainable from other sources in sufficient time to permit Contractor to meet the required delivery schedule.
5. **INSPECTION:** All articles and work will be subject to final inspection and approval after delivery, notwithstanding prior payment, it being expressly agreed that payment will not constitute final acceptance. Division of Purchases at its option may either reject any article or work not in conformity with the requirements and terms of this order, or re-work the same at Contractor's expense. The Division may reject the entire shipment where it consists of a quantity of similar articles and sample inspection discloses that ten (10%) percent of the articles inspected are defective, unless Contractor agrees to reimburse the Division for the cost of a complete inspection of the articles included in such shipment. Rejected material may be returned at Contractor's risk and expense at the full invoice price plus applicable incoming transportation charges, if any. No replacement of defective articles of work shall be made unless specified by the Division.
6. **INVOICE:** The original and duplicate invoices covering each and every shipment made against this order showing purchase order number, vendor number and other essential particulars, must be forwarded promptly to the ordering agency concerned by the vendor to whom the order is issued. Delays in receiving invoice and also errors and omissions on statements will be considered just cause for withholding settlement without losing discount privileges. All accounts are to be carried in the name of the agency or institution receiving the goods, and not in the name of the Division of Purchases.
7. **ALTERATIONS:** The Division reserves the right to increase or decrease all or any portion of the work and the articles required to be provided by the bidding documents or this agreements, or to eliminate all or any portion of such work or articles or to change delivery date hereon without validating this agreement. All such alterations shall be in writing. If any such alterations are made, the contract amount or amounts shall be adjusted accordingly. In no event shall Contractor fail or refuse to continue the performance of the work in providing of articles under this agreement because of the inability of the parties to agree on an adjustment or adjustments.
8. **DEFAULT:** The Division may terminate the whole or any part of this agreement in any one of the following circumstances:
- The Contractor fails to make delivery of articles, or to perform services within the time or (times) specified herein, or
  - If Contractor fails to deliver specified materials or services, or
  - If Contractor fails to perform any of the provisions of this agreement, or
  - If Contractor so fails to make progress as to endanger the performance of this agreement in accordance with its terms, or
  - If Contractor is adjudged bankrupt, or if it makes a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors or if a receiver is appointed on account of its insolvency.
- In the event that the Division terminates this agreement in whole or in part pursuant to this paragraph, the Division may procure (articles and services similar to those so terminated) upon such terms and in such manner as the Division deems appropriate, and Contractor shall be liable to the Division for any excess cost of such similar articles or services.
9. **COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS:** Contractor agrees that, in the performance hereof, it will comply with applicable laws, including, but not limited to statutes, rules, regulations or orders of the United States Government or of any state or political subdivision(s) thereof, and the same shall be deemed incorporated herein by reference. Awarding agency requirements and regulations pertaining to copyrights and rights in data. Access by the grantee, the subgrantee, the Federal grantor agency, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their duly authorized representatives to any books, documents, papers and records of the contractor which are directly pertinent to that specific contract for the purpose of making audit, examination, excerpts, and transcriptions. Retention of all required records for three years after grantees or subgrantees make final payments and all other pending matters are closed. Compliance with all applicable standards, orders, or requirements issued under section 306 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 1857(h), section 508 of the Clean Water Act, (33 U.S.C. 1368), Executive Order 11738, and Environmental Protection Agency regulations (40 CFR part 15). (Contracts, subcontracts, and subgrants of amounts in excess of \$100,000). Mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with Energy Policy and Conservation Act (Pub. L. 94-163, 89 Stat. 871).
10. **INTERPRETATION:** This agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Maine as to interpretation and performance.
11. **DISPUTES:** The Division will decide any and all questions which may arise as to the quality and acceptability of articles provided and installation of such articles, and as to the manner of performance and rate of progress under this contract. The Division will decide all questions, which may arise as to the interpretation of the terms of this agreement and the fulfillment of this agreement on the part of the contractor.
12. **ASSIGNMENT:** None of the sums due or to become due nor any of the work to be performed under this order shall be assigned nor shall Contractor subcontract for completed or substantially completed articles called for by this order without the Division's prior written consent. No subcontract or transfer of agreement shall in any case release the Contractor of its obligations and liabilities under this agreement.
13. **HOLD HARMLESS:** The Contractor agrees to indemnify, defend and save harmless the Bureau of General Services, its divisions, its officers, agents and employees from any and all claims and losses accruing or resulting to any and all contractors, subcontractors, material men, laborers and other persons, firm or corporation furnishing or supplying work, services, articles, or supplies in connection with the performance of this agreement, and from any and all claims and losses accruing or resulting to any person, firm or corporation who may be injured or damaged by the Contractor in the performance of this agreement.
14. **SOLICITATION:** The Contractor warrants that it has not employed or written any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the contractor to solicit or secure this agreement, and it has not paid, or agreed to pay any company, or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the Contractor any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gifts, or any other consideration, contingent upon, or resulting from the award for making this agreement. For breach or violation of this warranty, the Division shall have the absolute right to annul this agreement or, in its discretion, to deduct from the agreement price or consideration, or otherwise recover the full amount of such fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gifts, or contingent fee.
15. **WAIVER:** The failure of the Division to insist, in any one or more instances, upon the performance of any of the terms, covenants, or conditions of this order or to exercise any right hereunder, shall not be construed as a waiver or relinquishment of the future performance of any such term, covenant or condition or the future exercise of such right, but the obligation of contractor with respect to such future performance shall continue in full force and effect.
16. All manufacturers, importers, suppliers, or distributors of hazardous chemicals doing business in this State must provide a copy of the current material safety data sheet for any hazardous chemical to their direct purchasers of that chemical.
17. By accepting this Purchase order, Contractor agrees that no collusion or other restraint of free competitive bidding, either directly or indirectly has occurred in connection with any contract awarded by the Division of Purchases.

Betty M. Lamoreau  
Director of Division  
of Purchases

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## MAINE SPECIFIC TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. **EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY.** During the performance of this contract, the Contractor agrees as follows.
  - A. The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religious creed, sex, national origin, ancestry, age, physical or mental disability, or sexual orientation, unless related to a bona fide occupational qualification. The Contractor shall take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed and employees are treated during their employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, physical or mental disability, or sexual orientation.

Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotions, transfers, recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoffs or terminations; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship.
  - B. The Contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religious creed, sex, national origin, ancestry, age, physical or mental disability, or sexual orientation.
  - C. The Contractor will send to each labor union or representative of the workers with which he has a collective or bargaining agreement, or other contract or understanding, whereby he is furnished with labor for the performances of his contract, a notice, to be provided by the contracting department or agency, advising the said labor union or workers' representative of the Contractor's commitment under this section and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and to applicants for employment.
  - D. The Contractor will cause the foregoing provisions to be inserted in all contracts for any work covered by this agreement so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor.
  - E. Contractors and subcontractors with contracts in excess of \$50,000 will also pursue in good faith affirmative action programs.
2. **GOVERNING LAW** This Agreement shall be governed in all respects by the laws, statutes, and regulations of the United States of America and of the State of Maine. Any legal proceeding against the State regarding this Agreement shall be brought in State of Maine administrative or judicial forums. The Contractor consents to personal jurisdiction in the State of Maine.
3. **STATE HELD HARMLESS** The Contractor agrees to indemnify, defend and save harmless the State, its officers, agents and employees from any and all claims, costs, expenses, injuries, liabilities, losses and damages of every kind and description (hereinafter in this paragraph referred to as "claims") resulting from or arising out of the performance of this Agreement by the Contractor, its employees, agents, or subcontractors. Claims to which this indemnification applies include, but without limitation, the following: (i) claims suffered or incurred by any contractor, subcontractor, materialman, laborer and any other person, firm, corporation or other legal entity (hereinafter in this paragraph referred to as "person") providing work, services, materials, equipment or supplies in connection with the performance of this Agreement; (ii) claims arising out of a violation or infringement of any proprietary right, copyright, trademark, right of privacy or other right arising out of publication, translation, development, reproduction, delivery, use, or disposition of any data,

information or other matter furnished or used in connection with this Agreement; (iii) Claims arising out of a libelous or other unlawful matter used or developed in connection with this Agreement; (iv) claims suffered or incurred by any person who may be otherwise injured or damaged in the performance of this Agreement; and (v) all legal costs and other expenses of defense against any asserted claims to which this indemnification applies. This indemnification does not extend to a claim that results solely and directly from (i) the Department's negligence or unlawful act, or (ii) action by the Contractor taken in reasonable reliance upon an instruction or direction given by an authorized person acting on behalf of the Department in accordance with this Agreement.

4. **NON-APPROPRIATION** Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, if the State does not receive sufficient funds to fund this Agreement and other obligations of the State, if funds are de-appropriated, or if the State does not receive legal authority to expend funds from the Maine State Legislature or Maine courts, then the State is not obligated to make payment under this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Addendum as of the date of execution by both parties below.

**DEALER AGREEMENT  
FOR TIRE RELATED SERVICES BID NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
WSCA CONTRACT \_\_\_\_\_**

The State of Utah (State) has entered into a contract with \_\_\_\_\_ ) to provide tires and services to the State and political subdivisions within the State resulting from State of Utah Bid \_\_\_\_\_ and on behalf of the Western States Contracting Alliance (WSCA). Specific independent Dealers will be authorized by \_\_\_\_\_ to provide tires and tire related services related to purchasing the tires (mounting tires, rotating tires, etc.). ("Dealer(s)" herein includes \_\_\_\_\_ authorized dealers).

The State of Minnesota has issued \_\_\_\_\_ Contract No. \_\_\_\_\_ which includes a Participating Addendum to the WSCA Contract.

This Dealer Agreement will identify the responsibilities of the Dealer for the services provided by the Dealer. Dealers will need to sign the Dealer Agreement before the Dealer will be authorized to provide services to the State of Minnesota. This Agreement will be effective on the last signature date below.

The Dealer agrees to the following:

**1. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES.**

Dealer warrants that all services shall be performed in a professional and workmanlike manner consistent with standard industry practice; and in accordance with any approved Statement of Work, if applicable. Dealer agrees to abide by all applicable laws, regulations, and industry standards when performing services for the State.

**2. LEAD-FREE WEIGHTS AND TESTING EQUIPMENT.**

The Dealer shall not use a wheel weight or other product for balancing motor vehicle wheels if the weight or other balancing product contains lead or mercury.

**3. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS.**

See attached insurance requirements for the State of Minnesota. A certificate of insurance in the amounts called for must be submitted with the signed Dealer Agreement.

**4. E-VERIFY CERTIFICATION.**

By submission of a response for services in excess of \$50,000, the responder certifies that as of the date of services performed on behalf of the State, the responder and all its subcontractors will have implemented or be in the process of implementing the federal E-Verify program for all newly hired employees in the United States who will perform work on behalf of the State. This is required by Minnesota Statutes Section 16C.075. In the event of contract award, the contract vendor shall be responsible for collecting all subcontractor certifications and may do so utilizing the E-Verify Subcontractor Certification Form available on our MMD website. All subcontractor certifications must be kept on file with the contract vendor and made available to the State upon request.

**5. HOLD HARMLESS.**

The Dealer shall release, protect, indemnify and hold the State and its officers, agencies, employees, harmless from and against any damage, cost or liability, including reasonable attorney's fees for any or all injuries to persons, property or claims arising from acts or omissions of the Dealer, its employees or subcontractors or volunteers.

**6. CONTRACT WITH \_\_\_\_\_**

The Dealer agrees to abide by the terms and conditions of the Contract between \_\_\_\_\_ and the State of Minnesota resulting from State of Utah Bid \_\_\_\_\_.



**STATE OF MINNESOTA - EQUIPMENT INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

The Contractor/Contract Vendor (Contract Vendor), and/or their authorized distributor, dealer, reseller, subcontractor (Subcontractor), shall maintain insurance to cover claims which may arise from operations under this Contract, whether such operations are by the Contract Vendor, their Subcontractor, or by anyone directly or indirectly employed under this Contract. The State will determine whether the Contract Vendor or the Contract Vendor's Subcontractor insurance will be filed with the State.

The Contract Vendor, or their Subcontractor, shall not commence work under the Contract until they have obtained all the insurance described below and the State of Minnesota has approved such insurance. The Contract Vendor, or their Subcontractor, under this Contract can provide applicable services to the State of Minnesota and/or CPV members, hereinafter referred to as Owner.

All policies and certificates shall provide that the policies shall remain in force and effect throughout the term of the Contract.

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CONTRACT VENDOR OR THEIR SUBCONTRACTOR:**

The Contract Vendor's policy(ies), or their Subcontractor's policy(ies), shall be primary insurance to any other valid and collectible insurance available to the State of Minnesota with respect to any claim arising out of this Contract.

An Umbrella or Excess Liability insurance policy may be used to supplement the Contract Vendor's policy limits, or their Subcontractor's policy limits, to satisfy the full policy limits required by the Contract.

The Contract Vendor's policy(ies), or their Subcontractor's policy(ies), shall contain a provision that coverage afforded under the policy(ies) will not be cancelled without at least thirty (30) days advance written notice to the State of Minnesota.

The Contract Vendor, or their Subcontractor, is responsible for payment of Contract related insurance premiums and deductibles.

If the Contract Vendor, or their Subcontractor, is self-insured, a Certificate of Self-Insurance must be attached.

The Insurance Companies used must have an "AM Best" rating of A- (minus), Financial Size Category (FSC) VII or better, and be authorized to do business in the state of Minnesota.

**NOTICE TO THE CONTRACT VENDOR OR THEIR SUBCONTRACTOR:**

The failure of the State of Minnesota to obtain Certificate of Insurance, for the policies required under this Contract or renewals thereof or failure of the insurance company to notify the State of the cancellation or non-renewal of policies required under this Contract shall not constitute a waiver by the Owner to the Contract Vendor, or their Subcontractor, to provide such insurance.

The Owner will reserve the right to immediately terminate the Contract if the Contract Vendor, or their Subcontractor, is not in compliance with the insurance requirements and the Owner retains all rights to pursue any legal remedies against the Contract Vendor or their Subcontractor. All insurance policies must be open to inspection by the state, and copies of policies must be submitted to state's authorized agent upon written request.

**NOTICE TO INSURER:**

The Contract Vendor's insurance company, or their Subcontractor's insurance company, waives its right to assert the immunity of the State as a defense to any claims made under said insurance.

**POLICY REQUIREMENTS:****1. Workers' Compensation Insurance:**

- A. **Statutory Compensation Coverage.** If MN Statute 176.041 exempts the Contract Vendor, or their Subcontractor, from Workers' Compensation insurance or if the Contract Vendor, or their Subcontractor, has no employees in the State of Minnesota, the Contract Vendor, or their Subcontractor, must provide a written statement, signed by the authorized signer of the Contract, stating the qualifying exemption that excluded the Contract Vendor, or their Subcontractor, from MN Workers' Compensation requirements.

If during the course of the Contract the Contract Vendor, or their Subcontractor, becomes eligible for Workers' Compensation, the Contract Vendor, or their Subcontractor, must comply with the Workers' Compensation Insurance requirements included herein and provide the State of Minnesota with a certificate of insurance.

- B. **Coverage B – Employer's Liability with limits of not less than:**  
 \$100,000 Bodily Injury by Disease per Employee  
 \$500,000 Bodily Injury by Disease Aggregate  
 \$100,000 Bodily Injury by Accident

Evidence of Subcontractor insurance shall be filed with the Contract Vendor or as directed by the State.

**2. Automobile Liability or Garage Liability Insurance:**

The Contract Vendor, or their Subcontractor, shall maintain insurance to cover liability arising out of the operations, use, or maintenance of all owned, non-owned and hired automobiles.

Auto Liability insurance is required for Contract Vendors, or their Subcontractor, performing warranty or service work on mobile equipment.

Garage Liability insurance is required for Contract Vendors, or their Subcontractor, performing warranty or service work on autos or equipment attached to autos, including vehicles subject to a compulsory or financial responsibility law or other motor vehicle insurance law in the State of Minnesota.

- A. **Minimum Limits of Liability:**  
 \$2,000,000 - Per Occurrence – Bodily Injury and Property Damage Combined Single Limit

- B. **Coverages:**  
 Owned Automobile  
 Non-owned Automobile  
 Hired Automobile

Evidence of Subcontractor insurance shall be filed with the Contract Vendor or as directed by the State.

**3. General Liability or Garage Liability Insurance:**

The Contract Vendor, or their Subcontractor, shall maintain insurance protecting it from claims for damages for bodily injury, including sickness or disease, death, and for care and loss of services as well as from claims for property damage, including loss of use which may arise from operations under the Contract.

General Liability insurance is required for Contract Vendors, or their Subcontractor, performing warranty or service work on mobile equipment.

Garage Liability insurance is required for Contract Vendors, or their Subcontractor, performing warranty or service work on autos or equipment attached to autos, including vehicles subject to a compulsory or financial responsibility law or other motor vehicle insurance law in the State of Minnesota.

A. Minimum Limits of Liability:

\$2,000,000 - Per Occurrence

\$2,000,000 - Annual Aggregate

\$2,000,000 - Annual Aggregate applying to Products/Completed Operations

B. Coverages

Premises and Operations Bodily Injury and Property Damage

Personal & Advertising Injury

Blanket Contractual

Products and Completed Operations

**State of Minnesota named as an Additional Insured**

4. **Garagekeepers Liability or Property of Others Insurance or equivalent:**

The Contract Vendor, or their Subcontractor, shall maintain insurance to cover loss or damage to Owners autos or equipment in the care, custody, and control of Contract Vendor, or their Subcontractor, if ANY warranty or service work is performed by the Contract Vendor, or their Subcontractor.

Garagekeepers Liability insurance or equivalent is required for Contract Vendors, or their Subcontractor, performing warranty or service work on autos or equipment attached to autos, including vehicles subject to a compulsory or financial responsibility law or other motor vehicle insurance law in the State of Minnesota.

Property of Others insurance or equivalent is required for Contract Vendors, or their Subcontractor, performing warranty or service work on mobile equipment.

**State of Minnesota — Immigration Status Certification**

By order of the Governor's Executive Order 08-01, vendors and subcontractors MUST certify compliance with the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.) and certify use of the *E-Verify* system established by the Department of Homeland Security.

*E-Verify* program information can be found at <http://www.dhs.gov/ximgtrn/programs>.

If any response to a solicitation is or could be in excess of \$50,000, vendors and subcontractors must certify compliance with items 1 and 2 below. In addition, prior to the delivery of the product or initiation of services, vendors MUST obtain this certification from all subcontractors who will participate in the performance of the contract. All subcontractor certifications must be kept on file with the contract vendor and made available to the state upon request.

1. The company shown below is in compliance with the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 in relation to all employees performing work in the United States and does not knowingly employ persons in violation of the United States immigration laws. The company shown below will obtain this certification from all subcontractors who will participate in the performance of this contract and maintain subcontractor certifications for inspection by the state if such inspection is requested; and

2. By the date of the delivery of the product and/or performance of services, the company shown below will have implemented or will be in the process of implementing the *E-Verify* program for all newly hired employees in the United States who will perform work on behalf of the State of Minnesota.

**I certify that the company shown below is in compliance with items 1 and 2 above and that I am authorized to sign on its behalf.**

Name of Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

If the contract vendor and/or the subcontractors are not in compliance with the Immigration Reform and Control Act, or knowingly employ persons in violation of the United States immigration laws, or have not begun or implemented the *E-Verify* program for all newly hired employees in support of the contract, the state reserves the right to determine what action it may take. This action could include, but would not be limited to cancellation of the contract, and/or suspending or debaring the contract vendor from state purchasing.

**For assistance with the *E-Verify* Program**

Contact the National Customer Service Center (NCSC) at 1-800-375-5283 (TTY 1-800-767-1833).

**For assistance with this form, contact:**

Mail: 112 Administration Bldg, 50 Sherburne Ave., St. Paul, MN 55155

E-mail: [MMDHelp.Line@state.mn.us](mailto:MMDHelp.Line@state.mn.us)

Telephone: 651.296.2600

Persons with a hearing or speech disability may contact us by dialing 711 or 1.800.627.3529

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**PARTICIPATING ADDENDUM**  
**WESTERN STATES CONTRACTING ALLIANCE**  
**FOR TIRES, TUBES AND TIRE RELATED SERVICES**  
**Between the State of Minnesota and**

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WSCA Contract No.

State of Minnesota Contract No.

1. **Scope:** The State of Minnesota, various state agencies and departments, and current cooperative purchasing venture members ("customer" - as defined in Minnesota Exhibit A) may purchase the products and services available in this Contract. This agreement is not a purchase order, nor does it guarantee any purchases to be made by the customer.
2. **Changes:** The additional terms and conditions contained in Minnesota Exhibit A, attached, are hereby incorporated by reference. In the event of a conflict between the terms contained within Minnesota Exhibit A and WSCA Master Price Agreement ("Price Agreement"), Minnesota Exhibit A shall control. The parties agree that this provision of the Participating Addendum supersedes the Standard Contract Terms and Conditions set forth in the Price Agreement. In the event that any provision of this Participating Addendum or Price Agreement is contrary to Minnesota law, such provision shall be null and void. This Agreement shall be governed by Minnesota law.
3. **Primary Contact:** The primary government contact individual for this participating addendum is as follows:
 

Name:  
 Title: Acquisition Management Specialist  
 Address: State of Minnesota  
           Department of Administration  
           Materials Management Division  
           50 Sherburne Ave., 112 Administration Bldg.  
           St. Paul, MN 55155

Telephone:  
 Fax:  
 E-mail:
4. **Subcontractors:** The following subcontractor(s) are authorized to perform services:  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Authorized Dealers who have satisfactorily completed the \_\_\_\_\_ Agreement.

This Addendum and the Price Agreement together with its exhibits, set forth the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter of all previous communications, representations or agreements, whether oral or written, with respect to the subject matter hereof. Terms and conditions inconsistent with, contrary or in addition to the terms and conditions of this Addendum and the Price Agreement, together with its exhibits, shall not be added to or incorporated into this Addendum or the Price Agreement and its exhibits, by any subsequent purchase order or otherwise, and any such attempts to add or incorporate such terms and conditions are hereby rejected. The terms and conditions of this Addendum and the Price Agreement and its exhibits shall prevail and govern in the case of any such inconsistent or additional terms.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Addendum as of the date of execution by both parties below.

**Government Entity: State of Minnesota**

**Materials Management Division**

In accordance with Minn. Stat. § 16C.03, Subd. 3

**Contract Vendor:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Lead State: State of [State]

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Minnesota Exhibit A**  
**Minnesota General Conditions**

**1. DEFINITIONS.**

**a. CPV Program/Members.** The Cooperative Purchasing Venture (CPV) program is established by Minn. Stat. § 16C.03, subd. 10, which authorizes the Commissioner to enter into a cooperative purchasing agreement for the provision of goods, services, and utilities with governmental entities as described in section 471.59, subd. 1. Based on this authority, the Commissioner of Administration, through the Materials Management Division (MMD), enters into a joint powers agreement that designates MMD as the authorized purchasing agent for the governmental entity. Governmental entities joining the program are given an access code which identifies them as members and permits them to access the MMD web site to get information about State contracts. It is not legal for governmental entities who are not members of the CPV program to use State contract prices.

**b. State Agencies.** This term applies only to State of Minnesota agencies, as defined in Minn. Stat. § 15.01 and 15.021.

**c. Customer.** This term applies to any State of Minnesota agency or CPV member.

**d. State.** This term applies to all State of Minnesota agencies and CPV members.

**2. EFFECTIVE DATE and CONTRACT PERIOD.** Pursuant to Minnesota law this Participating Addendum shall be effective upon the date of final execution by the State. The Contract Period will be from date of Contract execution or \_\_\_\_\_, whichever is later, to \_\_\_\_\_, with the option to extend up to \_\_\_\_ years, upon agreement by both parties.

**3. STATE AUDITS.** (Minn. Stat. § 16C.05, Subd. 5) The books, records, documents, and accounting procedures and practices of the Contract Vendor and its employees, agents, or subcontractors relevant to the Contract or transaction must be made available and subject to examination by the contracting agency or its agents, the Legislative Auditor and/or the State Auditor for a minimum of six years after the end of the Contract or transaction.

**4. INSURANCE.** The Contract Vendor will be required to provide a copy of a Certificate of Insurance, including workers' compensation insurance coverage requirements of Minn. Stat. Ch. 176.181 subd. 2, and as required by the WSCA solicitation. The "Dealers," as defined in the WSCA solicitation, must provide proof of insurance in the amounts required in the WSCA solicitation and the Contract Vendor is responsible for finalizing the agreements with the participating Dealer.

**5. INDEMNIFICATION, HOLD HARMLESS, AND LIMITATION OF LIABILITY.**

(a) Indemnification/Hold Harmless as required by the Terms and Conditions in the original Request for Proposal and made part of the Contract shall be in full force and effect. The Contract Vendor shall defend all actions brought upon such matters to be indemnified hereunder and pay all costs and expenses incidental thereto.

(b) The following clause will apply only as it relates to the Indemnification/Hold Harmless issues specifically for personal injury and property damage claims: Any Contract Vendor submitted exclusions from a warranty or limit on this indemnification shall not apply to any reasonable "foreseeable Use" of the tires by the State under the Contract. "Foreseeable Use" is defined as general driving that a reasonable person would identify as reasonably foreseeable for the tires and the vehicles with driving adjustments for weather conditions. For Off-Highway Tires, the "Foreseeable Use" would include reasonably foreseeable driving in off-highway terrain that a reasonable person would identify as reasonably foreseeable for the tires and the vehicles being used. Also, there shall be no exclusion from workmanship and material warranty for commercial or governmental use of the tires.

(c) Notwithstanding any of the above, to the extent there is personal property or personal injury damage incurred as a primary result of the wrongful acts or negligence of the State, its agents, employees and anyone for whom the State is liable (i.e., customer abuse, modifications not executed by the Contract Vendor, improper or insufficient maintenance, improper operation, or normal wear and tear under normal usage), the Contract Vendor shall not be liable for such resulting damage.

**6. LAWS AND REGULATIONS.** Any and all services, articles or equipment offered and furnished shall comply fully with all State and federal laws and regulations, including Minn. Stat. § 181.59 and Minn. Stat. Ch. 363 prohibiting discrimination.

7. **GOVERNMENT DATA PRACTICES.** The Contract Vendor and the State must comply with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minn. Stat. Ch. 13, (and where applicable, if the state contracting party is part of the judicial branch, with the Rules of Public Access to Records of the Judicial Branch promulgated by the Minnesota Supreme Court as the same may be amended from time to time) as it applies to all data provided by the State to the Contract Vendor and all data provided to the State by the Contract Vendor. In addition, the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act applies to all data created, collected, received, stored, used, maintained, or disseminated by the Contract Vendor in accordance with this Contract that is private, nonpublic, protected nonpublic, or confidential as defined by the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Ch. 13 (and where applicable, that is not accessible to the public under the Rules of Public Access to Records of the Judicial Branch).

In the event the Contract Vendor receives a request to release the data referred to in this article, the Contract Vendor must immediately notify the State. The State will give the Contract Vendor instructions concerning the release of the data to the requesting party before the data is released. The civil remedies of Minn. Stat. § 13.08, apply to the release of the data by either the Contract Vendor or the State.

The Contract Vendor agrees to indemnify, save, and hold the State of Minnesota, its agent and employees, harmless from all claims arising out of, resulting from, or in any manner attributable to any violation of any provision of the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act (and where applicable, the Rules of Public Access to Records of the Judicial Branch), including legal fees and disbursements paid or incurred to enforce this provision of the Contract. In the event that the Contract Vendor subcontracts any or all of the work to be performed under the Contract, the Contract Vendor shall retain responsibility under the terms of this paragraph for such work.

8. **RISK OF LOSS OR DAMAGE.** The State shall be relieved of all risks of loss or damage to the goods and/or equipment during periods of transportation, installation (if installation is provided by the Contract Vendor), unless and until such time as unencumbered title is vested in the State and the goods and/or equipment is in the exclusive possession of the State.
9. **GOVERNING LAW.** This Contract shall be construed in accordance with, and its performance governed by, the laws of the State of Minnesota. Except to the extent that the provisions of the Contract are clearly inconsistent therewith, the Contract shall be governed by the Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) as adopted by the State. To the extent the Contract entails delivery or performance of services, such services shall be deemed Agoods@ within the meaning of the UCC, except when to so deem such services as Agoods@ is unreasonable.
10. **JURISDICTION AND VENUE.** This Contract, its amendments and supplements thereto, shall be governed by the laws of the State of Minnesota. USA. Venue for all legal proceedings arising out of the Contract, or breach thereof, shall be in the State or federal court with competent jurisdiction in Ramsey County, Minnesota.
11. **HUMAN RIGHTS.** The Contract Vendor certifies that it will remain in compliance with Minn. Stat. § 363.36 during the life of this Contract. The Affirmative Action Data Page is attached and must be completed.
12. **PAYMENT.** Minn. Stat. § 16A.124 requires payment within 30 days following receipt of an undisputed invoice, merchandise or service, whichever is later. The ordering entity is not required to pay the Contract Vendor for any goods and/or services provided without a written purchase order or other approved ordering document from the appropriate purchasing entity. In addition, all goods and/or services provided must meet all terms, conditions and specifications of the Contract and the ordering document and be accepted as satisfactory by the ordering entity before payment will be issued. Purchasing entities other than State agencies will use best efforts to pay the Contract Vendor within 30 days of the date of such invoice.
13. **PURCHASE ORDERS.** The State requires that there will be no minimum order requirements or charges to process an individual purchase order. The Contract number and the PO number must appear on all documents (e.g., invoices, packing slips, etc.).
14. **PURCHASING CARD.** The Contract Vendor will accept a purchasing card for order placement in addition to accepting a purchase order, without passing the processing fees for the purchasing card back to the State.

15. **TAXES.** State agencies are subject to paying Minnesota sales and use taxes. DO NOT add sales tax to the prices being offered. For State agencies, taxes will be paid directly to the Department of Revenue using Direct Pay Permit #1114. Customers other than State agencies may or may not be subject to paying Minnesota Sales and Use Taxes. It is the responsibility of the customer to provide the Contract Vendor with the appropriate tax exemption information.
16. **PRICES.** All prices shall be FOB Destination, freight prepaid and allowed (with freight included in the price), to the ordering agency's receiving dock or warehouse. In those situations in which the deliver-to address has no receiving dock or agents, the Contract Vendor must be able to deliver to the person specified on the PO.
17. **DEFAULT.** A State purchase order constitutes a binding contract. All commodities furnished will be subject to inspection and acceptance by the requesting agency after delivery. No substitutions or cancellations are permitted without approval of the State contracting agency. Back orders, defaults in promised delivery, or failures to meet specifications in the purchase order and/or the Contract authorize the State contracting agency to cancel the Contract or purchase order, or any portion of it, purchase elsewhere, and charge the full increase, if any, in cost of administrative handling to the defaulting Contract Vendor. In the event of default, the State reserves the right to pursue any other remedy available by law. A Contract Vendor may be removed from the vendor's list or suspended from receiving a contract for consistent failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the Contract, or for failure to pay the State for the cost incurred on defaulted contracts.
18. **ASSIGNMENT.** The Contract Vendor shall not sell, transfer, assign, or otherwise dispose of the Contract or any portion hereof or of any right, title, or interest herein without the prior written consent of the State's authorized agent. Such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. The Contract Vendor shall give written notice to the State's authorized agent of such a possibility at least 30 days prior to the sale, transfer, assignment, or other disposition of the Contract. Failure to do so may result in the Contract Vendor being held in default. This consent requirement includes reassignment of the Contract due to a change in ownership, merger, or acquisition of the Contract Vendor or its subsidiary or affiliated corporations. This section shall not be construed as prohibiting the Contract Vendor's right to assign the Contract to corporations to provide some of the services hereunder. Notwithstanding the foregoing acknowledgment, the Contract Vendor shall remain solely liable for all performance required and provided under the terms and conditions of the Contract.
19. **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY INDEMNIFICATION.** The Contract Vendor warrants that any materials or products provided or produced by the Contract Vendor or utilized by the Contract Vendor in the performance of the Contract will not infringe or violate any patent, copyright, trade secret, or any other proprietary right of any third party. In the event of any such claim by any third party against the State, the State shall promptly notify the Contract Vendor. The Contract Vendor, at its own expense, shall indemnify the State against any losses, cost, expense, or liability (including legal fees) arising out of such a claim, whether or not such claim is successful against the State.  
  
If such a claim has occurred, or in the Contract Vendor's opinion is likely to occur, the Contract Vendor shall either procure for the State the right to continue using the materials or products or replacements or modified materials or products. If an option satisfactory to the State is not reasonably available, the State shall return the materials or products to the Contract Vendor, upon written request of the Contract Vendor and at the Contract Vendor's expense. This remedy is in addition to any other remedy provided by law.
20. **PARTICIPATING ADDENDUM AMENDMENTS.** Except as provided herein, the Participating Addendum shall be modified only by written amendment duly executed by an authorized representative of the State and the Contract Vendor. No alteration or variation of the terms and conditions of the Participating Addendum shall be valid unless made in writing and signed by the parties as required by law. Every amendment shall specify the date on which its provisions shall be effective. An approved Participating Addendum amendment means one approved by the authorized signatories of the Contract Vendor as required by law.
21. **TERMINATION OF THE PARTICIPATING ADDENDUM.** The Participating Addendum may be canceled by the State or the Commissioner of Administration at any time, with or without cause, upon 30 days written notice to the Contract Vendor. In the event the Contract Vendor is in default, the contract is subject to immediate cancellation to the extent allowable by applicable law. In the event of such a cancellation, the Contract Vendor shall be entitled to payment, determined on a pro rata basis, for work or services satisfactorily performed and accepted. The Participating Addendum may be canceled by the Contract Vendor upon 60 days written notice to the AMS.
22. **ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL CHANGES.** After execution of this Participating Addendum the State must be notified of intended changes in the Contract Vendor's administrative personnel as soon as practicable.

23. **PUBLICITY.** Any publicity given to the program, publications or services provided resulting from a State contract for goods or services, including but not limited to notices, informational pamphlets, press releases, research, reports, signs and similar public notices prepared by or for the Contract Vendor, or its employees individually or jointly with others, or any subcontractors, shall identify the State as the sponsoring agency and shall not be released, unless such release is a specific part of an approved work plan included in the Contract prior to its approval by the Materials Management Division Acquisition Management Specialist and the Department of Administration Communications Office.

The Contract Vendor shall make no representations of the State's opinion or position as to the quality or effectiveness of the products and/or services that are the subject of this Contract without the prior written consent of the Department of Administration. Representations include any publicity, including but not limited to advertisements, notices, press releases, reports, signs, and similar public notices.

24. **NOTICES.** If one party is required to give notice to the other under the Contract, such notice shall be in writing and shall be effective upon receipt. Delivery may be by certified United States mail or by hand, in which case a signed receipt shall be obtained. Either party must notify the other of a change in address for notification purchases. All notices to the State shall be addressed as follows:

	Fax:
Acquisition Management Specialist	E-mail:
50 Sherburne Avenue	
112 Administration Bldg.	
St. Paul, MN 55155	

25. **NONVISUAL ACCESS STANDARDS.** Not applicable.
26. **MINNESOTA REPORTING REQUIREMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIVE FEE.** On a quarterly basis, the Contract Vendor shall return to the Department of Administration, Materials Management Division, a fee of .50% (.0050, one-half of one percent) of the total sales during that quarter, to assist with the cost of administering the Contract. The administrative fee shall be remitted to the State within 30 days of the end of the quarter. The quarter periods are January 1 to March 31, April 1 to June 30, July 1 to September 30, and October 1 to December 31 of any given year. The Contract Vendor must provide a report detailing the total sales to State agencies and CPV members. The report must be submitted with the check on or before the required 30 days after the end of the quarter.
27. **SEVERABILITY.** If any provision of the Contract, including items incorporated by reference, is found to be illegal, unenforceable, or void, then both the State and the Contract Vendor shall be relieved of all obligations arising under such provisions. If the remainder of the Contract is capable of performance it shall not be affected by such declaration or finding and shall be fully performed.
28. **ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER (EFT) PAYMENT METHOD AND STRUCTURE.** In accordance with Minn. Stat. § 16A.40 the Contract Vendor is required to provide their bank routing information to the Minnesota Department of Finance to enable payments to be made through EFT.
29. **COPYRIGHT.** The responder shall save and hold harmless the State of Minnesota, its officers, agents, servants and employees, from liability of any kind or nature, arising from the use of any copyrighted or not copyrighted composition, secret process, patented or not patented invention, article or appliance furnished or used in the performance of the Contract.
31. **SURVIVABILITY.** The following rights and duties of the State and responder will survive the expiration or cancellation of the resulting Contract(s). These rights and duties include, but are not limited to paragraphs Indemnification, Hold Harmless, and Limitation of Liability, State Audits, Government Data Practices, Governing Law, Jurisdiction and Venue, Intellectual Property, Indemnification, and Publicity
32. **PRODUCTS CONTAINING CERTAIN TYPES OF POLYBROMINATED DIPHENYL ETHER BANNED.** Not applicable.

33. **E-VERIFY CERTIFICATION.** By submission of a response for services in excess of \$50,000, the responder certifies that as of the date of services performed on behalf of the State, the responder and all its subcontractors will have implemented or be in the process of implementing the federal E-Verify program for all newly hired employees in the United States who will perform work on behalf of the State. This is required by Minnesota Statutes Section 16C.075. In the event of contract award, the contract vendor shall be responsible for collecting all subcontractor certifications and may do so utilizing the E-Verify Subcontractor Certification Form available on our MMD website. All subcontractor certifications must be kept on file with the contract vendor and made available to the State upon request.

## GENERAL INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Contractor shall maintain insurance to cover claims which may arise from operations under this Contract,

The Contractor shall not commence work under the Contract until they have obtained all the insurance described below and the State of Minnesota has approved such insurance. The Contractor shall maintain such insurance in force and effect throughout the term of the Contract.

All coverages and limits shall remain in force and effect throughout the term of the Contract.

### NOTICE TO THE CONTRACTOR:

The failure of the State of Minnesota to obtain a Certificate of Insurance, for the policies required under this Contract or renewals thereof, or failure of the insurance company to notify the State of the cancellation of policies required under this Contract shall not constitute a waiver by the Owner to the Contractor to provide such insurance.

The Owner reserves the right to immediately terminate the Contract if the Contractor is not in compliance with the insurance requirements and the Owner retains all rights to pursue any legal remedies against the Contractor. All insurance policies must be open to inspection by the State, and copies of policies must be submitted to the State's authorized representative upon written request.

### NOTICE TO INSURER:

The Contractor's insurance company(ies) waives its right to assert the immunity of the State as a defense to any claims made under said insurance.

### REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CONTRACTOR:

The Contractor's policy(ies) shall be primary insurance to any other valid and collectible insurance available to the State of Minnesota with respect to any claim arising out of Contractor's performance under this Contract.

If Contractor receives a cancellation notice from an insurance carrier affording coverage herein, Contractor agrees to notify the State of Minnesota within five (5) business days with a copy of the cancellation notice, unless Contractor's policy(ies) contain a provision that coverage afforded under the policy(ies) will not be cancelled without at least thirty (30) days advance written notice to the State of Minnesota.

The Contractor is responsible for payment of Contract related insurance premiums and deductibles.

If the Contractor is self-insured, a Certificate of Self-Insurance must be attached.

Insurance companies must either (1) have an AM Best rating of A- (minus) and a Financial Size Category of VII or better, and be authorized to do business in the State of Minnesota or (2) be domiciled in the State of Minnesota and have a Certificate of Authority/Compliance from the MN Department of Commerce if they are not rated by AM Best.

The Contractor's Umbrella or Excess Liability insurance policy may be used to supplement the Contractor's policy limits to satisfy the full policy limits required by the Contract.

### POLICY REQUIREMENTS:

#### 1. Workers' Compensation Insurance:

Statutory Compensation Coverage. Except as provided below, Contractor must provide Workers' Compensation insurance for all its employees and in case any work is subcontracted, Contractor will require the subcontractor to provide Workers' Compensation insurance in accordance with the statutory requirements of the State of Minnesota, including Coverage B, Employer's Liability. Minimum limits of liability:

Coverage B – Employer's Liability  
\$100,000 Bodily Injury by Disease per Employee  
\$500,000 Bodily Injury by Disease Aggregate  
\$100,000 Bodily Injury by Accident

If Minn. Stat. § 176.041 exempts the Contractor from Workers' Compensation insurance or if the Contractor has no employees in the State of Minnesota, the Contractor must provide a written statement, signed by the authorized signer of the Contract, stating the qualifying exemption that excludes the Contractor from MN Workers' Compensation requirements.

If during the course of the Contract the Contractor becomes eligible for Workers' Compensation, the Contractor must comply with the Workers' Compensation Insurance requirements included herein and provide the State of Minnesota with a certificate of insurance.

Evidence of Subcontractor insurance shall be filed with the Contractor.

2. **Automobile Liability Insurance:**

The Contractor shall maintain insurance to cover liability arising out of the ownership, operation, use or maintenance of all owned, hired and non-owned autos, and in case any work is subcontracted the Contractor will require the subcontractor to maintain Automobile Liability insurance.

A. **Minimum Limits of Liability:**

\$2,000,000 - Per Occurrence – Bodily Injury and Property Damage Combined Single Limit

B. **Coverages:**

- Owned Automobile
- Non-owned Automobile
- Hired Automobile

Evidence of Subcontractor insurance shall be filed with the Contractor.

3. **General Liability Insurance:**

The Contractor shall maintain insurance protecting it from claims for damages for bodily injury, including sickness or disease, death, and for care and loss of services as well as from claims for property damage, including loss of use which may arise from operations under the Contract whether the operations are by the Contractor or by a subcontractor or by anyone directly or indirectly employed by the Contractor under the Contract.

A. **Minimum Limits of Liability:**

- \$2,000,000 - Per Occurrence
- \$2,000,000 - Annual Aggregate
- \$2,000,000 - Annual Aggregate applying to Products/Completed Operations

B. **Coverages**

- Premises and Operations Bodily Injury and Property Damage
- Personal & Advertising Injury
- Blanket Contractual
- Products and Completed Operations
- State of Minnesota named as an Additional Insured***

## State Of Minnesota – Affirmative Action Certification

If your response to this solicitation is or could be in excess of \$100,000, complete the information requested below to determine whether you are subject to the Minnesota Human Rights Act (Minnesota Statutes 363A.36) certification requirement, and to provide documentation of compliance if necessary. **It is your sole responsibility to provide this information and—if required—to apply for Human Rights certification prior to the due date of the bid or proposal and to obtain Human Rights certification prior to the execution of the contract. The State of Minnesota is under no obligation to delay proceeding with a contract until a company receives Human Rights certification**

**BOX A – For companies which have employed more than 40 full-time employees within Minnesota on any single working day during the previous 12 months. All other companies proceed to BOX B.**

Your response will be rejected unless your business:

- has a current Certificate of Compliance issued by the Minnesota Department of Human Rights (MDHR)  
 –or–  
 has submitted an affirmative action plan to the MDHR, which the Department received prior to the date the responses are due.

Check one of the following statements if you have employed more than 40 full-time employees in Minnesota on any single working day during the previous 12 months:

- We have a current Certificate of Compliance issued by the MDHR. **Proceed to BOX C. Include a copy of your certificate with your response.**
- We do not have a current Certificate of Compliance. However, we submitted an Affirmative Action Plan to the MDHR for approval, which the Department received on \_\_\_\_\_ (date). **Proceed to BOX C.**
- We do not have a Certificate of Compliance, nor has the MDHR received an Affirmative Action Plan from our company. **We acknowledge that our response will be rejected. Proceed to BOX C. Contact the Minnesota Department of Human Rights for assistance.** (See below for contact information.)

**Please note:** Certificates of Compliance must be issued by the Minnesota Department of Human Rights. Affirmative Action Plans approved by the Federal government, a county, or a municipality must still be received, reviewed, and approved by the Minnesota Department of Human Rights before a certificate can be issued.

**BOX B – For those companies not described in BOX A**

Check below.

- We have not employed more than 40 full-time employees on any single working day in Minnesota within the previous 12 months. **Proceed to BOX C.**

**BOX C – For all companies**

By signing this statement, you certify that the information provided is accurate and that you are authorized to sign on behalf of the responder. You also certify that you are in compliance with federal affirmative action requirements that may apply to your company. (These requirements are generally triggered only by participating as a prime or subcontractor on federal projects or contracts. Contractors are alerted to these requirements by the federal government.)

Name of Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**For assistance with this form, contact:**

Minnesota Department of Human Rights, Compliance & Community Relations

Mail: The Freeman Building 625 Robert Street North, Saint Paul, MN 55155 TC Metro: (651) 296-5663 Toll Free: 800-657-3704

Web: [www.humanrights.state.mn.us](http://www.humanrights.state.mn.us) Fax: (651) 296-9042 TTY: (651) 296-1283

Email: [compliance.mdhr@state.mn.us](mailto:compliance.mdhr@state.mn.us)

## State of Utah Additional Terms and Conditions For WSCA Participating Addendums

The following terms and conditions will be added to the Participating Addendum for the State of Utah:

- 1) **AUTHORITY:** Provisions of this Addendum are pursuant to the authority set forth in 63G-6, Utah Code Annotated, 1953, as amended, Utah State Procurement Rules (Utah Administrative Code Section R33), and related statutes which permit the STATE to purchase certain specified services, and other approved purchases for the STATE.
- 2) **LAWS AND REGULATIONS:** Any and all supplies, services and equipment furnished will comply fully with all applicable Federal and State laws and regulations, including applicable licensure and certification requirements.
- 3) **RECORDS ADMINISTRATION:** The Contractor will maintain, or supervise the maintenance of all records necessary to properly account for the payments made to the Contractor for costs authorized by this contract. These records will be retained by the Contractor for at least four years after the contract terminates, or until all audits initiated within the four years have been completed, whichever is later. The Contractor agrees to allow the State and Federal auditors, and State agency staff, access to all the records to this contract, for audit and inspection, and monitoring of services. Such access will be during normal business hours, or by appointment.
- 4) **CERTIFY REGISTRATION AND USE OF EMPLOYMENT "STATUS VERIFICATION SYSTEM":** The Status Verification System, also referred to as "E-verify", only applies to contracts issued through a Request for Proposal process, and to sole sources that are included within a Request for Proposal. It does not apply to Invitation to Bids nor to the Multi-Step Process.

#### 4.1 Status Verification System

- A. Each offeror and each person signing on behalf of any offeror certifies as to its own entity, under penalty of perjury, that the named Contractor has registered and is participating in the Status Verification System to verify the work eligibility status of the contractor's new employees that are employed in the State of Utah in accordance with applicable immigration laws including UCA Section 63G-12-302.
- B. The Contractor shall require that the following provision be placed in each subcontract at every tier: "The subcontractor shall certify to the main (prime or general) contractor by affidavit that the subcontractor has verified through the Status Verification System the employment status of each new employee of the respective subcontractor, all in accordance with applicable immigration laws including Section 63G-12-302 and to comply with all applicable employee status verification laws. Such affidavit must be provided prior to the notice to proceed for the subcontractor to perform the work."
- C. The State will not consider a proposal for award, nor will it make any award where there has not been compliance with this Section.
- D. Manually or electronically signing the Proposal is deemed the Contractor's certification of compliance with all provisions of this employment status verification certification required by all applicable status verification laws including UCA Section 63G-12-302.

#### 4.2 Indemnity Clause for Status Verification System

- A. Contractor (includes, but is not limited to any Contractor, Design Professional, Designer or Consultant) shall protect, indemnify and hold harmless, the State and its officers, employees, agents, representatives and anyone that the State may be liable for, against any claim, damages or liability arising out of or resulting from violations of the above Status Verification System Section whether violated by employees, agents, or contractors of the following: (a) Contractor; (b) Subcontractor at any tier; and/or (c) any entity or person for whom the Contractor or Subcontractor may be liable.
- B. Notwithstanding Section 1. above, Design Professionals or Designers under direct contract with the State shall only be required to indemnify the State for a liability claim that arises out of the design professional's services, unless the liability claim arises from the Design Professional's negligent act, wrongful act, error or omission, or other liability imposed by law except that the design professional shall be required to indemnify the State in regard to subcontractors or subconsultants at any tier that are under the direct or indirect control or responsibility of the Design Professional, and includes all independent contractors, agents, employees or anyone else for whom the Design Professional may be liable at any tier.

- 5) **INDEMNITY CLAUSE:** The Contractor will release, protect, indemnify and hold the STATE and the respective political subdivisions and their officers, agencies, employees, harmless from and against any damage, cost or liability, including reasonable attorney's fees for any or all injuries to persons, property or claims for money damages arising from acts or omissions of the Contractor, his employees or subcontractors or volunteers. The parties agree that if there are any Limitations of the Contractor's Liability, including a limitation of liability for anyone for whom the Contractor is responsible, such Limitations of Liability will not apply to injuries to persons, including death, or to damages to property.

- 6) **EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES CLAUSE:** The Contractor agrees to abide by the provisions of Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42USC 2000e) which prohibits discrimination against any employee or applicant for employment or any applicant or recipient of services, on the basis of race, religion, color, or national origin; and

further agrees to abide by Executive Order No. 11246, as amended, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; 45 CFR 90 which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, or the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disabilities. Also, the Contractor agrees to abide by Utah's Executive Order, dated March 17, 1993, which prohibits sexual harassment in the work place.

7) **DEBARMENT:** The Contractor certifies that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction (contract), by any governmental department or agency. If the Contractor cannot certify this statement, attach a written explanation for review by the STATE. The Contractor must notify the State Director of Purchasing within 30 days if debarred by any governmental entity during the Contract period.

8) **TERMINATION:** Unless otherwise stated in the Special Terms and Conditions, this contract may be terminated, with cause by either party, in advance of the specified termination date, upon written notice being given by the other party. The party in violation will be given ten (10) working days after notification to correct and cease the violations, after which the contract may be terminated for cause. This contract may be terminated without cause, in advance of the specified expiration date, by either party, upon thirty (30) days prior written notice being given the other party. On termination of this contract, all accounts and payments will be processed according to the financial arrangements set forth herein for approved services rendered to date of termination.

9) **NONAPPROPRIATION OF FUNDS:** The Contractor acknowledges that the State cannot contract for the payment of funds not yet appropriated by the Utah State Legislature. If funding to the State is reduced due to an order by the Legislature or the Governor, or is required by State law, or if federal funding (when applicable) is not provided, the State may terminate this contract or proportionately reduce the services and purchase obligations from the State upon 30 days written notice. In the case that funds are not appropriated or are reduced, the State will reimburse Contractor for products delivered or services performed through the date of cancellation or reduction, and the State will not be liable for any future commitments, penalties, or liquidated damages.

10) **TAXES:** Bid/proposal prices will be exclusive of state sales, use and federal excise taxes. The State of Utah's sales and use tax exemption number is 11736850-010-STC, located at <http://purchasing.utah.gov/contract/documents/salestaxexemptionformsigned.pdf>. The tangible personal property or services being purchased are being paid from STATE funds and used in the exercise of that entity's essential functions. If the items being purchased are construction materials, they will be converted into real property by employees of this government entity, unless otherwise stated in the contract, or contract orders. The State of Utah's Federal excise exemption number is 87-780019K.

11) **PARTICIPANTS:** This is a contract to provide the State of Utah government departments, institutions, agencies and political subdivisions (i.e., colleges, school districts, counties, cities, etc.) with the goods and/or services described in the bid/proposal.

12) **POLITICAL SUBDIVISION PARTICIPATION:** Participation under this contract by political subdivisions (i.e., colleges, school districts, counties, cities, etc.) will be voluntarily determined by the political subdivision. The Contractor agrees to supply the political subdivisions based upon the same terms, conditions and prices.

13) **REPORTS AND FEES:** The Contractor agrees to provide a quarterly administrative fee to the State of Utah in the form of a Check or EFT payment. The fee will be payable to the "State of Utah Division of Purchasing" for an amount equal to 1% of the net sales (net of any returns, credits, or adjustments) under this Addendum for the period. The Contractors WSCA pricing to the Participating Entity may be adjusted to offset for the equivalent fee amount. Payment(s) shall be made in accordance with the following schedule:

<u>Period End</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
March 31	April 30
June 30	July 31
September 30	October 31
December 31	January 31

The Contractor agrees to provide a quarterly utilization report, reflecting net sales to the Participating Entity during the associated fee period. The report will show the quantities and dollar volume of purchases by each agency and political subdivision. The report will be provided in secure electronic format and/or submitted electronically to the Purchasing Agent in the Division of Purchasing over in this Addendum and a copy to the Utah reports email address [salesreports@utah.gov](mailto:salesreports@utah.gov).

14) **PAYMENT:** Payments are normally made within 30 days following the date the order is delivered or the date a correct invoice is received, whichever is later. After 60 days from the date a correct invoice is received by the appropriate State official, the Contractor may assess interest on overdue, undisputed account charges up to a maximum of the interest rate paid by the IRS on taxpayer refund claims, plus two percent, computed similarly as the requirements of Utah Code Annotated Section 15-6-3. The IRS interest rate is adjusted quarterly, and is applied on a per annum basis, on the invoice amount that is overdue. Payments may be made via a State of Utah (or political

subdivision) "Purchasing Card" (major credit card). All payments to the Contractor will be remitted by mail, electronic funds transfer, or Purchasing Card.

15) **HAZARDOUS CHEMICAL INFORMATION:** The Contractor will provide one set of the appropriate material safety data sheet(s) and container label(s) upon delivery of a hazardous material to the user agency. All safety data sheets and labels will be in accordance with each participating state's requirements.

16) **PUBLIC INFORMATION:** Contractor agrees that the contract, related Sales Orders, and Invoices will be public documents, as far as distribution of copies. Contractor gives the STATE express permission to make copies of the contract, related Sales Orders, and Invoices in accordance with the State of Utah Government Records Access and Management Act (GRAMA). Except for sections identified in writing and expressly approved by the State Division of Purchasing, Contractor agrees that the Contractor's response to the solicitation will be a public document, and copies may be given to the public under GRAMA laws. The permission to make copies as noted will take precedence over any statements of confidentiality, proprietary information, or copyright information.

17) **PROCUREMENT ETHICS:** The Contractor understands that a person who is interested in any way in the sale of any supplies, services, construction, or insurance to the State of Utah is violating the law if the person gives or offers to give any compensation, gratuity, contribution, loan or reward, or any promise thereof to any person acting as a procurement officer on behalf of the State, or who in any official capacity participates in the procurement of such supplies, services, construction, or insurance, whether it is given for their own use or for the use or benefit of any other person or organization (63G-6-1002, Utah Code Annotated, 1953, as amended).

18) **ENERGY CONSERVATION AND RECYCLED PRODUCTS:** The contractor is encouraged to offer Energy Star certified products or products that meet FEMP (Federal Energy Management Program) standards for energy consumption. The State of Utah also encourages contractors to offer products that are produced with recycled materials, where appropriate, unless otherwise requested in the solicitation.

19) **INDIVIDUAL CUSTOMERS:** Each State agency and each political subdivision, as a State Entity, that uses this contract will be treated as if they were individual Customers. Each agency and each political subdivision will be responsible for their own charges, fees, and liabilities. The Contractor will apply the charges to each State Entity individually.

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**Standard Contract Terms and Conditions**  
**National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO) Cooperative Procurements**

**PARTICIPANTS:** The National Association of State Procurement Officials ("NASPO") is a national association of Chief Procurement Officers that has established a procurement cooperative for state government departments, institutions and political subdivisions (i.e., colleges, school districts, counties, cities, etc.) for the NASPO Member States and territories of the United States.

Obligations under contracts that result from this cooperative procurement are limited to those states and other eligible purchasing entities that execute a Participating Addendum,

Financial obligations of Participating States are limited to the orders placed by the departments or other state agencies and institutions having available funds.

Participating States incur no financial obligations on behalf of political subdivisions.

Unless otherwise specified in the solicitation, the resulting master price agreement(s) will be permissive.

**DEFINITIONS:**

**"Lead State"** means the State conducting this cooperative solicitation and centrally administering any resulting master price agreement with the permission of the Signatory States.

**"Master Price Agreement"** means this cooperative solicitation and contract, between the designated Lead State and the awarded contractors.

**"Offer"** or **"Bid"** or **"Proposal"** refers to the offer submitted in response to a solicitation, whether denominated as an invitation to bid, invitation for bid, request for proposal, or otherwise. **"Bidder"** or **"Offeror"** similarly refers to the person, company, or other entity submitting the bid or proposal that constitutes an offer capable of acceptance, regardless of the solicitation method used.

**"Permissive Price Agreement"** means that placement of orders through the price agreement is discretionary with Purchasing Entities. They may satisfy their requirements through the master price agreement without using statutory or regulatory procedures (e.g. invitations for bids) to solicit competitive bids or proposals. Purchasing Entities may, however, satisfy requirements without using the master price agreement so long as applicable procurement statutes and rules are followed.

**"Participating Addendum"** means a bilateral agreement executed by a contractor and a Participating State (or a political subdivision with the consent of its state's chief procurement officer) that clarifies the operation of the master price agreement for the State concerned, e.g. ordering procedures specific to a State, and may add other state-specific language or other requirements.

**"Participating State"** means a Signatory State that has indicated its intent to participate in a specific cooperative procurement/master price agreement by executing an Intent to Participate, or who has subsequently executed a Participating Addendum where required.

**"Purchasing Entity"** means a Participating State, or other legal entity, properly authorized by a Participating State to enter into a contract for the purchase of goods and/or services described in the cooperative procurement. Unless otherwise limited in the cooperative

procurement or in a Participating Addendum, political subdivisions of Participating States are deemed Purchasing Entities.

**"Signatory State"** means any State who is a member of NASPO that has executed the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) required to become a member of the NASPO Procurement Cooperative.

**QUANTITY ESTIMATES:** Estimated quantities are informational and not to be construed as a warranty of accuracy of historical or anticipated volumes or a guarantee to purchase any amount.

**SPECIFICATIONS:** Any deviation from specifications must be clearly indicated by offeror, otherwise, it will be considered that the proposal is in strict compliance. When BRAND NAMES or manufacturers' numbers are stated in the specifications they are intended to establish a standard only and are not restrictive unless the solicitation says "no substitute." Offers will be considered on other makes, models or brands having comparable quality, style, workmanship and performance characteristics. Alternate proposals offering lower quality or inferior performance will not be considered.

**ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF BIDS AND PROPOSALS:** The Lead State reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or proposals, or parts of bids or proposals, and to waive informalities therein.

**SAMPLES:** Generally, when required, samples will be specifically requested in the solicitation. Samples, when required, are to be furnished free of charge. Except for those samples destroyed or mutilated during testing, samples will be returned at an offeror's request, transportation collect.

**CASH DISCOUNT TERMS:** Offeror may quote a cash discount based upon early payment; however discounts offered for less than 30 days will not be considered in making the award. The date from which discount time is calculated shall be the date a correct invoice is received or receipt of shipment, whichever is later; except that if testing is performed, the date shall be the date of acceptance of the merchandise.

**TAXES:** Offered prices shall be exclusive of state sales and federal excise taxes. Where the state government entities are not exempt from sales taxes on sales within their state, the contractor shall add the sales taxes on the billing invoice as a separate entry.

**MODIFICATION OR WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS AND PROPOSALS:** Bids and proposals may be modified or withdrawn prior to the time set for receipt of bids or proposals. After the time set for receipt of bids or proposals, no proposal may be modified or withdrawn.

**PATENTS, COPYRIGHTS, ETC:** The Contractor shall release, defend, indemnify, and hold harmless NASPO, the Participating States, and the Purchasing Entities, as well as the officers, agents and employees of NASPO, the Participating States and the Purchasing Entities, from liability of any kind or nature, including the Contractor's use of any copyrighted or uncopyrighted composition, process, patented or unpatented invention, article or appliance furnished or used in performance of this contract.

**AWARD:** Multiple master price agreements may be awarded as a result of this solicitation. Awards in requests for proposals (competitive sealed proposals) shall be made to the responsible offeror(s) whose proposals are determined to be the most advantageous to the Participating States, taking into consideration price and the other evaluation factors set forth in the solicitation. Unless otherwise stated in the solicitation, an award in a solicitation denominated as an invitation to bid will be made to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder(s) meeting specifications and all bid terms and conditions. The Participating States reserve the right to award items separately or by grouping items, or by total lot.

**NON-COLLUSION:** By signing the proposal the offeror certifies that the proposal submitted, has been arrived at independently and has been submitted without collusion with, and without any agreement, understanding or planned common course of action with, any other vendor of materials, supplies, equipment or services described in the solicitation, designed to limit independent bidding or competition.

**TERMINATION:** Unless otherwise stated in the solicitation, any master price agreement entered into as a result of this solicitation may be terminated by either party upon 60-days notice, in writing, prior to the effective date of the termination. Further, any Participating State may terminate its participation upon 30-days written notice, unless otherwise limited or stated in the special terms and conditions of the solicitation. Any termination under this provision shall not effect the rights and obligations attending orders outstanding at the time of cancellation, including any right of any Purchasing Entity to indemnification by the Contractor, rights of payment for goods/services delivered and accepted, and rights attending any warranty or default in performance in association with any order.

**DEFAULT AND REMEDIES:**

A. Any of the following shall constitute cause to declare the master price agreement or any order under this master price agreement in default:

- (1) Nonperformance of contractual requirements; or
- (2) A material breach of any term or condition of this master price agreement.

B. A written notice of default, and an opportunity to cure, shall be issued by the party claiming default, whether the Lead State (in the case of breach of the master price agreement), a Participating State (in the case of a breach of the Participating Addendum), the Purchasing Entity (with respect to any order), or the Contractor. Time allowed for cure shall not diminish or eliminate any liability for liquidated or other damages.

C. If the default remains after the opportunity for cure, the non-defaulting party may:

- (1) Exercise any remedy provided by law or equity;
- (2) Terminate the master price agreement or any portion thereof, including any orders issued against the master price agreement;
- (3) Impose liquidated damages, as specified in the solicitation or master price agreement;
- (4) In the case of default by the contractor, and to the extent permitted by the law of the Participating State or Purchasing Entity, suspend contractor from receiving future solicitations.

**LAWS AND REGULATIONS:** Any and all supplies, services and equipment offered and furnished shall comply fully with all applicable Federal and State laws and regulations.

**CONFLICT OF TERMS:** In the event of any conflict between these standard terms and conditions and any special terms and conditions in the solicitation, the special terms and conditions shall govern.

**REPORTS:** The contractor shall submit quarterly reports to the Lead State contract administrator, and upon request to any Participating State, showing the quantities and dollar volume of purchases by each Purchasing Entity.

**HOLD HARMLESS:** The contractor shall release, defend, indemnify and hold harmless NASPO, the Participating States, and the Purchasing Entities, as well as the officers, agents and employees of NASPO, the Participating States and the Purchasing Entities, from and against any damage, cost or liability, including reasonable attorneys fees for any or all injuries to persons, property or claims for money damages arising from acts or omissions of the contractor, its employees or subcontractors or volunteers.

**ORDER NUMBERS:** Master price agreement numbers and purchase order numbers shall be clearly shown on all acknowledgments, shipping labels, packing slips, invoices, and on all correspondence.

**GOVERNING LAW AND VENUE:** This procurement shall be governed and the resulting master price agreement construed in accordance with the laws of the Lead State. The construction and effect of any Participating Addendum or order against the master price agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Purchasing Entity's State. Venue for any claim, dispute or action concerning the construction and effect of the master price agreement shall be in the Lead State. Venue for any claim, dispute or action concerning an order placed against the master price agreement or the effect of a Participating Addendum shall be in the Purchasing Entity's State.

**DELIVERY:** The prices offered shall be the delivered price to any NASPO state agency or purchasing entity. All deliveries shall be F.O.B. destination with all transportation and handling charges paid by the contractor. Responsibility and liability for loss or damage shall remain the Contractor until final inspection and acceptance when responsibility shall pass to the Purchasing Entity except as to latent defects, fraud and Contractor's warranty obligations. The minimum shipment amount will be found in the special terms and conditions. Any order for less than the specified amount is to be shipped with the freight prepaid and added as a separate item on the invoice. Any portion of an order to be shipped without transportation charges that is back ordered shall be shipped without charge.

**WARRANTY:** The contractor acknowledges that the Uniform Commercial Code applies to this master price agreement. In general, the contractor warrants that: (a) the product will do what the salesperson said it would do, (b) the product will live up to all specific claims that the manufacturer makes in their advertisements, (c) the product will be suitable for the ordinary purposes for which such product is used, (d) the product will be suitable for any *special purposes* that the Purchasing Entity has relied on the contractor's skill or judgment to consider when it advised the Purchasing Entity about the product, (e) the product has been properly designed and manufactured; and (f) the product is free of significant defects or unusual problems about which the Purchasing Entity has not been warned.

The contractor agrees to warrant and assume responsibility for each hardware, firmware, and/or software product (hereafter called the product) that it licenses, or sells, to the Purchasing Entity under this master price agreement. When applicable, Contractor warrants that product(s) furnished pursuant to this contract shall, when used in accordance with the product documentation, be able to accurately process date/time data (including, but not limited to, calculating, comparing, and sequencing) transitions, including leap year calculations. Where a contractor proposes or an acquisition requires that specific products must perform as a package or system, this warranty shall apply to the products as a system.

Where contractor is providing ongoing services, including but not limited to: i) consulting, integration, code or data conversion, ii) maintenance or support services, iii) data entry or processing, or iv) contract administration services (e.g., billing, invoicing, claim processing), contractor warrants that services shall be provided in an accurate and timely manner without interruption, failure or error due to the inaccuracy of contractor's business operations in processing date/time data (including, but not limited to, calculating, comparing, and sequencing) various date/time transitions, including leap year calculations. Contractor shall be responsible for damages resulting from any delays, errors or

untimely performance resulting therefrom, including but not limited to the failure or untimely performance of such services.

This Date/Time Warranty shall survive beyond termination or expiration of this contract through: a) ninety (90) days or b) the contractor's or product manufacturer/developer's stated date/time warranty term, whichever is longer. Nothing in this warranty statement shall be construed to limit any rights or remedies otherwise available under this contract for breach of warranty.

**AMENDMENTS:** The terms of this master price agreement shall not be waived, altered, modified, supplemented or amended in any manner whatsoever without prior written approval of the Master Price Agreement Administrator of the Lead State.

**ASSIGNMENT/SUBCONTRACT:** Contractor shall not assign, sell, transfer, subcontract or sublet rights, or delegate responsibilities under this master price agreement, in whole or in part, without the prior written approval of the Master Price Agreement Administrator of the Lead State.

**NONDISCRIMINATION:** The offeror agrees to abide by the provisions of Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 USC 2000e), which prohibit discrimination against any employee or applicant for employment, or any applicant or recipient of services, on the basis of race, religion, color, or national origin; and further agrees to abide by Executive Order No. 11246, as amended, which prohibits discrimination on basis of sex; 45 CFR 90 which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, or the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disabilities. The offeror further agrees to furnish information and reports to Participating State(s), upon request, for the purpose of determining compliance with these statutes. Offeror agrees to comply with each individual state's certification requirements, if any, as stated in the special terms and conditions. This master price agreement may be canceled if the offeror fails to comply with the provisions of these laws and regulations. The offeror must include this provision in every subcontract relating to purchases by the States to insure that subcontractors and vendors are bound by this provision.

**SEVERABILITY:** If any provision of this master price agreement is declared by a court to be illegal or in conflict with any law, the validity of the remaining terms and provisions shall not be affected; and the rights and obligations of the parties shall be construed and enforced as if the master price agreement did not contain the particular provision held to be invalid.

**INSPECTIONS:** Goods furnished under this master price agreement shall be subject to inspection and testing by the Purchasing Entity at times and places determined by the Purchasing Entity. If the Purchasing Entity finds goods furnished to be incomplete or not in compliance with proposal specifications, the Purchasing Entity may reject the goods and require Contractor to either correct them without charge or deliver them at a reduced price, which is equitable under the circumstances. If Contractor is unable or refuses to correct such goods within a time deemed reasonable by the Purchasing Entity, the Purchasing Entity may cancel the order in whole or in part. Nothing in this paragraph shall adversely affect the Purchasing Entity's rights including the rights and remedies under the Uniform Commercial Code.

**PAYMENT:** Payment for completion of a master price agreement order is normally made within 30 days following the date the entire order is delivered or the date a correct invoice is received, whichever is later. The Contractor may assess overdue account charges on the outstanding balance in accordance with, and up to the maximum allowed by, the laws of the participating state. Payments may be remitted by mail or electronic funds transfer. Payments may also be made via a Purchasing Entity's "Purchasing Card".

**FORCE MAJEURE:** Neither party to this master price agreement shall be held responsible for delay or default caused by fire, riot, acts of God and/or war which is beyond that party's reasonable control. The Lead State may terminate this master price agreement after determining

such delay or default will reasonably prevent successful performance of the master price agreement.

**HAZARDOUS CHEMICAL INFORMATION:** The Contractor will provide one set of the appropriate material safety data sheet(s) and container label(s) upon delivery of a hazardous material to the Purchasing Entity agency. All safety data sheets and labels will be in accordance with each participating state's requirements.

**FIRM PRICE:** Unless otherwise stated in the special terms and conditions, for the purpose of award, offers made in accordance with this solicitation must be good and firm for a period of ninety (90) days from the date of receipt of bids or proposals. Prices must remain firm for the full term of the master price agreement.

**EXTENSION OF PRICES:** In the case of error in the extension of prices in the proposal, the unit prices will govern.

**PROPOSAL PREPARATION COSTS:** NASPO and the lead state are not liable for any costs incurred by the offeror in preparation of the bid or proposal.

**CERTIFICATION REGARDING CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** Contractor certifies that it has not offered or given any gift or compensation prohibited by the state laws of any Participating State to any officer or employee of NASPO or Participating States to secure favorable treatment with respect to being awarded this contract.

**INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR:** Contractor shall be an independent contractor, and as such shall have no authorization, express or implied to bind the Participating States to any agreements, settlements, liability or understanding whatsoever, and agrees not to perform any acts as agent for NASPO or the states, except as expressly set forth herein.

**POLITICAL SUBDIVISION PARTICIPATION:** Participation under this master price agreement by political subdivisions (i.e., statutorily eligible colleges, school districts, counties, cities, etc.) of the NASPO participating states shall be voluntarily determined by the political subdivision.

After the solicitation has closed, and an award has been made, additional non-NASPO purchasing entities in non-Participating States may be added with the consent of the chief procurement official in the non-Participating State, the contractor and the Lead State (on behalf of the NASPO Participating States) through the execution of an agreement as required by the lead state, and the execution of a Participating Addendum.

The contractor agrees to supply the political subdivisions based upon the same terms, conditions and prices.

**CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT:** The Contractor certifies that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction (contract) by any governmental department or agency. If the Contractor cannot certify this statement, attach a written explanation for review by NASPO.

**RECORDS ADMINISTRATION:** The Contractor will maintain, or supervise the maintenance of all records necessary to properly account for the payments made to the Contractor for costs authorized by this master price agreement. These records will be retained by the Contractor for at least four years after the master price agreement terminates; or until all audits initiated within the four years have been completed, whichever is later.

**AUDIT OF RECORDS:** The Contractor agrees to allow NASPO, State and Federal auditors, and state agency staff access to all the records related to this master price agreement, and the right

to copy those records, for audit, inspection and monitoring of services. Such access will be during normal business hours, or by appointment.

**PRICES AS CEILING:**

Master Price Agreement prices represent ceiling prices for the supplies and services priced in the master price agreement.

The vendor shall report to the Lead State any price reduction or discount, or other more favorable terms, offered to any Purchasing Entity.

In instances NOT related to the established standards, committed volumes or volume bulk purchases of a participating state or states, the awarded vendor agrees to negotiate in good faith to reestablish ceiling prices or other more favorable terms and conditions applicable to future orders.

**STATE PARTICIPATION/UNIQUE TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

Apart from the Lead State conducting the solicitation, the States indicated on Attachment A have signified their initial intent to participate in a Master Price Agreement resulting from this Solicitation. Attachment A of the Solicitation includes any significant modifications to these terms and conditions or State-specific provisions required by the laws, regulations, or procurement practices of the State(s). Final participation in the Master Price Agreement by the State(s) shall be signified through the execution of a Participating Addendum.

After the solicitation has closed and an award has been made, additional NASPO Procurement Cooperative member States may be added with the consent of the contractor and the Lead State (on behalf of the NASPO Participating States) through execution of a Participating Addendum.

Revision Date: November 27, 2006

## Standard Terms And Conditions (Request For Bids / Proposals)

- 1.0 SPECIFICATIONS:** The specifications in this request are the minimum acceptable. When specific manufacturer and model numbers are used, they are to establish a design, type of construction, quality, functional capability and/or performance level desired. When alternates are bid/proposed, they must be identified by manufacturer, stock number, and such other information necessary to establish equivalency. The State of Wisconsin shall be the sole judge of equivalency. Bidders/proposers are cautioned to avoid bidding alternates to the specifications which may result in rejection of their bid/proposal.
- 2.0 DEVIATIONS AND EXCEPTIONS:** Deviations and exceptions from original text, terms, conditions, or specifications shall be described fully, on the bidder's/proposer's letterhead, signed, and attached to the request. In the absence of such statement, the bid/proposal shall be accepted as in strict compliance with all terms, conditions, and specifications and the bidders/proposers shall be held liable.
- 3.0 QUALITY:** Unless otherwise indicated in the request, all material shall be first quality. Items which are used, demonstrators, obsolete, seconds, or which have been discontinued are unacceptable without prior written approval by the State of Wisconsin.
- 4.0 QUANTITIES:** The quantities shown on this request are based on estimated needs. The state reserves the right to increase or decrease quantities to meet actual needs.
- 5.0 DELIVERY:** Deliveries shall be F.O.B. destination freight prepaid and included unless otherwise specified.
- 6.0 PRICING AND DISCOUNT:** The State of Wisconsin qualifies for governmental discounts and its educational institutions also qualify for educational discounts. Unit prices shall reflect these discounts.
- 6.1** Unit prices shown on the bid/proposal or contract shall be the price per unit of sale (e.g., gal., cs., doz., ea.) as stated on the request or contract. For any given item, the quantity multiplied by the unit price shall establish the extended price, the unit price shall govern in the bid/proposal evaluation and contract administration.
- 6.2** Prices established in continuing agreements and term contracts may be lowered due to general market conditions, but prices shall not be subject to increase for ninety (90) calendar days from the date of award. Any increase proposed shall be submitted to the contracting agency thirty (30) calendar days before the proposed effective date of the price increase, and shall be limited to fully documented cost increases to the contractor which are demonstrated to be industrywide. The conditions under which price increases may be granted shall be expressed in bid/proposal documents and contracts or agreements.
- 6.3** In determination of award, discounts for early payment will only be considered when all other conditions are equal and when payment terms allow at least fifteen (15) days, providing the discount terms are deemed favorable. All payment terms must allow the option of net thirty (30).
- 7.0 UNFAIR SALES ACT:** Prices quoted to the State of Wisconsin are not governed by the Unfair Sales Act.
- 8.0 ACCEPTANCE-REJECTION:** The State of Wisconsin reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids/proposals, to waive any technicality in any bid/proposal submitted, and to accept any part of a bid/proposal as deemed to be in the best interests of the State of Wisconsin.
- Bids/proposals MUST be date and time stamped by the soliciting purchasing office on or before the date and time that the bid/proposal is due. Bids/proposals date and time stamped in another office will be rejected. Receipt of a bid/proposal by the mail system does not constitute receipt of a bid/proposal by the purchasing office.
- 9.0 METHOD OF AWARD:** Award shall be made to the lowest responsible, responsive bidder unless otherwise specified.
- 10.0 ORDERING:** Purchase orders or releases via purchasing cards shall be placed directly to the contractor by an authorized agency. No other purchase orders are authorized.
- 11.0 PAYMENT TERMS AND INVOICING:** The State of Wisconsin normally will pay properly submitted vendor invoices within thirty (30) days of receipt providing goods and/or services have been delivered, installed (if required), and accepted as specified.
- Invoices presented for payment must be submitted in accordance with instructions contained on the purchase order including reference to purchase order number and submittal to the correct address for processing.
- A good faith dispute creates an exception to prompt payment.
- 12.0 TAXES:** The State of Wisconsin and its agencies are exempt from payment of all federal tax and Wisconsin state and local taxes on its purchases except Wisconsin excise taxes as described below.
- The State of Wisconsin, including all its agencies, is required to pay the Wisconsin excise or occupation tax on its purchase of beer, liquor, wine, cigarettes, tobacco products, motor vehicle fuel and general aviation fuel. However, it is exempt from payment of Wisconsin sales or use tax on its purchases. The State of Wisconsin may be subject to other states' taxes on its purchases in that state depending on the laws of that state. Contractors performing construction activities are required to pay state use tax on the cost of materials.
- 13.0 GUARANTEED DELIVERY:** Failure of the contractor to adhere to delivery schedules as specified or to promptly replace rejected materials shall render the contractor liable for all costs in excess of the contract price when alternate procurement is necessary. Excess costs shall include the administrative costs.
- 14.0 ENTIRE AGREEMENT:** These Standard Terms and Conditions shall apply to any contract or order awarded as a result of this request except where special requirements

are stated elsewhere in the request; in such cases, the special requirements shall apply. Further, the written contract and/or order with referenced parts and attachments shall constitute the entire agreement and no other terms and conditions in any document, acceptance, or acknowledgment shall be effective or binding unless expressly agreed to in writing by the contracting authority.

- 15.0 APPLICABLE LAW AND COMPLIANCE:** This contract shall be governed under the laws of the State of Wisconsin. The contractor shall at all times comply with and observe all federal and state laws, local laws, ordinances, and regulations which are in effect during the period of this contract and which in any manner affect the work or its conduct. The State of Wisconsin reserves the right to cancel this contract if the contractor fails to follow the requirements of s. 77.66, Wis. Stats., and related statutes regarding certification for collection of sales and use tax. The State of Wisconsin also reserves the right to cancel this contract with any federally debarred contractor or a contractor that is presently identified on the list of parties excluded from federal procurement and non-procurement contracts.
- 16.0 ANTITRUST ASSIGNMENT:** The contractor and the State of Wisconsin recognize that in actual economic practice, overcharges resulting from antitrust violations are in fact usually borne by the State of Wisconsin (purchaser). Therefore, the contractor hereby assigns to the State of Wisconsin any and all claims for such overcharges as to goods, materials or services purchased in connection with this contract.
- 17.0 ASSIGNMENT:** No right or duty in whole or in part of the contractor under this contract may be assigned or delegated without the prior written consent of the State of Wisconsin.
- 18.0 WORK CENTER CRITERIA:** A work center must be certified under s. 16.752, Wis. Stats., and must ensure that when engaged in the production of materials, supplies or equipment or the performance of contractual services, not less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the total hours of direct labor are performed by severely handicapped individuals.
- 19.0 NONDISCRIMINATION / AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:** In connection with the performance of work under this contract, the contractor agrees not to discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of age, race, religion, color, handicap, sex, physical condition, developmental disability as defined in s. 51.01(5), Wis. Stats., sexual orientation as defined in s. 111.32(13m), Wis. Stats., or national origin. This provision shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. Except with respect to sexual orientation, the contractor further agrees to take affirmative action to ensure equal employment opportunities.
- 19.1** Contracts estimated to be over twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) require the submission of a written affirmative action plan by the contractor. An exemption occurs from this requirement if the contractor has a workforce of less than twenty-five (25) employees. Within fifteen (15) working days after the contract is awarded, the contractor must submit the plan to the contracting state agency for approval. Instructions

on preparing the plan and technical assistance regarding this clause are available from the contracting state agency.

- 19.2** The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available for employees and applicants for employment, a notice to be provided by the contracting state agency that sets forth the provisions of the State of Wisconsin's nondiscrimination law.
- 19.3** Failure to comply with the conditions of this clause may result in the contractor's becoming declared an "ineligible" contractor, termination of the contract, or withholding of payment.
- 20.0 PATENT INFRINGEMENT:** The contractor selling to the State of Wisconsin the articles described herein guarantees the articles were manufactured or produced in accordance with applicable federal labor laws. Further, that the sale or use of the articles described herein will not infringe any United States patent. The contractor covenants that it will at its own expense defend every suit which shall be brought against the State of Wisconsin (provided that such contractor is promptly notified of such suit, and all papers therein are delivered to it) for any alleged infringement of any patent by reason of the sale or use of such articles, and agrees that it will pay all costs, damages, and profits recoverable in any such suit.
- 21.0 SAFETY REQUIREMENTS:** All materials, equipment, and supplies provided to the State of Wisconsin must comply fully with all safety requirements as set forth by the Wisconsin Administrative Code and all applicable OSHA Standards.
- 22.0 WARRANTY:** Unless otherwise specifically stated by the bidder/proposer, equipment purchased as a result of this request shall be warranted against defects by the bidder/proposer for one (1) year from date of receipt. The equipment manufacturer's standard warranty shall apply as a minimum and must be honored by the contractor.
- 23.0 INSURANCE RESPONSIBILITY:** The contractor performing services for the State of Wisconsin shall:
- 23.1** Maintain worker's compensation insurance as required by Wisconsin Statutes, for all employees engaged in the work.
- 23.2** Maintain commercial liability, bodily injury and property damage insurance against any claim(s) which might occur in carrying out this agreement/contract. Minimum coverage shall be one million dollars (\$1,000,000) liability for bodily injury and property damage including products liability and completed operations. Provide motor vehicle insurance for all owned, non-owned and hired vehicles that are used in carrying out this contract. Minimum coverage shall be one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence combined single limit for automobile liability and property damage.
- 23.3** The state reserves the right to require higher or lower limits where warranted.
- 24.0 CANCELLATION:** The State of Wisconsin reserves the right to cancel any contract in whole or in part without penalty due to nonappropriation of funds or for failure of the contractor to comply with terms, conditions, and specifications of this contract.

- 25.0 VENDOR TAX DELINQUENCY:** Vendors who have a delinquent Wisconsin tax liability may have their payments offset by the State of Wisconsin.
- 26.0 PUBLIC RECORDS ACCESS:** It is the intention of the state to maintain an open and public process in the solicitation, submission, review, and approval of procurement activities.
- Bid/proposal openings are public unless otherwise specified. Records may not be available for public inspection prior to issuance of the notice of intent to award or the award of the contract.
- 27.0 PROPRIETARY INFORMATION:** Any restrictions on the use of data contained within a request, must be clearly stated in the bid/proposal itself. Proprietary information submitted in response to a request will be handled in accordance with applicable State of Wisconsin procurement regulations and the Wisconsin public records law. Proprietary restrictions normally are not accepted. However, when accepted, it is the vendor's responsibility to defend the determination in the event of an appeal or litigation.
- 27.1** Data contained in a bid/proposal, all documentation provided therein, and innovations developed as a result of the contracted commodities or services cannot be copyrighted or patented. All data, documentation, and innovations become the property of the State of Wisconsin.
- 27.2** Any material submitted by the vendor in response to this request that the vendor considers confidential and proprietary information and which qualifies as a trade secret, as provided in s. 19.36(5), Wis. Stats., or material which can be kept confidential under the Wisconsin public records law, must be identified on a Designation of Confidential and Proprietary Information form (DOA-3027). Bidders/proposers may request the form if it is not part of the Request for Bid/Request for Proposal package. Bid/proposal prices cannot be held confidential.
- 28.0 DISCLOSURE:** If a state public official (s. 19.42, Wis. Stats.), a member of a state public official's immediate family, or any organization in which a state public official or a member of the official's immediate family owns or controls a ten percent (10%) interest, is a party to this agreement, and if this agreement involves payment of more than three thousand dollars (\$3,000) within a twelve (12) month period, this contract is voidable by the state unless appropriate disclosure is made according to s. 19.45(6), Wis. Stats., before signing the contract. Disclosure must be made to the State of Wisconsin Ethics Board, 44 East Mifflin Street, Suite 601, Madison, Wisconsin 53703 (Telephone 608-266-8123).
- State classified and former employees and certain University of Wisconsin faculty/staff are subject to separate disclosure requirements, s. 16.417, Wis. Stats.
- 29.0 RECYCLED MATERIALS:** The State of Wisconsin is required to purchase products incorporating recycled materials whenever technically and economically feasible. Bidders are encouraged to bid products with recycled content which meet specifications.
- 30.0 MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET:** If any item(s) on an order(s) resulting from this award(s) is a hazardous chemical, as defined under 29CFR 1910.1200, provide one (1) copy of a Material Safety Data Sheet for each item with the shipped container(s) and one (1) copy with the invoice(s).
- 31.0 PROMOTIONAL ADVERTISING / NEWS RELEASES:** Reference to or use of the State of Wisconsin, any of its departments, agencies or other subunits, or any state official or employee for commercial promotion is prohibited. News releases pertaining to this procurement shall not be made without prior approval of the State of Wisconsin. Release of broadcast e-mails pertaining to this procurement shall not be made without prior written authorization of the contracting agency.
- 32.0 HOLD HARMLESS:** The contractor will indemnify and save harmless the State of Wisconsin and all of its officers, agents and employees from all suits, actions, or claims of any character brought for or on account of any injuries or damages received by any persons or property resulting from the operations of the contractor, or of any of its contractors, in prosecuting work under this agreement.
- 33.0 FOREIGN CORPORATION:** A foreign corporation (any corporation other than a Wisconsin corporation) which becomes a party to this Agreement is required to conform to all the requirements of Chapter 180, Wis. Stats., relating to a foreign corporation and must possess a certificate of authority from the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions, unless the corporation is transacting business in interstate commerce or is otherwise exempt from the requirement of obtaining a certificate of authority. Any foreign corporation which desires to apply for a certificate of authority should contact the Department of Financial Institutions, Division of Corporation, P. O. Box 7846, Madison, WI 53707-7846; telephone (608) 261-7577.
- 34.0 WORK CENTER PROGRAM:** The successful bidder/proposer shall agree to implement processes that allow the State agencies, including the University of Wisconsin System, to satisfy the State's obligation to purchase goods and services produced by work centers certified under the State Use Law, s.16.752, Wis. Stat. This shall result in requiring the successful bidder/proposer to include products provided by work centers in its catalog for State agencies and campuses or to block the sale of comparable items to State agencies and campuses.
- 35.0 FORCE MAJEURE:** Neither party shall be in default by reason of any failure in performance of this Agreement in accordance with reasonable control and without fault or negligence on their part. Such causes may include, but are not restricted to, acts of nature or the public enemy, acts of the government in either its sovereign or contractual capacity, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, freight embargoes and unusually severe weather, but in every case the failure to perform such must be beyond the reasonable control and without the fault or negligence of the party.

## Question and Answers for Bid #RT12002 - WSCA Tires, Tubes and Services

### OVERALL BID QUESTIONS

There are no questions associated with this bid. If you would like to submit a question, please click on the "Create New Question" button below.

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