

Request for Quotation



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RFQ CR16100

Cigarettes and Tobacco Products
For Resale in Offender Canteens

For
Department of Corrections
Canteen Commodity Warehouse

Date of Issue: November 9, 2015
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Target Date and Time for Bid Submission:

Friday, November 13, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.

Bids may be delivered to the address stated above, faxed to (573) 522-1562 or scanned and emailed to bids@doc.mo.gov. The bidder should clearly identify the RFQ number on the lower right or left-handed corner of the container or in the subject line of the fax or email in which the bid is submitted to the Department. This number is essential for identification purposes.

We hereby agree to provide the services and/or items, at the price quoted, pursuant to the requirements of this document. The authorized signer of this document certifies that the contractor (named below) and each of its principals are not suspended or debarred by the federal government.

Company Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Federal EIN#: _____ State Vendor #: _____

Email Address: _____

Authorized Signer's Printed Name and Title

Authorized Signature: _____ Date

NOTICE OF AWARD:

This bid is accepted by the Missouri Department of Corrections as follows:

Contract No.

Cari Collins, Director, Division of Human Services

Date

The original cover page, including amendments, should be signed and returned with the bid.

1. INTRODUCTION AND GENERAL INFORMATION

This section of the RFQ includes a brief introduction and background information about the intended acquisitions and/or services for which the requirements herein are written. The contents of this section are intended for informational purposes and do not require a response.

1.1 Purpose:

1.1.1 This document constitutes a request for quotation from prospective bidders for the purchase of cigarettes and tobacco products for the Missouri Department of Corrections (hereinafter referred to as “Department”) for resale in the offender canteens at (21) correctional institutions.

1.1.2 Pursuant to paragraph 4.a. of the terms and conditions of this RFQ, written questions, request for changes, clarifications or otherwise, advise the Department if any language, specifications or requirements of this RFQ appear to be ambiguous, contradictory, and/or arbitrary are due no later than five (5) calendar days prior to the official bid target date.

a. Any questions, requests, advice by a bidder must be submitted in writing to the Buyer of Record and clearly marked RFQ CR16100, Cigarettes & Tobacco Products. It is preferred that communications be sent via e-mail to Diana.fredrick@doc.mo.gov.

1.1.3 Organization – This document, referred to as a Request for Quotation (RFQ), is divided in to the following parts:

Section 1. – Introduction and General Information

Section 2. – Performance Requirements

Section 3. – Contractual Requirements

Section 4. – Bid Submission, Evaluation, and Award Information

Exhibits A-D

Terms and Conditions

1.2 General Information:

1.2.1 Terms and Conditions – It is recommended that all bidders review the Terms and Conditions governing this solicitation in its entirety, giving particular emphasis to examining those sections related to:

- Open Competition
- Preparation of Bids
- Submission of Bids
- Preferences
- Evaluation and Award

1.2.2 Funds – Expenditures from general revenue funds are not included in this contract.

1.2.3 The Department is transitioning to the MissouriBUYS eProcurement system and recommends all potential vendors to visit <https://MissouriBUYS.mo.gov> to register as a vendor for all bidding opportunities.

END OF SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION AND GENERAL INFORMATION

2. PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

This section of the RFQ includes requirements and provisions relating specifically to the performance requirements of the Department. The contents of this section include mandatory requirements that will be required of the successful bidder and subsequent contractor. Response to this section by the bidder is requested in the Exhibit section of this RFQ. The bidder's response, whether responding to a mandatory requirement or a desired attribute will be binding upon the bidder in the event the bid is accepted by the Department.

2.1 General Requirements:

2.1.1 Upon receipt of an authorized order from the Department, the contractor shall provide cigarettes and tobacco products in accordance with the provisions and requirements stated herein and to the sole satisfaction of the Department.

2.2 Performance Requirements:

2.2.1 The required specifications are listed on **EXHIBIT A, Pricing Page**. The item(s) bid must meet or exceed all of the minimum required specifications.

2.2.2 All items offered must be of retail quality.

2.2.3 Item Labeling Requirements – The line item must bear an identifying barcode for individual resale.

a. Labeling, including trademarks, logos, graphics, etc., shall not depict violence, weapons, full or partial nudity, or illegal substances.

b. Labels shall not be pre-priced.

c. Any changes in UPC bar codes must be indicated on **EXHIBIT A, Pricing Page**.

2.2.4 Item Packaging Requirements – The contractor shall not change the specified packaging and size of any awarded item without prior written approval by the Department.

a. Boxes or containers, as applicable, should be selected to the extent necessary to provide protection from physical and environmental damage during shipping and handling. Cushioning materials shall be applied, as required, to protect and to restrict movement of the item(s).

b. All roll-your-own tobacco products must be in clear packaging.

2.2.5 Cigarettes - Soft pack cigarettes are preferred; however, for brands where soft packs are not available, hard packs are acceptable.

a. Cigarettes must meet the requirements of Section 320.353 RSMo, commonly referred to as the “Fire Safety Standard and Firefighters Protection Act” regarding testing, certification and labeling to meet specifications.

2.2.6 Brands shall be as stated on **EXHIBIT A, Pricing Page**.

2.2.7 Taxes - When quoting prices, prices shall include all federal excise, Missouri state cigarette, and other tobacco product taxes. The Department will not pay additional charges for federal or state

cigarette or other tobacco product taxes. Payment of all federal and state tax is the responsibility of the contractor.

- a. For institutions located in municipalities with a local cigarette tax, the Department will submit a separate purchase order to the contractor for the payment of the applicable local tax. The purchase order shall be issued as the Department ships cigarettes from the warehouse to the affected institutions. The contractor will invoice the Department for the amount of the local taxes indicated on the purchase order. Payment of local cigarette tax is the responsibility of the contractor.
- b. Currently only two institutions located in Jefferson City have a local cigarette tax.
- c. The Department does not pay state or federal sales tax.

2.3 Delivery Requirements:

2.3.1 The orders shall be placed by the Canteen Commodity Warehouse. Upon receipt of an authorized purchase order or canteen purchasing card transaction notice, delivery shall be scheduled with the Canteen Commodity Warehouse and must be made within fifteen (15) business days.

2.3.2 The contractor must coordinate its delivery schedule with the warehouse. Delivery shall include unloading shipments at the Department dock or other designated unloading site(s) as requested by the Department. All orders must be shipped FOB Destination, Freight Prepaid and Allowed.

- a. Delivery address: Attention: Denise Kennison
Missouri Department of Corrections
Canteen Commodity Warehouse
8416 No More Victims Road
Dock A
Jefferson City, MO 65101
Phone: 573-526-3080
- b. Delivery must not be made on official state holidays. A list of official state holidays may be found on the State of Missouri website at <http://content.ia.mo.gov/personnel/state-employees/hours-work-overtime-and-holidays>

2.4 Invoicing and Payment Terms

2.4.1 All payment terms shall be as stated in the terms and conditions of this contract. Payments will be processed based on final delivery, inspection, and acceptance of the items.

2.4.2 The contractor shall accurately invoice per the price indicated on **EXHIBIT A, Pricing Page**.

2.4.3 The Department may choose to use the state purchasing card (Visa) in place of a purchase order to make purchases under this RFQ. Unless exception to this condition is indicated on **EXHIBIT A, Pricing Page**, the contractor agrees to accept the state purchasing card as an acceptable form of payment and may not charge any additional fees related to the use of a purchasing card such as service fees, merchant fees, and/or handling charges.

- a. If the Department issues a purchase order, an itemized invoice shall be emailed to DOC.CanteenPayables@doc.mo.gov or mailed to:

Accounts Payable
Missouri Department of Corrections
Offender Financial Services
P.O. Box 1609
Jefferson City MO 65102

- 2.4.4 Each invoice submitted must be specific to one purchase order number, referenced on the invoice, and must be itemized in accordance with items listed on the purchase order. Failure to comply with this requirement may delay processing of invoices for payment. Emailed invoices should contain the purchase order number in the subject line.
- a. If the state purchasing card (Visa) is used for payment, an itemized invoice reflecting the charged amount must be faxed or emailed to the institution within one business day. The state purchasing card shall not be charged until the items are received and accepted.
- 2.4.5 The contractor's invoice should include any discount for prompt payment as indicated on **EXHIBIT A, Pricing Page**.
- 2.4.6 If the contractor maintains an e-commerce web application that enables Department staff to view and print invoices and invoice history, the contractor shall indicate on **EXHIBIT A, Pricing Page** the web site address where Department staff may access invoices. Upon award of contract, the contractor shall provide the Department with a customer number in order for Department staff to access invoices and invoice history.

END OF SECTION 2: PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

3. GENERAL CONTRACTUAL REQUIREMENTS

This section of the RFQ includes the general contractual requirements and provisions that shall govern the contract after RFQ award. The contents of this section include mandatory provisions that must be adhered to by the Department and the contractor unless changed by a contract amendment. Response to this section by the bidder is not necessary as all provisions are mandatory.

- 3.1.1 Contract - A binding contract shall consist of: (1) the RFQ and any amendments thereto, (2) the contractor's response (bid) to the RFQ, (3) clarification of the response (bid), if any, and (4) the Department's acceptance of the response (bid) by "notice of award". All exhibits included in the RFQ shall be incorporated into the contract by reference.
- a. A notice of award issued by the Department does not constitute an authorization for shipment of equipment or supplies or a directive to proceed with services. Before providing equipment, supplies and/or services for the Department, the contractor must receive a properly authorized purchase order or other form of authorization given to the contractor at the discretion of the Department.
- b. The contract expresses the complete agreement of the parties and performance shall be governed solely by the specifications and requirements contained therein.
- c. Any change to the contract, whether by modification and/or supplementation, must be accomplished by a formal contract amendment signed and approved by and between the duly authorized representative of the contractor and the Department prior to the effective date of such modification. The contractor expressly and explicitly understands and agrees that no other method and/or no other document, including correspondence, acts, and oral communications by or from any person, shall be used or construed as an amendment or modification to the contract.

- 3.1.2 Contract Price - The prices shall be as indicated on **EXHIBIT A, Pricing Page**. The Department shall not pay, nor be liable, for any other costs including, but not limited to, taxes, insurance, interest, penalties, termination payments, attorney fees, liquidated damages, etc.
- a. The Department shall not make additional payments or pay add-on charges for freight or shipping unless specifically stated and allowed by the RFQ.
- 3.1.3 Contractor Responsibilities - The contractor must be a licensed cigarette distributor and/or licensed other tobacco product distributor in the State of Missouri and must be able to meet the delivery requirements of the Department as stated herein.
- 3.1.4 Contractor Liability - The contractor shall be responsible for any and all personal injury (including death) or property damage as a result of the contractor's negligence involving any equipment or service provided under the terms and conditions, requirements and specifications of the contract. In addition, the contractor assumes the obligation to save the State of Missouri, including its agencies, employees, and assignees, from every expense, liability, or payment arising out of such negligent act.
- a. The contractor also agrees to hold the State of Missouri, including its agencies, employees, and assignees, harmless for any negligent act or omission committed by any subcontractor or other person employed by or under the supervision of the contractor under the terms of the contract.
- b. The contractor shall not be responsible for any injury or damage occurring as a result of any negligent act or omission committed by the State of Missouri, including its agencies, employees, and assignees.
- 3.1.5 Insurance - The contractor shall understand and agree that the State of Missouri cannot save and hold harmless and/or indemnify the contractor or employees against any liability incurred or arising as a result of any activity of the contractor or any activity of the contractor's employees related to the contractor's performance under the contract. Therefore, the contractor must acquire and maintain adequate liability insurance in the form(s) and amount(s) sufficient to protect the State of Missouri, its agencies, its employees, its clients, and the general public against any such loss, damage and/or expense related to its performance under the contract.
- 3.1.6 Subcontractors - Any subcontracts for the products and/or services described herein must include appropriate provisions and contractual obligations to ensure the successful fulfillment of all contractual obligations agreed to by the contractor and the Department and to ensure that the Department is indemnified, saved, and held harmless from and against any and all claims of damage, loss, and cost (including attorney fees) of any kind related to a subcontract in those matters described in the contract between the Department and the contractor.
- a. The contractor shall expressly understand and agree that it shall assume and be solely responsible for all legal and financial responsibilities related to the execution of a subcontract.
- b. The contractor shall agree and understand that utilization of a subcontractor to provide any of the products and/or services in the contract shall in no way relieve the contractor of the responsibility for providing the products and/or services as described and set forth herein.
- 3.1.7 Contractor Status - The contractor is an independent contractor and shall not represent the contractor or the contractor's employees to be employees of the State of Missouri or a

Department of the State of Missouri. The contractor shall assume all legal and financial responsibility for salaries, taxes, FICA, employee fringe benefits, workers compensation, employee insurance, minimum wage requirements, overtime, etc., and agrees to indemnify, save, and hold the State of Missouri, its officers, agents, and employees, harmless from and against, any and all loss; cost (including attorney fees); and damage of any kind related to such matters.

- 3.1.8 Substitution of Products - The contractor shall not substitute any item(s) that has been awarded to the contractor without the prior written approval of the Department.
- 3.1.10 Replacement of Defective/Damaged Product - The contractor shall be responsible for replacing any item received that is defective or in damaged condition at no cost to the Department. This includes all shipping costs for returning damaged or defective items to the contractor for replacement.
- 3.1.11 Point of Contact - The contractor shall function as the single point of contact for all contract activities regardless of any subcontract arrangement for any product or service. This shall include assuming responsibilities and liabilities for any and all problems relating to all materials, equipment and services provided.

END OF SECTION THREE: GENERAL CONTRACTUAL REQUIREMENTS

4. BID SUBMISSION, EVALUATION, AND AWARD INFORMATION

4.1 Contact:

- 4.1.1 Any and all communication from bidders regarding specifications, requirements, competitive bid process, etc. related to the bid document must be referred to the Buyer of Record identified on the first page of this document. Such communication should be received at least ten calendar days prior to the official bid opening date.

4.2 Open Records:

- 4.2.1 Pursuant to section 610.021, RSMo, the bid shall be considered an open record after the target date and time indicated one page one (1) of the RFQ. Therefore, the bidder is advised not to include any information that the bidder does not want to be viewed by the public, including personal identifying information such as social security numbers.

4.3 Compliance with Terms and Conditions:

- 4.3.1 The bidder is cautioned when submitting pre-printed terms and conditions or other type material to make sure such documents do not contain other terms and conditions which conflict with those of the RFQ and its contractual requirements. The bidder agrees that in the event of conflict between any of the bidder's terms and conditions and those contained in the RFQ the RFQ shall govern. Taking exception to the State's terms and conditions may render a bidder's bid non-responsive and remove it from consideration for award.

4.4 Bid Detail Requirements and Deviations:

- 4.4.1 It is the bidder's responsibility to submit a bid that meets all mandatory specifications stated herein. The bidder should clearly identify any and all deviations from both the mandatory and desirable specifications stated in the RFQ. Any deviation from a mandatory requirement may render the bid non-responsive. Any deviation from a desirable specification may be reviewed by the state as to its acceptability and impact on competition.

4.5 Evaluation and Award Process:

- 4.5.1 After determining a bid satisfies the mandatory requirements stated in the RFQ, a cost analysis shall be conducted.
- a. Bids must be inclusive of the total cost to the Department.

4.6 EXHIBIT A, Pricing Page:

- 4.6.1 Prices shall be considered firm for the duration of the contract period indicated on the Notice of Award of a contract.
- 4.6.2 The bidder must submit a firm fixed price on **EXHIBIT A, Pricing Page** for each item bid.
- a. Grouped Items - Line items 001 through 007 are grouped into two (2) groups and one award will be made for all items within a group.
- b. A bid price must be stated for each item in a group.
- c. If a bidder is not able to supply or bid on all items in a group, the entire group will not be considered for award.
- 4.6.3 Quantity – Upon award, the quantity ordered shall be as stated on **EXHIBIT A, Pricing Page**.
- 4.6.4 The bidder should complete the “Terms” and the “Bidder’s Acceptance of the State Purchasing Card” sections on **EXHIBIT A, Pricing Page**.

4.7 Evaluation of Cost:

- 4.7.1 The cost evaluation shall be calculated as indicated below. Each group will be evaluated separately.
- a. For group number 1, the contract cost for each line item will be calculated by multiplying the firm fixed carton price for the line item stated on **EXHIBIT A, Pricing Page** by the quantity for that line item and adding the totals together.
- b. For group number 2, the contract cost for each line item will be calculated by multiplying the firm fixed case price for the line item stated on **EXHIBIT A, Pricing Page** by the quantity for that line item and adding the totals together.
- c. For line items 008-010, the contract cost will be calculated by multiplying the firm fixed box/package price for each line item stated on **EXHIBIT A, Pricing Page** by the quantity for that line item.
- 4.7.2 Cost evaluation points shall be determined from the result of the calculation stated above using the following formula:

$$\frac{\text{Lowest Responsive Bidder's Price}}{\text{Compared Bidder's Price}} \times \text{Maximum Cost Evaluation Points (100)} = \text{Assigned Cost Points}$$

- a. NOTE: The prompt payment discount terms on contracts will not be used in any cost calculation.

4.8 Determination for Award:

- 4.8.1 The Department reserves the right to award to the bidder(s) whose bid complies with all mandatory specifications and requirements and is the lowest and best bidder for the items.
- 4.8.2 Other factors that affect the determination of the lowest priced responsive bidder include consideration of the Buy American Act and the Missouri Service-Disabled Veteran Business Preference explained in the paragraphs that follow.
- 4.8.3 Determination of Lowest Priced Bidder including Consideration of Preferences - After completing the cost evaluation and determining preference bonus points, the bidder with the most cost points is considered the lowest bidder. Cost points shall be computed for the total evaluated bid price as follows:

$$\text{Total Assigned Cost Points} + \text{earned preference points} = \text{Total Points}$$

- 4.8.4 The Department reserves the right to reject any bid which is determined unacceptable for reasons which may include but are not necessarily limited to: 1) failure of the bidder to meet mandatory general performance specifications; and/or 2) failure of the bidder to meet mandatory technical specifications; and/or, 3) receipt of any information, from any source, regarding delivery of unsatisfactory product or service by the bidder within the past three years. As deemed in its best interests, the State of Missouri reserves the right to clarify any and all portions of any bidder's offer.

4.9 Buy American Act Preference:

- 4.9.1 **American Made:** In accordance with the Domestic Product Act (hereinafter referred to as the Buy American Act), sections 34-350 through 34.359 RSMo, the bidder is advised that any goods purchased or leased by any public agency shall be manufactured or produced in the United States.
- a. Bidders who can certify that goods or commodities to be provided in accordance with the contract are manufactured or produced in the United States or imported in accordance with a qualifying treaty, law, agreement, or regulation shall be entitled to a ten percent (10%) preference over bidders whose products do not qualify.
 - b. The requirements of the Buy American Act shall not apply if other exceptions to the Buy American Act mandate in section 34.353 RSMo are met.
 - c. If the bidder claims there is only one line item of the good manufactured or produced in the United States, section 34.353 (2) RSMo, or that one of the exceptions of section 34-353 (3) RSMo applies, the Executive Head of the Agency bears the burden of certification as required prior to the award of the contract.
 - d. In accordance with the Buy American Act, the bidder must provide proof of compliance with section 34.353 RSMo. Therefore, the bidder should complete and return **EXHIBIT B**, certification regarding proof of compliance, with the bid. This document must be satisfactorily completed prior to an award of a contract.
 - e. If the lowest priced bidder's products qualify as American-made, or in the event all of the bidders or none of the bidders qualify for the Buy American preference, no further calculation is necessary.

- f. If any products and/or services offered under this RFQ are being manufactured or performed at sites outside the United States, the bidder MUST disclose such fact and provide details with the bid.

4.10 Missouri Service-Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Preference:

4.10.1 Pursuant to section 34.074 RSMo, and 1 CSR 40-1.050, a three (3) bonus point preference shall be granted to bidders who qualify as Missouri service-disabled veteran business enterprise and who complete and submit **EXHIBIT C, Missouri Service-Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Preference** with the bid. If the bid does not include the completed **EXHIBIT C** and the documentation specified on **EXHIBIT C** in accordance with the instructions provided therein, no preference points will be applied.

- a. If the lowest priced bid qualifies for the preference, or in the event no bidders qualify for the preference, no further calculation is necessary.

4.11 Other Bid Submission Requirements:

4.11.1 Business Compliance - The bidder must be in compliance with the laws regarding conducting business in the State of Missouri. The bidder certifies by signing the signature page of this original document and any amendment signature page(s) that the bidder and any proposed subcontractors either are presently in compliance with such laws or shall be in compliance with such laws prior to any resulting contract award. The bidder shall provide documentation of compliance upon request by the Department. The compliance to conduct business in the state shall include but may not be limited to:

- a. Registration of business name (if applicable)
- b. Certificate of authority to transact business/certificate of good standing (if applicable)
- c. Taxes (e.g., city/county/state/federal)
- d. State and local certifications (e.g., professions/occupations/activities)
- e. Licenses and permits (e.g., city/county license, sales permits)
- f. Insurance (e.g., worker's compensation/unemployment compensation)

4.11.2 Miscellaneous Information – The bidder should complete and submit **EXHIBIT C, Miscellaneous Information**.

END OF SECTION FOUR: BID SUBMISSION, EVALUATION, AND AWARD INFORMATION

EXHIBIT A
Pricing Page

The bidder must state only one firm fixed price, delivered FOB Destination Prepaid and Allowed to the Canteen Commodity Warehouse for the items bidding.

Line Item	Quantity	Description	Unit of Measure	Firm Fixed Price Each
Group 1 – Cigarettes – Bid all or None				
001	600	Kool Cigarettes	Carton	\$ _____
		10 Packs per carton	UPC _____	(If changed)
002	130	Newport Cigarettes	Carton	\$ _____
		10 Packs per carton	UPC _____	(If changed)
003	750	Marlboro (Red) Cigarettes	Carton	\$ _____
		10 Packs per carton	UPC _____	(If changed)
Group 2 – Tobacco – Bid all or None				
004	480	Bugler Bag – 6 oz.	Case	\$ _____
		12 per case	UPC _____	(If changed)
005	1,225	Bugler Pouch – 0.65oz.	Case	\$ _____
		144 per case	UPC _____	(If changed)
006	160	Kite Bag – 6 oz.	Case	\$ _____
		12 per case	UPC _____	(If changed)
007	1,470	Kite Pouch – 0.65oz.	Case	\$ _____
		144 per case	UPC _____	(If changed)
008	2,200	Top Rolling Papers	Box	\$ _____
		24 booklets per box	UPC _____	(If changed)
009	350	Top Cigarette Filters	Box	\$ _____
		30 bags per box 100 filters per bag	UPC _____	(If changed)

(EXHIBIT A, Pricing Page continued on next page.)

EXHIBIT A, Pricing Page (continued)

Line Item	Quantity	Description	Unit of Measure	Firm Fixed Price Each
010	294	Bic® Lighters 50 lighters per package	Package \$ _____ UPC _____	(If changed)

Web Site:

The bidder should state the web site address if online invoicing is available: _____

Terms:

The bidder should state below its discount terms offered for the prompt payment of invoices.

_____ % if paid within _____ days of receipt of invoice.

Bidder's Acceptance of the State Purchasing Card (Visa):

The bidder should indicate agreement/disagreement to allow the Department to make purchases using the State of Missouri Purchasing card (VISA). If the bidder agrees, the bidder shall be responsible for all service fees, merchant fees and/or handling fees. Furthermore, the bidder shall agree to provide the items/services at the prices stated herein:

Agreement _____ Disagreement _____

By signing, the bidder hereby declares understanding, agreement and certification of compliance to provide the item at the price quoted, in accordance with all requirements and specifications contained herein and the Terms and Conditions. The bidder further agrees that the language of this RFQ shall govern in the event of a conflict with its bid.

Company Name: _____

Printed Name: _____ Email Address: _____

Authorized Signature: _____ Date: _____

EXHIBIT B
DOMESTIC PRODUCTS PROCUREMENT ACT (BUY AMERICAN) PREFERENCE

In accordance with sections 34.350-34.359 RSMo, the bidder is instructed to provide information regarding the point of manufacture for each of the products being bid so that the product’s eligibility for the Domestic Products Procurement Act (Buy American) Preference can be determined. This information is requested for the finished product only, not for components of the finished product. The bidder may be required to provide supporting documentation indicating proof of compliance.

Qualifying for the Domestic Products Preference:

A product qualifies for the preference if one of the following circumstances exists:

- if manufactured or produced in the U.S.; or
- if the product is imported into the U.S. but is covered by an existing international trade treaty that affords the specific product the same status as a product manufactured or produced in the U.S.; or
- if only one line of products is manufactured or produced in the U.S.

Non-Domestic Product:

If the product is not manufactured or produced in the U.S. and does not otherwise qualify as domestic, then it will be considered non-domestic and not eligible for the preference.

THE BIDDER MUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING APPLICABLE TABLES TO CERTIFY WHETHER:

(Table 1) ALL products bid are manufactured or produced in the U.S. and qualify for the Domestic Products Procurement Act Preference; **OR**

(Table 2) ALL products bid are manufactured or produced outside the U.S. and do not otherwise qualify for the Domestic Products Procurement Act Preference; **OR**

(Tables 3-6) Not all products bid fall into the prior two categories so an item-by-item certification is necessary.

The bidder is responsible for certifying the information provided on the exhibit is accurate by signing where indicated at the end of the exhibit.

TABLE 1 – ALL PRODUCTS MANUFACTURED OR PRODUCED IN U.S. (Eligible for preference)

Check the box to the right if ALL products bid are MANUFACTURED OR PRODUCED IN THE U.S.	<input type="checkbox"/>
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TABLE 2 – ALL PRODUCTS MANUFACTURED OR PRODUCED OUTSIDE U.S. AND DO NOT QUALIFY FOR PREFERENCE (ineligible for preference)

Check the box to the right if ALL products bid are MANUFACTURED OR PRODUCED OUTSIDE THE U.S. and DO NOT OTHERWISE QUALIFY for the Domestic Products Procurement Act Preference:	<input type="checkbox"/>
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TABLES 3 THROUGH 6 – ITEM BY ITEM CERTIFICATION (NOT ALL PRODUCTS BID FALL INTO THE PRIOR TWO TABLES)

- For those line items for which a U.S.-manufactured or produced product is bid, complete **Table 3**.
- For those line items which are manufactured or produced outside the U.S. that do not qualify for the Domestic Products Procurement Act Preference, complete **Table 4**.
- For those line items which are **not** manufactured or produced in the U.S., but for which there **is** a U.S. trade treaty, law, agreement, or regulation in compliance with section 34.359 RSMo, complete **Table 5**.
- For those line items which are **not** manufactured or produced in the U.S., but for which there **is only one** U.S. Manufacturer of that product or line of products, complete **Table 6**.

TABLE 3 – U.S.-MANUFACTURED OR PRODUCED PRODUCTS (Eligible for Preference)

- List item numbers of products bid that are U.S.-manufactured or produced and therefore qualify for the Domestic Products Procurement Act Preference.
- List U.S. city and state where products bid are manufactured or produced.

Item #	U.S. City/State Where Manufactured/Produced	Item #	U.S. City/State Where Manufactured/Produced

(EXHIBIT B continues on next page)

EXHIBIT B (continued)
DOMESTIC PRODUCTS PROCUREMENT ACT (BUY AMERICAN) PREFERENCE

TABLE 4 -- FOREIGN-MANUFACTURED OR PRODUCED PRODUCTS (Not Eligible for Preference)			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> List item numbers of products bid that are foreign manufactured or produced and do not otherwise qualify for the Domestic Products Procurement Act Preference. List country where product bid is manufactured or produced. 			
Item #	Country Where Manufactured/Produced	Item #	Country Where Manufactured/Produced

TABLE 5 -- FOREIGN-MANUFACTURED OR PRODUCED PRODUCTS BUT U.S. TRADE TREATY, LAW, AGREEMENT, OR REGULATION APPLIES (Eligible for Preference)			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> List item numbers of products bid that are foreign manufactured or produced but qualify for the Domestic Products Procurement Act Preference because a U.S. Trade Treaty, Law, Agreement, or Regulation applies. Identify country where proposed foreign-made product is manufactured or produced. Identify name of applicable U.S. Trade Treaty, Law, Agreement, or Regulation that allows product to be brought into the U.S. duty/tariff-free. Identify website URL for the U.S. Trade Treaty, Law, Agreement, or Regulation. NOTE: As an imported product, if an import tariff is applied to the item, it does not qualify for the preference. In addition, "Most Favored Nation" status does not allow application of the preference unless the product enters the U.S. duty/tariff-free. 			
Item #	Country Where Proposed Foreign-Made Product is Manufactured/Produced	Name of Applicable U.S. Trade Treaty, Law, Agreement, or Regulation	Official Website URL for the U.S. Treaty, Law, Agreement, or Regulation

TABLE 6 -- FOREIGN-MANUFACTURED OR PRODUCED PRODUCTS BUT ONLY ONE US MANUFACTURER PRODUCES PRODUCT OR LINE OF PARTICULAR GOOD (Eligible for Preference)			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> List item numbers of products bid that are foreign manufactured or produced but qualify for the Domestic Products Procurement Act Preference because only one US Manufacturer produces the product or line of a particular good. Identify country where proposed foreign-made product is manufactured or produced. Identify sole US manufacturer name. Identify name of sole US manufactured product/line of particular good. 			
Item #	Country Where Proposed Foreign-Made Product is Manufactured/Produced	Sole US Manufacturer Name	Name of Sole US Manufactured Product or Line of Particular Good

The bidder is responsible for certifying the information provided on this exhibit is accurate by signing below:

I hereby certify that the information provided herein is true and correct, and complies with all provisions of sections 34.350 to 34.359, RSMo. I understand that any misrepresentation herein constitutes the commission of a class A misdemeanor.
SIGNATURE
COMPANY NAME

EXHIBIT C
MISSOURI SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PREFERENCE

Pursuant to section 34.074, RSMo, and 1 CSR 40-1.050, the Missouri Department of Corrections has a goal of awarding three (3) percent of all contracts for the performance of any job or service to qualified service-disabled veteran business enterprises (SDVEs).

STANDARDS:

The following standards shall be used by the Missouri Department of Corrections in determining whether an individual, business, or organization qualifies as an SDVE:

- Doing business as a Missouri firm, corporation, or individual or maintaining a Missouri office or place of business, not including an office of a registered agent;
- Having not less than fifty-one percent (51%) of the business owned by one (1) or more service-disabled veterans (SDVs) or, in the case of any publicly-owned business, not less than fifty-one percent (51%) of the stock of which is owned by one (1) or more SDVs. (An SDV is defined as any individual who is disabled as certified by the appropriate federal agency responsible for the administration of veterans' affairs.);
- Having the management and daily business operations controlled by one (1) or more SDVs;
- Having a copy of the SDV's award letter from the Department of Veterans Affairs or a copy of the SDV's discharge paper (DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) and a copy of the SDV's documentation certifying disability by the appropriate federal agency responsible for the administration of veterans' affairs; and
- Possessing the power to make day-to-day as well as major decisions on matters of management, policy, and operation.

If a bidder meets the standards of a qualified SDVE as stated above, and unless previously submitted within the past five (5) years to the Missouri Department of Corrections or to the Office of Administration, Division of Purchasing and Materials Management (DPMM), the bidder **must** provide the following SDV documents to receive the Missouri SDVE three (3) bonus point preference.

- A copy of the SDV's award letter from the Department of Veterans Affairs or a copy of the SDV's discharge paper (DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty),
- A copy of the SDV's documentation certifying disability by the appropriate federal agency responsible for the administration of veterans' affairs, and
- A completed copy of this exhibit.

(NOTE: The SDV's award letter, the SDV's discharge paper, and the SDV's documentation certifying disability shall be considered confidential pursuant to subsection 14 of section 610.021, RSMo.)

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EXHIBIT C (continued)
MISSOURI SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PREFERENCE

By signing below, I certify that I meet the definitions of a service-disabled veteran and a service-disabled veteran business enterprise as defined in section 34.074, RSMo. I further certify that I meet the standards of a qualifying SDVE as listed herein pursuant to 1 CSR 40-1.050.

Service-Disabled Veteran's Name (Please Print)	Service-Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Name
Service-Disabled Veteran's Signature	Missouri Address of Service-Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise
Phone Number	Website Address
Date	E-Mail Address

The SDVE bidder should check the appropriate statement below and, if applicable, provide the requested information.

- No, I have not previously submitted the SDV documents specified herein to the state agency or to the Office of Administration, Division of Purchasing and Materials Management (DPMM) and therefore have enclosed the SDV documents.
- Yes, I previously submitted the SDV documents specified herein within the past five (5) years to the state agency.
- Yes, I previously submitted the SDV documents specified above within the past five (5) years to the Office of Administration, Division of Purchasing and Materials Management (DPMM).

Date SDV Documents were submitted: _____

Previous Bid/**Contract Number** for Which the SDV Documents were submitted: _____
(If known)

(NOTE: If the SDVE and SDV are listed on the DPMM SDVE database located at <http://oa.mo.gov/sites/default/files/sdvelisting.pdf> , then the SDV documents have been submitted to the DPMM within the past five [5] years. However, if it has been determined that an SDVE at any time no longer meets the requirements stated above, the DPMM will remove the SDVE and associated SDV from the database.)

FOR STATE USE ONLY

SDV's Documents - Verification Completed By:

Procurement Officer	Date
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EXHIBIT D
Miscellaneous Information

D.1 Employee Bidding/Conflict of Interest

If the bidder and/or any of the owners of the bidder’s organization are currently an employee of the State of Missouri, a member of the General Assembly or a statewide elected official, please provide the following information.

Name of State Employee, General Assembly Member, or Statewide Elected Official:		
	In what office/agency are they employed?	
	Employment Title:	
Percentage of ownership interest in bidder’s organization:		_____ %

D.2 Responder is licensed with the Missouri Department of Revenue as a:

- _____ Cigarette Distributor
- _____ Other Tobacco Products Distributor
- Check one or both as applicable

D.3 Responder's Missouri Department of Revenue license number: _____

Responder's delivery time: _____ days after receipt of order

D.4 Missouri Secretary of State/Authorization to Transact Business

In accordance with section 351.572.1, RSMo, the Department is precluded from contracting with a vendor or its affiliate who is not authorized to transact business in the State of Missouri. Bidders must either be registered with the Missouri Secretary of State, or exempt per a specific exemption stated in section 351.572.1, RSMo. (http://www.moga.mo.gov/mostatutes/stathtml/35100005721.html)	
If the bidder is registered with the Missouri Secretary of State, the bidder shall state legal name or charter number assigned to business entity	Legal Name: _____ Missouri State Charter # _____
If the bidder is not required to be registered with the Missouri Secretary of State, the bidder shall state the specific exemption stated per section 351.572.1, RSMo.	State specific exemption _____ (List section and paragraph number) Stated in section 351.572.1 RSMo, _____ (State Legal Business Name)

**STATE OF MISSOURI
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**

TERMS AND CONDITIONS -- REQUEST FOR QUOTATION

- 1. TERMINOLOGY/DEFINITIONS:** Whenever the following words and expressions appear in a Request for Quotation (RFQ) document or any amendment thereto, the definition or meaning described below shall apply.
- a. **1 CSR 40-1 (Code of State Regulations)** refers to the rule that provides the public with a description of the Division of Purchasing and Materials Management within the Office of Administration. This rule fulfills the statutory requirement of section 536.023(3), RSMo.
 - b. **Agency and/or Department** means the Missouri Department of Corrections.
 - c. **Amendment** means a written, official modification to a RFQ or to a contract.
 - d. **Attachment** applies to all forms which are included with a RFQ to incorporate any informational data or requirements related to the performance requirements and/or specifications.
 - e. **Bid Target Date and Time** and similar expressions mean the deadline required by the RFQ for the receipt of bids.
 - f. **Bidder** means the person or organization that responds to a RFQ by submitting a bid with prices to provide the equipment, supplies, and/or services as required in the RFQ document.
 - g. **Buyer or Buyer of Record** means the procurement staff member of the Department. The **Contact Person** as referenced herein is usually the Buyer of Record.
 - h. **Contract** means a legal and binding agreement between two or more competent parties for consideration for the procurement of equipment, supplies, and/or services.
 - i. **Contractor** means a person or organization who is a successful bidder as a result of a RFQ and who enters into a contract.
 - j. **Exhibit** applies to forms which are included with a RFQ for the bidder to complete and submit with the bid prior to the specified target date and time.
 - k. **May** means that a certain feature, component, or action is permissible, but not required.
 - l. **Must** means that a certain feature, component, or action is a mandatory condition. Failure to provide or comply will result in a bid being considered non-responsive.
 - m. **Pricing Page(s)** applies to the Exhibit on which the bidder must state the price(s) applicable for the equipment, supplies, and/or services required in the RFQ. The pricing pages must be completed and submitted by the bidder with the bid prior to the specified bid target date and time.
 - n. **Request for Quotation (RFQ)** means the solicitation document issued by the Department to potential bidders for the purchase of equipment, supplies, and/or services as described in the document. The definition includes these Terms and Conditions as well as all Exhibits, Attachments, and Amendments.
 - o. **RSMo (Revised Statutes of Missouri)** refers to the body of laws enacted by the Legislature which govern the operations of all agencies of the State of Missouri. Chapter 34 of the statutes is the primary chapter governing the procurement operations of the Department.
 - p. **Shall** has the same meaning as the word **must**.
 - q. **Should** means that a certain feature, component and/or action is desirable but not mandatory.

2. APPLICABLE LAWS AND REGULATIONS

- a. The contract shall be construed according to the laws of the State of Missouri. The contractor shall comply with all local, state, and federal laws and regulations related to the performance of the contract to the extent that the same may be applicable.
- b. To the extent that a provision of the contract is contrary to the Constitution or laws of the State of Missouri or of the United States, the provisions shall be void and unenforceable. However, the balance of the contract shall remain in force between the parties unless terminated by consent of both the contractor and the Department.
- c. The contractor must be registered and maintain good standing with the Secretary of State of the State of Missouri and other regulatory agencies, as may be required by law or regulations.
- d. The contractor must timely file and pay all Missouri sales, withholding, corporate and any other required Missouri tax returns and taxes, including interest and additions to tax.
- e. The exclusive venue for any legal proceeding relating to or arising out of the RFQ or resulting contract shall be in the Circuit Court of Cole County, Missouri.
- f. The contractor shall only utilize personnel authorized to work in the United States in accordance with applicable federal and state laws and Executive Order 07-13 for work performed in the United States.

3. CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION

- a. All contractual administration will be carried out by the Buyer of Record or authorized Department Purchasing Section designee. Communications pertaining to contract administration matters will be addressed to: Department of Corrections, Purchasing Section, PO Box 236, Jefferson City, MO 65102.
- b. The Buyer of Record/authorized designee is the only person authorized to approve changes to any of the requirements of the contract.

4. OPEN COMPETITION/REQUEST FOR QUOTATION DOCUMENT

- a. It shall be the bidder's responsibility to ask questions, request changes or clarification, or otherwise advise the Department if any language, specifications, requirements or evaluation process of a RFQ appear to be ambiguous, contradictory, and/or arbitrary, or appear to inadvertently restrict or limit the requirements stated in the RFQ to a single source. Any and all communication from bidders regarding specifications, requirements, competitive bid process, etc., must be directed to the Buyer of Record of the Department, unless the RFQ specifically refers the bidder to another contact. Such communication should be received at least five calendar days prior to the official bid target date.
- b. Every attempt shall be made to ensure that the bidder receives an adequate and prompt response. However, in order to maintain a fair and equitable bid process, all bidders will be advised, via the issuance of an amendment to the RFQ, of any relevant or pertinent information related to the procurement. Therefore, bidders are advised that unless specified elsewhere in the RFQ, any questions received less than five (5) calendar days prior to the RFQ target date may not be answered.
- c. Bidders are cautioned that the only official position of the State of Missouri is that which is issued by the Department in the RFQ or an amendment thereto. No other means of communication, whether oral or written, shall be construed as a formal or official response or statement.
- d. The Department monitors all procurement activities to detect any possibility of deliberate restraint of competition, collusion among bidders, price-fixing by bidders, or any other anticompetitive conduct by bidders which appears to violate state and federal antitrust laws. Any suspected violation shall be referred to the Missouri Attorney General's Office for appropriate action.
- e. Some RFQ's are available for viewing and downloading on the Department's website.
- f. The Department reserves the right to officially amend or cancel a RFQ after issuance.

5. PREPARATION OF BIDS

- a. Bidders **must** examine the entire RFQ carefully. Failure to do so shall be at bidder's risk.
- b. Unless otherwise specifically stated in the RFQ, all specifications and requirements constitute minimum requirements. All bids must meet or exceed the stated specifications and requirements.
- c. Unless otherwise specifically stated in the RFQ, any manufacturer names, trade names, brand names, information and/or catalog numbers listed in a specification and/or requirement are for informational purposes only and are not intended to limit competition. The bidder may offer any brand which meets or exceeds the specification for any item, but must state the manufacturer's name and model number for any such brands in the bid. In addition, the bidder shall explain, in detail, (1) the reasons why the proposed equivalent meets or exceeds the specifications and/or requirements and (2) why the proposed equivalent should not be considered an exception thereto. Bids which do not comply with the requirements and specifications are subject to rejection without clarification.
- d. Bids lacking any indication of intent to bid an alternate brand or to take an exception shall be received and considered in complete compliance with the specifications and requirements as listed in the RFQ.
- e. In the event that the bidder is an agency of state government or other such political subdivision which is prohibited by law or court decision from complying with certain provisions of a RFQ, such a bidder may submit a bid which contains a list of statutory limitations and identification of those prohibitive clauses. The bidder should include a complete list of statutory references and citations for each provision of the RFQ which is affected by this paragraph. The statutory limitations and prohibitive clauses may be requested to be clarified in writing by the Department or be accepted without further clarification if statutory limitations and prohibitive clauses are deemed acceptable by the Department. If the Department determines clarification of the statutory limitations and prohibitive clauses is necessary, the clarification will be conducted in order to agree to language that reflects the intent and compliance of such law and/or court order and the RFQ.
- f. All equipment and supplies offered in a bid must be new, of current production, and available for marketing by the manufacturer unless the RFQ clearly specifies that used, reconditioned, or remanufactured equipment and supplies may be offered.

- g. Prices shall include all packing, handling and shipping charges and shall be delivered to the Department's designated destination FOB destination, freight prepaid and allowed unless otherwise specified in the RFQ.
- h. Bids, including all pricing therein, shall remain valid for 90 days from bid target date unless otherwise indicated. If the bid is accepted, the entire bid, including all prices, shall be firm for the specified contract period.
- i. Any foreign bidder not having an Employer Identification Number assigned by the United States Internal Revenue Service (IRS) must submit a completed IRS Form W-8 prior to or with the submission of their bid in order to be considered for award.

6. SUBMISSION OF BIDS

- a. Bids may be submitted by a delivered hard copy, by fax to the Department's Purchasing office or by scanning, attaching as a document, and emailing to the email address provided on the RFQ. All bids must be submitted by a duly authorized representative of the bidder's organization, contain all information required by the RFQ, and be priced as required. Bidders are cautioned that bids submitted via the USPS, including first class mail, certified mail, Priority Mail and Priority Mail Express, are routed through the Office of Administration Central Mail Services and the tracking delivery time and date may not be the time and date received by the Department's Purchasing office. Regardless of delivery method, it shall be the responsibility of the bidder to ensure their bid is in the Department's Purchasing office prior to the target date and time specified in the RFQ. Bids with electronic signatures will not be accepted.
- b. The envelope or container containing a bid should be clearly marked on the outside with the official RFQ number *and* the official target date and time. Scanned and emailed bids should clearly mark the RFQ number and target date and time in the subject line of the email. Different bids should not be placed in the same envelope, fax or scanned email; however, copies of the same bid may be placed in the same envelope, fax or scanned email.
- c. A bid which has been delivered to the Department's Purchasing office may be modified by a signed, written notice which has been received by the Department's Purchasing officer prior to the official target date and time specified. A bid may also be modified in person by the bidder or its authorized representative provided proper identification is presented before the official target date and time. Telephone or telegraphic requests to modify a bid shall not be honored.
- d. A bid which has been delivered to the Department's Purchasing office may only be withdrawn by a signed, written document on company letterhead transmitted via mail, e-mail or facsimile which has been received by the Department's Purchasing office prior to the official target date and time specified. A bid may also be withdrawn in person by the bidder or its authorized representative provided proper identification is presented before the official target date and time. Telephone or telegraphic requests to withdraw a bid shall not be honored.
- e. A bid may also be withdrawn after the bid opening through submission of a written request by an authorized representative of the bidder. Justification of withdrawal decision may include a significant error or exposure of bid information that may cause irreparable harm to the bidder.
- f. Bidders must sign and return the RFQ cover page or, if applicable, the cover page of the last amendment thereto in order to constitute acceptance by the bidder of all the RFQ terms and conditions. Failure to do so may result in the rejection of the bid unless the bidder's full compliance with those documents is indicated elsewhere within the bidder's response.

7. PREFERENCES

- a. In the evaluation of bids, preferences shall be applied in accordance with Chapter 34 RSMo. Contractors should apply the same preferences in selecting subcontractors.
- b. By virtue of statutory authority, a preference will be given to materials, products, supplies, provisions and all other articles produced, manufactured, made or grown within the State of Missouri and to all firms, corporations or individuals doing business as Missouri firms, corporations or individuals. Such preference shall be given when quality is equal or better and delivered price is the same or less.

8. EVALUATION/AWARD

- a. Any clerical error, apparent on its face, may be corrected by the Buyer of Record before contract award. Upon discovering an apparent clerical error, the Buyer of Record shall contact the bidder and request clarification of the intended bid. The correction shall be incorporated in the notice of award. Examples of apparent clerical errors are: 1) misplacement of a decimal point; and 2) obvious mistake in designation of unit.
- b. Any pricing information submitted by a bidder shall be subject to evaluation if deemed by the Department to be in the best interest of the State of Missouri.

- c. The bidder is encouraged to propose price discounts for prompt payment or propose other price discounts that would benefit the Department. However, unless otherwise specified in the RFQ, pricing shall be evaluated at the maximum potential financial liability to the Department.
- d. Awards shall be made to the bidder whose bid (1) complies with all mandatory specifications and requirements of the RFQ and (2) is the lowest and best bid, considering price, responsibility of the bidder, and all other evaluation criteria specified in the RFQ and (3) complies with sections 34.010 and 34.070 RSMo and Executive Order 04-09.
- e. In the event all bidders fail to meet the same mandatory requirement in a RFQ, the Department reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to waive that requirement for all bidders and to proceed with the evaluation. In addition, the Department reserves the right to waive any minor irregularity or technicality found in any individual bid.
- f. The Department reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
- g. When evaluating a bid, the Department reserves the right to consider relevant information and fact, whether gained from a bid, from a bidder, from a bidder's references, or from any other source.
- h. Any information submitted with the bid, regardless of the format or placement of such information, may be considered in making decisions related to the responsiveness and merit of a bid and the award of a contract.
- i. Any award of a contract shall be made by notification from the Department to the successful bidder. The Department reserves the right to make awards by item, group of items, or an all or none basis. The grouping of items awarded shall be determined by the Department based upon factors such as item similarity, location, administrative efficiency, or other considerations in the best interest of the Department.
- j. All bids and associated documentation submitted will be considered open records pursuant to section 610.021 RSMo.
- k. The Department maintains images of all bid file material for review. Bidders who include an e-mail address with their bid will be notified of the award results via e-mail if requested.
- l. The Department reserves the right to request clarification of any portion of the bidder's response in order to verify the intent of the bidder. The bidder is cautioned, however, that its response may be subject to acceptance or rejection without further clarification.
- m. Any bid award protest must be received within ten (10) business days after the date of award in accordance with the requirements of 1 CSR 40-1.050 (10).
- n. The final determination of contract award(s) shall be made by the Department.

9. CONTRACT/PURCHASE ORDER

- a. By submitting a bid, the bidder agrees to furnish any and all equipment, supplies and/or services specified in the RFQ, at the prices quoted, pursuant to all requirements and specifications contained therein.
- b. A binding contract shall consist of: (1) the RFQ and any amendments thereto, (2) the contractor's response (bid) to the RFQ, (3) clarification of the bid, if any, and (4) the Department's acceptance of the response (bid) by "notice of award" or by "purchase order." All Exhibits and Attachments included in the RFQ shall be incorporated into the contract by reference.
- c. A notice of award issued by the Department does not constitute an authorization for shipment of equipment or supplies or a directive to proceed with services. Before providing equipment, supplies and/or services for the Department, the contractor must receive a properly authorized purchase order or other form of authorization given to the contractor at the discretion of the Department.
- d. The contract expresses the complete agreement of the parties, and performance shall be governed solely by the specifications and requirements contained therein. Any change to the contract, whether by modification and/or supplementation, must be accomplished by a formal contract amendment signed and approved by and between the duly authorized representative of the contractor and the Department, or by a modified purchase order, prior to the effective date of such modification. The contractor expressly and explicitly understands and agrees that no other method and/or no other document, including correspondence, acts, and oral communications by or from any person, shall be used or construed as an amendment or modification to the contract.

10. INVOICING AND PAYMENT

- a. The State of Missouri does not pay state or federal taxes unless otherwise required under law or regulation.
- b. For each purchase order received, an invoice must be submitted that references the purchase order number and must be itemized in accordance with items listed on the purchase order. Failure to comply with this requirement may delay processing of invoices for payment.
- c. Payment for all equipment, supplies, and/or services required herein shall be made in arrears unless otherwise indicated in the RFQ.

- d. The Department assumes no obligation for equipment, supplies, and/or services shipped or provided in excess of the quantity ordered. Any unauthorized quantity is subject to the Department's rejection and shall be returned to the contractor at the contractor's expense.
- e. All invoices for equipment, supplies, and/or services purchased by the Department shall be subject to late payment charges as provided in section 34.055 RSMo.
- f. The Department reserves the right to purchase goods and services using the State purchasing card.

11. DELIVERY

- a. Time is of the essence. Deliveries of equipment, supplies, and/or services must be made no later than the time stated in the contract or within a reasonable period of time if a specific time is not stated.
- b. A Missouri Uniformed law Enforcement System (MULES) background check may be required on the contractor's delivery driver prior to allowing a delivery vehicle entrance to certain institutions. A valid Missouri driver's license is required from the driver to perform the MULES background check. If the driver does not have a valid Missouri driver's license, their social security number and date of birth are required. If a driver or carrier refuses to provide the appropriate information to conduct a MULES background check, or if information received from the background check prohibits the driver from entering the institution, the delivery will be refused. Additional delivery costs associated with re-deliveries or contracting with another carrier for delivery shall be the responsibility of the contractor.
- c. Unless a pallet exchange is requested at the time of delivery, all pallets used in the delivery of equipment and supplies shall become property of the Department.

12. INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE

- a. No equipment, supplies, and/or services received by the Department pursuant to a contract shall be deemed accepted until the Department has had reasonable opportunity to inspect said equipment, supplies, and/or services.
- b. All equipment, supplies, and/or services which do not comply with the specifications and/or requirements, or which are otherwise unacceptable or defective, may be rejected. In addition, all equipment, supplies, and/or services which are discovered to be defective, or which do not conform to any warranty of the contractor upon inspection (or at any later time if the defects contained were not reasonably ascertainable upon the initial inspection), may be rejected.
- c. The Department reserves the right to return any such rejected shipment at the contractor's expense for full credit or replacement and to specify a reasonable date by which replacements must be received.
- d. The Department's right to reject any unacceptable equipment, supplies, and/or services shall not exclude any other legal, equitable or contractual remedies the state may have.

13. WARRANTY

- a. The contractor expressly warrants that all equipment, supplies, and/or services provided shall: (1) conform to each and every specification, drawing, sample or other description which was furnished to or adopted by the Department, (2) be fit and sufficient for the purpose expressed in the RFQ, (3) be merchantable, (4) be of good materials and workmanship, and (5) be free from defect.
- b. Such warranty shall survive delivery and shall not be deemed waived either by reason of the Department's acceptance of or payment for said equipment, supplies, and/or services.

14. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- a. Elected or appointed officials or employees of the State of Missouri or any political subdivision thereof, serving in an executive or administrative capacity, must comply with sections 105.452, and 105.454 regarding conflict of interest.
- b. The contractor hereby covenants that at the time of the submission of the bid the contractor has no other contractual relationships which would create any actual or perceived conflict of interest. The contractor further agrees that during the term of the contract neither the contractor nor any of its employees shall acquire any other contractual relationships which create such a conflict.

15. CONTRACTOR STATUS

- a. The contractor represents itself to be an independent contractor offering such services to the general public and shall not represent itself to be an employee of the State of Missouri. Therefore, the contractor shall assume all legal and financial responsibility for taxes, FICA, employee fringe benefits, workers compensation, employee

insurance, minimum wage requirements, overtime, etc., and agrees to indemnify, save, and hold the State of Missouri, its officers, agents, and employees, harmless from and against, any and all loss, costs (including attorney fees), and damage of any kind related to such matters.

16. REMEDIES AND RIGHTS

- a. No provision in the contract shall be construed, expressly or implied, as a waiver by the Department of any existing or future right and/or remedy available by law in the event of any claim by the Department of the contractor's default or breach of contract.
- b. The contractor agrees and understands that the contract shall constitute an assignment by the contractor to the Department of all rights, title and interest in and to all causes of action that the contractor may have under the antitrust laws of the United States or the State of Missouri for which causes of action have accrued or will accrue as the result of or in relation to the particular equipment, supplies, and/or services purchased or procured by the contractor in the fulfillment of the contract with the Department.

17. SEVERABILITY

- a. If any provision of this contract or the application thereof is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this contract which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this contract are declared to be severable.

18. CANCELLATION OF CONTRACT

- a. In the event of material breach of the contractual obligations by the contractor, the Department may cancel the contract. At its sole discretion, the Department may give the contractor an opportunity to cure the breach or to explain how the breach will be cured. The actual cure must be completed within no more than 10 working days from notification, or at a minimum, the contractor must provide Department within 10 working days from notification a written plan detailing how the contractor intends to cure the breach.
- b. If the contractor fails to cure the breach, or if circumstances demand immediate action, the Department will issue a notice of cancellation terminating the contract immediately. If it is determined the Department improperly cancelled the contract, such cancellation shall serve as notice of termination for convenience in accordance with the contract.
- c. If the Department cancels the contract for breach, the Department reserves the right to obtain the equipment, supplies, and/or services to be provided pursuant to the contract from other sources and upon such terms and in such manner as the Department deems appropriate and charge the contractor for any additional costs incurred thereby.
- d. The contractor understands and agrees that if the funds required to fund the contract are appropriated by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, the contract shall not be binding upon the Department for any contract period in which funds have not been appropriated, and the Department shall not be liable for any costs associated with termination caused by lack of appropriations
- e. If the Department has reasonable cause to believe that the contractor has knowingly employed individuals who are not eligible to work in the United States in violation of federal law, the Department shall declare a breach and cancel the contract immediately without incurring any penalty.

19. TERMINATION OF CONTRACT

- a. The Department reserves the right to terminate the contract at any time for the convenience of the Department, without penalty or recourse, by giving notice to the contractor at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to the effective date of such termination. The contractor shall be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for services and/or supplies delivered to and accepted by the Department pursuant to the contract prior to the effective date of termination.

20. ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACT

- a. The contractor shall neither assign nor transfer any of the rights, interests, or obligations of the contract without the prior written consent of the Department.

21. COMMUNICATIONS AND NOTICES

- a. Any notice to the contractor shall be deemed sufficient when e-mailed to the contractor at the e-mail address indicated in the contract, or transmitted by facsimile to the facsimile number indicated in the contract, or deposited in the United States mail, postage repaid, and addressed to the contractor at the address indicated in the contract, or hand-carried and presented to an authorized employee of the contractor.
- b. If the contractor desires to receive written notices at a different e-mail address, facsimile number, or USPS address than what is indicated in the contract, the contractor must submit this request in writing upon notice of award.

22. FORCE MAJEURE

- a. The contractor shall not be liable for any excess costs for delayed delivery of goods or services to the Department if the failure to perform the contract arises out of causes beyond the control of, and without the fault or negligence of, the contractor. Such causes may include, however are not restricted to: acts of God, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, and freight embargoes. In all cases, the failure to perform must be beyond the control of, and without the fault or negligence of, either the contractor or any subcontractor(s). The contractor shall take all possible steps to recover from any such occurrences.

23. CONTRACT EXTENSION

- a. In the event of an extended re-procurement effort and the contract's available renewal options have been exhausted, the Department reserves the right to extend the contract. If exercised, the extension shall be for a period of time as mutually agreed to by the Department and the contractor at the same terms, conditions, provisions, and pricing in order to complete the procurement process and transition to a new contract.

24. INSURANCE

- a. The State of Missouri cannot save and hold harmless and/or indemnify the contractor or its employees against any liability incurred or arising as a result of any activity of the contractor or the contractor's employees related to the contractor's performance under the contract. Therefore, the contractor must acquire and maintain adequate liability insurance in the form(s) and amount(s) sufficient to protect the State of Missouri, its agencies, its employees, its clients, and the general public against any such loss, damage, and/or expense related to his/her performance under his contract.

25. BANKRUPTCY OR INSOLVENCY

- a. Upon filing for any bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding by or against the contractor, whether voluntary or involuntary, or upon the appointment of a receiver, trustee, or assignee for the benefit of creditors, the contractor must notify the Department immediately.
- b. Upon learning of any such actions, the Department reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to either cancel the contract or affirm the contract and hold the contractor responsible for damages.

26. INVENTIONS, PATENTS AND COPYRIGHTS

- a. The contractor shall defend, protect, and hold harmless the Department, its officers, agents, and employees against all suits of law or in equity resulting from patent and copyright infringement concerning the contractor's performance or products produced under the terms of the contract.

27. CONTRACTOR PROPERTY

- a. Upon expiration, termination or cancellation of a contract, any contractor property left in the possession of the Department after forty-five (45) calendar days shall become property of the Department.

28. NON-DISCRIMINATION AND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

- a. In connection with the furnishing of equipment, supplies, and/or services under the contract, the contractor and all subcontractors shall agree not to discriminate against recipients of services or employees or applicants for employment on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability, or veteran status unless otherwise provided by law. If the contractor or subcontractor employs at least 50 persons, they shall have and maintain an affirmative action program which shall include:

1. A written policy statement committing the organization to affirmative action and assigning management responsibilities and procedures for evaluation and dissemination;
 2. The identification of a person designated to handle affirmative action;
 3. The establishment of non-discriminatory selection standards, objective measures to analyze recruitment, an upward mobility system, a wage and salary structure, and standards applicable to layoff, recall, discharge, demotion, and discipline;
 4. The exclusion of discrimination from all collective bargaining agreements; and
 5. Performance of an internal audit of the reporting system to monitor execution and to provide for future planning.
- b. If discrimination by a contractor is found to exist, the Department shall take appropriate enforcement action which may include, but not necessarily be limited to, cancellation of the contract, suspension, or debarment by the Department until corrective action by the contractor is made and ensured, and referral to the Attorney General's Office, whichever enforcement action may be deemed most appropriate.

29. AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

- a. In connection with the furnishing of equipment, supplies, and/or services under the contract, the contractor and all subcontractors shall comply with all applicable requirements and provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

30. FILING AND PAYMENT OF TAXES

- a. The commissioner of administration and other agencies to which the state purchasing law applies shall not contract for goods or services with a vendor if the vendor or an affiliate of the vendor makes sales at retail of tangible personal property or for the purpose of storage, use, or consumption in this state but fails to collect and properly pay the tax as provided in chapter 144 RSMo. For the purposes of this section, "affiliate of the vendor" shall mean any person or entity that is controlled by or is under common control with the vendor, whether through stock ownership or otherwise.

Therefore, bidders' failure to maintain compliance with chapter 144 RSMo may eliminate their bid(s) from consideration for award.

31. TITLES

- a. Titles of paragraphs used herein are for the purpose of facilitating reference only and shall not be construed to infer a contractual construction of language.

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