



**STATE OF MISSOURI
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION
DIVISION OF PURCHASING AND MATERIALS MANAGEMENT (DPMM)
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)**

RFP NO.: B3Z15270

TITLE: Food Service for the Poplar Bluff Community Supervision Center
ISSUE DATE: June 9, 2015

REQ NO.: NR 931 Y15708204

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RETURN PROPOSAL NO LATER THAN: June 25, 2015 AT 2:00 PM CENTRAL TIME

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CONTRACT PERIOD: Effective Date of Contract through One (1) Year

DELIVER SUPPLIES/SERVICES FOB (Free On Board) DESTINATION TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

**Poplar Bluff Community Supervision Center
c/o Missouri Department of Corrections
2729 Plaza Dr, PO Box 236
Jefferson City, Mo 65102**

The offeror hereby declares understanding, agreement and certification of compliance to provide the items and/or services, at the prices quoted, in accordance with all requirements and specifications contained herein and the Terms and Conditions Request for Proposal (Revised 12/27/12). The offeror further agrees that the language of this RFP shall govern in the event of a conflict with his/her proposal. The offeror further agrees that upon receipt of an authorized purchase order from the Division of Purchasing and Materials Management or when a Notice of Award is signed and issued by an authorized official of the State of Missouri, a binding contract shall exist between the offeror and the State of Missouri.

SIGNATURE REQUIRED

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1. INTRODUCTION AND GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 Introduction:

- 1.1.1 This document constitutes a request for competitive, sealed proposals for the provision of food services as set forth herein.
- 1.1.2 Organization - This document, referred to as a Request for Proposal (RFP), is divided into the following parts:
- 1) Introduction and General Information
 - 2) Contractual Requirements
 - 3) Proposal Submission Information
 - 4) Pricing Page
 - 5) Exhibits A – H
 - 6) Terms and Conditions

1.2 Background Information:

- 1.2.1 The Department of Corrections is an agency of the State of Missouri dedicated to public safety through the successful management and supervision of offenders on probation, in prison, and on parole. The Department of Correction's responsibility is to administer the sentence set by the court - ranging from probation to capital punishment - in ways that promote the longest lasting public safety at the lowest cost to taxpayers. Offenders assigned to the Department of Corrections are successfully managed by ensuring they are supervised at the correct custody or supervision level. The Department of Corrections conducts on-going assessment, custody classification, placement on a continuum of supervision strategies and assignment to basic habilitation interventions for offenders in an effort to promote sober, civil, productive and law-abiding behavior to enhance public safety.
- 1.2.2 The Poplar Bluff Community Supervision Center is located in Butler County at 1441 Black River Industrial Park Drive, Poplar Bluff, Missouri 63901. The Poplar Bluff Community Supervision Center houses the Probation and Parole District Office and includes a dormitory (for up to 60 beds), a dining room, meeting rooms, and related program space. While a dining room is available, the Poplar Bluff Community Supervision Center does not have a kitchen equipped to prepare and serve meals. Therefore, through this Request for Proposal, the State of Missouri desires to obtain a contractor to provide the meals for the Poplar Bluff Community Supervision Center. The Department of Corrections has purchased or will purchase any of the following, if needed for food service purposes at the Poplar Bluff Community Supervision Center:
- a. Individual Serving Trays with the following specifications:
 - 1) Bottom server section for a two-piece insulated meal server. High strength/high impact seamless construction. Air void insulations. Minimum 5 food compartments and one flatware compartment. Dimensions of approximately 14"L x 10"W x 2"H.
Brand: Plastocon BMC13
Size: 10-1/2"W x 14-1/2"L x 2-1/4"H

- 2) Full cover for two-piece insulated meal server. (for use with bottom server described above).
Dimensions of approximately 14" L x 10" W x 1-1/2" H.
Brand: Plastocon BMC-13T
Size: 10-1/2"W x 14-1/2"L x 1"H

- b. An insulated box or carrier for transporting meals to the Poplar Bluff Community Supervision Center.
- c. A refrigerator.

1.2.3 The Poplar Bluff Community Supervision Center provides short-term residential services for offenders who would otherwise have to be housed in prisons or local jails, including:

- a. Offenders convicted of class C and D felonies with no previous criminal convictions that are in need of short-term deterrence or substance abuse treatment.
- b. Offenders at risk for revocation by the courts for technical violations of probation.
- c. Offenders approved for release from prison by the Parole Board but do not have an appropriate home plan in the local community.
- d. Offenders at risk for revocation by the Parole Board for technical violations of parole.

1.2.4 Offenders assigned to the Poplar Bluff Community Supervision Center are responsible for finding and maintaining employment, obtaining medical care, and obtaining educational or vocational opportunities.

1.2.5 A previous contract exists for the services being obtained via this RFP. The contract number is: C311122001.

- a. Viewing the contract – A copy of the contract can be viewed and printed from the Division of Purchasing and Materials Management's Awarded Bid & Contract Document Search System located on the Internet at: <http://oa.mo.gov/purchasing-materials-management/>. In addition, all proposal and evaluation documentation leading to the award of that contract may also be viewed and printed from the Division of Purchasing and Materials Management's Awarded Bid & Contract Document Search System. Please reference the Bid number B3Z11122 or the contract number shown above when searching for these documents.
- b. State expenditures – The Missouri Accountability Portal (MAP) located on the internet at: <http://mapyourtaxes.mo.gov/MAP/Expenditures/> provides financial data related to the purchase of the services under the contract. Be sure to read the information provided in the links to "[Site Information](#)" and "[Disclaimer](#)". Then search by the contract number shown above when searching for the financial information.

1.2.6 Although an attempt has been made to provide accurate and up-to-date information, the State of Missouri does not warrant or represent that the background information provided herein reflects all relationships or existing conditions related to this Request for Proposal.

2. CONTRACTUAL REQUIREMENTS

2.1 General Requirements:

- 2.1.1 The contractor shall prepare breakfast, lunch, and dinner meals (hereinafter collectively referred to as "meals" unless specifically referenced) and medically-necessary evening snacks three hundred and sixty-five (365) days a year, for offenders assigned to the Poplar Bluff Community Supervision Center of the Department of Corrections (hereinafter referred to as "state agency"), in accordance with the provisions and requirements stated herein and to the sole satisfaction of the state agency.
- a. The contractor's meals shall be prepared in a manner that preserves the quality and temperature of the meals.
- 2.1.2 The state agency will notify the contractor a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours in advance as to the final count of each meal and medically-necessary evening snack required each day.
- a. At a minimum, the contractor shall prepare each meal to serve at least twenty (20) offenders. The state agency estimates that the contractor may need to provide up to sixty (60) offender meals per meal.
- b. The number of medically-necessary evening snacks (e.g., snacks for offenders diagnosed with diabetes) is unknown. However, the state agency will advise the contractor of the number required daily at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance. The number will remain relatively consistent from day to day.
- 2.1.3 The contractor must provide a contract manager who shall be the state agency's contact person in regard to the contract and must provide the state agency with up-to-date contact information for such contract manager. The contract manager and any backup managers must be able to read, write, speak and understand English.
- 2.1.4 Unless otherwise specified herein, the contractor shall furnish all material, labor, facilities, equipment, and supplies necessary to perform the services required herein.

2.2 Menu Requirements:

- 2.2.1 The contractor shall submit a monthly master menu to the state agency for review and approval by no later than fifteen (15) calendar days prior to the beginning of the applicable month.
- a. For purposes of this document, master menu shall be defined as a base menu that provides detailed menu items, names, and amounts for each meal to be served during that month.
- b. The contractor shall provide a variety of meals and shall not repeat meals within a ten (10) calendar day time frame.
- c. If requested by the state agency, the contractor shall have menus reviewed and approved by a Registered Dietitian.
- d. Exceptions/Modifications to Approved Menus - The contractor shall provide meals in accordance with the approved master menu, unless an exception/modification is otherwise approved in writing by the state agency on a daily basis.
- 1) The contractor shall agree and understand that exceptions/modifications may be approved by the state agency due to extenuating circumstances or situational events (e.g., non-delivery of food items, spoilage, or equipment breakdown). In addition, exceptions/modifications may be approved for seasonal substitutions. Except in emergency situations, the contractor must

submit a written request for approval of the substitution to the state agency at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance.

2) Any unauthorized exception/modification, unless in a documented emergency situation, shall be subject to liquidated damages as specified in the Liquidated Damages Requirements section.

e. Special Dietary Need – The contractor shall accommodate special dietary needs to the extent possible. At a minimum, the contractor shall provide a low sugar or sugar-free alternatives for high sugar or high fat menu items (e.g., a piece of fruit as an alternative for a piece of chocolate and provide sugar substitute packets for sugar packets). The state agency and the contractor shall mutually agree upon the special meals.

2.2.2 The contractor shall plan all menus to meet nutritional standards as specified by the United States Department of Agriculture. At a minimum, the contractor shall provide a minimum of two thousand eight hundred (2,800) calories per offender, per day, including a minimum of the following on a daily basis:

a. Three (3) servings of fruits (1/2 cup is considered one (1) serving)

b. Three (3) servings of vegetables (1/2 cup is considered one (1) serving)

c. Three (3) cups dairy/milk

d. Seven (7) ounces of meat/beans

e. Ten (10) ounces of grains

2.2.3 In addition, the contractor must include the following for each meal specified. If applicable, any of the following requirements may be used to assist the contractor in complying with the minimums specified above.

a. Breakfast – The contractor must provide at least eight (8) ounces of coffee and eight (8) ounces of milk for each offender breakfast meal. In addition to the eight (8) ounces of milk, the contractor must provide an additional four (4) ounces of milk per offender, if cereal is on the menu.

b. Lunch – The contractor must provide lunch as a sack lunch with a minimum of three (3) ounces of meat in a sandwich, one (1) vegetable serving, and one (1) fruit serving for each offender lunch meal.

c. Dinner – The contractor must provide at least eight (8) ounces of tea and eight (8) ounces of milk for each offender dinner meal.

d. Medically-Necessary Evening Snack – The contractor must provide at least one (1) ounce of meat per serving (peanut butter, cheese, or other meat) and one (1) fruit serving for each medically-necessary evening snack.

e. Alternatives/choices – If meat or eggs are on the menu for any meal, the contractor shall provide a meatless alternate which must consist of (1) 2-3 ounces of cheese or (2) 1/3 cup peanut butter. The contractor shall understand that the offenders shall be permitted to choose one or the other alternate, but not both. The contractor shall be notified of the number of alternates at the time the final count of each meal is provided by the state agency.

2.2.4 Prior to the use of any recipe, the contractor must submit the recipe to the state agency for approval. The contractor shall only use recipes that have the pre-approval of the state agency and shall prepare all food items and meals in accordance with the recipes approved by the state agency. The contractor shall not use MSG in the preparation of any recipe.

- a. The contractor shall agree and understand that special consideration shall be given by the state agency if, on an exception basis, the contractor has a recipe considered a "trade secret" or proprietary to the contractor's operation. In such rare situations, the contractor shall be permitted to provide a list of ingredients to the state agency for approval.

2.3 Food Preparation and Storage Requirements:

2.3.1 The contractor shall utilize food products that are fresh, wholesome, and processed under sanitary conditions. All raw food products must have undergone inspection (Federal, State, or Local) for wholesomeness. All food products must be federally graded where Federal grades are applicable. The contractor shall utilize foods which meet or exceed the highest of the minimum grade specifications identified by the contractor on Exhibit D, Method of Performance, of the contractor's awarded proposal or as listed below:

- a. Canned fruits – Grade B
- b. Canned vegetables – Grade B
- c. Dairy products – Grade A: whole, skim or low-fat
- d. Eggs – U.S.D.A. Grade A (medium)
- e. Fresh produce and fruits – #1 quality
- f. Meats, poultry and fish:
 - 1) Beef – U.S.D.A. select
 - 2) Ground Beef Bulk or Patties – U.S.D.A. Select 80% lean
 - 3) Poultry – U.S.D.A. Grade 1
 - 4) Fish – US Grade A, Packed in USDC Federally inspected seafood plant

2.3.2 The contractor must store all food at the preparation location at safe temperatures and must handle all food in a safe and acceptable manner as established by the Missouri Food Code (19 CSR 20-1) food service practice. The contractor shall chill, maintain, and store cold food at a temperature between 34°F and 40°F. The contractor shall ensure that the food items which require cooking must be cooked to a temperature of 165°F and must maintain hot foods at or above 135°F.

- a. For purposes of this document, preparation location shall be defined as the location where ingredients or menu items are combined and cooked.

2.3.3 The contractor shall conduct food operations in a sanitary manner to prevent attraction of insects, vermin, and rodents.

2.3.4 In the preparation and handling of food, the contractor and the contractor's personnel shall abide by all pure food and drug laws and ordinances, rules, and regulations regarding sanitation. In addition, the contractor shall adhere to all health standards and provisions for the contractor's personnel's health, including accident and acute illness, according to applicable federal, state, and local laws.

- a. The contractor shall ensure that all areas, equipment, personnel, and procedures used in fulfilling the requirements stated herein are in compliance with the Department of Health 1999 Food Code (19 CSR 20-1-1.010).

- b. The contractor shall submit a copy of each Health Department Inspection Report and any deficiencies or problems identified on the report and the actions taken to rectify the deficiencies to the state agency by no later than twenty (20) calendar days after the contractor's receipt of the report.

2.4 Pick-Up Requirements:

2.4.1 Timing of Meals – The contractor must have each meal ready to leave the contractor's preparation location at the time specified by the state agency. At the same time the state agency provides the contractor with the final meal counts for the day, the state agency shall also notify the contractor of the specific time the meal must be ready. For purposes of this document, the term "ready" shall mean "the time the meal will leave the contractor's preparation location".

- a. The contractor shall have the required number of sack lunches ready with breakfast and must have the required number of the medically-necessary evening snacks ready with dinner.
- b. The contractor shall agree and understand that meal times may vary from day to day. However, the state agency estimates that meals will be required to be ready each day as stated below.
 - 1) Breakfast and lunch – Ready by 5:30 a.m. Estimated breakfast time of 6:00 a.m.
 - 2) Dinner and medically-necessary evening snack – Ready by 5:30 p.m. Estimated dinner time of 6:00 p.m.

2.4.2 Meal Preparation and Transportation – The contractor shall perform in accordance with the following:

- a. The contractor's preparation location must be located within twenty (20) miles of the state agency (1441 Black River Industrial Park Drive, Poplar Bluff, Missouri).
- b. After the breakfast and dinner meals are prepared, the contractor shall fill the required number of individual trays with the breakfast and dinner meals. The state agency will provide the contractor with sufficient numbers of individual trays meeting the specifications described in the Background Information section. The contractor must fill the trays in advance of the ready time specified by the state agency, and must also ensure that food on the trays will remain at the required temperatures.
- c. At the time the individual breakfast and dinner trays are filled, the contractor shall complete a temperature log with the date, the time the tray is filled, and the temperature of each meal item included on the tray. Upon the contractor's request, the state agency may provide the contractor with a temperature log to use
- d. At the time specified by the state agency for the meals to be ready, the state agency will return the individual trays and any other reusable supplies/utensils from the previous meals provided by the contractor and will pick up either (1) the breakfast trays and sack lunches or (2) the dinner trays and medically-necessary evening snacks, (as appropriate for the time of day) using a transport vehicle and warming boxes.
 - 1) The contractor must take the temperature of one (1) of the trays specified by the state agency at the time the trays are being loaded into the state agency transport vehicle. The contractor must note the time and temperature on the temperature log next to the original notation. The contractor shall retain the logs for a minimum of one (1) year. Upon request by the state agency, the contractor shall submit the logs to the state agency within three (3) business days of the request.
 - 2) The contractor must provide at least one (1) person to assist the state agency in loading and unloading the transport vehicle.

2.4.3 The contractor shall provide the following regardless of the method for preparation and transportation of the meals to the state agency:

- a. If salads are included as part of a meal, the contractor must provide a variety of salad dressings in either individual packets or bulk/shared serving containers.
- b. The contractor must provide appropriate condiments (e.g., salt/pepper, sugar/sugar substitute, sauces, ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, etc), provided as either individual packets or bulk/shared serving containers for use with each meal.
- c. The contractor must provide and use appropriate and serviceable disposable wrappings for keeping foods fresh (e.g., baggies for sandwiches) and must use disposable paper or plastic products for individually packaging the sack lunches and any medically-necessary evening snacks.
- d. The contractor may provide required beverages in bulk serving containers (e.g., large coolers, thermoses, etc.), but must have prior approval from the state agency in order to do so. The contractor shall provide the disposable paper/plastic/Styrofoam drink glasses/cups appropriate for the beverage.
- e. The contractor shall provide disposable flatware eating utensils and napkins for use with each meal.
- f. The contractor shall provide serving utensils appropriate for each meal.

2.4.4 Equipment, supplies, utensils:

- a. Ownership to any reusable equipment, supplies, utensils, etc, provided by the contractor in the performance of the contract shall be held by and vested in the contractor.
- b. The State of Missouri shall not be liable in the event of loss, incident, destruction, theft, damage, etc., for the equipment, supplies, utensils, etc. provided by and owned by the contractor. It shall be the contractor's sole responsibility to obtain insurance coverage for such loss in an amount that the contractor deems appropriate.
- c. State agency equipment, supplies, etc. placed in the custody of or used by the contractor shall remain the property of the state agency. The contractor must ensure these items are safeguarded and maintained appropriately, and return such items to the state agency if required and within the time frame specified by the state agency. Exceptions shall be allowed for normal wear and tear.

2.4.5 The contractor shall understand and agree that the state agency does not have appropriate kitchen or disposal facilities to clean and sanitize the reusable items used at the state agency for the meals. The state agency will rinse all such reusable items (food serving trays/pans or utensils) but makes no representation that such items will be clean and guarantees that such items will not be sanitized when they are returned to the contractor. The contractor shall wash and sanitize any and all reusable items prior to reuse for the state agency.

2.5 Liquidated Damages Requirements:

2.5.1 The contractor shall agree and understand that the provision of the food services in accordance with the requirements stated herein is considered critical to the efficient operations of the state agency. However, since the amount of actual damages would be difficult to establish in the event the contractor fails to comply with the requirements stated herein, the contractor shall agree and understand that the amount identified below as liquidated damages shall be reasonable and fair under the circumstances.

- a. In the event that the contractor fails to have a breakfast or dinner meal ready for pick-up within fifteen (15) minutes of the time specified by the state agency, the contractor shall be assessed liquidated damages in the amount of twenty percent (20%) of the total amount due to the contractor for the late meal. If the contractor is delivering the meal and the contractor is more than fifteen (15) minutes late in the delivery for the breakfast or dinner meal, the contractor shall be assessed liquidated damages in the amount of twenty percent (20%) of the total amount due to the contractor for the late meal.
- b. In the event that a meal fails to comply with the approved menu without prior written approval of the state agency and the contractor cannot document an emergency, the contractor shall be assessed liquidated damages in the amount of fifty percent (50%) of the total amount due to the contractor for such meal.
- c. The contractor shall also agree and understand that such liquidated damages shall either be deducted from the contractor's invoices pursuant to the contract or paid by the contractor as a direct payment to the state agency at the sole discretion of the state agency.
- d. The contractor shall understand that the liquidated damages described herein shall not be construed as a penalty.
- e. The contractor shall agree and understand that all assessments of liquidated damages shall be within the discretion of the State of Missouri and shall be in addition to, not in lieu of, the rights of the State of Missouri to pursue other appropriate remedies.

2.6 Invoicing and Payment Requirements:

- 2.6.1 Prior to any payments becoming due under the contract, the contractor must return a completed State of Missouri Vendor Input/ACH-EFT Application, which is downloadable from the Vendor Services Portal at: <https://www.vendorservices.mo.gov/vendorservices/Portal/Default.aspx>.
 - a. The contractor understands and agrees that the State of Missouri reserves the right to make contract payments through electronic funds transfer (EFT).
 - b. The contractor must submit invoices on the contractor's original descriptive business invoice form and must use a unique invoice number with each invoice submitted. The unique invoice number will be listed on the State of Missouri's EFT addendum record to enable the contractor to properly apply the state agency's payment to the invoice submitted. The contractor may obtain detailed information for payments issued for the past 24 months from the State of Missouri's central accounting system (SAM II) on the Vendor Services Portal at:
<https://www.vendorservices.mo.gov/vendorservices/Portal/Default.aspx>
- 2.6.2 Invoicing –The contractor shall submit itemized invoices as specified herein to the state agency address listed on page one (1).
 - a. The contractor must submit invoices at least monthly, but may submit on a weekly basis. For each day included on the invoice, the contractor must itemize the final count for each meal and medically-necessary evening snack, and the firm, fixed price specified on the Pricing Page for each meal and medically-necessary evening snack in addition to a total cost for each day. The invoice must specify the total amount due for the invoicing period.
- 2.6.3 Payments – After review and approval by the state agency of each invoice and confirmation of the services provided, the contractor shall be paid the firm, fixed price specified on the Pricing Page for each meal provided, and each medically-necessary evening snack provided, minus any liquidated damages incurred.

2.6.4 Other than the payment specified above, no other payments or reimbursements shall be made to the contractor or the contractor's personnel for any reason whatsoever including, but not limited to taxes, delivery charges, extra charges for dietary needs, gratuities, insurance, interest, penalties, termination payments, attorney fees, liquidated damages, etc. The contractor shall understand and agree that there shall be no tipping of the contractor's personnel.

2.7 Other Contractual Requirements:

2.7.1 Contract – A binding contract shall consist of: (1) the RFP, amendments thereto, and any Best and Final Offer (BAFO) request(s) with RFP changes/additions, (2) the contractor's proposal including any contractor BAFO response(s), (3) clarification of the proposal, if any, and (4) the Division of Purchasing and Materials Management's acceptance of the proposal by "notice of award". All Exhibits and Attachments included in the RFP shall be incorporated into the contract by reference.

- a. A notice of award issued by the State of Missouri 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 State of Missouri, the contractor must receive a properly authorized purchase order or other form of authorization given to the contractor at the discretion of the state agency.
- 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 Division of Purchasing and Materials Management 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.

2.7.2 Contract Period – The original contract period shall be as stated on the Notice of Award. The contract shall not bind, nor purport to bind, the state for any contractual commitment in excess of the original contract period. The Division of Purchasing and Materials Management shall have the right, at its sole option, to renew the contract for two (2) additional one-year periods, or any portion thereof. In the event the Division of Purchasing and Materials Management exercises such right, all terms and conditions, requirements and specifications of the contract shall remain the same and apply during the renewal period, pursuant to applicable option clauses of this document.

2.7.3 Renewal Periods – If the option for renewal is exercised by the Division of Purchasing and Materials Management, the contractor shall agree that the prices for the renewal period shall not exceed the maximum price for the applicable renewal period stated on the Pricing Page of the contract.

- a. If renewal prices are not provided, then prices during renewal periods shall be the same as during the original contract period.
- b. In addition, the contractor shall understand and agree that renewal period price increases specified in the contract are not automatic. At the time of contract renewal, if the state determines funding does not permit the specified renewal pricing increase or even a portion thereof, the renewal pricing shall remain the same as during the previous contract period. If such action is rejected by the contractor, the contract may be terminated, and a new procurement process may be conducted. The contractor shall also understand and agree the state may determine funding limitations necessitate a decrease in the contractor's pricing for the renewal period(s). If such action is necessary and the contractor rejects the decrease, the contract may be terminated, and a new procurement process may be conducted.

- 2.7.4 Termination – The Division of Purchasing and Materials Management reserves the right to terminate the contract at any time, for the convenience of the State of Missouri, without penalty or recourse, by giving written 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 compensation for services and/or supplies delivered to and accepted by the State of Missouri pursuant to the contract prior to the effective date of termination.
- 2.7.5 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.
 - c. Under no circumstances shall the contractor be liable for any of the following: (1) third party claims against the state for losses or damages (other than those listed above) or (2) economic consequential damages (including lost profits or savings) or incidental damages, even if the contractor is informed of their possibility.
- 2.7.6 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 his/her performance under the contract. General and other non-professional liability insurance shall include an endorsement that adds the State of Missouri as an additional insured. Self-insurance coverage or another alternative risk financing mechanism may be utilized provided that such coverage is verifiable and irrevocably reliable and the State of Missouri is protected as an additional insured.
- a. In the event any insurance coverage is canceled, the state agency must be notified at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to such cancelation.
- 2.7.7 Subcontractors – Any subcontracts for the products/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 State of Missouri and to ensure that the State of Missouri 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 State of Missouri and the contractor.
- a. The contractor shall expressly understand and agree that he/she 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/services in the contract shall in no way relieve the contractor of the responsibility for providing the products/services as described and set forth herein.

- c. The contractor must obtain the approval of the State of Missouri prior to establishing any new subcontracting arrangements and before changing any subcontractors. The approval shall not be arbitrarily withheld.
- d. Pursuant to subsection 1 of section 285.530, RSMo, no contractor or subcontractor shall knowingly employ, hire for employment, or continue to employ an unauthorized alien to perform work within the state of Missouri. In accordance with sections 285.525 to 285.550, RSMo, a general contractor or subcontractor of any tier shall not be liable when such contractor or subcontractor contracts with its direct subcontractor who violates subsection 1 of section 285.530, RSMo, if the contract binding the contractor and subcontractor affirmatively states that
 - 1) The direct subcontractor is not knowingly in violation of subsection 1 of section 285.530, RSMo, and shall not henceforth be in such violation.
 - 2) The contractor or subcontractor receives a sworn affidavit under the penalty of perjury attesting to the fact that the direct subcontractor's employees are lawfully present in the United States.

2.7.8 Participation by Other Organizations – The contractor must comply with any Organization for the Blind/Sheltered Workshop, Service-Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (SDVE), and/or Minority Business Enterprise/Women Business Enterprise (MBE/WBE) participation levels committed to in the contractor's awarded proposal.

- a. The contractor shall prepare and submit to the Division of Purchasing and Materials Management a report detailing all payments made by the contractor to Organizations for the Blind/Sheltered Workshops, SDVEs, and/or MBE/WBEs participating in the contract for the reporting period. The contractor must submit the report on a monthly basis, unless otherwise determined by the Division of Purchasing and Materials Management.
- b. The Division of Purchasing and Materials Management will monitor the contractor's compliance in meeting the Organizations for the Blind/Sheltered Workshop and SDVE participation levels committed to in the contractor's awarded proposal. The Division of Purchasing and Materials Management in conjunction with the Office of Equal Opportunity (OEO) will monitor the contractor's compliance in meeting the MBE/WBE participation levels committed to in the contractor's awarded proposal. If the contractor's payments to the participating entities are less than the amount committed, the state may cancel the contract and/or suspend or debar the contractor from participating in future state procurements, or retain payments to the contractor in an amount equal to the value of the participation commitment less actual payments made by the contractor to the participating entity. If the Division of Purchasing and Materials Management determines that the contractor becomes compliant with the commitment, any funds retained as stated above, will be released.
- c. If a participating entity fails to retain the required certification or is unable to satisfactorily perform, the contractor must obtain other certified MBE/WBEs or other organizations for the blind/sheltered workshops or other SDVEs to fulfill the participation requirements committed to in the contractor's awarded proposal.
 - 1) The contractor must obtain the written approval of the Division of Purchasing and Materials Management for any new entities. This approval shall not be arbitrarily withheld.
 - 2) If the contractor cannot obtain a replacement entity, the contractor must submit documentation to the Division of Purchasing and Materials Management detailing all efforts made to secure a replacement. The Division of Purchasing and Materials Management shall have sole discretion in determining if the actions taken by the contractor constitute a good faith effort to secure the required participation and whether the contract will be amended to change the contractor's participation commitment.

- d. No later than thirty (30) days after the effective date of the first renewal period, the contractor must submit an affidavit to the Division of Purchasing and Materials Management. The affidavit must be signed by the director or manager of the participating Organizations for the Blind/Sheltered Workshop verifying provision of products and/or services and compliance of all contractor payments made to the Organizations for the Blind/Sheltered Workshops. The contractor may use the affidavit available on the Division of Purchasing and Materials Management's website at <http://oa.mo.gov/sites/default/files/bswaffidavit.doc> or another affidavit providing the same information.

2.7.9 Substitution of Personnel – The contractor agrees and understands that the State of Missouri's agreement to the contract is predicated in part on the utilization of the specific key individual(s) and/or personnel qualifications identified in the proposal. Therefore, the contractor agrees and understands that any substitution of the specific key individual(s) and/or personnel qualifications identified in the proposal must be with individual(s) of equal or better qualifications than originally proposed.

2.7.10 Authorized Personnel:

- a. The contractor shall only employ personnel authorized to work in the United States in accordance with applicable federal and state laws. This includes but is not limited to the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act (IIRIRA) and INA Section 274A.
- b. If the contractor is found to be in violation of this requirement or the applicable state, federal and local laws and regulations, and if the State of Missouri has reasonable cause to believe that the contractor has knowingly employed individuals who are not eligible to work in the United States, the state shall have the right to cancel the contract immediately without penalty or recourse and suspend or debar the contractor from doing business with the state. The state may also withhold up to twenty-five percent of the total amount due to the contractor.
- c. The contractor shall agree to fully cooperate with any audit or investigation from federal, state, or local law enforcement agencies.
- d. If the contractor meets the definition of a business entity as defined in section 285.525, RSMo, pertaining to section 285.530, RSMo, the contractor shall maintain enrollment and participation in the E-Verify federal work authorization program with respect to the employees hired after enrollment in the program who are proposed to work in connection with the contracted services included herein. If the contractor's business status changes during the life of the contract to become a business entity as defined in section 285.525, RSMo, pertaining to section 285.530, RSMo, then the contractor shall, prior to the performance of any services as a business entity under the contract:
 - 1) Enroll and participate in the E-Verify federal work authorization program with respect to the employees hired after enrollment in the program who are proposed to work in connection with the services required herein; AND
 - 2) Provide to the Division of Purchasing and Materials Management the documentation required in the exhibit titled, Business Entity Certification, Enrollment Documentation, and Affidavit of Work Authorization affirming said company's/individual's enrollment and participation in the E-Verify federal work authorization program; AND
 - 3) Submit to the Division of Purchasing and Materials Management a completed, notarized Affidavit of Work Authorization provided in the exhibit titled, Business Entity Certification, Enrollment Documentation, and Affidavit of Work Authorization.

- e. In accordance with subsection 2 of section 285.530, RSMo, the contractor should renew their Affidavit of Work Authorization annually. A valid Affidavit of Work Authorization is necessary to award any new contracts.

2.7.11 Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Requirements:

- a. The contractor's personnel and agents providing service under the contract and within the security perimeter of the state agency's institution must be at least 18 years of age.
- b. Prior to the provision of service, the state agency may conduct a Missouri Uniform Law Enforcement System (MULES) or other background investigation on the contractor's personnel and agents. Such investigation shall be equivalent to investigations required of all personnel employed by the state agency.
 - 1) The state agency shall have the right to deny access into the institution for any of the contractor's personnel and agents, for any reason. Such denial shall not relieve the contractor of any requirements of the contract.
- c. The contractor must obtain written approval from the state agency's Director of the Division of Adult Institutions for any contractor personnel and agents under active federal or state felony or misdemeanor supervision, and contractor personnel and agents with prior felony convictions but not under active supervision, prior to such personnel and agents performing contractual services.
- d. The contractor and the contractor's personnel and agents shall at all times observe and comply with all applicable state statutes, state agency rules, regulations, guidelines, internal management policy and procedures, and general orders of the state agency that are applicable, regarding operations and activities in and about all state agency property. Furthermore, the contractor and the contractor's personnel and agents shall not obstruct the state agency nor any of its designated officials from performing their duties in response to court orders or in the maintenance of a secure and safe correctional environment. The contractor shall comply with the state agency's policy and procedures relating to personnel conduct
 - 1) The state agency has a zero tolerance policy for any form of sexual misconduct to include staff/contractor/volunteer-on-offender or offender-on-offender sexual harassment, sexual assault, sexual abusive contact, and consensual sex. The contractor and the contractor's personnel and agents who witness sexual misconduct must immediately report such to the institution's warden. If the contractor, or the contractor's personnel and agents, engage in, fail to report, or knowingly condone sexual misconduct with or between offenders, the contract shall be subject to cancellation and the contractor or the contractor's personnel and agents may be subject to criminal prosecution.
 - 2) If the contractor, or the contractor's personnel and agents, engage in sexual abuse in a prison, jail, lockup, community confinement facility, juvenile facility or other institution, the contractor or the contractor's personnel and agents shall be denied access into the institution.
- e. The contractor and the contractor's personnel and agents shall not interact with the offenders except as is necessary to perform the requirements of the contract. The contractor and the contractor's personnel and agents shall not give anything to nor accept anything from the offenders except in the normal performance of the contract.

- #### 2.7.12 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 an agency 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.

- 2.7.13 Coordination – The contractor shall fully coordinate all contract activities with those activities of the state agency. As the work of the contractor progresses, advice and information on matters covered by the contract shall be made available by the contractor to the state agency or the Division of Purchasing and Materials Management throughout the effective period of the contract.
- 2.7.14 Property of State – All documents, data, reports, supplies, equipment, and accomplishments prepared, furnished, or completed by the contractor pursuant to the terms of the contract shall become the property of the State of Missouri. Upon expiration, termination, or cancellation of the contract, said items shall become the property of the State of Missouri.
- 2.7.15 Confidentiality:
- a. The contractor shall agree and understand that all discussions with the contractor and all information gained by the contractor as a result of the contractor's performance under the contract shall be confidential and that no reports, documentation, or material prepared as required by the contract shall be released to the public without the prior written consent of the state agency.
 - b. If required by the state agency, the contractor and any required contractor personnel must sign specific documents regarding confidentiality, security, or other similar documents upon request. Failure of the contractor and any required personnel to sign such documents shall be considered a breach of contract and subject to the cancellation provisions of this document.
- 2.7.16 Commercial Drivers License – The contractor and the contractor's drivers who, in the provision of services under the contract: (1) operate any single vehicle with a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) of over 26,000 pounds or any combination vehicle with a Gross Combination Weight Rating of over 26,000 pounds provided the Gross Vehicle Weight Rating of the vehicle(s) being towed is in excess of 10,000 pounds, (2) operate any size vehicle which requires hazardous materials placards, (3) operate any vehicle designed to transport more than 15 persons (including the driver) transports more than 15 persons, or (4) engage in any other activity outlined in the Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act, must comply with all other requirements in the Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act. The contractor must submit proof or verification of compliance with such Act to the state agency no later than thirty (30) calendar days after award of the contract.
- 2.7.17 For Hire License (Class E) – The contractor and the contractor's drivers who, in the provision of services under the contract: (1) receive pay for driving a motor vehicle transporting 14 or fewer passengers or (2) transport property for pay or as part of their job must have a For Hire License (Class E). The vehicle driven must have a 26,000 pounds or less Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) or registered weight and not be required to be placarded for hazardous materials.

3. PROPOSAL SUBMISSION INFORMATION

3.1 Submission of Proposals:

3.1.1 ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS THROUGH THE ON-LINE BIDDING/VENDOR REGISTRATION SYSTEM WEB SITE IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR THIS RFP.

3.1.2 When submitting a proposal, the offeror should include four (4) additional copies along with their original proposal. The front cover of the original proposal should be labeled "original" and the front cover of all copies should be labeled "copy". In case of a discrepancy between the original proposal and the copies, the original proposal shall govern.

a. Recycled Products – The State of Missouri recognizes the limited nature of our resources and the leadership role of government agencies in regard to the environment. Accordingly, the offeror is requested, but not required, to print the proposal double sided using recycled paper, if possible, and minimize or eliminate the use of non-recyclable materials such as plastic report covers, plastic dividers, vinyl sleeves, and binding. Lengthy proposals may be submitted using printer or other loose leaf paper in a notebook or binder.

3.1.3 Open Records – Pursuant to section 610.021, RSMo, the offeror's proposal shall be considered an open record after a contract is executed or all proposals are rejected. At that time, all proposals are scanned into the Division of Purchasing and Materials Management imaging system.

a. The scanned information will be available for viewing through the Internet from the Division of Purchasing and Materials Management Awarded Bid & Contract Document Search system. Therefore, the offeror is advised not to include any information in the proposal that the offeror does not want to be viewed by the public, including personal identifying information such as social security numbers.

b. In preparing a proposal, the offeror should be mindful of document preparation efforts for imaging purposes and storage capacity that will be required to image the proposals and should limit proposal content to items that provide substance, quality of content, and clarity of information.

3.1.4 To facilitate the evaluation process, the offeror is encouraged to organize their proposal into sections that correspond with the individual evaluation categories described herein. The offeror is cautioned that it is the offeror's sole responsibility to submit information related to the evaluation categories and that the State of Missouri is under no obligation to solicit such information if it is not included with the proposal. The offeror's failure to submit such information may cause an adverse impact on the evaluation of the proposal.

a. The proposal should be page numbered.

b. The signed page one from the original RFP and all signed amendments should be placed at the beginning of the proposal.

c. Each section should be titled with each individual evaluation category and all material related to that category should be included therein.

d. Each of the following sections should be titled and all material related to that category should be included therein:

1) Cost

- Pricing Page

- 2) Offeror's Experience, Reliability, and Expertise of Personnel
 - Exhibit A-Offeror Information
 - Exhibit B-Current/Prior Experience
 - Exhibit C-Expertise of Personnel
- 3) Method of Performance
 - Exhibit D-Method of Performance
- 4) Minority Business Enterprise (MBE)/Women Business Enterprise (WBE) Participation, Organizations for the Blind and Sheltered Workshop Preference, and/or Missouri Service-Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Participation
 - Exhibit E-Participation Commitment
 - Exhibit F-Documentation of Intent to Participate
- 5) Miscellaneous Information
 - Exhibit G-Business Entity Certification, Enrollment Documentation, and Affidavit of Work Authorization and Documentation
 - Exhibit H-Miscellaneous Information
 - Business Compliance
 - Any other information specifically requested in the RFP as identified below

3.1.5 Questions Regarding the RFP – Except as may be otherwise stated herein, the offeror and the offeror's agents (including subcontractors, employees, consultants, or anyone else acting on their behalf) must direct all of their questions or comments regarding the RFP, the solicitation process, the evaluation, etc., to the buyer of record indicated on the first page of this RFP. Inappropriate contacts to other personnel are grounds for suspension and/or exclusion from specific procurements. Offerors and their agents who have questions regarding this matter should contact the buyer.

- a. The buyer may be contacted via e-mail or phone as shown on the first page, or via facsimile to 573-526-9816.
- b. Only those questions which necessitate a change to the RFP will be addressed via an amendment to the RFP. Written records of the questions and answers will not be maintained. Offerors are advised that any questions received less than ten calendar days prior to the RFP opening date may not be addressed.
- c. The offeror may contact the Office of Equal Opportunity (OEO) regarding MBE/WBE certification or subcontracting with MBE/WBE companies.

3.2 Competitive Negotiation of Proposals – The offeror is advised that under the provisions of this Request for Proposal, the Division of Purchasing and Materials Management reserves the right to conduct negotiations of the proposals received or to award a contract without negotiations. If such negotiations are conducted, the following conditions shall apply:

3.2.1 Negotiations may be conducted in person, in writing, or by telephone.

- 3.2.2 Negotiations will only be conducted with potentially acceptable proposals. The Division of Purchasing and Materials Management reserves the right to limit negotiations to those proposals which received the highest rankings during the initial evaluation phase. All offerors involved in the negotiation process will be invited to submit a best and final offer.
- 3.2.3 Terms, conditions, prices, methodology, or other features of the offeror’s proposal may be subject to negotiation and subsequent revision. As part of the negotiations, the offeror may be required to submit supporting financial, pricing and other data in order to allow a detailed evaluation of the feasibility, reasonableness, and acceptability of the proposal.
- 3.2.4 The mandatory requirements of the Request for Proposal shall not be negotiable and shall remain unchanged unless the Division of Purchasing and Materials Management determines that a change in such requirements is in the best interest of the State of Missouri.

3.3 Evaluation and Award Process:

- 3.3.1 After determining that a proposal satisfies the mandatory requirements stated in the Request for Proposal, the evaluator(s) shall use both objective analysis and subjective judgment in conducting a comparative assessment of the proposal in accordance with the evaluation criteria stated below. The contract shall be awarded to the lowest and best proposal.

Evaluation Criteria Scoring Category	Maximum Points
Cost	90 points
Offeror’s Experience and Reliability and Expertise of Personnel	40 points
Method of Performance	60 points
MBE/WBE Participation	10 points
TOTAL	200 points

- 3.3.2 After an initial screening process, a question and answer conference or interview may be conducted with the offeror, if deemed necessary by the Division of Purchasing and Materials Management. In addition, the offeror may be asked to make an oral presentation of their proposal during the conference. Attendance cost at the conference shall be at the offeror's expense. All arrangements and scheduling shall be coordinated by the Division of Purchasing and Materials Management.

3.4 Evaluation of Cost:

- 3.4.1 Pricing – The offeror must provide pricing as required on the Pricing Page.
- 3.4.2 Objective Evaluation of Cost – The cost evaluation shall be based on the sum of the prices stated on the Pricing Page using the following quantities for the original and each potential renewal period.
 - a. Breakfast – 25
 - b. Lunch – 25
 - c. Dinner – 25
 - d. Medically-Necessary Evening Snack – 1
- 3.4.3 Cost evaluation points shall be determined from the result of the calculation stated above using the following formula:

$$\frac{\text{Lowest Responsive Offeror's Price}}{\text{Compared Offeror's Price}} \times \text{Maximum Cost Evaluation points (90)} = \text{Assigned Cost Points}$$

- a. The offeror shall agree and understand that the quantities used in the evaluation of cost are provided solely to document how cost will be evaluated. The State of Missouri makes no guarantee regarding the accuracy of the quantities stated nor does the State of Missouri intend to imply that the figures used for the cost evaluation in any way reflect either actual or anticipated usage.

3.5 Evaluation of Offeror's Experience and Reliability and Expertise of Personnel:

3.5.1 Experience and reliability of the offeror's organization will be considered subjectively in the evaluation process. Therefore, the offeror is advised to submit information concerning the offeror's organization and information documenting the offeror's experience in past performances, especially those performances related to the requirements of this RFP. If the offeror is proposing an entity other than the offeror to perform the required services, the offeror should also submit the information requested for such proposed subcontractor.

- a. Offeror Information – The offeror should provide information about the offeror's organization on Exhibit A.
- b. Experience – The offeror should provide information related to previous and current services/contracts of the offeror or offeror's proposed subcontractor where performance was similar to the required services of this RFP. The information may be shown on Exhibit B or in a similar manner.
- 1) As part of the evaluation process, the State of Missouri may contact the offeror's references, including references not listed or identified within the offeror's proposal but who have current or previous experiences with the offeror.
 - 2) The offeror shall agree and understand that the State of Missouri is not obligated to contact the offeror's references.

3.5.2 The qualifications of the personnel proposed by the offeror to perform the requirements of this RFP, whether from the offeror's organization or from a proposed subcontractor, will be subjectively evaluated. Therefore, the offeror should submit detailed information related to the experience and qualifications, including education and training, of proposed personnel.

- a. Personnel Expertise – The offeror should provide the information requested on Exhibit C for each key person proposed to provide the services required herein.
- 1) The information provided should be structured to emphasize relevant qualifications and experience of the personnel in completing contracts/performing services of a similar size and scope to the requirements of this RFP.
 - 2) The information submitted should clearly identify previous experience of the person in performing similar services and should include beginning and ending dates, a description of the role of the person in such performances, results of the services performed, and whether the person is proposed for the same services for the State of Missouri.
- b. Personnel Qualifications – If personnel are not yet hired, the offeror should provide detailed descriptions of the required employment qualifications; and detailed job descriptions of the position to be filled, including the type of person proposed to be hired.

- c. Licenses – The offeror should submit a copy of all licenses and/or certifications related to the performance of the services required herein that are held by the personnel proposed to provide such services. If not submitted with the proposal, the State of Missouri reserves the right to request and obtain a copy of any license or certification required to perform the defined services prior to contract award.

3.6 Evaluation of Method of Performance – Proposals will be subjectively evaluated based on the offeror’s plan for performing the requirements of the RFP. Therefore, the offeror should present information which demonstrates the method or manner in which the offeror proposes to satisfy these requirements and which confirms the offeror’s ability to satisfy the requirements. The language of the narrative should be straightforward and limited to facts, solutions to problems, and plans of action.

3.6.1 Description of Proposed Services – Exhibit D is provided for the offeror’s use in providing information about the proposed method of performance. In addition, each paragraph within the Contractual Requirements should be addressed by providing a description of how, when, by whom, with what, to what degree, why, and where the requirement will be satisfied and otherwise detailing the offeror’s understanding of the requirements and ability and methodology to successfully perform. When responding to the appropriate provisions in the Contractual Requirements, the offeror should identify the paragraph or subparagraph number and then provide the additional elaboration describing the offeror’s plans for performing or meeting the requirement.

3.7 Evaluation of Offeror’s Minority Business Enterprise (MBE)/ Women Business Enterprise (WBE) Participation:

3.7.1 In order for the Division of Purchasing and Materials Management (DPMM) to meet the provisions of Executive Order 05-30, the offeror should secure participation of certified MBEs and WBEs in providing the products/services required in this RFP. The targets of participation recommended by the State of Missouri are 10% MBE and 5% WBE of the total dollar value of the contract.

- a. These targets can be met by a qualified MBE/WBE offeror themselves and/or through the use of qualified subcontractors, suppliers, joint ventures, or other arrangements that afford meaningful opportunities for MBE/WBE participation.
- b. The services performed or the products provided by MBE/WBEs must provide a commercially useful function related to the delivery of the contractually-required service/product in a manner that will constitute an added value to the contract and shall be performed/provided exclusive to the performance of the contract. Therefore, if the services performed or the products provided by MBE/WBEs is utilized, to any extent, in the offeror’s obligations outside of the contract, it shall not be considered a valid added value to the contract and shall not qualify as participation in accordance with this clause.
- c. In order to be considered as meeting these targets, the MBE/WBEs must be “qualified” by the proposal opening date (date the proposal is due). (See below for a definition of a qualified MBE/WBE.)

3.7.2 The offeror’s proposed participation of MBE/WBE firms in meeting the targets of the RFP will be considered in the evaluation process as specified below:

- a. If Participation Meets Target: Offerors proposing MBE and WBE participation percentages that meet the State of Missouri’s target participation percentage of 10% for MBE and 5% for WBE shall be assigned the maximum stated MBE/WBE Participation evaluation points.

- b. If Participation Exceeds Target: Offerors proposing MBE and WBE participation percentages that exceed the State of Missouri’s target participation shall be assigned the same MBE/WBE Participation evaluation points as those meeting the State of Missouri’s target participation percentages stated above.
- c. If Participation Below Target: Offerors proposing MBE and WBE participation percentages that are lower than the State of Missouri’s target participation percentages of 10% for MBE and 5% for WBE shall be assigned a proportionately lower number of the MBE/WBE Participation evaluation points than the maximum MBE/WBE Participation evaluation points.
- d. If No Participation: Offerors failing to propose any commercially useful MBE/WBE participation shall be assigned a score of 0 in this evaluation category.

3.7.3 MBE/WBE Participation evaluation points shall be assigned using the following formula:

$$\frac{\text{Offeror's Proposed MBE \%} \leq 10\% + \text{WBE \%} \leq 5\%}{\text{State's Target MBE \% (10) + WBE \% (5)}} \times \frac{\text{Maximum MBE/WBE Participation Evaluation points (10)}}{10} = \text{Assigned MBE/WBE Participation points}$$

3.7.4 If the offeror is proposing MBE/WBE participation, in order to receive evaluation consideration for MBE/WBE participation, the offeror must provide the following information with the proposal.

- a. **Participation Commitment** – If the offeror is proposing MBE/WBE participation, the offeror must complete Exhibit E, Participation Commitment, by listing each proposed MBE and WBE, the committed percentage of participation for each MBE and WBE, and the commercially useful products/services to be provided by the listed MBE and WBE. If the offeror submitting the proposal is a qualified MBE and/or WBE, the offeror must include the offeror in the appropriate table on the Participation Commitment Form.
- b. **Documentation of Intent to Participate** – The offeror must either provide a properly completed Exhibit F, Documentation of Intent to Participate Form, signed and dated no earlier than the RFP issuance date by each MBE and WBE proposed or must provide a letter of intent signed and dated no earlier than the RFP issuance date by each MBE and WBE proposed which: (1) must describe the products/services the MBE/WBE will provide and (2) should include evidence that the MBE/WBE is qualified, as defined herein (i.e., the MBE/WBE Certification Number or a copy of MBE/WBE certificate issued by the Missouri OEO). If the offeror submitting the proposal is a qualified MBE and/or WBE, the offeror is not required to complete Exhibit F, Documentation of Intent to Participate Form or provide a recently dated letter of intent.

3.7.5 **Commitment** – If the offeror’s proposal is awarded, the percentage level of MBE/WBE participation committed to by the offeror on Exhibit E, Participation Commitment, shall be interpreted as a contractual requirement.

3.7.6 **Definition – Qualified MBE/WBE:**

- a. In order to be considered a qualified MBE or WBE for purposes of this RFP, the MBE/WBE must be certified by the State of Missouri, Office of Administration, Office of Equal Opportunity (OEO) by the proposal opening date.
- b. MBE or WBE means a business that is a sole proprietorship, partnership, joint venture, or corporation in which at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the ownership interest is held by minorities or women and the management and daily business operations of which are controlled by one or more minorities or women who own it.

- c. Minority is defined as belonging to one of the following racial minority groups: African Americans, Native Americans, Hispanic Americans, Asian Americans, American Indians, Eskimos, Aleuts, and other groups that may be recognized by the Office of Advocacy, United States Small Business Administration, Washington, D.C.

3.7.7 Resources – A listing of several resources that are available to assist offerors in their efforts to identify and secure the participation of qualified MBEs and WBEs is available at the website shown below or by contacting the Office of Equal Opportunity (OEO) at:

Office of Administration, Office of Equal Opportunity (OEO)
Harry S Truman Bldg., Room 630, P.O. Box 809, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0809
Phone: (877) 259-2963 or (573) 751-8130
Fax: (573) 522-8078
Web site: <http://o eo.mo.gov>

3.8 Miscellaneous Submittal Information:

3.8.1 Organizations for the Blind and Sheltered Workshop Preference – Pursuant to section 34.165, RSMo, and 1 CSR 40-1.050, a ten (10) bonus point preference shall be granted to offerors including products and/or services manufactured, produced or assembled by a qualified nonprofit organization for the blind established pursuant to 41 U.S.C. sections 46 to 48c or a sheltered workshop holding a certificate of approval from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education pursuant to section 178.920, RSMo.

- a. In order to qualify for the ten bonus points, the following conditions must be met and the following evidence must be provided:
 - 1) The offeror must either be an organization for the blind or sheltered workshop or must be proposing to utilize an organization for the blind/sheltered workshop as a subcontractor and/or supplier in an amount that must equal the greater of \$5,000 or 2% of the total dollar value of the contract for purchases not exceeding \$10 million.
 - 2) The services performed or the products provided by an organization for the blind or sheltered workshop must provide a commercially useful function related to the delivery of the contractually-required service/product in a manner that will constitute an added value to the contract and shall be performed/provided exclusive to the performance of the contract. Therefore, if the services performed or the products provided by the organization for the blind or sheltered workshop is utilized, to any extent, in the offeror's obligations outside of the contract, it shall not be considered a valid added value to the contract and shall not qualify as participation in accordance with this clause.
 - 3) If the offeror is proposing participation by an organization for the blind or sheltered workshop, in order to receive evaluation consideration for participation by the organization for the blind or sheltered workshop, the offeror must provide the following information with the proposal:
 - Participation Commitment – The offeror must complete Exhibit E, Participation Commitment, by identifying the organization for the blind or sheltered workshop and the commercially useful products/services to be provided by the listed organization for the blind or sheltered workshop. If the offeror submitting the proposal is an organization for the blind or sheltered workshop, the offeror must be listed in the appropriate table on the Participation Commitment Form.
 - Documentation of Intent to Participate – The offeror must either provide a properly completed Exhibit F, Documentation of Intent to Participate Form, signed and dated no earlier than the RFP issuance date by the organization for the blind or sheltered workshop

proposed or must provide a recently dated letter of intent signed and dated no earlier than the RFP issuance date by the organization for the blind or sheltered workshop which: (1) must describe the products/services the organization for the blind/sheltered workshop will provide and (2) should include evidence of the organization for the blind/sheltered workshop qualifications (e.g. copy of certificate or Certificate Number for Missouri Sheltered Workshop).

NOTE: If the offeror submitting the proposal is an organization for the blind or sheltered workshop, the offeror is not required to complete Exhibit F, Documentation of Intent to Participate Form or provide a recently dated letter of intent.

- b. A list of Missouri sheltered workshops can be found at the following Internet address:
<http://dese.mo.gov/special-education/sheltered-workshops/directories>
- c. The websites for the Missouri Lighthouse for the Blind and the Alphapointe Association for the Blind can be found at the following Internet addresses:
<http://www.lhbindustries.com>
<http://www.alphapointe.org>
- d. Commitment – If the offeror’s proposal is awarded, the organization for the blind or sheltered workshop participation committed to by the offeror on Exhibit E, Participation Commitment, shall be interpreted as a contractual requirement.

3.8.2 Service-Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises (SDVEs) – Pursuant to section 34.074, RSMo, and 1 CSR 40-1.050, the Division of Purchasing and Materials Management (DPMM) 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). A three (3) point bonus preference shall be granted to offerors including products and/or services manufactured, produced or assembled by a qualified SDVE.

- a. In order to qualify for the three bonus points, the following conditions must be met and the following evidence must be provided:
 - 1) The offeror must either be an SDVE or must be proposing to utilize an SDVE as a subcontractor and/or supplier that provides at least three percent (3%) of the total contract value.
 - 2) The services performed or the products provided by the SDVE must provide a commercially useful function related to the delivery of the contractually-required service/product in a manner that will constitute an added value to the contract and shall be performed/provided exclusive to the performance of the contract. Therefore, if the services performed or the products provided by the SDVE are utilized, to any extent, in the offeror’s obligations outside of the contract, it shall not be considered a valid added value to the contract and shall not qualify as participation in accordance with this clause.
 - 3) In order to receive evaluation consideration for participation by an SDVE, the offeror must provide the following information with the proposal:
 - Participation Commitment – The offeror must complete Exhibit E, Participation Commitment, by identifying each proposed SDVE, the committed percentage of participation for each SDVE, and the commercially useful products/services to be provided by the listed SDVE. If the offeror submitting the proposal is a qualified SDVE, the offeror must be listed in the appropriate table on the Participation Commitment Form.
 - Documentation of Intent to Participate – The offeror must either provide a properly completed Exhibit F, Documentation of Intent to Participate Form, signed and dated no

earlier than the RFP issuance date by the SDVE or a recently dated letter of intent signed and dated no earlier than the RFP issuance date by the SDVE which: (1) must describe the products/services the SDVE will provide and (2) must include the SDV Documents described below as evidence that the SDVE is qualified, as defined herein.

- Service-Disabled Veteran (SDV) Documents – If a participating organization is an SDVE, unless previously submitted within the past five (5) years to the DPMM, the offeror **must** provide the following Service-Disabled Veteran (SDV) documents:
 - ✓ 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.

NOTE:

- a) If the offeror submitting the proposal is a qualified SDVE, the offeror must include the SDV Documents as evidence that the offeror qualifies as an SDVE. However, the offeror is not required to complete Exhibit F, Documentation of Intent to Participate Form or provide a recently dated letter of intent.
- b) If the SDVE and SDV are listed on the following Internet address, the offeror is not required to provide the SDV Documents listed above.
<http://content.ia.mo.gov/sites/default/files/sdvelisting.pdf>

b. Commitment – If awarded a contract, the SDVE participation committed to by the offeror on Exhibit E, Participation Commitment, shall be interpreted as a contractual requirement.

c. Definition – Qualified SDVE:

- 1) SDVE is 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;
- 2) SDVE has 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;
- 3) SDVE has the management and daily business operations controlled by one (1) or more SDVs;
- 4) SDVE has 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
- 5) SDVE possesses the power to make day-to-day as well as major decisions on matters of management, policy, and operation.

3.8.3 Affidavit of Work Authorization and Documentation – Pursuant to section 285.530, RSMo, if the offeror meets the section 285.525, RSMo, definition of a “business entity” (<http://www.moga.mo.gov/statutes/C200-299/2850000525.HTM>), the offeror must affirm the offeror’s enrollment and participation in the E-Verify federal work authorization program with respect to the employees hired after enrollment in the program who are proposed to work in connection with the services requested herein. The offeror should complete applicable portions of Exhibit G, Business Entity

Certification, Enrollment Documentation, and Affidavit of Work Authorization. The applicable portions of Exhibit G must be submitted prior to an award of a contract.

- 3.8.4 The offeror should complete and submit Exhibit H, Miscellaneous Information.
- 3.8.5 **Business Compliance** – The offeror must be in compliance with the laws regarding conducting business in the State of Missouri. The offeror certifies by signing the signature page of this original document and any amendment signature page(s) that the offeror 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 offeror shall provide documentation of compliance upon request by the Division of Purchasing and Materials Management. The compliance to conduct business in the state shall include, but not necessarily be limited to:
- a. Registration of business name (if applicable) with the Secretary of State at <http://sos.mo.gov/business/startBusiness.asp>
 - 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)
 - g. The offeror should refer to the Missouri Business Portal at <http://business.mo.gov> for additional information.

4. PRICING PAGE

4.1 Food Service - The offeror shall provide a firm, fixed price for each of the following for the original contract period and a maximum price for each potential renewal period for providing the services in accordance with the provisions and requirements of this RFP. All costs associated with providing the required services shall be included in the stated prices. (C/S code 94738)

Poplar Bluff Community Supervision Center				
Line Item	Description	Original Contract Period <i>Firm, Fixed Price</i>	First Renewal Period <i>Maximum Price</i>	Second Renewal Period <i>Maximum Price</i>
001	Breakfast	\$ _____ <i>Per meal</i>	\$ _____ <i>Per meal</i>	\$ _____ <i>Per meal</i>
002	Lunch	\$ _____ <i>Per meal</i>	\$ _____ <i>Per meal</i>	\$ _____ <i>Per meal</i>
003	Dinner	\$ _____ <i>Per meal</i>	\$ _____ <i>Per meal</i>	\$ _____ <i>Per meal</i>
004	Medically-Necessary Evening Snack	\$ _____ <i>Per snack</i>	\$ _____ <i>Per snack</i>	\$ _____ <i>Per snack</i>

EXHIBIT B

CURRENT/PRIOR EXPERIENCE

The offeror should copy and complete this form documenting the offeror and subcontractor's current/prior experience considered relevant to the services required herein. In addition, the offeror is advised that if the contact person listed for verification of services is unable to be reached during the evaluation, the listed experience may not be considered.

Offeror Name or Subcontractor Name: _____	
Reference Information (Current/Prior Services Performed For:)	
Name of Reference Company:	
Address of Reference Company <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Street Address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City, State, Zip	
Reference Contact Person Information: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Name <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phone # <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E-mail Address	
Dates of Services:	
If service/contract has terminated, specify reason:	
Dollar Value of Services	
Description of Services Performed	

EXHIBIT C

EXPERTISE OF PERSONNEL

(Complete this Exhibit for personnel proposed. Resumes for key personnel may also be provided)

Personnel	Background and Expertise of Personnel and Planned Duties
1. _____ (Name) _____ (Title) _____ (Proposed Role/Function) _____ (Number of Hours per Month Person is Proposed to Provide Services)	
2. _____ (Name) _____ (Title) _____ (Proposed Role/Function) _____ (Number of Hours per Month Person is Proposed to Provide Services)	
3. _____ (Name) _____ (Title) _____ (Proposed Role/Function) _____ (Number of Hours per Month Person is Proposed to Provide Services)	
4. _____ (Name) _____ (Title) _____ (Proposed Role/Function) _____ (Number of Hours per Month Person is Proposed to Provide Services)	
5. _____ (Name) _____ (Title) _____ (Proposed Role/Function) _____ (Number of Hours per Month Person is Proposed to Provide Services)	

EXHIBIT D**METHOD OF PERFORMANCE**

The offeror should present a written plan for performing the requirements specified in this Request for Proposal. In presenting such information, the offeror should specifically address each of the following issues:

1. The offeror should indicate the physical address of the offeror's official domicile in which the offeror will be preparing and transporting meals from. The offeror should include a printout of the Google Maps report identifying the mileage from the offeror's official domicile used to prepare and transport meals to the state agency.
2. The offeror should indicate the best time of day for the state agency to contact the offeror to provide the meal count for the next day.
3. The offeror should submit a sample monthly menu, including beverages, which documents compliance with the menu and portion sizes required in the RFP.
4. The offeror should indicate and provide examples of any special accommodations that the offeror could provide at the same per meal price for special dietary needs (such as low fat, low cholesterol, low sodium, diabetic, vegetarian, etc).
5. The offeror should provide a complete list of grades and qualities of foods to be utilized.

<u>Food Item</u>	<u>Minimum Grade/Quality Required</u>	<u>Grade/Quality Proposed by Offeror</u>
Canned fruits	Grade B	
Canned vegetables	Grade B	
Dairy products	Grade A	
Eggs	U.S.D.A. Grade A (medium)	
Fresh produce & fruits	#1 quality	
Frozen Foods		
Beef	U.S.D.A. select	
Ground Beef	U.S.D.A. Select 80% lean,	
Poultry	U.S.D.A. Grade 1	
Fish	US Grade A	

6. The offeror should attach samples of some of the proposed recipes.
7. In the preparation of the meals, the offeror should identify the techniques proposed to keep hot food hot and cold food cold.
8. The offeror should describe the process that will be followed and the number of personnel that shall be used for performing the requirements.

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- ✓ Provide details of how each step will be accomplished such as assembly line, timing, and a description of beverage serving containers, etc.
 - ✓ Indicate the plans for recording of temperatures of meals.
 - ✓ Provide a staffing schedule for the services proposed herein.
 - ✓ Identify the personnel and hours each person will work for each day of the week.
9. Organizational Chart - The offeror should provide an organizational chart showing the staffing and lines of authority for the key personnel to be used. The organizational chart should include (1) The relationship of service personnel to management and support personnel, (2) The names of the personnel and the working titles of each, and (3) Any proposed subcontractors including management, supervisory, and other key personnel.
- The organizational chart should outline the team proposed for this project and the relationship of those team members to each other and to the management structure of the offeror's organization.
10. Along with a detailed organizational chart, the offeror should describe the following:
- How services of the contract will be managed, controlled, and supervised in order to ensure satisfactory contract performance.
 - Total Personnel Resources - The offeror should provide information that documents the depth of resources to ensure completion of all requirements on time and on target. If the offeror has other ongoing contracts that also require personnel resources, the offeror should document how sufficient resources will be provided to the State of Missouri.
11. Economic Impact to Missouri - the offeror should describe the economic advantages that will be realized as a result of the offeror performing the required services. The offeror should respond to the following:
- Provide a description of the proposed services that will be performed and/or the proposed products that will be provided by Missourians and/or Missouri products.
 - Provide a description of the economic impact returned to the State of Missouri through tax revenue obligations.
 - Provide a description of the company's economic presence within the State of Missouri (e.g., type of facilities: sales offices; sales outlets; divisions; manufacturing; warehouse; other), including Missouri employee statistics.

EXHIBIT E

PARTICIPATION COMMITMENT

Minority Business Enterprise/Women Business Enterprise (MBE/WBE) and/or Organization for the Blind/Sheltered Workshop and/or Service-Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (SDVE) Participation Commitment – If the offeror is committing to participation by or if the offeror is a qualified MBE/WBE and/or organization for the blind/sheltered workshop and/or a qualified SDVE, the offeror must provide the required information in the appropriate table(s) below for the organization proposed and must submit the completed exhibit with the offeror’s proposal.

For Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) and/or Woman Business Enterprise (WBE) Participation, if proposing an entity certified as both MBE and WBE, the offeror must either (1) enter the participation percentage under MBE or WBE, **or** must (2) divide the participation between both MBE and WBE. If dividing the participation, do not state the total participation on both the MBE and WBE Participation Commitment tables below. Instead, **divide** the total participation as proportionately appropriate between the tables below.

MBE Participation Commitment Table		
(The services performed or the products provided by the listed MBE must provide a commercially useful function related to the delivery of the contractually-required service/product in a manner that will constitute an added value to the contract and shall be performed/provided exclusive to the performance of the contract.)		
Name of Each Qualified Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) Proposed	Committed Percentage of Participation for Each MBE (% of the Actual Total Contract Value)	Description of Products/Services to be Provided by Listed MBE <i>The offeror should also include the paragraph number(s) from the RFP which requires the product/service the MBE is proposed to perform and describe how the proposed product/service constitutes added value and will be exclusive to the contract.</i>
1.	%	Product/Service(s) proposed: ----- RFP Paragraph References:
2.	%	Product/Service(s) proposed: ----- RFP Paragraph References:
3.	%	Product/Service(s) proposed: ----- RFP Paragraph References:
4.	%	Product/Service(s) proposed: ----- RFP Paragraph References:
Total MBE Percentage:	%	

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WBE Participation Commitment Table		
<i>(The services performed or the products provided by the listed WBE must provide a commercially useful function related to the delivery of the contractually-required service/product in a manner that will constitute an added value to the contract and shall be performed/provided exclusive to the performance of the contract.)</i>		
Name of Each Qualified Women Business Enterprise (WBE) proposed	Committed Percentage of Participation for Each WBE (% of the Actual Total Contract Value)	Description of Products/Services to be Provided by Listed WBE <i>The offeror should also include the paragraph number(s) from the RFP which requires the product/service the WBE is proposed to perform and describe how the proposed product/service constitutes added value and will be exclusive to the contract.</i>
1.	%	Product/Service(s) proposed: ----- RFP Paragraph References:
2.	%	Product/Service(s) proposed: ----- RFP Paragraph References:
3.	%	Product/Service(s) proposed: ----- RFP Paragraph References:
4.	%	Product/Service(s) proposed: ----- RFP Paragraph References:
Total WBE Percentage:	%	

Organization for the Blind/Sheltered Workshop Commitment Table	
<i>By completing this table, the offeror commits to the use of the organization at the greater of \$5,000 or 2% of the actual total dollar value of contract.</i>	
<i>(The services performed or the products provided by the listed Organization for the Blind/Sheltered Workshop must provide a commercially useful function related to the delivery of the contractually-required service/product in a manner that will constitute an added value to the contract and shall be performed/provided exclusive to the performance of the contract.)</i>	
Name of Organization for the Blind or Sheltered Workshop Proposed	Description of Products/Services to be Provided by Listed Organization for the Blind/Sheltered Workshop <i>The offeror should also include the paragraph number(s) from the RFP which requires the product/service the organization for the blind/sheltered workshop is proposed to perform and describe how the proposed product/service constitutes added value and will be exclusive to the contract.</i>
1.	Product/Service(s) proposed: ----- RFP Paragraph References:
2.	Product/Service(s) proposed: ----- RFP Paragraph References:

EXHIBIT E, continued

SDVE Participation Commitment Table		
(The services performed or the products provided by the listed SDVE must provide a commercially useful function related to the delivery of the contractually-required service/product in a manner that will constitute an added value to the contract and shall be performed/provided exclusive to the performance of the contract.)		
Name of Each Qualified Service-Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (SDVE) Proposed	Committed Percentage of Participation for Each SDVE (% of the Actual Total Contract Value)	Description of Products/Services to be Provided by Listed SDVE <i>The offeror should also include the paragraph number(s) from the RFP which requires the product/service the SDVE is proposed to perform and describe how the proposed product/service constitutes added value and will be exclusive to the contract.</i>
1.	%	Product/Service(s) proposed: ----- RFP Paragraph References:
2.	%	Product/Service(s) proposed: ----- RFP Paragraph References:
Total SDVE Percentage:	%	

EXHIBIT F

DOCUMENTATION OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE

If the offeror is proposing to include the participation of a Minority Business Enterprise/Women Business Enterprise (MBE/WBE) and/or Organization for the Blind/Sheltered Workshop and/or qualified Service-Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (SDVE) in the provision of the products/services required in the RFP, the offeror must either provide a recently dated letter of intent, signed and dated no earlier than the RFP issuance date, from each organization documenting the following information, or complete and provide this Exhibit with the offeror's proposal.

~ Copy This Form For Each Organization Proposed ~

Offeror Name: _____

This Section To Be Completed by Participating Organization:

By completing and signing this form, the undersigned hereby confirms the intent of the named participating organization to provide the products/services identified herein for the offeror identified above.

Indicate appropriate business classification(s):

_____ MBE _____ WBE _____ Organization for the Blind _____ Sheltered Workshop _____ SDVE

Name of Organization: _____

(Name of MBE, WBE, Organization for the Blind, Sheltered Workshop, or SDVE)

Contact Name: _____ Email: _____

Address (If SDVE, provide MO Address): _____ Phone #: _____

City: _____ Fax #: _____

State/Zip: _____ Certification # _____

SDVE's Website Address: _____ Certification (or attach copy of certification) Expiration Date: _____

Service-Disabled Veteran's (SDV) Name: _____ (Please Print) SDV's Signature: _____

PRODUCTS/SERVICES PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATION AGREED TO PROVIDE

Describe the products/services you (as the participating organization) have agreed to provide:

Authorized Signature:

*Authorized Signature of Participating Organization
(MBE, WBE, Organization for the Blind, Sheltered Workshop, or SDVE)*

*Date
(Dated no earlier than the RFP issuance date)*

EXHIBIT F, continued

DOCUMENTATION OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE

SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (SDVE)

If a participating organization is an SDVE, unless the Service-Disabled Veteran (SDV) documents were previously submitted within the past five (5) years to the Division of Purchasing and Materials Management (DPMM), the offeror **must** provide the following SDV documents:

- 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.

(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.)

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

- No, I have not previously submitted the SDV documents specified above to the DPMM and therefore have enclosed the SDV documents.
- Yes, I previously submitted the SDV documents specified above within the past five (5) years to the DPMM.

Date SDV Documents were Submitted: _____

Previous Proposal/Contract Number for Which the SDV Documents were Submitted:

(if applicable and known)

(NOTE: If the proposed SDVE and SDV are listed on the DPMM SDVE database located at <http://content.ia.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 Documents - Verification Completed By:	
_____ Buyer	_____ Date

EXHIBIT G

**BUSINESS ENTITY CERTIFICATION, ENROLLMENT DOCUMENTATION,
AND AFFIDAVIT OF WORK AUTHORIZATION**

BUSINESS ENTITY CERTIFICATION:

The offeror must certify their current business status by completing either Box A or Box B or Box C on this Exhibit.

- BOX A:** To be completed by a non-business entity as defined below.
- BOX B:** To be completed by a business entity who has not yet completed and submitted documentation pertaining to the federal work authorization program as described at http://www.dhs.gov/files/programs/gc_1185221678150.shtm.
- BOX C:** To be completed by a business entity who has current work authorization documentation on file with a Missouri state agency including Division of Purchasing and Materials Management.

Business entity, as defined in section 285.525, RSMo, pertaining to section 285.530, RSMo, is any person or group of persons performing or engaging in any activity, enterprise, profession, or occupation for gain, benefit, advantage, or livelihood. The term **“business entity”** shall include but not be limited to self-employed individuals, partnerships, corporations, contractors, and subcontractors. The term **“business entity”** shall include any business entity that possesses a business permit, license, or tax certificate issued by the state, any business entity that is exempt by law from obtaining such a business permit, and any business entity that is operating unlawfully without such a business permit. The term **“business entity”** shall not include a self-employed individual with no employees or entities utilizing the services of direct sellers as defined in subdivision (17) of subsection 12 of section 288.034, RSMo.

Note: Regarding governmental entities, business entity includes Missouri schools, Missouri universities (other than stated in Box C), out of state agencies, out of state schools, out of state universities, and political subdivisions. A business entity does not include Missouri state agencies and federal government entities.

BOX A – CURRENTLY NOT A BUSINESS ENTITY

I certify that _____ (Company/Individual Name) **DOES NOT CURRENTLY MEET** the definition of a business entity, as defined in section 285.525, RSMo pertaining to section 285.530, RSMo as stated above, because: (check the applicable business status that applies below)

- I am a self-employed individual with no employees; **OR**
- The company that I represent employs the services of direct sellers as defined in subdivision (17) of subsection 12 of section 288.034, RSMo.

I certify that I am not an alien unlawfully present in the United States and if _____ (Company/Individual Name) is awarded a contract for the services requested herein under _____ (RFP Number) and if the business status changes during the life of the contract to become a business entity as defined in section 285.525, RSMo pertaining to section 285.530, RSMo then, prior to the performance of any services as a business entity, _____ (Company/Individual Name) agrees to complete Box B, comply with the requirements stated in Box B and provide the Division of Purchasing and Materials Management with all documentation required in Box B of this exhibit.

Authorized Representative's Name (Please Print)

Authorized Representative's Signature

Company Name (if applicable)

Date

EXHIBIT G, continued

(Complete the following if you DO NOT have the E-Verify documentation and a current Affidavit of Work Authorization already on file with the State of Missouri. If completing Box B, do not complete Box C.)

BOX B – CURRENT BUSINESS ENTITY STATUS

I certify that _____ (Business Entity Name) **MEETS** the definition of a business entity as defined in section 285.525, RSMo pertaining to section 285.530.

Authorized Business Entity Representative's
Name (Please Print)

*Authorized Business Entity
Representative's Signature*

Business Entity Name

Date

E-Mail Address

As a business entity, the offeror must perform/provide each of the following. The offeror should check each to verify completion/submission of all of the following:

- Enroll and participate in the E-Verify federal work authorization program (Website: http://www.dhs.gov/files/programs/gc_1185221678150.shtm; Phone: 888-464-4218; Email: e-verify@dhs.gov) with respect to the employees hired after enrollment in the program who are proposed to work in connection with the services required herein;

AND

- Provide documentation affirming said company's/individual's enrollment and participation in the E-Verify federal work authorization program. Documentation shall include EITHER the E-Verify Employment Eligibility Verification page listing the offeror's name and company ID OR a page from the E-Verify Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) listing the offeror's name and the MOU signature page completed and signed, at minimum, by the offeror and the Department of Homeland Security – Verification Division. If the signature page of the MOU lists the offeror's name and company ID, then no additional pages of the MOU must be submitted;

AND

- Submit a completed, notarized Affidavit of Work Authorization provided on the next page of this Exhibit.

EXHIBIT G, continued

AFFIDAVIT OF WORK AUTHORIZATION:

The offeror who meets the section 285.525, RSMo, definition of a business entity must complete and return the following Affidavit of Work Authorization.

Comes now _____ (Name of Business Entity Authorized Representative) as _____ (Position/Title) first being duly sworn on my oath, affirm _____ (Business Entity Name) is enrolled and will continue to participate in the E-Verify federal work authorization program with respect to employees hired after enrollment in the program who are proposed to work in connection with the services related to contract(s) with the State of Missouri for the duration of the contract(s), if awarded in accordance with subsection 2 of section 285.530, RSMo. I also affirm that _____ (Business Entity Name) does not and will not knowingly employ a person who is an unauthorized alien in connection with the contracted services provided under the contract(s) for the duration of the contract(s), if awarded.

In Affirmation thereof, the facts stated above are true and correct. (The undersigned understands that false statements made in this filing are subject to the penalties provided under section 575.040, RSMo.)

_____	_____
<i>Authorized Representative's Signature</i>	Printed Name
_____	_____
Title	Date
_____	_____
E-Mail Address	E-Verify Company ID Number

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ of _____. I am
(DAY) (MONTH, YEAR)
commissioned as a notary public within the County of _____, State of
(NAME OF COUNTY)
_____, and my commission expires on _____.
(NAME OF STATE) (DATE)

Signature of Notary Date

EXHIBIT G, continued

(Complete the following if you have the E-Verify documentation and a current Affidavit of Work Authorization already on file with the State of Missouri. If completing Box C, do not complete Box B.)

BOX C – AFFIDAVIT ON FILE - CURRENT BUSINESS ENTITY STATUS

I certify that _____ (Business Entity Name) **MEETS** the definition of a business entity as defined in section 285.525, RSMo pertaining to section 285.530, RSMo and have enrolled and currently participates in the E-Verify federal work authorization program with respect to the employees hired after enrollment in the program who are proposed to work in connection with the services related to contract(s) with the State of Missouri. We have previously provided documentation to a Missouri state agency or public university that affirms enrollment and participation in the E-Verify federal work authorization program. The documentation that was previously provided included the following.

- ✓ The E-Verify Employment Eligibility Verification page OR a page from the E-Verify Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) listing the offeror’s name and the MOU signature page completed and signed by the offeror and the Department of Homeland Security – Verification Division
- ✓ A current, notarized Affidavit of Work Authorization (must be completed, signed, and notarized within the past twelve months).

Name of **Missouri State Agency** or **Public University*** to Which Previous E-Verify Documentation Submitted: _____

(*Public University includes the following five schools under chapter 34, RSMo: Harris-Stowe State University – St. Louis; Missouri Southern State University – Joplin; Missouri Western State University – St. Joseph; Northwest Missouri State University – Maryville; Southeast Missouri State University – Cape Girardeau.)

Date of Previous E-Verify Documentation Submission: _____

Previous **Bid/Contract Number** for Which Previous E-Verify Documentation Submitted: _____ (if known)

Authorized Business Entity Representative’s
Name (Please Print)

*Authorized Business Entity
Representative’s Signature*

Business Entity Name

Date

E-Mail Address

E-Verify MOU Company ID Number

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Documentation Verification Completed By:

Buyer

Date

EXHIBIT H

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

Outside United States

If any products and/or services offered under this RFP are being manufactured or performed at sites outside the United States, the offeror **MUST** disclose such fact and provide details in the space below or on an attached page.

Are any of the offeror's proposed products and/or services being manufactured or performed at sites outside the United States?	Yes ___	No ___
If YES, do the proposed products/services satisfy the conditions described in section 4, subparagraphs 1, 2, 3, and 4 of Executive Order 04-09? (see the following web link: http://www.sos.mo.gov/library/reference/orders/2004/eo04_009.asp)	Yes ___	No ___
If YES, mark the appropriate exemption below, and provide the requested details: 1. ___ Unique good or service. • EXPLAIN: _____ 2. ___ Foreign firm hired to market Missouri services/products to a foreign country. • Identify foreign country: _____ 3. ___ Economic cost factor exists • EXPLAIN: _____ 4. ___ Vendor/subcontractor maintains significant business presence in the United States and only performs trivial portion of contract work outside US. • Identify maximum percentage of the overall value of the contract, for any contract period, attributed to the value of the products and/or services being manufactured or performed at sites outside the United States: ___% • Specify what contract work would be performed outside the United States: _____		

Employee/Conflict of Interest:

Offerors who are 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 105.450 to 105.458, RSMo, regarding conflict of interest. If the offeror or any owner of the offeror's organization is currently an elected or appointed official or an employee of the State of Missouri or any political subdivision thereof, please provide the following information:	
Name and title of elected or appointed official or employee of the State of Missouri or any political subdivision thereof:	
If employee of the State of Missouri or political subdivision thereof, provide name of state agency or political subdivision where employed:	
Percentage of ownership interest in offeror's organization held by elected or appointed official or employee of the State of Missouri or political subdivision thereof:	_____%

EXHIBIT H, continued

Registration of Business Name (if applicable) with the Missouri Secretary of State

The offeror should indicate the offeror's charter number and company name with the Missouri Secretary of State. Additionally, the offeror should provide proof of the offeror's good standing status with the Missouri Secretary of State. If the offeror is exempt from registering with the Missouri Secretary of State pursuant to section 351.572, RSMo., identify the specific section of 351.572 RSMo., which supports the exemption.

<i>Charter Number (if applicable)</i>	<i>Company Name</i>
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**STATE OF MISSOURI
DIVISION OF PURCHASING AND MATERIALS MANAGEMENT
TERMS AND CONDITIONS – REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

1. TERMINOLOGY/DEFINITIONS

Whenever the following words and expressions appear in a Request for Proposal (RFP) document or any amendment thereto, the definition or meaning described below shall apply.

- a. **Agency and/or State Agency** means the statutory unit of state government in the State of Missouri for which the equipment, supplies, and/or services are being purchased by the **Division of Purchasing and Materials Management (DPMM)**. The agency is also responsible for payment.
- b. **Amendment** means a written, official modification to an RFP or to a contract.
- c. **Attachment** applies to all forms which are included with an RFP to incorporate any informational data or requirements related to the performance requirements and/or specifications.
- d. **Proposal Opening Date and Time** and similar expressions mean the exact deadline required by the RFP for the receipt of sealed proposals.
- e. **Offeror** means the person or organization that responds to an RFP by submitting a proposal with prices to provide the equipment, supplies, and/or services as required in the RFP document.
- f. **Buyer** means the procurement staff member of the DPMM. The **Contact Person** as referenced herein is usually the Buyer.
- g. **Contract** means a legal and binding agreement between two or more competent parties, for a consideration for the procurement of equipment, supplies, and/or services.
- h. **Contractor** means a person or organization who is a successful offeror as a result of an RFP and who enters into a contract.
- i. **Exhibit** applies to forms which are included with an RFP for the offeror to complete and submit with the sealed proposal prior to the specified opening date and time.
- j. **Request for Proposal (RFP)** means the solicitation document issued by the DPMM to potential offerors 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 Pricing Pages, Exhibits, Attachments, and Amendments thereto.
- 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.
- m. **Pricing Page(s)** applies to the form(s) on which the offeror must state the price(s) applicable for the equipment, supplies, and/or services required in the RFP. The pricing pages must be completed and submitted by the offeror with the sealed proposal prior to the specified proposal opening date and time.
- n. **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 operations of DPMM.
- o. **Shall** has the same meaning as the word **must**.
- p. **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 DPMM.
- 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 RFP or resulting contract shall be in the Circuit Court of Cole County, Missouri.
- f. The contractor shall only employ 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. OPEN COMPETITION/REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL DOCUMENT

- a. It shall be the offeror's responsibility to ask questions, request changes or clarification, or otherwise advise the DPMM if any language, specifications or requirements of an RFP appear to be ambiguous, contradictory, and/or arbitrary, or appear to inadvertently restrict or limit the requirements stated in the RFP to a single source. Any and all communication from offerors regarding specifications, requirements, competitive proposal process, etc., must be directed to the buyer from the DPMM, unless the RFP specifically refers the offeror to another contact. Such e-mail, fax, or phone communication should be received at least ten calendar days prior to the official proposal opening date.
- b. Every attempt shall be made to ensure that the offeror receives an adequate and prompt response. However, in order to maintain a fair and equitable procurement process, all offerors will be advised, via the issuance of an amendment to the RFP, of any relevant or pertinent information related to the procurement. Therefore, offerors are advised that unless specified elsewhere in the RFP, any questions received less than ten calendar days prior to the RFP opening date may not be answered.
- c. Offerors are cautioned that the only official position of the State of Missouri is that which is issued by the DPMM in the RFP 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 DPMM monitors all procurement activities to detect any possibility of deliberate restraint of competition, collusion among offerors, price-fixing by offerors, or any other anticompetitive conduct by offerors 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. The RFP is available for viewing and downloading on the state's On-Line Bidding/Vendor Registration System website. Registered offerors are electronically notified of the proposal opportunity based on the information maintained in the State of Missouri's vendor database. If a registered offeror's e-mail address is incorrect, the offeror must update the e-mail address themselves on the state's On-Line Bidding/Vendor Registration System website.
- f. The DPMM reserves the right to officially amend or cancel an RFP after issuance. It shall be the sole responsibility of the offeror to monitor the State of Missouri On-Line Bidding/Vendor Registration System website at: <https://www.moolb.mo.gov> to obtain a copy of the amendment(s). Registered offerors who received e-mail notification of the proposal opportunity when the RFP was established and registered offerors who have responded to the RFP on-line prior to an amendment being issued will receive e-mail notification of the amendment(s). Registered offerors who received e-mail notification of the proposal opportunity when the RFP was established and registered offerors who have responded to the proposal on-line prior to a cancellation being issued will receive e-mail notification of a cancellation issued prior to the exact closing time and date specified in the RFP.

4. PREPARATION OF PROPOSALS

- a. Offerors **must** examine the entire RFP carefully. Failure to do so shall be at offeror's risk.
- b. Unless otherwise specifically stated in the RFP, all specifications and requirements constitute minimum requirements. All proposals must meet or exceed the stated specifications and requirements.
- c. Unless otherwise specifically stated in the RFP, 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 offeror 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 proposal. In addition, the offeror 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. Proposals which do not comply with the requirements and specifications are subject to rejection without clarification.
- d. Proposals lacking any indication of intent to offer 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 RFP.
- e. In the event that the offeror 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 an RFP, such an offeror may submit a proposal which contains a list of statutory limitations and identification of those prohibitive clauses. The offeror should include a complete list of statutory references and citations for each provision of the RFP, which is affected by this paragraph. The statutory limitations and prohibitive clauses may (1) be requested to be clarified in writing by DPMM or (2) be accepted without further clarification if the statutory limitations and prohibitive clauses are deemed acceptable by DPMM. If DPMM 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 RFP.
- f. All equipment and supplies offered in a proposal must be new, of current production, and available for marketing by the manufacturer unless the RFP clearly specifies that used, reconditioned, or remanufactured equipment and supplies may be offered.
- g. Prices shall include all packing, handling and shipping charges FOB destination, freight prepaid and allowed unless otherwise specified in the RFP.
- h. Proposals, including all prices therein, shall remain valid for 90 days from proposal opening or Best and Final Offer (BAFO) submission unless otherwise indicated. If the proposal is accepted, the entire proposal, including all prices, shall be firm for the specified contract period.
- i. Any foreign offeror 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 proposal in order to be considered for award.

5. SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

- a. Proposals may be submitted by delivery of a hard copy to the DPMM office. Electronic submission of proposals by registered offerors through the State of Missouri's On-Line Bidding/Vendor Registration System website is not available unless stipulated in the RFP. Delivered proposals must be sealed in an envelope or container, and received in the DPMM office located at 301 West High St, Rm 630 in Jefferson City, MO no later than the exact opening time and date specified in the RFP. All proposals must (1) be submitted by a duly authorized representative of the offeror's organization, (2) contain all information required by the RFP, and (3) be priced as required. Hard copy proposals may be mailed to the DPMM post office box address. However, it shall be the responsibility of the offeror to ensure their proposal is in the DPMM office (address listed above) no later than the exact opening time and date specified in the RFP.
- b. The sealed envelope or container containing a proposal should be clearly marked on the outside with (1) the official RFP number and (2) the official opening date and time. Different proposals should not be placed in the same envelope, although copies of the same proposal may be placed in the same envelope.
- c. A proposal submitted electronically by a registered offeror may be modified on-line prior to the official opening date and time. A proposal which has been delivered to the DPMM office may be modified by signed, written notice which has been received by the DPMM prior to the official opening date and time specified. A proposal may also be modified in person by the offeror or its authorized representative, provided proper identification is presented before the official opening date and time. Telephone or telegraphic requests to modify a proposal shall not be honored.
- d. A proposal submitted electronically by a registered offeror may be canceled on-line prior to the official opening date and time. A proposal which has been delivered to the DPMM 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 DPMM prior to the official opening date and time specified. A proposal may also be withdrawn in person by the offeror or its authorized representative, provided proper identification is presented before the official opening date and time. Telephone or telegraphic requests to withdraw a proposal shall not be honored.
- e. A proposal may also be withdrawn after the proposal opening through submission of a written request by an authorized representative of the offeror. Justification of withdrawal decision may include a significant error or exposure of proposal information that may cause irreparable harm to the offeror.
- f. When submitting a proposal electronically, the registered offeror indicates acceptance of all RFP terms and conditions by clicking on the "Submit" button on the Electronic Bid Response Entry form. Offerors delivering a hard copy proposal to DPMM must sign and return the RFP cover page or, if applicable, the cover page of the last amendment thereto in order to constitute acceptance by the offeror of all RFP terms and conditions. Failure to do so may result in rejection of the proposal unless the offeror's full compliance with those documents is indicated elsewhere within the offeror's response.
- g. Faxed proposals shall not be accepted. However, faxed and e-mail no-bid notifications shall be accepted.

6. PROPOSAL OPENING

- a. Proposal openings are public on the opening date and at the opening time specified on the RFP document. Only the names of the respondents shall be read at the proposal opening. All vendors may view the same proposal response information on the state's On-Line Bidding/Vendor Registration System website. The contents of the responses shall not be disclosed at this time.
- b. Proposals which are not received in the DPMM office prior to the official opening date and time shall be considered late, regardless of the degree of lateness, and normally will not be opened. Late proposals may only be opened under extraordinary circumstances in accordance with 1 CSR 40-1.050.

7. PREFERENCES

- a. In the evaluation of proposals, preferences shall be applied in accordance with chapter 34, RSMo, other applicable Missouri statutes, and applicable Executive Orders. 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, mined, processed 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.
- c. In accordance with Executive Order 05-30, contractors are encouraged to utilize certified minority and women-owned businesses in selecting subcontractors.

8. EVALUATION/AWARD

- a. Any clerical error, apparent on its face, may be corrected by the buyer before contract award. Upon discovering an apparent clerical error, the buyer shall contact the offeror and request clarification of the intended proposal. 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 an offeror shall be subject to evaluation if deemed by the DPMM to be in the best interest of the State of Missouri.
- c. The offeror is encouraged to propose price discounts for prompt payment or propose other price discounts that would benefit the State of Missouri. However, unless otherwise specified in the RFP, pricing shall be evaluated at the maximum potential financial liability to the State of Missouri.
- d. Awards shall be made to the offeror whose proposal (1) complies with all mandatory specifications and requirements of the RFP and (2) is the lowest and best proposal, considering price, responsibility of the offeror, and all other evaluation criteria specified in the RFP and any subsequent negotiations and (3) complies with chapter 34, RSMo, other applicable Missouri statutes, and all applicable Executive Orders.
- e. In the event all offerors fail to meet the same mandatory requirement in an RFP, DPMM reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to waive that requirement for all offerors and to proceed with the evaluation. In addition, the DPMM reserves the right to waive any minor irregularity or technicality found in any individual proposal.
- f. The DPMM reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.
- g. When evaluating a proposal, the State of Missouri reserves the right to consider relevant information and fact, whether gained from a proposal, from an offeror, from offeror's references, or from any other source.
- h. Any information submitted with the proposal, regardless of the format or placement of such information, may be considered in making decisions related to the responsiveness and merit of a proposal and the award of a contract.
- i. Negotiations may be conducted with those offerors who submit potentially acceptable proposals. Proposal revisions may be permitted for the purpose of obtaining best and final offers. In conducting negotiations, there shall be no disclosure of any information submitted by competing offerors.
- j. Any award of a contract shall be made by notification from the DPMM to the successful offeror. The DPMM 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 DPMM based upon factors such as item similarity, location, administrative efficiency, or other considerations in the best interest of the State of Missouri.
- k. Pursuant to section 610.021, RSMo, proposals and related documents shall not be available for public review until after a contract is executed or all proposals are rejected.
- l. The DPMM posts all proposal results on the On-line Bidding/Vendor Registration System website for all vendors to view for a reasonable period after proposal award and maintains images of all proposal file material for review. Offerors who include an e-mail address with their proposal will be notified of the award results via e-mail.
- m. The DPMM reserves the right to request clarification of any portion of the offeror's response in order to verify the intent of the offeror. The offeror is cautioned, however, that its response may be subject to acceptance or rejection without further clarification.
- n. Any proposal 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 (9).
- o. The final determination of contract(s) award shall be made by DPMM.

9. CONTRACT/PURCHASE ORDER

- a. By submitting a proposal, the offeror agrees to furnish any and all equipment, supplies and/or services specified in the RFP, at the prices quoted, pursuant to all requirements and specifications contained therein.
- b. A binding contract shall consist of: (1) the RFP, amendments thereto, and any Best and Final Offer (BAFO) request(s) with RFP changes/additions, (2) the contractor's proposal including any contractor BAFO response(s), (3) clarification of the proposal, if any, and (4) DPMM's acceptance of the proposal by "notice of award" or by "purchase order." All Exhibits and Attachments included in the RFP shall be incorporated into the contract by reference.
- c. A notice of award issued by the State of Missouri 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 State of Missouri, the contractor must receive a properly authorized purchase order or other form of authorization given to the contractor at the discretion of the state agency.
- 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 DPMM 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. The statewide financial management system has been designed to capture certain receipt and payment information. 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. The contractor shall not transfer any interest in the contract, whether by assignment or otherwise, without the prior written consent of the DPMM.
- d. Payment for all equipment, supplies, and/or services required herein shall be made in arrears unless otherwise indicated in the RFP.
- e. The State of Missouri 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 state's rejection and shall be returned at the contractor's expense.
- f. All invoices for equipment, supplies, and/or services purchased by the State of Missouri shall be subject to late payment charges as provided in section 34.055, RSMo.
- g. The State of Missouri reserves the right to purchase goods and services using the state purchasing card.

11. DELIVERY

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.

12. INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE

- a. No equipment, supplies, and/or services received by an agency of the state pursuant to a contract shall be deemed accepted until the agency 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 State of Missouri 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 State of Missouri'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 DPMM, (2) be fit and sufficient for the purpose expressed in the RFP, (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 state'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, RSMo, regarding conflict of interest.
- b. The contractor hereby covenants that at the time of the submission of the proposal 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. REMEDIES AND RIGHTS

- a. No provision in the contract shall be construed, expressly or implied, as a waiver by the State of Missouri of any existing or future right and/or remedy available by law in the event of any claim by the State of Missouri 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 State of Missouri 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 State of Missouri.

16. CANCELLATION OF CONTRACT

- a. In the event of material breach of the contractual obligations by the contractor, the DPMM may cancel the contract. At its sole discretion, the DPMM 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 DPMM 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 DPMM will issue a notice of cancellation terminating the contract immediately. If it is determined the DPMM improperly cancelled the contract, such cancellation shall be deemed a termination for convenience in accordance with the contract.
- c. If the DPMM cancels the contract for breach, the DPMM 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 DPMM deems appropriate and charge the contractor for any additional costs incurred thereby.
- d. The contractor understands and agrees that funds required to fund the contract must be appropriated by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri for each fiscal year included within the contract period. The contract shall not be binding upon the state for any period in which funds have not been appropriated, and the state shall not be liable for any costs associated with termination caused by lack of appropriations.

17. COMMUNICATIONS AND NOTICES

Any notice to the offeror/contractor shall be deemed sufficient when deposited in the United States mail postage prepaid, transmitted by facsimile, transmitted by e-mail or hand-carried and presented to an authorized employee of the offeror/contractor.

18. 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 DPMM immediately.
- b. Upon learning of any such actions, the DPMM reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to either cancel the contract or affirm the contract and hold the contractor responsible for damages.

19. INVENTIONS, PATENTS AND COPYRIGHTS

The contractor shall defend, protect, and hold harmless the State of Missouri, 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.

20. NON-DISCRIMINATION AND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

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:

- a. A written policy statement committing the organization to affirmative action and assigning management responsibilities and procedures for evaluation and dissemination;
- b. The identification of a person designated to handle affirmative action;
- c. 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;
- d. The exclusion of discrimination from all collective bargaining agreements; and
- e. Performance of an internal audit of the reporting system to monitor execution and to provide for future planning.

If discrimination by a contractor is found to exist, the DPMM shall take appropriate enforcement action which may include, but not necessarily be limited to, cancellation of the contract, suspension, or debarment by the DPMM 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.

21. AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

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).

22. FILING AND PAYMENT OF TAXES

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 offeror's failure to maintain compliance with chapter 144, RSMo, may eliminate their proposal from consideration for award.

23. TITLES

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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