



Department of Administration  
 Purchasing Division  
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State of West Virginia  
**Contract**

Order Date: 02-16-2024

CORRECT ORDER NUMBER MUST APPEAR  
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 SHIPPING PAPERS. QUESTIONS  
 CONCERNING THIS ORDER SHOULD BE  
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 CONTACT.

Order Number:	CCT 0704 7952 INS2400000001 1	Procurement Folder:	1361009
Document Name:	Audit Service for Fiscal Year 2024	Reason for Modification:	
Document Description:	Audit Service for Fiscal Year 2024		
Procurement Type:	Central Contract - Fixed Amt		
Buyer Name:	Joseph E Hager III		
Telephone:	(304) 558-2306		
Email:	joseph.e.hageriii@wv.gov		
Shipping Method:	Best Way	Effective Start Date:	2024-04-01
Free on Board:	FOB Dest, Freight Prepaid	Effective End Date:	2025-03-31

VENDOR		DEPARTMENT CONTACT	
Vendor Customer Code:	000000197366	Requestor Name:	Beverley Toney
BROWN EDWARDS & COMPANY LLP 707 Virginia St E		Requestor Phone:	(304) 558-6279
Charleston	WV 25301-2710	Requestor Email:	beverley.a.toney@wv.gov
US			
Vendor Contact Phone:	304-345-8400 Extension:		
<b>Discount Details:</b>			
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#1	No	0.0000	0
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#3	Not Entered		
#4	Not Entered		

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 FILE LOCATION \_\_\_\_\_

INVOICE TO	SHIP TO
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE MANAGER OFFICES OF THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER PO BOX 50540	OFFICES OF THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER 900 PENNSYLVANIA AVE
CHARLESTON WV 25305-0540	CHARLESTON WV 25302
US	US

2-20-2466

Total Order Amount: \$74,000.00

Purchasing Division's File Copy

PURCHASING DIVISION AUTHORIZATION DATE: <i>Mark [Signature]</i> 2/16/2024 ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE ON FILE	ATTORNEY GENERAL APPROVAL AS TO FORM DATE: <i>John L. Gray</i> ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE ON FILE	ENCUMBRANCE CERTIFICATION DATE: <i>Dan [Signature]</i> 2-26-24 ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE ON FILE
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2/26/2024

**Extended Description:**

The vendor, Brown, Edwards & Company LLP, agrees to enter into this contract with the agency, The West Virginia Offices of the Insurance Commissioner, for a CPA Firm to provide Audit Services for fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 per the specifications, terms and conditions, Addendum #1 issued 2/1/2024 and the vendor's submitted bid response dated 2/5/2024 all incorporated herein by reference and made apart hereof.

Line	Commodity Code	Quantity	Unit	Unit Price	Total Price
1	84111600	0.00000		0.000000	\$74,000.00
Service From	Service To	Manufacturer	Model No		
2024-04-01	2025-03-31				

**Commodity Line Description:** Audit Services 2024

**Extended Description:**

To audit the financial records and statements of the agency.  
For fiscal year 2024

## GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

**1. CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT:** Issuance of an Award Document signed by the Purchasing Division Director, or his designee, and approved as to form by the Attorney General's office constitutes acceptance by the State of this Contract made by and between the State of West Virginia and the Vendor. Vendor's signature on its bid, or on the Contract if the Contract is not the result of a bid solicitation, signifies Vendor's agreement to be bound by and accept the terms and conditions contained in this Contract.

**2. DEFINITIONS:** As used in this Solicitation/Contract, the following terms shall have the meanings attributed to them below. Additional definitions may be found in the specifications included with this Solicitation/Contract.

**2.1. "Agency" or "Agencies"** means the agency, board, commission, or other entity of the State of West Virginia that is identified on the first page of the Solicitation or any other public entity seeking to procure goods or services under this Contract.

**2.2. "Bid" or "Proposal"** means the vendors submitted response to this solicitation.

**2.3. "Contract"** means the binding agreement that is entered into between the State and the Vendor to provide the goods or services requested in the Solicitation.

**2.4. "Director"** means the Director of the West Virginia Department of Administration, Purchasing Division.

**2.5. "Purchasing Division"** means the West Virginia Department of Administration, Purchasing Division.

**2.6. "Award Document"** means the document signed by the Agency and the Purchasing Division, and approved as to form by the Attorney General, that identifies the Vendor as the contract holder.

**2.7. "Solicitation"** means the official notice of an opportunity to supply the State with goods or services that is published by the Purchasing Division.

**2.8. "State"** means the State of West Virginia and/or any of its agencies, commissions, boards, etc. as context requires.

**2.9. "Vendor" or "Vendors"** means any entity submitting a bid in response to the Solicitation, the entity that has been selected as the lowest responsible bidder, or the entity that has been awarded the Contract as context requires.

**3. CONTRACT TERM; RENEWAL; EXTENSION:** The term of this Contract shall be determined in accordance with the category that has been identified as applicable to this Contract below:

**Term Contract**

**Initial Contract Term:** The Initial Contract Term will be for a period of One (1) Year. The Initial Contract Term becomes effective on the effective start date listed on the first page of this Contract, identified as the State of West Virginia contract cover page containing the signatures of the Purchasing Division, Attorney General, and Encumbrance clerk (or another page identified as \_\_\_\_\_), and the Initial Contract Term ends on the effective end date also shown on the first page of this Contract.

**Renewal Term:** This Contract may be renewed upon the mutual written consent of the Agency, and the Vendor, with approval of the Purchasing Division and the Attorney General's office (Attorney General approval is as to form only). Any request for renewal should be delivered to the Agency and then submitted to the Purchasing Division thirty (30) days prior to the expiration date of the initial contract term or appropriate renewal term. A Contract renewal shall be in accordance with the terms and conditions of the original contract. Unless otherwise specified below, renewal of this Contract is limited to Three (3) successive one (1) year periods or multiple renewal periods of less than one year, provided that the multiple renewal periods do not exceed the total number of months available in all renewal years combined. Automatic renewal of this Contract is prohibited. Renewals must be approved by the Vendor, Agency, Purchasing Division and Attorney General's office (Attorney General approval is as to form only)

**Alternate Renewal Term** – This contract may be renewed for \_\_\_\_\_ successive \_\_\_\_\_ year periods or shorter periods provided that they do not exceed the total number of months contained in all available renewals. Automatic renewal of this Contract is prohibited. Renewals must be approved by the Vendor, Agency, Purchasing Division and Attorney General's office (Attorney General approval is as to form only)

**Delivery Order Limitations:** In the event that this contract permits delivery orders, a delivery order may only be issued during the time this Contract is in effect. Any delivery order issued within one year of the expiration of this Contract shall be effective for one year from the date the delivery order is issued. No delivery order may be extended beyond one year after this Contract has expired.

**Fixed Period Contract:** This Contract becomes effective upon Vendor's receipt of the notice to proceed and must be completed within \_\_\_\_\_ days.

**Fixed Period Contract with Renewals:** This Contract becomes effective upon Vendor's receipt of the notice to proceed and part of the Contract more fully described in the attached specifications must be completed within \_\_\_\_\_ days. Upon completion of the work covered by the preceding sentence, the vendor agrees that:

the contract will continue for \_\_\_\_\_ years;

the contract may be renewed for \_\_\_\_\_ successive \_\_\_\_\_ year periods or shorter periods provided that they do not exceed the total number of months contained in all available renewals. Automatic renewal of this Contract is prohibited. Renewals must be approved by the Vendor, Agency, Purchasing Division and Attorney General's Office (Attorney General approval is as to form only).

**One-Time Purchase:** The term of this Contract shall run from the issuance of the Award Document until all of the goods contracted for have been delivered, but in no event will this Contract extend for more than one fiscal year.

**Construction/Project Oversight:** This Contract becomes effective on the effective start date listed on the first page of this Contract, identified as the State of West Virginia contract cover page containing the signatures of the Purchasing Division, Attorney General, and Encumbrance clerk (or another page identified as \_\_\_\_\_), and continues until the project for which the vendor is providing oversight is complete.

**Other:** Contract Term specified in \_\_\_\_\_

**4. AUTHORITY TO PROCEED:** Vendor is authorized to begin performance of this contract on the date of encumbrance listed on the front page of the Award Document unless either the box for "Fixed Period Contract" or "Fixed Period Contract with Renewals" has been checked in Section 3 above. If either "Fixed Period Contract" or "Fixed Period Contract with Renewals" has been checked, Vendor must not begin work until it receives a separate notice to proceed from the State. The notice to proceed will then be incorporated into the Contract via change order to memorialize the official date that work commenced.

**5. QUANTITIES:** The quantities required under this Contract shall be determined in accordance with the category that has been identified as applicable to this Contract below.

**Open End Contract:** Quantities listed in this Solicitation/Award Document are approximations only, based on estimates supplied by the Agency. It is understood and agreed that the Contract shall cover the quantities actually ordered for delivery during the term of the Contract, whether more or less than the quantities shown.

**Service:** The scope of the service to be provided will be more clearly defined in the specifications included herewith.

**Combined Service and Goods:** The scope of the service and deliverable goods to be provided will be more clearly defined in the specifications included herewith.

**One-Time Purchase:** This Contract is for the purchase of a set quantity of goods that are identified in the specifications included herewith. Once those items have been delivered, no additional goods may be procured under this Contract without an appropriate change order approved by the Vendor, Agency, Purchasing Division, and Attorney General's office.

**Construction:** This Contract is for construction activity more fully defined in the specifications.

**6. EMERGENCY PURCHASES:** The Purchasing Division Director may authorize the Agency to purchase goods or services in the open market that Vendor would otherwise provide under this Contract if those goods or services are for immediate or expedited delivery in an emergency. Emergencies shall include, but are not limited to, delays in transportation or an unanticipated increase in the volume of work. An emergency purchase in the open market, approved by the Purchasing Division Director, shall not constitute a breach of this Contract and shall not entitle the Vendor to any form of compensation or damages. This provision does not excuse the State from fulfilling its obligations under a One-Time Purchase contract.

**7. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:** All of the items checked in this section must be provided to the Purchasing Division by the Vendor as specified:

**LICENSE(S) / CERTIFICATIONS / PERMITS:** In addition to anything required under the Section of the General Terms and Conditions entitled Licensing, the apparent successful Vendor shall furnish proof of the following licenses, certifications, and/or permits upon request and in a form acceptable to the State. The request may be prior to or after contract award at the State's sole discretion.

Each member assigned to the contract must be licensed to practice in WV as a CPA.

Subordinate/Support staff must be supervised by a licensed CPA.

The apparent successful Vendor shall also furnish proof of any additional licenses or certifications contained in the specifications regardless of whether or not that requirement is listed above.

**8. INSURANCE:** The apparent successful Vendor shall furnish proof of the insurance identified by a checkmark below prior to Contract award. The insurance coverages identified below must be maintained throughout the life of this contract. Thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the insurance policies, Vendor shall provide the Agency with proof that the insurance mandated herein has been continued. Vendor must also provide Agency with immediate notice of any changes in its insurance policies, including but not limited to, policy cancelation, policy reduction, or change in insurers. The apparent successful Vendor shall also furnish proof of any additional insurance requirements contained in the specifications prior to Contract award regardless of whether that insurance requirement is listed in this section.

Vendor must maintain:

**Commercial General Liability Insurance** in at least an amount of: One Million Dollars per occurrence.

**Automobile Liability Insurance** in at least an amount of: \_\_\_\_\_ per occurrence.

**Professional/Malpractice/Errors and Omission Insurance** in at least an amount of: One Million Dollars per occurrence. Notwithstanding the forgoing, Vendor's are not required to list the State as an additional insured for this type of policy.

**Commercial Crime and Third Party Fidelity Insurance** in an amount of: \_\_\_\_\_ per occurrence.

**Cyber Liability Insurance** in an amount of: \_\_\_\_\_ per occurrence.

**Builders Risk Insurance** in an amount equal to 100% of the amount of the Contract.

**Pollution Insurance** in an amount of: \_\_\_\_\_ per occurrence.

**Aircraft Liability** in an amount of: \_\_\_\_\_ per occurrence.

**9. WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE:** Vendor shall comply with laws relating to workers compensation, shall maintain workers' compensation insurance when required, and shall furnish proof of workers' compensation insurance upon request.

**10. VENUE:** All legal actions for damages brought by Vendor against the State shall be brought in the West Virginia Claims Commission. Other causes of action must be brought in the West Virginia court authorized by statute to exercise jurisdiction over it.

**11. LIQUIDATED DAMAGES:** This clause shall in no way be considered exclusive and shall not limit the State or Agency's right to pursue any other available remedy. Vendor shall pay liquidated damages in the amount specified below or as described in the specifications:

NA \_\_\_\_\_ for NA \_\_\_\_\_.

Liquidated Damages Contained in the Specifications.

Liquidated Damages Are Not Included in this Contract.

**12. ACCEPTANCE:** Vendor's signature on its bid, or on the certification and signature page, constitutes an offer to the State that cannot be unilaterally withdrawn, signifies that the product or service proposed by vendor meets the mandatory requirements contained in the Solicitation for that product or service, unless otherwise indicated, and signifies acceptance of the terms and conditions contained in the Solicitation unless otherwise indicated.

**13. PRICING:** The pricing set forth herein is firm for the life of the Contract, unless specified elsewhere within this Solicitation/Contract by the State. A Vendor's inclusion of price adjustment provisions in its bid, without an express authorization from the State in the Solicitation to do so, may result in bid disqualification. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Vendor must extend any publicly advertised sale price to the State and invoice at the lower of the contract price or the publicly advertised sale price.

**14. PAYMENT IN ARREARS:** Payments for goods/services will be made in arrears only upon receipt of a proper invoice, detailing the goods/services provided or receipt of the goods/services, whichever is later. Notwithstanding the foregoing, payments for software maintenance, licenses, or subscriptions may be paid annually in advance.

**15. PAYMENT METHODS:** Vendor must accept payment by electronic funds transfer and P-Card. (The State of West Virginia's Purchasing Card program, administered under contract by a banking institution, processes payment for goods and services through state designated credit cards.)

**16. TAXES:** The Vendor shall pay any applicable sales, use, personal property or any other taxes arising out of this Contract and the transactions contemplated thereby. The State of West Virginia is exempt from federal and state taxes and will not pay or reimburse such taxes.



**17. ADDITIONAL FEES:** Vendor is not permitted to charge additional fees or assess additional charges that were not either expressly provided for in the solicitation published by the State of West Virginia, included in the Contract, or included in the unit price or lump sum bid amount that Vendor is required by the solicitation to provide. Including such fees or charges as notes to the solicitation may result in rejection of vendor's bid. Requesting such fees or charges be paid after the contract has been awarded may result in cancellation of the contract.

**18. FUNDING:** This Contract shall continue for the term stated herein, contingent upon funds being appropriated by the Legislature or otherwise being made available. In the event funds are not appropriated or otherwise made available, this Contract becomes void and of no effect beginning on July 1 of the fiscal year for which funding has not been appropriated or otherwise made available. If that occurs, the State may notify the Vendor that an alternative source of funding has been obtained and thereby avoid the automatic termination. Non-appropriation or non-funding shall not be considered an event of default.

**19. CANCELLATION:** The Purchasing Division Director reserves the right to cancel this Contract immediately upon written notice to the vendor if the materials or workmanship supplied do not conform to the specifications contained in the Contract. The Purchasing Division Director may also cancel any purchase or Contract upon 30 days written notice to the Vendor in accordance with West Virginia Code of State Rules § 148-1-5.2.b.

**20. TIME:** Time is of the essence regarding all matters of time and performance in this Contract.

**21. APPLICABLE LAW:** This Contract is governed by and interpreted under West Virginia law without giving effect to its choice of law principles. Any information provided in specification manuals, or any other source, verbal or written, which contradicts or violates the West Virginia Constitution, West Virginia Code, or West Virginia Code of State Rules is void and of no effect.

**22. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS:** Vendor shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations and ordinances. By submitting a bid, Vendor acknowledges that it has reviewed, understands, and will comply with all applicable laws, regulations, and ordinances.

**SUBCONTRACTOR COMPLIANCE:** Vendor shall notify all subcontractors providing commodities or services related to this Contract that as subcontractors, they too are required to comply with all applicable laws, regulations, and ordinances. Notification under this provision must occur prior to the performance of any work under the contract by the subcontractor.

**23. ARBITRATION:** Any references made to arbitration contained in this Contract, Vendor's bid, or in any American Institute of Architects documents pertaining to this Contract are hereby deleted, void, and of no effect.

**24. MODIFICATIONS:** This writing is the parties' final expression of intent. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Contract to the contrary no modification of this Contract shall be binding without mutual written consent of the Agency, and the Vendor, with approval of the Purchasing Division and the Attorney General's office (Attorney General approval is as to form only). Any change to existing contracts that adds work or changes contract cost, and were not included in the original contract, must be approved by the Purchasing Division and the Attorney General's Office (as to form) prior to the implementation of the change or commencement of work affected by the change.

**25. WAIVER:** The failure of either party to insist upon a strict performance of any of the terms or provision of this Contract, or to exercise any option, right, or remedy herein contained, shall not be construed as a waiver or a relinquishment for the future of such term, provision, option, right, or remedy, but the same shall continue in full force and effect. Any waiver must be expressly stated in writing and signed by the waiving party.

**26. SUBSEQUENT FORMS:** The terms and conditions contained in this Contract shall supersede any and all subsequent terms and conditions which may appear on any form documents submitted by Vendor to the Agency or Purchasing Division such as price lists, order forms, invoices, sales agreements, or maintenance agreements, and includes internet websites or other electronic documents. Acceptance or use of Vendor's forms does not constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions contained thereon.

**27. ASSIGNMENT:** Neither this Contract nor any monies due, or to become due hereunder, may be assigned by the Vendor without the express written consent of the Agency, the Purchasing Division, the Attorney General's office (as to form only), and any other government agency or office that may be required to approve such assignments.

**28. WARRANTY:** The Vendor expressly warrants that the goods and/or services covered by this Contract will: (a) conform to the specifications, drawings, samples, or other description furnished or specified by the Agency; (b) be merchantable and fit for the purpose intended; and (c) be free from defect in material and workmanship.

**29. STATE EMPLOYEES:** State employees are not permitted to utilize this Contract for personal use and the Vendor is prohibited from permitting or facilitating the same.

**30. PRIVACY, SECURITY, AND CONFIDENTIALITY:** The Vendor agrees that it will not disclose to anyone, directly or indirectly, any such personally identifiable information or other confidential information gained from the Agency, unless the individual who is the subject of the information consents to the disclosure in writing or the disclosure is made pursuant to the Agency's policies, procedures, and rules. Vendor further agrees to comply with the Confidentiality Policies and Information Security Accountability Requirements, set forth in [www.state.wv.us/admin/purchase/privacy](http://www.state.wv.us/admin/purchase/privacy).

**31. YOUR SUBMISSION IS A PUBLIC DOCUMENT:** Vendor's entire response to the Solicitation and the resulting Contract are public documents. As public documents, they will be disclosed to the public following the bid/proposal opening or award of the contract, as required by the competitive bidding laws of West Virginia Code §§ 5A-3-1 et seq., 5-22-1 et seq., and 5G-1-1 et seq. and the Freedom of Information Act West Virginia Code §§ 29B-1-1 et seq.

**DO NOT SUBMIT MATERIAL YOU CONSIDER TO BE CONFIDENTIAL, A TRADE SECRET, OR OTHERWISE NOT SUBJECT TO PUBLIC DISCLOSURE.**

Submission of any bid, proposal, or other document to the Purchasing Division constitutes your explicit consent to the subsequent public disclosure of the bid, proposal, or document. The Purchasing Division will disclose any document labeled "confidential," "proprietary," "trade secret," "private," or labeled with any other claim against public disclosure of the documents, to include any "trade secrets" as defined by West Virginia Code § 47-22-1 et seq. All submissions are subject to public disclosure without notice.

**32. LICENSING:** In accordance with West Virginia Code of State Rules § 148-1-6.1.e, Vendor must be licensed and in good standing in accordance with any and all state and local laws and requirements by any state or local agency of West Virginia, including, but not limited to, the West Virginia Secretary of State's Office, the West Virginia Tax Department, West Virginia Insurance Commission, or any other state agency or political subdivision. Obligations related to political subdivisions may include, but are not limited to, business licensing, business and occupation taxes, inspection compliance, permitting, etc. Upon request, the Vendor must provide all necessary releases to obtain information to enable the Purchasing Division Director or the Agency to verify that the Vendor is licensed and in good standing with the above entities.

**SUBCONTRACTOR COMPLIANCE:** Vendor shall notify all subcontractors providing commodities or services related to this Contract that as subcontractors, they too are required to be licensed, in good standing, and up-to-date on all state and local obligations as described in this section. Obligations related to political subdivisions may include, but are not limited to, business licensing, business and occupation taxes, inspection compliance, permitting, etc. Notification under this provision must occur prior to the performance of any work under the contract by the subcontractor.

**33. ANTITRUST:** In submitting a bid to, signing a contract with, or accepting a Award Document from any agency of the State of West Virginia, the Vendor agrees to convey, sell, assign, or transfer to the State of West Virginia all rights, title, and interest in and to all causes of action it may now or hereafter acquire under the antitrust laws of the United States and the State of West Virginia for price fixing and/or unreasonable restraints of trade relating to the particular commodities or services purchased or acquired by the State of West Virginia. Such assignment shall be made and become effective at the time the purchasing agency tenders the initial payment to Vendor.

**34. VENDOR NON-CONFLICT:** Neither Vendor nor its representatives are permitted to have any interest, nor shall they acquire any interest, direct or indirect, which would compromise the performance of its services hereunder. Any such interests shall be promptly presented in detail to the Agency.

**35. VENDOR RELATIONSHIP:** The relationship of the Vendor to the State shall be that of an independent contractor and no principal-agent relationship or employer-employee relationship is contemplated or created by this Contract. The Vendor as an independent contractor is solely liable for the acts and omissions of its employees and agents. Vendor shall be responsible for selecting, supervising, and compensating any and all individuals employed pursuant to the terms of this Solicitation and resulting contract. Neither the Vendor, nor any employees or subcontractors of the Vendor, shall be deemed to be employees of the State for any purpose whatsoever. Vendor shall be exclusively responsible for payment of employees and contractors for all wages and salaries, taxes, withholding payments, penalties, fees, fringe benefits, professional liability insurance premiums, contributions to insurance and pension, or other deferred compensation plans, including but not limited to, Workers' Compensation and Social Security obligations, licensing fees, etc. and the filing of all necessary documents, forms, and returns pertinent to all of the foregoing.

Vendor shall hold harmless the State, and shall provide the State and Agency with a defense against any and all claims including, but not limited to, the foregoing payments, withholdings, contributions, taxes, Social Security taxes, and employer income tax returns.

**36. INDEMNIFICATION:** The Vendor agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the State and the Agency, their officers, and employees from and against: (1) Any claims or losses for services rendered by any subcontractor, person, or firm performing or supplying services, materials, or supplies in connection with the performance of the Contract; (2) Any claims or losses resulting to any person or entity injured or damaged by the Vendor, its officers, employees, or subcontractors by the publication, translation, reproduction, delivery, performance, use, or disposition of any data used under the Contract in a manner not authorized by the Contract, or by Federal or State statutes or regulations; and (3) Any failure of the Vendor, its officers, employees, or subcontractors to observe State and Federal laws including, but not limited to, labor and wage and hour laws.

**37. NO DEBT CERTIFICATION:** In accordance with West Virginia Code §§ 5A-3-10a and 5-22-1(i), the State is prohibited from awarding a contract to any bidder that owes a debt to the State or a political subdivision of the State. By submitting a bid, or entering into a contract with the State, Vendor is affirming that (1) for construction contracts, the Vendor is not in default on any monetary obligation owed to the state or a political subdivision of the state, and (2) for all other contracts, neither the Vendor nor any related party owe a debt as defined above, and neither the Vendor nor any related party are in employer default as defined in the statute cited above unless the debt or employer default is permitted under the statute.

**38. CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** Vendor, its officers or members or employees, shall not presently have or acquire an interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict with or compromise the performance of its obligations hereunder. Vendor shall periodically inquire of its officers, members and employees to ensure that a conflict of interest does not arise. Any conflict of interest discovered shall be promptly presented in detail to the Agency.

**39. REPORTS:** Vendor shall provide the Agency and/or the Purchasing Division with the following reports identified by a checked box below:

Such reports as the Agency and/or the Purchasing Division may request. Requested reports may include, but are not limited to, quantities purchased, agencies utilizing the contract, total contract expenditures by agency, etc.

Quarterly reports detailing the total quantity of purchases in units and dollars, along with a listing of purchases by agency. Quarterly reports should be delivered to the Purchasing Division via email at [purchasing.division@wv.gov](mailto:purchasing.division@wv.gov).

**40. BACKGROUND CHECK:** In accordance with W. Va. Code § 15-2D-3, the State reserves the right to prohibit a service provider's employees from accessing sensitive or critical information or to be present at the Capitol complex based upon results addressed from a criminal background check. Service providers should contact the West Virginia Division of Protective Services by phone at (304) 558-9911 for more information.

**41. PREFERENCE FOR USE OF DOMESTIC STEEL PRODUCTS:** Except when authorized by the Director of the Purchasing Division pursuant to W. Va. Code § 5A-3-56, no contractor may use or supply steel products for a State Contract Project other than those steel products made in the United States. A contractor who uses steel products in violation of this section may be subject to civil penalties pursuant to W. Va. Code § 5A-3-56. As used in this section:

- a. "State Contract Project" means any erection or construction of, or any addition to, alteration of or other improvement to any building or structure, including, but not limited to, roads or highways, or the installation of any heating or cooling or ventilating plants or other equipment, or the supply of and materials for such projects, pursuant to a contract with the State of West Virginia for which bids were solicited on or after June 6, 2001.
- b. "Steel Products" means products rolled, formed, shaped, drawn, extruded, forged, cast, fabricated or otherwise similarly processed, or processed by a combination of two or more or such operations, from steel made by the open heath, basic oxygen, electric furnace, Bessemer or other steel making process.
- c. The Purchasing Division Director may, in writing, authorize the use of foreign steel products if:
  1. The cost for each contract item used does not exceed one tenth of one percent (.1%) of the total contract cost or two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00), whichever is greater. For the purposes of this section, the cost is the value of the steel product as delivered to the project; or
  2. The Director of the Purchasing Division determines that specified steel materials are not produced in the United States in sufficient quantity or otherwise are not reasonably available to meet contract requirements.

**42. PREFERENCE FOR USE OF DOMESTIC ALUMINUM, GLASS, AND STEEL:** In Accordance with W. Va. Code § 5-19-1 et seq., and W. Va. CSR § 148-10-1 et seq., for every contract or subcontract, subject to the limitations contained herein, for the construction, reconstruction, alteration, repair, improvement or maintenance of public works or for the purchase of any item of machinery or equipment to be used at sites of public works, only domestic aluminum, glass or steel products shall be supplied unless the spending officer determines, in writing, after the receipt of offers or bids, (1) that the cost of domestic aluminum, glass or steel products is unreasonable or inconsistent with the public interest of the State of West Virginia, (2) that domestic aluminum, glass or steel products are not produced in sufficient quantities to meet the contract requirements, or (3) the available domestic aluminum, glass, or steel do not meet the contract specifications. This provision only applies to public works contracts awarded in an amount more than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) or public works contracts that require more than ten thousand pounds of steel products.

The cost of domestic aluminum, glass, or steel products may be unreasonable if the cost is more than twenty percent (20%) of the bid or offered price for foreign made aluminum, glass, or steel products. If the domestic aluminum, glass or steel products to be supplied or produced in a “substantial labor surplus area”, as defined by the United States Department of Labor, the cost of domestic aluminum, glass, or steel products may be unreasonable if the cost is more than thirty percent (30%) of the bid or offered price for foreign made aluminum, glass, or steel products. This preference shall be applied to an item of machinery or equipment, as indicated above, when the item is a single unit of equipment or machinery manufactured primarily of aluminum, glass or steel, is part of a public works contract and has the sole purpose or of being a permanent part of a single public works project. This provision does not apply to equipment or machinery purchased by a spending unit for use by that spending unit and not as part of a single public works project.

All bids and offers including domestic aluminum, glass or steel products that exceed bid or offer prices including foreign aluminum, glass or steel products after application of the preferences provided in this provision may be reduced to a price equal to or lower than the lowest bid or offer price for foreign aluminum, glass or steel products plus the applicable preference. If the reduced bid or offer prices are made in writing and supersede the prior bid or offer prices, all bids or offers, including the reduced bid or offer prices, will be reevaluated in accordance with this rule.

**43. INTERESTED PARTY SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE:** W. Va. Code § 6D-1-2 requires that for contracts with an actual or estimated value of at least \$1 million, the Vendor must submit to the Agency a disclosure of interested parties prior to beginning work under this Contract. Additionally, the Vendor must submit a supplemental disclosure of interested parties reflecting any new or differing interested parties to the contract, which were not included in the original pre-work interested party disclosure, within 30 days following the completion or termination of the contract. A copy of that form is included with this solicitation or can be obtained from the WV Ethics Commission. This requirement does not apply to publicly traded companies listed on a national or international stock exchange. A more detailed definition of interested parties can be obtained from the form referenced above.

**44. PROHIBITION AGAINST USED OR REFURBISHED:** Unless expressly permitted in the solicitation published by the State, Vendor must provide new, unused commodities, and is prohibited from supplying used or refurbished commodities, in fulfilling its responsibilities under this Contract.

**45. VOID CONTRACT CLAUSES:** This Contract is subject to the provisions of West Virginia Code § 5A-3-62, which automatically voids certain contract clauses that violate State law.

**46. ISRAEL BOYCOTT:** Bidder understands and agrees that, pursuant to W. Va. Code § 5A-3-63, it is prohibited from engaging in a boycott of Israel during the term of this contract.

## **ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS (Construction Contracts Only)**

**1. CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE:** Until June 15, 2021, West Virginia Code § 21-11-2, and after that date, § 30-42-2, requires that all persons desiring to perform contracting work in this state be licensed. The West Virginia Contractors Licensing Board is empowered to issue the contractor's license. Applications for a contractor's license may be made by contacting the West Virginia Contractor Licensing Board.

The apparent successful Vendor must furnish a copy of its contractor's license prior to the issuance of a contract award document.

**2. BONDS:** The following bonds must be submitted:

- BID BOND:** Pursuant to the requirements contained in W. Va. Code § 5-22-1(c), All Vendors submitting a bid on a construction project shall furnish a valid bid bond in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total amount of the bid protecting the State of West Virginia. **THE BID BOND MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THE BID OR VENDOR'S BID WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.**
- PERFORMANCE BOND:** The apparent successful Vendor shall provide a performance bond in the amount of 100% of the contract. The performance bond must be received by the Purchasing Division prior to Contract award. (Attorney General requires use of the State approved bond forms found at: [www.state.wv.us/admin/purchase/forms2.html](http://www.state.wv.us/admin/purchase/forms2.html))
- LABOR/MATERIAL PAYMENT BOND:** The apparent successful Vendor shall provide a labor/material payment bond in the amount of 100% of the Contract value. The labor/material payment bond must be delivered to the Purchasing Division prior to Contract award. (Attorney General requires use of the State approved bond forms found at: [www.state.wv.us/admin/purchase/forms2.html](http://www.state.wv.us/admin/purchase/forms2.html))
- MAINTENANCE BOND:** The apparent successful Vendor shall provide a two (2) year maintenance bond covering the roofing system if the work impacts an existing roof. The amount of the bond must be equal to the price associated with the percentage of the project impacting the roof. The maintenance bond must be issued and delivered to the Purchasing Division prior to Contract award. (Attorney General requires use of the State approved bond forms found at: [www.state.wv.us/admin/purchase/forms2.html](http://www.state.wv.us/admin/purchase/forms2.html))

At a minimum, all construction projects require a bid bond, performance bond, and labor/material payment bond. Failure on the part of the state of West Virginia to checkmark the required bonds above does not relieve the vendor from the legal requirement of providing these bonds.

In lieu of the Bid Bond, the Vendor may provide certified checks, cashier's checks, or irrevocable letters of credit. Any certified check, cashier's check, or irrevocable letter of credit provided in lieu of the bid bond must be of the same amount required of the Bid Bond and delivered with the bid.



**3. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE AFFIDAVIT:** W. Va. Code § 21-1D-5 provides that any solicitation for a public improvement contract requires each Vendor that submits a bid for the work to submit an affidavit that the Vendor has a written plan for a drug-free workplace policy. If the affidavit is not submitted with the bid submission, the Purchasing Division shall promptly request by telephone and electronic mail that the low bidder and second low bidder provide the affidavit within one business day of the request. Failure to submit the affidavit within one business day of receiving the request shall result in disqualification of the bid. To comply with this law, Vendor should complete the enclosed drug-free workplace affidavit and submit the same with its bid. Failure to submit the signed and notarized drugfree workplace affidavit or a similar affidavit that fully complies with the requirements of the applicable code, within one business day of being requested to do so shall result in disqualification of Vendor's bid. Pursuant to W. Va. Code 21-1D-2(b) and (k), this provision does not apply to public improvement contracts the value of which is \$100,000 or less or temporary or emergency repairs.

**3.1. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE POLICY:** Pursuant to W. Va. Code § 21-1D-4, Vendor and its subcontractors must implement and maintain a written drug-free workplace policy that complies with said article. The awarding public authority shall cancel this contract if: (1) Vendor fails to implement and maintain a written drug-free workplace policy described in the preceding paragraph, (2) Vendor fails to provide information regarding implementation of its drug-free workplace policy at the request of the public authority; or (3) Vendor provides to the public authority false information regarding the contractor's drug-free workplace policy.

Pursuant to W. Va. Code 21-1D-2(b) and (k), this provision does not apply to public improvement contracts the value of which is \$100,000 or less or temporary or emergency repairs.

**4. DRUG FREE WORKPLACE REPORT:** Pursuant to W. Va. Code § 21-1D-7b, no less than once per year, or upon completion of the project, every contractor shall provide a certified report to the public authority which let the contract. For contracts over \$25,000, the public authority shall be the West Virginia Purchasing Division. For contracts of \$25,000 or less, the public authority shall be the agency issuing the contract. The report shall include:

- (1) Information to show that the education and training service to the requirements of West Virginia Code § 21-1D-5 was provided;
- (2) The name of the laboratory certified by the United States Department of Health and Human Services or its successor that performs the drug tests;
- (3) The average number of employees in connection with the construction on the public improvement;
- (4) Drug test results for the following categories including the number of positive tests and the number of negative tests: (A) Pre-employment and new hires; (B) Reasonable suspicion; (C) Post-accident; and (D) Random.

Vendor should utilize the attached Certified Drug Free Workplace Report Coversheet when submitting the report required hereunder. Pursuant to W. Va. Code 21-1D-2(b) and (k), this provision does not apply to public improvement contracts the value of which is \$100,000 or less or temporary or emergency repairs.

**5. AIA DOCUMENTS:** All construction contracts that will be completed in conjunction with architectural services procured under Chapter 5G of the West Virginia Code will be governed by the attached AIA documents, as amended by the Supplementary Conditions for the State of West Virginia, in addition to the terms and conditions contained herein.

**6. PROHIBITION AGAINST GENERAL CONDITIONS:** Notwithstanding anything contained in the AIA Documents or the Supplementary Conditions, the State of West Virginia will not pay for general conditions, or winter conditions, or any other condition representing a delay in the contracts. The Vendor is expected to mitigate delay costs to the greatest extent possible and any costs associated with Delays must be specifically and concretely identified. The state will not consider an average daily rate multiplied by the number of days extended to be an acceptable charge.

**7. GREEN BUILDINGS MINIMUM ENERGY STANDARDS:** In accordance with § 22-29-4, all new building construction projects of public agencies that have not entered the schematic design phase prior to July 1, 2012, or any building construction project receiving state grant funds and appropriations, including public schools, that have not entered the schematic design phase prior to July 1, 2012, shall be designed and constructed complying with the ICC International Energy Conservation Code, adopted by the State Fire Commission, and the ANSI/ASHRAE/IESNA Standard 90.1-2007: Provided, That if any construction project has a commitment of federal funds to pay for a portion of such project, this provision shall only apply to the extent such standards are consistent with the federal standards.

**8. LOCAL LABOR MARKET HIRING REQUIREMENT:** Pursuant to West Virginia Code §21-1C-1 et seq., Employers shall hire at least seventy-five percent of employees for public improvement construction projects from the local labor market, to be rounded off, with at least two employees from outside the local labor market permissible for each employer per project.

Any employer unable to employ the minimum number of employees from the local labor market shall inform the nearest office of Workforce West Virginia of the number of qualified employees needed and provide a job description of the positions to be filled.

If, within three business days following the placing of a job order, Workforce West Virginia is unable to refer any qualified job applicants to the employer or refers less qualified job applicants than the number requested, then Workforce West Virginia shall issue a waiver to the employer stating the unavailability of applicant and shall permit the employer to fill any positions covered by the waiver from outside the local labor market. The waiver shall be in writing and shall be issued within the prescribed three days. A waiver certificate shall be sent to both the employer for its permanent project records and to the public authority.

Any employer who violates this requirement is subject to a civil penalty of \$250 per each employee less than the required threshold of seventy-five percent per day of violation after receipt of a notice of violation.

Any employer that continues to violate any provision of this article more than fourteen calendar days after receipt of a notice of violation is subject to a civil penalty of \$500 per each employee less than the required threshold of seventy-five percent per day of violation.

The following terms used in this section have the meaning shown below.

(1) The term “construction project” means any construction, reconstruction, improvement, enlargement, painting, decorating or repair of any public improvement let to contract in an amount equal to or greater than \$500,000. The term “construction project” does not include temporary or emergency repairs;

(2) The term “employee” means any person hired or permitted to perform hourly work for wages by a person, firm or corporation in the construction industry; The term “employee” does not include:(i) Bona fide employees of a public authority or individuals engaged in making temporary or emergency repairs;(ii) Bona fide independent contractors; or(iii) Salaried supervisory personnel necessary to assure efficient execution of the employee's work;

(3) The term “employer” means any person, firm or corporation employing one or more employees on any public improvement and includes all contractors and subcontractors;

(4) The term “local labor market” means every county in West Virginia and any county outside of West Virginia if any portion of that county is within fifty miles of the border of West Virginia;

(5) The term “public improvement” includes the construction of all buildings, roads, highways, bridges, streets, alleys, sewers, ditches, sewage disposal plants, waterworks, airports and all other structures that may be let to contract by a public authority, excluding improvements funded, in whole or in part, by federal funds.

#### **9. DAVIS-BACON AND RELATED ACT WAGE RATES:**

The work performed under this contract is federally funded in whole, or in part. Pursuant to \_\_\_\_\_, Vendors are required to pay applicable Davis-Bacon wage rates.

The work performed under this contract is not subject to Davis-Bacon wage rates.

**10. SUBCONTRACTOR LIST SUBMISSION:** In accordance with W. Va. Code § 5-22-1, the apparent low bidder on a contract valued at more than \$250,000.00 for the construction, alteration, decoration, painting or improvement of a new or existing building or structure shall submit a list of all subcontractors who will perform more than \$25,000.00 of work on the project including labor and materials. (This section does not apply to any other construction projects, such as highway, mine reclamation, water or sewer projects.) The subcontractor list shall be provided to the Purchasing Division within one business day of the opening of bids for review.

If the apparent low bidder fails to submit the subcontractor list, the Purchasing Division shall promptly request by telephone and electronic mail that the low bidder and second low bidder provide the subcontractor list within one business day of the request. Failure to submit the subcontractor list within one business day of receiving the request shall result in disqualification of the bid.

If no subcontractors who will perform more than \$25,000.00 of work are to be used to complete the project, the apparent low bidder must make this clear on the subcontractor list, in the bid itself, or in response to the Purchasing Division's request for the subcontractor list.

a. Required Information. The subcontractor list must contain the following information:

i. Bidder's name

ii. Name of each subcontractor performing more than \$25,000 of work on the project.

iii. The license number of each subcontractor, as required by W. Va. Code § 21-11-1 et. seq.

iv. If applicable, a notation that no subcontractor will be used to perform more than \$25,000.00 of work. (This item iv. is not required if the vendor makes this clear in the bid itself or in documentation following the request for the subcontractor list.)

b. Subcontractor List Submission Form: The subcontractor list may be submitted in any form, including the attached form, as long as the required information noted above is included. If any information is missing from the bidder's subcontractor list submission, it may be obtained from other documents such as bids, emails, letters, etc. that accompany the subcontractor list submission.

c. Substitution of Subcontractor. Written approval must be obtained from the State Spending Unit before any subcontractor substitution is permitted. Substitutions are not permitted unless:

i. The subcontractor listed in the original bid has filed for bankruptcy;

ii. The subcontractor in the original bid has been debarred or suspended; or

iii. The contractor certifies in writing that the subcontractor listed in the original bid fails, is unable, or refuses to perform his subcontract.

## Appendix F - Required Forms, Continued

**DESIGNATED CONTACT:** Vendor appoints the individual identified in this Section as the Contract Administrator and the initial point of contact for matters relating to this Contract.

(Printed Name and Title) Rob Adams, CPA

(Address) 300 Chase Tower, 707 Virginia Street, East, Charleston, WV 25301

(Phone Number) / (Fax Number) 304-343-4188 / 304-344-5035

(email address) readams@becpas.com

**CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE:** By signing below, or submitting documentation through wvOASIS, I certify that: I have reviewed this Solicitation/Contract in its entirety; that I understand the requirements, terms and conditions, and other information contained herein; that this bid, offer or proposal constitutes an offer to the State that cannot be unilaterally withdrawn; that the product or service proposed meets the mandatory requirements contained in the Solicitation/Contract for that product or service, unless otherwise stated herein; that the Vendor accepts the terms and conditions contained in the Solicitation, unless otherwise stated herein; that I am submitting this bid, offer or proposal for review and consideration; that this bid or offer was made without prior understanding, agreement, or connection with any entity submitting a bid or offer for the same material, supplies, equipment or services; that this bid or offer is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud; that this Contract is accepted or entered into without any prior understanding, agreement, or connection to any other entity that could be considered a violation of law; that I am authorized by the Vendor to execute and submit this bid, offer, or proposal, or any documents related thereto on Vendor's behalf; that I am authorized to bind the vendor in a contractual relationship; and that to the best of my knowledge, the vendor has properly registered with any State agency that may require registration.

*By signing below, I further certify that I understand this Contract is subject to the provisions of West Virginia Code § 5A-3-62, which automatically voids certain contract clauses that violate State law; and that pursuant to W. Va. Code 5A-3-63, the entity entering into this contract is prohibited from engaging in a boycott against Israel.*

Brown Edwards and Company, LLP

(Company)

  
(Signature of Authorized Representative)

Rob Adams, CPA, Partner

(Printed Name and Title of Authorized Representative) (Date)

304-343-4188 / 304-344-5035

(Phone Number) (Fax Number)

readams@becpas.com

(Email Address)

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**ADDENDUM ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM**  
SOLICITATION NO.: CRFQ 0704 INS240000003

**Instructions:** Please acknowledge receipt of all addenda issued with this solicitation by completing this addendum acknowledgment form. Check the box next to each addendum received and sign below. Failure to acknowledge addenda may result in bid disqualification.

**Acknowledgment:** I hereby acknowledge receipt of the following addenda and have made the necessary revisions to my proposal, plans and/or specification, etc.


**Addendum Numbers Received:**  
(Check the box next to each addendum received)

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Addendum No. 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> Addendum No. 6  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Addendum No. 2            | <input type="checkbox"/> Addendum No. 7  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Addendum No. 3            | <input type="checkbox"/> Addendum No. 8  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Addendum No. 4            | <input type="checkbox"/> Addendum No. 9  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Addendum No. 5            | <input type="checkbox"/> Addendum No. 10 |

I understand that failure to confirm the receipt of addenda may be cause for rejection of this bid. I further understand that any verbal representation made or assumed to be made during any oral discussion held between Vendor's representatives and any state personnel is not binding. Only the information issued in writing and added to the specifications by an official addendum is binding.

### **Brown Edwards and Company**

Company



Authorized Signature

2/7/2024

Date

**NOTE:** This addendum acknowledgment should be submitted with the bid to expedite document processing.

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### SPECIFICATIONS

1. **PURPOSE AND SCOPE:** The West Virginia Purchasing Division is soliciting bids on behalf of the agency the West Virginia Offices of the Insurance Commissioner (WVOIC), an agency of the West Virginia Department of Tax and Revenue, to establish a Contract with a certified public accounting firm for audit services.

**Operating Environment:** A copy of the most recent audited financial statements is available on the WVOIC website at <http://www.wvinsurance.gov/Resources/Reports> under Financial Statements. The "Notes to Financial Statements" provides an overview of the organization. All interested vendors should thoroughly review the WVOIC's audited financial statements in order to understand the reporting entity and the structure and purpose of the various workers' compensation related funds. The state's most recent Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) can be viewed at [www.finance.wv.gov/FARS/ACFR/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.finance.wv.gov/FARS/ACFR/Pages/default.aspx).

These services were previously solicited as: CRFQ 0704 INS2000000002 that opened on: 01/14/2020. Vendors are able to review previous bids received at the West Virginia Purchasing Bid Opening Index for this solicitation at:

<https://www.state.wv.us/admin/purchase/Bids/FY2020/BO20200114.html>

Vendors are encouraged to review the specifications and requirements closely as specifications most likely have changed since the last time solicited.

2. **DEFINITIONS:** The terms listed below shall have the meanings assigned to them. Additional definitions can be found in section 2 of the General Terms and Conditions.

2.1 **"Contract Services"** means audit services for the WVOIC accounting department for fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 or as more fully described in Section 4 of this solicitation.

2.2 **"Pricing Page"** means the pages contained wvOASIS upon which the Vendor should list its proposed price for the Contract Services.

2.3 **"Solicitation"** means the official notice of an opportunity to supply the State with goods or services that is published by the Purchasing Division.

3. **QUALIFICATIONS:** Vendor, or Vendor's staff if requirements are inherently limited to individuals rather than corporate entities, shall meet or exceed the minimum qualifications. Qualifications will be verified with the West Virginia Board of Accountancy or other licensing bodies where applicable. Bid submissions not meeting the mandatory specifications and qualifications will be disqualified. The minimum qualifications are as follows:

3.1. The firm must be independent and licensed to practice in West Virginia.

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- 3.2. All directors, principals or partner equivalents on the engagement must be licensed CPA's with at least 5 years of audit experience with governmental entities. All manager level employees on this engagement must be CPAs with 3 years of experience on governmental engagements. The state agency retains the right to approve or reject replacements based upon their qualifications, experience or performance.**
  - 3.2.1. Subordinates or support staff must be supervised by a licensed CPA.**
  - 3.2.2. No change in personnel assigned to the project will be permitted without the written approval of the Insurance Commissioner or his/her designee.**
- 3.3. The firm must have experience auditing/consulting with 3 different state (does not have to be West Virginia) government entities (agencies) over the past 5 years. The firm must submit a list of those state audits/consulting engagements.**
  - 3.3.1. This experience includes Governmental Accounting Standards (GASB).**
- 3.4. The firm shall submit a statement that they have not failed their 2 most recent AICPA Peer Reviews of their audit/accounting practice and submit the most recent review with their proposal.**
- 3.5. The firm must have at least 7 licensed CPAs on staff within the audit firm that are strictly audit and not tax professionals. This ensures we have a firm that has a breadth of experience that we are looking for and can substitute engagement members should turnover occur. At least 5 of these audit professionals must all be in the same location and cannot be spread amongst other firm locations.**
- 3.6. The firm must not have had a final audit issued by the proposing firm that had to be reissued due to material errors or omissions discovered by West Virginia Financial Accounting and Reporting Section or other West Virginia state agency two times or more.**
- 3.7. The firm must provide a statement that they are a member in good standing of the AICPA's Governmental Audit Quality Center.**
- 3.8. If subcontractors are used, the successful vendor must identify any subcontractors who will be used during the engagement and disclose the qualifications of each subcontractor, or each person associated with subcontracted firm to the WVOIC. Any changes to subcontractors or subcontractor personnel must be submitted to the OIC for written approval of the Insurance Commissioner or his/her designee.**



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- 3.9.** The successful vendor must have the necessary competency and experience, either independently, or through the use of subcontractors, to opine on the liability calculations derived by an independent consulting actuarial firm for the WVOIC's various workers' compensation funds. The competence and experience for the actuarial component of the work must be specifically related to workers' compensation liabilities and more fully defined below.
- 3.9.1.** To be considered as having the necessary competence for the purposes of Section 3.9, a minimum of one employee, member or associate of the successful firm (or subcontracting firm) assigned to this contract must currently be a Fellow or Associate of the Society of Actuaries (FSA) and/or a Member of the American Academy of Actuaries (MAAA).
- 3.9.2.** To be considered as having the necessary experience for purposes of Section 3.9, the vendor (or subcontracting firm) must assign at least one employee, member or associate to the project that has 3 or more years of Actuarial experience with workers' compensation claim loss reserve estimation and at least one employee with 2 or more years of experience in federal black lung claim loss estimation.
- 3.9.3.** Vendor must disclose the names and experience of the individuals that will perform the actuarial component of the audit described in Section 3.9, and subsections 3.9.1 and 3.9.2. Vendor must obtain approval from WVOIC for the individuals named in response to this subsection prior to making any substitutions for the persons identified.
- 3.10.** Compliance with experience requirements will be determined prior to contract awarded by the State through references provided by the Vendor with its bid or upon request, through knowledge or documentation of the Vendor's past projects, or some other method that the State determines to be acceptable. Vendor should provide a current resume which includes information regarding the number of years of qualification, experience and training, and relevant professional education for each individual that will be assigned to this project. Vendor must provide any documentation requested by the State to assist in confirmation of compliance with this provision. References, documentation, or other information to confirm compliance with this experience requirement are preferred with the bid submission but may be requested after bid opening and prior to contract award.

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### 4. MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS:

**4.1 Mandatory Contract Services Requirements and Deliverables:** Contract Services must meet or exceed the mandatory requirements listed below.

- 4.1.1 The vendor will express an opinion on the fair presentation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. A copy of the most recent audited financial statements is available on the WVOIC website located under Financial Statements at the following link: <http://www.wvinsurance.gov/Resources/Reports>.
- 4.1.2 The vendor will be required to prepare all supporting schedules required by the Department of Administration for the preparation of the State's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR). The state's most recent Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) can be viewed at [www.finance.wv.gov/FARS/ACFR/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.finance.wv.gov/FARS/ACFR/Pages/default.aspx).
- 4.1.3 The vendor shall also be responsible for assisting in the implementation of supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) as mandated by generally accepted auditing standards. This includes any professional services rendered in reviewing contracts and providing calculations utilizing GASB software programs for GASB 87 (Leases), GASB 96 (Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements-SBITA) and any future GASB's implemented by the WVOIC.
- 4.1.4 The audit shall be performed in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards as set forth by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Accounting Standards of Fieldwork shall be followed during the audit.
- 4.1.5 The Vendor shall provide the deliverables as shown in **Exhibit A**.
- 4.1.6 All necessitated meetings and/or conference calls will be conducted on Eastern Time, 8:00am to 5:00pm, Monday thru Friday.

4.2. Prior to beginning field work, the Vendor must provide a detailed work plan that will identify the major tasks to be accomplished and be used as a scheduling and managing tool, as well as the basis for invoicing. The work plan must be submitted in accordance with the timeline provided in **Exhibit A**. The detailed work plan must conform to the tasks and the timeline included herein and on **Exhibit A**. Specifically, the audit work plan

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should describe, in detail, the audit approach for the actuarially determined workers' compensation related liabilities for the various WVOIC funds.

### 5. CONTRACT AWARD:

**5.1 Contract Award:** The Contract is intended to provide Agency with a purchase price for the Contract Services. The Contract shall be awarded to the Vendor that provides the Contract Services meeting the required specifications and qualifications for the lowest overall total cost as shown on the Pricing Pages.

**Contract will be evaluated on the Total Bid Amount. Contract will be awarded on the first-year total only.** All subsequent years will be done via change orders to be initiated by the agency agreed to by the vendor and processed and approved by the WV Purchasing Division.

**5.2 Pricing Page:** Vendor should complete the Pricing Page with total all-inclusive maximum price in US currency for audit services, including any GASB software program costs and professional services rendered in connection with current and newly implemented GASB's, as described in this solicitation. Vendor should complete the Pricing Page in full as failure to complete the Pricing Page in its entirety may result in Vendor's bid being disqualified. Vendor is not to alter the Pricing Page in any way other than to provide the total all-inclusive maximum price for audit services.

Vendor should type or electronically enter the information into the Pricing Pages through wvOASIS, if available, or as an electronic document.

6. **PAYMENT:** Agency shall pay a flat fee as shown on the Pricing Pages, for all Contract Services performed and accepted under this Contract. Vendor shall accept payment in accordance with the payment procedures of the State of West Virginia. The vendor shall submit invoices, in arrears, to the Agency at the address on the face of the purchase order labeled "Invoice To." Progress payments may be made at the option of the Agency on the basis of the percentage of work completed if so, defined in the final contract.
7. **TRAVEL:** Vendor shall be responsible for all mileage and travel costs, including travel time, associated with performance of this Contract. Any anticipated mileage or travel costs may be included in the flat fee listed on Vendor's bid. Such costs will not be paid by the Agency separately.
8. **FACILITIES ACCESS:** Performance of Contract Services may require access cards and/or keys to gain entrance to the Agency's facilities. In the event that access cards and/or keys are required:

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- 8.1. Vendor must identify principal service personnel which will be issued access cards and/or keys to perform service.**
- 8.2. Vendor will be responsible for controlling cards and keys and will pay replacement fee, if the cards or keys become lost or stolen.**
- 8.3. Vendor shall notify Agency immediately of any lost, stolen, or missing card or key.**
- 8.4. Anyone performing under this Contract will be subject to Agency's security protocol and procedures.**
- 8.5. Vendor shall inform all staff of Agency's security protocol and procedures.**

### **9. VENDOR DEFAULT:**

- 9.1. The following shall be considered a vendor default under this Contract.**
  - 9.1.1. Failure to perform Contract Services in accordance with the requirements contained herein.**
  - 9.1.2. Failure to comply with other specifications and requirements contained herein.**
  - 9.1.3. Failure to comply with any laws, rules, and ordinances applicable to the Contract Services provided under this Contract.**
  - 9.1.4. Failure to remedy deficient performance upon request.**
- 9.2. The following remedies shall be available to the Agency upon default.**
  - 9.2.1. Immediate cancellation of the Contract.**
  - 9.2.2. Immediate cancellation of one or more release orders issued under this Contract.**

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9.2.3. Any other remedies available in law or equity.

### 10. MISCELLANEOUS:

**10.1. Contract Manager:** During its performance of this Contract, Vendor must designate and maintain a primary contract manager responsible for overseeing Vendor's responsibilities under this Contract. The Contract manager must be available during normal business hours to address any customer service or other issues related to this Contract. Vendor should list its Contract manager and his or her contact information below.

**Contract Manager:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fax Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Exhibit B: Schedule for Mandatory Contract Services and Deliverables**

<b>Required Submission or Event</b>	<b>Required Completion/ Submission Date</b>
Entrance conference	Prior to June 30, 2024
Any interim work must be completed	July 1, 2024
Detailed audit plan	July 22, 2024
Field work to begin	On or after August 31, 2024
Unsigned final draft with all modifications to the OIC management for final review	October 4, 2024
Final signed report submitted to the OIC and to FARS (PDF Format)	October 9, 2024
25 copies of final bound audit report submitted to the OIC	October 25, 2024

***\*With contract renewal, an updated Schedule of Mandatory Contract Services and Deliverables will be provided.***

## Appendix G - Pricing Page

**Audit Services  
Flat Fee Pricing**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Extended Cost</b>
Total all-inclusive maximum price for audit services as described in this solicitation	2024	\$74,000
Total all-inclusive maximum price for audit services as described in this solicitation	2025	\$74,000
Total all-inclusive maximum price for audit services as described in this solicitation	2026	\$74,000
Total all-inclusive maximum price for audit services as described in this solicitation	2027	\$74,000
	<b>Total Bid Amount</b>	<b>\$296,000</b>