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Procurement Folder: 1340813
 Procurement Type: Central Master Agreement
 Vendor ID:
 Legal Name: WORLDWIDE TRAVEL STAFFING LTD
 Alias/DBA:
 Total Bid: \$120.50
 Response Date:
 Response Time:
 Responded By User ID:
 First Name:
 Last Name:
 Email:
 Phone:

SO Doc Code: CRFQ
 SO Dept: 0613
 SO Doc ID: VNF2400000006
 Published Date: 12/15/23
 Close Date: 1/4/24
 Close Time: 13:30
 Status: Closed
 Solicitation Description:
 Total of Header Attachments: 2
 Total of All Attachments: 2

Line	Comm Ln Desc	Qty	Unit Issue	Unit Price	Ln Total Or Contract Amount
1	Nursing services				120.50

Comm Code	Manufacturer	Specification	Model #
85101601			

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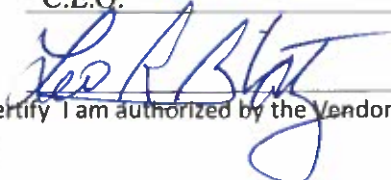
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Nurse Practitioner for the WVNF

**Exhibit A - Pricing Page
Nurse Practitioner**

Item No.	Description Of Services	Estimated Hours*	Hourly Rate	Total
1	Nurse Practitioner Hourly Rate	1,950	\$120.50	\$ 234,975 -
			Grand Total	\$ 234,975 -

*Estimated number of hours is not guaranteed.

Vendor Information	
Vendor: <u>Worldwide Travel Staffing, Limited</u>	Printed Name: <u>Leo R. Blatz</u>
Address: <u>2829 Sheridan Drive</u>	Title: <u>C.E.O.</u>
<u>Tonawanda, NY 14150</u>	*Signature 
Office Phone: <u>866-633-3700</u>	*I hereby certify I am authorized by the Vendor to sign this document.
Cell Phone: <u>716-830-6683</u>	
Fax: <u>877-375-2450</u>	Email: <u>LBlatz@worldwidetravelstaffing.com</u>

December 27, 2023

David H. Pauline
Department of Administration, Purchasing Division
2019 Washington Street East
Charleston, WV 25305

RE: CRFQ 0613 VNF2400000006 Nurse Practitioner

Dear Mr. Pauline,

My name is Leo R. Blatz, R.N., M.S.N. I am the Executive Officer of Worldwide Travel Staffing, Limited (“Worldwide”). Enclosed please find Worldwide’s formal response to CRFQ 0613 VNF2400000006 Nurse Practitioner for the West Virginia Veterans Nursing Facility (WVNF). Worldwide accepts and agrees to all terms and requirements of the RFQ.

Worldwide has delivered quality healthcare professionals to state, federal, and private healthcare facilities throughout the United States and globally since 1993. Worldwide is a 100% female owned and operated New York State “C” corporation. Worldwide is licensed and authorized to provide services to West Virginia. Worldwide will provide competent staff to the Veterans Nursing Facility who possess the necessary training, education and experience requirements outlined in the RFQ.

Worldwide has the qualifications and experience necessary to responsibly perform the services outlined in the RFQ. Worldwide routinely provides nurse staffing services to veterans’ homes, long-term care facilities, assisted living centers, and nursing homes. Worldwide has worked closely with the state of West Virginia to provide nursing and allied healthcare staffing services since 2013. Worldwide maintains contracts similar in scope and complexity with the California Department of General Services; the Arizona Department of Economic Security; the Mississippi State Veterans Homes; the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs; the Minnesota Department of Administration; the North Carolina Division of State Operated Healthcare Facilities; the Wyoming Department of Health and Office for Aging; the Oregon Health Authority; the Colorado Department of Human Services; the Kansas Department of Administration; and many other veterans care, public health, and mental health facilities. All of us at Worldwide look forward to establishing a successful staffing partnership with the West Virginia Veterans Nursing Facility.

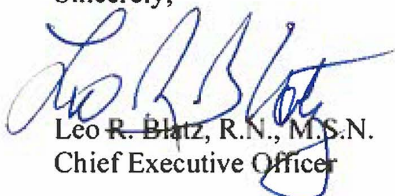
I will be the authorized representative and primary contact throughout the duration of this contract. I will be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to answer any questions or address any concerns that may arise. My contact information is as follows:

Worldwide Travel Staffing, Limited
2829 Sheridan Drive
Tonawanda, NY 14150

Toll free no. 866-633-3700 ext. 101
Toll free fax no. 877-375-2450
Email: LBlatz@WorldwideTravelStaffing.com

If you have any questions or desire any clarifications for this response, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,


Leo R. Blatz, R.N., M.S.N.
Chief Executive Officer





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 Charleston, WV 25305-0130

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BID RECEIVING LOCATION

BID CLERK
 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION
 PURCHASING DIVISION
 2019 WASHINGTON ST E
 CHARLESTON WV 25305
 US

VENDOR

Vendor Customer Code: 000000106877
Vendor Name : Worldwide Travel Staffing, Limited
Address :
Street : 2829 Sheridan Drive
City : Tonawanda
State : NY **Country :** U.S. **Zip :** 14150
Principal Contact : Leo R. Blatz, C.E.O.
Vendor Contact Phone: 866-633-3700 **Extension:**

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT THE BUYER
 David H Pauline
 304-558-0067
 david.h.pauline@wv.gov

Vendor Signature  **FEIN#** 16-1432616 **DATE** 12/29/2023

All offers subject to all terms and conditions contained in this solicitation

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Addendum No. 1

To provide responses to Vendor Technical Questions, see attached

Bid Opening date and time remains January 4, 2024, at 1:30 pm., est.

No other changes.

INVOICE TO**SHIP TO**DIVISION OF VETERANS
AFFAIRS
1 FREEDOMS WAYVETERAN'S NURSING
FACILITY
1 FREEDOMS WAYCLARKSBURG WV
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See Exhibit "A" Pricing Page

Nurse Practitioner for the WVNPF

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

<u>Line</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Event Date</u>
1	Vendor Technical Questions Due By 11:00 am., est.	2023-12-15

SOLICITATION NUMBER: CRFQ VNF2400000006

Addendum Number: 1

The purpose of this addendum is to modify the solicitation identified as CRFQ VNF2400000006 to reflect the change(s) identified and described below.

Applicable Addendum Category:

- Modify bid opening date and time
- Modify specifications of product or service being sought.
- To respond to technical questions
- Attachment of pre-bid sign-in sheet
- Correction of error
- Other

Additional Documentation:

1. **To respond to vendor technical questions, see attached.**
2. **Bid opening date and time remains January 4 2024, at 1:30 pm., est.**
3. **No other changes.**

Terms and Conditions:

1. All provisions of the Solicitation and other addenda not modified herein shall remain in full force and effect.
2. Vendor should acknowledge receipt of all addenda issued for this Solicitation by completing an Addendum Acknowledgment, a copy of which is included herewith. Failure to acknowledge addenda may result in bid disqualification. The addendum acknowledgement should be submitted with the bid to expedite document processing.

Nurse Practitioner CRFQ VNF2400000006

Vendor Questions & Answers

- Q1. Is this a re-compete CRFQ? If yes,
- Could you please the name of Current Suppliers (who are currently providing services to WV Veterans Nursing Facility)?
 - Could you please share current Suppliers pricing?
 - How many resources are currently engaged in the current contract?
 - Can you please share the no. of positions served in previous years under this contract?

A1. This is not a re-compete and there is no current supplier. Requesting copies of previously awarded contracts, other solicitations, or documents related to previous contracts through the question and answer process included in this solicitation is not appropriate. Requests for documentation of this nature can be obtained by interested parties through a Freedom of Information Act request.

- Q2. What is the pay rate for NPs, currently employed by WV Veterans Nursing Facility?

A2. See answer to Question 1 above.

- Q3. What will be the estimated annual budget for this project?

A3. We have no way of knowing what the cost will be until bids are received.

- Q4. How many NPs we can expect under this contract on an annual basis?

A4. We are only looking for one NP.

- Q5. How many vendors agency is planning to select?

A5. We will only be selecting one vendor.

- Q6. What would be the respective shifts timing for each given position?

A6. See 4.17 of the Specifications

- Q7. Will it be 13-week assignment or longer?

A7. There is no guarantee of hours, but we estimate the need to be on an annual basis as we continue attempting to recruit for this position in-house.

- Q8. Do we need provide crisis rate besides the regular rate?

A8. No, there will be no crisis pay.

- Q9. Attachment A Question: Please confirm if we need to submit fully burdened hourly bill rates?

A9. Vendor should provide all-inclusive rates. Agency will not pay for any additional items separately unless specifically listed in the Specifications.

Q10. Please confirm, what all documents are required to be submitted in response to the respective CRFQ if we are bidding electronically on VSS portal?

A10. The Pricing Page should be included, as well as a signed CRFQ, Terms and Conditions, and completed Item 10 of the Specifications for "Contract Manager". Any additional information such as a cover letter, brochures and Vendor's sales documents are encouraged. Vendor should enter the total bid amount in wvOASIS. Also, see the "Instructions to Vendors Submitting Bids" and the "General Terms and Conditions" attached to the Solicitation.

Q11. We intend to submit the bid electronically on portal, in order to be responsive, do we need to submit only Final_CRFQ_0613_VNF2400000006_1_WV_CRFQ_FORM; • "Attachment A", Signed "SPECIFICATIONS" form • "DESIGNATED CONTACT" • "CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE" & • "DESIGNATED CONTACT" information in response to CRFQ?

A11. See response to Question 10 above.

Q12. If any other information is required apart from the information mentioned in previous question, please confirm the required information.

A12. See response to Question 10 above.

Q13. What is the number of hours/days the nurse practitioner is supposed to work?

A13. See Section 4.17 of the Specifications

Q14. I see you are looking for 1950 hours- i would please like to understand how these hours are portioned for the nurse practitioner.

A14. This is an estimated number of hours and is not guaranteed. This was calculated by taking 2080 hours per year (which is 40 hours per week), then subtracting the estimated time off for holidays.

Q15. When is the proposed start date?

A15. This depends on how quickly we can get the bids evaluated, contract awarded, resumes received and reviewed, and all pre-employment requirements completed (background check, drug test, etc.). We would like to have someone start as soon as possible once all the paperwork is final.

Q16. I had a quick question about the previous bids on this contract, what other vendors names placed bids?

A16. See Answer to Question 1 above.

Q17. Who has this contract now?

A17. See Answer to Question 1 above.

Q18. How many years ago did those occur?

A18. See Answer to Question 1 above.

Q19. Would the Nurse Practitioner be covered under the State of West Virginia malpractice insurance or would the vendor have to cover the Nurse Practitioner?

A19. The Nurse Practitioner and/or Vendor will NOT be covered under any State insurance. See Section 8 of the General Terms and Conditions for Insurance requirements.

Q20. Could you please provide Email ID or link to raise public record request in reference to the Nurse practitioner contract that WV Veterans Nursing Facility is using currently?

A20. See Answer to Question 1 above.

END OF QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

ADDENDUM ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM
SOLICITATION NO.: CRFO VNF2400000006

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:

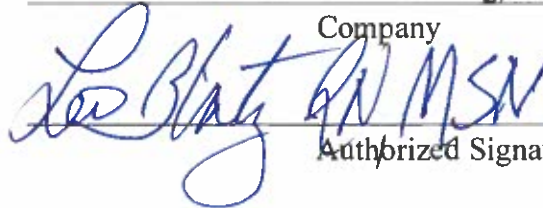
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Addendum No. 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Addendum No. 7 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Addendum No. 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Addendum No. 8 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Addendum No. 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 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 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.

Worldwide Travel Staffing, Limited

Company



Authorized Signature

12/29/2023

Date

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



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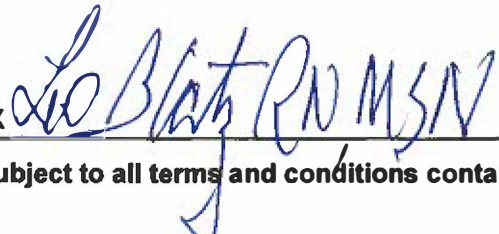
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Vendor Signature X  **FEIN#** 16-1432616 **DATE** 12/29/2023

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
 The West Virginia Purchasing Division, is soliciting bids on behalf of the WV Veterans Nursing Facility, to establish an open-end contract for a Nurse Practitioner per the attached specifications and documentation.

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DIVISION OF VETERANS AFFAIRS 1 FREEDOMS WAY CLARKSBURG WV US		VETERAN'S NURSING FACILITY 1 FREEDOMS WAY CLARKSBURG WV US	

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 Nurse Practitioner for the WVVNF

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS		
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1	Vendor Technical Questions Due By 11:00 am., est.	2023-12-15

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ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

See attached document(s) for additional Terms and Conditions

INSTRUCTIONS TO VENDORS SUBMITTING BIDS

1. REVIEW DOCUMENTS THOROUGHLY: The attached documents contain a solicitation for bids. Please read these instructions and all documents attached in their entirety. These instructions provide critical information about requirements that if overlooked could lead to disqualification of a Vendor's bid. All bids must be submitted in accordance with the provisions contained in these instructions and the Solicitation. Failure to do so may result in disqualification of Vendor's bid.

2. MANDATORY TERMS: The Solicitation may contain mandatory provisions identified by the use of the words "must," "will," and "shall." Failure to comply with a mandatory term in the Solicitation will result in bid disqualification.

3. PREBID MEETING: The item identified below shall apply to this Solicitation.

A pre-bid meeting will not be held prior to bid opening

A **MANDATORY PRE-BID** meeting will be held at the following place and time:

All Vendors submitting a bid must attend the mandatory pre-bid meeting. Failure to attend the mandatory pre-bid meeting shall result in disqualification of the Vendor's bid. No one individual is permitted to represent more than one vendor at the pre-bid meeting. Any individual that does attempt to represent two or more vendors will be required to select one vendor to which the individual's attendance will be attributed. The vendors not selected will be deemed to have not attended the pre-bid meeting unless another individual attended on their behalf.

An attendance sheet provided at the pre-bid meeting shall serve as the official document verifying attendance. Any person attending the pre-bid meeting on behalf of a Vendor must list on the attendance sheet his or her name and the name of the Vendor he or she is representing.

Additionally, the person attending the pre-bid meeting should include the Vendor's E-Mail address, phone number, and Fax number on the attendance sheet. It is the Vendor's responsibility to locate the attendance sheet and provide the required information. Failure to complete the attendance sheet as required may result in disqualification of Vendor's bid.

All Vendors should arrive prior to the starting time for the pre-bid. Vendors who arrive after the starting time but prior to the end of the pre-bid will be permitted to sign in but are charged with knowing all matters discussed at the pre-bid.

Questions submitted at least five business days prior to a scheduled pre-bid will be discussed at the pre-bid meeting if possible. Any discussions or answers to questions at the pre-bid meeting are preliminary in nature and are non-binding. Official and binding answers to questions will be published in a written addendum to the Solicitation prior to bid opening.

4. VENDOR QUESTION DEADLINE: Vendors may submit questions relating to this Solicitation to the Purchasing Division. Questions must be submitted in writing. All questions must be submitted on or before the date listed below and to the address listed below to be considered. A written response will be published in a Solicitation addendum if a response is possible and appropriate. Non-written discussions, conversations, or questions and answers regarding this Solicitation are preliminary in nature and are nonbinding.

Submitted emails should have the solicitation number in the subject line.

Question Submission Deadline: December 15, 2023, at 11:00 am., est.

Submit Questions to: David H. Pauline
2019 Washington Street, East
Charleston, WV 25305
Fax: (304) 558-3970
Email: David.H.Pauline@wv.gov

5. VERBAL COMMUNICATION: Any verbal communication between the Vendor and any State personnel is not binding, including verbal communication at the mandatory pre-bid conference. Only information issued in writing and added to the Solicitation by an official written addendum by the Purchasing Division is binding.

6. BID SUBMISSION: All bids must be submitted on or before the date and time of the bid opening listed in section 7 below. Vendors can submit bids electronically through *wvOASIS*, in paper form delivered to the Purchasing Division at the address listed below either in person or by courier, or in facsimile form by faxing to the Purchasing Division at the number listed below. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Purchasing Division may prohibit the submission of bids electronically through *wvOASIS* at its sole discretion. Such a prohibition will be contained and communicated in the *wvOASIS* system resulting in the Vendor's inability to submit bids through *wvOASIS*. The Purchasing Division will not accept bids, modification of bids, or addendum acknowledgment forms via email. Bids submitted in paper or facsimile form must contain a signature. Bids submitted in *wvOASIS* are deemed to be electronically signed.

Any bid received by the Purchasing Division staff is considered to be in the possession of the Purchasing Division and will not be returned for any reason.

For Request for Proposal ("RFP") Responses Only: Submission of a response to a Request for Proposal is not permitted in *wvOASIS*. In the event that Vendor is responding to a request for proposal, the Vendor shall submit one original technical and one original cost proposal prior to the bid opening date and time identified in Section 7 below, plus N/A convenience copies of each to the Purchasing Division at the address shown below. Additionally, the Vendor should clearly identify and segregate the cost proposal from the technical proposal in a separately sealed envelope.

Bid Delivery Address and Fax Number:

Department of Administration, Purchasing Division
2019 Washington Street East
Charleston, WV 25305-0130
Fax: 304-558-3970

A bid submitted in paper or facsimile form should contain the information listed below on the face of the submission envelope or fax cover sheet. Otherwise, the bid may be rejected by the Purchasing Division.

VENDOR NAME:

BUYER:

SOLICITATION NO.:

BID OPENING DATE:

BID OPENING TIME:

FAX NUMBER:

7. BID OPENING: Bids submitted in response to this Solicitation will be opened at the location identified below on the date and time listed below. Delivery of a bid after the bid opening date and time will result in bid disqualification. For purposes of this Solicitation, a bid is considered delivered when confirmation of delivery is provided by wvOASIS (in the case of electronic submission) or when the bid is time stamped by the official Purchasing Division time clock (in the case of hand delivery).

Bid Opening Date and Time: January 4, 2023, at 1:30 pm., est.

Bid Opening Location: Department of Administration, Purchasing Division
2019 Washington Street East
Charleston, WV 25305-0130

8. ADDENDUM ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: Changes or revisions to this Solicitation will be made by an official written addendum issued by the Purchasing Division. Vendor should acknowledge receipt of all addenda issued with this Solicitation by completing an Addendum Acknowledgment Form, a copy of which is included herewith. Failure to acknowledge addenda may result in bid disqualification. The addendum acknowledgement should be submitted with the bid to expedite document processing.

9. BID FORMATTING: Vendor should type or electronically enter the information onto its bid to prevent errors in the evaluation. Failure to type or electronically enter the information may result in bid disqualification.

10. ALTERNATE MODEL OR BRAND: Unless the box below is checked, any model, brand, or specification listed in this Solicitation establishes the acceptable level of quality only and is not intended to reflect a preference for, or in any way favor, a particular brand or vendor. Vendors may bid alternates to a listed model or brand provided that the alternate is at least equal to the model or brand and complies with the required specifications. The equality of any alternate being bid shall be determined by the State at its sole discretion. Any Vendor bidding an alternate model or brand should clearly identify the alternate items in its bid and should include manufacturer's specifications, industry literature, and/or any other relevant documentation demonstrating the equality of the alternate items. Failure to provide information for alternate items may be grounds for rejection of a Vendor's bid.

This Solicitation is based upon a standardized commodity established under W. Va. Code § 5A-3-61. Vendors are expected to bid the standardized commodity identified. Failure to bid the standardized commodity will result in your firm's bid being rejected.

11. EXCEPTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS: The Solicitation contains the specifications that shall form the basis of a contractual agreement. Vendor shall clearly mark any exceptions, clarifications, or other proposed modifications in its bid. Exceptions to, clarifications of, or modifications of a requirement or term and condition of the Solicitation may result in bid disqualification.

12. COMMUNICATION LIMITATIONS: In accordance with West Virginia Code of State Rules §148-1-6.6, communication with the State of West Virginia or any of its employees regarding this Solicitation during the solicitation, bid, evaluation or award periods, except through the Purchasing Division, is strictly prohibited without prior Purchasing Division approval. Purchasing Division approval for such communication is implied for all agency delegated and exempt purchases.

13. REGISTRATION: Prior to Contract award, the apparent successful Vendor must be properly registered with the West Virginia Purchasing Division and must have paid the \$125 fee, if applicable.

14. UNIT PRICE: Unit prices shall prevail in cases of a discrepancy in the Vendor's bid.

15. PREFERENCE: Vendor Preference may be requested in purchases of motor vehicles or construction and maintenance equipment and machinery used in highway and other infrastructure projects. Any request for preference must be submitted in writing with the bid, must specifically identify the preference requested with reference to the applicable subsection of West Virginia Code § 5A-3-37, and must include with the bid any information necessary to evaluate and confirm the applicability of the requested preference. A request form to help facilitate the request can be found at: www.state.wv.us/admin/purchase/vrc/Venpref.pdf.

15A. RECIPROCAL PREFERENCE: The State of West Virginia applies a reciprocal preference to all solicitations for commodities and printing in accordance with W. Va. Code § 5A-3-37(b). In effect, non-resident vendors receiving a preference in their home states, will see that same preference granted to West Virginia resident vendors bidding against them in West Virginia. Any request for reciprocal preference must include with the bid any information necessary to evaluate and confirm the applicability of the preference. A request form to help facilitate the request can be found at: www.state.wv.us/admin/purchase/vrc/Venpref.pdf.

16. SMALL, WOMEN-OWNED, OR MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESSES: For any solicitations publicly advertised for bid, in accordance with West Virginia Code §5A-3-37 and W. Va. CSR § 148-22-9, any non-resident vendor certified as a small, women- owned, or minority-owned business under W. Va. CSR § 148-22-9 shall be provided the same preference made available to any resident vendor. Any non-resident small, women-owned, or minority-owned business must identify itself as such in writing, must submit that writing to the Purchasing Division with its bid, and must be properly certified under W. Va. CSR § 148-22-9 prior to contract award to receive the preferences made available to resident vendors. Preference for a non-resident small, women-owned, or minority owned business shall be applied in accordance with W. Va. CSR § 148-22-9.

17. WAIVER OF MINOR IRREGULARITIES: The Director reserves the right to waive minor irregularities in bids or specifications in accordance with West Virginia Code of State Rules § 148-1-4.6.

18. ELECTRONIC FILE ACCESS RESTRICTIONS: Vendor must ensure that its submission in wvOASIS can be accessed and viewed by the Purchasing Division staff immediately upon bid opening. The Purchasing Division will consider any file that cannot be immediately accessed and viewed at the time of the bid opening (such as, encrypted files, password protected files, or incompatible files) to be blank or incomplete as context requires and are therefore unacceptable. A vendor will not be permitted to unencrypt files, remove password protections, or resubmit documents after bid opening to make a file viewable if those documents are required with the bid. A Vendor may be required to provide document passwords or remove access restrictions to allow the Purchasing Division to print or electronically save documents provided that those documents are viewable by the Purchasing Division prior to obtaining the password or removing the access restriction.

19. NON-RESPONSIBLE: The Purchasing Division Director reserves the right to reject the bid of any vendor as Non-Responsible in accordance with W. Va. Code of State Rules § 148-1-5.3, when the Director determines that the vendor submitting the bid does not have the capability to fully perform or lacks the integrity and reliability to assure good-faith performance.”

20. ACCEPTANCE/REJECTION: The State may accept or reject any bid in whole, or in part in accordance with W. Va. Code of State Rules § 148-1-4.5. and § 148-1-6.4.b.”

21. 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.

22. WITH THE BID REQUIREMENTS: In instances where these specifications require documentation or other information with the bid, and a vendor fails to provide it with the bid, the Director of the Purchasing Division reserves the right to request those items after bid opening and prior to contract award pursuant to the authority to waive minor irregularities in bids or specifications under W. Va. CSR § 148-1-4.6. This authority does not apply to instances where state law mandates receipt with the bid.

23. EMAIL NOTIFICATION OF AWARD: The Purchasing Division will attempt to provide bidders with e-mail notification of contract award when a solicitation that the bidder participated in has been awarded. For notification purposes, bidders must provide the Purchasing Division with a valid email address in the bid response. Bidders may also monitor wvOASIS or the Purchasing Division's website to determine when a contract has been awarded.

24. ISRAEL BOYCOTT CERTIFICATION: Vendor's act of submitting a bid in response to this solicitation shall be deemed a certification from bidder to the State that bidder is not currently engaged in, and will not for the duration of the contract, engage in a boycott of Israel. This certification is required by W. Va. Code § 5A-3-63.

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 (1) Year
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX. 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 (3) Years 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.

As described in the Specifications

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: \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence.

Automobile Liability Insurance in at least an amount of: \$100,000.00 per occurrence.

Professional/Malpractice/Errors and Omission Insurance in at least an amount of: _____ 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:

_____ for _____.

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.

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.

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.

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) Leo R. Blatz, C.E.O.

(Address) 2829 Sheridan Drive, Tonawanda NY 14150

(Phone Number) / (Fax Number) 866-633-3700 || 877-375-2450

(email address) LBlatz@worldwidetravelstaffing.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.

Worldwide Travel Staffing, Limited

(Company)

(Signature of Authorized Representative)

Leo R. Blatz, C.E.O.

12/29/2023

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

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SPECIFICATIONS

- 1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE:** The West Virginia Purchasing Division is soliciting bids on behalf of the WV Veterans Nursing Facility (Agency/WVVNF) located at One Freedom Way in Clarksburg, WV to establish an open-end contract for a Licensed Nurse Practitioner.

- 2. DEFINITIONS:** The terms listed below shall have the meanings assigned to them below. Additional definitions can be found in Section 2 of the General Terms and Conditions.
 - 2.1 “Contract Item(s)”** means the items identified in Section 3.1 below and on the Pricing Pages.

 - 2.2 “Pricing Pages”** means the schedule of prices, estimated order quantity, and totals contained in wvOASIS or attached hereto as Exhibit A and used to evaluate the solicitation responses.

 - 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.

 - 2.4 “NP”** means Nurse Practitioner as defined by the WV Legislature.

- 3. QUALIFICATIONS:** Vendor’s “NP” must have the following minimum qualifications:
 - 3.1 “NP”** must hold a valid WV registered Nurse Practitioner License.

 - 3.2 “NP”** must know and abide by all Federal and State Long Term Care regulations.

 - 3.3 “NP”** must have at least three (3) years of Long-Term Care Experience.

 - 3.4 “NP”** must have and keep a current Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) card.

- 4. MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS:** Vendor shall provide Agency with the Contract Items listed below on an open-end and continuing basis. Contract Items must meet or exceed the mandatory requirements as shown below.
 - 4.1 “NP”** must pass a drug screening and will be subject to a random drug screening at any time. Any associated cost will be paid by the Vendor.

 - 4.2 “NP”** must pass a criminal background check and will be subject to such at any time during the contract. Any associated costs will be paid by the Vendor. Any federal

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criminal history or current federal criminal charges will prohibit any person from working at the WVVNF.

- 4.3 Vendor must provide resumes and supporting documentation for selection and Agency will interview Vendors' suggested "NP(s)" prior to placement in the Agency.
- 4.4 Agency reserves the right to request removal and/or replacement of any "NP" at any time for any reason.
- 4.5 Agency desires to keep the same "NP" for the duration of the contract. However, Agency understands this may not be possible.
- 4.6 If/when an "NP" leaves the vendor will provide a replacement "NP" as soon as possible.
- 4.7 If no replacement is provided within two weeks, Vendor may be considered in default of contract and the WVVNF reserves the right to look for another Vendor.
- 4.8 "NP" must perform clinical evaluations and treatment programs.
- 4.9 "NP" must write medical history, programs for treatments, care, records, referrals, and discharges.
- 4.10 "NP" must review charts for quality, quantity, and progress notes for medical documentation.
- 4.11 "NP" must prescribe orders for laboratory and diagnostic tests as needed.
- 4.12 "NP" must complete referrals for specialized medical services.
- 4.13 "NP" must make daily rounds to residents.
- 4.14 "NP" must collaborate with health care providers that include the Dietician and or Dietary Manager concerning weight loss/gains and diet changes.
- 4.15 "NP" must collaborate with the Wound Care Nurse for treatment of Pressure, Diabetic, Vascular, and Arterial Ulcers.
- 4.16 "NP" must collaborate with the pharmacy consultant for medication management, and other health care providers that work in coordination to care for the residents.
- 4.17 "NP" normal work hours are Monday through Friday 8am to 4pm with WV State holidays off. Agency will not pay for time off.

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4.17.1 Official State Holidays are: New Year’s Day, Martin Luther King Day, President’s Day, Memorial Day, West Virginia Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Day After Thanksgiving, Christmas Day.

4.17.2 In addition, time off is given for the following:

- When Christmas Day and New Year’s Day fall on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday, the preceding half day (not to exceed four hours) on Christmas Eve (December 24) and New Year’s Eve (December 31) are given as time off.
- Any day on which a Primary or General election is held throughout the State, and such other days as the President, Governor, or other duly constituted authority proclaim to be official holidays or days of special observance or thanksgiving, or days for the general cessation of business, is given as time off.

4.18 “NP” must communicate with the attending Physician, Director of Nursing, and the Administrator as needed.

4.19 “NP” must communicate with families and residents about treatment and care.

4.20 “NP” must communicate with outside Health Care Providers and Medical Facilities in coordination with caring for the health of the residents.

4.21 “NP” must refer residents to the Physician or other Health Care Providers for specialty care while maintaining the responsibility of the continuity of care for the residents.

4.22 “NP” must be a member of the Agency’s Interdisciplinary Team which includes attending on site meetings for falls and other care concerns as required.

4.23 “NP” must document in the progress notes, treatment, orders, and perform assessments in the electronic medical records.

4.24 “NP” position shall report directly to the Administrator.

4.25 “NP” will not manage the Nursing Department.

4.26 “NP” will not be an employee of the Agency.

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4.27 “NP” is expected to be available by phone 24/7, and the Agency will provide a cell phone at vendors request.

4.27.1 Agency does not expect the “NP” will receive numerous calls during non-working hours, but the “NP” must respond as needed.

5. CONTRACT AWARD:

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

5.2 Pricing Pages: Vendor should complete the Pricing Pages by providing an all-inclusive hourly rate for services. Vendor should complete the Pricing Pages in their entirety as failure to do so may result in Vendor’s bids being disqualified.

The Pricing Pages contain a list of the Contract Items and estimated purchase volume. The estimated purchase volume for each item represents the approximate volume of anticipated purchases only. No future use of the Contract or any individual item is guaranteed or implied.

Vendor should enter the total bid amount in wvOASIS, if available, or as an electronic document. In most cases, the Vendor can request an electronic copy of the Pricing Pages for bid purposes by sending an email request to the following address: David.H.Pauline@wv.gov.

6. ORDERING AND PAYMENT:

6.1 Ordering: After award of this contract, Agency shall then issue a release order against this contract covering the agreed upon specifications.

6.2 Payment: Vendor shall accept payment in accordance with the payment procedures of the State of West Virginia.

7. VENDOR DEFAULT:

7.1 The following shall be considered a vendor default under this Contract.

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- 7.1.1 Failure to provide Contract Items in accordance with the requirements contained herein.
 - 7.1.2 Failure to comply with other specifications and requirements contained herein.
 - 7.1.3 Failure to comply with any laws, rules, and ordinances applicable to the Contract Services provided under this Contract.
 - 7.1.4 Failure to remedy deficient performance upon request.
- 7.2 The following remedies shall be available to Agency upon default.
- 7.2.1 Immediate cancellation of the Contract.
 - 7.2.2 Immediate cancellation of one or more release orders issued under this Contract.
 - 7.2.3 Any other remedies available in law or equity.
- 8. FACILITIES ACCESS:** Performance of Contract Services may require access cards and/or keys to gain entrance to Agency’s facilities. In the event that access cards and/or keys are required:
- 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 of \$100 per occurrence, 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.
- 9. MISCELLANEOUS:**
- 9.1 **Vendor Supply:** Vendor must carry sufficient inventory of the Contract Items being offered to fulfill its obligations under this Contract. By signing its bid, Vendor certifies that it can supply the Contract Items contained in its bid response.

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9.2 Reports: Vendor shall provide quarterly reports and annual summaries to the Agency showing the Agency's items purchased, quantities of items purchased, and total dollar value of the items purchased. Vendor shall also provide reports, upon request, showing the items purchased during the term of this Contract, the quantity purchased for each of those items, and the total value of purchases for each of those items. Failure to supply such reports may be grounds for cancellation of this Contract.

10. CONTRACT MANAGER: Vendor must designate and maintain a primary manager responsible for overseeing Vendor's responsibilities under the contract. The manager must be available during normal business hours to address any customer service issues related to the contract and/or purchase orders.

Vendor Name Worldwide Travel Staffing, Limited

Contract Manager Sam Giordano, Director of Gov't Contracting

Telephone Number 866-633-3700

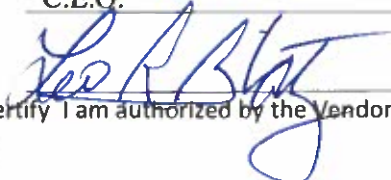
Fax Number 877-375-2450

Email Address SGiordano@worldwidetravelstaffing.com

**Exhibit A - Pricing Page
Nurse Practitioner**

Item No.	Description Of Services	Estimated Hours*	Hourly Rate	Total
1	Nurse Practitioner Hourly Rate	1,950	\$120.50	\$ 234,975 -
			Grand Total	\$ 234,975 -

*Estimated number of hours is not guaranteed.

Vendor Information	
Vendor: <u>Worldwide Travel Staffing, Limited</u>	Printed Name: <u>Leo R. Blatz</u>
Address: <u>2829 Sheridan Drive</u>	Title: <u>C.E.O.</u>
<u>Tonawanda, NY 14150</u>	*Signature 
Office Phone: <u>866-633-3700</u>	*I hereby certify I am authorized by the Vendor to sign this document.
Cell Phone: <u>716-830-6683</u>	
Fax: <u>877-375-2450</u>	Email: <u>LBlatz@worldwidetravelstaffing.com</u>

