

ADDENDUM ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM
SOLICITATION NO.: 0319 DEP 160000002
Emergy Marketing Company

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 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.

Mountaineer Infrastructure, LLC

Company

MR. Evans

Authorized Signature

9/10/15

Date

09/10/15 12:15:30
WV Purchasing Division

NOTE: This addendum acknowledgment should be submitted with the bid to expedite document processing.
Revised 6/8/2012

**ENERGY MARKETING COMPANY INC
PERMIT U-24-84
REVISED BID SCHEDULE**

VENDOR NAME: MOUNTAINEER INFRASTRUCTURE

The WVDEP reserves the right to request additional information and supporting documentation regarding unit prices when the unit price appears to be unreasonable.

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
1.0	Mobilization & Demobilization (Shall not exceed 5% of TOTAL)	1	LS	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00
2.0	Construction Layout (Shall not exceed 3% of TOTAL)	1	LS	\$ 48,000.00	\$ 48,000.00
3.0	Quality Control (Shall not exceed 3% of TOTAL)	1	LS	\$ 48,000.00	\$ 48,000.00
4.1	Site Preparation (Shall not exceed 5% of TOTAL)	1	LS	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00
4.2	Fence	2,200	LF	\$ 8.00	\$ 17,600.00
4.3	Farm Gate	4	EA	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,000.00
4.4	Pipe Gate	1	EA	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
5.1	Silt Fence	1,800	LF	\$ 2.50	\$ 4,500.00
5.2	Super Silt Fence	600	LF	\$ 20.00	\$ 12,000.00
5.3	Straw Wattles	7,000	LF	\$ 0.01	\$ 70.00
6.0	Revegetation (Plan View)	32	AC	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 40,000.00
7.1	Erosion Control Blanket Lined Bench Ditch	2,750	LF	\$ 2.00	\$ 5,500.00
7.2	2.0 FT Deep "Vee" Shaped Riprap Ditch	400	LF	\$ 30.98	\$ 12,392.00
7.3	2.0 FT Deep "Vee" Shaped Grouted Riprap Ditch	2,000	LF	\$ 54.25	\$ 108,500.00
7.4	2.5 FT Deep "Vee" Shaped Grouted Riprap Ditch	165	LF	\$ 64.37	\$ 10,621.05
7.5	2.5 FT Deep by 4.0 FT Wide "Flat Bottom" Shaped Grouted Riprap Ditch	1600	LF	\$ 82.91	\$ 132,656.00
7.6	4.0 FT Deep by 8.0 FT Wide "Flat Bottom" Shaped Grouted Riprap Ditch	60	LF	\$ 124.00	\$ 7,440.00
8.0	Unclassified Excavation	517,000	CY	\$ 1.26	\$ 651,420.00
9.1	Wet Mine Seals	2	EA	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 170,000.00
9.2	Mine Seal Conveyence Pipe	1,650	LF	\$ 15.00	\$ 24,750.00
9.3	Soda Ash Briquettes	100	BG	\$ 0.01	\$ 1.00
10.1	Rock Toe Drain Number One	420	LF	\$ 200.00	\$ 84,000.00
10.2	Subsurface Drain	1,000	LF	\$ 0.01	\$ 10.00
10.3	12 Inch Inline Cleanout	20	EA	\$ 0.01	\$ 0.20
11.0	Utilities (No cost bid item, utility relocation cost pass through only)			\$ -	\$ -
12.0	Surface Crack Repair	1	LS	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00

TOTAL

\$ 1,609,460.25

BIDDERS AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

M.D. Evans

DATE: 9/10/15

BID BOND

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we, the undersigned, Mountaineer Infrastructure, LLC
of Dry Fork, WV, as Principal, and Liberty Mutual Insurance Company
of Boston, MA, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of
MA with its principal office in the City of Boston, as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the State
of West Virginia, as Obligee, in the penal sum of Five Percent of Amount Bid (\$ 5%) for the payment of which,
well and truly to be made, we jointly and severally bind ourselves, our heirs, administrators, executors, successors and assigns.

The Condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the Principal has submitted to the Purchasing Section of the
Department of Administration a certain bid or proposal, attached hereto and made a part hereof, to enter into a contract in writing for
Energy Marking Company - Permit U-24-84 AML Reclamation, Barbour County, WV

NOW THEREFORE,

- (a) If said bid shall be rejected, or
- (b) If said bid shall be accepted and the Principal shall enter into a contract in accordance with the bid or proposal
attached hereto and shall furnish any other bonds and insurance required by the bid or proposal, and shall in all other respects perform
the agreement created by the acceptance of said bid, then this obligation shall be null and void, otherwise this obligation shall remain in
full force and effect. It is expressly understood and agreed that the liability of the Surety for any and all claims hereunder shall, in no
event, exceed the penal amount of this obligation as herein stated.

The Surety, for the value received, hereby stipulates and agrees that the obligations of said Surety and its bond shall be in no
way impaired or affected by any extension of the time within which the Obligee may accept such bid, and said Surety does hereby
waive notice of any such extension.

WITNESS, the following signatures and seals of Principal and Surety, executed and sealed by a proper officer of Principal and
Surety, or by Principal individually if Principal is an individual, this 10th day of September, 2015.

Principal Seal

Mountaineer Infrastructure, LLC
(Name of Principal)
By: MR. Evans
(Must be President, Vice President, or
Duly Authorized Agent)
President
(Title)

Surety Seal

Liberty Mutual Insurance Company
(Name of Surety)
By: D.P. Taylor
Douglas P. Taylor, Licensed WV Resident Agent Attorney-in-Fact

**IMPORTANT - Surety executing bonds must be licensed in West Virginia to transact surety insurance, must affix its seal, and
must attach a power of attorney with its seal affixed.**

THIS POWER OF ATTORNEY IS NOT VALID UNLESS IT IS PRINTED ON RED BACKGROUND.

This Power of Attorney limits the acts of those named herein, and they have no authority to bind the Company except in the manner and to the extent herein stated.

Certificate No. 626653P

American Fire and Casualty Company
The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company

Liberty Mutual Insurance Company
West American Insurance Company

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOWN ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS: That American Fire & Casualty Company and The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company are corporations duly organized under the laws of the State of New Hampshire, that Liberty Mutual Insurance Company is a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Massachusetts, and West American Insurance Company is a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Indiana (herein collectively called the "Companies"), pursuant to and by authority herein set forth, does hereby name, constitute and appoint Andrew K. Teeter; Christopher A. Michel; Douglas P. Taylor; Janis K. Peacock; Kimberly L. Miles; Kimberly S. Burdette

all of the city of Charleston, state of WV each individually if there be more than one named, its true and lawful attorney-in-fact to make, execute, seal, acknowledge and deliver, for and on its behalf as surety and as its act and deed, any and all undertakings, bonds, recognizances and other surety obligations, in pursuance of these presents and shall be as binding upon the Companies as if they have been duly signed by the president and attested by the secretary of the Companies in their own proper persons.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Power of Attorney has been subscribed by an authorized officer or official of the Companies and the corporate seals of the Companies have been affixed thereto this 29th day of August, 2013.



American Fire and Casualty Company
The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company
Liberty Mutual Insurance Company
West American Insurance Company

By: Gregory W. Davenport
Gregory W. Davenport, Assistant Secretary

STATE OF WASHINGTON ss
COUNTY OF KING

On this 29th day of August, 2013, before me personally appeared Gregory W. Davenport, who acknowledged himself to be the Assistant Secretary of American Fire and Casualty Company, Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, The Ohio Casualty Company, and West American Insurance Company, and that he, as such, being authorized so to do, execute the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained by signing on behalf of the corporations by himself as a duly authorized officer.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my notarial seal at Seattle, Washington, on the day and year first above written.

By: KD Riley
KD Riley, Notary Public

This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the following By-laws and Authorizations of American Fire and Casualty Company, The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company, Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, and West American Insurance Company which resolutions are now in full force and effect reading as follows:

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS - Section 12. Power of Attorney. Any officer or other official of the Corporation authorized for that purpose in writing by the Chairman or the President, and subject to such limitation as the Chairman or the President may prescribe, shall appoint such attorneys-in-fact, as may be necessary to act in behalf of the Corporation to make, execute, seal, acknowledge and deliver as surety any and all undertakings, bonds, recognizances and other surety obligations. Such attorneys-in-fact, subject to the limitations set forth in their respective powers of attorney, shall have full power to bind the Corporation by their signature and execution of any such instruments and to attach thereto the seal of the Corporation. When so executed, such instruments shall be as binding as if signed by the President and attested to by the Secretary. Any power or authority granted to any representative or attorney-in-fact under the provisions of this article may be revoked at any time by the Board, the Chairman, the President or by the officer or officers granting such power or authority.

ARTICLE XIII - Execution of Contracts - SECTION 5. Surety Bonds and Undertakings. Any officer of the Company authorized for that purpose in writing by the chairman or the president, and subject to such limitations as the chairman or the president may prescribe, shall appoint such attorneys-in-fact, as may be necessary to act in behalf of the Company to make, execute, seal, acknowledge and deliver as surety any and all undertakings, bonds, recognizances and other surety obligations. Such attorneys-in-fact subject to the limitations set forth in their respective powers of attorney, shall have full power to bind the Company by their signature and execution of any such instruments and to attach thereto the seal of the Company. When so executed such instruments shall be as binding as if signed by the president and attested by the secretary.

Certificate of Designation - The President of the Company, acting pursuant to the Bylaws of the Company, authorizes Gregory W. Davenport, Assistant Secretary to appoint such attorneys-in-fact as may be necessary to act on behalf of the Company to make, execute, seal, acknowledge and deliver as surety any and all undertakings, bonds, recognizances and other surety obligations.

Authorization - By unanimous consent of the Company's Board of Directors, the Company consents that facsimile or mechanically reproduced signature of any assistant secretary of the Company, wherever appearing upon a certified copy of any power of attorney issued by the Company in connection with surety bonds, shall be valid and binding upon the Company with the same force and effect as though manually affixed.

I, David M. Carey, the undersigned, Assistant Secretary, of American Fire and Casualty Company, The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company, Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, and West American Insurance Company do hereby certify that the original power of attorney of which the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Power of Attorney executed by said Companies, is in full force and effect and has not been revoked.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seals of said Companies this 10th day of September, 20 15.



By: David M. Carey
David M. Carey, Assistant Secretary

Not valid for mortgage, note, loan, letter of credit, currency rate, interest rate or residual value guarantees.

To confirm the validity of this Power of Attorney call 1-610-832-8240 between 9:00 am and 4:30 pm EST on any business day.

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
Purchasing Division
PURCHASING AFFIDAVIT

MANDATE: Under W. Va. Code §5A-3-10a, no contract or renewal of any contract may be awarded by the state or any of its political subdivisions to any vendor or prospective vendor when the vendor or prospective vendor or a related party to the vendor or prospective vendor is a debtor and: (1) the debt owed is an amount greater than one thousand dollars in the aggregate; or (2) the debtor is in employer default.

EXCEPTION: The prohibition listed above does not apply where a vendor has contested any tax administered pursuant to chapter eleven of the W. Va. Code, workers' compensation premium, permit fee or environmental fee or assessment and the matter has not become final or where the vendor has entered into a payment plan or agreement and the vendor is not in default of any of the provisions of such plan or agreement.

DEFINITIONS:

"Debt" means any assessment, premium, penalty, fine, tax or other amount of money owed to the state or any of its political subdivisions because of a judgment, fine, permit violation, license assessment, defaulted workers' compensation premium, penalty or other assessment presently delinquent or due and required to be paid to the state or any of its political subdivisions, including any interest or additional penalties accrued thereon.

"Employer default" means having an outstanding balance or liability to the old fund or to the uninsured employers' fund or being in policy default, as defined in W. Va. Code § 23-2c-2, failure to maintain mandatory workers' compensation coverage, or failure to fully meet its obligations as a workers' compensation self-insured employer. An employer is not in employer default if it has entered into a repayment agreement with the Insurance Commissioner and remains in compliance with the obligations under the repayment agreement.

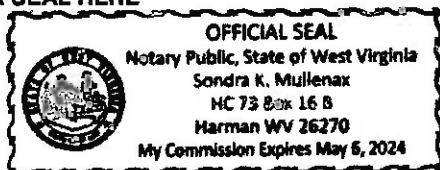
"Related party" means a party, whether an individual, corporation, partnership, association, limited liability company or any other form or business association or other entity whatsoever, related to any vendor by blood, marriage, ownership or contract through which the party has a relationship of ownership or other interest with the vendor so that the party will actually or by effect receive or control a portion of the benefit, profit or other consideration from performance of a vendor contract with the party receiving an amount that meets or exceeds five percent of the total contract amount.

AFFIRMATION: By signing this form, the vendor's authorized signer affirms and acknowledges under penalty of law for false swearing (W. Va. Code §61-5-3) that neither vendor nor any related party owe a debt as defined above and that neither vendor nor any related party are in employer default as defined above, unless the debt or employer default is permitted under the exception above.

WITNESS THE FOLLOWING SIGNATURE:Vendor's Name: MOUNTAINEER INFRASTRUCTUREAuthorized Signature: MD. Evans Date: 9/10/15State of WEST VIRGINIACounty of TUCKER, to-wit:Taken, subscribed, and sworn to before me this 10 day of SEPTEMBER, 2015.My Commission expires May 6, 2024.

AFFIX SEAL HERE

NOTARY PUBLIC

Sondra K. Mullenax

Purchasing Affidavit (Revised 07/01/2012)



**State of West Virginia
DRUG FREE WORKPLACE CONFORMANCE AFFIDAVIT
West Virginia Code §21-1D-5**

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,
COUNTY OF TUCKER, TO-WIT:**

I, MATT EVANS, after being first duly sworn, depose and state as follows:

1. I am an employee of MOUNTAINEER INFRASTRUCTURE; and,
(Company Name)
2. I do hereby attest that MOUNTAINEER INFRASTRUCTURE
(Company Name)

maintains a valid written drug free workplace policy and that such policy is in compliance with **West Virginia Code §21-1D**.

The above statements are sworn to under the penalty of perjury.

By: M.D. Evans
 Title: PRESIDENT
 Company Name: MOUNTAINEER INFRASTRUCTURE
 Date: 9/10/15

Taken, subscribed and sworn to before me this 10 day of SEPTEMBER, 2015.

By Commission expires May 6, 2024

(Seal)



Sondra K Mullinax
 (Notary Public)

THIS AFFIDAVIT MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THE BID IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH WV CODE PROVISIONS. FAILURE TO INCLUDE THE AFFIDAVIT WITH THE BID SHALL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION OF THE BID.

CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE PAGE

By signing below, or submitting documentation through wvOASIS, I certify that I have reviewed this Solicitation in its entirety; understand the requirements, terms and conditions, and other information contained herein; that I am submitting this bid, offer or proposal for review and consideration; 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.

Mountaineer Infrastructure
(Company)

MB. Evans President
(Authorized Signature) (Representative Name, Title)

(304) 866-4953 (304) 866-4329 9-10-15
(Phone Number) (Fax Number) (Date)

ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS (Construction Contracts Only)

- 1. CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE:** West Virginia Code § 21-11-2 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 Division of Labor. West Virginia Code § 21-11-11 requires any prospective Vendor to include the contractor's license number on its bid. Failure to include a contractor's license number on the bid shall result in Vendor's bid being disqualified. Vendors should include a contractor's license number in the space provided below.

Mountaineer Infrastructure, LLC

Contractor's Name: _____

Contractor's License No. WV051354

The apparent successful Vendor must furnish a copy of its contractor's license prior to the issuance of a Award Document.

- 2. 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 at the same time an affidavit that the Vendor has a written plan for a drug-free workplace policy. To comply with this law, Vendor must either complete the enclosed drug-free workplace affidavit and submit the same with its bid or complete a similar affidavit that fulfills all of the requirements of the applicable code. Failure to submit the signed and notarized drug-free workplace affidavit or a similar affidavit that fully complies with the requirements of the applicable code, with the bid 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.

2.1. 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.

- 3. 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

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

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

Tuesday July 21, 2015 at 10AM, EST. Directions: In Upshur County, at Corridor H (U.S. Route 33) at the Buckhannon Exit and travel north along WV Route 20 for approximately 6.4 miles to the intersection with U.S. Route 119. Turn northeast (right) onto U.S. Route 119 and travel approximately 3.4 miles to the intersection with Barbour County Route 34. Turn north (left) onto Barbour County Route 34 and go approximately 1.1 miles to the intersection with the haulroad leading to the project site. Bear northeast (right) and go 1.7 miles to the project area highwall.

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 person attending the pre-bid meeting may represent more than one Vendor.

An attendance sheet provided at the pre-bid meeting shall serve as the official document verifying attendance. The State will not accept any other form of proof or documentation to verify 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 in order 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 non-binding. Submitted e-mails should have solicitation number in the subject line.

Question Submission Deadline: July 24, 2015 at 5:00PM, EST

Submit Questions to: Beth A. Collins, Senior Buyer
2019 Washington Street, East
Charleston, WV 25305
Fax: (304) 558-4115 (Vendors should not use this fax number for bid submission)
Email: beth.a.collins@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 electronically through wvOASIS or signed and delivered by the Vendor to the Purchasing Division at the address listed below on or before the date and time of the bid opening. 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. The Purchasing Division will not accept bids, modification of bids, or addendum acknowledgment forms via e-mail. Acceptable delivery methods include electronic submission via wvOASIS, hand delivery, delivery by courier, or facsimile. The bid delivery address is:

Department of Administration, Purchasing Division
2019 Washington Street East
Charleston, WV 25305-0130

A bid that is not submitted electronically through wvOASIS should contain the information listed below on the face of the envelope or the bid may be rejected by the Purchasing Division.:

SEALED BID:
BUYER:
SOLICITATION NO.:
BID OPENING DATE:
BID OPENING TIME:
FAX NUMBER:

In the event that Vendor is responding to a request for proposal, and chooses to respond in a manner other than by electronic submission through wvOASIS, the Vendor shall submit one original technical and one original cost proposal plus convenience copies of each to the Purchasing Division at the address shown above. Additionally, if Vendor does not submit its bid through wvOASIS, the Vendor should identify the bid type as either a technical or cost proposal on the face of each bid envelope submitted in response to a request for proposal as follows:

BID TYPE: (This only applies to CRFP)

Technical

Cost

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: September 10, 2015 at 1:30PM, 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. **ALTERNATES:** 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.
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 only be granted upon written request and only in accordance with the West Virginia Code § 5A-3-37 and the West Virginia Code of State Rules. A Vendor Preference Certificate form has been attached hereto to allow Vendor to apply for the preference. Vendor's failure to submit the Vendor Preference Certificate form with its bid will result in denial of Vendor Preference. Vendor Preference does not apply to construction projects.
16. **SMALL, WOMEN-OWNED, OR MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESSES:** For any solicitations publicly advertised for bid, in accordance with West Virginia Code §5A-3-37(a)(7) 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 by the Purchasing Division staff immediately upon bid opening. The Purchasing Division will consider any file that cannot be immediately opened and/or 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 if those documents are required with the bid.