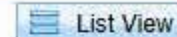




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Vendor ID: VS0000053306 

Legal Name: Aura Search Group LLC

Alias/DBA:

Total Bid: \$857,600.00

Response Date: 08/24/2026 

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Vendor
Signature X **FEIN#** **DATE**

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Line	Comm Ln Desc	Qty	Unit Issue	Unit Price	Ln Total Or Contract Amount
1	Direct Care Staffing Services				857600.00

Comm Code	Manufacturer	Specification	Model #
85101601			

Commodity Line Comments:

Extended Description:

Open-end contract for Direct Care Staffing Services

ADDENDUM ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM
SOLICITATION NO.: CRFQ VNF27000000C

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.

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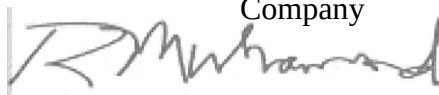
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☐ Addendum No. 4	☐ Addendum No. 9
☐ Addendum No. 5	☐ Addendum No. 10

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.

Aura Search Group LLC

Company



Authorized Signature

8/24/2026

Date

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

Revised 6/8/2012

Cover Letter



Corporate Office:

7536 St Louis Ave
Skokie IL, 60076

Phone:

(773) 822 -7750

Company Name: Aura Search Group LLC

Address: 7536 St Louis Ave Skokie IL, 60076

Point of Contact at Aura Search Group: Becky Whamond

Title: Director of Operations

Website: www.aurasempire.com

Phone: 773.822.7750

Email: beckyw@auraempire.com

Direct Care Staffing Services | CRFQ-0613-VNF2700000001-1

To Whom It May Concern,

Aura Search Group finds the brightest healthcare talent for your medical team. We stay committed to every position we fill, through the initial placement, frequent communication, and insights, so that your healthcare providers continue to adapt and grow with you, as your needs grow and evolve. We take a dynamic approach to medical staffing, crafted from over 20 years of experience leading a healthcare service company. Our design is to minimize turnover, reduce burnout, enhance efficiency, and most importantly help you deliver exceptional quality of care.

Aura Search Group agrees to provide staffing services generally as described as follows:

Recruiting, interviewing, and screening candidates, providing offers of employment to qualified **Nurses to WV Veterans Nursing Facility** when appropriate, credentialing employees.

In addition, Aura Search Group will be responsible for all Employer Obligations.

Sincerely,

Becky Whamond, Director of Operations

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B Whamond', written over a light blue horizontal line.

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Executive Summary

Aura Search Group finds the brightest healthcare talent for your healthcare team. Our unique philosophy reduces turnover, decreases burnout, enhances efficiency, and most importantly helps you deliver exceptional quality of care. Through a hands-on approach, we remain committed to every position we fill through ongoing communication, feedback, and insights.

This allows your healthcare providers to adapt and grow as your needs evolve. We have grown leaps and bounds over the past years due to our processes, customer communication, turnaround time of placement, and quality of healthcare workers.

Aura Search Group agrees to provide recruitment services for **Nurses to WV Veterans Nursing Facility**. Every candidate submitted by Aura Search Group will be properly vetted to ensure only the most qualified candidates are recruited to perform healthcare-related services requested by the **WV Veterans Nursing Facility**.

Technical Proposal

Aura Search Group is well-equipped to provide highly qualified **Nurses to WV Veterans Nursing Facility**. We are a **woman-owned, and Joint Commission-accredited** staffing firm with extensive experience in healthcare recruitment. Our expertise spans Locum Tenens, Physicians, Social Workers, RNs, LPNs, CNAs, Dieticians, Respiratory Therapists, Nurse Practitioners, Physical Therapists, Occupational Therapists, Speech Language Pathologists, BCBAs, RBTs and many more.

Aura Search Group is the successor organization to Aura Staffing Partners Chicago, LLC, which is currently being dissolved as part of a corporate restructuring. The same experienced leadership team, recruiters, staffing resources, operational processes, and healthcare staffing expertise are continuing with Aura Search Group. Accordingly, the past-performance examples below reflect projects performed by the team now operating as Aura Search Group.

We have been assisting the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on a large project since 2021 to name just one reference. We have sent over 200 healthcare providers to the State of Massachusetts consisting of Lead RNs, Behavioral RNs, Psych Techs, Floor RNs, LPNs, and CNAs. We have formed Rapid Response Teams to help with COVID in long term care facilities throughout the state and also put together Transition Rehab Teams to assist with moving patients out of the hospitals faster and into rehab in the long term care facilities.

Denver Public Schools (DPS) has called upon us to support the school district with RN's, specifically RN's that have Bachelor's degrees. These nurses perform student services such as IEP's and 504's. We have averaged 40-60 RNs per year with DPS. We also provide Healthcare Techs, which assist the schools with student healthcare needs. Lastly, we provide 1:1 nurse care for students with disabilities such as Tracheas, Asthma, and skin conditions such as EB (Epidermolysis Bullosa).

We have partnered with DPS in the past during a Strike. This was a last-minute decision, and we were requested to send over as many RN's and Healthcare Techs as quickly as possible. Using our database of healthcare workers, we put a focus on finding staff quickly. Once qualified staff is identified, we ran background checks, license verifications and complete credentialing. In the 2021-2022 school year, COVID was a key factor to consider. This added additional requirements for onboarding RNs, Healthcare Techs, and one on one nurses. In addition, we added 60+ health care screeners. The healthcare screeners responsibility was to both temperature check and screen students to prevent the spread of COVID-19. We have also been supporting the State of Delaware with RN's, LPN's, and CNA's in their long term care facilities and school districts. Most employees are on contract, and some are working per diem. We have been actively staffing healthcare workers in the State of Delaware since July 2022.

Aura Search Group is well prepared and experienced in this type of recruiting and we welcome the opportunity to help assist with this project for the **WV Veterans Nursing Facility**.

Methodology

Our process starts with recruiting from job boards as well as social media and sourcing from our database of over 250,000 healthcare professionals. Once we speak to a qualified candidate, we verbally go over the job description and all requirements given to us by the client for the role. The next step is to verify all healthcare credentials and licenses are current to ensure all medical staff can work legally in their field or specialty. This includes conducting background checks, scheduling lab appointments (drug screens, TB tests, Vaccinations/titers, annual physicals, etc) contacting licensing boards, reviewing license applications, obtaining education information, sending out assessments, and collecting job references. All recruiters also run OIG, EPLS/SAM, and National Sex Offender checks for all new hires.

Once the staff have been hired and provided the necessary documentation, the Credentialing Specialist will input information into our ATS (Applicant Tracking System). The ATS is our database that tracks licensing, compliance with federal standards, completion of necessary training and education, updated healthcare records, and continuing education completion. Some items have expiration dates, and these need to be kept current. A profile can be provided to the client if the client requests.

When there is turnover, we have a roster of healthcare workers prepared to be interviewed to ensure there is no disruption of care.



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Bidder's Organization Chart | Key Personnel

Below is our organization chart.

Personnel and Staffing:

Aura Search Group will assign each Recruiter listed in the Organization Chart a portion of the workload that **WV Veterans Nursing Facility** requests. Recruiters source, screen and qualify each personnel member hired. Certifications for each healthcare personnel hired will have the following (but not limited to) performed; OIG, National Background Check, SAM, National Sex Offender, TB test, Physical, License Verification, I-9, Skills Check List, W-2, Core Exams, and BLS/CPR.

Proposed Project Resources	Roles	Corporate Affiliation	Proposed work location for each resource	Time commitment to the project
Rebecca Whamond	Director of Operations		Offsite	20%
Hollie Fritschle	Healthcare Recruiter		Offsite	50%
Kelly Byrd	Healthcare Recruiter		Offsite	50%
Eric Clay	Healthcare Recruiter		Offsite	20%



Aura Search Group Organization Chart

GRETCHEN RAKOWICZ

President

BECKY WHAMOND

Partner | Sales | Operations

JULIA SANTARCANGELO

Director of Business Development

RECRUITING TEAM

HOLLIE FRITSCHIE

Recruiter

KELLY BYRD

Recruiter

ERIC CLAY

Recruiter

Rebecca May Whamond
 730 S Washington Ave Park Ridge, IL
 773.822.7750 | maytay13@msn.com

EXPERIENCE

Partner, Aura Search Group LLC (2026-Present) | Aura Staffing Partners (09/2017-2026)

- Accountable for growing business nationally
- Oversee team of recruiters
- Manage branch daily operations
- Responsible for processing weekly payroll

Customer Success Relationship Manager, Trading Technologies 7/2011-9/2017

- Self-starter loaded with initiative to learn, collaborate, and succeed
- Develop and maintain close relationships with clients and internal departments
- Promote brand and product awareness through networking and co-selling with FCMs
- Independent learner with expert knowledge of product suite to support teammates and clients
- Knowledgeable of financial markets

Support Analyst, Trading Technologies 6/2008-6/2011

- Troubleshoot, defined, and resolved front-end application issues for market leading electronic trading software
- Selected to participate in launching new support model due to creative insight

Native English Teacher, St. Antonius Primary School, Hong Kong 4/2007-2/2008

- Created language curriculum for ages 10-12
- Taught phonics, TEFL certified, and ran after school activities to increase speaking skills

Professional Sales Associate, Sanofi-Aventis Pharmaceuticals 6/2004-12/2006

- Revived under-performing territory, through sales call planning, account development, personal rapport, fact-based "Integrity" selling, use of promotional items, and gaining commitment
- Launched Ketek, first oral solid antibiotic in 14 years, ranked top 15% nationally
- Responsible for converting Ambien CR to a 3.0% market share growth outpacing the area, district, and region

Medical Sales Representative, Pacific Pulmonary Services 8/2000- 5/2004

- Exceeded monthly goals by an average of 250% over quota in an intensely competitive market and ranked #6 out of 136 as a member of President's Club
- Developed a proven track record of establishing and maintaining accounts, while presenting to hospitals, physician's offices, and assisted living facilities
- Conducted managerial duties including training and interviewing prospective representatives

Hollie Fritschle

2309 Aubrey Lane

Sarasota FL 34231

Hollief@aurastaff.com

Work experience

Aura Search Group LLC - 2026-Present

Aura Staffing Partners - February 1, 2021-2026

- Recruiting medical providers for numerous positions in MA, Florida, and Illinois
- Pursuing new locations for staffing

State Tax credit exchange – March 2014 – December 2017

- Keeping the books for many entities through the company
- Ensuring all the licenses are up to date and have all the requirements to keep easy renewal
- Payroll for Perigee, (the secondary company)
- Taxes for all the entities, (over 25 companies)

Banfield veterinary center – July 2007 – July 2008

- Front desk
- Check in/outpatients
- Assist in the back as needed

NET JET EXPEDITOR (December 2003 – February 2007)

- Gulfstream Net Jets / Kelly Services, Savannah, GA
- Extensive knowledge of material handling process, including unexpected shipments and moving material through the shipping department
- Coordinate in house manufactured parts to support AOG aircraft in the most expeditious manner.
- Provided support for Tech Ops by building sales orders, taking ownership and monitoring parts during shipment.
- Coordinate the transport of purchased and Net Jet owned parts to support AOG aircraft.
- Vast knowledge of shipping industry (i.e. Fed Ex, UPS, Airlines and Courier services), and options to satisfy AOG requirements, including one on one communication with Gulfstream personnel in shipping and receiving, and vender support.
- Experience receiving cores and organizing prompt vender repairs.

Eric Clay
1321 Halton Drive
Grovetown, GA 30813
773-494-9365
ericclay2@gmail.com

Experience:

Aura Search Group LLC 2026-Present

Aura Staffing Partners - September 2019-2026
Senior Executive Recruiter

LPC Healthcare Recruiting Solutions, Inc.
April 2011 – September 2019
President/CEO

Beitler Recruiting Solutions, Inc.
September 2006 – Apr 2011
Senior Recruiter

- *Managing all functions associated with Client Relations.
- *Develop recruiting strategies designed to identify candidates through various recruiting tools.
- *Responsible in the assisting of developing, training, and motivating Recruiting Staff.
- *Recruiting, screening, interviewing, Clinical Professionals.
- *Obtain and arrange interviews for Candidates as well as prep Candidates for interviews,
- *Negotiate wage rate and other terms and conditions of employment with Candidates and Clients.
- Relationship building including recruitment of new business.
- *Client visits both current and potential.
- *Attend job fairs and Recruiting activities.

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

Company Transition / Past Performance Notice

Aura Search Group LLC is the successor organization to Aura Staffing Partners Chicago, LLC, which is currently being dissolved as part of a corporate restructuring. Aura Search Group maintains the same experienced leadership, recruiting and operations teams, staffing resources, processes, and healthcare staffing expertise. The references and past performance below reflect work performed by the same team now operating as Aura Search Group LLC.

State of Massachusetts Reference

Contact	Paul Valentine
Title	Senior Managing Director
Organization	KCP Advisory Group, LLC
Address	700 Technology Park Drive, Suite 212 Billerica, MA 01821
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Date of Service	November 2021 - Current

Past Performance

Our team has been assisting the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on a large healthcare staffing project since 2021. Since the start of the project, the team has provided more than 200 healthcare travelers, including Charge/Lead RNs, RNs, LPNs, and CNAs. Rapid Response Teams were formed to support long-term care facilities during COVID-19, and Short-Term Rehab Teams were formed to assist with transitioning patients from hospitals into long-term care facilities for rehabilitation. The team has been actively staffing healthcare workers in Massachusetts since 2020.

Denver Public Schools Reference

Contact	Shamae Williams
Title	Manager of Nursing and Student Health Services
Organization	Student Equity and Opportunity Denver Public Schools
Address	1860 Lincoln Street - 8th Floor Denver, CO 80203
Email / Phone	shamae_williams@dpsk12.net 720-423-1052
Date of Service	August 2019 - August 2024

Past Performance

Our team supported Denver Public Schools with RNs, including bachelor's-prepared nurses who performed student services such as IEPs and 504s. The team averaged approximately 40-60 RNs per year and also provided Healthcare Techs and 1:1 nurses for students with complex healthcare needs, including tracheostomy care, asthma, and Epidermolysis Bullosa (EB). During a labor strike, the team responded to a last-minute request for RNs and Healthcare Techs and completed background checks, license verification, and credentialing. During the 2021-2022 school year, the team also added more than 60 healthcare screeners to support COVID-19 screening.

State of Delaware Reference

Contact	Luci Karnai
Title	State Contract Procurement Officer II
Organization	State of Delaware, Government Support Services
Address	600A South Bay Road Dover, DE 19901
Email / Phone	Luci.Karnai@delaware.gov 302-857-4556
Date of Service	July 2022 - Current

Past Performance

Our team has supported the State of Delaware with RNs, LPNs, and CNAs in long-term care facilities and school districts. Most employees have worked on contract, with additional staff working per diem. The team has been actively staffing healthcare workers in Delaware since July 2022.

Illinois Department of Corrections Reference

Contact	Jacenta Wilson
Title	Agency Procurement Officer
Organization	Illinois Department of Corrections
Address	319 E Madison St. A Springfield, IL 62701
Email / Phone	jacenta.wilson@illinois.gov 217-558-2200 X 4123
Date of Service	January 2025 - Current

Past Performance

Our team has extensive experience providing highly qualified Registered Nurses (RNs) for correctional facilities in Illinois. The team has successfully staffed multiple facilities while maintaining clinical quality, professionalism, and compliance with applicable IDOC requirements. Staff undergo a rigorous vetting and training process to support quality care and operational reliability.



CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)

7/31/2026

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

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PRODUCER Marsh & McLennan Agency LLC 20 N Martingale Road Schaumburg IL 60173	CONTACT NAME: Carson Lamie PHONE (A/C, No, Ext): (847) 463-7131 E-MAIL ADDRESS: Carson.Lamie@MarshMMA.com	FAX (A/C, No): (847) 890-6437
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INSURER B : Milford Casualty Insurance Com		26662
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B	WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ANY PROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEMBER EXCLUDED? (Mandatory in NH) If yes, describe under DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS below	Y/N ☒ N	N/A	MWC1042380	8/14/2026	8/20/2027	☒ PER STATUTE ☐ OTH-ER E.L. EACH ACCIDENT \$1,000,000 E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE \$1,000,000 E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT \$1,000,000
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DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required)

CERTIFICATE HOLDER**CANCELLATION**

Proof of Insurance

SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS.

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

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Vendor Name : Aura Search Group LLC		
Address : 7536 St Louis Ave		
Street :		
City : Skokie		
State : Illinois	Country : USA	Zip : 60076
Principal Contact : Becky Whamond		
Vendor Contact Phone: 773-822-7750	Extension:	

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT THE BUYER
Jessica L Riley 304-558-0246 jessica.l.riley@wv.gov

Vendor Signature X		FEIN# 41-4897551	DATE 8/12/2026
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All offers subject to all terms and conditions contained in this solicitation

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 Direct Care Staffing Services to include RN's LPN's and HSW's per the attached specifications, pricing pages and documentation.

INVOICE TO**SHIP TO**

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VETERAN'S NURSING
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Line	Comm Ln Desc	Qty	Unit Issue	Unit Price	Total Price
1	Direct Care Staffing Services				

Comm Code**Manufacturer****Specification****Model #**

85101601

Extended Description:

Open-end contract for Direct Care Staffing Services

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**Line****Event****Event Date**

1	Technical Questions Deadline: 08/12/2026 at 10:00AM	2026-08-12
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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. **PRE-BID 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:

*****NO MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING WILL BE HELD FOR THIS SOLICITATION*****

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. 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.

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.

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 non-binding.

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

Submission Deadline: 8/12/2026 at 10:00 AM

Submit Questions to: Jessica Riley Buyer
2019 Washington Street, East Charleston, WV 25305
Fax: (304) 558-3970
Email: Jessica.L.Riley@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 or modification of bids via email.

Bids submitted in paper, facsimile, or via wvOASIS must contain a signature. Failure to submit a bid in any form without a signature will result in rejection of your bid.

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.: CRFQ-VNF2700000001

BID OPENING DATE: 08/20/2026

BID OPENING TIME: 1:30 pm EST

FAX NUMBER: 304-558-3970

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.

Bid Delivery Address and Fax Number:

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

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 or via delivery by mail).

Bid Opening Date and Time:

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 Acknowledgement Form. 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 **shall** 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. **COMMUNICATION LIMITATIONS:** In accordance with West Virginia Code of State Rules §148-1-6.6.2, 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.

12. **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.

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

14. **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.

15. 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.

16. 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 § 148-1-4.7.

17. 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.

18. 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.”

19. ACCEPTANCE/REJECTION: The State may accept or reject any bid in whole, or in part in accordance with W. Va. Code of State Rules § 148-1-4.6. and § 148-1-6.3.”

20. **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 § 148-1-4.7. This authority does not apply to instances where state law mandates receipt with the bid.

21. **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.

22. **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.

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

☒ **Term Contract**

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

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

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

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

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

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

☐ the contract will continue for _____ years;

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

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

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

☐ **Other:** Contract Term specified in _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

As described in the specifications
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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.

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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.

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 hearth, 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.

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SPECIFICATIONS

1. **PURPOSE AND SCOPE:** The West Virginia Purchasing Division is soliciting bid on behalf of the West Virginia Veterans Nursing Facility (Agency) located at: 1 Freedom Way, Clarksburg, WV 26301 to establish an open-end contract to obtain (2) Two Vendors for the Direct Care Staffing Services to include RN's, LPNs, and HSW's at the WV Veterans Facility.
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 **"ADON"** means Assistant Director of Nursing.
 - 2.2 **"Agency Staff" or "Nursing Staff" or "Healthcare Professionals"** means RN's, LPN's and/or HSW's (aka, CNA's)
 - 2.3 **"Breaks"** means lunch or rest periods as defined by the Fair Labor Standards Act. All shifts worked eight (8) hours or more will include a thirty (30) minute lunch break and two (2) fifteen-minute breaks. Thus, standard twelve (12) hour shifts will consist of eleven (11) worked/billable hours, a (30) minute paid lunch break, and two paid (15) minute breaks.
 - 2.4 **"CNA"** means Certified Nursing Assistant (aka, HSW's).
 - 2.5 **"Contract Item"** means the list of items identified in Section 4 below.
 - 2.6 **"DON"** means Director of Nursing.
 - 2.7 **"Facility or Agency or WVVNF"** means the WV Veterans Nursing Facility located at 1 Freedom Way Clarksburg, WV 26301
 - 2.8 **"Healthcare Professionals" "Agency Staff" or "Nursing Staff"** means RN's, LPN's and/or HSW's (aka, CNA's)
 - 2.9 **"Holidays"** means those days the Facility recognizes as holidays and as defined in Section 4.32 below. Shift differential, when applicable, shall not be increased for holidays or important day rates.
 - 2.10 **"HSW"** means Health Services Worker. All HSW's must be CNAs.

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- 2.11 **“Important Dates”** means those days the Facility recognized as “Important Dates” and as defined in Section 4.33 below. Shift differential, when applicable, shall not be increased for holidays or important day rates.
- 2.12 **“LPN”** means Licensed Practical Nurse.
- 2.13 **“Meal Pass”** means plating food and serving meals, snacks or drinks to residents either in the dining area or in the resident’s room.
- 2.14 **“Nursing Staff” or “Agency Staff” or “Healthcare Professionals”** means RN’s, LPN’s and/or HSW’s (aka, CNA’s)
- 2.15 **“Overtime”** means hours worked over 40 hours in a Work Week and paid at one-and-a-half (1 ½) times the regular hourly rate.
- 2.16 **“Per Diem”** means an allowance or payment made for each workday. Requests for bids will request hourly rates, not per diem rates.
- 2.17 **“Point Click Care”** means the medical records software utilized by the facility.
- 2.18 **“Pricing Pages”** means the schedule of prices, estimated order quantity, and totals used to evaluate the vendor’s bid.
- 2.19 **“PRN”** is an acronym of the Latin term “pro re nata”. The term itself can be translated to mean “when necessary” or “as needed”. A PRN nurse is a nurse who is willing to work on an as-needed basis, or on-demand.
- 2.20 **“Requests for Bids”** means the solicitation from the Facility identifying the nursing staff needed and requesting pricing from the (2) Two Vendors prior to or at such time of need.
- 2.21 **“RN”** means Registered Nurse.
- 2.22 **“Shift Differential”** means the hours worked between 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. for which there shall be paid an extra \$1 per hour worked. There will be no additional shift differential for weekends, holidays, or any other times. Shift differential, when applicable, shall not be increased for holidays or other important day rates.
- 2.23 **“Solicitation”** means the official notice of an opportunity to supply the State with goods or services that is published by the Purchasing Division.
- 2.24 **“Staffing Agency or Vendor”** means the prospective Vendor. Contracts may only be awarded to (2) Two Vendors and only after the delegated bidding process.

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- 2.25 **“Twelve (12) Panel Drug Screen”** means a drug test for the presence of Amphetamines, Barbiturates, Benzodiazepines, Buprenorphine, Cocaine, Ecstasy/MDMA, Methamphetamines, Methadone, Opiates, Phencyclidine (PCP), and Propoxyphene, and THC.
- 2.26 **“Weekend”** means Saturday & Sunday for Dayshift, and Friday & Saturday for nightshift
- 2.27 **“Work Week”** means the seven (7) day period beginning on Saturday at 12:01 a.m. and ending the following Friday at midnight.
- 2.28 **“WV Cares”** means the West Virginia Clearance for Access: Registry and Employment Screening administrated by the WV Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) to conduct background checks on all prospective direct patient access employees.
- 2.29 **“Vendor or Staffing Agency”** means the prospective Vendors. Contracts may only be awarded to (2) Two Vendors, and only after the delegated bidding process.

3. VENDOR QUALIFICATIONS: VENDOR(s) must have the following minimum qualifications. Copies of licenses and/or certifications must be submitted to the Director of Nursing prior to Vendor’s staff being placed in the facility for work.

- 3.1 Vendor shall have at least twelve (12) months’ experience in operating a Direct Care Staffing organization. Proof of this experience should be furnished with each bid but must be provided prior to award.
- 3.2 Vendor shall conduct business during normal working hours and be accessible twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week, including Holidays and Weekends to respond to staffing issues, emergency requests and/or complaints.
- 3.3 Vendor must have knowledge of and comply with Federal and West Virginia laws, regulations, and rules for the provisions of Direct Care staff in Long-Term Care Facilities.
- 3.4 Vendor must possess all licenses, permits and certifications that are required in the performance of this contract prior to the start date of service.
- 3.5 All vendors are required to be registered with WVCARES (WV Clearance for Access: Registry & Employment Screening) through the WVDHHR (WV Department of Health and Human Resources) to complete the eligibility requirements

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for employment in Long Term Care. Each vendor must be set up to complete the eligibility process within 15 days of being awarded the contract.

3.6 Vendors must provide the following documented plans with their bid response.

3.6.1 Plan for coverage of all shifts requested including weekends, holidays, call-offs, and vacations.

3.6.2 Recruiting plan detailing how vendors plan to recruit nursing staff in the Clarksburg, WV area.

4. MANDATORY CONTRACT ITEMS AND DELIVERABLES: VENDOR shall provide Agency with the Contract Items listed below on an open-end and continuing basis. Contract Items must meet or exceed the following mandatory requirements:

4.1 This will be a multiple award contract. Contracts will be awarded to (2) Two Vendors. The Agency will request quotes from each Vendor as needed. The Agency shall then award the contract/purchase order to the lowest responsible bidders. The Agency shall reject any bid that fails to comply with the requirements contained in the agreement and request for bids.

4.2 Vendors must bid on (all) (3) three disciplines including RN, LPN and HSW.

4.3 Vendors shall provide Nursing Staff as requested by the Facility to be compatible with the needs of the Facility. These needs may be hourly, daily, weekly, monthly, or annual needs, and shall include weekends and holidays. ("PRN"). Assignments may also be for specified periods of time as agreed upon in writing by the Facility and the vendor. The requests for bids are further described in Section 5 below.

4.4 Vendors must provide qualified healthcare professionals to accommodate the Facility's needs and must comply with all Facility policies and procedures, Federal and State statutory and regulatory requirements, and standards for applicable accreditation and licensure bodies.

4.5 Vendors shall provide the Facility with information on each Agency Staff member prior to placement in the Facility and according to the state and federal standards. Any deviation from this requirement must be agreed to in writing by the Vendor and the Facility. These items will be provided at Vendor's cost and include, but are not limited to:

4.5.1 Background check through WV Cares

4.5.2 Twelve-panel drug screening

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- 4.5.3 Completed application or resume as proof of experience, with references.
 - 4.5.4 CPR Certification
 - 4.5.5 Confidentiality agreement
 - 4.5.6 WV Food Handlers Card
 - 4.5.7 Other documents as requested, such as current physical examination, immunization records, and licensure confirmation.
- 4.6 Vendors will ensure that no staff submitted for assignment under this agreement will have been investigated and substantiated by an applicable licensure body or agency or currently subject to discharge results from an investigation by the Board of Nursing.
- 4.7 Vendors shall ensure the following regarding the staff to be provided:
- 4.7.1 Has completed the required training and education.
 - 4.7.2 Possess a current valid certification and/or professional license with the State of West Virginia.
 - 4.7.3 Meet current Agency immunization requirements for purified protein derivative (PPD) and Hepatitis B Series by providing copies of the results of these immunizations.
 - 4.7.4 Complete an orientation packet or attend Facility orientation, PCC Training and Administration Training as part of orientation.
- 4.8 Vendors must provide all Nursing Staff paperwork to the Facility and receive approval from the Facility before any Nursing Staff arrives at the Facility for orientation.
- Vendors shall ensure that all staff participate in competency assessments which include age-specific and cultural competencies for residents as provided by the facility as part of orientation or training and comply with its ongoing training.
- 4.9 All Agency Staff are required to have 30 hours of Alzheimer's Training, provided by the Facility. Thereafter, employees must also complete eight (8) hours of Alzheimer's training as an annual recertification requirement.
- 4.10 Hours spent in orientation and training as required by the Facility shall be paid by the Facility at normal hourly rates, but only if the following requirements are met:
- 4.10.1 Agency Staff must work at least two (2) full shifts, or 24 hours, within 10 days following training.

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- 4.10.2 If Agency Staff does not work at least 24 hours in the 10 days following training/orientation, the vendor will **not** be paid for Agency Staff's hours
- 4.10.3 Call-offs during orientation are inexcusable except in the event of COVID or extreme emergency. Vendors must advise their staff NOT to call off during orientation.
- 4.11 Vendors must acknowledge that all Staffing Agency employees will be required to participate in food service work during mealtimes. All Staffing Agency employees must have, and keep current, **WV Food Handlers Card**. The cost of such will **not** be paid by the Facility.
- 4.12 Vendors acknowledge that for shifts that occur during the change to and from Daylight Saving Time:
- 4.12.1 With the end of standard time and the beginning of Daylight-Savings Time, Agency Staff on duty when Daylight-Saving Time goes into effect will have their shifts reduced by one hour. Agency Staff will be paid for the number of hours worked.
- 4.12.2 With the end of Daylight-Savings Time and the return to Standard Time, Agency Staff on duty when Standard Time goes into effect will work and be paid for an extra hour during their normal shift, only if that extra hour is actually worked. Staff may be entitled to overtime based on total hours worked for the week.
- 4.13 Vendors shall ensure that in the event of a Pandemic, that contract staff do not work in multiple healthcare facilities during the same time period. Any individual not following this rule may be told not to return to the Facility.
- 4.14 Vendors employee conduct: In an effort to curb issues of non-compliance, Staffing Agency must advise their employees upon hire, and repeatedly as deemed necessary, of all policies and procedures of the Facility, including but not limited to the following:
- 4.14.1 No Call No Shows: Any individual not showing up to work a scheduled shift and/or not calling in at least 2 hours in advance may be told not to return to the Facility.

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- 4.14.2 Doctor's Excuse Required: Any individual calling off more than 3 times per aggregate 12-month period will require a written doctor's excuse for any absence after the third call-off. Any individual failing to comply may be asked not to return to the Facility.
- 4.14.3 Socializing/Dating: Staffing Agency employees who are dating another employee, whether from another Staffing Agency or otherwise, must refrain from excessive socializing during working hours. They must be reminded they are here to work. All employees must complete their assigned duties and are not here to socialize. Any employee failing to comply may be asked not to return to the Facility.
- 4.14.4 All Staffing Agency's employees must attend mandatory meetings and in-services. If staff miss two (2) or more meetings per aggregate 12-month period, they may be told not to return to the Facility.
- 4.14.5 Should Staffing Agency's employee(s) call off on or be unable to work a scheduled working weekend day or days, Staffing Agency's employee(s) will be scheduled to work an extra weekend day or days on the next schedule.
- 4.14.6 Should Staffing Agency's employee(s) call off or be unable to work a scheduled working holiday, Staffing Agency's employee(s) will be scheduled to work on the next available holiday.
- 4.15 If the Facility requests an LPN but the Staffing Agency provides an RN to cover the request, the Facility shall only be responsible for payment of the established LPN rate unless otherwise agreed in writing. The same applies should an LPN or RN cover for an HSW.
 - 4.15.1 Substitution of an LPN for an RN will not be allowed.
 - 4.15.2 Substitution of a HSW for an LPN will not be allowed.
 - 4.15.3 Facility may at times request an RN to cover an LPN or HSW shift and will pay the RN rate for such requests when agreed in writing.
 - 4.15.4 Facility may at times request an LPN to cover a HSW shift and will pay the LPN rate for such request when agreed in writing.
- 4.16 Vendor will agree to provide required number of staff needed for a shift and/or assignment at least two (2) hours prior to the start of the shift or assignment period.

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- 4.17 If an Agency Staff member calls off, that staffing agency must make every possible effort to fill the shift with another Agency Staff member.
- 4.18 All Agency Staff must adhere to the policies and procedures of our facility, including attendance, tardiness, and mandating. Facility will discipline staff per our policy and procedures. All disciplinary actions given by the facility will be sent to the staffing agency.
- 4.19 Agency Staff will be given work assignments based on the Facility's needs. Agency Staff may not change their work assignments unless approved by the DON, ADON or RN Supervisor.
- 4.20 Vendor must provide a list of all Nursing Staff actively employed at the Facility at all times. List will include updated names and phone numbers.
- 4.21 Vendor must provide an updated personnel file for each Agency Staff member at least annually or upon request by the Facility.
- 4.22 Agency Staff timesheets must be sent to the Vendor each week by 10:00am on Wednesday. Timesheet dates will be totaled from Saturday to Friday. All missing punches must be turned in to the WV Veterans Nursing Facility by 4:00 p.m. Monday for the previous week. If a missing punch is late, it will not be sent to the Vendor until the following pay week.
- 4.23 All Agency Staff must follow the policy and procedures for punching in and out when leaving the building. This policy will be discussed during orientation.
- 4.24 Agency Staff calling off must phone the facility and must speak to the RN Supervisor and call their staffing agency at least two (2) hours prior to their scheduled shift. Voicemails are not acceptable.
- 4.25 Employees are to follow the chain of command set forth at our facility. Any issues must be addressed first to the LPN, then RN supervisor, then RN unit manager, then ADON and DON.
- 4.26 WVVNF Facility Staff will do the scheduling for the Agency's vendor staff.
- 4.27 Agency Staff will work two (2) full weekend shifts, one (1) Friday day shift, and one (1) Sunday night shift per month with a Staffing Agency rotation schedule. Weekend shifts include Day Shifts Saturday and Sunday and Night Shifts Friday, and Saturday.

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- 4.28 All vendor staff must work at a minimum one (3) days every thirty (30) days to remain eligible for PRN status with the facility.
- 4.29 WVVNF does not honor any restrictions on lifting or hours for contracted staff. If nursing staff have lifting or hour restrictions, Vendor may not schedule them to work.
- 4.30 Holidays paid include New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Veterans day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day at (1 ½) times the hourly rate for an (8) hour shift.
- 4.31 Christmas eve and New Years Eve at (1 ½) times the hourly rate for a (4) hour shift.
- 4.31.1 Vendor employees cannot call off the day before or the day after Holiday paid time. Vendor employees calling off the day before or the day after a paid Holiday may be required to forfeit their Holiday Pay.
- 4.31.2 The pay rate for hours worked on a paid Holiday will be twice the regular rate (double time) for up to 8 hours worked on the paid holiday, beginning at 12:01 A.M. on the paid holiday.
- 4.31.2.1 For clarification and example, staff working from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on a Holiday with a regular rate of \$25 per hour will be paid 8 hours at \$50 per hour plus 4 hours at \$25 per hour.
- 4.31.3 Agency Staff will be provided a Holiday rotation schedule provided by the Facility at the time of hire.
- 4.32 Other important dates will include Easter Sunday, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Christmas Eve, New Year's Eve, Halloween, Labor Day, and Black Friday.
- 4.32.1 Vendor employees cannot call off the day before or the day after Important Date paid time. Vendor employees calling off the day before or the day after a paid Important Date may be required to forfeit their Important Date Pay.
- 4.32.2 The pay rate for hours worked on a paid Important Date will be one and a half times the regular rate (1 ½ times) for up to 8 hours worked on the other important date, beginning at 12:01 A.M. on the other important date.

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- 4.32.2.1 For clarification and example, staff working from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Other Important Date with a regular rate of \$25 per hour will be paid 8 hours at \$37.50 per hour plus 4 hours at \$25 per hour.
- 4.32.3 Agency Staff must be provided on Other Important Dates with a rotation schedule to be provided by the Vendor at least one month prior to the date.
- 4.33 The Facility will not allow any previous employee who was dismissed for disciplinary or performance reasons by a state facility or office to return and work through any Staffing Agency.
- 4.34 The Facility agrees to pay overtime for hours worked over forty (40) hours per work week at one-and-a-half (1 ½) times the regular rate.
- 4.35 The Facility may cancel any shift and will notify the Vendor of such cancellation no less than two (2) hours prior to the scheduled start of the shift.
- 4.36 **Registered Nurses:**
 - 4.36.1 RN's must hold a valid WV Registered Nurse License.
 - 4.36.2 RN's must be licensed and is good standing with the West Virginia Board of Nurses.
 - 4.36.3 RN's must have a current Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Card.
 - 4.36.4 RN's must possess a current and valid Food Handlers Card. All vendor staff will be required to assist with meal pass.
 - 4.36.5 RN's could oversee the work of other RN's, LPN's and/or HSW's, as assigned.
 - 4.36.6 RN's must participate in Interdisciplinary Care Plan Team Meetings to develop Individualized Care/Treatment Plans, direct consultations, receive and give recommendations to and from other disciplines to maximize care of residents.
 - 4.36.7 RN's must administer medications as prescribed by treating Physician(s).
 - 4.36.8 RN's must ensure timely documentation into resident's electronic medical records, per the policies and procedures and common practice of the

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facility, this will be discussed in extended detail during the facility orientation.

- 4.36.9 RN's must oversee all medical related emergencies.
- 4.36.10 RN's will provide for the emotional and physical comfort and safety of the residents.
- 4.36.11 RN's must respond to inquiries of family members, advocates and other interested parties, ensuring adherence to the State and Federal Confidentiality Laws, and the HIPPA Regulations.
- 4.36.12 RN's must adhere to the mandatory overtime policy and guidelines set by the facility.
- 4.36.13 New graduates will have an extended orientation with an RN Supervisor

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4.37 Licensed Practical Nurses:

- 4.37.1 LPN's must be licensed and in good standing with the West Virginia Board of Nurses.
- 4.37.2 LPN's must hold a valid WV Licensed Practical Nurse License.
- 4.37.3 LPN's must have a current Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Card.
- 4.37.4 LPN's must possess a current and valid Food Handlers Card. All vendor staff will be required to assist with meal pass.
- 4.37.5 LPN's must assist professional nursing and medical staff in providing direct nursing care to patients, including medical treatments, administering medications, giving injections, and assisting in care planning and recording.
- 4.37.6 LPN's must take and record temperatures, blood pressure, pulse and respirations; collect specimens for testing; administer medication according to the Physician Order.
- 4.37.7 LPN's must ensure timely documentation into patient's electronic medical records, per the policies, procedures and common practices of the facility that will be discussed in extended detail during the facility orientation.
- 4.37.8 LPN's must screen residents and record medical information; assist physician and registered nurse in examinations and treatments; set up and clean examination area; give injections and immunizations; instruct residents in the use of medications and possible side effects.
- 4.37.9 LPN's will provide for the emotional and physical comfort and safety of the residents.
- 4.37.10 LPN's must assist patients (residents) with activities of daily living such as grooming and personal hygiene.
- 4.37.11 LPN's must respond to inquiries of family members, advocates and other interested parties, ensuring adherence to the State and Federal Confidentiality Laws and the HIPPA regulations.
- 4.37.12 LPN's must adhere to the mandatory overtime policy and guidelines set by the facility.

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4.37.13 New graduates will have an extended orientation with an LPN Supervisor.

4.38 Health Service Workers:

4.38.1 Health Service Workers must be Certified Nursing Assistants, certified and in good standing with the West Virginia Nurse Aide Registry.

4.38.2 HSW's must hold a valid Certification as a WV Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA).

4.38.3 HSW's must have a current Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Card.

4.38.4 HSW's must possess a current and valid Food Handlers Card. All vendor staff will be required to assist with meal pass.

4.38.5 HSW's will be responsible for direct care services to residents in a Nursing Home Long Term Care Setting.

4.38.6 HSW's must provide support and assistance with daily activities as directed by supervisor.

4.38.7 HSW's must adhere to the mandatory overtime policy and guidelines set by the facility.

4.38.8 HSW's must have a high school diploma or GED.

4.38.9 New graduates will have an extended orientation with an HSW Supervisor.

5. AWARD AND REQUESTS FOR BIDS:

5.1 **Requests for Bids:** All Vendors will be sent requests for bids when services are needed. The request for bids will contain the following:

5.1.1 Whether PRN or Term contract

5.1.2 Description of needs (RN, LPN and/or HSW)

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- 5.1.3 Quantity of services to include estimated number of hours for a specific date range
- 5.1.4 Pricing Page to be completed by the vendor
- 5.1.5 The deadline (opening date and time) by which the vendors must submit bids
- 5.1.6 The location to which bids must be submitted
- 5.2 **Evaluation of Bids:** The Facility shall evaluate the bids received to ensure they comply with the requirements contained in the requests for bids.
- 5.3 **Award of Bids:** The Facility shall award an Open-End contract/purchase order to the responsible bidders with the lowest overall total cost. This will be a progressive award contract with (2) Two vendors that respond to the bid request. Awards will be prioritized by lowest overall total cost. For example, if Vendor A (lowest bid) cannot meet the needs, the facility shall move to the next lowest bid (Vendor B) and so on.
- 6. **PERFORMANCE:** Vendor and Agency shall agree upon a schedule for performance in writing as outlined in the Request for Bid. Vendor shall perform in accordance with the Vendor Agreement, Request for Bid, General Terms & Conditions and any contracts or purchase orders that may be issued by the Facility.
- 7. **PAYMENT:** The vendor shall submit weekly invoices, in arrears, on a weekly basis, to the Business Office at the West Virginia Veterans Nursing Facility for all services provided. Vendor shall submit one invoice per week for each level of nursing staff, along with a copy of the Agency staff member's signed timesheet as backup documentation. All timesheets must be signed and approved by Facility's designee prior to being invoiced. No release is permitted to exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00).
- 8. **TRAVEL:** It is mandatory that a vendor shall be responsible for all mileage and travel costs, including travel time, associated with performance of this contract. Any anticipated mileage or travel costs may be included in the Hourly Rate listed on Vendor's bid in response to a Request for Bid, but such costs will not be paid by the agency separately.
- 9. **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:

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- 9.1.** Vendor must identify principal service personnel which will be issued access cards and/or keys to perform service.
- 9.2.** Vendor will be responsible for controlling cards and keys and will pay a replacement fee of \$25 for each access card and/or key that is lost, stolen or not returned to the Facility.
- 9.3.** Vendor shall notify Facility immediately of any lost, stolen, or missing card or key.
- 9.4.** Anyone performing under this Contract will be subject to Facility's security protocol and procedures.
- 9.5.** Vendor shall inform all staff of Facility's security protocol and procedures.

10. VENDOR DEFAULT:

- 10.1.** The following shall be considered a vendor default under this Contract.
 - 10.1.1** Failure to perform Contract Services in accordance with the requirements contained herein.
 - 10.1.2** Failure to comply with other specifications and requirements contained herein.
 - 10.1.3** Failure to comply with any laws, rules, and ordinances applicable to the Contract Services provided under this Contract.
 - 10.1.4** Failure to remedy deficient performance upon request.
 - 10.1.5** The following remedies shall be available to Agency upon default.
 - 10.1.5.1** Immediate cancellation of the Contract.
 - 10.1.5.2** Immediate cancellation of one or more release orders issued under this Contract.
 - 10.1.5.3** Any other remedies available in law or equity.

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11. MISCELLANEOUS:

- 11.1. Manager:** Vendors must designate and maintain a primary manager responsible for overseeing Vendor's responsibilities under the Agreement. The manager must be available during normal business hours to address any customer service or other issues related to the agreement. Vendor shall supply its Manager contact information upon request.
- 11.2. Emergency Contact:** Vendors must designate and maintain an emergency contact responsible for any staffing issues that may arise outside of normal business hours. The emergency contact number must be answered or responded to within 2 hours on any given day or time, including weekends or holidays. Vendors shall supply its emergency contact information upon request.

Contract Manager: Becky Whamond

Office Manager: Becky Whamond

Cell Number: 773-822-7750

Fax Number:

Email Address: beckyw@auraempire.com

**Exhibit A - Pricing Page
Direct Care Staffing Services**

Registered Nurse (RN)

**for the time period of:
September 14, 2026 through September 13, 2027**

Item No.	Description Of Services	Estimated Hours*	Hourly Rate	Subtotal
1	Weekday Regular Rate	1,950	\$63.00	\$ \$122,850.00 -
2	Weekend Regular Rate	750	\$64.00	\$ \$48,000.00 -
			Grand Total	\$ \$170,850.00 -

*Estimated number of hours is not guaranteed. There may be multiple awards and estimated hours may be dispersed amongst multiple vendors. See the Specifications for additional information.

- Actual number of hours needed will be sent separately, to lowest bidder first, then next lowest, etc.
- Vendor must complete, sign and return this Pricing Page.
- Pertinent Pricing information:
 - Shift Differential - see Section 2.22 (extra \$1 per hour worked between 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m)
 - Weekend - see Section 2.26 (hours between Saturday at 12:01 a.m. and Sunday at midnight)
 - Work Week - see Section 2.27 (the 7 day period beginning Saturday at 12:01 a.m. and ending the following Friday at midnight)
 - Vendor Accessibility - see Section 3.2 (Vendor shall be accessible 24/7, including weekends and holidays)
 - Multiple Awards - see Section 4.1
 - Staff qualifications - see Section 4 (entire section)
 - Unpaid staff training - see Section 4.10.2 (if staff does not work after training, the time in training will not be paid)
 - Holiday Pay - see Section 4.30 (will be 2 times the regular rate for up to 8 hours)
 - Other Important Dates - see Section 4.32 (will be 1.5 times the regular rate for up to 8 hours)
 - Overtime - see Section 4.34 (paid at 1.5 times the regular rate only after 40 hours worked in a work week)

Vendor Information			
Vendor:	Aura Search Group LLC	*Printed Name	Becky Whamond
Address:	7536 St Louis Ave Skokie IL 60076	Title	Director of Operations
		*Signature	
Office Phone:	773-822-7750	*I hereby certify I am authorized by the Vendor to sign this document.	
Fax		Email:	beckyw@auraempire.com

Exhibit A - Pricing Page
Direct Care Staffing Services
Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)

for the time period of:
September 14, 2026 through September 13, 2027

Item No.	Description Of Services	Estimated Hours*	Hourly Rate	Subtotal
1	Weekday Regular Rate	5,500	\$53.00	\$ \$291,500.00 -
2	Weekend Regular Rate	2,250	\$54.00	\$ \$121,500.00 -
			Grand Total	\$ \$413,000.00 -

*Estimated number of hours is not guaranteed. There may be multiple awards and estimated hours may be dispersed amongst multiple vendors. See the Specifications for additional information.

- Actual number of hours needed will be sent separately, to lowest bidder first, then next lowest, etc.
- Vendor must complete, sign and return this Pricing Page.
- Pertinent Pricing information:
 - Shift Differential - see Section 2.22 (extra \$1 per hour worked between 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m)
 - Weekend - see Section 2.26 (hours between Saturday at 12:01 a.m. and Sunday at midnight)
 - Work Week - see Section 2.27 (the 7 day period beginning Saturday at 12:01 a.m. and ending the following Friday at midnight)
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Vendor Information			
Vendor:	Aura Search Group LLC	*Printed Name	Becky Whamond
Address:	7536 St Louis Ave Skokie IL 60076	Title	Director of Operations
		*Signature	
Office Phone:		*I hereby certify I am authorized by the Vendor to sign this document.	
Cell Phone	773-822-7750		
Fax		Email:	beckyw@auraempire.com

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Direct Care Staffing Services

Health Service Worker (HSW)

for the time period of:
September 14, 2026 through September 13, 2027

Item No.	Description Of Services	Estimated Hours*	Hourly Rate	Subtotal
1	Weekday Regular Rate	6,250	\$31.00	\$ \$193,750.00 -
2	Weekend Regular Rate	2,500	\$32.00	\$ \$80,000.00 -
			Grand Total	\$ \$273.750.00 -

*Estimated number of hours is not guaranteed. There may be multiple awards and estimated hours may be dispersed amongst multiple vendors. See the Specifications for additional information.

- Actual number of hours needed will be sent separately, to lowest bidder first, then next lowest, etc.
- Vendor must complete, sign and return this Pricing Page.
- Pertinent Pricing information:
 - Shift Differential - see Section 2.22 (extra \$1 per hour worked between 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m)
 - Weekend - see Section 2.26 (hours between Saturday at 12:01 a.m. and Sunday at midnight)
 - Work Week - see Section 2.27 (the 7 day period beginning Saturday at 12:01 a.m. and ending the following Friday at midnight)
 - Vendor Accessibility - see Section 3.2 (Vendor shall be accessible 24/7, including weekends and holidays)
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Vendor Information			
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BID RECEIVING LOCATION

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PURCHASING DIVISION
2019 WASHINGTON ST E
CHARLESTON WV 25305
US

VENDOR

Vendor Customer Code: VS0000053306
Vendor Name : Aura Search Group LLC
Address : 7536 St Louis Ave
Street :
City : Skokie
State : IL **Country :** USA **Zip :** 60076
Principal Contact : Becky Whamond
Vendor Contact Phone: 773-822-7750 **Extension:**

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT THE BUYER

Jessica L Riley
304-558-0246
jessica.l.riley@wv.gov

**Vendor
Signature X**

FEIN# 41-4897551

DATE 8/12/2026

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

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 Direct Care Staffing Services to include RN's LPN's and HSW's per the attached specifications, pricing pages and documentation.	

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

Line	Comm Ln Desc	Qty	Unit Issue	Unit Price	Total Price
1	Direct Care Staffing Services				

Comm Code	Manufacturer	Specification	Model #
85101601			

Extended Description:
Open-end contract for Direct Care Staffing Services

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS		
<u>Line</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Event Date</u>
1	Technical Questions Deadline: 08/12/2026 at 10:00AM	2026-08-12

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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. **PRE-BID 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:

*****NO MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING WILL BE HELD FOR THIS
SOLICITATION*****

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. 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.

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.

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 non-binding.

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

Submission Deadline: 8/12/2026 at 10:00 AM

Submit Questions to: Jessica Riley Buyer
2019 Washington Street, East Charleston, WV 25305
Fax: (304) 558-3970
Email: Jessica.L.Riley@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 or modification of bids via email.

Bids submitted in paper, facsimile, or via wvOASIS must contain a signature. Failure to submit a bid in any form without a signature will result in rejection of your bid.

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.: CRFQ-VNF2700000001

BID OPENING DATE: 08/20/2026

BID OPENING TIME: 1:30 pm EST

FAX NUMBER: 304-558-3970

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.

Bid Delivery Address and Fax Number:

Department of Administration, Purchasing Division 2019 Washington Street East

Charleston, WV 25305-0130

Fax: 304-558-3970

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 or via delivery by mail).

Bid Opening Date and Time:

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 Acknowledgement Form. 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 **shall** 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. **COMMUNICATION LIMITATIONS:** In accordance with West Virginia Code of State Rules §148-1-6.6.2, 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.

12. **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.

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

14. **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.

15. 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.

16. 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 § 148-1-4.7.

17. 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.

18. 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.”

19. ACCEPTANCE/REJECTION: The State may accept or reject any bid in whole, or in part in accordance with W. Va. Code of State Rules § 148-1-4.6. and § 148-1-6.3.”

20. **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 § 148-1-4.7. This authority does not apply to instances where state law mandates receipt with the bid.

21. **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.

22. **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.

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

☒ **Term Contract**

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

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

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

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

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

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

☐ the contract will continue for _____ years;

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

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

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

☐ **Other:** Contract Term specified in _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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.

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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.

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 hearth, basic oxygen, electric furnace, Bessemer or other steel making process.
- c. The Purchasing Division Director may, in writing, authorize the use of foreign steel products if:
 1. The cost for each contract item used does not exceed one tenth of one percent (.1%) of the total contract cost or two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00), whichever is greater. For the purposes of this section, the cost is the value of the steel product as delivered to the project; or
 2. The Director of the Purchasing Division determines that specified steel materials are not produced in the United States in sufficient quantity or otherwise are not reasonably available to meet contract requirements.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS (Construction Contracts Only)

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

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

2. BONDS: The following bonds must be submitted:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9. DAVIS-BACON AND RELATED ACT WAGE RATES:

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

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

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

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

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

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

i. Bidder's name

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Subcontractor List Submission (Construction Contracts Only)

Bidder's Name: _____

☒ Check this box if no subcontractors will perform more than \$25,000.00 of work to complete the project.

Subcontractor Name	License Number if Required by W. Va. Code § 21-11-1 et. seq.

Attach additional pages if necessary

**ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS
(Architectural and Engineering Contracts Only)**

1. PLAN AND DRAWING DISTRIBUTION: All plans and drawings must be completed and available for distribution at least five business days prior to a scheduled pre-bid meeting for the construction or other work related to the plans and drawings.

2. PROJECT ADDENDA REQUIREMENTS: The Architect/Engineer and/or Agency shall be required to abide by the following schedule in issuing construction project addenda. The Architect/Engineer shall prepare any addendum materials for which it is responsible, and a list of all vendors that have obtained drawings and specifications for the project. The Architect/Engineer shall then send a copy of the addendum materials and the list of vendors to the State Agency for which the contract is issued to allow the Agency to make any necessary modifications. The addendum and list shall then be forwarded to the Purchasing Division buyer by the Agency. The Purchasing Division buyer shall send the addendum to all interested vendors and, if necessary, extend the bid opening date. Any addendum should be received by the Purchasing Division at least fourteen (14) days prior to the bid opening date.

3. PRE-BID MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES: The Architect/Engineer shall be available to attend any pre-bid meeting for the construction or other work resulting from the plans, drawings, or specifications prepared by the Architect/Engineer.

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

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

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) Julia Santarcangelo

(Address) 7536 St Louis Ave Skokie IL, 60076

(Phone Number) / (Fax Number) 781-205-9190

(email address) julias@auraempire.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.

Aura Search Group LLC

(Company) 

(Signature of Authorized Representative)

Becky Whamond, Director of Operations

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

773-822-7750

(Phone Number) (Fax Number)

beckyw@auraempire.com

(Email Address)

ADDENDUM ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

SOLICITATION NO.: CRFQ-0613-VNF2700000001-1

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)

☐ Addendum No. 1

☐ Addendum No. 6

☐ Addendum No. 2

☐ Addendum No. 7

☐ Addendum No. 3

☐ Addendum No. 8

☐ Addendum No. 4

☐ Addendum No. 9

☐ Addendum No. 5

☐ 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.

Aura Search Group LLC

Company



Authorized Signature

8/12/2026

Date

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