

Exhibit A

**Pricing Page**

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<b>Item Number</b>	<b>Estimated Quantity</b>	<b>Unit of Measure</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Unit Price</b>	<b>Total</b>
1	15	Each	One complete unit: Hydraulic Track Excavator	\$ 137,497.00	\$ 2,062,455.00
				<b>Grand Total</b>	\$ 2,062,455.00

Vendor shall list the year, make, and model of the unit being bid:

Year: \_\_\_\_\_ 2017

Make: \_\_\_\_\_ JOHN DEERE

Model: \_\_\_\_\_ 135G \_\_\_\_\_

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**BID RECEIVING LOCATION**

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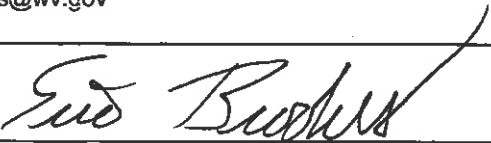
**VENDOR**

Vendor Name, Address and Telephone Number:

LESLIE EQUIPMENT CO.  
 19 GOFF CROSSING DRIVE  
 CROSS LANES, WV 25313

**FOR INFORMATION CONTACT THE BUYER**

Mark A Atkins  
 (304) 558-2307  
 mark.a.atkins@wv.gov

Signature X  FEIN # 55-0493180 DATE 5/8/17

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

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

ADDENDUM : Is issued for the following:

1. Correction of Error: Attachment of Pre-Bid sign in sheets inadvertently left off when publishing Addendum\_1 and re-publish the Vendor questions with agency responses.

NO OTHER CHANGES

INVOICE TO	SHIP TO
DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS EQUIPMENT DIVISION RT 33 83 BRUSHY ROAD CROSSING, PO BOX 610 BUCKHANNON WV26201 US	DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS EQUIPMENT DIVISION 83 BRUSHY FORK RD CROSSING BUCKHANNON WV 26201 US

Line	Comm Ln Desc	Qty	Unit Issue	Unit Price	Total Price
1	Vendor shall use Exhibit_A Pricing Page for bid pricing.	0.00000	EA	\$ 137,497	\$ 2,062,455.00

Comm Code	Manufacturer	Specification	Model #
22101526	John Deere	2017	135G

**Extended Description :**

OPEN END CONTRACT TO PROVIDE : CLASS 310 HYDRAULIC TRACK EXCAVATOR:

Note: Vendor shall use Exhibit\_A Pricing Page(s) for bid pricing.

If vendor is submitting a bid online, Vendor should enter \$0.00 in the Oasis commodity line. Vendor shall enter pricing into the Exhibit\_A Excel page and must attach with bid.  
See section 18 of Instructions to Bidders.

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

Line	Event	Event Date
1	Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting:	2017-04-20
2	Technical Questions due by:	2017-04-24

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**ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

See attached document(s) for additional Terms and Conditions

State of West Virginia  
**VENDOR PREFERENCE CERTIFICATE**

Certification and application is hereby made for Preference in accordance with **West Virginia Code, §5A-3-37**. (Does not apply to construction contracts). **West Virginia Code, §5A-3-37**, provides an opportunity for qualifying vendors to request (at the time of bid) preference for their residency status. Such preference is an evaluation method only and will be applied only to the cost bid in accordance with the **West Virginia Code**. This certificate for application is to be used to request such preference. The Purchasing Division will make the determination of the Vendor Preference, if applicable.

1. **Application is made for 2.5% vendor preference for the reason checked:**  
 Bidder is an individual resident vendor and has resided continuously in West Virginia for four (4) years immediately preceding the date of this certification; **or**,  
 Bidder is a partnership, association or corporation resident vendor and has maintained its headquarters or principal place of business continuously in West Virginia for four (4) years immediately preceding the date of this certification;  
 Bidder is a resident vendor partnership, association, or corporation with at least eighty percent of ownership interest of bidder held by another entity that meets the applicable four year residency requirement; **or**,  
 Bidder is a nonresident vendor which has an affiliate or subsidiary which employs a minimum of one hundred state residents and which has maintained its headquarters or principal place of business within West Virginia continuously for the four (4) years immediately preceding the date of this certification; **or**,
2. **Application is made for 2.5% vendor preference for the reason checked:**  
 Bidder is a resident vendor who certifies that, during the life of the contract, on average at least 75% of the employees working on the project being bid are residents of West Virginia who have resided in the state continuously for the two years immediately preceding submission of this bid; **or**,
3. **Application is made for 2.5% vendor preference for the reason checked:**  
 Bidder is a nonresident vendor that employs a minimum of one hundred state residents, or a nonresident vendor which has an affiliate or subsidiary which maintains its headquarters or principal place of business within West Virginia and employs a minimum of one hundred state residents, and for purposes of producing or distributing the commodities or completing the project which is the subject of the bidder's bid and continuously over the entire term of the project, on average at least seventy-five percent of the bidder's employees or the bidder's affiliate's or subsidiary's employees are residents of West Virginia who have resided in the state continuously for the two immediately preceding years and the vendor's bid; **or**,
4.  **Application is made for 5% vendor preference for the reason checked:**  
Bidder meets either the requirement of both subdivisions (1) and (2) or subdivision (1) and (3) as stated above; **or**,
5.  **Application is made for 3.5% vendor preference who is a veteran for the reason checked:**  
Bidder is an individual resident vendor who is a veteran of the United States armed forces, the reserves or the National Guard and has resided in West Virginia continuously for the four years immediately preceding the date on which the bid is submitted; **or**,
6.  **Application is made for 3.5% vendor preference who is a veteran for the reason checked:**  
Bidder is a resident vendor who is a veteran of the United States armed forces, the reserves or the National Guard, if, for purposes of producing or distributing the commodities or completing the project which is the subject of the vendor's bid and continuously over the entire term of the project, on average at least seventy-five percent of the vendor's employees are residents of West Virginia who have resided in the state continuously for the two immediately preceding years.
7. **Application is made for preference as a non-resident small, women- and minority-owned business, in accordance with West Virginia Code §5A-3-59 and West Virginia Code of State Rules.**  
 Bidder has been or expects to be approved prior to contract award by the Purchasing Division as a certified small, women- and minority-owned business.

Bidder understands if the Secretary of Revenue determines that a Bidder receiving preference has failed to continue to meet the requirements for such preference, the Secretary may order the Director of Purchasing to: (a) rescind the contract or purchase order; or (b) assess a penalty against such Bidder in an amount not to exceed 5% of the bid amount and that such penalty will be paid to the contracting agency or deducted from any unpaid balance on the contract or purchase order.

By submission of this certificate, Bidder agrees to disclose any reasonably requested information to the Purchasing Division and authorizes the Department of Revenue to disclose to the Director of Purchasing appropriate information verifying that Bidder has paid the required business taxes, provided that such information does not contain the amounts of taxes paid nor any other information deemed by the Tax Commissioner to be confidential.

**Bidder hereby certifies that this certificate is true and accurate in all respects; and that if a contract is issued to Bidder and if anything contained within this certificate changes during the term of the contract, Bidder will notify the Purchasing Division in writing immediately.**

Bidder: Leslie Equipment Co.      Signed: Eud Beucher  
Date: 5/8/17      Title: Sales Rep

\*Check any combination of preference consideration(s) indicated above, which you are entitled to receive.

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cause for cancellation of the purchase order, and return of the delivered unit along with all associated equipment to the vendor at the vendor's expense.

**6.5 Condition of Unit(s) upon Delivery:** All units must arrive at the prescribed delivery point having been completely pre-serviced with oil, lubricants, and coolant. All prescribed precautions pertaining to first operations and break-in of the unit are to be posted conspicuously on the unit for ready observance by the operator.

**6.6 Delivery Point:** Delivery point of the completed representative unit will be the WVDOH, Equipment Division, 83 Brushy Fork Crossing, Buckhannon, WV 26201.

**7. MISCELLANEOUS:**

**7.1 No Substitutions:** Vendor shall supply only Contract Items submitted in response to RFQ unless a contract modification is approved in accordance with the provisions contained in this contract.

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

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

Contract Manager: Eric Brookes  
Telephone Number: 304 542 0433  
Fax Number: 304 204 1811  
Email Address: Brookeseric@Lect.com

**7.4 Operating and Service Manuals and Parts Lists:** An operator's manual must be included with each unit upon delivery. A "line sheet" (if applicable) and the "Equipment Preventative Maintenance Questionnaire", (Exhibit "B") must be with pilot unit upon delivery, Attn: Marcia Lee. There must be twelve (12) service/shop/maintenance manuals and fourteen (14) parts manuals; CD-ROM is preferred in lieu of parts manuals. Manuals shall be delivered upon completion of delivery of total units. Failure to do so will delay payment.

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
Purchasing Division

# PURCHASING AFFIDAVIT

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

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

**DEFINITIONS:**

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

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

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

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

**WITNESS THE FOLLOWING SIGNATURE:**

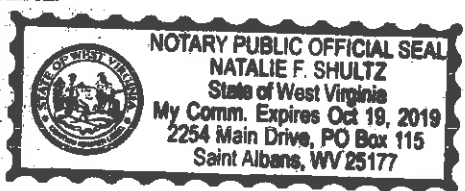
Vendor's Name: Leslie Equipment Co.  
Authorized Signature: Eva Buckner Date: 5/8/17

State of West Virginia  
County of Kanawha, to-wit:

Taken, subscribed, and sworn to before me this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017.  
My Commission expires October 19, 2019.

AFFIX SEAL HERE

NOTARY PUBLIC Natalie F Shultz



**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.

Eric Brookes Sales Rep  
(Name, Title)  
Eric Brookes Sales Rep  
(Printed Name and Title)  
19 Goff Crossing Dr. Cross Lanes WV 25313  
(Address)  
304 204 1818      304 204 1811  
(Phone Number) / (Fax Number)  
Brookeseric@Lec1.com  
(email address)

**CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE:** By signing below, or submitting documentation through wvOASIS, I certify that I have reviewed this Solicitation 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 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 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.

Leslie Equipment Co.  
(Company)  
Eric Brookes Eric Brookes, Sales Rep  
(Authorized Signature) (Representative Name, Title)  
Eric Brookes Sales Rep  
(Printed Name and Title of Authorized Representative)  
5/8/17  
(Date)  
(304) 204 1818      (304) 204 1811  
(Phone Number) (Fax Number)



**ADDENDUM ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM**  
**SOLICITATION NO.: CRFO 0803 DOT1700000076**

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

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

**Addendum Numbers Received:**

(Check the box next to each addendum received)

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

I understand that failure to confirm the receipt of addenda may be cause for rejection of this bid. I further understand that 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.

Leslie Equipment Co.  
Company  
Eric Brooks  
Authorized Signature  
5/8/17  
Date

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

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**SPECIFICATIONS**

1. **PURPOSE AND SCOPE:** The West Virginia Purchasing Division is soliciting bids on behalf of the West Virginia Division of Highways, Department of Transportation to establish an open-end contract for Class 310 Hydraulic Track Excavator.
  
2. **DEFINITIONS:** The terms listed below shall have the meanings assigned to them below. Additional definitions can be found in section 2 of the General Terms and Conditions.
  - 2.1 **“Contract Item” or “Contract Items”** means the list of items identified in Section 3, Subsection 1 below.
  
  - 2.2 **“Pricing Pages”** means the schedule of prices, estimated order quantity, and totals contained in wvOASIS or attached hereto as Exhibit A, and used to evaluate the Solicitation responses.
  
  - 2.3 **“Solicitation”** means the official notice of an opportunity to supply the State with goods or services that is published by the Purchasing Division.
  
  - 2.4 **“WVDOH”** means West Virginia Division of Highways.
  
  - 2.5 **“F”** means Fahrenheit.
  
  - 2.6 **“R.P.M.”** means revolutions per minute.
  
  - 2.7 **“SAHR”** means spring applied hydraulic release.
  
  - 2.8 **“ROPS”** means Roll- over protection structure
  
3. **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:**
  - 3.1 **Contract Items and Mandatory Requirements:** Vendor shall provide Agency with the Contract Items listed below on an open-end and continuing basis. Contract Items must meet or exceed the mandatory requirements as shown below.
    - 3.1.1 **Hydraulic Track Excavator/Link Belt 145X3 LBX or equal with Blade.**
      - 3.1.1.1 Operating weight shall be minimum 33,000 pounds including fuel, thumb, and bucket and blade.

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**3.1.1.2** The unit specified herein and offered shall be manufactured on or after January 1, 2017 and will be clearly identified and marked with date of manufacture.

**3.1.2 Engine:**

**3.1.2.1** Engine shall be 90 horsepower minimum; turbocharged diesel Tier 4 Interim or better and shall have a pressurized liquid cooling system with thermostat, filled with manufacturers extended life permanent type anti-freeze that provides protection to at least -30 degrees F.

Engine shall include the following characteristics;

- A. Water separator 4 micron maximum.
- B. Filter in fuel line
- C. Alternator 80 amp minimum
- D. Electric fuel priming pump
- E. Engine Block heater, 1500 watt minimum.

**3.1.3 Hydraulic System:**

**3.1.3.1** Shall have hydraulic system to maintain safe oil temperature within manufacturers recommended operation range during continuous operation under maximum working combinations.

**3.1.3.2** Boom length shall be minimum 15 feet and shall be controlled by two (2) hydraulic cylinders minimum.

**3.1.3.3** Arm length shall be minimum 8 feet and shall be controlled by one (1) hydraulic cylinder and must have 2-way hydraulic flow at minimum. It shall include a shut off valve at end of piping.

**3.1.3.4** Unit shall be equipped with a hydraulic thumb minimum of 18 inches x 46 inches.

**3.1.3.5** Tine thickness of thumb shall be 1 inch minimum with a pin diameter of 2 inches minimum and a minimum of four (4) tines.

**3.1.3.6** Bucket shall be 0.50 cubic yard capacity minimum, shall have teeth and side cutters and controlled by one (1) hydraulic cylinder.

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**3.1.3.7** Drive shall be hydrostatic design with independent track control.

**3.1.3.8** Shall have wet multiple disk brakes that automatically release while propelling and apply when stationary.

**3.1.3.9** Unit must swing 360° degrees.

**3.1.3.10** Swing speed shall be 10 R.P.M. minimum

**3.1.3.11** Swing brake shall be SAHR for safety.

**3.1.3.12** Unit shall be joystick controlled with a minimum of one (1) additional actuator for auxiliary hydraulics.

**3.1.4 Undercarriage:**

**3.1.4.1** Undercarriage frame shall be manufacturers standard for model bid, and shall include:

- A. Sealed type track
- B. Track guides to prevent track misalignment
- C. Track adjustment shall be of hydraulic design
- D. Manufacturer's triple grouser shoes
- E. Track length minimum 11 feet.
- F. Limited tail swing 5feet, 1inch including manufacturers needed weight(s)
- G. Belly pan guard.

**3.1.5 Cab:**

**3.1.5.1** Cab shall be ROPS certified.

**3.1.5.2** Cab shall be all weather steel isolation mounted.

**3.1.5.3** Unit shall have a cushioned adjustable (up, down and swivel) seat with padded arm rest.

**3.1.5.4** Cab shall be equipped with manufacturers' heater and air conditioning system.

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**3.1.5.5** Cab shall be equipped with front windshield wiper and washer, intermittent features.

**3.1.5.6** Manufacturer's vandalism protection package shall be provided. The vandalism protection package shall include locking cab doors, locking compartments for engine and hydraulic components, locking fuel and radiator access and electrical cut-off switch. All locks except master switch shall be keyed alike.

**3.1.5.7** The following shall be included for cab area:

- A. Interior cab light
- B. Work lights at boom and on cab for sufficient night shift operations
- C. Tinted safety glass at all locations
- D. AM and FM radio with antenna
- E. Rear camera/monitor, 7" minimum color LCD display monitor with indicators.

**3.1.6 Blade**

**3.1.6.1** Blade shall be a minimum of 8 feet 6 inches wide x 20 inches in height.

**3.1.6.2** Blade shall have a minimum of 20 inches ground clearance when raised, and 18 inch depth below grade when lowered.

**3.1.6.3** Blade shall be operable from within the cab.

**3.1.7 Counterweight**

**3.1.7.1** Unit shall have provisions for an extra bolt on counterweight.

**3.1.8 Tilting Coupler/Swivel**

**3.1.8.1** Unit shall include a tilting coupler.

**3.1.8.2** Total tilt range 134 degrees minimum.

**3.1.8.3** Shall allow for use of OEM bucket

**3.1.8.4** Shall include integral quick coupler.

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**3.1.9 Finish Bucket**

**3.1.9** Unit shall include a 48 inch minimum finish bucket with a minimum capacity of .60 cubic yard.

**3.1.10 Paint:**

**3.1.10.1** Unit shall be painted manufacturers standard color.

**3.1.11 Advertising:**

**3.1.7.1** No visible dealer decals shall appear on the exterior surface of the unit. Such logos created through the stamping or casting process of manufacture are accepted.

**4. CONTRACT AWARD:**

**4.1 Contract Award:** The Contract is intended to provide Agencies with a purchase price on all Contract Items. The Contract shall be awarded to the Vendor that provides the Contract Items meeting the required specifications for the lowest overall total cost as shown on the pricing pages.

**4.2 Pricing Pages:** Vendor shall complete the Exhibit\_A Pricing Page by entering the Unit Price then multiply that amount by the Estimated Quantity to arrive at a Total Price for the contract item. Then enter the total price as the Grand Total for their bid. The pricing page has been supplied as an Excel document and formatted to calculate automatically the Total and Grand Total when the Unit Price is entered. NOTE: The Vendor is responsible to ensure the calculations for their bid is correct. Vendor shall list the year, make, and model of the unit being bid on the pricing page. Vendor shall complete the Pricing Pages in their entirety as failure to do so may result in Vendor's bids being disqualified.

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

Vendor should electronically enter the information into the Pricing Pages through wvOASIS, if available, or as an electronic document. In most cases, the Vendor can request an electronic copy of the Pricing Pages for bid

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purposes by sending an email request to the following address:  
[Mark.A.Atkins@wv.gov](mailto:Mark.A.Atkins@wv.gov)

**5. ORDERING AND PAYMENT:**

- 5.1 Ordering:** Vendor shall accept orders by regular mail, facsimile, e-mail, or any other written forms of communication.
- 5.2 Payment:** Vendor shall accept payment in accordance with the payment procedures of the State of West Virginia.

**6. DELIVERY AND RETURN:**

- 6.1 Delivery Time:** Vendor shall deliver standard orders within **120** working days after orders are received. Vendor shall ship all orders in accordance with the above schedule and shall not hold orders until a minimum delivery quantity is met. A completed pilot model for inspection must be provided within **90** working day(s) after receipt of the purchase agreement by the successful vendor. Working day is defined as any week day, Monday thru Friday, excluding Federal and State Holidays.
- 6.2 Late Delivery:** The Agency placing the order under this Contract must be notified in writing if orders will be delayed for any reason. Any delay in delivery that could cause harm to an Agency will be grounds for cancellation of the delayed order, and/or obtaining the items ordered from a third party.

Any Agency seeking to obtain items from a third party under this provision must first obtain approval of the Purchasing Division.

- 6.3 Delivery Payment/Risk of Loss:** Standard order delivery shall be F.O.B. destination to the Agency's location. Vendor shall include the cost of standard order delivery charges in its bid pricing/discount and is not permitted to charge the Agency separately for such delivery.
- 6.4 Representative Unit for Test:** The successful vendor must (if specified) provide the DOH one (1) completed represented unit to be observed and evaluated on each order to insure compliance with specification. If requested, the time period for testing and evaluation shall be seven (7) working days following receipt of the unit. DOH will incur no obligation for deterioration of surfaces, finishes, seals, and mechanical or electrical parts on the unit resulting from operation and testing within the limits of these specifications; nor will DOH incur obligation for damage to the unit resulting from failure to meet specifications when due care and attention is given by DOH and testing is done within the limits of these specifications. Failure of the pilot unit to satisfactorily meet specifications as bid may be

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- 7.5 Training:** Manufacturers and/or dealers will be required to stage a thorough seminar on the subjects of Preventative Maintenance, Operator, and Mechanic Training. In order to keep operators and mechanics updated, the successful vendor shall conduct training sessions covering the operation, maintenance, troubleshooting with each purchase order against this open end contract. Manufacturers and/or dealers shall be required to furnish the Training Academy with one (1) Operator's Manual to be shipped direct to:

**WVDOH**  
Training Academy  
P.O. Box 610  
Buckhannon, West Virginia 26201

Prior to delivery of the pilot unit. Training seminar to be held at the WVDOT, Equipment Division, Buckhannon, WV.

- 7.6 Preventative Maintenance & Operator Procedures:** Manufacturers and/or dealers will be required to submit to the Equipment Division, in addition to the operating and service manuals, booklets and pamphlets explaining the Preventative Maintenance and Operator Procedures to be used by the operators of this equipment, and must include such things as daily prestart inspection procedure, service schedule, and routine maintenance required, safety precautions, etc. The successful vendor shall furnish all training aids; i.e. videos, projectors as required in conducting the training.
- 7.7 Warranty and Service Policy:** The unit must be accompanied upon delivery by the unit's manufacturers executed warranty and service policy.
- 7.8 Unspecified Accessories & Features:** All parts, equipment, accessories, materials, design and performance characteristics not specified herein, but which are necessary to provide a complete unit, must be furnished with each unit and required to conform to strength, quality of material, and quality of workmanship to those which are advertised and provided to the market in general by the unit Industry. All parts and accessories advertised and regularly supplied as standard shall be included, except those which would represent duplication of these specified and except those which, by specification, are not to be furnished. All standard safety features, required by Federal and State Law, shall be included.



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**8. VENDOR DEFAULT:**

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

**8.1.1** Failure to provide Contract Items in accordance with the requirements contained herein.

**8.1.2** Failure to comply with other specifications and requirements contained herein.

**8.1.3** Failure to comply with any laws, rules, and ordinances applicable to the Contract Services provided under this Contract.

**8.1.4** Failure to remedy deficient performance upon request.

**8.2** The following remedy shall be available to Agency upon default.

**8.2.1** Immediate cancellation of the contract.

**8.2.2** Immediate cancellation of one or more release orders issued under this Contract.

**8.2.3** Any other remedies available in law or equity.

## **GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

**1. CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT:** Issuance of a Award Document signed by the Purchasing Division Director, or his designee, and approved as to form by the Attorney General's office constitutes acceptance of this Contract made by and between the State of West Virginia and the Vendor. Vendor's signature on its bid 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:** This Contract becomes effective on \_\_\_\_\_ upon award \_\_\_\_\_ and extends for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ one (1) \_\_\_\_\_ year(s).

**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 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. 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 \_\_\_\_\_ thirty-six (36) \_\_\_\_\_ months in total. Automatic renewal of this Contract is prohibited. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Purchasing Division approval is not required on agency delegated or exempt purchases. Attorney General approval may be required for vendor terms and conditions.

**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, the vendor agrees that maintenance, monitoring, or warranty services will be provided for one year thereafter with an additional \_\_\_\_\_ successive one year renewal periods or multiple renewal periods of less than one year provided that the multiple renewal periods do not exceed \_\_\_\_\_ months in total. Automatic renewal of this Contract is prohibited.

**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.

**Other:** See attached.

**4. NOTICE TO PROCEED:** Vendor shall begin performance of this Contract immediately upon receiving notice to proceed unless otherwise instructed by the Agency. Unless otherwise specified, the fully executed Award Document will be considered notice to proceed.

**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 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.

**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 below must be provided to the Purchasing Division by the Vendor as specified below.

**BID BOND (Construction Only):** 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.

**PERFORMANCE BOND:** The apparent successful Vendor shall provide a performance bond in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_. The performance bond must be received by the Purchasing Division prior to Contract award. On construction contracts, the performance bond must be 100% of the Contract value.

**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.

In lieu of the Bid Bond, Performance Bond, and Labor/Material Payment 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 a bond must be of the same amount and delivered on the same schedule as the bond it replaces. A letter of credit submitted in lieu of a performance and labor/material payment bond will only be allowed for projects under \$100,000. Personal or business checks are not acceptable.

**MAINTENANCE BOND:** The apparent successful Vendor shall provide a two (2) year maintenance bond covering the roofing system. The maintenance bond must be issued and delivered to the Purchasing Division prior to Contract award.

**LICENSE(S) / CERTIFICATIONS / PERMITS:** In addition to anything required under the Section entitled Licensing, of the General Terms and Conditions, the apparent successful Vendor shall furnish proof of the following licenses, certifications, and/or permits prior to Contract award, in a form acceptable to the Purchasing Division.

The apparent successful Vendor shall also furnish proof of any additional licenses or certifications contained in the specifications prior to Contract award 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. Subsequent to contract award, and prior to the insurance expiration date, 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 mandated herein, including but not limited to, policy cancelation, policy reduction, or change in insurers. The insurance coverages identified below must be maintained throughout the life of this contract. The apparent successful Vendor shall also furnish proof of any additional insurance requirements contained in the specifications prior to Contract award regardless of whether or not that insurance requirement is listed in this section.

Vendor must maintain:

**Commercial General Liability Insurance** in at least an amount of:

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

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

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**Commercial Crime and Third Party Fidelity Insurance** in an amount of:

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**Cyber Liability Insurance** in an amount of: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**9. WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE:** The apparent successful 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. LITIGATION BOND:** The Director reserves the right to require any Vendor that files a protest of an award to submit a litigation bond in the amount equal to one percent of the lowest bid submitted or \$5,000, whichever is greater. The entire amount of the bond shall be forfeited if the hearing officer determines that the protest was filed for frivolous or improper purpose, including but not limited to, the purpose of harassing, causing unnecessary delay, or needless expense for the Agency. All litigation bonds shall be made payable to the Purchasing Division. In lieu of a bond, the protester may submit a cashier's check or certified check payable to the Purchasing Division. Cashier's or certified checks will be deposited with and held by the State Treasurer's office. If it is determined that the protest has not been filed for frivolous or improper purpose, the bond or deposit shall be returned in its entirety.

**11. LIQUIDATED DAMAGES:** Vendor shall pay liquidated damages in the amount of

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

**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.

**14. PAYMENT:** Payment in advance is prohibited under this Contract. Payment may only be made after the delivery and acceptance of goods or services. The Vendor shall submit invoices, in arrears.

**15. PURCHASING CARD ACCEPTANCE:** The State of West Virginia currently utilizes a Purchasing Card program, administered under contract by a banking institution, to process payment for goods and services. The Vendor must accept the State of West Virginia's Purchasing Card for payment of all orders under this Contract unless the box below is checked.

Vendor is not required to accept the State of West Virginia's Purchasing Card as payment for all goods and services.

**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 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.

**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 § 148-1-6.1.e.

**20. TIME:** Time is of the essence with regard to 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:** 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.

**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.

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**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. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Purchasing Division approval may or may not be required on certain agency delegated or exempt purchases.

**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. BANKRUPTCY:** In the event the Vendor files for bankruptcy protection, the State of West Virginia may deem this Contract null and void, and terminate this Contract without notice.

**31. 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 <http://www.state.wv.us/admin/purchase/privacy/default.html>.

**32. 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.

**33. 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. 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.

**34. 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.

**35. VENDOR CERTIFICATIONS:** By signing its bid or entering into this Contract, Vendor certifies (1) that its bid or offer was made without prior understanding, agreement, or connection with any corporation, firm, limited liability company, partnership, person or entity submitting a bid or offer for the same material, supplies, equipment or services; (2) that its bid or offer is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud; (3) 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; and (4) that it has reviewed this Solicitation in its entirety; understands the requirements, terms and conditions, and other information contained herein.

**39. ADDITIONAL AGENCY AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT USE:** This Contract may be utilized by other agencies, spending units, and political subdivisions of the State of West Virginia; county, municipal, and other local government bodies; and school districts (“Other Government Entities”). Any extension of this Contract to the aforementioned Other Government Entities must be on the same prices, terms, and conditions as those offered and agreed to in this Contract, provided that such extension is in compliance with the applicable laws, rules, and ordinances of the Other Government Entity. If the Vendor does not wish to extend the prices, terms, and conditions of its bid and subsequent contract to the Other Government Entities, the Vendor must clearly indicate such refusal in its bid. A refusal to extend this Contract to the Other Government Entities shall not impact or influence the award of this Contract in any manner.

**40. 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.

**41. 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.requisitions@wv.gov](mailto:purchasing.requisitions@wv.gov).

**42. BACKGROUND CHECK:** In accordance with W. Va. Code § 15-2D-3, the Director of the Division of Protective Services shall require any service provider whose employees are regularly employed on the grounds or in the buildings of the Capitol complex or who have access to sensitive or critical information to submit to a fingerprint-based state and federal background inquiry through the state repository. The service provider is responsible for any costs associated with the fingerprint-based state and federal background inquiry.

After the contract for such services has been approved, but before any such employees are permitted to be on the grounds or in the buildings of the Capitol complex or have access to sensitive or critical information, the service provider shall submit a list of all persons who will be physically present and working at the Capitol complex to the Director of the Division of Protective Services for purposes of verifying compliance with this provision. 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.

Vendor's signature on its bid or offer also affirms that neither it nor its representatives have any interest, nor shall 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. The individual signing this bid or offer on behalf of Vendor certifies that he or she is authorized by the Vendor to execute this bid or offer or any documents related thereto on Vendor's behalf; that he or she is authorized to bind the Vendor in a contractual relationship; and that, to the best of his or her knowledge, the Vendor has properly registered with any State agency that may require registration.

**36. 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.

**37. 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.

**38. PURCHASING AFFIDAVIT:** In accordance with West Virginia Code § 5A-3-10a, all Vendors are required to sign, notarize, and submit the Purchasing Affidavit stating that neither the Vendor nor a related party owe a debt to the State in excess of \$1,000. The affidavit must be submitted prior to award, but should be submitted with the Vendor's bid. A copy of the Purchasing Affidavit is included herewith.

**43. 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. The Purchasing Division Director may, in writing, authorize the use of foreign steel products if:

c. 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

d. 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.

**44. 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.