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**SECTION ONE: GENERAL INFORMATION**

1. Purpose: The West Virginia Department of Administration, Purchasing Division (hereinafter referred to as the “Purchasing Division”) is soliciting proposals pursuant to **West Virginia Code** §5A-3-10b for the [insert official title of state agency] (hereinafter referred to as the “Agency”) to provide [insert goods and/or services to be provided].

2. By signing and submitting its proposal, the successful Vendor agrees to be bound by all the terms contained in this Request for Proposal (“RFP”).

An RFP is generally used for the procurement of services in situations where price is not the sole determining factor and the award will be based on a combination of cost and technical factors (Best Value). Through its proposal, the bidder offers a solution to the objectives, problem, or need specified in the RFP, and defines how it intends to meet (or exceed) the RFP requirements.

3. Schedule of Events:

Vendor’s Written Questions Submission Deadline xx/xx/xx

Mandatory Pre-bid Conference xx/xx/xx

Addendum Issued xx/xx/xx

Bid Opening Date xx/xx/xx

Oral Presentation *(Agency Option)* xx/xx/xx

**SECTION TWO: INSTRUCTIONS TO VENDORS SUBMITTING BIDS**

Instructions begin on next page.

**SECTION THREE: General Terms and Conditions**

Terms and conditions begin on next page.

**SECTION FOUR: PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS**

1. **Location:** Agency is located at .

2. **Background and Current Operating Environment:**

3. **Qualifications and Experience:** Vendors will provide in **Attachment A: Vendor Response Sheet** information regarding their firm, such as staff qualifications and experience in completing similar projects; references; copies of any staff certifications or degrees applicable to this project; proposed staffing plan; descriptions of past projects completed entailing the location of the project, project manager name and contact information, type of project, and what the project goals and objectives where and how they were met.

4. **Project and Goals:** The project goals and objectives are:

.4.1. Goal/Objective 1

.4.2. Goal/Objective 2

.4.3. Goal/Objective 3

5 **Mandatory Requirements**

The following mandatory requirements must be met by the Vendor as a part of the submitted proposal. Failure on the part of the Vendor to meet any of the mandatory specifications shall result in the disqualification of the proposal. The terms “must”, “will”, “shall”, “minimum”, “maximum”, or “is/are required” identify a mandatory item or factor. Decisions regarding compliance with any mandatory requirements shall be at the sole discretion of the Purchasing Division.

5.1. Mandatory Requirement 1

5.2. Mandatory Requirement 2

5.3. Mandatory Requirement 3

6. **Oral Presentations (Agency Option):** The Agency has the option of requiring oral presentations of all Vendors participating in the RFP process. If this option is exercised, it would be listed in the Schedule of Events (Section 1.3) of this RFP. During oral presentations, Vendors may not alter or add to their submitted proposal, but only clarify information. A description of the materials and information to be presented is provided below:

6.1. Materials and Information Required at Oral Presentation:

**SECTION FIVE: VENDOR PROPOSAL**

1 **Economy of Preparation:** Proposals should be prepared simply and economically providing a straightforward, concise description of the Vendor’s abilities to satisfy the requirements of the RFP. Emphasis should be placed on completeness and clarity of the content.

2 **Incurring Cost:** Neither the State nor any of its employees or officers shall be held liable for any expenses incurred by any Vendor responding to this RFP, including but not limited to preparation, delivery, or travel.

3 **Proposal Format:** Vendors should provide responses in the format listed below:

**Title Page:** State the RFP subject, number, Vendor’s name, business address,

telephone number, fax number, name of contact person, e-mail address, and Vendor signature and date.

**Table of Contents:** Clearly identify the material by section and page number.

**Attachment A:** Within the attached response sheet (**Attachment A: Vendor Response Sheet**), provide the following: firm and staff qualifications and experience in completing similar projects; references; copies of any staff certifications or degrees applicable to this project; proposed staffing plan; descriptions of past projects completed entailing the location of the project, project manager name and contact information, type of project, and what the project goals and objectives were and how they were met.

Also, describe the approach and methodology proposed for this project. This should include how each of the goals and objectives listed is to be met.

**Attachment B:** Complete **Attachment B: Mandatory Specification Checklist**. By signing and dating this attachment, the Vendor acknowledges that they meet or exceed each of these specifications as outlined in 2.5 of Section Two: Project Specifications. The State reserves the right to require documentation detailing how each is met at its discretion.

**Attachment C:** Complete **Attachment C: Cost Sheet** included in this RFP and submit in a separate sealed envelope. Cost should be clearly marked.

**Oral Presentations:** If established by the Agency in the Schedule of Events (Section 1.3), all Vendors participating in this RFP will be required to provide an oral presentation, based on the criteria set in Section 2.6. During oral presentations, Vendors may not alter or add to their submitted proposal, but only to clarify information.

4 **Proposal Submission:** Proposals must be received in **two distinct parts**: technical and cost.

* **Technical proposals** must not contain any cost information relating to the project.
* **Cost proposal** shall be sealed in a separate envelope and will not be opened initially.

All proposals must be submitted to the Purchasing Division **prior** to the date and time stipulated in the RFP as the opening date. All bids will be dated and time stamped to verify official time and date of receipt. All submissions must be in accordance with the provisions listed below and in Section Two: Instructions to Bidders Submitting Bids above.

5 **Technical Bid Opening**: The Purchasing Division will open and announce only the technical proposals received prior to the date and time specified in the Request for Proposal. The technical proposals shall then be provided to the Agency evaluation committee.

6 **Cost Bid Opening**: The Purchasing Division shall schedule a date and time to publicly open and announce cost proposals when the Purchasing Division has approved the technical recommendation of the evaluation committee. All cost bids for qualifying proposals will be opened. Cost bids for non-qualifying proposals will also be opened but shall not be considered. A proposal may be deemed non-qualifying for a number of reasons including, but not limited to, the bidder’s technical proposal failing to meet the minimum acceptable score and the bidder’s technical proposal failing to meet a mandatory requirement of the contract. Certain information, such as technical scores and reasons for disqualification, will not be available until after the contract award, pursuant to ***West Virginia Code*** §5A-3-11(h) and ***West Virginia Code*** ***of State Rules*** §148-1-6.2.5..

**SECTION SIX: EVALUATION AND AWARD**

1 **Evaluation Process**: Proposals will be evaluated by a committee of three (3) or more individuals against the established criteria with points deducted for deficiencies. The Vendor who demonstrates that they meet all of the mandatory specifications required; and has appropriately presented within their written response and/or during the oral demonstration (if applicable) their understanding in meeting the goals and objectives of the project; and attains the highest overall point score of all Vendors shall be awarded the contract. The selection of the successful Vendor will be made by a consensus of the evaluation committee.

2 **Evaluation Criteria**: All evaluation criteria is defined in the specifications section and based on a 100 point total score. Cost shall represent a minimum of 30 of the 100 total points.

The following are the evaluation factors and maximum points possible for technical point scores:

* Qualifications and experience (#) Points Possible
* Approach and methodology (#) Points Possible
* (Oral interview, if applicable) (#) Points Possible
* Cost 30 Points Possible

**Total** 100 Points Possible

Each cost proposal cost will be scored by use of the following formula for all Vendors who attained the minimum acceptable score:

**Lowest price of all proposal**

**X 30 = Price Score**

**Price of Proposal being evaluated**

2.1 Technical Evaluation: The Agency evaluation committee will review the technical proposals, deduct points where appropriate, and make a final written recommendation to the Purchasing Division.

2.2 Minimum Acceptable Score: Vendors must score a minimum of 70% (49 points) of the total technical points possible. All Vendors not attaining the minimum acceptable score (MAS) shall be considered as non-qualifying; therefore, the cost bids will not be opened. A proposal may be deemed non-qualifying for a number of reasons including, but not limited to, the bidder’s technical proposal failing to meet the minimum acceptable score and the bidder’s technical proposal failing to meet a mandatory requirement of the contract. Certain information, such as technical scores and reasons for disqualification, will not be available until after the contract award, pursuant to ***West Virginia Code*** §5A-3-11(h) and ***West Virginia Code*** ***of State Rules*** §148-1-6.2.5.

2.3 Cost Evaluation: The Agency evaluation committee will review the cost proposals, assign appropriate points, and make a final recommendation to the Purchasing Division.

**Attachment A: Vendor Response Sheet**

*Provide a response regarding the following: firm and staff qualifications and experience in completing similar projects; references; copies of any staff certifications or degrees applicable to this project; proposed staffing plan; descriptions of past projects completed entailing the location of the project, project manager name and contact information, type of project, and what the project goals and objectives where and how they were met.*

*List project goals and objectives contained in Section 4, Subsection 4:*

**Section 4, Subsection 4.1:**

Vendor Response:

**Section 4, Subsection 4.2:**

Vendor Response:

**Section 4, Subsection 4.3:**

Vendor Response:

**Attachment B: Mandatory Specification Checklist**

*List mandatory specifications contained in Section 4, Subsection .5:*

**Section 4, Subsection 5.1:**

Vendor Response:

**Section 4, Subsection 5.2:**

Vendor Response:

**Section 4, Subsection 5.3:**

Vendor Response:

By signing below, I certify that I have reviewed this Request for Proposal in its entirety; understand the requirements, terms and conditions, and other information contained herein; that I am submitting this proposal for review and consideration; that I am authorized by the bidder to execute this bid or any documents related thereto on bidder’s behalf; that I am authorized to bind the bidder in a contractual relationship; and that, to the best of my knowledge, the bidder has properly registered with any State agency that may require registration.

(Company)

(Representative Name, Title)

(Contact Phone/Fax Number)

(Date)

**Attachment C: Cost Sheet**

*Cost information below as detailed in the Request for Proposal and submitted in a separate sealed envelope. Cost should be clearly marked.*

If applicable, sign and submit the attached Resident Vendor Preference Certificate with the proposal.