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State of West Virginia Department of Administration Purchasing Division 2019 Washington Street East Post Office Box 50130 Charleston, WV 25305-0130

## Request for Quotation

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DIVISION OF LABOR 1900 KANAWHA BOULEVARD EAST **BUILDING 6. ROOM 749B** CHARLESTON WV 25305

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## GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS REQUEST FOR QUOTATION (RFQ) AND REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

- 1. Awards will be made in the best interest of the State of West Virginia.
- 2. The State may accept or reject in part, or in whole, any bid.
- 3. All quotations are governed by the West Virginia Code and the Legislative Rules of the Purchasing Division.
- 4. Prior to any award, the apparent successful vendor must be properly registered with the Purchasing Division and have paid the required \$125.00 registration fee.
- 5. All services performed or goods delivered under State Purchase Orders/Contracts are to be continued for the term of the Purchase Order/Contract, contingent upon funds being appropriated by the Legislature or otherwise being made available. In the event funds are not appropriated or otherwise available for these services or goods, this Purchase Order/Contract becomes void and of no effect after June 30.
- 6. Payment may only be made after the delivery and acceptance of goods or services.
- 7. Interest may be paid for late payment in accordance with the West Virginia Code.
- 8. Vendor preference will be granted upon written request in accordance with the West Virginia Code.
- 9. The State of West Virginia is exempt from federal and state taxes and will not pay or reimburse such taxes.
- 10. The Director of Purchasing may cancel any Purchase Order/Contract upon 30 days written notice to the seller.
- 11. The laws of the State of West Virginia and the *Legislative Rules* of the Purchasing Division shall govern all rights and duties under the Contract, including without limitation the validity of this Purchase Order/Contract.
- 12. Any reference to automatic renewal is hereby deleted. The Contract may be renewed only upon mutual written agreement of the parties.
- 13. BANKRUPTCY: In the event the vendor/contractor files for bankruptcy protection, this contract is automatically null and void, and is terminated without further order.
- 14. HIPAA Business Associate Addendum The West Viginia State Government HIPAA Business Associate Addendum (BAA), approved by the Attorney General, and available online at the Purchasing Division's web site (http://www.state.wv.us/admin/purchase/vrc/hipaa.htm) is hereby made part of the agreement. Provided that, the Agency meets the definition of a Covered Entity (45 CFR §160.103) and will be disclosing Protected Health Information (45 CFR §160.103) to the vendor.

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

- 1. Use the quotation forms provided by the Purchasing Division.
- 2. SPECIFICATIONS: Items offered must be in compliance with the specifications. Any deviation from the specifications must be clearly indicated by the bidder. Alternates offered by the bidder as EQUAL to the specifications must be clearly defined. A bidder offering an alternate should attach complete specifications and literature to the bid. The Purchasing Division may waive minor deviations to specifications.
- 3. Complete all sections of the quotation form.
- 4. Unit prices shall prevail in cases of discrepancy.
- 5. All quotations are considered F.O.B. destination unless alternate shipping terms are clearly identified in the quotation.
- 6. BID SUBMISSION: All quotations must be delivered by the bidder to the office listed below prior to the date and time of the bid opening. Failure of the bidder to deliver the quotations on time will result in bid disqualifications.

#### SIGNED BID TO:

Department of Administration Purchasing Division 2019 Washington Street East Post Office Box 50130 Charleston, WV 25305-0130



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#### SECTION 1 OPERATING ENVIRONMENT

#### 1.1 Location

The Division of Labor is located at the State Capitol Complex, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Building 6, Room 749B, Charleston, WV 25305.

#### 1.2 Background

The contact person during the performance of the contract is:

Fran Cook
Deputy Commissioner
West Virginia Division of Labor
State Capitol Complex
1900 Kanawha Boulevard East
Building 6, Room 749B
Charleston, WV 25305

Telephone: (304) 558-7890, ext. 146

Facsimile: (304) 558-2273

Email: fcook@labor.state.wv.us

#### 1.3 Contract Matters

#### 1.3.1 Payment Terms and Conditions

There will be no cost to the State for the performance of services under a contract or purchase agreement. In consideration of products and services provided hereunder by the Vendor, the Vendor must charge and collect the appropriate fee from each candidate registered for an examination, reexamination, or review.

#### SECTION 2 PROCUREMENT SPECIFICATIONS

#### 2.1 General Requirements

The Vendor must develop and administer an examination program in accordance with specifications approved by the Board.

The Vendor must develop new forms as needed, including revising and updating examination items to include amendments to statutes and other applicable regulations.

#### 2.2 Schedule of Events

Vendor must be able to implement all requirements of the contract by October 1, 2007.

#### 2.3 Scope of Services

#### 2.3.1 Categories of Contractor Examinations

The Vendor must develop an item bank of unique forms of examination questions for the following categories: Concrete Contractor; Electrical Contractor; Excavating Contractor; General Building Contractor; General Engineering Contractor; Heating, Ventilating and Cooling ("HVAC") Contractor; Manufactured Home Installation Contractor; Masonry Contractor; Multifamily Contractor; Piping Contractor; Plumbing Contractor; Remodeling and Repair Contractor; Residential Contractor; Sprinklers and Fire Protection Contractor; Structural Steel Erection; and Utilities (Water and Sewer Projects).

#### 2.3.2 Business and Law Examination

The Vendor must also develop a "Business and Law" examination on the West Virginia contractor licensing laws and labor laws, and the rules and regulations of the various state and federal regulatory agencies. This examination must also include questions on organizing and managing a business, contracts, accounting terms and methods, estimating and bidding, project management, risk management, safety, financial management, tax laws, mechanics lien laws and general information relevant to the construction industry. Substitution of currently published business and law examinations is not acceptable.

#### 2.3.3 Content of Contractor Examinations

Pursuant to West Virginia Code §21-11-6, each applicant for a Contractor license must pass an examination before a license is issued. Examinations must be composed of multiple choice questions in accordance with the following schedule, and subject to the Board's approval:

EXAMINATIONS - Open Book	QUESTIONS (Approximate Number)
Business and Law	60
Concrete Contractor	50
Electrical Contractor	100
Excavating Contractor	54
General Building Contractor	80
General Engineering Contractor	80
Heating, Ventilating and Cooling Contractor	80
Manufactured Home Installation Contractor	60

Masonry Contractor	50
Multifamily Contractor	80
Piping Contractor	50
Plumbing Contractor	120
Remodeling and Repair Contractor	60
Residential Contractor	80
Sprinklers and Fire Protection	100
Structural Steel Erection	50
Utilities (Water and Sewer Projects)	100

#### 2.3.4 Psychometric Examination Methods

Examinations must be developed according to currently accepted psychometric methods and principles. Questions for all examinations must be rotated to prevent memorizing content.

#### 2.3.5 Test Format

Each category of examination must be composed of multiple choice, open book questions.

Examinations must be offered in paper-pencil format and in electronic computer format at all testing locations. All testing centers must have a minimum of five (5) computers available for computer based testing.

Oral examinations must be available upon request by the candidate in order to accommodate disabilities.

#### 2.3.6 Passing Score

The minimum passing score for all examinations is 70%, as mandated by W. Va. Code R. § 28-2-6.1.

#### 2.3.7 Transmission Of Test Results

The Vendor must electronically transmit each day, in a format approved by the board, test results for all candidates.

#### 2.3.8 Review of Examination Questions by the Board

The Vendor must provide staff support for a review of pooled examination questions by the ten (10) member Board. The Board will assure all questions used on the examinations represent the practice of contracting in West Virginia. The Board is authorized to modify and reject any examination question(s) that contain subject matter not in compliance with the construction industry's practices, laws or rules.

#### 2.3.9 Candidate Examination Guide Package

The Vendor must design and produce a candidate examination guide package acceptable to the Board. The guide will contain examination outlines, a list of books allowed for open book testing, study references, registration and services information, testing dates, testing locations and must include examples of questions on the examinations. Guides must be developed for all examinations. The Vendor must distribute sufficient quantities of these guides to the State at no charge and must make them available on the Internet. The Guides must be revised as needed with the latest information concerning licensing requirements and procedures.

#### 2.3.10 Reference Manuals and Practice Examinations

The Vendor must offer a "Reference Manual" for sale to any candidate for the Business and Law examination, at a cost to be paid by the candidate.

The Vendor must offer practice examinations in the tested classifications, at a cost to be paid by the candidate.

The Vendor may offer for sale or rent code or reference books identified in its testing information guide to candidates.

#### 2.3.11 Legal Challenge to Examinations

The Vendor must defend any legal challenge from any party concerning the development and administration of examinations.

#### 2.3.12 Examination Administration

#### 2.3.12.1 Location of Test Centers; Dates of Examination

The Vendor must obtain prior State approval for the location and relocation of all test centers and for the dates of examinations.

#### 2.3.12.2 Examination Administrators

The Vendor must utilize examination administrators experienced in licensure examination administration who are not affiliated with any Vendor service education program and who fully understand the examination security requirements.

#### 2.3.12.3 Security

The Vendor must utilize procedures to ensure the examination materials are produced, assembled, and delivered accurately under secure conditions. The Vendor must also provide a system of security for the examination questions, the test center and the transmission of test results to the State and to the candidates. Security violations must be reported immediately (within 3 business days) to the State's contact for the contract, by telephone and in writing.

## 2.3.12.4 Registration for Examinations and Payment of Fees

All candidate processing must be provided from the Vendor's office in Charleston, WV.

The Vendor must receive and process applications and accept payment of fees by the candidate in the forms of money order, cashier's check, certified check or credit card with no additional fees imposed, for the examination at the examination site, by mail, by telephone or over the internet. The Vendor must acknowledge receipt of each candidate's registration.

The Vendor must provide a toll-free telephone registration number for candidates to inquire, order materials and make reservations. Telephone calls from candidates must be handled with a minimum response time. Candidates on hold, without communication with the Vendor's staff in excess of 10 minutes response time, would be unacceptable. Voice mail messages must be returned within eight (8) business hours. In addition to the toll-free telephone registration number, the vendor must also have three (3) additional telephone registration lines. The numbers may be toll-free or local.

The Vendor must supply the Board with a direct telephone number to all permanent testing sites. The Vendor must communicate with the Board immediately (i.e., within the hour) in the event that any telecommunication malfunctions occur.

#### **2.3.12.5** Test Centers

The Vendor must operate a full-time test center in Charleston, WV, where candidates may take licensing examinations five (5) days per week with a minimum seating capacity of fifteen (15) persons.

The Vendor must also provide part-time test centers in Morgantown, Martinsburg, and Wheeling, where examinations will be offered at least one (1) day per month. The Vendor must also offer the West Virginia examinations at any of the Vendor's sites located in other states where testing is currently provided.

The Vendor must provide all physical facilities and test center personnel for testing. Testing facilities must have a comfortable room temperature to ensure an acceptable testing environment. The Vendor must make reasonable efforts to accommodate the needs of candidates with disabilities, including, but not limited to, accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

#### 2.3.12.6 Reporting Examination Scores

The Vendor must provide photograph-bearing score reports to each candidate and upon request, to the Board. These reports must be provided to the candidate within ten (10) days of the testing date.

The Vendor must inform each candidate, in writing, of his or her passing or failing score immediately following the examination, for both paper/pencil and computer based examinations.

The Vendor must offer "Duplicate Score Reports" at a cost to be paid by the candidate.

## 2.3.12.7 Failure by a Candidate

The Vendor must furnish, at no cost to the candidate, a written report to every failing candidate that must contain an analysis of the areas of weakness and strength on the examination and must list the number of attempts at the exam on every score report.

# 2.3.12.8 Inquiries or Appeals by a Candidate; Comments and Correspondence

The Vendor must respond in writing to the candidate within seven (7) days of examination in connection with any candidate inquiry, appeal or comment regarding an examination, with a copy of the Vendor's response provided to the Board. The Vendor must review individual candidate comments from the testing sessions and provide a summary of such responses to the Board. The Vendor must respond to individual candidate correspondence within seven (7) days from receipt of correspondence from the candidate.

### 2.3.12.9 Reports to the Board

The Vendor must provide monthly summary statistics score reports.

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	666	999 General Building Contractor Exam		
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## STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA Purchasing Division

## **PURCHASING AFFIDAVIT**

West Virginia Code §5A-3-10a states: 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 the debt owned is an amount greater than one thousand dollars in the aggregate

#### **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.

"Debtor" means any individual, corporation, partnership, association, limited liability company or any other form or business association owing a debt to the state or any of its political subdivisions. "Political subdivision" means any county commission; municipality; county board of education; any instrumentality established by a county or municipality; any separate corporation or instrumentality established by one or more counties or municipalities, as permitted by law; or any public body charged by law with the performance of a government function or whose jurisdiction is coextensive with one or more counties or municipalities. "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 exceed five percent of the total contract amount.

EXCEPTION: The prohibition of this section does not apply where a vendor has contested any tax administered pursuant to chapter eleven of this 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.

LICENSING: Vendors 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 agencies or political subdivision. Furthermore, the vendor must provide all necessary releases to obtain information to enable the Director or spending unit to verify that the vendor is licensed and in good standing with the above entities.

CONFIDENTIALITY: The vendor agrees that he or she 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. Vendors should visit www.state.wv.us/ admin/purchase/privacy for the Notice of Agency Confidentiality Policies.

Under penalty of law for false swearing (West Virginia Code, §61-5-3), it is hereby certified that the vendor acknowledges the information in this said affidavit and are in compliance with the requirements as stated.

Vendor's Name:		- W-14-1-4-1
Authorized Signature:	Date:	

Purchasing Affidavit (Revised 04/15/07)