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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 fee.
- 5. All services performed or goods delivered under State Purchase Order/Contracts are to be continued for the term of the Purchase Order/Contracts, 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 may be deemed null and void, and terminated without further order.
- 14. HIPAA BUSINESS ASSOCIATE ADDENDUM: The West Virginia 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 Cover Entity (45 CFR §160.103) and will be disclosing Protected Health Information (45 CFR §160.103) to the vendor.
- 15. WEST VIRGINIA ALCOHOL & DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE ACT: If this Contract constitutes a public improvement construction contract as set forth in Article 1D, Chapter 21 of the West Virginia Code ("The West Virginia Alcohol and Drug-Free Workplace Act"), then the following language shall hereby become part of this Contract: "The contractor and its subcontractors shall implement and maintain a written drug-free workplace policy in compliance with the West Virginia Alcohol and Drug-Free Workplace Act, as set forth in Article 1D, Chapter 21 of the West Virginia Code. The contractor and its subcontractors shall provide a sworn statement in writing, under the penalties of perjury, that they maintain a valid drug-free work place policy in compliance with the West Virginia and Drug-Free Workplace Act. It is understood and agreed that this Contract shall be cancelled by the awarding authority if the Contractor: 1) Fails to implement its drug-free workplace policy; 2) Fails to provide information regarding implementation of the contractor's drug-free workplace policy at the request of the public authority; or 3) Provides to the public authority false information regarding the contractor's drug-free workplace policy."

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 case 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: Department of Administration, Purchasing Division, 2019 Washington Street East, P.O. Box 50130, Charleston, WV 25305-0130

DATA09 Questions

- By what date could we expect responses to questions?
 December 22, 2008
- 2. Will the bid be awarded at the Bid Opening? No
- 3. Will Participating vendors be permitted at the Bid Opening? Yes, however bids are scanned and can be viewed within one business day on line at: http://www.state.wv.us/admin/purchase/Bids/default.html
- 4. On Page 2 / Exhibit 3 What is the planned effective date of the contract? **February 1, 2009**
- 5. Mandatory price quote A and B has an entry titled "45Mb Fr-Copper". Mandatory Price Quote B includes two entries titled 45Mb ATM-Fiber and 155Mb ATM Fiber. Functionally, there is little if any difference in whether a circuit is delivered via copper or fiber or any other medium as long as industry standards are maintained and the design limitations followed. The question of transport for a provider is usually a question of determining the most cost effective method to deliver the circuit/service for the provider. By notating "Copper" versus "Fiber", is the State of WV stipulating that a price for that medium is absolutely required? Copper delivery for a 45Mb circuit has severe distance limitations. Why are you not simply specifying 45 Meg F/R, or 45 Meg ATM and leaving the "transport medium" to the provider to determine?

The Fiber and Copper specification should be removed from the requirements and the Circuit types should read 45 Mb FR on both Mandatory Price Quote A & B along with 45 Mb ATM on Mandatory Price Quote B. When ordering the circuit the State of WV reserves the right to specify the handoff type for these circuits. Example would be if the circuit distance once brought into the facility can support a Copper based Industry Standard handoff then the State reserves the right to specify the handoff that best interfaces with its current CPE.

6. On the Mandatory Price Quote B- New Circuits - the following circuit types are listed.

| **45Mb ATM – Fiber | <u> </u> | WA** | |
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| **155Mb ATM - Fiber | ţ | N/A** | entransistent. |

Please clarify why "N/A" is denoted under column B2- Install Cost?

What does ** sub-note refer to? There appears to be no explanatory note.

The N/A** is a mistake and should be removed from the price sheet so the vendor could provide an install cost for these services.