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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



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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:

Denise K. Brown Administrative Services Manager West Virginia Division of Labor State Capitol Complex 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East Building 6, Room 749B Charleston, WV 25305

Telephone: (304) 558-7890, ext. 131

Facsimile: (304) 558-2452 Email: denise.k.brown@wv.gov

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 the adopted standards, International Plumbing Code, 2006 Edition, International Fuel Gas Code, 2006 Edition, and approved by the Commissioner of Labor (Commissioner).

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 April 1, 2009.

2.3 Scope of Services

2.3.1 Categories of Plumber Examinations

The Vendor must develop an item bank of unique forms of examination questions for the following categories: Master Plumber, Journeyman Plumber and Plumber-In-Training.

2.3.2 Content of Plumber Examinations

Pursuant to West Virginia Code §21-14-1, each applicant for a Plumber 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 Commissioner's approval:

Master Plumber - 100 questions

Journeyman Plumber - 80 questions

Plumber-In-Training - 20 questions

2.3.3 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.

2.3.4 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.

2.3.5 Passing Score

The minimum passing score for all examinations is 70%, as mandated by W. Va. Code R. § 42-32-7.3 (b)

2.3.6 Review of Examination Questions by the Board

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

2.3.7 Candidate Examination Guide Package

The Vendor must design and produce a candidate examination guide package acceptable to the Commissioner. 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.

2.3.8 Reference Manuals and Practice Examinations

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.

2.3.9 Legal Challenge to Examinations

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

2.3.10 Examination Administration

2.3.10.1 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.

2.3.10.2 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.

2.3.10.3 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, or email.

2.3.10.4 Registration for Examinations and Payment of Fees

All candidates 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, debit card or credit card, for the examination at the examination site, by mail, by telephone or over the internet. The unit price for the exam must include all fees, including taxes, related to the test administration except walk-in fees. The vendor cannot charge bank fees, expedited registration fees, late fees or same day scoring fees. The vendor may charge a walk-in fee. 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 Commissioner with a direct telephone number to all permanent testing sites. The Vendor must communicate

with the Commissioner immediately (i.e., within the hour) in the event that any telecommunication malfunctions occur.

2.3.10.5 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.

2.3.10.6 Reporting Examination Scores

The Vendor must provide photograph-bearing score reports to each candidate and upon request, to the Commissioner. 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.

2.3.10.7 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.

The Vendor must offer an "Examination Review" service to failed candidates at a cost to be paid by the candidate.

2.3.10.8 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 Commissioner. The Vendor must review individual candidate comments from the testing sessions and provide a summary of such responses to the Commissioner. The Vendor must respond to individual candidate correspondence within seven (7) days from receipt of correspondence from the candidate.

2.3.10.9 Reports to the Commissioner

The Vendor must provide monthly summary statistics score reports.

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PURCHASING AFFIDAVIT

VENDOR OWING A DEBT TO THE STATE:

West Virginia Code §5A-3-10a provides that: 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 owed is an amount greater than one thousand dollars in the aggregate.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS & DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE ACT:

If this is a solicitation for a public improvement construction contract, the vendor, by its signature below, affirms that it has a written plan for a drug-free workplace policy in compliance with Article 1D, Chapter 21 of the West Virginia Code. The vendor must make said affirmation with its bid submission. Further, public improvement construction contract may not be awarded to a vendor who does not have a written plan for a drug-free workplace policy in compliance with Article 1D, Chapter 21 of the West Virginia Code and who has not submitted that plan to the appropriate contracting authority in timely fashion. For a vendor who is a subcontractor, compliance with Section 5, Article 1D, Chapter 21 of the West Virginia Code may take place before their work on the public improvement is begun.

ANTITRUST:

In submitting a bid to any agency for the state of West Virginia, the bidder offers and agrees that if the bid is accepted the bidder will 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 the bidder.

I certify that this bid is made without prior understanding, agreement, or connection with any corporation, firm, limited liability company, partnership or person or entity submitting a bid for the same materials, supplies, equipment or services and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. I further certify that I am authorized to sign the certification on behalf of the bidder or this bid.

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. 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/ noticeConfidentiality.pdf.

Under penalty of law for false swearing (West Vir	irginia Code §61-5-3), it is hereby certified that the vendo
affirms and acknowledges the information in this aff	ffidavit and is in compliance with the requirements as stated.
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Vendor's Name:		
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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 Resident Vendor Preference, if applicable.

1.	ing the date of this certification; or , Bidder is a partnership, association or corporation re business continuously in West Virginia for four (4) y ownership interest of Bidder is held by another indiv maintained its headquarters or principal place of b preceding the date of this certification; or , Bidder is a population type of the preceding the date of this certification; or ,	ded continuously in West Virginia for four (4) years immediately preced- esident vendor and has maintained its headquarters or principal place of ears immediately preceding the date of this certification; or 80% of the ridual, partnership, association or corporation resident vendor who has business continuously in West Virginia for four (4) years immediately or subsidiary which employs a minimum of one hundred state residents cipal place of business within West Virginia continuously for the four (4) cation; or,
2.	Bidder is a resident vendor who certifies that, duri working on the project being bid are residents of We immediately preceding submission of this bid; or,	ng the life of the contract, on average at least 75% of the employees est Virginia who have resided in the state continuously for the two years
3.	affiliate or subsidiary which maintains its headqua minimum of one hundred state residents who certi employees or Bidder's affiliate's or subsidiary's en continuously for the two years immediately preced	num of one hundred state residents or is a nonresident vendor with an arters or principal place of business within West Virginia employing a fies that, during the life of the contract, on average at least 75% of the apployees are residents of West Virginia who have resided in the state ing submission of this bid; or,
4.	Application is made for 5% resident vendor pro Bidder meets either the requirement of both subdiv	eference for the reason checked: isions (1) and (2) or subdivision (1) and (3) as stated above; or ,
5.	Bidder is an individual resident vendor who is a veter and has resided in West Virginia continuously fo submitted; or,	preference who is a veteran for the reason checked: an of the United States armed forces, the reserves or the National Guard r the four years immediately preceding the date on which the bid is
6.	Bidder is a resident vendor who is a veteran of the purposes of producing or distributing the commoditi continuously over the entire term of the project, or residents of West Virginia who have resided in the	preference who is a veteran for the reason checked: United States armed forces, the reserves or the National Guard, if, for ies or completing the project which is the subject of the vendor's bid and a average at least seventy-five percent of the vendor's employees are state continuously for the two immediately preceding years.
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) reject the bid; 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.		
Under penalty of law for false swearing (West Virginia Code, §61-5-3), 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: Sig		Signed:
		Title:
*Check any combination of preference consideration(s) indicated above, which you are entitled to receive.		