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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. Prior to any award, the apparent successful vendor must be properly registered with the Purchasing Division and have paid the required \$125 fee.
- 4. 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.
- 5. Payment may only be made after the delivery and acceptance of goods or services.
- 6. Interest may be paid for late payment in accordance with the West Virginia Code.
- 7. Vendor preference will be granted upon written request in accordance with the West Virginia Code.
- 8. The State of West Virginia is exempt from federal and state taxes and will not pay or reimburse such taxes.
- 9. The Director of Purchasing may cancel any Purchase Order/Contract upon 30 days written notice to the seller.
- 10. The laws of the State of West Virginia and the Legislative Rules of the Purchasing Division shall govern the purchasing process.
- 11. Any reference to automatic renewal is hereby deleted. The Contract may be renewed only upon mutual written agreement of the parties.
- 12. BANKRUPTCY: In the event the vendor/contractor files for bankruptcy protection, the State may deem this contract null and void, and terminate such contract without further order.
- 13. HIPAA BUSINESS ASSOCIATE ADDENDUM: The West Virginia State Government HIPAA Business Associate Addendum (BAA), approved by the Attorney General, is available online at www.state.wv.us/admin/purchase/vrc/hipaa.htm and 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.
- 14. 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.
- 15. 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, and the West Virginia Insurance Commission. 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.
- 16. 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 material, 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.

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

- 1. Use the quotation forms provided by the Purchasing Division. Complete all sections of the quotation form.
- 2. 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. Unit prices shall prevail in case of discrepancy. All quotations are considered F.O.B. destination unless alternate shipping terms are clearly identified in the quotation.
- 4. 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
- 5. Communication during the solicitation, bid, evaluation or award periods, except through the Purchasing Division, is strictly prohibited (W.Va. C.S.R. §148-1-6.6).



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Education Efficiency Audit, GOV 20110 Addendum

1. Can you please provide the names of the eight (or more) referenced groups as well as contact information if available?

The names of the selected vendors will be released after the opening date of the EOI.

2. As the project is entitled an audit, does the state envision that the project will be completed according to Yellow Book standards?

No, the vendor that is selected to perform the audit will not be required to abide by Government Auditing Standards, often referred to as "Yellow Book standards".

3. As part of this project, does the state envision that the selected contractor will visit multiple school districts in order to gather data or will the work focus more on data that are already centralized?

It is expected that a comprehensive audit will include analysis of centralized data as well as on-site data collection.

4. Does the state have a budget in mind for this project?

We do not disclose budgeting information as it is not in the best interest of the State to do so.

5. What is the anticipated timeline of the project?

Our preference is for the audit to be completed by December 31st, 2010. All plans should have a timeline where the results of the audited are submitted to the West Virginia Office of the Governor no later than January 31st, 2011.

6. When are oral presentations expected to be held? Will these need to be in person?

Oral presentations are expected to be held in mid-October. Presentations may be in person in Charleston, WV or by video conference.

7. Is there an existing source for information regarding the historical record of all agencies involved (i.e. details of their creation, expansion over the years, etc.)?

An examination of statute, legislation, and state budget information will likely provide the best information about the history of the education agencies involved in the audit. Reports produced by the Performance Evaluation and Research Division of the West Virginia Legislative Auditor may also be a useful source of information.

8. Is there a preferred format for the proposal? If not, can we include information that we feel is pertinent to this audit other than what is identified as necessary in the evaluation criteria?

We do not have a preferred format for the proposal. Please feel free to include information that you believe illustrates the strength of your proposal and your firm.

9. Must the Request for Quotation forms be submitted in a separate envelope from the proposal?

All materials may be submitted in the same envelope.

10. Clarification to section 3.1

Education specific audit and evaluation experience will also be taken into consideration when evaluating vendors.

11. Clarifications to section 3.2

West Virginia Department of Education Program/Function Expenditure Codes should be used as a resource for the identification of ratios between different types of education spending.

Number 8 should be changed to read "Identify the cost benefit ratios of education programs in the state" and understood to encompass all relevant education agencies, not just the West Virginia Department of Education.

It is expected that the audit will be guided by a clear definition of the services we expect schools to provide.