



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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 304-558-2596**

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**PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES
 BUILDING 3, ROOM 330
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<p>AUDITING SERVICES FOR 17 PUBLIC DEFENDER CORPS</p> <p>REQUEST FOR QUOTATION (RFQ)</p> <p>THE WEST VIRGINIA STATE PURCHASING DIVISION FOR THE AGENCY, WEST VIRGINIA PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES, IS SOLICITING BIDS TO PROVIDE THE AGENCY WITH AUDITING SERVICES FOR THE FINANCIAL AND COMPLIANCE AUDIT OF SEVENTEEN (17) PUBLIC DEFENDER CORPORATIONS LOCATED THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA PER THE ATTACHED SPECIFICATIONS.</p> <p>TECHNICAL QUESTIONS CONCERNING THIS RFQ MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO KRISTA FERRELL IN THE WEST VIRGINIA STATE PURCHASING DIVISION VIA MAIL AT THE ADDRESS SHOWN IN THE BODY OF THIS RFQ, VIA FAX AT 304-558-4115, OR VIA EMAIL AT KRISTA.S.FERRELL@WV.GOV. VENDORS SHOULD LIST THE RFQ NUMBER ON ALL INQUIRIES. IF SUBMITTING INQUIRIES VIA EMAIL, PLEASE LIST THE RFQ NUMBER IN THE SUBJECT LINE OF THE EMAIL.</p> <p>DEADLINE FOR ALL TECHNICAL QUESTIONS IS 04/08/2011 AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS. ANY TECHNICAL QUESTIONS RECEIVED WILL BE ANSWERED BY FORMAL ADDENDUM TO BE ISSUED BY THE PURCHASING DIVISION AFTER THE DEADLINE HAS LAPSED.</p> <p>VERBAL COMMUNICATION: ANY VERBAL COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE VENDOR AND ANY STATE PERSONNEL IS NOT BINDING.</p>						

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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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<p>ONLY INFORMATION ISSUED IN WRITING AND ADDED TO THE RFQ SPECIFICATIONS BY AN FORMAL WRITTEN ADDENDUM IS BINDING.</p> <p>NO CONTACT BETWEEN THE VENDOR AND THE AGENCY IS PERMITTED WITHOUT THE EXPRESS WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE STATE BUYER. VIOLATION MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF THE BID. THE STATE BUYER NAMED ABOVE IS THE SOLE CONTACT FOR ANY ALL INQUIRIES AFTER THIS RFQ HAS BEEN RELEASED.</p> <p>EXHIBIT 10</p> <p>REQUISITION NO.:</p> <p>ADDENDUM ACKNOWLEDGEMENT</p> <p>I HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THE FOLLOWING CHECKED ADDENDUM(S) AND HAVE MADE THE NECESSARY REVISIONS TO MY PROPOSAL, PLANS AND/OR SPECIFICATION, ETC.</p> <p>ADDENDUM NO.'S:</p> <p>NO. 1</p> <p>NO. 2</p> <p>NO. 3</p> <p>NO. 4</p> <p>NO. 5</p> <p>I UNDERSTAND THAT FAILURE TO CONFIRM THE RECEIPT OF THE ADDENDUM(S) MAY BE CAUSE FOR REJECTION OF BIDS.</p>						

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<p>IN THIS CONTRACT DOCUMENT, THE TERMS, CONDITIONS AND PRICING SET HEREIN ARE FIRM FOR THE LIFE OF THE CONTRACT.</p> <p>RENEWAL: THIS CONTRACT MAY BE RENEWED UPON THE MUTUAL WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE SPENDING UNIT AND VENDOR, SUBMITTED TO THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASING THIRTY (30) DAYS PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION DATE. SUCH RENEWAL SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT AND SHALL BE LIMITED TO TWO (2) ONE (1) YEAR PERIODS.</p> <p>CANCELLATION: THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASING RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CANCEL THIS CONTRACT IMMEDIATELY UPON WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE VENDOR IF THE COMMODITIES AND/OR SERVICES SUPPLIED ARE OF AN INFERIOR QUALITY OR DO NOT CONFORM TO THE SPECIFICATIONS OF THE BID AND CONTRACT HEREIN.</p> <p>OPEN MARKET CLAUSE: THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASING MAY AUTHORIZE A SPENDING UNIT TO PURCHASE ON THE OPEN MARKET, WITHOUT THE FILING OF A REQUISITION OR COST ESTIMATE, ITEMS SPECIFIED ON THIS CONTRACT FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY IN EMERGENCIES DUE TO UNFORESEEN CAUSES (INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO DELAYS IN TRANSPORTATION OR AN UNANTICIPATED INCREASE IN THE VOLUME OF WORK.)</p> <p>BANKRUPTCY: IN THE EVENT THE VENDOR/CONTRACTOR FILES FOR BANKRUPTCY PROTECTION, THE STATE MAY DEEM THE CONTRACT NULL AND VOID, AND TERMINATE SUCH CONTRACT WITHOUT FURTHER ORDER.</p> <p>THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS CONTAINED IN THIS CONTRACT SHALL SUPERSEDE ANY AND ALL SUBSEQUENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS WHICH MAY APPEAR ON ANY ATTACHED PRINTED</p>						

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<p>DOCUMENTS SUCH AS PRICE LISTS, ORDER FORMS, SALES AGREEMENTS OR MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS, INCLUDING ANY ELECTRONIC MEDIUM SUCH AS CD-ROM.</p> <p>REV. 05/26/2009</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NOTICE</p> <p>A SIGNED BID MUST BE SUBMITTED TO:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION PURCHASING DIVISION BUILDING 15 2019 WASHINGTON STREET, EAST CHARLESTON, WV 25305-0130</p> <p>THE BID SHOULD CONTAIN THIS INFORMATION ON THE FACE OF THE ENVELOPE OR THE BID MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED:</p> <p>SEALED BID</p> <p>BUYER: KRISTA FERRELL-FILE 21</p> <p>RFQ. NO.: PDS201110</p> <p>BID OPENING DATE: 04/28/2011</p> <p>BID OPENING TIME: 1:30 PM</p> <p>PLEASE PROVIDE A FAX NUMBER IN CASE IT IS NECESSARY</p>						

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<p>TO CONTACT YOU REGARDING YOUR BID:</p> <p>-----</p> <p>CONTACT PERSON (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY):</p> <p>-----</p> <p>***** THIS IS THE END OF RFQ PDS201110 ***** TOTAL:</p>						

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Division of WV Public Defender Services

The Acquisition and Contract Administration Section of the Purchasing Division, on behalf of the Division of WV Public Defender Services, is soliciting quotations for a firm of certified public accountants to conduct a financial and compliance audit of each of the seventeen Public Defender corporations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011.

The Public Defender Corporations are component units which will be blended as a special revenue fund for the State of West Virginia in its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011. The West Virginia Public Defender Services serves as the over-sight agency responsible for the Public Defender Corporations. Draft financial statements must be submitted to the Financial Accounting and Reporting Section of the Department of Administration no later than September 8, 2011 and final audited financial statements must be issued no later than October 7, 2011.

The audits must be performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and with the Procedures Manual for Procuring Division of the State Auditor's Office. The successful bidder must be an independent accounting firm who can demonstrate that 50 percent of their auditing staff are duly licensed to practice as certified public accountants in the state of West Virginia and can demonstrate that the firm has experience in auditing other component units of the State of West Virginia's Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports as well as experience with the reporting requirements of 501 (c) (3) non-profit corporations.

According to State Code Section §29021-11, Public Defender Corporation may apply to the executive director of the WV Public Defender Services for state financial assistance. The amount of state funding for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011, for each Public Defender Corporation is currently contracted as follows:

1 st Judicial Circuit	Brook, Hancock, & Ohio	\$ 1,244,020
2 nd Judicial Circuit	Marshall, Tyler, & Wetzel	\$ 577,174
5 th Judicial Circuit	Calhoun, Jackson, Mason, & Roane	\$ 790,902
6 th & 24 th Judicial Circuit	Cabell & Wayne	\$ 1,919,055
7 th Judicial Circuit	Logan	\$ 690,333
8 th Judicial Circuit	McDowell	\$ 469,434
9 th Judicial Circuit	Mercer	\$ 1,036,292
10 th Judicial Circuit	Raleigh	\$ 1,135,974
11 th Judicial Circuit	Greenbrier & Pocahontas	\$ 665,145
12 th Judicial Circuit	Fayette	\$ 593,462
13 th Judicial Circuit	Kanawha	\$ 4,171,843
15 th Judicial Circuit	Harrison	\$ 1,210,253
18 th Judicial Circuit	Preston	\$ 479,094
23 rd Judicial Circuit	Berkeley, Jefferson, & Morgan	\$ 2,836,546
25 th Judicial Circuit	Boone & Lincoln	\$ 793,014
28 th Judicial Circuit	Nicholas	\$ 378,973
30 th Judicial Circuit	Mingo	\$ 606,944

Vendor Relationship:

The relationship of the Vendor to the State shall strictly be that of an independent contractor. The Vendor shall be exclusively responsible for the payment to his/her employees and contractors of all wages and salaries, taxes, withholding payments, penalties, fees, fringe benefits, professional liability insurance premiums, contributions to insurance and pension or other deferred compensation plans, and licensing fees, etc. and the filing of all necessary documents, forms, and returns pertinent to all of the foregoing.

Hold Harmless:

Vendor shall not bring, shall hold harmless, and shall provide the State and Agency with a defense against any and all claims that the State is held responsible for, including but not limited to the foregoing payments, withholdings, contributions, taxes, social security taxes and employer income tax returns.

Assignment/Subcontracting:

The Vendor shall not assign, convey, transfer, subcontract, or delegate any of its responsibilities and obligations under this contract to any person, corporation, partnership, association or entity without expressed written consent of the Agency.

Governing Law:

This contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of West Virginia. The Vendor further agrees to comply with the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and all other applicable Federal, State, and local Government regulations.

Record Retention & Confidentiality:

Vendor shall comply with all applicable Federal and State of West Virginia rules and regulations, and requirements governing the maintenance of documentation to verify any cost of services or commodities rendered under this contract by Vendor. The Vendor shall maintain such records minimum of five (5) years and make available all records to Agency personnel at Vendor's location during normal business hours upon written request by Agency.

Vendor shall have access to private and confidential data maintained by the Public Defender Corporations and the Agency to the extent required for the successful Vendor to carry out the duties and responsibilities defined in this contract. Vendor agrees to maintain confidentiality and security of the data made available and shall indemnify and hold harmless the State and Agency against any and all claims brought by any party attributed to actions of breach of confidentiality by the Vendor, subcontractors, or individuals permitted access by Vendor.

COST PROPOSAL:

Breakdown by Circuit:

Brooke, Hancock & Ohio	\$ _____
Marshall, Tyler & Wetzel	\$ _____
Calhoun, Jackson, Mason, & Roane	\$ _____
Cabell & Wayne	\$ _____
Logan	\$ _____
McDowell	\$ _____
Mercer	\$ _____
Raleigh	\$ _____
Greenbrier & Pocahontas	\$ _____
Fayette	\$ _____
Kanawha	\$ _____
Harrison	\$ _____
Preston	\$ _____
Berkley, Jefferson, & Morgan	\$ _____
Boone & Lincoln	\$ _____
Nicholas	\$ _____
Mingo	\$ _____

Total all-inclusive fee for all circuits..... \$ _____

The price(s) quoted in the bidder's proposal will not be subject to any increase and will be considered firm for the life of the contract.

Invoicing, Progress Payments, & Retainage:

The Vendor shall submit invoices, in arrears, to the Agency at the address of the face of the purchase order labeled "Invoice To" pursuant to the terms of the contract. Progress payments may be made at the option of the Agency on the basis of percentage of work completed if so defined in the final contract. Any provision for progress payments must also include language for a minimum 10% retainage until the final deliverable is accepted.

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. **Application is made for 2.5% resident vendor preference for the reason checked:**
 _____ Bidder is an individual resident vendor and has resided continuously in West Virginia for four (4) years immediately preceding the date of this certification; **or,**
 _____ Bidder is a partnership, association or corporation resident vendor and has maintained its headquarters or principal place of business continuously in West Virginia for four (4) years immediately preceding the date of this certification; or 80% of the ownership interest of Bidder is held by another individual, partnership, association or corporation resident vendor who has maintained its headquarters or principal place of business continuously in West Virginia for four (4) years immediately preceding the date of this certification; **or,**
 _____ Bidder is a nonresident vendor which has an affiliate or subsidiary which employs a minimum of one hundred state residents and which has maintained its headquarters or principal place of business within West Virginia continuously for the four (4) years immediately preceding the date of this certification; **or,**
- 2. **Application is made for 2.5% resident vendor preference for the reason checked:**
 _____ Bidder is a resident vendor who certifies that, during the life of the contract, on average at least 75% of the employees working on the project being bid are residents of West Virginia who have resided in the state continuously for the two years immediately preceding submission of this bid; **or,**
- 3. **Application is made for 2.5% resident vendor preference for the reason checked:**
 _____ Bidder is a nonresident vendor employing a minimum of one hundred state residents or is a nonresident vendor with an affiliate or subsidiary which maintains its headquarters or principal place of business within West Virginia employing a minimum of one hundred state residents who certifies that, during the life of the contract, on average at least 75% of the employees or Bidder's affiliate's or subsidiary's employees are residents of West Virginia who have resided in the state continuously for the two years immediately preceding submission of this bid; **or,**
- 4. **Application is made for 5% resident vendor preference for the reason checked:**
 _____ Bidder meets either the requirement of both subdivisions (1) and (2) or subdivision (1) and (3) as stated above; **or,**
- 5. **Application is made for 3.5% resident vendor preference who is a veteran for the reason checked:**
 _____ Bidder is an individual resident vendor who is a veteran of the United States armed forces, the reserves or the National Guard and has resided in West Virginia continuously for the four years immediately preceding the date on which the bid is submitted; **or,**
- 6. **Application is made for 3.5% resident vendor preference who is a veteran for the reason checked:**
 _____ Bidder is a resident vendor who is a veteran of the United States armed forces, the reserves or the National Guard, if, for purposes of producing or distributing the commodities or completing the project which is the subject of the vendor's bid and continuously over the entire term of the project, on average at least seventy-five percent of the vendor's employees are residents of West Virginia who have resided in the 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: _____ Signed: _____

Date: _____ Title: _____

*Check any combination of preference consideration(s) indicated above, which you are entitled to receive.

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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 owed 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.

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

WITNESS THE FOLLOWING SIGNATURE

Vendor's Name: _____

Authorized Signature: _____ Date: _____

State of _____

County of _____, to-wit:

Taken, subscribed, and sworn to before me this ____ day of _____, 20__.

My Commission expires _____, 20__.

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