



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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<p>OPEN END GROUNDS COMMODITIES CONTRACT</p> <p>REQUEST FOR QUOTATION (RFQ) OPEN END CONTRACT</p> <p>THE WEST VIRGINIA STATE PURCHASING DIVISION FOR THE AGENCY, THE WEST VIRGINIA DIVISION OF GENERAL SERVICES, IS SOLICITING BIDS FOR AN OPEN END CONTRACT TO PROVIDE THE AGENCY WITH PLANTS FOR THE GROUNDS SECTION OF THE WEST VIRGINIA DIVISION OF GENERAL SERVICES PER THE ATTACHED SPECIFICATIONS.</p> <p>TECHNICAL QUESTIONS CONCERNING THIS SOLICITATION 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 ARE ASKED TO INCLUDE THE RFQ NUMBER ON ALL INQUIRIES. IF EMAIL, PLEASE INCLUDE RFQ NUMBER ON THE SUBJECT LINE.</p> <p>DEADLINE FOR ALL TECHNICAL QUESTIONS IS 09/14/2011 AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS (5:00 PM EST).</p> <p>ANY TECHNICAL QUESTIONS RECEIVED WILL BE ANSWERED BY FORMAL ADDENDUM TO BE ISSUED BY THE PURCHASING DIVISION AFTER THE DEADLINE HAS LAPSED.</p> <p>NO CONTACT BETWEEN THE VENDOR AND THE AGENCY IS</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>INFORMATION ISSUED IN WRITING AND ADDED TO THE SPECIFICATIONS BY AN OFFICIAL ADDENDUM IS BINDING.</p> <p>..... SIGNATURE COMPANY DATE</p> <p>NOTE: THIS ADDENDUM ACKNOWLEDGEMENT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED WITH THE BID.</p> <p>REV. 09/21/2009</p> <p>THE MODEL/BRAND/SPECIFICATIONS NAMED HEREIN ESTABLISH THE ACCEPTABLE LEVEL OF QUALITY ONLY AND ARE NOT INTENDED TO REFLECT A PREFERENCE OR FAVOR ANY PARTICULAR BRAND OR VENDOR. VENDORS WHO ARE BIDDING ALTERNATES SHOULD SO STATE AND INCLUDE PERTINENT LITERATURE AND SPECIFICATIONS. FAILURE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION FOR ANY ALTERNATES MAY BE GROUNDS FOR REJECTION OF THE BID. THE STATE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO WAIVE MINOR IRREGULARITIES IN BIDS OR SPECIFICATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 148-1-4(F) OF THE WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATIVE RULES AND REGULATIONS.</p> <p>EXHIBIT 3</p> <p>LIFE OF CONTRACT: THIS CONTRACT BECOMES EFFECTIVE ON AWARD AND EXTENDS FOR A PERIOD OF ONE (1) YEAR OR UNTIL SUCH "REASONABLE TIME" THEREAFTER AS IS</p>						

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<p>NECESSARY TO OBTAIN A NEW CONTRACT OR RENEW THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT. THE "REASONABLE TIME" PERIOD SHALL NOT EXCEED TWELVE (12) MONTHS. DURING THIS "REASONABLE TIME" THE VENDOR MAY TERMINATE THIS CONTRACT FOR ANY REASON UPON GIVING THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASING 30 DAYS WRITTEN NOTICE.</p> <p>UNLESS SPECIFIC PROVISIONS ARE STIPULATED ELSEWHERE 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>QUANTITIES: QUANTITIES LISTED IN THE REQUISITION ARE</p>						

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<p>APPROXIMATIONS ONLY, BASED ON ESTIMATES SUPPLIED BY THE STATE SPENDING UNIT. IT IS UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED THAT THE CONTRACT SHALL COVER THE QUANTITIES ACTUALLY ORDERED FOR DELIVERY DURING THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT, WHETHER MORE OR LESS THAN THE QUANTITIES SHOWN.</p> <p>ORDERING PROCEDURE: SPENDING UNIT(S) SHALL ISSUE A WRITTEN STATE CONTRACT ORDER (FORM NUMBER WV-39) TO THE VENDOR FOR COMMODITIES COVERED BY THIS CONTRACT. THE ORIGINAL COPY OF THE WV-39 SHALL BE MAILED TO THE VENDOR AS AUTHORIZATION FOR SHIPMENT, A SECOND COPY MAILED TO THE PURCHASING DIVISION, AND A THIRD COPY RETAINED BY THE SPENDING UNIT.</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 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>EXHIBIT 4</p> <p>LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODIES: UNLESS THE VENDOR INDICATES IN THE BID HIS REFUSAL TO EXTEND THE PRICES, TERMS, AND CONDITIONS OF THE BID TO COUNTY, SCHOOL, MUNICIPAL AND OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODIES, THE BID SHALL EXTEND TO POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA. IF THE VENDOR DOES NOT WISH TO EXTEND THE</p>						

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<p>PRICES, TERMS, AND CONDITIONS OF THE BID TO ALL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THE STATE, THE VENDOR MUST CLEARLY INDICATE SUCH REFUSAL IN HIS BID. SUCH REFUSAL SHALL NOT PREJUDICE THE AWARD OF THIS CONTRACT IN ANY MANNER.</p> <p>REV. 3/88</p> <p>PURCHASING CARD ACCEPTANCE: THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA CURRENTLY UTILIZES A VISA PURCHASING CARD PROGRAM WHICH IS ISSUED THROUGH A BANK. THE SUCCESSFUL VENDOR MUST ACCEPT THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA VISA PURCHASING CARD FOR PAYMENT OF ALL ORDERS PLACED BY ANY STATE AGENCY AS A CONDITION OF AWARD.</p> <p>NOTICE</p> <p>A SIGNED BID MUST BE SUBMITTED TO:</p> <p>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>						

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PLEASE PROVIDE A FAX NUMBER IN CASE IT IS NECESSARY TO CONTACT YOU REGARDING YOUR BID:						

CONTACT PERSON (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY):						

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For: State of West Virginia
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1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East
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All inquiries for specification clarification shall be addressed to:

Krista Ferrell, Buyer Supervisor
Purchasing Division
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Krista.S.Ferrell@wv.gov

The Acquisition and Contract Administration Section of the Purchasing Division "State" for the West Virginia General Services Division is soliciting quotations to establish an open end contract (or contracts) to routinely provide plants goods (annuals, perennials, shrubs and trees) used by the General Services Division's Grounds Section, mainly on the State Capitol Complex in Charleston, West Virginia. This document is intended to supplement information provided in the standard "Request for Quotations" and "General Terms and Conditions" issued by the Purchasing Division for this project. Vendors should carefully review all documents. A pre-bid meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 16th, 2011 at 10 a.m. Contractors and Vendors attending the meeting shall meet in Room MB-60 in the basement of the Capitol Building.

1.0 DEFINITIONS

- A. The "Agency" shall be defined as the Department of Administration, General Services Division.
- B. The "Vendor" shall be defined as the successful bidder.
- C. The "Contract" shall be defined as the binding agreement that is entered into between the State of West Virginia and the Vendor to provide the services as herein specified.
- D. "Release Order" shall be defined as order placed against the Contract by the Agency.
- E. "Agency Representative" shall be defined as that person so designated by the Director of the Division of General Services.

F. **Mandatory Requirements:** The terms “must”, “will”, “shall”, “minimum”, “maximum”, or “is/are required” identify a mandatory item or factor. Decisions regarding compliance with any mandatory requirements shall be at the sole discretion of the State.

2.0 SCOPE OF WORK

2.1 The Vendor shall provide plant goods to all Agency owned and operated buildings. General Services Division buildings are located predominantly in Charleston, WV; however, the Vendor or Vendors shall provide plant goods for Agency owned buildings throughout the State of West Virginia. The Agency currently has facilities in the West Virginia cities of Charleston, Beckley, Parkersburg, Williamson, Weirton and Huntington, and may add facilities in other areas of West Virginia during the life of the contract.

2.2 Required Products/Services

2.2.1 The successful Vendor shall provide plant product within the specified container sizes for the line item that they are awarded. In addition, the successful Vendor shall provide the plant products with the quality specifications listed below:

Trees and Shrubs

5'-7' Ball and Burlap Trees: Trunk size shall be a minimum of 2" in diameter.

3 gallon Hydrangea: Overall plant diameter shall have 15" minimum width.

3 gallon Butterfly Bush, Viburnum, Azalea and Roses: Overall plant diameter shall have 18" minimum width.

3 gallon Rhododendron: Shall be 24" minimum height.

5 gallon Rhododendron: Shall be 31" minimum height.

3 gallon Holly, Junipers, Yews and Boxwood Shrubs: Overall plant diameter shall have 18" minimum width.

5 gallon Holly: Shall be a minimum of 3' in height.

5 gallon Juniper: Shall be a minimum of 4' in height.

5 gallon Boxwood: Overall plant diameter shall have 24" minimum width.

7 gallon Juniper: Shall be a minimum of 6' in height and shall have a minimum 2" diameter trunk.

7 gallon Boxwood: Shall be a minimum of 3' in height and shall have a minimum 2" diameter trunk.

7 gallon Holly: Shall be a minimum of 5' in height and shall have a minimum 2" diameter trunk.

Assorted Ground Cover: Vinca Minor, English Ivy, Pachysandra and Liriope.

Assorted Accent Plant: Caladium, Spilanthes (peek-a-boo plant), Colocasia (elephant ears, coffee cups), Cleome, Cordyline (ruby, jade, bloodstone), Coleus, Fountain Grasses, Pennisetum Grasses and Mexican Feather Grass.

2.3 Freight

2.3.1 All orders from this Contract totaling \$500 or more shall be delivered FOB: destination. The Agency may be charged a delivery fee, as agreed upon herein, for orders from the Contract totaling less than \$500 unless the product is picked up by an Agency Representative.

2.4 Delivery

2.4.1 Vendor shall deliver plant goods to the assigned location within three (3) days of the Agency issued release order. The Agency must be notified in writing if orders are delayed for any reason. Vendor shall carry an adequate stock to insure such delivery service for the duration of the Contract.

2.4.2 Arrangements for delivery of plant goods must be coordinated with the Agency prior to shipping. Contact Bill Shanklin at 304-957-7151 or 304-205-2723 to arrange delivery.

2.4.3 The Vendor shall provide plant types to all Agency locations and shall deliver the plant goods on site.

2.5 Quality Assurance

2.5.1 Vendor shall remove any product on this Contract that has been delivered by the Vendor, received by the Agency and determined unsatisfactory, at no cost to the Agency.

2.5.2 Verification of product quality is the responsibility of the vendor.

The Vendor shall not substitute nor sell any other product from that awarded herein without a formal change order approved by the Purchasing Division.

2.5.3 The Vendor shall provide a 6 month warranty on all trees and shrubs.

2.5.4 The Agency shall reserve to right to select product prior to delivery.

3.0 ORDERING AND INVOICING

3.1 Release Orders

3.1.1 For all orders, the Agency will issue to the Vendor a WV-39 Release Order for purchases of plant goods under this Contract.

3.1.2 Agency will generate release orders to initiate plant good order. These release orders will be generated from the Agency's computerized maintenance management system. This release order shall have a unique number and reference the master contract number. The release order shall indicate the quantity of product for which the release is issued. Issuance of the release order to the Vendor shall be considered authorization to deliver product(s). No product(s), other than that specified on the individual release order shall be delivered by the Vendor. Vendor must be willing to accept release orders via fax or email and provide the Agency with the valid e-mail addresses and fax numbers to which release orders may be communicated.

3.2 Invoicing

3.2.1 Invoices shall be submitted to the Agency for payment (in arrears) and must include the following information:

3.2.1.1 Copies of all BOL's signed and dated by the Agency Representative (prior to their submittal with invoices for payment).

3.2.1.2 FEIN number, complete address of Vendor, release order number, and master contract number.

3.2.2 Invoices shall be mailed to the following address:

Department of Administration
General Services Division
State Capitol Complex
Building 1, Room MB-68
1900 Kanawha Blvd. E.
Charleston, West Virginia 25305

3.2.3 Should the Vendor be requested by the Agency or volunteer to submit invoices electronically, invoices must meet the digital requirements of the WV State Auditor's Office.

4.0 AWARD

4.1 The State may make multiple awards, under this contract to ensure coverage that is deemed to be in the best interest of the State. Vendors may bid on any one or combination of plant types. The quantities provided on Attachment A: Bid Form are for bid evaluation purposes only.

4.2 The Agency may order more or less of any plant type listed during the life of this contract. It is understood and agreed that the Contract shall cover the quantities actually ordered for delivery during the term of this Contract, whether more or less than the quantities shown.

4.3 The Vendor shall provide plant items listed at the cost on the Attachment A: Bid Form during the life of the contract. There will be no additional, allowable charges for service fees, travel or related costs. Vendors are required to include any and all extraneous fees, such as fuel surcharges, etc., as part of the bid cost. All orders from this Contract totaling \$500 or more shall be delivered FOB: destination. The Agency may be charged a delivery fee, as agreed upon herein, for orders from the Contract totaling less than \$500 unless the product is picked up by an Agency Representative.

4.4 Cost

The successful Vendor shall provide the plant product at the price listed herein for the life of the contract. The successful Vendor shall be responsible for all mileage and travel costs, including travel time, associated with the performance of this contract.

5.0 ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

5.1 The relationship of the Vendor to the Agency shall be that of an independent contractor and no principal-agent relationship or employer-employee relationship is contemplated or created by the parties to this Contract. The Vendor as an independent contractor is solely liable for the acts and omissions of its employees and agents. The Vendor shall be responsible for selecting, supervising, and compensating any and all individuals employed pursuant to the terms of this contract. Neither the Vendor nor any employees or sub-contractors of the Contractor shall be deemed to be employees for the State for any purposes whatsoever. The wages and salaries, taxes, withholding payments, penalties, fees, fringe benefits, professional liability insurance premiums, contributions to insurance and pension or other deferred obligations, and licensing fees, etc., and the filing of all necessary documents, forms and returns pertinent to all of the foregoing are the Vendor's responsibility. The Vendor shall hold harmless the State, and must provide the State and Agency with a defense against any and all claims including but not limited to the foregoing payments, withholdings, contributions, taxes, social security taxes and employer income tax returns. The Vendor shall not assign, convey, transfer, sub-contract, 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.

5.2 Indemnification: The Vendor agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the State and the Agency, their officers, and employees from and against (1) Any claims or losses for services rendered by any subcontractor, person or firm performing or supplying services, materials, or supplies in connection with the performance of the Contract; (2) Any claims or losses resulting to any person or entity injured or damaged by the Vendor, its officers,

employees, or subcontractors by the publication, translation, reproduction, delivery, performance, use, or disposition of any data used under the Contract in a manner not authorized by the Contract, or by Federal or State statutes or regulations; (3) Any failure of the Vendor, its officers, employees or sub-contractors to observe State and Federal laws, including but not limited to labor and wage laws.

5.3 This contract will 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.

5.4 The Vendor shall procure all necessary permits and licenses to comply with all applicable laws, Federal, State, or municipal, along with all regulations, and ordinances of any regulating body.

5.5 The Vendor shall pay any applicable sales, use, or personal property taxes arising out of this contract and the transactions contemplated thereby. Any other taxes levied upon this Contract, the transaction, or the equipment, or services delivered pursuant hereto shall be borne by the Vendor. It is clearly understood that the State of West Virginia is exempt from any taxes regarding performance of the scope of work of this Contract.

5.6 The Vendor shall, upon any service visit to any location, acquire the signature of the Agency representative designated to sign for such delivery. No charge for any delivery to any location at any time will be verified without that signature. No payment will be made for any delivery which is not verified. Upon award of contract, Agency will provide vendor with exact locations and addresses for all deliveries and the names of the Agency representatives for said locations. The Vendor shall be expected to coordinate delivery schedule with Agency to insure signature verification is available.

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. 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__.

AFFIX SEAL HERE

NOTARY PUBLIC _____