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 Purchasing Division
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Solicitation

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BID OPENING DATE: 04/30/2014 BID OPENING TIME 1:30PM

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
 West Virginia Division of Natural Resources
 DNR214067
 “Wonderful West Virginia Magazine”
 Editorial, Layout and Design Services
 Open End Contract

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SECTION ONE: GENERAL INFORMATION

- 1. Purpose: The West Virginia Department of Administration, Purchasing Division (hereinafter referred to as the “Purchasing Division”) is soliciting proposals pursuant to **West Virginia Code §5A-3-10b** for the Department of Commerce, Division of Natural Resources, (hereinafter referred to as the “Agency”) to provide editorial, layout and design services for “Wonderful West Virginia” magazine.
- 2. By signing and submitting its proposal, the successful Vendor agrees to be bound by all the terms contained in this Request for Proposal (“RFP”).

An RFP is generally used for the procurement of services in situations where price is not the sole determining factor and the award will be based on a combination of cost and technical factors (Best Value). Through its proposal, the bidder offers a solution to the objectives, problem, or need specified in the RFP, and defines how it intends to meet (or exceed) the RFP requirements.

- 3. Schedule of Events:

Vendor’s Written Questions Submission Deadline	04/14/2014
Mandatory Pre-bid Conference	N/A
Addendum Issued.....	To Be Determined
Bid Opening Date.....	04/30/2014
Oral Presentation (<i>Agency Option</i>)	To Be Determined

SECTION TWO: INSTRUCTIONS TO VENDORS SUBMITTING BIDS

Instructions begin on next page.

All Vendors should arrive prior to the starting time for the pre-bid. Vendors who arrive after the starting time but prior to the end of the pre-bid will be permitted to sign in, but are charged with knowing all matters discussed at the pre-bid.

Questions submitted at least five business days prior to a scheduled pre-bid will be discussed at the pre-bid meeting if possible. Any discussions or answers to questions at the pre-bid meeting are preliminary in nature and are non-binding. Official and binding answers to questions will be published in a written addendum to the Solicitation prior to bid opening.

4. **VENDOR QUESTION DEADLINE:** Vendors may submit questions relating to this Solicitation to the Purchasing Division. Questions must be submitted in writing. All questions must be submitted on or before the date listed below and to the address listed below in order to be considered. A written response will be published in a Solicitation addendum if a response is possible and appropriate. Non-written discussions, conversations, or questions and answers regarding this Solicitation are preliminary in nature and are non-binding.

Question Submission Deadline: April 14, 2014 at 5:00pm EST

Submit Questions to: Dean Wingerd

2019 Washington Street, East

Charleston, WV 25305

Fax: 304-558-4115

Email: Dean.C.Wingerd@wv.gov

5. **VERBAL COMMUNICATION:** Any verbal communication between the Vendor and any State personnel is not binding, including that made at the mandatory pre-bid conference. Only information issued in writing and added to the Solicitation by an official written addendum by the Purchasing Division is binding.
6. **BID SUBMISSION:** All bids must be signed and delivered by the Vendor to the Purchasing Division at the address listed below on or before the date and time of the bid opening. Any bid received by the Purchasing Division staff is considered to be in the possession of the Purchasing Division and will not be returned for any reason. The Purchasing Division will not accept bids, modification of bids, or addendum acknowledgment forms via e-mail. Acceptable delivery methods include hand delivery, delivery by courier, or facsimile. The bid delivery address is:

Department of Administration, Purchasing Division

2019 Washington Street East

Charleston, WV 25305-0130

The bid should contain the information listed below on the face of the envelope or the bid may not be considered:

SEALED BID

BUYER: _____

SOLICITATION NO.: _____

BID OPENING DATE: _____

BID OPENING TIME: _____

FAX NUMBER: _____

In the event that Vendor is responding to a request for proposal, the Vendor shall submit one original technical and one original cost proposal plus 3 convenience copies of each to the Purchasing Division at the address shown above. Additionally, the Vendor should identify the bid type as either a technical or cost proposal on the face of each bid envelope submitted in response to a request for proposal as follows:

BID TYPE: Technical
 Cost

7. **BID OPENING:** Bids submitted in response to this Solicitation will be opened at the location identified below on the date and time listed below. Delivery of a bid after the bid opening date and time will result in bid disqualification. For purposes of this Solicitation, a bid is considered delivered when time stamped by the official Purchasing Division time clock.

Bid Opening Date and Time: April 30, 2014 at 1:30pm

Bid Opening Location: Department of Administration, Purchasing Division
 2019 Washington Street East
 Charleston, WV 25305-0130

8. **ADDENDUM ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:** Changes or revisions to this Solicitation will be made by an official written addendum issued by the Purchasing Division. Vendor should acknowledge receipt of all addenda issued with this Solicitation by completing an Addendum Acknowledgment Form, a copy of which is included herewith. Failure to acknowledge addenda may result in bid disqualification. The addendum acknowledgement should be submitted with the bid to expedite document processing.
9. **BID FORMATTING:** Vendor should type or electronically enter the information onto its bid to prevent errors in the evaluation. Failure to type or electronically enter the information may result in bid disqualification.

SECTION THREE: GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Terms and conditions begin on next page.

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

1. **CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT:** Issuance of a Purchase Order signed by the Purchasing Division Director, or his designee, and approved as to form by the Attorney General's office constitutes acceptance of this Contract made by and between the State of West Virginia and the Vendor. Vendor's signature on its bid signifies Vendor's agreement to be bound by and accept the terms and conditions contained in this Contract.

2. **DEFINITIONS:** As used in this Solicitation/Contract, the following terms shall have the meanings attributed to them below. Additional definitions may be found in the specifications included with this Solicitation/Contract.
 - 2.1 **"Agency" or "Agencies"** means the agency, board, commission, or other entity of the State of West Virginia that is identified on the first page of the Solicitation or any other public entity seeking to procure goods or services under this Contract.

 - 2.2 **"Contract"** means the binding agreement that is entered into between the State and the Vendor to provide the goods and services requested in the Solicitation.

 - 2.3 **"Director"** means the Director of the West Virginia Department of Administration, Purchasing Division.

 - 2.4 **"Purchasing Division"** means the West Virginia Department of Administration, Purchasing Division.

 - 2.5 **"Purchase Order"** means the document signed by the Agency and the Purchasing Division, and approved as to form by the Attorney General, that identifies the Vendor as the successful bidder and Contract holder.

 - 2.6 **"Solicitation"** means the official solicitation published by the Purchasing Division and identified by number on the first page thereof.

 - 2.7 **"State"** means the State of West Virginia and/or any of its agencies, commissions, boards, etc. as context requires.

 - 2.8 **"Vendor" or "Vendors"** means any entity submitting a bid in response to the Solicitation, the entity that has been selected as the lowest responsible bidder, or the entity that has been awarded the Contract as context requires.

3. **CONTRACT TERM; RENEWAL; EXTENSION:** The term of this Contract shall be determined in accordance with the category that has been identified as applicable to this Contract below:



Term Contract

Initial Contract Term: This Contract becomes effective on 08/01/2014

and extends for a period of One (1) year(s).

Renewal Term: This Contract may be renewed upon the mutual written consent of the Agency, and the Vendor, with approval of the Purchasing Division and the Attorney General’s office (Attorney General approval is as to form only). Any request for renewal must be submitted to the Purchasing Division Director thirty (30) days prior to the expiration date of the initial contract term or appropriate renewal term. A Contract renewal shall be in accordance with the terms and conditions of the original contract. Renewal of this Contract is limited to Two (2) successive one (1) year periods. Automatic renewal of this Contract is prohibited. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Purchasing Division approval is not required on agency delegated or exempt purchases. Attorney General approval may be required for vendor terms and conditions.

Reasonable Time Extension: At the sole discretion of the Purchasing Division Director, and with approval from the Attorney General’s office (Attorney General approval is as to form only), this Contract may be extended for a reasonable time after the initial Contract term or after any renewal term as may be necessary to obtain a new contract or renew this Contract. Any reasonable time extension shall not exceed twelve (12) months. Vendor may avoid a reasonable time extension by providing the Purchasing Division Director with written notice of Vendor’s desire to terminate this Contract 30 days prior to the expiration of the then current term. During any reasonable time extension period, the Vendor may terminate this Contract for any reason upon giving the Purchasing Division Director 30 days written notice. Automatic extension of this Contract is prohibited. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Purchasing Division approval is not required on agency delegated or exempt purchases, but Attorney General approval may be required.

Release Order Limitations: In the event that this contract permits release orders, a release order may only be issued during the time this Contract is in effect. Any release order issued within one year of the expiration of this Contract shall be effective for one year from the date the release order is issued. No release order may be extended beyond one year after this Contract has expired.



Fixed Period Contract: This Contract becomes effective upon Vendor’s receipt of the notice to proceed and must be completed within days.

One Time Purchase: The term of this Contract shall run from the issuance of the Purchase Order until all of the goods contracted for have been delivered, but in no event shall this Contract extend for more than one fiscal year.

Other: See attached.

4. **NOTICE TO PROCEED:** Vendor shall begin performance of this Contract immediately upon receiving notice to proceed unless otherwise instructed by the Agency. Unless otherwise specified, the fully executed Purchase Order will be considered notice to proceed
5. **QUANTITIES:** The quantities required under this Contract shall be determined in accordance with the category that has been identified as applicable to this Contract below.
- Open End Contract:** Quantities listed in this Solicitation are approximations only, based on estimates supplied by the Agency. 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.
- Service:** The scope of the service to be provided will be more clearly defined in the specifications included herewith.
- Combined Service and Goods:** The scope of the service and deliverable goods to be provided will be more clearly defined in the specifications included herewith.
- One Time Purchase:** This Contract is for the purchase of a set quantity of goods that are identified in the specifications included herewith. Once those items have been delivered, no additional goods may be procured under this Contract without an appropriate change order approved by the Vendor, Agency, Purchasing Division, and Attorney General's office.
6. **PRICING:** The pricing set forth herein is firm for the life of the Contract, unless specified elsewhere within this Solicitation/Contract by the State. A Vendor's inclusion of price adjustment provisions in its bid, without an express authorization from the State in the Solicitation to do so, may result in bid disqualification.
7. **EMERGENCY PURCHASES:** The Purchasing Division Director may authorize the Agency to purchase goods or services in the open market that Vendor would otherwise provide under this Contract if those goods or services are for immediate or expedited delivery in an emergency. Emergencies shall include, but are not limited to, delays in transportation or an unanticipated increase in the volume of work. An emergency purchase in the open market, approved by the Purchasing Division Director, shall not constitute of breach of this Contract and shall not entitle the Vendor to any form of compensation or damages. This provision does not excuse the State from fulfilling its obligations under a One Time Purchase contract.
8. **REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:** All of the items checked below must be provided to the Purchasing Division by the Vendor as specified below.

BID BOND: All Vendors shall furnish a bid bond in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total amount of the bid protecting the State of West Virginia. The bid bond must be submitted with the bid.

PERFORMANCE BOND: The apparent successful Vendor shall provide a performance bond in the amount of . The performance bond must be issued and received by the Purchasing Division prior to Contract award. On construction contracts, the performance bond must be 100% of the Contract value.

LABOR/MATERIAL PAYMENT BOND: The apparent successful Vendor shall provide a labor/material payment bond in the amount of 100% of the Contract value. The labor/material payment bond must be issued and delivered to the Purchasing Division prior to Contract award.

In lieu of the Bid Bond, Performance Bond, and Labor/Material Payment Bond, the Vendor may provide certified checks, cashier's checks, or irrevocable letters of credit. Any certified check, cashier's check, or irrevocable letter of credit provided in lieu of a bond must be of the same amount and delivered on the same schedule as the bond it replaces. A letter of credit submitted in lieu of a performance and labor/material payment bond will only be allowed for projects under \$100,000. Personal or business checks are not acceptable.

MAINTENANCE BOND: The apparent successful Vendor shall provide a two (2) year maintenance bond covering the roofing system. The maintenance bond must be issued and delivered to the Purchasing Division prior to Contract award.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE: The apparent successful Vendor shall have appropriate workers' compensation insurance and shall provide proof thereof upon request.

INSURANCE: The apparent successful Vendor shall furnish proof of the following insurance prior to Contract award and shall list the state as a certificate holder:

Commercial General Liability Insurance:
or more.

Builders Risk Insurance: builders risk – all risk insurance in an amount equal to 100% of the amount of the Contract.

The apparent successful Vendor shall also furnish proof of any additional insurance requirements contained in the specifications prior to Contract award regardless of whether or not that insurance requirement is listed above.

LICENSE(S) / CERTIFICATIONS / PERMITS: In addition to anything required under the Section entitled Licensing, of the General Terms and Conditions, the apparent successful Vendor shall furnish proof of the following licenses, certifications, and/or permits prior to Contract award, in a form acceptable to the Purchasing Division.

The apparent successful Vendor shall also furnish proof of any additional licenses or certifications contained in the specifications prior to Contract award regardless of whether or not that requirement is listed above.

9. **LITIGATION BOND:** The Director reserves the right to require any Vendor that files a protest of an award to submit a litigation bond in the amount equal to one percent of the lowest bid submitted or \$5,000, whichever is greater. The entire amount of the bond shall be forfeited if the hearing officer determines that the protest was filed for frivolous or improper purpose, including but not limited to, the purpose of harassing, causing unnecessary delay, or needless expense for the Agency. All litigation bonds shall be made payable to the Purchasing Division. In lieu of a bond, the protester may submit a cashier's check or certified check payable to the Purchasing Division. Cashier's or certified checks will be deposited with and held by the State Treasurer's office. If it is determined that the protest has not been filed for frivolous or improper purpose, the bond or deposit shall be returned in its entirety.
10. **ALTERNATES:** Any model, brand, or specification listed herein establishes the acceptable level of quality only and is not intended to reflect a preference for, or in any way favor, a particular brand or vendor. Vendors may bid alternates to a listed model or brand provided that the alternate is at least equal to the model or brand and complies with the required specifications. The equality of any alternate being bid shall be determined by the State at its sole discretion. Any Vendor bidding an alternate model or brand should clearly identify the alternate items in its bid and should include manufacturer's specifications, industry literature, and/or any other relevant documentation demonstrating the equality of the alternate items. Failure to provide information for alternate items may be grounds for rejection of a Vendor's bid.
11. **EXCEPTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS:** The Solicitation contains the specifications that shall form the basis of a contractual agreement. Vendor shall clearly mark any exceptions, clarifications, or

other proposed modifications in its bid. Exceptions to, clarifications of, or modifications of a requirement or term and condition of the Solicitation may result in bid disqualification.

- 12. LIQUIDATED DAMAGES:** Vendor shall pay liquidated damages in the amount
\$100.00 per day for failure to provide deliverable.

This clause shall in no way be considered exclusive and shall not limit the State or Agency's right to pursue any other available remedy.

- 13. ACCEPTANCE/REJECTION:** The State may accept or reject any bid in whole, or in part. Vendor's signature on its bid signifies acceptance of the terms and conditions contained in the Solicitation and Vendor agrees to be bound by the terms of the Contract, as reflected in the Purchase Order, upon receipt.

- 14. REGISTRATION:** Prior to Contract award, the apparent successful Vendor must be properly registered with the West Virginia Purchasing Division and must have paid the \$125 fee if applicable.

- 15. COMMUNICATION LIMITATIONS:** In accordance with West Virginia Code of State Rules §148-1-6.6, communication with the State of West Virginia or any of its employees regarding this Solicitation during the solicitation, bid, evaluation or award periods, except through the Purchasing Division, is strictly prohibited without prior Purchasing Division approval. Purchasing Division approval for such communication is implied for all agency delegated and exempt purchases.

- 16. FUNDING:** This Contract shall continue for the term stated herein, contingent upon funds being appropriated by the Legislature or otherwise being made available. In the event funds are not appropriated or otherwise made available, this Contract becomes void and of no effect beginning on July 1 of the fiscal year for which funding has not been appropriated or otherwise made available.

- 17. PAYMENT:** Payment in advance is prohibited under this Contract. Payment may only be made after the delivery and acceptance of goods or services. The Vendor shall submit invoices, in arrears, to the Agency at the address on the face of the purchase order labeled "Invoice To."

- 18. UNIT PRICE:** Unit prices shall prevail in cases of a discrepancy in the Vendor's bid.

- 19. DELIVERY:** All quotations are considered freight on board destination ("F.O.B. destination") unless alternate shipping terms are clearly identified in the bid. Vendor's listing of shipping terms that contradict the shipping terms expressly required by this Solicitation may result in bid disqualification.

- 20. INTEREST:** Interest attributable to late payment will only be permitted if authorized by the West Virginia Code. Presently, there is no provision in the law for interest on late payments.

- 21. PREFERENCE:** Vendor Preference may only be granted upon written request and only in accordance with the West Virginia Code § 5A-3-37 and the West Virginia Code of State Rules. A Resident Vendor Certification form has been attached hereto to allow Vendor to apply for the preference. Vendor's

failure to submit the Resident Vendor Certification form with its bid will result in denial of Vendor Preference. Vendor Preference does not apply to construction projects.

- 22. SMALL, WOMEN-OWNED, OR MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESSES:** For any solicitations publicly advertised for bid on or after July 1, 2012, in accordance with West Virginia Code §5A-3-37(a)(7) and W. Va. CSR § 148-22-9, any non-resident vendor certified as a small, women-owned, or minority-owned business under W. Va. CSR § 148-22-9 shall be provided the same preference made available to any resident vendor. Any non-resident small, women-owned, or minority-owned business must identify itself as such in writing, must submit that writing to the Purchasing Division with its bid, and must be properly certified under W. Va. CSR § 148-22-9 prior to submission of its bid to receive the preferences made available to resident vendors. Preference for a non-resident small, women-owned, or minority-owned business shall be applied in accordance with W. Va. CSR § 148-22-9.
- 23. TAXES:** The Vendor shall pay any applicable sales, use, personal property or any other taxes arising out of this Contract and the transactions contemplated thereby. The State of West Virginia is exempt from federal and state taxes and will not pay or reimburse such taxes.
- 24. CANCELLATION:** The Purchasing Division Director reserves the right to cancel this Contract immediately upon written notice to the vendor if the materials or workmanship supplied do not conform to the specifications contained in the Contract. The Purchasing Division Director may cancel any purchase or Contract upon 30 days written notice to the Vendor in accordance with West Virginia Code of State Rules § 148-1-7.16.2.
- 25. WAIVER OF MINOR IRREGULARITIES:** The Director reserves the right to waive minor irregularities in bids or specifications in accordance with West Virginia Code of State Rules § 148-1-4.6.
- 26. TIME:** Time is of the essence with regard to all matters of time and performance in this Contract.
- 27. APPLICABLE LAW:** This Contract is governed by and interpreted under West Virginia law without giving effect to its choice of law principles. Any information provided in specification manuals, or any other source, verbal or written, which contradicts or violates the West Virginia Constitution, West Virginia Code or West Virginia Code of State Rules is void and of no effect.
- 28. COMPLIANCE:** Vendor shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations and ordinances. By submitting a bid, Vendors acknowledge that they have reviewed, understand, and will comply with all applicable law.
- 29. PREVAILING WAGE:** On any contract for the construction of a public improvement, Vendor and any subcontractors utilized by Vendor shall pay a rate or rates of wages which shall not be less than the fair minimum rate or rates of wages (prevailing wage), as established by the West Virginia Division of Labor under West Virginia Code §§ 21-5A-1 et seq. and available at <http://www.sos.wv.gov/administrative-law/wagerates/Pages/default.aspx>. Vendor shall be responsible for ensuring compliance with prevailing wage requirements and determining when prevailing wage

requirements are applicable. The required contract provisions contained in West Virginia Code of State Rules § 42-7-3 are specifically incorporated herein by reference.

- 30. ARBITRATION:** Any references made to arbitration contained in this Contract, Vendor's bid, or in any American Institute of Architects documents pertaining to this Contract are hereby deleted, void, and of no effect.
- 31. MODIFICATIONS:** This writing is the parties' final expression of intent. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Contract to the contrary, no modification of this Contract shall be binding without mutual written consent of the Agency, and the Vendor, with approval of the Purchasing Division and the Attorney General's office (Attorney General approval is as to form only). **No Change shall be implemented by the Vendor until such time as the Vendor receives an approved written change order from the Purchasing Division.**
- 32. WAIVER:** The failure of either party to insist upon a strict performance of any of the terms or provision of this Contract, or to exercise any option, right, or remedy herein contained, shall not be construed as a waiver or a relinquishment for the future of such term, provision, option, right, or remedy, but the same shall continue in full force and effect. Any waiver must be expressly stated in writing and signed by the waiving party.
- 33. SUBSEQUENT FORMS:** The terms and conditions contained in this Contract shall supersede any and all subsequent terms and conditions which may appear on any form documents submitted by Vendor to the Agency or Purchasing Division such as price lists, order forms, invoices, sales agreements, or maintenance agreements, and includes internet websites or other electronic documents. Acceptance or use of Vendor's forms does not constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions contained thereon.
- 34. ASSIGNMENT:** Neither this Contract nor any monies due, or to become due hereunder, may be assigned by the Vendor without the express written consent of the Agency, the Purchasing Division, the Attorney General's office (as to form only), and any other government agency or office that may be required to approve such assignments. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Purchasing Division approval may or may not be required on certain agency delegated or exempt purchases.
- 35. WARRANTY:** The Vendor expressly warrants that the goods and/or services covered by this Contract will: (a) conform to the specifications, drawings, samples, or other description furnished or specified by the Agency; (b) be merchantable and fit for the purpose intended; and (c) be free from defect in material and workmanship.
- 36. STATE EMPLOYEES:** State employees are not permitted to utilize this Contract for personal use and the Vendor is prohibited from permitting or facilitating the same.
- 37. BANKRUPTCY:** In the event the Vendor files for bankruptcy protection, the State of West Virginia may deem this Contract null and void, and terminate this Contract without notice.

38. [RESERVED]

39. CONFIDENTIALITY: The Vendor agrees that it 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/default.html>.

40. DISCLOSURE: Vendor's response to the Solicitation and the resulting Contract are considered public documents and will be disclosed to the public in accordance with the laws, rules, and policies governing the West Virginia Purchasing Division. Those laws include, but are not limited to, the Freedom of Information Act found in West Virginia Code § 29B-1-1 et seq.

If a Vendor considers any part of its bid to be exempt from public disclosure, Vendor must so indicate by specifically identifying the exempt information, identifying the exemption that applies, providing a detailed justification for the exemption, segregating the exempt information from the general bid information, and submitting the exempt information as part of its bid but in a segregated and clearly identifiable format. Failure to comply with the foregoing requirements will result in public disclosure of the Vendor's bid without further notice. A Vendor's act of marking all or nearly all of its bid as exempt is not sufficient to avoid disclosure and WILL NOT BE HONORED. Vendor's act of marking a bid or any part thereof as "confidential" or "proprietary" is not sufficient to avoid disclosure and WILL NOT BE HONORED. In addition, a legend or other statement indicating that all or substantially all of the bid is exempt from disclosure is not sufficient to avoid disclosure and WILL NOT BE HONORED. Vendor will be required to defend any claimed exemption for nondisclosure in the event of an administrative or judicial challenge to the State's nondisclosure. Vendor must indemnify the State for any costs incurred related to any exemptions claimed by Vendor. Any questions regarding the applicability of the various public records laws should be addressed to your own legal counsel prior to bid submission.

41. LICENSING: In accordance with West Virginia Code of State Rules §148-1-6.1.7, Vendor 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 agency or political subdivision. Upon request, the Vendor must provide all necessary releases to obtain information to enable the Purchasing Division Director or the Agency to verify that the Vendor is licensed and in good standing with the above entities.

42. ANTITRUST: In submitting a bid to, signing a contract with, or accepting a Purchase Order from any agency of the State of West Virginia, the Vendor agrees to 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 Vendor.

- 43. VENDOR CERTIFICATIONS:** By signing its bid or entering into this Contract, Vendor certifies (1) that its bid was made without prior understanding, agreement, or connection with any corporation, firm, limited liability company, partnership, person or entity submitting a bid for the same material, supplies, equipment or services; (2) that its bid is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud; (3) that this Contract is accepted or entered into without any prior understanding, agreement, or connection to any other entity that could be considered a violation of law; and (4) that it has reviewed this RFQ in its entirety, understands the requirements, terms and conditions, and other information contained herein. Vendor's signature on its bid also affirms that neither it nor its representatives have any interest, nor shall acquire any interest, direct or indirect, which would compromise the performance of its services hereunder. Any such interests shall be promptly presented in detail to the Agency.

The individual signing this bid on behalf of Vendor certifies that he or she is authorized by the Vendor to execute this bid or any documents related thereto on Vendor's behalf; that he or she is authorized to bind the Vendor in a contractual relationship; and that, to the best of his or her knowledge, the Vendor has properly registered with any State agency that may require registration.

- 44. PURCHASING CARD ACCEPTANCE:** The State of West Virginia currently utilizes a Purchasing Card program, administered under contract by a banking institution, to process payment for goods and services. The Vendor must accept the State of West Virginia's Purchasing Card for payment of all orders under this Contract unless the box below is checked.



Vendor is not required to accept the State of West Virginia's Purchasing Card as payment for all goods and services.

- 45. VENDOR RELATIONSHIP:** The relationship of the Vendor to the State shall be that of an independent contractor and no principal-agent relationship or employer-employee relationship is contemplated or created by this Contract. The Vendor as an independent contractor is solely liable for the acts and omissions of its employees and agents. Vendor shall be responsible for selecting, supervising, and compensating any and all individuals employed pursuant to the terms of this Solicitation and resulting contract. Neither the Vendor, nor any employees or subcontractors of the Vendor, shall be deemed to be employees of the State for any purpose whatsoever. Vendor shall be exclusively responsible for payment of employees and contractors for 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, including but not limited to, Workers' Compensation and Social Security obligations, licensing fees, *etc.* and the filing of all necessary documents, forms and returns pertinent to all of the foregoing. Vendor shall hold harmless the State, and shall 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.

- 46. 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; and (3) Any failure of the Vendor, its officers, employees, or subcontractors to observe State and Federal laws including, but not limited to, labor and wage and hour laws.

- 47. PURCHASING AFFIDAVIT:** In accordance with West Virginia Code § 5A-3-10a, all Vendors are required to sign, notarize, and submit the Purchasing Affidavit stating that neither the Vendor nor a related party owe a debt to the State in excess of \$1,000. The affidavit must be submitted prior to award, but should be submitted with the Vendor's bid. A copy of the Purchasing Affidavit is included herewith.
- 48. ADDITIONAL AGENCY AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT USE:** This Contract may be utilized by and extends to other agencies, spending units, and political subdivisions of the State of West Virginia; county, municipal, and other local government bodies; and school districts ("Other Government Entities"). This Contract shall be extended to the aforementioned Other Government Entities on the same prices, terms, and conditions as those offered and agreed to in this Contract. If the Vendor does not wish to extend the prices, terms, and conditions of its bid and subsequent contract to the Other Government Entities, the Vendor must clearly indicate such refusal in its bid. A refusal to extend this Contract to the Other Government Entities shall not impact or influence the award of this Contract in any manner.
- 49. CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** Vendor, its officers or members or employees, shall not presently have or acquire any interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict with or compromise the performance of its obligations hereunder. Vendor shall periodically inquire of its officers, members and employees to ensure that a conflict of interest does not arise. Any conflict of interest discovered shall be promptly presented in detail to the Agency.
- 50. REPORTS:** Vendor shall provide the Agency and/or the Purchasing Division with the following reports identified by a checked box below:
- Such reports as the Agency and/or the Purchasing Division may request. Requested reports may include, but are not limited to, quantities purchased, agencies utilizing the contract, total contract expenditures by agency, etc.
 - Quarterly reports detailing the total quantity of purchases in units and dollars, along with a listing of purchases by agency. Quarterly reports should be delivered to the Purchasing Division via email at purchasing.requisitions@wv.gov.
- 51. BACKGROUND CHECK:** In accordance with W. Va. Code § 15-2D-3, the Director of the Division of Protective Services shall require any service provider whose employees are regularly employed on the grounds or in the buildings of the Capitol complex or who have access to sensitive or critical information

to submit to a fingerprint-based state and federal background inquiry through the state repository. The service provider is responsible for any costs associated with the fingerprint-based state and federal background inquiry.

After the contract for such services has been approved, but before any such employees are permitted to be on the grounds or in the buildings of the Capitol complex or have access to sensitive or critical information, the service provider shall submit a list of all persons who will be physically present and working at the Capitol complex to the Director of the Division of Protective Services for purposes of verifying compliance with this provision.

The State reserves the right to prohibit a service provider's employees from accessing sensitive or critical information or to be present at the Capitol complex based upon results addressed from a criminal background check.

Service providers should contact the West Virginia Division of Protective Services by phone at (304)558-9911 for more information.

52. PREFERENCE FOR USE OF DOMESTIC STEEL PRODUCTS: Except when authorized by the Director of the Purchasing Division pursuant to W. Va. Code § 5A-3-56, no contractor may use or supply steel products for a State Contract Project other than those steel products made in the United States. A contractor who uses steel products in violation of this section may be subject to civil penalties pursuant to W. Va. Code § 5A-3-56. As used in this section:

- a. "State Contract Project" means any erection or construction of, or any addition to, alteration of or other improvement to any building or structure, including, but not limited to, roads or highways, or the installation of any heating or cooling or ventilating plants or other equipment, or the supply of and materials for such projects, pursuant to a contract with the State of West Virginia for which bids were solicited on or after June 6, 2001.
- b. "Steel Products" means products rolled, formed, shaped, drawn, extruded, forged, cast, fabricated or otherwise similarly processed, or processed by a combination of two or more or such operations, from steel made by the open heath, basic oxygen, electric furnace, Bessemer or other steel making process.

The Purchasing Division Director may, in writing, authorize the use of foreign steel products if:

- a. The cost for each contract item used does not exceed one tenth of one percent (.1%) of the total contract cost or two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00), whichever is greater. For the purposes of this section, the cost is the value of the steel product as delivered to the project; or
- b. The Director of the Purchasing Division determines that specified steel materials are not produced in the United States in sufficient quantity or otherwise are not reasonably available to meet contract requirements.

53. PREFERENCE FOR USE OF DOMESTIC ALUMINUM, GLASS, AND STEEL: In Accordance with W. Va. Code § 5-19-1 et seq., and W. Va. CSR § 148-10-1 et seq., for every contract or subcontract, subject to the limitations contained herein, for the construction, reconstruction, alteration, repair, improvement or maintenance of public works or for the purchase of any item of machinery or equipment to be used at sites of public works, only domestic aluminum, glass or steel products shall be supplied unless the spending officer determines, in writing, after the receipt of offers or bids, (1) that the cost of domestic aluminum, glass or steel products is unreasonable or inconsistent with the public interest of the State of West Virginia, (2) that domestic aluminum, glass or steel products are not produced in sufficient quantities to meet the contract requirements, or (3) the available domestic aluminum, glass, or steel do not meet the contract specifications. This provision only applies to public works contracts awarded in an amount more than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) or public works contracts that require more than ten thousand pounds of steel products.

The cost of domestic aluminum, glass, or steel products may be unreasonable if the cost is more than twenty percent (20%) of the bid or offered price for foreign made aluminum, glass, or steel products. If the domestic aluminum, glass or steel products to be supplied or produced in a “substantial labor surplus area”, as defined by the United States Department of Labor, the cost of domestic aluminum, glass, or steel products may be unreasonable if the cost is more than thirty percent (30%) of the bid or offered price for foreign made aluminum, glass, or steel products.

This preference shall be applied to an item of machinery or equipment, as indicated above, when the item is a single unit of equipment or machinery manufactured primarily of aluminum, glass or steel, is part of a public works contract and has the sole purpose or of being a permanent part of a single public works project. This provision does not apply to equipment or machinery purchased by a spending unit for use by that spending unit and not as part of a single public works project.

All bids and offers including domestic aluminum, glass or steel products that exceed bid or offer prices including foreign aluminum, glass or steel products after application of the preferences provided in this provision may be reduced to a price equal to or lower than the lowest bid or offer price for foreign aluminum, glass or steel products plus the applicable preference. If the reduced bid or offer prices are made in writing and supersede the prior bid or offer prices, all bids or offers, including the reduced bid or offer prices, will be reevaluated in accordance with this rule.

SECTION FOUR: PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

1. **Location:** Agency is located at 324 4th Avenue, South Charleston, West Virginia 25303-1228.
2. **Background and Current Operating Environment:** The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (DNR) publishes a premier quality “showpiece” magazine, “Wonderful West Virginia” following the guidelines of the DNR’s mission statement “to provide and administer a long-range comprehensive program for the exploration, conservation, development, protection, enjoyment and use of the natural resources of the State of WV”. Issues are printed on a monthly schedule with occasional special issues. Beginning in May of 2013 the DNR also began publishing an iPad version of the magazine. The design, layout and editing portion of the **PRINT** magazine have been privatized since March of 1997. The design, layout and editing of the **DIGITAL** iPad version is completed under contract by West Virginia Interactive. The iPad version is produced using the InDesign files provided by the print editor.

Although this contract does not include any of the editorial design of the iPad version, the successful vendor, from time to time, may be required to work with the digital vendor to answer questions, provide feedback and/or solicit picture or video content for articles.

On behalf of the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources, an additional special issue of “Wonderful West Virginia” magazine may be written, created, produced, edited and designed by the West Virginia Department of Communications Office that will be outside the terms and conditions of the contract.

3. **Qualifications and Experience:** Vendors will provide in **Attachment A: Vendor Response Sheet** information regarding their firm, such as staff qualifications and experience in completing similar projects; references; copies of any staff certifications or degrees applicable to this project; proposed staffing plan; descriptions of past projects completed entailing the location of the project, project manager name and contact information, type of project, and what the project goals and objectives were and how they were met.
4. **Project and Goals:** The project goals and objectives are:
 - 4.1. Goal/Objective 1
Vendor’s Understanding of the Scope of Work and Experience

The vendor should demonstrate an understanding of the scope of work and provide documentation of previous experience with working on similar publications.
 - 4.2. Goal/Objective 2
Vendor’s Staff Experience and/or Subcontractor’s Staff Experience

The vendor should provide a listing of all staff and/or subcontractor’s staff that will be working on the proposed scope of work. This should include a listing of freelance writers and photographers that the vendor foresees working with in the production of the magazine.

4.3. Goal/Objective 3

Vendor's Samples of Publications

The vendor should submit samples of similar publications as "Wonderful West Virginia" where they have been the primary contractor for editorial/design and layout services.

4.4. Goal/Objective 4

Vendor's Article Vision

Vendor should describe their vision for the types of articles and content they would include in the magazine keeping in mind the DNR's purpose and mission statement as described in the "Background and Current Environment" section above. In addition, please describe, in depth, one article for the spring, and one article for the summer that the vendor would recommend including for a total of two articles.

4.5 Goal/Objective 5

Vendor Sample Article

Assuming this contract was awarded to begin in August 2014 please provide one never before published article complete with photos for the purposes of being published in the September 2014 magazine which is different than the description of an article in Section 4.4. **Please note: The articles submitted from unsuccessful bidders will not be published unless arrangements are made after award with the successful vendor.**

4.6 Goal/Objective

Vendor Suggested Changes

Based upon the vendor's understanding of the magazine, what is one suggested change that the publisher should considering making.

5 Mandatory Requirements

The following mandatory requirements must be met by the Vendor as a part of the submitted proposal. Failure on the part of the Vendor to meet any of the mandatory specifications shall result in the disqualification of the proposal. 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 Purchasing Division.

5.1 Vendor's Ability to Meet with Agency Staff, Digital Editor, and Printer

Vendor will be required to work closely with magazine staff, the Chief of Administration Section of the Division of Natural Resources, the Digital Editor Contractor, and be available to meet with the printer for press checks, in order to adhere to tight production time deadlines and provide typesetting and proofreading services.

5.2 Vendor's Verification of Subcontractors

Vendor may subcontract a portion of this contract, but must list subcontractors in their proposal for approval by the State of West Virginia. No changes in subcontractors may be made without the express written consent of the Director of State Purchasing. Vendor as prime contractor shall be solely responsible for all work performed under any contract resulting from this RFP.

5.3. Vendor's Experience in all Editorial Functions of a Monthly Magazine

Vendors must have experience in all editorial functions of, at least, the frequency of a monthly magazine, including, but not limited to, layout, design, securing writers and stories, editing, proofreading, and securing photographs and photographers.

The successful vendor must provide quality editorial, design and layout services for the "Wonderful West Virginia" magazine. Normal publication is monthly with occasional special issues. The regular magazine consists of 32 pages plus cover, four pages. The size is 8 ½" by 11" full printed inside pages on 70 lb. Forestry Stewardship Council (FSC) certified, Number 1 grade gloss text, and 80 lb. FSC certified, Number 1 cover gloss paper. The printing is a four color process throughout, with fifth and sixth color at the editor's discretion. Post card inserts 15" x 5 ¾" printed two sides; one color on 90 lb. white index with two perforations will be in each issue. Final issue notices will be bound with 11" x 17" 90 lb. white index sheet of paper; printed two sides, two colors. From time to time, the editor may be required to design one or more flyers to be inserted or blown in designated issues of the magazine. Size 11" x 17" folded once to 8 ½" x 11", process color, two (2) sides to be bound at the centerfold of the magazine. Additional eight-page signatures may be required for some issues. Printing process is sheet-fed offset lithography with binding saddle stitched, 11" way with two long crown 5/8" stitches.

The editor or design firm will provide the printer with vertical frame digital photographs in CMYK measuring at least 9 x 12 inches at 300 dpi and horizontal frame digital photographs in CMYK measuring at least 11 x 17 inches at 300 dpi, and artwork scanned at 1200 dpi.

The editor or design firm will then provide a complete layout in digital format. Editor will check digital proofs and indicate corrections necessary by the printer. Successful vendor must be available to meet with the printer for press check. If errors are found at this point the successful vendor shall be responsible for any changes for new plates. The DNR publisher or his or her designee shall have final approval of each issue.

5.4 Vendor's Ability to Meet Publishing Deadlines

Publication of the magazine must be completed under a very tight schedule in order to have magazines delivered to subscribers in a timely manner. The schedule is as follows:

5.5 Monthly Editorial Schedule for Wonderful West Virginia magazine (Current)

5.5.1 First set of proofs in PDF format to DNR near the 10th of each month. The expected turnaround is 2-3 days from the date of receipt. For example, a January publication date would fall on the 10th of November.

- 5.5.2 Advertisements obtained by the DNR are due to the editorial vendor from the DNR by the 1st of the month, 2 months prior to the publication date. For example, a January publication date would be November 1st. The editorial vendor needs these in order to meet the 10th of the month deadline specified in 5.5.1.
- 5.5.3 Editorial vendor sends complete, corrected file to print vendor electronically (uploading to printer website) by approximately the 16th of the month.
- 5.5.3 Print vendor produces and delivers to DNR and editorial vendor digital color proofs within 3 business days of receipt of file, on approximately the 19th of the month. Printer will not produce color proofs if any elements (e.g., ads, photographs) are missing from the file.
- 5.5.4 DNR and editorial vendor proofread color proofs. Editorial vendor makes corrections to final file and forwards it to print vendor within 2 business days of receipt, on approximately the 21st of the month.
- 5.5.5 Editorial vendor meets with print vendor to make final color adjustments and approve printing of magazine on approximately the 22nd of the month.
- 5.5.6 Printer plates and runs magazine on 27th, 28th, and 29th of the month. (Printing Contractor)
- 5.5.7 Printer sends printed pages to bindery office for folding, gathering, stitching, and trimming on the 30th, 31st, and 1st of the month. (Printing Contractor)
- 5.5.8 Printer sends magazine for labeling on the 2nd of the month. (Printing Contractor)
- 5.5.9 Magazine is mailed on or about the 7th or 8th of the month. (Printing Contractor)

If the vendor is at fault for delay in printing schedule, for failure to meet specified deadlines liquidated damages will be assessed as per section 12 (General Terms and Conditions).

Vendor shall be responsible for obtaining stories/articles relevant to the State of West Virginia and the mission statement of the agency for the magazine that would be of interest to subscribers and comparable to past issues, as well as photographs (color, black and white, and infrared), artwork, etc. to enhance them. **NOTE:** DNR will not be responsible for additional costs of purchasing stories/articles, photographs and artwork. Vendor shall perform proofreading, editing, layout and design of magazine and have the ability to perform this task manually if necessary. Vendor's equipment must be Macintosh compatible or InDesign current version desktop publish program, in rip trapping and computer to plate only.

- 6. **Oral Presentations (Agency Option):** The Agency has the option of requiring oral presentations of all Vendors participating in the RFP process. If this option is exercised, it would be listed in the Schedule of Events (Section 1.3) of this RFP. During oral presentations, Vendors may not alter or

add to their submitted proposal, but only clarify information. A description of the materials and information to be presented is provided below:

6.1. **Materials and Information Required at Oral Presentation:**

- Introduction of proposed editor (required), photographic editor (required) and business owner if different from editors (required) and other key team members (optional).
- A discussion of the role of each member whether present or not.
- Discussion of monthly editorial schedule, timeline and publication deadlines.
- A discussion of changes the editor would like to make.
- A discussion of how articles and photography will be obtained.
- Discussion of the thought process and preparation of the sample article provided from section 4.5 Vendor Sample Article.
- Question and answers
- Concluding remarks

SECTION FIVE: VENDOR PROPOSAL

- 1 **Economy of Preparation:** Proposals should be prepared simply and economically providing a straightforward, concise description of the Vendor's abilities to satisfy the requirements of the RFP. Emphasis should be placed on completeness and clarity of the content.
- 2 **Incurring Cost:** Neither the State nor any of its employees or officers shall be held liable for any expenses incurred by any Vendor responding to this RFP, including but not limited to preparation, delivery, or travel.
- 3 **Proposal Format:** Vendors should provide responses in the format listed below:

Title Page: State the RFP subject, number, Vendor's name, business address, Telephone number, fax number, name of contact person, e-mail address, and Vendor signature and date.

Table of Contents: Clearly identify the material by section and page number.

Attachment A: Within the attached response sheet (**Attachment A: Vendor Response Sheet**), provide the following: firm and staff qualifications and experience in completing similar projects; references; copies of any staff certifications or degrees applicable to this project; proposed staffing plan; descriptions of past projects completed entailing the location of the project, project manager name and contact information, type of project, and what the project goals and objectives were and how they were met.

Also, describe the approach and methodology proposed for this project. This should include how each of the goals and objectives listed is to be met.

Attachment B: Complete **Attachment B: Mandatory Specification Checklist**. By signing and dating this attachment, the Vendor acknowledges that they meet or

exceed each of these specifications as outlined in 4.5 of Section Four: Project Specifications. The State reserves the right to require documentation detailing how each is met at its discretion.

Attachment C: Complete **Attachment C: Cost Sheet** included in this RFP and submit in a separate sealed envelope. Cost should be clearly marked.

Oral Presentations: If established by the Agency in the Schedule of Events (Section 1.3), all Vendors participating in this RFP will be required to provide an oral presentation, based on the criteria set in Section 4.6. During oral presentations, Vendors may not alter or add to their submitted proposal, but only to clarify information.

4 **Proposal Submission:** Proposals must be received in **two distinct parts**: technical and cost.

- **Technical proposals** must not contain any cost information relating to the project.
- **Cost proposal** shall be sealed in a separate envelope and will not be opened initially.

All proposals must be submitted to the Purchasing Division **prior** to the date and time stipulated in the RFP as the opening date. All bids will be dated and time stamped to verify official time and date of receipt. All submissions must be in accordance with the provisions listed below and in Section Two: Instructions to Bidders Submitting Bids above.

5 **Technical Bid Opening:** The Purchasing Division will open and announce only the technical proposals received prior to the date and time specified in the Request for Proposal. The technical proposals shall then be provided to the Agency evaluation committee.

6 **Cost Bid Opening:** The Purchasing Division shall schedule a date and time to publicly open and announce cost proposals when the Purchasing Division has approved the technical recommendation of the evaluation committee. All cost bids for qualifying proposals will be opened. Cost bids for non-qualifying proposals will also be opened but shall not be considered. A proposal may be deemed non-qualifying for a number of reasons including, but not limited to, the bidder's technical proposal failing to meet the minimum acceptable score and the bidder's technical proposal failing to meet a mandatory requirement of the contract. Certain information, such as technical scores and reasons for disqualification, will not be available until after the contract award, pursuant to *West Virginia Code* §5A-3-11(h) and *West Virginia Code of State Rules* §148-1-6.2.5..

SECTION SIX: EVALUATION AND AWARD

- 1 **Evaluation Process:** Proposals will be evaluated by a committee of three (3) or more individuals against the established criteria with points deducted for deficiencies. The Vendor who demonstrates that they meet all of the mandatory specifications required; and has appropriately presented within their written response and/or during the oral demonstration (if applicable) their understanding in meeting the goals and objectives of the project; and attains the highest overall point score of all Vendors shall be awarded the contract. The selection of the successful Vendor will be made by a consensus of the evaluation committee.
- 2 **Evaluation Criteria:** All evaluation criteria is defined in the specifications section and based on a 100 point total score. Cost shall represent a minimum of 30 of the 100 total points.

The following are the evaluation factors and maximum points possible for technical point scores:

• Qualifications and experience	20 Points Possible
• Approach and methodology (Project and Goals)	30 Points Possible
• Oral Presentation	20 Points Possible
• Cost	<u>30 Points Possible</u>
Total	100 Points Possible

Each cost proposal cost will be scored by use of the following formula for all Vendors who attained the minimum acceptable score:

$$\frac{\text{Lowest price of all proposal}}{\text{Price of Proposal being evaluated}} \times 30 = \text{Price Score}$$

- 2.1 **Technical Evaluation:** The Agency evaluation committee will review the technical proposals, deduct points where appropriate, and make a final written recommendation to the Purchasing Division.
- 2.2 **Minimum Acceptable Score:** Vendors must score a minimum of 70% (49 points) of the total technical points possible. All Vendors not attaining the minimum acceptable score (MAS) shall be considered as non-qualifying. A proposal may be deemed non-qualifying for a number of reasons including, but not limited to, the bidder’s technical proposal failing to meet the minimum acceptable score and the bidder’s technical proposal failing to meet a mandatory requirement of the contract. Cost bids for non-qualifying proposals will also be opened but shall not be considered. Certain information, such as technical scores and reasons for disqualification, will not be available until after the contract award, pursuant to *West Virginia Code* §5A-3-11(h) and *West Virginia Code of State Rules* §148-1-6.2.5.
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List project goals and objectives contained in Section 4, Subsection 4:

Section 4, Subsection 4.1: Vendors Understanding of the Scope of Work and Experience

The vendor should demonstrate an understanding of the scope of work and provide documentation of previous experience with working on similar publications. Vendor should address the following in their response:

A. Documentation of Vendor's Understanding of Work and Methodology to RFP Goals:

The vendor should provide a statement describing their understanding of the scope of work to be performed under this contract and a description of the methodology they plan to use to accomplish the goals of the RFP.

B. Documentation of Vendor's Past Experience with Similar Work

Vendor should clearly state past experience specifically related to the type of services requested under scope of work to be performed under any contract resulting from this RFP, including but not limited to education and similar work performed.

C. Vendor's List of Equipment to Complete Work Outlined in RFP

The vendor should include a list of equipment that will be utilized to complete the scope of work. Emphasis should be placed on current and/or experience as editor/designer for a monthly or more frequent natural resources magazine.

D. Vendor's List of Writers and Photographers

A list of writers and photographers the vendor has worked with in the past should be included.

Vendor Response:

Section 4, Subsection 4.2: Vendor's Staff Experience and/or Subcontractor's Staff Experience

The vendor should provide a listing of all staff and/or subcontractor's staff that will be working on the proposed scope of work.

- A. The vendor should provide a list of staff and/or subcontractor staff that will be used in performance of this contract, stating the expertise and education and experience each would bring to the contract. Emphasis should be placed on experience in proofreading, securing stories, photographs, editing/design and layout of published magazines, books, etc.

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Vendor Response:

Section 4, Subsection 4.6: Vendor Suggested Changes

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Vendor Response:

Attachment B: Mandatory Specification Checklist

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Vendor Response:

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Vendor Response:

Section 4, Subsection 5.4: Vendor's Ability to Meet Publishing Deadlines

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5. DNR and editorial vendor proofread color proofs. Editorial vendor makes corrections to final file and forwards it to print vendor within 2 business days of receipt, on approximately the 21st of the month.
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- 9. Printer sends magazine for labeling on the 2nd of the month. (Printing Contractor)
- 10. Magazine is mailed on or about the 7th or 8th of the month. (Printing Contractor)

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Vendor Response:

Section 4, Subsection 5.5: Vendor's Certification Regarding All Mandatory Requirements

By signing below, I certify that I have reviewed this Request for Proposal in its entirety; understand the requirements, terms and conditions, and other information contained herein; that I am submitting this proposal for review and consideration; that I am authorized by the bidder to execute this bid or any documents related thereto on bidder's behalf; that I am authorized to bind the bidder in a contractual relationship; and that, to the best of my knowledge, the bidder has properly registered with any State agency that may require registration.

(Company)

(Representative Name, Title)

(Contact Phone/Fax Number)

(Date)

Attachment C: Cost Sheet

Cost information below as detailed in the Request for Proposal and submitted in a separate sealed envelope. Cost should be clearly marked.

Total all inclusive fee for editorial/design services for
“Wonderful West Virginia” magazine per standard issue \$ _____

Cost per page for any additional pages required \$ _____

Cost per additional signature page \$ _____

Bid Scenario (30 points):

For bid evaluation purposes only, the vendor is asked to submit a quote on the following hypothetical scenario:

Fee for editorial/design services for “Wonderful West Virginia”
Magazine per standard issue \$ _____

Cost for four (4) additional pages \$ _____

Cost for two (2) additional signature pages \$ _____

BID SCENERIO SUB TOTAL: \$ _____

The quantities listed above in the bid scenario are for bid evaluation purposes only. Actual quantities may vary.

If applicable, sign and submit the attached Resident Vendor Preference Certificate with the proposal.

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.
7. Application is made for preference as a non-resident small, women- and minority-owned business, in accordance with West Virginia Code §5A-3-59 and West Virginia Code of State Rules. Bidder has been or expects to be approved prior to contract award by the Purchasing Division as a certified small, women- and minority-owned business.

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: _____

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
Purchasing Division

PURCHASING AFFIDAVIT

MANDATE: Under W. Va. Code §5A-3-10a, 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: (1) the debt owed is an amount greater than one thousand dollars in the aggregate; or (2) the debtor is in employer default.

EXCEPTION: The prohibition listed above does not apply where a vendor has contested any tax administered pursuant to chapter eleven of the W. Va. 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.

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.

"Employer default" means having an outstanding balance or liability to the old fund or to the uninsured employers' fund or being in policy default, as defined in W. Va. Code § 23-2c-2, failure to maintain mandatory workers' compensation coverage, or failure to fully meet its obligations as a workers' compensation self-insured employer. An employer is not in employer default if it has entered into a repayment agreement with the Insurance Commissioner and remains in compliance with the obligations under the repayment agreement.

"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.

AFFIRMATION: By signing this form, the vendor's authorized signer affirms and acknowledges under penalty of law for false swearing (*W. Va. Code §61-5-3*) that neither vendor nor any related party owe a debt as defined above and that neither vendor nor any related party are in employer default as defined above, unless the debt or employer default is permitted under the exception above.

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 _____