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Mandatory pre-bid meeting is scheduled for on Thursday, November 10, 2005 at 11:00 a.m. in Building 15 at the Capitol Complex, 2019 Washington Street, East, Charleston, WV 25311. **All interested bidders are required to be present at this meeting. Failure to attend the mandatory pre-bid conference shall result in automatic disqualification. No one person can represent more than one vendor.**

Delivery:

All orders of paper must be delivered within 10 working days after receipt of order.

All orders totaling \$1,000.00 or more to a single West Virginia delivery point shall be F.O.B. destination.

Orders totaling less than \$1,000.00 to a single West Virginia delivery point may (at the vendor's discretion) be F.O.B. shipping point. Vendor must inform the ordering agency of the estimated freight charges for all orders on which a delivery charge shall be made.

If the vendor has a fixed delivery charge for orders less than \$1,000.00, the vendor shall indicate the amount on the pricing pages.

If the vendor will ship all orders, regardless of dollar total, they should so state on the pricing pages.

Paper Requirements

All paper is to be ream wrapped (except where noted). All fine papers are to be listed in the most current edition of "Grade Finders".

There are two envelopes on the pricing pages. The price per box of 500 envelopes should be entered in the unit price column.

Computer paper

Construction: continuous, marginally punched on both sides for high speed printer feed. Paper shall be blank, 1/2" green bar, 1/6" green bar, or three lines per inch as indicated at the time the order is placed. No upcharge will be permitted on green bar paper.

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Horizontal Perforations: All sets of forms shall have horizontal perforation between sets through all parts and carbons. Horizontal perforations shall be at right angle to marginal aligning holes and fall halfway between marginal aligning holes; 12 cuts per inch vertical perforations: Paper shall be nonperforated on right and left sided unless specified for a particular item. If specified, vertical perforations are to result in clean edges when aligning strips are removed.

Fastening: paper shall have temporary crimping or incomplete holes. Carbons, if any, shall be mechanically removable without aligning strips. Wire stitching or stapling is unacceptable.

Packaging: Paper shall be folded, with no breaks, in close-fitting cartons, with a corrugated or fiberboard pad on top and bottom. Cartons shall be labeled on one end, identifying form size, type, number of parts, and vendor name and address.

Award

The two low bidders for each item, or category (whichever is decided in the best interests of the State) will be awarded. Individual orders shall be sent to the lowest bidder who meets the delivery deadline required for that specific order.

Recycled Paper

Recycled paper must have a moisture range of 4% to 6%, with 5.5% being the desired average, and contain 80% minimum chemical wood pulp with no groundwood content. Also, the paper must have a good surface quality (containing low amounts of internal sizing and filler). Recycled paper must be acceptable for printing on high-speed printers without excessive jamming. Paper must contain a minimum of 50% recycled materials, 10% of which must be post consumer materials.

NOTE: In addition to those items identified as recycled, recycled items meeting individual specifications may be bid for other items on this contract. Recycled paper shall be given a 10% preference over virgin paper.

Bids

All prices for paper are to be quoted per 1,000 sheets. If the item is a multiple page set, prices must be quoted per 1,000 sets. For example, the pricing pages may show 25; that would be 25,000 sheets.

All bids submitted must be firm for 90 days from contract award date. After the initial 90 days, Vendors will be permitted to make substantiated requests for increase at 90 day intervals, with 30-days notice. This, in effect, will limit the

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number of change orders to a MAXIMUM of four (4) per year. Prices bid are not subject to any “upcharges”. Failure to hold prices firm for each 90-day period shall be grounds to disqualify the bid or cancel any subsequent contract.

Change orders shall not be done at interim periods for price decreases. The vendors shall be expected to quote the lesser prices and invoice accordingly in the event that decreases occur during each of the 90-day periods. Decreases may be done at the normal 90-day timetable, but shall not be changed via change order until the next 90-day cycle.

NO ALTERNATE TERMS SHALL BE ACCEPTED.

At any time the vendor requests a price adjustment, the purchasing division may either accept the price adjustment and amend the contract accordingly, or reject the adjustment in its entirety and cancel the contract.

Vendors should indicate the brand names for all items bid. Samples may be required for any and all of the items bid. When/if samples are requested, vendors must submit samples within 10 days of the request for the bid on that item or group of items will be rejected. Vendors bidding should include mill swatch books (covering all applicable items) with their bid. Successful bidder(s) may also be required to furnish swatch books to any and all agencies upon request throughout the life of this contract.

NOTE: “PM” in the unit of measure column = per thousand

NOTE: All quantities are estimates and are not to be construed as any guarantee of any quantity.

Contract Coordinator

Vendors should complete the vendor contract coordinator information at the end of the pricing pages. If the individual who “manages” any subsequent contract is a different person, please list that information also.

Reports

Successful vendor shall be required to submit quarterly reports of all purchases against the contract. Additionally, vendor shall be required to submit an annual report that contains the total amount of purchases and the agencies which have placed orders against the contract.