

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
PROCUREMENT SERVICES
165 Capitol Avenue, 5th Floor South
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All Invitations For Bids issued by the Department of Administrative Services, Procurement Services will bind Bidders to the terms and conditions listed below, unless specified otherwise in any individual Invitation For Bids.

Incorporated by reference into this contract are applicable provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes including but not limited to Sections 4a-50 through 4a-80 and applicable provisions of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies including but not limited to Sections 4a-52-1 through 4a-52-22.

The contractor agrees to comply with the statutes and regulations as they exist on the date of this contract and as they may be adopted or amended from time to time during the term of this contract and any amendments thereto.

Submission of Bids

1. Bids must be submitted on forms supplied by Procurement Services. Telephone or facsimile bids will not be accepted in response to an Invitation For Bids.

2. The time and date bids are to be opened is given in each bid issued. Bids received after the specified time and date of bid opening given in each bid proposal shall not be considered. Bid envelopes must clearly indicate the bid number as well as the date and time of the opening of the bid. The name and address of the Bidder should appear in the upper left hand corner of the envelope.

3. Incomplete bid forms may result in the rejection of the bid. Amendments to bids received by Procurement Services after the time specified for opening of bids, shall not be considered. An original and one copy of the proposal schedule shall be returned to Procurement Services. Bids shall be computer prepared, typewritten or handwritten in ink. Bids submitted in pencil shall be rejected. All bids shall be signed by a person duly authorized to sign bids on behalf of the bidder. Unsigned bids shall be rejected. Errors, alterations or corrections on both the original and copy of the proposal schedule to be returned must be initialed by the person signing the bid proposal or their authorized designee. In the event an authorized designee initials the correction, there must be written authorization from the person signing the bid proposal to the person initialing the erasure, alterations, or correction. Failure to do so shall result in rejection of bid for those items erased, altered or corrected and not initialed.

4. Conditional bids are subject to rejection in whole or in part. A conditional bid is defined as one which limits, modifies, expands or supplements any of the terms and conditions and/or specifications of the invitation for bids.

5. Alternate bids will not be considered. An alternate bid is defined as one which is submitted in addition to the bidders primary response to the invitation for bids.

6. Prices should be extended in decimal, not fraction, to be net, and shall include transportation and delivery charges fully prepaid by the Contractor to the destination specified in the bid, and subject only to cash discount.

7. Pursuant to Section 12-412 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the State of Connecticut is exempt from the payment of excise, transportation and sales taxes imposed by the Federal Government and/or the State. Such taxes must not be included in bid prices.

8. In the event of a discrepancy between the unit price and the extension, the unit price shall govern.

9. By its submission the Bidder represents that the bid is not made in connection with any other Bidder submitting a bid for the same commodity or commodities and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud.

10. All bids will be opened and read publicly and upon award are subject to public inspection.

Guaranty or Surety

11. Bid and or performance bonds may be required. Bonds must meet the following requirements: Corporation - must be signed by an official of the corporation above their official title and the corporate seal must be affixed over the signature; Firm or Partnership - must be signed by all the partners and indicate they are "doing business as"; Individual - must be signed by the owner and indicated as "Owner". The surety company executing the bond or countersigning must be licensed in Connecticut and the bond must be signed by an official of the surety company with the corporate seal affixed over their signature. Signatures of two witnesses for both the principal and the surety must appear on the bond. Power of attorney for the official signing the bond for the surety company must be submitted with the bond.

Samples

12. Accepted bid samples do not supersede specifications for quality unless sample is superior in quality. All deliveries shall have at least the same quality as the accepted bid sample.

13. Samples are furnished free of charge. Bidder must indicate if their return is desired, provided they have not been made useless by test. Samples may be held for comparison with deliveries.

Award

14. Award will be based on quality of the articles or services to be supplied, their conformance with specifications, delivery terms, price, administrative costs, past performance, and financial responsibility.

15. Procurement Services may reject any bidder in default of any prior contract or guilty of misrepresentation or any bidder with a member of its firm in default or guilty of misrepresentation.

16. Procurement Services may correct inaccurate awards resulting from clerical or administrative errors.

Contract

17. The existence of the contract shall be determined in accordance with the requirements set forth above. However, the award of the contract is not an order to ship.

18. The Contractor shall not assign or otherwise dispose of their contract or their right, title or interest, or their power to

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execute such contract to any other person, firm or corporation without the prior written consent of Procurement Services.

19. Bidders have ten days after notice of award to refuse acceptance of the award; after ten days the award will be binding on the Contractor. If the Contractor refuses to accept the award within the ten day period, the award will be made to the next lowest responsible qualified bidder.

20. Failure of a Contractor to deliver commodities or perform services as specified will constitute authority for Procurement Services to purchase these commodities or services on the open market. The Contractor agrees to promptly reimburse the State for excess cost of these purchases. The purchases will be deducted from the contracted quantities.

21. Rejected commodities must be removed by the Contractor from State premises within 48 hours. Immediate removal may be required when safety or health issues are present.

22. Contractor agrees to: hold the State harmless from liability of any kind for the use of any copyright or uncopyrighted composition, secret process, patented or unpatented invention furnished or used in the performance of the contract; guarantee their products against defective material or workmanship; repair damages of any kind, for which they are responsible to the premises or equipment, to their own work or to the work of other contractors; obtain and pay for all licenses, permits, fees etc. and to give all notices and comply with all requirements of city or town in which the service is to be provided and to the State of Connecticut; to carry proper insurance to protect the State from loss.

23. Notwithstanding any provision or language in this contract to the contrary, the Commissioner may terminate this contract whenever he/she determines in his/her sole discretion that such termination is in the best interests of the State. Any such termination shall be effected by delivery to the Contractor of a written notice of termination. The notice of termination shall be sent by registered mail to the Contractor address furnished to the State for purposes of correspondence or by hand delivery. Upon receipt of such notice, the Contractor shall both immediately discontinue all services affected (unless the notice directs otherwise) and deliver to the State all data, drawings, specifications, reports, estimates, summaries, and such other information and materials as may have been accumulated by the Contractor in performing his duties under this contract, whether completed or in progress. All such documents, information, and materials shall become the property of the State. In the event of such termination, the Contractor shall be entitled to reasonable compensation as determined by the Commissioner of the Department of Administrative Services, however, no compensation for lost profits shall be allowed.

Delivery

24. All products and equipment delivered must be new unless otherwise stated in the bid specifications.

25. Delivery will be onto the specified State loading docks by the Contractor unless otherwise stated in the bid specifications.

26. Deliveries are subject to re-weighing on State sealed scales.

27. Payment terms are net 45 days after receipt of goods or invoice, whichever is later, unless otherwise specified.

28. Charges against a Contractor shall be deducted from current obligations. Money paid to the State by the Contractor shall be payable to the Treasurer, State of Connecticut.

Tangible Personal Property

29. (a) For any contract for provision of tangible personal property to the state entered into on or after the effective date of this section, each department head, as defined in section 4-5 of the general statutes, shall enter into an agreement with the contractor pursuant to which such contractor shall agree, on its own behalf and on behalf of each affiliate, as defined in subsection (d) of this section, of such contractor, for the term of the state contract, to collect and remit to the state on behalf of its customers any use tax due to the state under the provisions of chapter 219 of the general statutes for items of tangible personal property sold by the contractor or by any of its affiliates in the same manner as if the contractor and its affiliates were engaged in the business of selling tangible personal property for use in this state and had sufficient nexus with this state to be required to collect use tax due to the state. (b) The following provisions shall apply to and be made part of any agreement entered into pursuant to subsection (a) of this section: (1) The contractor and its affiliates are not liable for use tax not paid to them by a customer; (2) A customer's payment of a use tax to the contractor or its affiliates relieves the customer of liability for the use tax; (3) The contractor and its affiliates shall remit all use taxes they collect from customers on or before the due date specified in the agreement, which may not be later than the last day of the month next succeeding the end of a calendar quarter or other tax collection period during which the tax was collected; and (4) Any contractor or affiliate who fails to remit use taxes collected on behalf of its customers by the due date specified in the agreement shall be subject to the interest and penalties provided for persons required to collect sales tax under chapter 219 of the general statutes. (c) Any agreement entered into under subsection (a) of this section may provide that the contractor and its affiliates shall collect the use tax only on items that are subject to the six per cent rate of tax. (d) For purposes of this section, "affiliate" means any person, as defined in section 12-1 of the general statutes, that controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with another person. A person controls another person if the person owns, directly or indirectly, more than ten per cent of the voting securities of the other person. For purposes of this subsection, "voting security" means a security that confers upon the holder the right to vote for the election of members of the board of directors or similar governing body of the business, or that is convertible into, or entitles the holder to receive, upon its exercise, a security that confers such a right to vote. "Voting security" includes a general partnership interest. (PA 03-01 Sec.105)

Saving Clause

30. The Contractor shall not be liable for losses or delays in the fulfillment of the terms of the contract due to wars, acts of public enemies, strikes, fires, floods, acts of God or any other acts not within the control of or reasonably prevented by the

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Contractor. The Contractor will give written notice of the cause and probable duration of any such delay.

Advertising

31. Contractors may not reference sales to the State for advertising and promotional purposes without the prior approval of Procurement Services.

Rights

32. The State has sole and exclusive right and title to all printed material produced for the State and the contractor shall not copyright the printed matter produced under the contract.

33. The Contractor assigns to the State all rights title and interests in and to all causes of action it may have under Section 4 of the Clayton Act, 15 USC 15, or under Chapter 624 of the general statutes. This assignment occurs when the Contractor is awarded the contract.

33. Contractor agrees that it is in compliance with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations, including but not limited to Connecticut General Statutes Sections 4a-60 and 4a-60a. The Contractor also agrees that it will hold the State harmless and indemnify the State from any action which may arise out of any act by the contractor concerning lack of compliance with these laws and regulations.

34. All purchases will be in compliance with Section 22a-194 to Section 22a-194g of the Connecticut General Statutes related to product packaging This contract is subject to the provisions of Executive Order No. Three of Governor Thomas J. Meskill promulgated June 16, 1971, the provisions of Executive Order No. Seventeen of Governor Thomas J. Meskill promulgated February 15, 1973 and section 16 of P.A. 91-58 nondiscrimination regarding sexual orientation, and the provisions of Executive Order No. Sixteen of Governor John G. Rowland promulgated August 4, 1999 regarding Violence in the Workplace Prevention Policy.

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Records, Files, and Information

35. The contract resulting from the ITB is subject to the provisions of §1-218 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as it may be modified from time to time. In accordance with this section, each contract in excess of two million five hundred thousand dollars between a public agency and a person for the performance of a governmental function shall (1) provide that the public agency is entitled to receive a copy of records and files related to the performance of the governmental function, and (2) indicate that such records and files are subject to the Freedom of Information Act and may be disclosed by the public agency pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act. No request to inspect or copy such records or files shall be valid unless the request is made to the public agency in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act. Any complaint by a person who is denied the right to inspect or copy such records or files shall be brought to the Freedom of Information Commission in accordance with the provisions of sections 1-205 and 1-206 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

36. Incorporated by reference into this contract is Section 4-61dd(g)(1) and 4-61dd(3) and (f) of the Connecticut General Statutes which prohibits contractors from taking adverse action against employees who disclosed information to the Auditors of Public Accounts or the Attorney General.

**Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
(HIPAA)**

37. Under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996, Bidders are expected to adhere to the same standards as the state agency/covered entity as to Protected Health Information (PHI), to maintain compliance with Title 45 CFR Part 164.504, Uses and Disclosures: Organizational Requirements, Bidder Contracts. Protected Health Information (PHI) includes information related to claims, health services, federal and state tax information, financials, criminal/court related information and other personally identifiable records. Bidder agrees that

it shall be prohibited from using or disclosing the PHI provided or made available by the state agency/covered entity or viewed while on the premises for any purpose other than as expressly permitted or required by this Contract. These uses and disclosures must be within the scope of the Bidder's services provided to the state agency/covered entity. Bidders shall establish and maintain reasonable safeguards to prevent any use or disclosure of the PHI, other than as specified in this Contract or required by law. Bidder agrees that anytime PHI is provided or made available to any subcontractors or agents, Bidder must enter into a subcontract, which contains the same terms, conditions and restrictions on the use and disclosure of PHI as contained in this Contract. Bidder agrees to make available and provide a right of access to PHI by the individual for whom the information was created and disclosed. Bidder agrees to make information available as required to provide an accounting of disclosures. Bidder agrees to make its internal practices, books, and records relating to the use or disclosure of PHI received from, or created or received by Bidder on behalf of the state agency/covered entity, available to the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) for purposes of determining compliance with the HHS Privacy Regulations. At termination of this Contract, Bidder agrees to return or destroy all PHI received from, or created by the state agency/covered entity. If not feasible, extend the protections of this agreement to the PHI and limit further uses and disclosures. Bidder will have procedures in place for mitigating any harmful effects from the use or disclosure of PHI in a manner contrary to this Contract or the HHS Privacy Regulations. Bidder must develop and implement a system of sanctions for any employee, subcontractor or agent who violates this Contract or the HHS Privacy Regulations. The PHI shall be and remain the resources of the state agency/covered entity. Bidder agrees that it acquires no title or rights to the information, including any de-identified information, as a result of this Contract. Bidder agrees that the state agency/covered entity has the right to immediately terminate this Contract if the state agency/covered entity determines that Bidder has violated a material term of this HIPAA Compliance Agreement above.