

A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

A.1. Definitions

As used herein, the following terms shall have the following meaning unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

- A.1.1. "Acquisition" means items, products, materials, supplies, services, and equipment a state agency acquires by purchase, lease purchase, lease with option to purchase, or rental pursuant to the Oklahoma Central Purchasing Act;
- A.1.2. "Bid" means an offer in the form of a bid, proposal, or quote a bidder submits in response to a solicitation;
- A.1.3. "Bidder" means an individual or business entity that submits a bid in response to a solicitation;
- A.1.4. "Solicitation" means a request or invitation by the State Purchasing Director or a state agency for a supplier to submit a priced offer to sell acquisitions to the state. A solicitation may be an invitation to bid, request for proposal, or a request for quotation; and
- A.1.5. "Supplier" or "vendor" means an individual or business entity that sells or desires to sell acquisitions to state agencies.

A.2. Bid Submission

- A.2.1. Submitted bids shall be in strict conformity with the instructions to bidders and shall be submitted with a completed Responding Bidder Information, OMES-FORM-CP-076, and any other forms required by the solicitation.
- A.2.2. Bids shall be submitted to the Central Purchasing Division in a single envelope, package, or container and shall be sealed, unless otherwise detailed in the solicitation. The name and address of the bidder shall be inserted in the upper left corner of the single envelope, package, or container. SOLICITATION NUMBER AND SOLICITATION RESPONSE DUE DATE AND TIME MUST APPEAR ON THE FACE OF THE SINGLE ENVELOPE, PACKAGE, OR CONTAINER.
- A.2.3. The required certification statement, "Certification for Competitive Bid and/or Contract (Non-Collusion Certification)", OMES-FORM-CP-004, must be made out in the name of the bidder and must be properly executed by an authorized person, with full knowledge and acceptance of all its provisions.
- A.2.4. All bids shall be legible and completed in ink or with electronic printer or other similar office equipment. Any corrections to bids shall be identified and initialed in ink by the bidder. Penciled bids and penciled corrections shall NOT be accepted and will be rejected as non-responsive. In addition to a hard copy submittal, the bidder will also be required to submit an electronic copy. Electronic responses must be submitted in the identical format contained in the solicitation (for example Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, but not Adobe PDF). In the event the hard copy of the price worksheets and electronic copy of the price worksheets do not agree, the electronic copy will prevail.
- A.2.5. All bids submitted shall be subject to the Oklahoma Central Purchasing Act, Central Purchasing Rules, and other statutory regulations as applicable, these General Provisions, any Special Provisions, solicitation specifications, required certification statement, and all other terms and conditions listed or attached herein—all of which are made part of this solicitation.

A.3. Solicitation Amendments

- A.3.1. If an "Amendment of Solicitation," OMES-FORM-CP-011, is issued, the bidder shall acknowledge receipt of any/all amendment(s) to solicitations by signing and returning the solicitation amendment(s). Amendment acknowledgement(s) may be submitted with the bid or may be forwarded separately. If forwarded separately, amendment acknowledgement(s) must contain the solicitation number and response due date and time on the front of the envelope. The Central Purchasing Division must receive the amendment acknowledgement(s) by the response due date and time specified for receipt of bids for the bid to be deemed responsive. Failure to acknowledge solicitation amendments may be grounds for rejection.
- A.3.2. No oral statement of any person shall modify or otherwise affect the terms, conditions, or specifications stated in the solicitation. All amendments to the solicitation shall be made in writing by the Central Purchasing Division.
- A.3.3. It is the Bidder's responsibility to check the OMES/Central Purchasing Division website frequently for any possible amendments that may be issued. The Central Purchasing Division is not responsible for a bidder's failure to download any amendment documents required to complete a solicitation.

A.4. Bid Change

If the bidder needs to change a bid prior to the solicitation response due date, a new bid shall be submitted to the Central Purchasing Division with the following statement "This bid supersedes the bid previously submitted" in a single envelope, package, or container and shall be sealed, unless otherwise detailed in the solicitation. The name and address of the bidder shall be inserted in the upper left corner of the single envelope, package, or container. SOLICITATION NUMBER AND SOLICITATION RESPONSE DUE DATE AND TIME MUST APPEAR ON THE FACE OF THE SINGLE ENVELOPE, PACKAGE, OR CONTAINER.

A.5. Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters

By submitting a response to this solicitation:

- A.5.1. The prospective primary participant and any subcontractor certifies to the best of their knowledge and belief, that they and their principals or participants:
 - A.5.1.1. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded by any Federal, State or local department or agency;
 - A.5.1.2. Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or pled guilty or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State or local) contract; or for violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
 - A.5.1.3. Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph A.5.1.2. of this certification; and
 - A.5.1.4. Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public (Federal, State, or local) contracts terminated for cause or default.
- A.5.2. Where the prospective primary participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to its solicitation response.

A.6. Bid Opening

Sealed bids shall be opened by the Central Purchasing Division at the Will Rogers Building, 2401 N. Lincoln Blvd. First Floor, Suite 116, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73105 at the time and date specified in the solicitation as Response Due Date and Time.

A.7. A.7. Open Bid / Open Record

Pursuant to the Oklahoma Public Open Records Act, a public bid opening does not make the bid(s) immediately accessible to the public. The procurement or contracting agency shall keep the bid(s) confidential, and provide prompt and reasonable access to the records only after a contract is awarded or the solicitation is cancelled. This practice protects the integrity of the competitive bid process and prevents excessive disruption to the procurement process. The interest of achieving the best value for the State of Oklahoma outweighs the interest of vendors immediately knowing the contents of competitor's bids. [51 O.S. § 24A.5(5)]

Additionally, financial or proprietary information submitted by a bidder may be designated by the Purchasing Director as confidential and the procurement entity may reject all requests to disclose information designated as confidential pursuant to 62 O.S. (2012) §34.11.1(H)(2) and 74 O.S. (2011) § 85.10. Bidders claiming any portion of their bid as proprietary or confidential must specifically identify what documents or portions of documents they consider confidential and identify applicable law supporting their claim of confidentiality. The State Purchasing Director shall make the final decision as to whether the documentation or information is confidential pursuant to 74 O.S. § 85.10. Otherwise, documents and information a bidder submits as part of or in connection with a bid are public records and subject to disclosure after contract award or the solicitation is cancelled.

A.8. A.8. Late Bids

Bids received by the Central Purchasing Division after the response due date and time shall be deemed non-responsive and shall NOT be considered for any resultant award.

A.9. A.9. Legal Contract

- A.9.1. Submitted bids are rendered as a legal offer and any bid, when accepted by the Central Purchasing Division, shall constitute a contract.
- A.9.2. The Contract resulting from this solicitation may consist of the following documents in order of preference:
 - A.9.2.1. Purchase order, as amended by Change Order (if applicable);
 - A.9.2.2. Solicitation, as amended (if applicable); and
 - A.9.2.3. Successful bid (including required certifications), to the extent the bid does not conflict with the requirements of the solicitation or applicable law.
- A.9.3. Any contract(s) awarded pursuant to the solicitation shall be legibly written or typed.

A.10. A.10. Pricing

- A.10.1. Bids shall remain firm for a minimum of sixty (60) days from the solicitation closing date.
- A.10.2. Bidders guarantee unit prices to be correct.
- A.10.3. In accordance with 74 O.S. §85.40, ALL travel expenses to be incurred by the supplier in performance of the Contract shall be included in the total bid price/contract amount.

A.11. A.11. Manufacturers' Name and Approved Equivalent

Unless otherwise specified in the solicitation, manufacturers' names, brand names, information and/or catalog numbers listed in a specification are for information and not intended to limit competition. Bidder may offer any brand for which they are an authorized representative, and which meets or exceeds the specification for any item(s). However, if bids are based on equivalent products, indicate on the bid form the manufacturer's name and number. Bidder shall submit sketches, descriptive literature, and/or complete specifications with their bid. Reference to literature submitted with a previous bid will not satisfy this provision. The bidder shall also explain in detail the reason(s) why the proposed equivalent will meet the specifications and not be considered an exception thereto. Bids that do not comply with these requirements are subject to rejection.

A.12. A.12. Clarification of Solicitation

- A.12.1. Clarification pertaining to the contents of this solicitation shall be directed in writing to the Central Purchasing Contracting Officer specified in the solicitation.
- A.12.2. If a bidder fails to notify the State of an error, ambiguity, conflict, discrepancy, omission or other error in the SOLICITATION, known to the bidder, or that reasonably should have been known by the bidder, the bidder shall submit a bid at its own risk; and if awarded the contract, the bidder shall not be entitled to additional compensation, relief, or time, by reason of the error or its later correction. If a bidder takes exception to any requirement or specification contained in the SOLICITATION, these exceptions must be clearly and prominently stated in their response.
- A.12.3. Bidders who believe proposal requirements or specifications are unnecessarily restrictive or limit competition may submit a written request for administrative review to the State prior to the closing date.

A.13. A.13. Rejection of Bid

The State reserves the right to reject any bids that do not comply with the requirements and specifications of the solicitation. A bid may be rejected when the bidder imposes terms or conditions that would modify requirements of the solicitation or limit the bidder's liability to the State. Other possible reasons for rejection of bids are listed in OAC 580:16-7-32.

A.14. A.14. Award of Contract

- A.14.1. The State Purchasing Director may award the Contract to more than one bidder by awarding the Contract(s) by item or groups of items, or may award the Contract on an ALL OR NONE basis, whichever is deemed by the State Purchasing Director to be in the best interest of the State of Oklahoma.
- A.14.2. Contract awards will be made to the lowest and best bidder(s) unless the solicitation specifies that best value criteria is being used.
- A.14.3. In order to receive an award or payments from the State of Oklahoma, suppliers must be registered. The vendor registration process can be completed electronically through the OMES website at the following link: <https://www.ok.gov/dcs/vendors/index.php> .

A.15. A.15. Contract Modification

- A.15.1. The Contract is issued under the authority of the State Purchasing Director or designee who signs the contract. The contract may be modified only through a written Contract Modification. Any modification or amendments to the Contract must be in writing, agreed to by both parties, and approved by the awarding state agency.

- A.15.2. Any change to the Contract, including but not limited to the addition of work or materials, the revision of payment terms, or the substitution of work or materials, directed by a person who is not specifically authorized by the Central Purchasing Division in writing, or made unilaterally by the supplier, is a breach of the Contract. Unless otherwise specified by applicable law or rules, such changes, including unauthorized written Contract Modifications, shall be void and without effect, and the supplier shall not be entitled to any claim under this Contract based on those changes. No oral statement of any person shall modify or otherwise affect the terms, conditions, or specifications stated in the resultant Contract.

A.16. A.16. Assignment

- A.16.1. Contractor understands and agrees that the services required under the Contract cannot be assigned or transferred without the appropriate division administrator or designee's written authorization.

A.16.2. A.16.2 Subcontracting

- A.16.2.1. Contractor must notify the appropriate division administrator or designee in writing of any subcontracting, in whole or in part, of services required under the Contract at least 30 calendar days prior to the effective date of the subcontract. Contractor shall supply DEQ with a copy of any subcontract issued at time of notification. The terms of the Contract shall be included in any subcontract. Subcontracts shall provide that DEQ shall have authority to directly monitor the subcontractor's compliance with the terms of the subcontracts.

- A.16.2.2. The existence of a subcontract shall not relieve Contractor of any responsibility for performing the Contract.

A.16.2.3. Subcontract Modification

Any change to a contractor's subcontract shall be treated as a new subcontract and the above requirements of Part 16.2. "Subcontracting" apply.

A.17. Delivery, Inspection and Acceptance

- A.17.1. Unless otherwise specified in the solicitation or awarding documents, all deliveries shall be F.O.B. Destination. The bidder(s) awarded the Contract shall prepay all packaging, handling, shipping and delivery charges and firm prices quoted in the bid shall include all such charges. All products and/or services to be delivered pursuant to the Contract shall be subject to final inspection and acceptance by the State at destination. "Destination" shall mean delivered to the receiving dock or other point specified in the purchase order. The State assumes no responsibility for goods until accepted by the State at the receiving point in good condition. Title and risk of loss or damage to all items shall be the responsibility of the supplier until accepted by the receiving agency. The supplier(s) awarded the Contract shall be responsible for filing, processing, and collecting any and all damage claims accruing prior to acceptance.

- A.17.2. Supplier(s) awarded the Contract shall be required to deliver products and services as bid on or before the required date. Deviations, substitutions or changes in products and services shall not be made unless expressly authorized in writing by the Central Purchasing Division.

A.18. A.18. Invoicing and Payment

- A.18.1. Pursuant to 74 O.S. §85.44(B), invoices will be paid in arrears after products have been delivered or services provided.

- A.18.2. Interest on late payments made by the State of Oklahoma is governed by 62 O.S. §34.71 and 62 O.S. §34.72.

- A.18.3. Pursuant to Title 62 of the Oklahoma State Statutes, the State's payment terms are net 45 days.

- A.18.4. Vendor FEI number must appear on all invoices. Purchase Order must appear on all invoices. If a service contract - invoice must state period of service.
- A.18.5. "Purchase Order Number must appear on all invoices. If vendor fails to provide purchase order number, it may result in the delayed payment of the invoice."

A.19. Duplicate Billing Prohibition

Contractor shall not bill DEQ for services required under the Contract for which the Contractor has already received or will receive compensation for the same services from DEQ or another source. Contractor may seek additional funding from another source to enhance the services for which DEQ is providing compensation.

A.20. Tax Exemption

State agency acquisitions are exempt from sales taxes and federal excise taxes. Bidders shall not include these taxes in price quotes.

A.21. Audit and Records Clause

- A.21.1. As used in this clause, "records" includes books, documents, accounting procedures and practices, and other data, regardless of type and regardless of whether such items are in written form, in the form of computer data, or in any other form. In accepting any Contract with the State, the successful bidder(s) agree any pertinent State or Federal agency will have the right to examine and audit all records relevant to execution and performance of the resultant Contract.
- A.21.2. The successful bidder(s) awarded the Contract(s) is required to retain records relative to the Contract for the duration of the Contract and for a period of seven (7) years following completion and/or termination of the Contract. If an audit, litigation, or other action involving such records is started before the end of the seven (7) year period, the records are required to be maintained for two (2) years from the date that all issues arising out of the action are resolved, or until the end of the seven (7) year retention period, whichever is later.
- A.21.3. Monitoring and Financial Compliance Review
- A.21.4. DEQ, through any authorized representative, has the authority, at reasonable times, to inspect, investigate or otherwise evaluate the services performed under this Contract and financial transactions related thereto. Such inspections, investigation or evaluations may be conducted on the premises where the services are being performed. If any inspection, investigation or evaluation is conducted by DEQ, Contractor shall provide all reasonable assistance necessary. All inspections, investigations or evaluations shall be performed in such manner as will not unduly interfere with the Contractor's performance of the services. DEQ shall have access to and the authority to examine and copy all records related to this Contract and the services to be provided under it at any time during the period such records are required to be maintained or retained by the Contractor. DEQ will not impose an unreasonable administrative burden on Contractor. Contractor shall establish and maintain confidential files or otherwise make such files available at the service delivery site for all program personnel and service recipients.
- A.21.5. DEQ will complete a performance evaluation at the end of the contract period, evaluating the quality and appropriateness of the services provided, as required by 74 O.S. § 85.41B.

A.22. Unallowable Costs

In the event any audit, audit resolution, review, monitoring, or any other oversight results in the determination that Contractor has expended DEQ funds on unallowable costs on this or any previous contract, Contractor shall reimburse DEQ in full for all such costs on demand. DEQ may, at its sole discretion, deduct and withhold such amounts from subsequent payments to be made to the Contractor under this or other contracts.

A.23. Appeal

In the event any audit resolution, review, monitoring, or oversight results in the determination that DEQ has overpaid the Contractor for this or any previous contract, Contractor has a right to file a written appeal to the DEQ Executive Director. DEQ will consider the appeal before final action or reimbursement is sought by DEQ. Payments under the Contract will continue while the appeal is pending unless the contract is otherwise terminated.

A.24. Non-Appropriation Clause

The terms of any Contract resulting from the solicitation and any Purchase Order issued for multiple years under the Contract are contingent upon sufficient appropriations being made by the Legislature or other appropriate government entity. Notwithstanding any language to the contrary in the solicitation, purchase order, or any other Contract document, the procuring agency may terminate its obligations under the Contract if sufficient appropriations are not made by the Legislature or other appropriate governing entity to pay amounts due for multiple year agreements. The Requesting (procuring) Agency's decisions as to whether sufficient appropriations are available shall be accepted by the supplier and shall be final and binding.

A.25. Choice of Law

Any claims, disputes, or litigation relating to the solicitation, or the execution, interpretation, performance, or enforcement of the Contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of Oklahoma.

A.26. Choice of Venue

Venue for any action, claim, dispute or litigation relating in any way to the Contract shall be in Oklahoma County, Oklahoma.

A.27. Prior Unmet Contractual Obligations

Under this Contract, DEQ has the authority to suspend payment to Contractor in the event the Contractor has not met its contractual obligations for submission of reports, schedules, audits or other documentation required by a prior year's contract. Such suspension of payments to the Contractor shall continue until such required documents are received by DEQ.

A.28. A.23. Termination for Cause

- A.28.1. The supplier may terminate the Contract for default or other just cause by giving thirty (30) days written request for termination and upon written approval from the Central Purchasing Division. The State may terminate the Contract for default or any other just cause upon a 30-day written notification to the supplier.
- A.28.2. The State may terminate the Contract immediately, without a 30-day written notice to the supplier, when violations are found to be an impediment to the function of an agency and detrimental to its cause, when conditions preclude the 30-day notice, or when the State Purchasing Director determines that an administrative error occurred prior to Contract performance.
- A.28.3. If the Contract is terminated, the State shall be liable only for payment for products and/or services rendered and accepted prior to the effective date of the contract termination.

A.29. A.24. Termination for Convenience

- A.29.1. The State may terminate the Contract, in whole or in part, for convenience if the State Purchasing Director determines that termination is in the State's best interest. The State Purchasing Director shall terminate the Contract by delivering to the supplier a Notice of Termination for Convenience specifying the terms and effective date of Contract termination. The Contract termination date shall be a minimum of 60 days from the date the Notice of Termination for Convenience is issued by the State Purchasing Director.
- A.29.2. If the Contract is terminated, the State shall be liable only for products and/or services delivered and accepted, and for costs and expenses (exclusive of profit) reasonably incurred prior to the date upon which the Notice of Termination for Convenience was received by the supplier.

A.30. Termination/Contract Reduction Due to Lack of Funding

DEQ may terminate the Contract in the event that DEQ is not granted funding to pay for the services herein described or in the event that funding is lost due to either a reduction in the budget or a reallocation of budgeted funds. Reallocation of budgeted funds is at the sole discretion of DEQ. DEQ shall notify Contractor of any such termination, by delivering to the supplier a Notice of Termination for Convenience specifying the terms and effective date of Contract termination. The effective date of termination shall be specified in the notice.

In the event DEQ experiences a budget reduction for any reason or experiences a revenue failure or reallocates funding at its discretion, DEQ may reduce the Contract. Notice of such reduction shall be sent in writing to the Contractor.

A.31. Insurance

The successful bidder(s) awarded the Contract shall obtain and retain insurance, including workers' compensation, automobile insurance, medical malpractice, and general liability, as applicable, or as required by State or Federal law, prior to commencement of any work in connection with the Contract. The supplier awarded the Contract shall timely renew the policies to be carried pursuant to this section throughout the term of the Contract and shall provide the Central Purchasing Division and the procuring agency with evidence of such insurance and renewals.

A.32. Employment Relationship

The Contract does not create an employment relationship. Individuals performing services required by this Contract are not employees of the State of Oklahoma or the procuring agency. The supplier's employees shall not be considered employees of the State of Oklahoma nor of the procuring agency for any purpose, and accordingly shall not be eligible for rights or benefits accruing to state employees.

A.33. Compliance with the Oklahoma Taxpayer and Citizen Protection Act of 2007

By submitting a bid for services, the bidder certifies that they, and any proposed subcontractors, are in compliance with 25 O.S. §1313 and participate in the Status Verification System. The Status Verification System is defined in 25 O.S. §1312 and includes but is not limited to the free Employment Verification Program (E-Verify) through the Department of Homeland Security and available at www.dhs.gov/E-Verify.

A.34. Compliance with Applicable Laws

- A.34.1. The products and services supplied under the Contract shall comply with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws, and the supplier shall maintain all applicable licenses and permit requirements.
- A.34.2. Contractor and any subcontractors shall comply with all applicable state and federal laws including any regulations and rules promulgated by any governmental authorities which are applicable to the Contract. Observance of and compliance with these requirements shall be the sole responsibility of Contractor, without reliance on or direction by DEQ.

A.35. Debarment/Suspension

In accordance with 31 U.S.C. §1352 (A)(1) AND Exec. Order No. 12549,51 Fed. Reg. 6370 (Feb. 18, 1986) Contractor certifies that neither it nor its principals are presently or have in the last three (3) years been debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible to participate in federal programs by any federal department or agency, or convicted of a fraud-related crime.

A.36. Special Provisions

Special Provisions set forth in SECTION B apply with the same force and effect as these General Provisions. However, conflicts or inconsistencies shall be resolved in favor of the Special Provisions.

A.37. A.30 Indemnity

Unless prohibited by Article 10 of the Oklahoma Constitution, Contractor agrees to indemnify and hold DEQ harmless against any and all bodily injuries an property damages, civil rights violations, deficiencies or liability resulting from any action, inaction or conduct on the part of Contractor or non-fulfillment of any term or condition of this contract. Unless prohibited, by Article 10 of the Oklahoma Constitution, Contractor shall indemnify and hold DEQ harmless under this contract from any and all assessments, judgments, costs including attorneys' fees, and legal and other reasonable expenses incidental to any of the foregoing.

Contractor agrees to ensure that any subcontractor under this contract shall indemnify and hold DEQ harmless from any and all claims for bodily injuries, property damages, or other liabilities whatsoever arising from the subcontractor's actions, inaction, or other conduct relate to or arising from this contract.

A.38. Liability

The parties agree that each entity shall be responsible for its own negligence, if any, in the delivery of service pursuant to this contract. Neither party, by executing this Contract, assumes any liability for acts of omission or commission of the other.

A.39. Severability

If any provision under this agreement or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity does not affect any other provision of this agreement or its application that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application.

A.40. Interpretation Remedies

In the event of any disagreement between Contractor and DEQ relating to the technical competence of the work and services being performed and its conformity to the requirements of this agreement, the decision of DEQ shall prevail.