

ATTACHMENT E



**INTENT TO PARTICIPATE
NASPO ValuePoint Cooperative Contract(s) for
Tires, Tubes and Services
By the State of Maryland
("State" or "Maryland" or "Participating State")
With the State of Iowa as "Lead State"
Request for Proposal (RFP)
Iowa Solicitation Number RFP1118005083**



I. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Intent to Participate ("ITP") is to enable interested NASPO states with the opportunity to participate fully in the procurement process to develop a multi-state cooperative contract(s) for the joint and cooperative acquisition of **Tires, Tubes and any related Services** for public bodies within the Participating State.

Products and Services sought through this solicitation may be described by any of the following NIGP Commodity Codes: 86300 Tires and Tubes (Incl. Recapped/Retreaded Tires) and may include any of the following subcategory items:

- 86303 Tires and Tubes, Aircraft
- 86305 Tires and Tubes, Passenger Vehicles
- 86306 Tires and Tubes, Motorcycle
- 86307 Tires and Tubes, Light Trucks
- 86310 Tires and Tubes, Medium Truck and Bus
- 86315 Tires and Tubes, Off-Road Equipment
- 86320 Tires and Tubes, Farm Tractor and Implement
- 86325 Tires and Tubes, Industrial
- 86330 Tires and Tubes, Misc. (Not Otherwise Listed)
- 86365 Recapped/Retreaded Tires
- 86395 Recycled Tires and Tubes

The procurement and resulting contract(s) for these Services are being developed and led by the State of Iowa ("Lead State").

II. SCOPE OF THE CONTRACT(S)

The State of Iowa is authorized by agreement of the participants to act as the procurement officer in developing multi-state cooperative contract(s) for **Tires, Tubes and Services**.

The Lead State is authorized by agreement through the NASPO Cooperative Purchasing Organization and all member states, including the State of Maryland as a Participating State, to act as the lead procurement officer in developing one or more multi-state cooperative contracts with qualified, responsible, and responsive Offerors for the provision of **Tires, Tubes and Services**.

The resulting contract(s) will be permissive use and available for use by the all Participating States.

It is the intent of the State to participate in this joint procurement for Services through NASPO in order to obtain the most optimal cost savings and/or reductions in administrative expense for the overall benefit for the State of Maryland and all of its Public Bodies. Additionally, and consistent with the Code of Maryland, Annotated (the Code), the State's intent is to also help ensure that all qualified State vendors have access to public business and that no Offeror be arbitrarily or capriciously excluded, and that competition be sought for all Maryland businesses to the maximum feasible degree.

To ensure maximum transparency and public access for all State procurement activities and business opportunities, and consistent with Code, the State and any authorized state agency or other Maryland public body, hereinafter defined as Authorized Users, shall be required to submit any order directly with a contractor through the State's central electronic procurement website, eMaryland Marketplace ("eMM") or any then-current State eProcurement program, and the details for this will be delineated in the ordering instructions at such time that the State may deem it in its best interest to execute a future Participating Addendum (PA).

Administrative Fee

A NASPO ValuePoint administrative fee of one-quarter of one percent (0.25%) will be assessed centrally for purchases made under any resulting contract. The State of Maryland reserves the right to add a nominal administrative fee at such time that any PA may be negotiated between a contractor and the State to enable the management and administration of a contract, the enablement of Small business participation, together with all other detailed processes for managing, administering, and recording such fee payments.

III. TERM OF THE CONTRACT

The initial term of the contract will be established for five years from the date of award with no options to extend the contract.

IV. SOLICITATION AND CONTRACT DEVELOPMENT/ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The solicitation and contract development shall be accomplished in compliance with the NASPO ValuePoint Process Guide and the NASPO Memorandum of Agreement for the NASPO cooperative purchasing program, incorporated herein by reference.

Solicitation Publication Period

Bidders/Offerors will be given at least 40 days after publication to submit proposals.

Solicitation Type and Evaluation Criteria

This RFP will be issued and evaluated in concert with the procurement laws and rules of the State of Iowa by a sourcing team comprised of member state Procurement professionals from various NASPO member states.

Award(s): The solicitation will permit multiple awards.

Additional Requested Information

State Specific Terms and Conditions:

Current required State of Maryland Contractual Provisions with Affidavits attached for release with RFP.

The State of Maryland currently requires the attached contractual terms and conditions in a solicitation, which are included for release with this RFP. The State reserves the right to modify, add, or delete these or any other needed terms and conditions at the appropriate time that any PA may be negotiated.

These contractual terms and conditions shall be applicable to any Offeror in Maryland and are required for the State or any State Authorized User's participation in any joint or cooperative procurement conducted by another state.

Annual Estimated Volume: The State's estimated current annual volume of spend for this commodity or service, is indicated below. Spend analytics for political subdivision usage is not available.

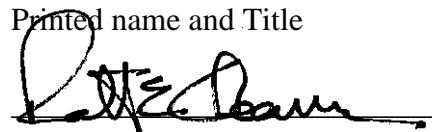
Annual State Spend \$ 3.6 million

Annual Political Subdivision Spend \$ n/a

Primary Representative to NASPO from the State of Maryland

Robert E. Gleason, Senior Procurement Executive

Printed name and Title



5/3/2018

Signature and Date

(410) 260-3910 robert.gleason@maryland.gov

Contact Info

State point-of-contact for this commodity/service:

Lisa Fortune McDonald, Procurement Manager, Department of General Services

Printed name and Title

(410) 767-4084 lisa.mcdonald@maryland.gov

Contact Info

Please scan and email the signed "Intent to Participate" document by **May 10, 2018** to:

Shannon Berry

Cooperative Development Coordinator

NASPO ValuePoint

sberry@naspovaluepoint.org

ATTACHMENT

Maryland Mandatory Contractual Provisions w/Affidavits



MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

SECTION B

MARYLAND TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

All terms and conditions of the solicitation and amendments thereto are made a part of this Contract.

2. TAX EXEMPTION

The State of Maryland is generally exempt from federal excise taxes, Maryland sales and use taxes, District of Columbia sales taxes and transportation taxes. Exemption certificates shall be completed upon request. Where a Contractor is required to furnish and install material in the construction or improvement of real property in performance of a contract, the Contractor shall pay the Maryland Sales Tax and the exemption does not apply.

3. SPECIFICATIONS

All materials, equipment, supplies or services shall conform to federal and State laws and regulations and to the specifications contained in this solicitation.

4. DELIVERY AND ACCEPTANCE

Delivery shall be made in accordance with the solicitation specifications. The State, in its sole discretion, may extend the time of performance for excusable delays due to unforeseeable causes beyond the Contractor's control. The State unilaterally may order in writing the suspension, delay or interruption of performance hereunder. The State reserves the right to test any materials, equipment, supplies, or services delivered to determine if the specifications have been met. The materials listed in the bid or proposal shall be delivered FOB the point or points specified prior to or on the date specified in the bid or proposal. Any material that is defective or fails to meet the terms of the solicitation specifications shall be rejected. Rejected materials shall be promptly replaced. The State reserves the right to purchase replacement materials in the open market. Contractors failing to promptly replace materials lawfully rejected shall be liable for any excess price paid for the replacement, plus applicable expenses, if any.

5. NON-HIRING OF EMPLOYEES

No official or employee of the State, as defined under State Government Article, §15-102, Annotated Code of Maryland, whose duties as such official or employee include matters relating to or affecting the subject matter of this contract shall, during the pendency or term of this contract and while serving as an official or employee of the State, become or be an employee of the Contractor or any entity that is a subcontractor on this Contract.

6. NON-DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT

The Contractor agrees not to discriminate in any manner against an employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, creed, age, sex, marital status, national origin, ancestry, or physical or mental handicap unrelated in nature and extent so as reasonably to preclude the performance of such employment and to post and to cause



subcontractors to post conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth the substance of this clause.

7. FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

The Contractor shall comply with State Finance and Procurement Article §13-221, Annotated Code of Maryland, which requires that every business that enters into contracts, leases or other agreements with the State and receives in the aggregate \$100,000 or more, during a calendar year shall, within 30 days of the time when the \$100,000 reached, file with the Secretary of State certain specified information to include disclosure of beneficial ownership of the business.

8. POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION DISCLOSURE

The Contractor shall comply with Sections 14-101 through 14-108 of the Election Law Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, which requires that every person that enters into, during any 12 month period, one or more contracts, or other agreements with the State, a county, or an incorporated municipality, or their agencies, involving a cumulative consideration of at least \$100,000 or more, shall file with the State Administrative Board of Election Laws a statement disclosing contributions to a candidate, or a series of such contributions, in a cumulative amount in excess of \$500 made during the reporting period to a candidate for elective office in any primary or general election. The statement shall be filed with the State Administrative Board of Election Laws: (1) before a sale, purchase or execution of a contract by the State, a county, an incorporated municipality, or their agencies, and shall cover the preceding 24 months; and (2) if the contribution is made after sale, purchase or the execution of a contract, then twice a year, throughout the contract term: (a) within 5 days after the end of the 6-month period ending January 31; and (b) within 5 days after the end of the 6-month period ending July 31.

9. ANTIBRIBERY

The Contractor warrants that neither it nor any of its officers, directors, or partners nor any of its employees who are directly involved in obtaining or performing contracts with any public body has been convicted of bribery, attempted bribery, or conspiracy to bribe, under the laws of any state or of the federal government or has engaged in conduct since July 1, 1977, which would constitute bribery, attempted bribery, or conspiracy to bribe under the laws of any state or the federal government.

10. REGISTRATION

Pursuant to §7-201 et seq. of the Corporations and Associations Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, corporations not incorporated in the State shall be registered with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation, 301 West Preston St., Baltimore, Maryland 21201, before doing any interstate or foreign business in this State. Before doing any intrastate business in this State, a foreign corporation shall qualify with the Department of Assessments and Taxation. The website for the State Department of Assessments and Taxation is <http://www.dat.state.md.us>, e-mail address is charterhelp@dat.state.md.us, and phone numbers for the State Department of Assessments and Taxation are: (410) 767-1340 or (888) 246-5941.

11. CONTINGENT FEES

The Contractor warrants that it has not employed or retained any person, partnership, or other entity, other than a bona fide employee or agent working for the Contractor, to solicit or secure this agreement, and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any person, partnership, corporation, or other entity, other than a bona fide employee or agent, any fee or any other consideration contingent on the making of this agreement.

12. EPA COMPLIANCE

Materials, supplies, equipment, or other services shall comply in all respects with the Federal Noise Control Act of 1972, where applicable.

13. OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT (OSHA)

All materials, supplies, equipment or services supplied as a result of this contract shall comply with the applicable U.S. and Maryland Occupational Safety and Health Act Standards.

14. TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE

Upon written notice to the Contractor, the State may terminate this Contract, in whole or in part whenever the State shall determine that such termination is in the best interest of the State. The State shall pay all reasonable costs incurred up to the date of termination and all reasonable costs associated with termination of the contract. However, the Contractor may not be reimbursed for anticipatory profits. Termination hereunder, including the determination of the rights and obligations of the parties, shall be governed by the provisions of COMAR 21.07.01.12A(2).

15. TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT

When the Contractor has not performed or has unsatisfactorily performed the contract, payment shall be withheld at the discretion of the State. Failure on the part of a Contractor to fulfill contractual obligations shall be considered just cause for termination of the contract and the Contractor is not entitled to recover any costs incurred by the Contractor up to the date of termination. Termination hereunder, including the determination of the rights and obligations of the parties, shall be governed by the provisions of COMAR 21.07.01.11B.

16. DISPUTES; NO ELECTRONIC PROTESTS, NOTICES OF CLAIM, OR CLAIMS

This Contract shall be subject to the provisions of Title 15, Subtitle 2 of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland and COMAR.21.10 (Administrative and Civil Remedies). Pending resolution of a claim, the Contractor shall proceed diligently with the performance of the contract in accordance with the procurement officer's decision.

In accordance with COMAR 21.10.02.02 the Department will **not** accept protests, notices of claim, or claims by any electronic means (including by facsimile or email).

17. MULTI-YEAR CONTRACTS

If funds are not appropriated or otherwise made available to support continuation in any fiscal year succeeding the first fiscal year, this contract shall terminate automatically as of the beginning or the fiscal year for which funds are not available. The Contractor may not recover anticipatory profits or costs incurred after termination.

18. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Contractor agrees to indemnify and save harmless the State, its officers, agents and employees with respect to any claim, action, cost or judgment for patent infringement, or trademark or copyright violation arising out of purchase or use of materials, supplies, equipment or services covered by this Contract.

19. MARYLAND LAW PREVAILS

The provisions of this contract shall be governed by the laws of Maryland.

20. CONTRACTOR'S INVOICES

Contractor agrees to include on the face of all invoices billed to the State, its Taxpayer Identification Number, which is the Social Security Number for individuals and sole proprietors and Federal Employer Identification Number for all other types of organizations.

21. PAYMENT OF STATE OBLIGATIONS

Payments to the Contractor pursuant to this Contract shall be made no later than 30 days after the State's receipt of a proper invoice from the Contractor. Charges for late payment of invoices, other than as prescribed by Title 15, Subtitle 1, of the State Finance and Procurement Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, or by the Public Service Commission of Maryland with respect to regulated public utilities, as applicable, are prohibited.

Electronic Funds Transfer: This provision on Electronic Funds Transfer applies to contracts of over \$200,000 for which payments are made through the State Comptroller. Electronic funds transfer will be used by the State to pay Contractor for this Contract and any other State payments due Contractor unless the State Comptroller's Office grants Contractor an exemption. By submitting a response to this solicitation, the Bidder or Offeror agrees to accept payments by electronic funds transfer unless the State Comptroller's Office grants an exemption. After award of a contract, the selected Bidder

or offeror shall register with the Comptroller of Maryland using the forms required by the Comptroller. For further information go to:

<http://compnet.comp.state.md.us/gad/vendorinfo/ef/default.asp>

Any request for exemption must be submitted to the State Comptroller's Office for approval at the address specified on the COT/GAD X-10 form and must include the business identification information as stated on the form and include the reason for the exemption.

22. PRE-EXISTING REGULATIONS

The regulations set forth in Title 21 of the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR Title 21) in effect on the date of execution of this Contract are applicable to this Contract.

23. INDEMNIFICATION

The State shall not assume any obligation to indemnify, hold harmless, or pay attorneys' fees that may arise from or in any way be associated with the performance or operations of this agreement.

24. CONFLICTING TERMS

Any proposal for terms in addition to or different from those set forth in this purchase order or any attempt by the Contractor to vary any of the terms of this offer by Contractor's acceptance shall not operate as a rejection of this offer, unless such variance is in the terms of the description, quantity, price or delivery schedule, but shall be deemed a material alteration thereof, and this offer shall be deemed acceptable by the Contractor without the additional or different terms. If this purchase order is an acceptance of a prior offer by the Contractor, the acceptance is expressly conditioned upon Contractor's assent to any additional terms contained herein. The Contractor understands and agrees that the terms and conditions of this purchase order may not be waived.

25. DRUG AND ALCOHOL FREE WORKPLACE

The Contractor warrants that the Contractor shall comply with COMAR 21.11.08 Drug and Alcohol Free Workplace, and that the Contractor shall remain in compliance throughout the term of this purchase order.

26. CHANGES; WORK ORDERS

Changes: The Procurement Officer unilaterally may, at any time, without notice to the sureties, if any, by written order designated or indicated to be an order, make any change in the work within the general scope of the contract, including but not limited to changes:

In the specifications (including drawings and designs);

In the method or manner of performance of the work;

In the State-furnished facilities, equipment, materials, services, or site; or

Directing acceleration in performance or delivery.

Any other written order or an oral order, including a direction, instruction, interpretation, or determination from the Procurement Officer that causes or constitutes any such change shall be treated as a change order under this clause provided that the Contractor gives the Procurement Officer written notice stating the date, circumstances, and source of the order and that the Contractor regards the order as a change order.

Except as herein provided, no order, statement, or conduct of the Procurement Officer shall be treated as a change under this clause or entitle the Contractor to an equitable adjustment hereunder.

Subject to paragraph (6) of this subsection, if any change under this clause causes an increase or decrease in the Contractor's cost of, or the time required for, the performance of any part of the work under the contract, whether or not changed by an order, an equitable adjustment shall be made and the contract modified in writing accordingly; provided, however, that except for claims based on defective specifications, no claim for any order under (2) above shall be allowed for any costs incurred more than twenty (20) days before the Contractor gives written notice as therein required; and provided further, that in the case of defective specifications for which the State is responsible, the equitable adjustment shall include any increased cost reasonably incurred by the Contractor in attempting to comply with such defective specifications.

If the Contractor intends to assert a claim for an equitable adjustment under this section, he shall do so in accordance with and subject to the disputes procedures of the contract.

Each contract modification or change order that affects contract price shall be subject to the prior written approval of the Procurement Officer and other appropriate authorities and to prior certification of the appropriate fiscal authority of fund availability and the effect of the modification or change order on the contract budget or total cost. If, according to the certification of the fiscal authority, the contract modification or change order will cause an increase in cost that will exceed budgeted and available funds, the modification or change order may not be made unless sufficient additional funds are made available or the scope of the contract is adjusted to permit its completion within the project budget.

No claim by the Contractor for an equitable adjustment hereunder shall be allowed if asserted after final payment is made under this contract.

As used in this section, “work” means any and all commodities, goods, materials, labor, services, manner or time of delivery or performance, or other elements of performance required to be furnished or supplied by the Contractor under this contract.

Miscellaneous: In the event of a dispute between the Department and the Contractor as to whether any work is included in the scope of the contract such that the Contractor would be obligated to provide that work at no additional cost to the State, the Procurement Officer may order the Contractor under this section to perform the work (a “Work Order”). If the Contractor considers such an order to be a change in the scope of the contract entitling the Contractor to additional compensation, a time extension, or other relief, the Contractor must provide the notice required by this section and initiate a claim therefore in accordance with contract requirements. An order of the Procurement Officer, by virtue of being called or referred to as a “change order,” does not necessarily constitute a change in the scope of the contract or in the work required under the contract. The Contractor shall not be entitled to additional compensation, a time extension, or other relief for complying with an order of the Procurement Officer if the contract otherwise requires the Contractor to perform as stated in the order.

Upon receipt of a signed written order of the Procurement Officer under this section, the Contractor shall comply with the order promptly, within the requirements of the required completion or delivery time, whether or not the Contractor signs or accepts the change order. Failure to comply with the order in a timely manner shall constitute a breach of the contract and grounds for termination for default or any other remedy available to the State.

The State may issue a unilateral order on the State’s terms (including a promise to pay the Contractor a “not to exceed” (“NTE”) amount) which the Contractor may then dispute in accordance with the disputes procedures of the contract. Pending resolution of such a dispute, Contractor must proceed diligently with performance of the contract as ordered by the Procurement Officer.

The terms “not to exceed” and “NTE” when used in a change order mean that the amount of the change order (whether an increase or a decrease in the contract amount) will be a reasonable amount not to exceed the amount stated.

27. RETENTION OF RECORDS

The Contractor shall retain and maintain all records and documents relating to this contract for three years after final payment by the State hereunder or any applicable statute of limitations, whichever is longer, and shall make them available for inspection and audit by authorized representatives of the State, including the procurement officer or designee, at all reasonable times.

28. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

The Contractor hereby represents and warrants that:

- A. It is qualified to do business in the State of Maryland and that it will take such action as, from time to time hereafter, may be necessary to remain so qualified;
- B. It is not in arrears with respect to the payment of any monies due and owing the State of Maryland, or any department or unit thereof, including but not limited to the payment of taxes and employee benefits, and that it shall not become so in arrears during the term of this Contract;
- C. It shall comply with all federal, State, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances applicable to its activities and obligations under this Contract; and
- D. It shall obtain, at its expense, all licenses, permits, insurance, and governmental approvals, if any, necessary to the performance of its obligations under this Contract.

29. COST AND PRICE CERTIFICATION

The Contractor by submitting cost or price information certifies that, to the best of its knowledge, the information submitted is accurate, complete, and current as of a mutually determined specified date prior to the conclusion of any price discussions or negotiations for:

- A. A negotiated contract, if the total contract price is expected to exceed \$100,000, or smaller amount set by the procurement officer; or
- B. A change order or contract modification, expected to exceed \$100,000, or smaller amount set by the procurement officer.

The price under this Contract and any change order or modification hereunder, including profit or fee, shall be adjusted to exclude any significant price increases occurring because the Contractor furnished cost or price information which, as of the date agreed upon between the parties, was inaccurate, incomplete, or not current.

30. BID / PROPOSAL AFFIDAVIT

Each Bidder or offeror shall execute and attach to the bid or proposal the affidavit included with this solicitation.

31. CONTRACT AFFIDAVIT

The successful Bidder or Offeror shall execute and deliver to the Procurement Officer prior to the award of the contract the Contract Affidavit included with this solicitation. (The Affidavit also can be found at COMAR 21.07.01.25).

32. PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT NOTICE

Offerors should give specific attention to the identification of those portions of their proposals that they deem to be confidential, proprietary information or trade secrets and provide any justification why such materials, upon request, should not be disclosed by the State under the Access to Public Records Act, State Government Article, Title 10, Subtitle 6, Annotated Code of Maryland.

33. MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE NOTICE

Minority Business Enterprises are encouraged to respond to this solicitation.

34. ARREARAGES

By submitting a response to this solicitation, a vendor shall be deemed to represent that it is not in arrears in the payment of any obligation due and owing the State of Maryland, including the payment of taxes and employee benefits, and that it shall not become so in arrears during the term of the contract if selected for contract award.

35. MULTIPLE OR ALTERNATE BIDS

Unless multiple or alternate bids are requested in the solicitation, multiple or alternate bids may not be accepted. If the solicitation does not request multiple or alternate bids, if received they will be treated in accordance with COMAR 21.05.02.21.

36. BPO/PO AS CONTRACT

This provision applies to all procurement contracts procured by the Department of General Services except contracts for the procurement of architectural and engineering services for a price of greater than \$200,000.

As used in this provision, a bid refers to a bid submitted under competitive sealed bidding and to an offer submitted under competitive sealed proposals.

As used in this provision, a Bidder refers to a Bidder under competitive sealed bidding and to an offeror under competitive sealed proposals.

As used in this provision, a solicitation means an Invitation for Bids, a request for proposals, or any other document requesting bids or proposals for procurement by the Department.

The Bidder's execution and submission of a responsive bid constitutes a promise by the Bidder to perform the contract solicited by the Department in accordance with the terms and conditions stated in the solicitation. The bid shall be irrevocable for the period stated in the solicitation or for such longer period as the Bidder and the Department may agree.

Upon acceptance of a bid, the Procurement Officer may issue a Blanket Purchase Order (BPO), in a form to be determined by the Department, to the Bidder accepting the bid and binding the Bidder to a contract. The execution and issuance of a BPO by the Procurement Officer, subject to all necessary approvals, shall constitute acceptance of the bid and final award of the contract. The contract of the parties will be embodied in the contract documents, which shall consist of the executed BPO of the Procurement Officer, including all documents, terms, and conditions incorporated into those documents by the terms of the solicitation, the BPO, the bid, or by operation of law, and the executed bid of the Bidder. If the Procurement Officer issues a BPO, at the option of the Procurement Officer it will not be necessary for the Bidder to execute the BPO or any other form of contract or agreement. The Procurement Officer may require that the parties both execute a single document as the embodiment of the contract between the parties.

In the event of a conflict between provisions of the contract documents, the controlling provisions shall be, in the following order, those of:

The BPO; then

The Solicitation; and then

The Bid.

37. RETURNED GOODS

Contractor(s) shall be entitled to recover reasonable compensation for any and all goods shipped in accordance with authorized agency orders, meeting all contract requirements, and returned by the agency for reasons other than the Contractor's failure to meet contract requirements. Compensation shall be limited to actual unreimbursed costs incurred by the Contractor including, but not limited to, restocking charges, shipping charges, plus reasonable profit. Contractor must provide written proof of claimed compensation. A return of goods covered by this section shall be deemed a partial termination for convenience as to the returned goods, and other contract provisions and principles applicable to a partial termination for convenience shall apply.

38. PURCHASES BY OTHER ENTITIES – INDEFINITE QUANTITY CONTRACTS

This provision applies to indefinite quantity contracts.

Pursuant to the State Finance and Procurement Article, Section 13-110 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, except for entities described in (6)(A) the following entities may purchase materials, supplies, and equipment under this Contract:

- (1) A county or Baltimore City;
- (2) A municipal corporation;
- (3) A governmental agency in the State;
- (4) A public or quasi-public agency that:
 - (I) Receives State money; and
 - (II) Is exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code;
- (5) A private elementary or secondary school that:
 - (I) Either has been issued a certificate of approval from the State Board of Education or is accredited by the Association of Independent Schools; and
 - (II) Is exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; or
- (6) A non-public institution of higher education under Section 17-106 of the Education Article.
 - (A) A private elementary or secondary school or a nonpublic institution of higher education may not purchase religious materials under this contract.
 - (B) The right to purchase under this section shall be in addition to, but not in substitution for, the applicable purchasing power granted to any of the listed entities pursuant to any statutory or charter provision.

(7) Another State or an agency or other instrumentality of another state.

All purchases under this contract by any such entity as described above which is not a unit or agency of the State of Maryland for which the State of Maryland may be held liable in contract: (1) shall constitute a purchase or contract between the Contractor and that entity only; (2) shall not constitute a purchase or contract of the State of Maryland; (3) shall not be binding or enforceable against the State of Maryland or any of its units or agencies; and (4) may be subject to other terms and conditions agreed to by the Contractor and the purchaser.

Contractor bears the risk of determining whether or not any entity from which the Contractor receives an order under the contract is a unit or agency of the State of Maryland such that the contract may be enforced against the State of Maryland.

39. ELECTRONIC TRANSACTION FEE

- A. Contractor shall pay an electronic transaction fee to the State in the amount of one percent (1%) of the total contract sales. The electronic transaction fee is calculated based on all sales transacted under the contract, minus any returns or credits. The electronic transaction fee shall not be charged directly to the customer, e.g., as a separate line item, fee or surcharge, but shall be included in the contract's unit prices.
- B. The electronic transaction fee shall be submitted to the Department of General Services, Fiscal Services Division, 301 W. Preston Street, Room 1309, Baltimore, MD, 21201, within ten (10) calendar days following the end of each calendar month along with a **Monthly Usage Report** documenting all contract sales. An excel version of the **Monthly Usage Report** shall be emailed to the Program Manager, **LISA MCDONALD** at lisa.mcdonald@maryland.gov, and to **EBONY SALAKO** at awawu.salako@maryland.gov.
- C. Failure to remit transaction fees in a timely manner or remittance of fees inconsistent with the contract's requirements may result in the State exercising all recourse available under the contract including, but not limited to, a third party audit of all contract activity. Should an audit be required by the State, the contractor shall reimburse the State for all costs associated with the audit up to \$10,000.00 or one percent (1%) of the contract's estimated annual value, whichever is higher.
- D. Prior to Award, Contractors will be asked to confirm in writing that their unit prices include the one percent (1%) electronic transaction fee.

40. eMM CATALOG

The contract awardee is required to register as a vendor in the eMaryland Marketplace eCatalog directory (online shopping environment). It offers a virtual shop front for your goods and services to be purchased with ease across the State through the system. Please contact Cathy Marzola, eMM Program Manager, at (410) 767-1492 or cathy.marzola@maryland.gov regarding information and instructions on joining the eMM eCatalog. You must coordinate the upload of your product catalog to ensure maximum use of your products and services per contract terms.

CONTRACTOR

**STATE OF MARYLAND
DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES**

By _____ (Seal)

By _____

(Printed Name and Title)

(Printed Name and Title)

Date

Date

MANDATORY AFFIDAVITS

Bid/Proposal Affidavit

Contract Affidavit

Mercury Affidavit

Conflict of Interest Affidavit

ATTACHMENT C

COMAR 21.07.01.25 Contract Affidavit

A. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

I HEREBY AFFIRM THAT:

I (*print business name*) _____

possess the legal authority to make this Affidavit.

B. CERTIFICATION OF REGISTRATION OR QUALIFICATION WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION:

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

The business named above is a (check applicable items):

- (1) Corporation _____ domestic or _____ foreign;
- (2) Limited Liability Company _____ domestic or _____ foreign;
- (3) Partnership _____ domestic or _____ foreign;
- (4) Statutory Trust _____ domestic or _____ foreign;
- (5) _____ Sole Proprietorship

and is registered or qualified as required under Maryland Law.

I further affirm that the above business is in good standing both in Maryland and (IF APPLICABLE) in the jurisdiction where it is presently organized, and has filed all of its annual reports, together with filing fees, with the Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation. The name and address of its resident agent (IF APPLICABLE) filed with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation is:

Name and Department ID:

Number: _____ Address: _____

and that if it does business under a trade name, it has filed a certificate with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation that correctly identifies that true name and address of the principal or owner as:

Name and Department ID Number: _____

Address: _____

C. FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE AFFIRMATION:

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

I am aware of, and the above business will comply with, the provisions of State Finance and Procurement Article, §13-221, Annotated Code of Maryland, which require that every business that enters into contracts, leases, or other agreements with the State of Maryland or its agencies during a calendar year under which the business is to receive in the aggregate

\$100,000 or more shall, within 30 days of the time when the aggregate value of the contracts, leases, or other agreements reaches \$100,000, file with the Secretary of State of Maryland certain specified information to include disclosure of beneficial ownership of the business.

D. POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION DISCLOSURE AFFIRMATION:

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

I am aware of, and the above business will comply with, Election Law Article, §§14-101—14-108, Annotated Code of Maryland, which requires that every person that enters into contracts, leases, or other agreements with the State of Maryland, including its agencies or a political subdivision of the State, during a calendar year in which the person receives in the aggregate \$100,000 or more shall file with the State Board of Elections a statement disclosing contributions in excess of \$500 made during the reporting period to a candidate for elective office in any primary or general election.

E. DRUG AND ALCOHOL FREE WORKPLACE:

(Applicable to all contracts unless the contract is for a law enforcement agency and the agency head or the agency head's designee has determined that application of COMAR 21.11.08 and this certification would be inappropriate in connection with the law enforcement agency's undercover operations.)

I CERTIFY THAT:

- (1) Terms defined in COMAR 21.11.08 shall have the same meanings when used in this certification.
- (2) By submission of its bid or offer, the business, if other than an individual, certifies and agrees that, with respect to its employees to be employed under a contract resulting from this solicitation, the business shall:
 - (a) Maintain a workplace free of drug and alcohol abuse during the term of the contract;
 - (b) Publish a statement notifying its employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of drugs, and the abuse of drugs or alcohol is prohibited in the business' workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of these prohibitions;
 - (c) Prohibit its employees from working under the influence of drugs or alcohol;
 - (d) Not hire or assign to work on the contract anyone who the business knows, or in the exercise of due diligence should know, currently abuses drugs or alcohol and is not actively engaged in a bona fide drug or alcohol abuse assistance or rehabilitation program;
 - (e) Promptly inform the appropriate law enforcement agency of every drug-related crime that occurs in its workplace if the business has observed the violation or otherwise has reliable information that a violation has occurred;
 - (f) Establish drug and alcohol abuse awareness programs to inform its employees about:
 - (i) The dangers of drug and alcohol abuse in the workplace;
 - (ii) The business's policy of maintaining a drug and alcohol free workplace;
 - (iii) Any available drug and alcohol counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
 - (iv) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees who abuse drugs and alcohol in the workplace;
 - (g) Provide all employees engaged in the performance of the contract with a copy of the statement required by §E(2)(b), of this regulation;
 - (h) Notify its employees in the statement required by §E(2)(b), of this regulation, that as a condition of continued employment on the contract, the employee shall:
 - (i) Abide by the terms of the statement; and
 - (ii) Notify the employer of any criminal drug or alcohol abuse conviction for an offense occurring in the workplace not later than 5 days after a conviction;
 - (i) Notify the procurement officer within 10 days after receiving notice under §E(2)(h)(ii), of this regulation, or otherwise receiving actual notice of a conviction;

- (j) Within 30 days after receiving notice under §E(2)(h)(ii), of this regulation, or otherwise receiving actual notice of a conviction, impose either of the following sanctions or remedial measures on any employee who is convicted of a drug or alcohol abuse offense occurring in the workplace:
 - (i) Take appropriate personnel action against an employee, up to and including termination; or
 - (ii) Require an employee to satisfactorily participate in a bona fide drug or alcohol abuse assistance or rehabilitation program; and
- (k) Make a good faith effort to maintain a drug and alcohol free workplace through implementation of §E(2)(a)—(j), of this regulation.
- (3) If the business is an individual, the individual shall certify and agree as set forth in §E(4), of this regulation, that the individual shall not engage in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of drugs or the abuse of drugs or alcohol in the performance of the contract.
- (4) I acknowledge and agree that:
 - (a) The award of the contract is conditional upon compliance with COMAR 21.11.08 and this certification;
 - (b) The violation of the provisions of COMAR 21.11.08 or this certification shall be cause to suspend payments under, or terminate the contract for default under COMAR 21.07.01.11 or 21.07.03.15, as applicable; and
 - (c) The violation of the provisions of COMAR 21.11.08 or this certification in connection with the contract may, in the exercise of the discretion of the Board of Public Works, result in suspension and debarment of the business under COMAR 21.08.03.

F. CERTAIN AFFIRMATIONS VALID:

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

To the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, each of the affirmations, certifications, or acknowledgements contained in that certain Bid/Proposal Affidavit dated _____, 20____, and executed by me for the purpose of obtaining the contract to which this Exhibit is attached remains true and correct in all respects as if made as of the date of this Contract Affidavit and as if fully set forth herein.

I DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE AND AFFIRM UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY THAT THE CONTENTS OF THIS AFFIDAVIT ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION, AND BELIEF.

Date: _____

By: _____
(Authorized Representative and Affiant)

(Printed or Typed Name)

ATTACHMENT D

COMAR 21.05.08.09

MERCURY AFFIDAVIT

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

A. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

I HEREBY AFFIRM THAT:

I am the (title) _____

and the duly authorized representative of (business) _____

and that I possess the legal authority to make this Affidavit on behalf of myself and the business for which I am acting.

B. MERCURY CONTENT INFORMATION

☐ The product(s) offered do not contain mercury.

OR

☐ The product(s) offered do contain mercury.

(1) Describe the product or product component that contains mercury.

(2) Provide the amount of mercury that is contained in the product or product component. Indicate the unit of measure being used.

I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT this affidavit is to be furnished to the procurement officer and may be distributed to units of (1) the State of Maryland; (2) counties or other subdivisions the State of Maryland; (3) other states; and (4) the federal government. I further acknowledge that this Affidavit is subject to applicable laws of the United States and the State of Maryland, both criminal and civil, and that nothing in this affidavit or any contract resulting from the submission of this bid or proposal shall be construed to supersede, amend, modify, or waive, on behalf of the State of Maryland, or any unit of the State of Maryland having jurisdiction, the exercise of any statutory right or remedy conferred by the Constitution and the laws of Maryland with respect to any misrepresentation made or any violation of the obligations, terms and covenants undertaken by the above business with respect to (1) this affidavit, (2) the contract, and (3) other affidavits comprising part of the contract.

I DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE AND AFFIRM UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY THAT THE CONTENTS OF THIS AFFIDAVIT ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION, AND BELIEF.

Date: _____

By: _____
(Authorized Representative and Affiant)

(Printed or Typed Name)

ATTACHMENT E

COMAR 21.05.08.09

CONFLICT OF INTEREST AFFIDAVIT AND DISCLOSURE

- A. "Conflict of interest" means that because of other activities or relationships with other persons, a person is unable or potentially unable to render impartial assistance or advice to the State, or the person's objectivity in performing the contract work is or might be otherwise impaired, or a person has an unfair competitive advantage.
- B. "Person" has the meaning stated in COMAR 21.01.02.01B(64) and includes a Bidder, offeror, contractor, consultant, or subcontractor or sub-consultant at any tier, and also includes an employee or agent of any of them if the employee or agent has or will have the authority to control or supervise all or a portion of the work for which a bid or offer is made.
- C. The bidder or offeror warrants that, except as disclosed in §D, below, there are no relevant facts or circumstances now giving rise or which could, in the future, give rise to a conflict of interest.
- D. The following facts or circumstances give rise or could in the future give rise to a conflict of interest (explain detail—attach additional sheets if necessary):
- _____
- _____
- _____
- E. The bidder or offeror agrees that if an actual or potential conflict of interest arises after the date of this affidavit, the Bidder or offeror shall immediately make a full disclosure in writing to the procurement officer of all relevant facts and circumstances. This disclosure shall include a description of actions which the Bidder or offeror has taken and proposes to take to avoid, mitigate, or neutralize the actual or potential conflict of interest. If the contract has been awarded and performance of the contract has begun, the contractor shall continue performance until notified by the procurement officer of any contrary action to be taken.

I DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE AND AFFIRM UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY THAT THE CONTENTS OF THIS AFFIDAVIT ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION, AND BELIEF.

Date: _____

By: _____
(Authorized Representative and Affiant)

(Printed or Typed Name)

ATTACHMENT F
COMPANY PROFILE

RFP #: _____

Title: _____

NOTICE TO BIDDERS:

1. FAILURE TO FULLY ADDRESS ALL QUESTIONS MAY RENDER YOUR BID NON-RESPONSIVE.
2. BIDDERS SHALL HAVE AT LEAST THREE (3) YEARS EXPERIENCE IN PROVIDING SIMILAR TYPE WORK AS SPECIFIED IN THIS IFB.

Information furnished in response to this questionnaire and any verification made by the DGS shall provide a basis for determining the responsibility of Bidders. In the event that references are deemed insufficient by the DGS, the State reserves the right to determine the Bidder as non-responsible, which will cause the rejection of their bid. This form will be used in assessing a Vendor's qualifications and capability to perform the scope of work for a contract with the State of Maryland.

CUSTOMER SERVICE CONTACT INFORMATION

The name of Vendor's representative to be contacted for information, service, or problem-solving that may be required by the end user of the contract.

Name of Bidding Entity: _____

Name of Representative: _____

Company Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

E-Mail: _____

Phone Number: _____ **Fax Number:** _____

Years in Business: _____ **Federal ID:** _____

Type of Organization (*i.e., Corporation, Partnership, Individual, Joint Venture*):

Former Names Under Which Your Organization has Operated:

REFERENCES

Please complete Reference information for Sections 1, 2, and 3. Note: *For each Reference listed, all fields should be complete. If no references, indicate 'None' in the appropriate Section.*

Section 1: List contract awards to your Company by the State of Maryland within the last three (3) years and provide the information requested for each column.

Contract/Project Name	Contract Number	Agency Name	Agency Representative	Contact Information (Phone & E-Mail)

Section 2: List other contracts of similar size and scope performed within the last three (3) years and provide the information requested for each column.

Contract/Project Name	Contract Duration	Client Name	Client Representative	Contact Information (Phone & E-Mail)

Section 3: Provide a list of contracts terminated for cause prior to their natural expiration date during the last three (3) years and provide the information requested in each column.

Client Name	Contact Name	Contact Information (Phone & E-Mail)	Reason for Termination