



State of Louisiana
Bid Invitation

SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

SOLICITATION No. 3000005911

TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

THIS SOLICITATION CONTAINS ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE COMMODITIES HEREIN. ANY VENDOR CONTRACTS, FORMS, TERMS OR OTHER MATERIALS SUBMITTED WITH BID MAY CAUSE BID TO BE REJECTED.

VENDOR'S FORMS.

THE PURCHASE/RELEASE ORDER IS THE ONLY BINDING DOCUMENT TO BE ISSUED AGAINST THIS CONTRACT. SIGNING OF VENDOR'S FORMS IS NOT ALLOWED.

SUBSTITUTES.

ONLY BRANDS AND NUMBERS STATED IN THE AWARD ARE APPROVED FOR DELIVERY UNDER THIS CONTRACT AND ANY SUBSTITUTION MUST RECEIVE PRIOR WRITTEN APPROVAL OF THE DIRECTOR OF STATE PURCHASING OR DESIGNEE.

PRICE REDUCTIONS.

WHENEVER THERE IS A REDUCTION IN PRICE, WHICH IS LOWER THAN THE CONTRACT PRICE, OFFERED TO SIMILARLY SITUATED CUSTOMERS CONTRACTING FOR THE SAME PERIOD AND UNDER THE SAME TERMS AND CONDITIONS, SAID REDUCTION MUST BE PRESENTED DIRECTLY TO THE DIRECTOR OF STATE PURCHASING. NO PRICE REDUCTION ON A STATEWIDE CONTRACT MAY BE OFFERED TO AN AGENCY UNLESS THAT REDUCTION IS OFFERED TO ALL AGENCIES.

LOUISIANA PREFERENCE.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH LOUISIANA REVISED STATUTES 39:1595, A PREFERENCE MAY BE ALLOWED FOR PRODUCTS MANUFACTURED, PRODUCED, GROWN, OR ASSEMBLED IN LOUISIANA OF EQUAL QUALITY.

DO YOU CLAIM THIS PREFERENCE? YES _____

SPECIFY LINE NUMBER(S): _____

SPECIFY LOCATION WITHIN LOUISIANA WHERE THIS PRODUCT IS MANUFACTURED, PRODUCED, GROWN OR ASSEMBLED: _____

(NOTE: IF MORE SPACE IS REQUIRED, INCLUDE ON SEPARATE SHEET.)

DO YOU HAVE A LOUISIANA BUSINESS WORKFORCE? YES _____ NO _____

IF SO, DO YOU CERTIFY THAT AT LEAST FIFTY PERCENT (50%) OF YOUR LOUISIANA BUSINESS WORKFORCE IS COMPRISED OF LOUISIANA RESIDENTS?

YES_____ NO_____

FAILURE TO SPECIFY ABOVE INFORMATION MAY CAUSE ELIMINATION FROM PREFERENCES. PREFERENCES SHALL NOT APPLY TO SERVICE CONTRACTS.

US PREFERENCE

PROCUREMENT OF UNITED STATES PRODUCTS: IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF R.S. 39:1595.7, IN THE EVENT A CONTRACT IS NOT ENTERED INTO FOR PRODUCTS PURCHASED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF R.S. 39:1595, EACH PROCUREMENT OFFICER, PURCHASING AGENT, OR SIMILAR OFFICIAL WHO PROCURES OR PURCHASES MATERIALS, SUPPLIES, PRODUCTS, PROVISIONS, OR EQUIPMENT UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER MAY PURCHASE SUCH MATERIALS, SUPPLIES, PRODUCTS, PROVISIONS, OR EQUIPMENT WHICH ARE MANUFACTURED IN THE UNITED STATES, AND WHICH ARE EQUAL IN QUALITY TO OTHER MATERIALS, SUPPLIES, PRODUCTS, PROVISIONS, OR EQUIPMENT, PROVIDED THAT ALL OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS ARE MET:

- (1) THE COST OF SUCH ITEMS DOES NOT EXCEED THE COST OF OTHER ITEMS WHICH ARE MANUFACTURED OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES BY MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT.
- (2) THE VENDOR OF SUCH ITEMS AGREES TO SELL THE ITEMS AT THE SAME PRICE AS THE LOWEST BID OFFERED ON SUCH ITEMS.
- (3) IN CASES WHERE MORE THAN ONE BIDDER OFFERS ITEMS MANUFACTURED IN THE UNITED STATES WHICH ARE WITHIN FIVE PERCENT OF THE LOWEST BID, THE BIDDER OFFERING THE LOWEST BID ON SUCH ITEMS IS ENTITLED TO ACCEPT THE PRICE OF THE LOWEST BID MADE ON SUCH ITEMS.
- (4) THE VENDOR CERTIFIES THAT SUCH ITEMS ARE MANUFACTURED IN THE UNITED STATES.

FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS PREFERENCE,

- (1) "MANUFACTURED IN THE UNITED STATES" MEANS PRODUCED BY A PROCESS IN WHICH THE MANUFACTURING, FINAL ASSEMBLY, PROCESSING, PACKAGING, TESTING, AND ANY OTHER PROCESS THAT ADDS VALUE, QUALITY, OR RELIABILITY TO ASSEMBLED ARTICLES, MATERIALS, OR SUPPLIES, OCCUR IN THE UNITED STATES.
- (2) "UNITED STATES" MEANS THE UNITED STATES AND ANY PLACE SUBJECT TO - TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE UNITED STATES.

DO YOU CLAIM THIS PREFERENCE? _____ YES

SPECIFY LINE NUMBER(S): _____

SPECIFY LOCATION WITHIN THE UNITED STATES WHERE THIS PRODUCT IS MANUFACTURED:

(NOTE: IF MORE SPACE IS REQUIRED, INCLUDE ON SEPARATE SHEET) .

FEDERAL CLAUSES

CIVIL RIGHTS

BOTH PARTIES SHALL ABIDE BY THE REQUIREMENTS OF TITLE VII OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964, AND SHALL NOT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST EMPLOYEES OR APPLICANTS DUE TO COLOR, RACE, RELIGION, SEX, HANDICAP OR NATIONAL ORIGIN. FURTHERMORE, BOTH PARTIES SHALL TAKE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER #11246 AND THE NATIONAL VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973 TO PROVIDE FOR POSITIVE POSTURE IN EMPLOYING AND UPGRADING PERSONS WITHOUT REGARD TO RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, SEX, HANDICAP OR NATIONAL ORIGIN, AND SHALL TAKE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION AS PROVIDED IN THE VIETNAM ERA VETERAN'S READJUSTMENT ACT OF 1974. BOTH PARTIES SHALL ALSO ABIDE BY THE REQUIREMENTS OF TITLE VI OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964 AND THE VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973 TO ENSURE THAT ALL SERVICES ARE DELIVERED WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION DUE TO RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, SEX, NATIONAL ORIGIN, OR HANDICAP.

ANTI-KICKBACK CLAUSE

THE CONTRACTOR HEREBY AGREES TO ADHERE TO THE MANDATE DICTATED BY THE COPELAND "ANTI-KICKBACK" ACT WHICH PROVIDES THAT EACH CONTRACTOR OR SUBGRANTEE SHALL BE PROHIBITED FROM INDUCING, BY ANY MEANS, ANY PERSON EMPLOYED IN THE COMPLETION OF WORK, TO GIVE UP ANY PART OF THE COMPENSATION TO WHICH HE IS OTHERWISE ENTITLED.

CLEAN AIR ACT

THE CONTRACTOR HEREBY AGREES TO ADHERE TO THE PROVISIONS WHICH REQUIRE COMPLIANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE STANDARDS, ORDERS OR REQUIREMENTS ISSUED UNDER SECTION 306 OF THE CLEAN AIR ACT WHICH PROHIBITS THE USE UNDER NON-EXEMPT FEDERAL CONTRACTS, GRANTS OR LOANS OF FACILITIES INCLUDED ON THE EPA LIST OF VIOLATING FACILITIES.

ENERGY POLICY AND CONSERVATION ACT

THE CONTRACTOR HEREBY RECOGNIZES THE MANDATORY STANDARDS AND POLICIES RELATING TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN THE STATE ENERGY CONSERVATION PLAN ISSUED IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE ENERGY POLICY AND CONSERVATION ACT (P.L. 94-163).

CLEAN WATER ACT

THE CONTRACTOR HEREBY AGREES TO ADHERE TO THE PROVISIONS WHICH REQUIRE COMPLIANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE STANDARDS, ORDERS, OR REQUIREMENTS ISSUED UNDER SECTION 508 OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT WHICH PROHIBITS THE USE UNDER NON-EXEMPT FEDERAL CONTRACTS, GRANTS OR LOANS OF FACILITIES INCLUDED ON THE EPA LIST OF VIOLATING FACILITIES.

ANTI-LOBBYING AND DEBARMENT ACT

THE CONTRACTOR WILL BE EXPECTED TO COMPLY WITH FEDERAL STATUTES REQUIRED IN THE ANTI-LOBBYING ACT AND THE DEBARMENT ACT.

QUANTITIES.

THIS IS AN OPEN-ENDED REQUIREMENTS CONTRACT. QUANTITIES SHOWN ARE BASED ON THE PREVIOUS CONTRACT USAGE OR ESTIMATES. WHERE USAGE IS NOT AVAILABLE, A QUANTITY OF 1 INDICATES A LACK OF HISTORY ON THIS ITEM. THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER MUST SUPPLY AT BID PRICES ACTUAL REQUIREMENTS AS ORDERED WHETHER THE TOTAL OF SUCH REQUIREMENTS IS MORE OR LESS THAN THE QUANTITIES SHOWN.

CANCELLATION

THE STATE OF LOUISIANA RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CANCEL THIS CONTRACT WITH THIRTY (30) DAYS WRITTEN NOTICE.

CERTIFICATION OF NO SUSPENSION OR DEBARMENT

BY SIGNING AND SUBMITTING ANY PROPOSAL FOR \$25,000 OR MORE, THE PROPOSER CERTIFIES THAT THEIR COMPANY, ANY SUBCONTRACTORS, OR PRINCIPALS ARE NOT SUSPENDED OR DEBARRED BY THE GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (GSA) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS IN "AUDIT REQUIREMENTS IN SUBPART F OF THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET'S UNIFORM ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS, COST PRINCIPLES, AND AUDIT REQUIREMENTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS" (FORMERLY OMB CIRCULAR A-133).

A LIST OF PARTIES WHO HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED OR DEBARRED CAN BE VIEWED VIA THE INTERNET AT [HTTPS://WWW.SAM.GOV](https://www.sam.gov) .

IF BIDDING OTHER THAN SPECIFIED, SUFFICIENT INFORMATION SHOULD BE ENCLOSED WITH THE BID IN ORDER TO DETERMINE QUALITY, SUITABILITY, AND COMPLIANCE WITH THE SPECIFICATIONS.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS REQUEST MAY ELIMINATE YOUR BID FROM CONSIDERATION.

SAMPLES

SAMPLE(S) MAY BE REQUIRED. WHEN REQUESTED, SAMPLES MUST BE FURNISHED AT VENDOR'S EXPENSE, AND RECEIVED NOT LATER THAN 10 DAYS AFTER REQUEST. PACKAGES SHOULD BE CLEARLY LABELED WITH THE FILE NUMBER. EACH INDIVIDUAL SAMPLE WITHIN THE PACKAGE MUST BE CLEARLY LABELED WITH BIDDER'S NAME, MANUFACTURER'S

BRAND NAME AND NUMBER, FILE NUMBER AND ITEM REFERENCE. SUBMIT ONLY ONE BID PROPOSAL'S SAMPLES PER BOX. SAMPLES OF SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WILL BE RETAINED AT THE PURCHASING OFFICE OR THE USING AGENCY FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING MERCHANDISE. ANY PART OF MERCHANDISE RECEIVED THAT DOES NOT MEET THE QUALITY STANDARDS AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE SAMPLE WILL BE REJECTED AND RETURNED AT VENDOR'S EXPENSE.

ANY OTHER SAMPLES RECEIVED, IF NOT DESTROYED IN TESTING, MAY BE RETURNED AT THE BIDDER'S EXPENSE. REQUEST FOR RETURN, SHIPPING AUTHORIZATION, AND SUFFICIENT RETURN POSTAGE MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN 10 DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF SAMPLES, OR COMMODITIES SHALL BE DISPOSED OF BY THE STATE OF LOUISIANA.

PACKAGING AND LABELING

VENDORS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CONSIDER DELIVERY METHODS THAT UTILIZE RECYCLABLE OR REUSABLE PACKAGING MATERIAL AND CONTAINERS, OR THOSE WITH RECYCLED CONTENT.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTRACTORS

THE CONTRACTOR SHALL PURCHASE AND MAINTAIN FOR THE DURATION OF THE CONTRACT INSURANCE AGAINST CLAIMS FOR INJURIES TO PERSONS OR DAMAGES TO PROPERTY WHICH MAY ARISE FROM OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE PERFORMANCE OF THE WORK HEREUNDER BY THE CONTRACTOR, ITS AGENTS, REPRESENTATIVES, EMPLOYEES OR SUBCONTRACTORS.

A. MINIMUM SCOPE AND LIMITS OF INSURANCE

1. WORKERS COMPENSATION

WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE SHALL BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE WORKERS COMPENSATION LAW OF THE STATE OF THE CONTRACTOR'S HEADQUARTERS. EMPLOYERS LIABILITY IS INCLUDED WITH A MINIMUM LIMIT OF \$500,000 PER ACCIDENT/PER DISEASE/PER EMPLOYEE. IF WORK IS TO BE PERFORMED OVER WATER AND INVOLVES MARITIME EXPOSURE, APPLICABLE LHWCA, JONES ACT, OR OTHER MARITIME LAW COVERAGE SHALL BE INCLUDED AND THE EMPLOYERS LIABILITY LIMIT INCREASED TO A MINIMUM OF \$1,000,000. A.M. BEST'S INSURANCE COMPANY RATING REQUIREMENT MAY BE WAIVED FOR WORKERS COMPENSATION COVERAGE ONLY.

2. COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY

COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE, INCLUDING PERSONAL AND ADVERTISING INJURY LIABILITY, SHALL HAVE A MINIMUM LIMIT PER OCCURRENCE OF \$1,000,000 AND A MINIMUM GENERAL AGGREGATE OF \$2,000,000. THE INSURANCE SERVICES OFFICE (ISO) COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY OCCURRENCE COVERAGE FORM CG 00 01 (CURRENT FORM APPROVED FOR USE IN LOUISIANA), OR EQUIVALENT, IS TO BE USED IN THE POLICY. CLAIMS-MADE FORM IS UNACCEPTABLE.

3. AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY

AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY INSURANCE SHALL HAVE A MINIMUM COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT PER OCCURRENCE OF \$1,000,000. ISO FORM NUMBER CA 00 01 (CURRENT FORM APPROVED FOR USE IN LOUISIANA), OR EQUIVALENT, IS TO BE USED IN THE POLICY. THIS INSURANCE SHALL INCLUDE THIRD-PARTY BODILY INJURY AND PROPERTY DAMAGE LIABILITY FOR OWNED, HIRED AND NON-OWNED AUTOMOBILES.

B. DEDUCTIBLES AND SELF-INSURED RETENTIONS

ANY DEDUCTIBLES OR SELF-INSURED RETENTIONS MUST BE DECLARED TO AND ACCEPTED BY THE AGENCY. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL DEDUCTIBLES AND SELF-INSURED RETENTIONS.

C. OTHER INSURANCE PROVISIONS

THE POLICIES ARE TO CONTAIN, OR BE ENDORSED TO CONTAIN, THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS:

1. GENERAL LIABILITY AND AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY COVERAGES

A. THE AGENCY, ITS OFFICERS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS SHALL BE NAMED AS AN ADDITIONAL INSURED AS REGARDS NEGLIGENCE BY THE CONTRACTOR. ISO FORM CG 20 10 (CURRENT FORM APPROVED FOR USE IN LOUISIANA), OR EQUIVALENT, IS TO BE USED WHEN APPLICABLE. THE COVERAGE SHALL CONTAIN NO SPECIAL LIMITATIONS ON THE SCOPE OF PROTECTION AFFORDED TO THE AGENCY.

B. THE CONTRACTOR'S INSURANCE SHALL BE PRIMARY AS RESPECTS THE AGENCY, ITS OFFICERS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS. ANY INSURANCE OR SELF- INSURANCE MAINTAINED BY THE AGENCY SHALL BE EXCESS AND NON-CONTRIBUTORY OF THE CONTRACTOR'S INSURANCE.

C. ANY FAILURE OF THE CONTRACTOR TO COMPLY WITH REPORTING PROVISIONS OF THE POLICY SHALL NOT AFFECT COVERAGE PROVIDED TO THE AGENCY, ITS OFFICERS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS.

D. THE CONTRACTOR'S INSURANCE SHALL APPLY SEPARATELY TO EACH INSURED AGAINST WHO CLAIM IS MADE OR SUIT IS BROUGHT, EXCEPT WITH RESPECT TO THE POLICY LIMITS.

2. WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS LIABILITY COVERAGE

THE INSURER SHALL AGREE TO WAIVE ALL RIGHTS OF SUBROGATION AGAINST THE AGENCY, ITS OFFICERS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS FOR LOSSES ARISING FROM WORK PERFORMED BY THE CONTRACTOR FOR THE AGENCY.

3. ALL COVERAGES

A. COVERAGE SHALL NOT BE CANCELED, SUSPENDED, OR VOIDED BY EITHER PARTY (THE CONTRACTOR OR THE INSURER) OR REDUCED IN COVERAGE OR IN LIMITS EXCEPT AFTER 30 DAYS WRITTEN NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THE AGENCY. TEN-DAY WRITTEN NOTICE OF CANCELLATION IS ACCEPTABLE FOR NON-PAYMENT OF PREMIUM. NOTIFICATIONS SHALL COMPLY WITH THE STANDARD CANCELLATION PROVISIONS IN THE CONTRACTOR'S POLICY.

B. NEITHER THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE COMPLETED WORK NOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF SHALL RELEASE THE CONTRACTOR FROM THE OBLIGATIONS OF THE INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS OR INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT.

C. THE INSURANCE COMPANIES ISSUING THE POLICIES SHALL HAVE NO RECOURSE AGAINST THE AGENCY FOR PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS OR FOR ASSESSMENTS UNDER ANY FORM OF THE POLICIES.

D. ANY FAILURE OF THE CONTRACTOR TO COMPLY WITH REPORTING PROVISIONS OF THE POLICY SHALL NOT AFFECT COVERAGE PROVIDED TO THE AGENCY, ITS OFFICERS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS.

D. ACCEPTABILITY OF INSURERS

ALL REQUIRED INSURANCE SHALL BE PROVIDED BY A COMPANY OR COMPANIES LAWFULLY AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THE JURISDICTION IN WHICH THE PROJECT IS LOCATED. INSURANCE SHALL BE PLACED WITH INSURERS WITH A A.M. BEST'S RATING OF A-VI OR HIGHER. THIS RATING REQUIREMENT MAY BE WAIVED FOR WORKERS COMPENSATION COVERAGE ONLY.

IF AT ANY TIME AN INSURER ISSUING ANY SUCH POLICY DOES NOT MEET THE MINIMUM A.M. BEST RATING, THE CONTRACTOR SHALL OBTAIN A POLICY WITH AN INSURER THAT MEETS THE A.M. BEST RATING AND SHALL SUBMIT ANOTHER CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE AS REQUIRED IN THE CONTRACT.

E. VERIFICATION OF COVERAGE

CONTRACTOR SHALL FURNISH THE AGENCY WITH CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE REFLECTING PROOF OF REQUIRED COVERAGE. THE CERTIFICATES FOR EACH INSURANCE POLICY ARE TO BE SIGNED BY A PERSON AUTHORIZED BY THAT INSURER TO BIND COVERAGE ON ITS BEHALF. THE CERTIFICATES ARE TO BE RECEIVED AND APPROVED BY THE AGENCY BEFORE WORK COMMENCES AND UPON ANY CONTRACT RENEWAL THEREAFTER.

IN ADDITION TO THE CERTIFICATES, CONTRACTOR SHALL SUBMIT THE DECLARATIONS PAGE AND THE CANCELLATION PROVISION ENDORSEMENT FOR EACH INSURANCE POLICY. THE AGENCY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REQUEST COMPLETE CERTIFIED COPIES OF ALL REQUIRED INSURANCE POLICIES AT ANY TIME. UPON FAILURE OF THE CONTRACTOR TO FURNISH,

DELIVER AND MAINTAIN SUCH INSURANCE AS ABOVE PROVIDED, THIS CONTRACT, AT THE ELECTION OF THE AGENCY, MAY BE SUSPENDED, DISCONTINUED OR TERMINATED. FAILURE OF THE CONTRACTOR TO PURCHASE AND/OR MAINTAIN ANY REQUIRED INSURANCE SHALL NOT RELIEVE THE CONTRACTOR FROM ANY LIABILITY OR INDEMNIFICATION UNDER THE CONTRACT.

F. SUBCONTRACTORS

CONTRACT SHALL INCLUDE ALL SUBCONTRACTORS AS INSURED UNDER ITS POLICIES OR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR VERIFYING AND MAINTAINING THE CERTIFICATES PROVIDED BY EACH SUBCONTRACTOR. SUBCONTRACTORS SHALL BE SUBJECT TO ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS STATED HEREIN. THE AGENCY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REQUEST COPIES OF SUBCONTRACTOR'S CERTIFICATES AT ANY TIME.

G. WORKERS COMPENSATION INDEMNITY

IN THE EVENT CONTRACTOR IS NOT REQUIRED TO PROVIDE OR ELECTS NOT TO PROVIDE WORKERS COMPENSATION COVERAGE, THE PARTIES HEREBY AGREE THAT CONTRACTOR, ITS OWNERS, AGENTS AND EMPLOYEES WILL HAVE NO CAUSE OF ACTION AGAINST, AND WILL NOT ASSERT A CLAIM AGAINST, THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, ITS DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES, AGENTS AND EMPLOYEES AS AN EMPLOYER, WHETHER PURSUANT TO THE LOUISIANA WORKERS COMPENSATION ACT OR OTHERWISE, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE. THE PARTIES ALSO HEREBY AGREE THAT THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, ITS DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES, AGENTS AND EMPLOYEES SHALL IN NO CIRCUMSTANCE BE, OR CONSIDERED AS, THE EMPLOYER OR STATUTORY EMPLOYER OF CONTRACTOR, ITS OWNERS, AGENTS AND EMPLOYEES. THE PARTIES FURTHER AGREE THAT CONTRACTOR IS A WHOLLY INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AND IS EXCLUSIVELY RESPONSIBLE FOR ITS EMPLOYEES, OWNERS, AND AGENTS. CONTRACTOR HEREBY AGREES TO PROTECT, DEFEND, INDEMNIFY AND HOLD THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, ITS DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES, AGENTS AND EMPLOYEES HARMLESS FROM ANY SUCH ASSERTION OR CLAIM THAT MAY ARISE FROM THE PERFORMANCE OF THIS CONTRACT.

H. INDEMNIFICATION/HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

CONTRACTOR AGREES TO PROTECT, DEFEND, INDEMNIFY, SAVE, AND HOLD HARMLESS, THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, ITS OFFICERS, AGENTS, SERVANTS, EMPLOYEES, AND VOLUNTEERS, FROM AND AGAINST ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, DAMAGES, EXPENSES, AND LIABILITY ARISING OUT OF INJURY OR DEATH TO ANY PERSON OR THE DAMAGE, LOSS OR DESTRUCTION OF ANY PROPERTY WHICH MAY OCCUR, OR IN ANY WAY GROW OUT OF, ANY ACT OR OMISSION OF CONTRACTOR, ITS AGENTS, SERVANTS, AND EMPLOYEES, OR ANY AND ALL COSTS, EXPENSES AND/OR ATTORNEY FEES INCURRED BY CONTRACTOR AS A RESULT OF ANY CLAIMS, DEMANDS, SUITS OR CAUSES OF ACTION, EXCEPT THOSE CLAIMS, DEMANDS, SUITS, OR CAUSES OF ACTION ARISING OUT OF THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, ITS OFFICERS, AGENTS, SERVANTS, EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS.

CONTRACTOR AGREES TO INVESTIGATE, HANDLE, RESPOND TO, PROVIDE DEFENSE FOR AND DEFEND ANY SUCH CLAIMS, DEMANDS, SUITS, OR CAUSES OF ACTION AT ITS SOLE EXPENSE AND AGREES TO BEAR ALL OTHER COSTS AND EXPENSES RELATED THERETO, EVEN IF THE CLAIMS, DEMANDS, SUITS, OR CAUSES OF ACTION ARE GROUNDLESS, FALSE OR FRAUDULENT.

I.NO THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES:

BOTH BIDDER/CONTRACTOR AND THE STATE UNDERSTAND AND AGREE THAT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS CONTRACT ARE NOT INTENDED TO NOR DO THEY CONFER ANY RIGHTS, BENEFITS, OR REMEDIES UPON ANY PERSON OR ENTITY OTHER THAN THE PARTIES HERETO.

PAYMENT

IN AN EFFORT TO INCREASE EFFICIENCIES AND EFFECTIVENESS AS WELL AS WELL AS BE STRATEGIC IN UTILIZING TECHNOLOGY AND RESOURCES, DOTD STRONGLY ENCOURAGES VENDORS TO APTICIPATE IN ACCEPTING ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER (EFT) PAYMENTS.

EFT PAYMENTS ARE SENT FROM THE STATE'S BANK DIRECTLY TO THE PAYEE'S BANK EACH WEEKDAY. THE ONLY REQUIREMENT IS THAT YOU HAVE AN ACTIVE CHECKING OR SAVINGS ACCOUNT AT A FINANCIAL INSTITUTION THAT ACCEPTS AUTOMATED CLEARING HOUSE (ACH) CREDIT FILES AND REMITTANCE INFORMATION ELECTRONICALLY.

NOTE: FOR *EMERGENCY CONTINGENCY CONTRACTS* SEE ATTACHMENT (A) FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING INVOICING.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE AT
<http://www.doa.louisiana.gov/OSRAP/EFTforWebsite.pdf>.

12 MONTH RENEWAL OPTION, NOT TO EXCEED 36 MONTHS

AT THE OPTION OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA AND ACCEPTANCE BY THE CONTRACTOR, THIS CONTRACT MAY BE EXTENDED FOR TWO ADDITIONAL TWELVE (12) MONTH PERIODS AT THE SAME PRICE, TERMS AND CONDITIONS. TOTAL CONTRACT TIME MAY NOT EXCEED THIRTY-SIX (36) MONTHS.

QUANTITIES

THE ABOVE QUANTITIES ARE ESTIMATED TO BE THE AMOUNT NEEDED. IN THE EVENT A GREATER OR LESSER QUANTITY IS NEEDED, THE RIGHT IS RESERVED BY THE STATE OF LOUISIANA TO INCREASE OR DECREASE THE AMOUNT, AT THE UNIT PRICE STATED IN THE BID.

THIS CONTRACT SHALL BE EFFECTIVE FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING **AUGUST 1, 2016 AND ENDING JULY 30, 2017.**

THE USAGE REPORT SUCCESSFUL VENDOR IS TO KEEP A RECORD OF ALL ORDERS ISSUED AGAINST THIS CONTRACT DURING THE CONTRACT PERIOD. APPROXIMATELY FOUR (4)

MONTHS PRIOR TO THE END OF THE CONTRACT PERIOD, THE VENDOR IS TO BE PREPARED TO SUBMIT TO THE OFFICE OF STATE PURCHASING A CONTRACT USAGE REPORT.

THE USAGE REPORT IS TO INCLUDE THE VENDOR'S NAME, PHONE AND FAX NUMBERS, THE PERSONS WHO COMPILED THE REPORT AND A SUMMARY "BY LINE ITEM" INDICATING QUANTITY PURCHASED.

Note if there are any specifications that might prevent you from bidding due to mandatory or due to minimum/maximum requirements you should contact Tommy Politz at (225) 342-8035 or by email to tommy.politz@gov immediately but no later than seven (7) days prior to bid opening.
