

STATE OF LOUISIANA

RESPONSES MUST BE RECEIVED BY 01/26/2024 02:00 PM CST

Office of State Procurement INVITATION TO BID

> TO SUBMIT AN ELECTRONIC ONLINE RESPONSE CLICK THE LINK BELOW

SUBMIT FAX RESPONSE TO: Fax Number: 225-342-9756

SUBMIT NON-ELECTRONIC RESPONSE TO: Office of State Procurement 1201 N. Third Street, Suite 2-160 Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Vendor No.: Solicitation: 3000022403 Opening Date: 01/26/2024

Vendor Name and Address: (to be completed by Vendor)

RFx Number: 3000022403 Version: 1 Buyer: DORIAN ALLEN Buyer Phone: 225-342-8038 E-Mail: dorian.allen@la.gov Scheduled Begin Date: Scheduled End Date: T-Number:

Ship To Address: DWLF SODA LAKE WMA 8976 DIXIE BLANCHARD ROAD MOORINGSPORT, LA 71060

ONLINE BID RESPONSE LINK

https://lagoverpvendor.doa.louisiana.gov/rfx?sapsrm_boid=269F7EAD44031EDEABF94EF37244541F

QUESTIONS TO BE COMPLETED BY VENDOR	Required
1 Have you reviewed all attachments to the bid invitation and answered all questions?	YES
2 Have you entered pricing, or attached the pricing sheet (if applicable) to the bid response?	YES
3 Have you attached / included all required files to the bid response?	YES
4 Have you attached the signature page to the bid response?	YES
5 Delivery will be made this number of days After Receipt of Order (ARO)	NO
6 %discount for payment made within 30 days. Discounts for payment made in less than 30 days, of less than 1%, or applicable to an indefinite quantity contract will be accepted but will not be an award consideration.	NO

Name of Solicitation: *Fax Bid* Swing Arm Brush Cutter - LDWF

RFx text:

This is an online bid opportunity. Bidders are invited to submit bids online via the link on this bid invitation. Online bidding instructions are attached to this bid invitation. All vendors must be registered

VENDOR TELEPHONE NUMBER: EMAIL ADDRESS:	TITLE	DATE
0	Name of Bidder (Typed or printed)	

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in the LaGov system in order to: submit an online bid, have their bids tabulated by our office, and to receive automatic email notifications of bid opportunities.

To register as a vendor, access the following link:

https://lagoverpvendor.doa.louisiana.gov/irj/portal/anonymous?guest_user=self_reg

Please include a W-9 form with your bid if you are newly registered. Do not register again if you are already registered in the system.

Please print all attachments to ensure all documents related to this solicitation are reviewed prior to bidding.

All documents associated with this solicitation should be included in the bidder's submission.

Bid Documents Include:

Attachment A – Special Terms and Conditions – Pages 1-7 Attachment B – Online Bidding Instructions – Pages 1-10

Bid delivery instructions for the Office of State Procurement: Refer to Page 1 in Attachment A – Special Terms and Conditions

It is the intent of the State to award this contract on an individual basis to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder(s) meeting the specifications. The State further reserves the right to reject individual line items from the award.

LINE	Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit Price	Extended Amount
1	Product Category:22101703 swing arm brush cutter	1	EA		
	* Furnish and install				
	* Unit price shall include cost and installation of a case drain.				
	* Unit price shall include the cost and installation of the fourteen (14) pin machine side wiring harness necessary to install the cutter on the LDWF owned CAT 299XE tracked loader.				
	 * Unit price shall include the initial installation of all required equipment, installation of the brush cutter on the LDWF owned CAT 299XE tracked loader, and a function test to assure the brush cutter is functioning correctly. * If the awarded vendor's place of business is within a twenty-five (25) mile radius of John Franks WMA, upon the request, LDWF will transport the LDWF owned CAT 299XE tracked loader to the vendor's business location for installation and function testing of the cutter. If the 				

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	of a twenty-five (25) mile radius of John Franks WMA, the vendor will be required to deliver the cutter to John Franks WMA and do the required installation and function testing onsite.				
	Brand: Blue Diamond Brush Cutters Swing Arm or Equal Part Numbers: 103875 or Equal				
	* Swing arm brush cutter shall be capable of attachment to and operation in conjunction with a CAT 299XE tracked loader.				
	* Capable of being used both horizontally and swinging to the side to be used in a vertical position as a side boom cutter.				
	* Shall have a direct drive piston motor with a bearing housing with a four thousand maximum pounds per square inch (4000 max psi).				
	 Tilt cylinders of a minimum size of three inches by sixteen inches (3" x 16"). Blades constructed of abrasive resistant steel plate with 				
	an abrasion resistance minimum rating of four hundred (AR400 steel). * Blade minimum thickness of five eighths inch (5/8").				
	 Cutting width of forty-four inches (44" cut) minimum. Capacity to cut up to four inch diameter vegetation (4" cutting capacity). Maximum horizontal reach of at least ninety-six inches (96"). 				
	 * Vertical reach of at least sixteen feet (16'). * Minimum warranty of one year on all parts other than blades and hoses. 				
	Specify Brand Bidding:				
	Specify Part Number Bidding:				
	Specify Bidding swing arm brush cutter is capable of attachment to a CAT 299XE: Yes No				
	Specify Bidding Capable of being used both horizontally and swinging to the side to be used in a vertical position as a side boom cutter: Yes No				
	Specify Direct Drive Piston Motor bearing housing pounds per square inch Bidding:				
	Specify Tilt Cylinders Size Bidding:				
	Specify Blades Bidding:				

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LINE	Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit Price	Extended Amount
	Specify Blade Thickness Bidding:				
	Specify Cutting Width Bidding:				
	Specify Capacity Cut of Vegetation Bidding:				
	Specify Horizontal Reach Bidding:				
	Specify Vertical Reach Bidding:				
	Specify Warranty Bidding:				
	Specify Delivery Days ARO Bidding:				

Bidder:

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

1. READ THE ENTIRE BID, INCLUDING ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS.

2. ALL BID PRICES MUST BE TYPED, WRITTEN IN INK OR SUBMITTED ONLINE VIA THE VENDOR PORTAL, WHICHEVER IS APPLICABLE. ANY CORRECTIONS, ERASURES OR OTHER FORMS OF ALTERATION TO UNIT PRICES SHOULD BE INITIALED BY THE BIDDER.

3. THIS BID IS TO BE MANUALLY SIGNED IN INK OR SUBMITTED ONLINE VIA THE VENDOR PORTAL, WHICHEVER IS APPLICABLE.

4. BID PRICES SHALL INCLUDE DELIVERY OF ALL ITEMS F.O.B. DESTINATION OR AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED. BIDS CONTAINING "PAYMENT IN ADVANCE" OR "C.O.D" REQUIREMENTS MAY BE REJECTED. PAYMENT IS TO BE MADE WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF PROPERLY EXECUTED INVOICE OR DELIVERY, WHICHEVER IS LATER.

5. AMOUNT OF BID BOND REQUIRED: ADDRESSED IN THE SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS SECTION IF APPLICABLE.

6. AMOUNT OF PERFORMANCE BOND, IF REQUIRED: ADDRESSED IN THE SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS SECTION.

7. DESIRED DELIVERY: ADDRESSED IN THE SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS SECTION.

8. BIDS SUBMITTED ARE SUBJECT TO PROVISIONS OF THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO L.R.S. 39:1551-1736; PURCHASING RULES AND REGULATIONS; EXECUTIVE ORDERS; STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS; SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS; AND SPECIFICATIONS LISTED IN THIS SOLICITATION.

9. IMPORTANT: BY SIGNING THE BID OR SUBMITTING THE BID ONLINE VIA THE VENDOR PORTAL (WHICHEVER IS APPLICABLE) THE BIDDER CERTIFIES COMPLIANCE WITH ALL INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS, TERMS, CONDITIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS, AND FURTHER CERTIFIES THAT THIS BID IS MADE WITHOUT COLLUSION OR FRAUD. THIS BID IS TO BE MANUALLY SIGNED IN INK OR SUBMITTED ONLINE VIA THE VENDOR PORTAL, WHICHEVER IS APPLICABLE, BY A PERSON AUTHORIZED TO BIND THE VENDOR. ALL BID INFORMATION SHALL BE IN INK, TYPEWRITTEN, OR SUBMITTED ONLINE VIA THE VENDOR PORTAL, WHICHEVER IS APPLICABLE.

10. ADDRESS ALL INQUIRIES AND CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BUYER AT THE PHONE AND ADDRESS SHOWN ABOVE.

11. CONFERENCE: ADDRESSED IN THE SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS SECTION IF APPLICABLE.

12. BID FORMS

ALL WRITTEN BIDS, UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED FOR, MUST BE SUBMITTED ON, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH, FORMS PROVIDED AND PROPERLY SIGNED. BIDS SUBMITTED IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED:

- A. BID CONTAINS NO SIGNATURE INDICATING INTENT TO BE BOUND;
- B. BID NOT SUBMITTED ON THE STATE'S STANDARD FORMS

BIDS MUST BE FAXED TO THE NUMBER INDICATED, RECEIVED AT THE ADDRESS SPECIFIED, OR SUBMITTED VIA THE ONLINE VENDOR PORTAL, AS SPECIFIED IN THE SOLICITATION, WHICHEVER IS APPLICABLE, PRIOR TO TIME AND DATE INDICATED IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED. FAX ALTERATIONS, NOT INVOLVING PRICING, TO BIDS RECEIVED BEFORE BID OPENING TIME WILL BE CONSIDERED PROVIDED THE BID FORM AND FAXED ALTERATION HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AND TIME-STAMPED BEFORE THE BID OPENING. ENTIRE BID SHOULD BE RETURNED, EXECEPT ITEM PAGES NOT BID.

13. STANDARDS OF QUALITY

ANY PRODUCT OR SERVICE BID SHALL CONFORM TO ALL APPLICABLE FEDERAL AND STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS AND THE SPECIFCATIONS CONTAINED IN THE SOLICITATION. UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED IN THE SOLICITATION, AND ANY MANUFACTURER'S NAME, TRADE NAME, BRAND NAME, OR CATALOG NUMBER USED IN THE SPECIFICATION IS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DESCRIBING THE STANDARD OF QUALITY, PERFORMANCE AND CHARACTERISTICS DESIRED AND IS NOT INTENDED TO LIMIT OR RESTRICT COMPETITION. BIDDER MUST SPECIFY THE BRAND AND MODEL NUMBER OF THE PRODUCT OFFERED IN HIS BID. BIDS NOT SPECIFYING BRAND AND MODEL NUMBER SHALL BE CONSIDERED AS OFFERING THE EXACT PRODUCTS SPECIFIED IN THE SOLICITATION.

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14. DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION

BIDDERS PROPOSING AN EQUIVALENT BRAND OR MODEL SHOULD SUBMIT WITH THE BID INFORMATION (SUCH AS ILLUSTRATIONS, DESCRIPTIVE LITERATURE, TECHNICAL DATA) SUFFICIENT FOR STATE OF LOUISIANA TO EVALUATE QUALITY, SUITABILITY, AND COMPLIANCE WITH THE SPECIFICATIONS IN THE SOLICITATION. FAILURE TO SUBMIT DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION MAY CAUSE BID TO BE REJECTED. ANY CHANGE MADE TO A MANUFACTURER'S PUBLISHED SPECIFICATIONS SUBMITTED FOR A PRODUCT SHALL BE VERIFIABLE BY THE MANUFACTURER. IF ITEM(S) BID DO NOT FULLY COMPLY WITH SPECIFICATIONS (INCLUDING BRAND AND/OR PRODUCT NUMBER), BIDDER SHOULD STATE IN WHAT RESPECT ITEM(S) DEVIATE. FAILURE TO NOTE EXCEPTIONS ON THE BID FORM WILL NOT RELIEVE THE SUCCESFUL BIDDER(S) FROM SUPPLYING THE ACTUAL PRODUCTS REQUESTED.

15. RECEIPT OF FAX BIDS

NO INFORMATION OR OPINIONS CONCERNING THE ULTIMATE CONTRACT AWARD WILL BE GIVEN DURING THE EVALUATION PROCESS. BIDS MAY BE EXAMINED IN IN ACCORDANCE WITH LA R.S. 44.1. INFORMATION PERTAINING TO COMPLETED FILES MAY BE SECURED BY VISITING THE STATE OF LOUISIANA DURING NORMAL WORKING HOURS.

16. PRICES

UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED BY THE STATE OF LOUISIANA IN THE SOLICITATION, BID PRICES MUST BE COMPLETE, INCLUDING TRANSPORTATION PREPAID BY BIDDER TO DESTINATION AND FIRM FOR ACCEPTANCE FOR A MINIMUM OF 30 DAYS. IF ACCEPTED, PRICES MUST BE FIRM FOR THE CONTRACTUAL PERIOD. BIDS OTHER THAN F.O.B. DESTINATION MAY BE REJECTED. PRICES SHOULD BE QUOTED IN THE UNIT (EACH, BOX, CASE, ETC.) AS SPECIFIED IN THE SOLICITATION.

17. DELIVERIES

BIDS MAY BE REJECTED IF THE DELIVERY TIME INDICATED IS LONGER THAN THAT SPECIFIED IN THE SOLICITATION.

18. TAXES

VENDOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR INCLUDING ALL APPLICABLE TAXES IN THE BID PRICE. STATE AGENCIES ARE EXEMPT FROM ALL STATE AND LOCAL SALES AND USE TAXES.

19. NEW PRODUCTS

UNLESS SPECIFICALLY CALLED FOR IN THE SOLICITATION, ALL PRODUCTS FOR PURCHASE MUST BE NEW, NEVER PREVIOUSLY USED, AND THE CURRENT MODEL AND/OR PACKAGING. NO REMANUFACTURED, DEMONSTRATOR, USED OR IRREGULAR PRODUCT WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR PURCHASE UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED IN THE SOLICITATION. THE MANUFACTURER'S STANDARD WARRANTY WILL APPLY UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED IN THE SOLICITATION.

20. CONTRACT RENEWALS

UPON AGREEMENT OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA AGENCY AND THE CONTRACTOR, A TERM CONTRACT MAY BE EXTENDED FOR 2 ADDITIONAL 12-MONTH PERIODS AT THE SAME PRICES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS. IN SUCH CASES, THE TOTAL CONTRACT TERM CANNOT EXCEED 36 MONTHS.

21. CONTRACT CANCELLATION

THE STATE OF LOUISIANA HAS THE RIGHT TO TERMINATE THE CONTRACT IMMEDIATELY FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

(A) MISREPRESENTATION BY THE CONTRACTOR; (B) CONTRACTOR'S FRAUD, COLLUSION, CONSPIRACY OR OTHER UNLAWFUL MEANS OF OBTAINING ANY CONTRACT WITH THE STATE OF LOUISIANA; (C) CONFLICT OF CONTRACT PROVISIONS WITH CONSTITUTIONAL OR STATUTORY PROVISIONS OF STATE OR FEDERAL LAW; (D) ABUSIVE OR BELLIGERENT CONDUCT BY CONTRACTOR TOWARDS AN EMPLOYEE OR AGENT OF THE STATE; (E) CONTRACTOR'S INTENTIONAL VIOLATION OF THE PROCUREMENT CODE (LA R.S. 39:1551 ET SEQ.) AND ITS CORRESPONDING REGULATIONS; OR, (F) ANY LISTED REASON FOR DEBARMENT UNDER LA R.S. 39:1672.

THE STATE OF LOUISIANA MAY TERMINATE THE CONTRACT FOR CONVENIENCE AT ANY TIME (1) BY GIVING THIRTY (30) DAYS WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE CONTRACTOR OF SUCH TERMINATION: OR (2) BY NEGOTIATING WITH THE CONTRACTOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. THE STATE SHALL PAY CONTRACTOR FOR, IF APPLICABLE: (A) DELIVERABLES IN PROGRESS; (B) THE PERCENTAGE THAT HAS BEEN COMPLETED SATISFACTORILY; AND, (C) FOR TRANSACTION-BASED SERVICES UP TO THE DATE OF TERMINATION, TO THE EXTENT WORK HAS BEEN PERFORMED SATISFACTORILY.

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THE STATE OF LOUISIANA HAS THE RIGHT TO TERMINATE THE CONTRACT FOR CAUSE BY GIVING THIRTY (30) DAYS WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE CONTRACTOR OF SUCH TERMINATION FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING NON-EXCLUSIVE REASONS: (A) FAILURE TO DELIVER WITHIN THE TIME SPECIFIED IN THE CONTRACT; (B) FAILURE OF THE PRODUCT OR SERVICE TO MEET SPECIFICATIONS, CONFORM TO SAMPLE QUALITY OR TO BE DELIVERED IN GOOD CONDITION; OR, (C) ANY OTHER BREACH OF CONTRACT.

22. DEFAULT OF CONTRACTOR

FAILURE TO DELIVER WITHIN THE TIME SPECIFIED OR TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES AS SPECIFIED IN THE BID WILL CONSTITUTE A DEFAULT AND MAY CAUSE CANCELLATION OF THE CONTRACT. WHERE THE STATE HAS DETERMINED THE CONTRACTOR TO BE IN DEFAULT, THE STATE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO PURCHASE ANY OR ALL PRODUCTS OR SERVICES COVERED BY THE CONTRACT ON THE OPEN MARKET AND TO CHARGE THE CONTRACTOR WITH COST IN EXCESS OF THE CONTRACT PRICE. UNTIL SUCH ASSESSED CHARGES HAVE BEEN PAID, NO SUBSEQUENT BID FROM THE DEFAULTING CONTRACTOR WILL BE CONSIDERED.

23. ORDER OF PRIORITY

IN THE EVENT THERE IS A CONFLICT BETWEEN THE INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS OR STANDARD CONDITIONS AND THE SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS, THE SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS SHALL GOVERN.

24. APPLICABLE LAW

ALL CONTRACTS SHALL BE CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AND GOVERNED BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA.

25. COMPLIANCE WITH CIVIL RIGHTS LAWS

BY SUBMITTING AND SIGNING THIS BID, BIDDER AGREES TO ABIDE BY THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE FOLLOWING AS APPLICABLE: TITLE VI AND VII OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964, AS AMENDED BY THE EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY ACT OF 1972, FEDERAL EXECUTIVE ORDER 11246, FEDERAL REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973, AS AMENDED, THE VIETNAM ERA VETERAN'S READJUSMENT ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1974, TITLE IX OF THE EDUCATION AMENDMENTS OF 1972, THE AGE DISCRIMINATION ACT OF 1975, AND BIDDER AGREES TO ABIDE BY THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990. BIDDER AGREES NOT TO DISCRIMINATE IN ITS EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES, AND WILL RENDER SERVICES UNDER ANY CONTRACT ENTERED INTO AS A RESULT OF THIS SOLICITATION WITHOUT REGARD TO RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, NATIONAL ORIGIN, VETERAN STATUS, POLITICAL AFFILIATION, DISABILITY, OR AGE IN ANY MATTER RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT. ANY ACT OF DISCRIMINATION COMMITTED BY BIDDER, OR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THESE STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS WHEN APPLICABLE, SHALL BE GROUNDS FOR TERMINATION OF ANY CONTRACT ENTERED INTO AS A RESULT OF THIS SOLICITATION.

26. ADA ACCESSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

IF APPLICABLE, THE CONTRACTOR WARRANTS IT WILL COMPLY WITH FEDERAL AND STATE DISABILITIES LAWS AND REGULATIONS AND ALSO WARRANTS THAT THE PRODUCTS AND SERVICES PROVIDED CONFORM TO THE APPLICABLE ACCESSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS OF WCAG 2.1 LEVEL AA OR THE MOST CURRENT VERSION (THE "ACCESSIBILTY STANDARDS"), SECTION 508 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973, AND THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. THE CONTRACTOR AGREES TO PROMPTLY RESPOND TO AND RESOLVE ANY COMPLAINT REGARDING ACCESSIBILITY OF ITS PRODUCTS AND SERVICES. IF AT ANY TIME, PRODUCTS AND SERVICES PROVIDED UNDER THIS CONTRACT DO NOT FULLY CONFORM TO THE ACCESSIBILITY STANDARDS, CONTRACTOR SHALL IMMEDIATELY ADVISE THE STATE OF LOUISIANA OFFICE OF STATE PROCUREMENT (THE "STATE") IN WRITING OF THE NONCONFORMANCE AND SHALL PROVIDE THE STATE A PLAN TO ACHIEVE CONFORMANCE TO THE ACCESSIBILITY STANDARDS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, AN INTENDED TIMELINE FOR CONFORMANCE. CONTRACTOR FURTHER AGREES TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS THE STATE FROM ANY CLAIMS OR DAMAGES ARISING OUT OF ITS FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS PARAGRAPH. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THESE REQUIREMENTS SHALL CONSTITUTE A MATERIAL BREACH OF THIS CONTRACT AND MAY BE GROUNDS FOR TERMINATION OF THIS CONTRACT BY THE STATE.

27. INDEMNITY

CONTRACTOR AGREES, UPON RECEIPT OF WRITTEN NOTICE OF A CLAIM OR ACTION, TO DEFEND THE CLAIM OR ACTION, OR TAKE OTHER APPROPRIATE MEASURE, TO INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD HARMLESS, THE STATE, ITS OFFICERS, ITS AGENTS AND ITS EMPLOYEES FROM AND AGAINST ALL CLAIMS AND ACTIONS FOR BODILY INJURY, DEATH OR PROPERTY DAMAGES CAUSED BY THE FAULT OF THE CONTRACTOR, ITS OFFICERS, ITS AGENTS, OR ITS EMPLOYEES. CONTRACTOR IS OBLIGATED TO INDEMNIFY ONLY TO THE EXTENT OF THE FAULT OF THE CONTRACTOR, ITS OFFICERS, ITS AGENTS, OR ITS EMPLOYEES. HOWEVER, THE CONTRACTOR SHALL HAVE NO OBLIGATION AS SET FORTH ABOVE WITH RESPECT TO ANY CLAIM OR ACTION FROM BODILY INJURY, DEATH OR PROPERTY DAMAGES ARISING OUT OF THE FAULT OF THE STATE, ITS OFFICERS, ITS AGENTS OR ITS EMPLOYEES. 28. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF R.S. 39: 2192, IN AWARDING CONTRACTS AFTER AUGUST 15, 2010, ANY PUBLIC ENTITY IS AUTHORIZED TO REJECT A PROPOSAL OR BID FROM, OR NOT AWARD THE CONTRACT TO, A BUSINESS IN WHICH ANY INDIVIDUAL WITH AN OWNERSHIP INTEREST OF FIVE PERCENT OR MORE, HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF, OR HAS ENTERED A PLEA OF GUILTY OR NOLO CONTENDERE TO ANY STATE FELONY OR EQUIVALENT FEDERAL FELONY CRIME COMMITTED IN THE SOLICITATION OR EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT OR BID AWARDED UNDER THE LAWS GOVERNING PUBLIC CONTRACTS UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 10 OF TITLE 38 OF THE LOUISIANA REVISED STATUTES OF 1950, OR THE LOUISIANA PROCUREMENT CODE UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 17 OF TITLE 39.

29. FEDERAL CLAUSES, IF APPLICABLE

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 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 IN THE ANTI-LOBBYING ACT AND THE DEBARMENT ACT.

30. SECRETARY OF STATE REGISTRATION

IN ACCORDANCE WITH LOUISIANA LAW, ALL CORPORATIONS (SEE, LA R.S. 12:262.1) AND LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES (SEE, LA R.S. 12:1308.2) MUST BE IN GOOD STANDING WITH THE LOUISIANA SECRETARY OF STATE IN ORDER TO HOLD A PURCHASE ORDER AND/OR CONTRACT OVER \$25,000.

31. ALL BID AMOUNTS SHALL BE SUBMITTED IN UNITED STATES DOLLARS.

32. INDEPENDENT PRICE DETERMINATION

BY SIGNING AND SUBMITTING A BID, THE BIDDER CERTIFIES THAT THE PRICE SUBMITTED WAS INDEPENDENTLY ARRIVED AT WITHOUT COLLUSION.

33. E-VERIFY

THE CONTRACTOR SHALL COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF LA R.S. 23:995 AND FEDERAL LAW PERTAINING TO E-VERIFY IN THE PERFORMANCE OF SERVICES UNDER THE CONTRACT.