

INVITATION TO BID NUMBER

2519N024

RETURN THIS BID TO THE ISSUING OFFICE AT:



Department of Transportation and
Public Facilities
Division of Supply & Services
2301 Peger Road
Fairbanks Alaska, 99707

THIS IS NOT AN ORDER

DATE ITB ISSUED: March 5, 2019

ITB TITLE: Audiometric Testing and Training, Northern Region

SEALED BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE SUPPLY & SERVICES OFFICE FROM WHICH THEY WERE ISSUED AND MUST BE TIME AND DATE STAMPED BY THE PURCHASING SECTION **PRIOR TO 10:00 AM ON March 19th, 2019** AT WHICH TIME THEY WILL BE PUBLICLY OPENED.

DELIVERY LOCATION: Multiple Locations

DELIVERY DATE: As Needed


F.O.B. POINT: FINAL DESTINATION

IMPORTANT NOTICE: If you received this solicitation from the State's "Online Public Notice" web site, you must register with the Procurement Officer listed on this document to receive subsequent amendments. Failure to contact the Procurement Officer may result in the rejection of your offer.

BIDDER'S NOTICE: By signature on this form, the bidder certifies that:

- (1) the bidder has a valid Alaska business license, submits a bid under the name as appearing on the person's current Alaska business license and has written the license number below or has submitted one of the following forms of evidence of an Alaska business license with the bid:
 - a canceled check for the business license fee;
 - a copy of the business license application with a receipt date stamp from the State's business license office;
 - a receipt from the State's business license office for the license fee;
 - a copy of the bidder's valid business license;
 - a sworn notarized affidavit that the bidder has applied and paid for a business license;
- (2) the price(s) submitted was arrived at independently and without collusion and that the bidder is complying with:
 - the laws of the State of Alaska;
 - the applicable portion of the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964;
 - the Equal Employment Opportunity Act and the regulations issued thereunder by the State and Federal Government; and
 - all terms and conditions set out in this Invitation to Bid (ITB).

If a bidder fails to comply with (1) at the time designated in the ITB for opening the State will reject the bid. If a bidder fails to comply with (2) of this paragraph, the State may reject the bid, terminate the contract, or consider the contractor in default. Bids must be submitted under the name as appearing on the person's current Alaska business license in order to be considered responsive.

 Eric Johnson Procurement Officer	_____ COMPANY SUBMITTING BID	DOES YOUR BUSINESS QUALIFY FOR THE ALASKA BIDDER PREFERENCE? [] YES [] NO
TELEPHONE NUMBER 907-451-5102	_____ AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE	SEE ITB FOR EXPLANATION OF CRITERIA TO QUALIFY.
FAX NUMBER 907-451-2313	_____ PRINTED NAME	
	_____ DATE	_____ FEDERAL TAX ID NUMBER
_____ ALASKA BUSINESS LICENSE NUMBER	DOES YOUR BUSINESS QUALIFY FOR THE ALASKA VETERAN PREFERENCE? [] YES [] NO	_____ TELEPHONE NUMBER

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS:

1. INVITATION TO BID (ITB) REVIEW: Bidders shall carefully review this ITB for defects and questionable or objectionable material. Bidders' comments concerning defects and questionable or objectionable material in the ITB must be made in writing and received by the purchasing authority at least ten (10) days before the bid opening date. This will allow time for an amendment to be issued if one is required. It will also help prevent the opening of a defective bid, upon which award cannot be made, and the resultant exposure of bidders' prices. Bidders' original comments should be sent to the purchasing authority listed on the front of this ITB.

2. BID FORMS: Bidders shall use this and attached forms in submitting bids. A photocopied bid may be submitted.

3. SUBMITTING BIDS: Envelopes containing bids must be sealed, marked, and addressed as shown in the example below. Do not put the ITB number and opening date on the envelope of a request for bid information. Envelopes with ITB numbers annotated on the outside will not be opened until the scheduled date and time.

Bidder's Return Address

Department of Transportation & Public Facilities
Supply & Services
2301 Peger Road
Fairbanks, AK 99709

ITB Name & No.: Audiometric Testing and Training, Northern Region; 2519N024

Opening Date: March 19th, 2019 at 10:00 AM

ELECTRONIC BID SUBMISSION: Bids may be emailed to eric.johnson@alaska.gov, no later than the date and time listed on page one of this ITB as the deadline for receipt of bids, and must contain the ITB number in the subject line of the email. Emailed bids must be submitted as an attachment in PDF format. Please note that the **maximum** size of a single email (including *all* text and attachments) that can be received by the state is **20mb (megabytes)**. If the email containing the bid exceeds this size, the bid must be sent in multiple emails that are each less than 20 megabytes and each email must comply with the requirements described above. The state is not responsible for unreadable, corrupt, or missing attachments. It is the bidder's responsibility to contact the issuing office at [\(907\) 451-5102](tel:(907)451-5102) to confirm that the bid has been received. Failure to follow the above instructions may result in the bid being found non-responsive and rejected.

FAX BID SUBMISSION: Bids may be faxed to [\(907\) 451-5238](tel:(907)451-5238), no later than the date and time listed on page one of this ITB as the deadline for receipt of bids. It is the bidder's responsibility to contact the issuing office at [\(907\) 451-5102](tel:(907)451-5102) to make arrangements prior to faxing the bid and to confirm that the bid has been received. Failure to follow the above instructions may result in the bid being found non-responsive and rejected.

4. PRICES: The bidder shall state prices in the units of issue on this ITB. Prices quoted for commodities must be in U.S. funds and include applicable federal duty, brokerage fees, packaging, and transportation cost to the FOB point so that upon transfer of title the commodity can be utilized without further cost. Prices quoted for services must be quoted in U.S. funds and include applicable federal duty, brokerage fee, packaging, and transportation cost so that the services can be provided without further cost. Prices quoted in bids must be exclusive of federal, state, and local taxes. If the bidder believes that certain taxes are payable by the State, the bidder may list such taxes separately, directly below the bid price for the affected item. The State is exempt from Federal Excise Tax except the following:

- Coal - Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (IRC), Section 4121 - on the purchase of coal;

- “Gas Guzzler” - IRC, Section 4064 - on the purchase of low m.p.g. automobiles, except that police and other emergency type vehicles are not subject to the tax;
- Air Cargo - IRC, Section 4271 - on the purchase of property transportation services by air;
- Air Passenger - IRC, Section 4261 - on the purchase of passenger transportation services by air carriers.
- Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund Tax (LUST) - IRC, Section 4081 - on the purchase of Aviation Gasoline, Diesel Fuel, Gasoline, and Kerosene.

5. VENDOR TAX ID NUMBER: If goods or services procured through this ITB are of a type that is required to be included on a Miscellaneous Tax Statement, as described in the Internal Revenue Code, a valid tax identification number must be provided to the State of Alaska before payment will be made.

6. FILING A PROTEST: A bidder may protest the award of a contract or the proposed award of a contract for supplies, services, or professional services. The protest must be filed in writing and include the following information: (1) the name, address, and telephone number of the protester; (2) the signature of the protester or the protester's representative; (3) identification of the contracting agency and the solicitation or contract at issue; (4) a detailed statement of the legal and factual grounds of the protest, including copies of relevant documents; and (5) the form of relief requested. Protests will be treated in accordance with Alaska Statutes (AS) 36.30.560-36.30.610.

CONDITIONS:

1. AUTHORITY: This ITB is written in accordance with AS 36.30 and 2 AAC 12.

2. COMPLIANCE: In the performance of a contract that results from this ITB, the contractor must comply with all applicable federal, state, and borough regulations, codes, and laws; and be liable for all required insurance, licenses, permits and bonds; and pay all applicable federal, state, and borough taxes.

3. SUITABLE MATERIALS, ETC.: Unless otherwise specified, all materials, supplies or equipment offered by a bidder shall be new, unused, and of the latest edition, version, model or crop and of recent manufacture.

4. SPECIFICATIONS: Unless otherwise specified in the ITB, product brand names or model numbers specified in this ITB are examples of the type and quality of product required, and are not statements of preference. If the specifications describing an item conflict with a brand name or model number describing the item, the specifications govern. Reference to brand name or number does not preclude an offer of a comparable or better product, if full specifications and descriptive literature are provided for the product. Failure to provide such specifications and descriptive literature may be cause for rejection of the offer.

5. FIRM OFFER: For the purpose of award, offers made in accordance with this ITB must be good and firm for a period of ninety (90) days from the date of bid opening.

6. EXTENSION OF PRICES: In case of error in the extension of prices in the bid, the unit prices will govern; in a lot bid, the lot prices will govern.

7. BID PREPARATION COSTS: The State is not liable for any costs incurred by the bidder in bid preparation.

8. CONSOLIDATION OF AWARDS: Due to high administrative costs associated with processing of purchase orders, a single low bid of \$50 or less may, at the discretion of the State, be awarded to the next low bidder receiving other awards for consolidation purposes. This paragraph is not subject to the protest terms enumerated in “*INSTRUCTION TO BIDDERS*”, “*FILING A PROTEST*” above.

9. CONTRACT FUNDING: Bidders are advised that funds are available for the initial purchase and/or the first term of the contract. Payment and performance obligations for succeeding purchases and/or additional terms of the contract are subject to the availability and appropriation of funds.

10. CONFLICT OF INTEREST: An officer or employee of the State of Alaska may not seek to acquire, be a party to, or possess a financial interest in, this contract if (1) the officer or employee is an employee of the administrative unit that supervises the award of this contract; or (2) the officer or employee has the power to take or withhold official action so as to affect the award or execution of the contract.

11. ASSIGNMENT(S): Assignment of rights, duties, or payments under a contract resulting from this ITB is not permitted unless authorized in writing by the State of Alaska, Department of Administration, Division of General Services. Bids that are conditioned upon the State's approval of an assignment will be rejected as nonresponsive.

12. SUBCONTRACTOR(S): Within five (5) working days of notice from the state, the apparent low bidder must submit a list of the subcontractors that will be used in the performance of the contract. The list must include the name of each subcontractor and the location of the place of business for each subcontractor and evidence of each subcontractor's valid Alaska business license.

13. FORCE MAJEURE (Impossibility to perform): The contractor is not liable for the consequences of any failure to perform, or default in performing, any of its obligations under this Agreement, if that failure or default is caused by any unforeseeable Force Majeure, beyond the control of, and without the fault or negligence of, the contractor. For the purposes of this Agreement, Force Majeure will mean war (whether declared or not); revolution; invasion; insurrection; riot; civil commotion; sabotage; military or usurped power; lightning; explosion; fire; storm; drought; flood; earthquake; epidemic; quarantine; strikes; acts or restraints of governmental authorities affecting the project or directly or indirectly prohibiting or restricting the furnishing or use of materials or labor required; inability to secure materials, machinery, equipment or labor because of priority, allocation or other regulations of any governmental authorities.

14. LATE BIDS: Late bids are bids received after the time and date set for receipt of the bids. Late bids will not be accepted.

15. CONTRACT EXTENSION: Unless otherwise provided in this ITB, the State and the successful bidder/contractor agree: (1) that any holding over of the contract excluding any exercised renewal options, will be considered as a month-to-month extension, and all other terms and conditions shall remain in full force and effect and (2) to provide written notice to the other party of the intent to cancel such month-to-month extension at least thirty (30) days before the desired date of cancellation.

16. DEFAULT: In case of default by the contractor, for any reason whatsoever, the State of Alaska may procure the goods or services from another source and hold the contractor responsible for any resulting excess cost and may seek other remedies under law or equity.

17. DISPUTES: Any dispute arising out of this agreement shall be resolved under the laws of Alaska. Any appeal of an administrative order or any original action to enforce any provision of this agreement or to obtain any relief from or remedy in connection with this agreement may be brought only in the superior court for the State of Alaska.

18. CONSUMER ELECTRICAL PRODUCT: AS 45.45.910 requires that "...a person may not sell, offer to sell, or otherwise transfer in the course of the person's business a consumer electrical product that is manufactured after August 14, 1990, unless the product is clearly marked as being listed by an approved third party certification program." Electrical consumer products manufactured before August 14, 1990, must either be clearly marked as being third party certified or be marked with a warning label that complies with AS

45.45.910(e). Even exempted electrical products must be marked with the warning label. By signature on this bid the bidder certifies that the product offered is in compliance with the law. A list of approved third party certifiers, warning labels and additional information is available from: Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Labor Standards & Safety Division, Mechanical Inspection Section, P.O. Box 107020, Anchorage, Alaska 99510-7020, (907)269-4925.

19. SEVERABILITY: If any provision of the contract is declared by a court to be illegal or in conflict with any law, the validity of the remaining terms and provisions will not be affected; and, the rights and obligations of the parties will be construed and enforced as if the contract did not contain the particular provision held to be invalid.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

1.ORDER DOCUMENTS: Except as specifically allowed under this ITB, an ordering agency will not sign any vendor contract. The State is not bound by a vendor contract signed by a person who is not specifically authorized to sign for the State under this ITB. The State of Alaska Purchase Order, Contract Award and Delivery Order are the only order documents that may be used to place orders against the contract(s) resulting from this ITB.

2.BILLING INSTRUCTIONS: Invoices must be billed to the ordering agency's address shown on the individual Purchase Order, Contract Award or Delivery Order, not to the Division of General Services. The ordering agency will make payment after it receives the merchandise or service and the invoice. Questions concerning payment must be addressed to the ordering agency.

3.CONTINUING OBLIGATION OF CONTRACTOR: Notwithstanding the expiration date of a contract resulting from this ITB, the contractor is obligated to fulfill its responsibilities until warranty, guarantee, maintenance and parts availability requirements have completely expired.

PREFERENCES:

1. ALASKA BIDDER PREFERENCE: Award will be made to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder after an Alaska bidder preference of five percent (5%) has been applied. The preference will be given to a person who: (1) holds a current Alaska business license at the time designated in the invitation to bid for bid opening; (2) submits a bid for goods or services under the name on the Alaska business license; (3) has maintained a place of business within the state staffed by the bidder, or an employee of the bidder, for a period of six months immediately preceding the date of the bid; (4) is incorporated or qualified to do business under the laws of the state, is a sole proprietorship and the proprietor is a resident of the state, is a limited liability company organized under AS 10.50 and all members are residents of the state, or is a partnership under AS 32.06 or AS 32.11 and all partners are residents of the state; and, (5) if a joint venture, is composed entirely of ventures that qualify under (1) - (4) of this subsection. AS 36.30.170, AS 36.30.321(a) and AS 36.30.990[25]

2. ALASKA VETERAN PREFERENCE: If a bidder qualifies for the Alaska bidder preference under AS 36.30.321(a) and AS 36.30.990[25] and is a qualifying entity as defined in AS 36.30.321(f), they will be awarded an Alaska veteran preference of five percent (5%). The preference will be given to a (1) sole proprietorship owned by an Alaska veteran; (2) partnership under AS 32.06 or AS 32.11 if a majority of the partners are Alaska veterans; (3) limited liability company organized under AS 10.50 if a majority of the members are Alaska veterans; or (4) corporation that is wholly owned by individuals and a majority of the individuals are Alaska veterans, and may not exceed \$5,000. The bidder must also add value by actually performing, controlling, managing, and supervising the services provided, or for supplies, the bidder must have sold supplies of the general nature solicited to other state agencies, other governments, or the general public - AS 36.30.321(i).

3. USE OF LOCAL FOREST PRODUCTS: In a project financed by state money in which the use of timber, lumber and manufactured lumber is required, only timber, lumber and manufactured lumber products originating in this state from Alaska forests shall be used unless the use of those products has been determined to be impractical, in accordance with AS 36.15.010 and AS 36.30.322.

4. LOCAL AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES PRODUCTS PREFERENCE: When agricultural, dairy, timber, lumber, or fisheries products are purchased using state money, a seven percent (7%) preference shall be applied to the price of the products harvested in Alaska, or in the case of fisheries products, the products harvested or processed within the jurisdiction of Alaska, in accordance with AS 36.15.050.

5. ALASKA PRODUCT PREFERENCE: A bidder that designates the use of an Alaska Product which meets the requirements of the ITB specification and is designated as a Class I, Class II or Class III Alaska Product by the Department of Community & Economic Development shall receive a preference in the bid evaluation in accordance with AS 36.30.332 and 3 AAC 92.010.

6. EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM PREFERENCE: If a bidder qualifies for the Alaska bidder preference under AS 36.30.321(a) and AS 36.30.990[25], and is offering goods or services through an employment program as defined under 36.30.990(11), they will be awarded an Employment Program Preference of fifteen percent (15%) in accordance with AS 36.30.321(b).

7. ALASKANS WITH DISABILITIES PREFERENCE: If a bidder qualifies for the Alaska bidder preference under AS 36.30.321(a) and AS 36.30.990[25], and is a qualifying entity as defined in AS 36.30.321(d), they will be awarded an Alaskans with Disabilities Preference of ten percent (10%) in accordance with AS 36.30.321(d). A bidder may not receive both an Employment Program Preference and an Alaskans with Disabilities Preference.

8. PREFERENCE QUALIFICATION LETTER: Regarding preferences 6 and 7 above, the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation in the Department of Labor and Workforce Development maintains lists of Alaskan; [1] employment programs that qualify for preference, and [2] individuals who qualify for preference as Alaskan's with disabilities. In accordance with AS 36.30.321(i), in order to qualify for one of these preferences, a bidder must add value by actually performing, controlling, managing, and supervising the services provided, or for supplies, a bidder must have sold supplies of the general nature solicited to other state agencies, governments, or the general public.

As evidence of an individual's or a business' right to a certain preference, the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation will issue a certification letter. To take advantage of the preferences 6 or 7 above, an individual or business must be on the appropriate Division of Vocational Rehabilitation list at the time the bid is opened, and must attach a copy of their certification letter to their bid. The bidder's failure to provide this certification letter with their bid will cause the State to disallow the preference.

ALASKA BUSINESS LICENSE AND OTHER REQUIRED LICENSES: Prior to the award of a contract, a bidder must hold a valid Alaska business license. However, in order to receive the Alaska Bidder Preference and other related preferences, such as the Alaska Veteran and Alaskans with Disabilities Preference, a bidder must hold a valid Alaska business license at the time designated for bid opening. Bidders should contact the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, Division of Corporations, Business, and Professional Licensing for information on these licenses.

Website: <https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing.aspx>

Phone: (907) 465-2550

Email: license@alaska.gov

Acceptable evidence that the bidder possesses a valid Alaska business license may consist of any one of the following:

- (a) copy of an Alaska business license;
- (b) certification on the bid that the bidder has a valid Alaska business license and has included the license number in the bid (see front page);
- (c) a canceled check for the Alaska business license fee;
- (d) a copy of the Alaska business license application with a receipt stamp from the state's occupational licensing office; or
- (e) a sworn and notarized statement that the bidder has applied and paid for the Alaska business license.

You are not required to hold a valid Alaska business license at the time bids are opened if you possess one of the following licenses and are offering services or supplies under that specific line of business:

- fisheries business licenses issued by Alaska Department of Revenue or Alaska Department of Fish and Game,
- liquor licenses issued by Alaska Department of Revenue for alcohol sales only,
- insurance licenses issued by Alaska Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, Division of Insurance, or
- Mining licenses issued by Alaska Department of Revenue.

At the time designated for bid opening, all bidders must hold any other necessary applicable professional licenses required by Alaska Statute.

ALASKA BIDDER PREFERENCE: An Alaska Bidder Preference of five percent will be applied prior to evaluation. The preference will be given to a bidder who:

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- (1) holds a current Alaska business license at the time designated for bid opening;
- (2) submits a proposal for goods or services under the name appearing on the bidder's current Alaska business license;
- (3) has maintained a place of business within the state staffed by the bidder, or an employee of the bidder, for a period of six months immediately preceding the date of the bid;
- (4) is incorporated or qualified to do business under the laws of the state, is a sole proprietorship and the proprietor is a resident of the state, is a limited liability company (LLC) organized under AS 10.50 and all members are residents of the state, or is a partnership under AS 32.06 or AS 32.11 and all partners are residents of the state; and
- (5) if a joint venture, is composed entirely of ventures that qualify under (1)-(4) of this subsection.

ALASKA BIDDER PREFERENCE STATEMENT: In order to receive the Alaska Bidder Preference, the bid must also include a statement certifying that the bidder is eligible to receive the Alaska Bidder Preference.

If the bidder is a LLC or partnership as identified in (4) of this subsection, the statement must also identify each member or partner and include a statement certifying that all members or partners are residents of the state.

If the bidder is a joint venture which includes a LLC or partnership as identified in (4) of this subsection, the statement must also identify each member or partner of each LLC or partnership that is included in the joint venture and include a statement certifying that all of those members or partners are residents of the state.

BIDDERS WITH DISABILITIES: The State of Alaska complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Individuals with disabilities who may need auxiliary aids, services, and/or special modifications to participate in this procurement should contact the Department of Transportation & Public Facilities at one of the following numbers no later than Ten (10) days prior to the bid opening to make any necessary arrangements.

Telephone: (907) 451-5102
Fax: (907) 451-2313
TDD: (907) 451- 2363

COMPLIANCE WITH ADA: By signature of their bid the bidder certifies that they comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the regulations issued thereunder by the federal government.

Services or activities furnished to the general public on behalf of the state must be fully accessible. This is intended to ensure that agencies are in accordance with 28 CFR Part 35 Section 35.130 and that services, programs or activities furnished to the public through a contract do not subject qualified individuals with a disability to discrimination based on the disability.

PREFERENCE QUALIFICATION: In order to qualify for an Employment Program Preference, an Alaskans With Disabilities Preference or an Employers Of People With Disabilities Preference, a bidder must add value by actually performing, controlling, managing, and supervising the services provided, or a bidder must have sold supplies of the general nature solicited to other state agencies, governments, or the general public.

CONTRACT PERFORMANCE LOCATION: By signature on their bid, the bidder certifies that all services provided under this contract by the contractor and all subcontractors shall be performed in the United States.

If the bidder cannot certify that all work will be performed in the United States, the bidder must contact the procurement officer in writing to request a waiver at least 10 days prior to the deadline for receipt of bids.

The request must include a detailed description of the portion of work that will be performed outside the United States, where, by whom, and the reason the waiver is necessary.

Failure to comply with these requirements may cause the state to reject the bid as non-responsive, or cancel the contract.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING: By signature on their bid, the bidder certifies that the bidder is not established and headquartered or incorporated and headquartered in a country recognized as Tier 3 in the most recent United States Department of State's Trafficking in Persons Report.

The most recent United States Department of State's Trafficking in Persons Report can be found at the following website: <http://www.state.gov/g/tip/>

Failure to comply with this requirement will cause the state to reject the bid as non-responsive, or cancel the contract

CONTRACT INTENT: This Invitation to Bid (ITB) is intended to result in a mandatory use contract(s) for the establishing a contract for audiometric testing and training in accordance with OSHA Regulation 29CFR 1910.95 for the Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT&PF), Northern Region, at various locations, on an as-needed basis.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD: After the responses to this ITB have been opened and evaluated, a tabulation of the bids will be prepared. This tabulation, called a Notice of Intent to Award, serves two purposes. It lists the name of each company or person that offered a bid and the price they bid. It also provides notice of the state's intent to award a contract(s) to the bidder(s) indicated. A copy of the Notice of Intent will be mailed to each company or person who responded to the ITB. Bidders identified as the apparent low responsive bidders are

instructed not to proceed until a Purchase Order, Contract Award, Lease, or some other form of written notice is given by the contracting officer. A company or person who proceeds prior to receiving a Purchase Order, Contract Award, Lease, or some other form of written notice from the contracting officer does so without a contract and at their own risk.

PAYMENT FOR STATE PURCHASES: Payment for agreements under \$500,000 for the undisputed purchase of goods or services provided to a state agency, will be made within 30 days of the receipt of a proper billing or the delivery of the goods or services to the location(s) specified in the agreement, whichever is later. A late payment is subject to 1.5% interest per month on the unpaid balance. Interest will not be paid if there is a dispute or if there is an agreement that establishes a lower interest rate or precludes the charging of interest.

PROMPT PAYMENT FOR STATE PURCHASES: The state is eligible to receive a 5% discount for all invoices paid within 15 business days from the date of receipt of the commodities or services and/or a correct invoice, whichever is later. The discount shall be taken on the full invoice amount. The state shall consider payment being made as either the date a printed warrant is issued or the date an electronic funds transfer (EFT) is initiated

FEDERAL EXCISE TAX: The State of Alaska is exempt from Federal Excise Tax except for the following:

- Coal - Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (IRC), Section 4121 - on the purchase of coal;
- "Gas Guzzler" - IRC, Section 4064 - on the purchase of low m.p.g. automobiles, except that police and other emergency type vehicles are not subject to the tax;
- Air Cargo - IRC, Section 4271 - on the purchase of property transportation services by air;
- Air Passenger - IRC, Section 4261 - on the purchase of passenger transportation services by air charter.
- Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund Tax (LUST) - IRC, Section 4081 - on the purchase of Aviation gasoline, Diesel Fuel, Gasoline, and Kerosene.

The State of Alaska is also exempt from State Motor Fuel Taxes. The appropriate exemption forms will accompany a contract(s) resulting from this ITB. The state is not exempt from the Federal Superfund Tax.

CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION: The administration of this contract is the responsibility of Eric Johnson, Procurement Officer, for Northern Region DOT&PF.

INDEMNIFICATION: The contractor shall indemnify, hold harmless, and defend the contracting agency from and against any claim of, or liability for error, omission or negligent act of the contractor under this agreement. The contractor shall not be required to indemnify the contracting agency for a claim of, or liability for, the independent negligence of the contracting agency. If there is a claim of, or liability for, the joint negligent error or omission of the contractor and the independent negligence of the Contracting agency, the indemnification and hold harmless obligation shall be apportioned on a comparative fault basis. "Contractor" and

“Contracting agency”, as used within this and the following article, include the employees, agents and other contractors who are directly responsible, respectively, to each. The term “independent negligence” is negligence other than in the Contracting agency’s selection, administration, monitoring, or controlling of the contractor and in approving or accepting the contractor’s work.

INSURANCE: Without limiting contractor's indemnification, it is agreed that contractor shall purchase at its own expense and maintain in force at all times during the performance of services under this agreement the following policies of insurance. Where specific limits are shown, it is understood that they shall be the minimum acceptable limits. If the contractor's policy contains higher limits, the state shall be entitled to coverage to the extent of such higher limits. Certificates of Insurance must be furnished to the contracting officer prior to beginning work and must provide for a 30-day prior notice of cancellation, non-renewal or material change of conditions. Failure to furnish satisfactory evidence of insurance or lapse of the policy is a material breach of this contract and shall be grounds for termination of the contractor's services. All insurance policies shall comply with, and be issued by insurers licensed to transact the business of insurance under AS 21.

Proof of insurance is required for the following:

Workers' Compensation Insurance: The contractor shall provide and maintain, for all employees engaged in work under this contract, coverage as required by AS 23.30.045, and; where applicable, any other statutory obligations including but not limited to Federal U.S.L. & H. and Jones Act requirements. The policy must waive subrogation against the state.

Commercial General Liability Insurance: covering all business premises and operations used by the contractor in the performance of services under this agreement with minimum coverage limits of \$300,000 combined single limit per occurrence.

Commercial Automobile Liability Insurance: covering all vehicles used by the contractor in the performance of services under this agreement with minimum coverage limits of \$300,000 combined single limit per occurrence.

Professional Liability Insurance: Covering all errors, omissions or negligent acts in the performance of professional services under this agreement. Limits required per the following schedule:

Contract Amount	Minimum Required Levels
Under \$100,000.00	\$300,000.00 per Occurrence/Annual Aggregate
\$100,000.00 - \$499,999.00	\$500,000.00 per Occurrence/Annual Aggregate
\$500,000.00 - \$999,000.00	\$1,000,000.00 per Occurrence/Annual Aggregate
\$1,000,000.00 or over	Refer to Risk Management

Failure to supply satisfactory proof of insurance within the time required will cause the state to declare the bidder non-responsible and to reject the bid.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION: The state strongly desires that bidders submit all required technical, specification, and other supporting information with their bid, so that a detailed analysis and determination can be made, by the contracting officer that the product offered meets the ITB specifications and that other requirements of the ITB have been met. However, provided a bid meets the requirements for a definite, firm, unqualified, and unconditional offer, the state reserves the right to request supplemental information from the bidder, after the bids have been opened, to ensure that the products offered completely meet the ITB requirements. The requirement for such supplemental information will be at the reasonable discretion of the state and may include the requirement that a bidder will provide a sample product(s) so that the state can make a first-hand examination and determination.

A bidder's failure to provide this supplemental information or the product sample(s), within the time set by the state, will cause the state to consider the offer non-responsive and reject the bid.

FIRM, UNQUALIFIED AND UNCONDITIONAL OFFER: Bidders must provide enough information with their bid to constitute a definite, firm, unqualified and unconditional offer. To be responsive a bid must constitute a definite, firm, unqualified and unconditional offer to meet all of the material terms of the ITB. Material terms are those that could affect the price, quantity, quality, or delivery. Also included as material terms are those which are clearly identified in the ITB and which, for reasons of policy, must be complied with at risk of bid rejection for non-responsiveness.

NONDISCLOSURE AND CONFIDENTIALITY: Contractor agrees that all confidential information shall be used only for purposes of providing the deliverables and performing the services specified herein and shall not disseminate or allow dissemination of confidential information except as provided for in this section. The contractor shall hold as confidential and will use reasonable care (including both facility physical security and electronic security) to prevent unauthorized access by, storage, disclosure, publication, dissemination to and/or use by third parties of, the confidential information. "Reasonable care" means compliance by the contractor with all applicable federal and state law, including the Social Security Act and HIPAA. The contractor must promptly notify the state in writing if it becomes aware of any storage, disclosure, loss, unauthorized access to or use of the confidential information.

Confidential information, as used herein, means any data, files, software, information or materials (whether prepared by the state or its agents or advisors) in oral, electronic, tangible or intangible form and however stored, compiled or memorialized that is classified confidential as defined by State of Alaska classification and categorization guidelines (i) provided by the state to the contractor or a contractor agent or otherwise made available to the contractor or a contractor agent in connection with this contract, or (ii) acquired, obtained or learned by the contractor or a contractor agent in the performance of this contract. Examples of confidential information include, but are not limited to: technology infrastructure, architecture, financial data, trade secrets, equipment specifications, user lists, passwords, research data, and technology data (infrastructure, architecture, operating systems, security tools, IP addresses, etc).

If confidential information is requested to be disclosed by the contractor pursuant to a request received by a third party and such disclosure of the confidential information is required under applicable state or federal law, regulation, governmental or regulatory authority, the contractor may disclose the confidential information after providing the state with written notice of the requested disclosure (to the extent such notice to the state is permitted by applicable law) and giving the state opportunity to review the request. If the contractor receives no objection from the state, it may release the confidential information within 30 days. Notice of the requested disclosure of confidential information by the contractor must be provided to the state within a reasonable time after the contractor's receipt of notice of the requested disclosure and, upon request of the state, shall seek to obtain legal protection from the release of the confidential information.

The following information shall not be considered confidential information: information previously known to be public information when received from the other party; information freely available to the general public; information which now is or hereafter becomes publicly known by other than a breach of confidentiality hereof; or information which is disclosed by a party pursuant to subpoena or other legal process and which as a result becomes lawfully obtainable by the general public.

CONTRACT PERIOD: From date of award through December 31, 2019, with the option to renew for Five (5) additional one year periods at the same terms and conditions.

PRICE ADJUSTMENTS:

Consumer Price Index (CPI): *Contract prices for equipment and/or service will remain firm through December 31, 2019.*

Contractors must request price adjustments, in writing, 30 days prior to the renewal date. If a contractor fails to request a CPI price adjustment 30 days prior to the adjustment date, the adjustment will be effective 30 days after the state receives their written request.

Price adjustments will be made in accordance with the percentage change in the U.S. Department of Labor Consumer Price Index (CPI-U) for All Urban Consumers, Not Seasonally adjusted, Other Personal Services, Urban Alaska. Series Number: CUUSS49GSAGS.

The price adjustment rate will be determined by comparing the percentage difference between the CPI in effect for the base (2018) year six month average (Half 1 through Half 2); and each (Half) thereafter for the next year. The percentage difference between those two CPI issues will be the price adjustment rate. No retroactive contract price adjustments will be allowed.

PRICE DECREASES: During the period of the contract all price decreases experienced by the contractor must be passed on to the state. A contractor's failure to strictly and faithfully adhere to this clause, within the time required, will be considered in breach of contract.

ALTERATIONS: The contractor must obtain the written approval from the contracting officer prior to making any alterations to the specifications contained in this ITB. The state will not pay for alterations that are not approved in advance and in writing by the contracting officer.

DELIVERY OF SERVICES: Indicate, in the space provided under "Bid Schedule", the time required to make delivery after the request for services. Failure to make an entry in the space provided will be construed as an offer to deliver within timeframe specified by requesting departments. Coordination of services between contractor and departments must be mutually agreed upon.

ADVANCE NOTICE OF TESTING SERVICES: The contractor must notify the Department that requests services 48 hours prior to arriving on site.

BID GUARANTEE: Bids must be accompanied by a bid guarantee in the form of a Certified or Cashier's check in the amount of \$5,000.00 made payable to the State of Alaska. The bid guarantee for the lowest and second lowest submitted bids shall be retained until a contract is established. If the successful bidder fails to provide the required documentation within the time required (if any), the bid guarantee may be forfeited to the State of Alaska. The bid guarantee of each unsuccessful bidder will be returned as soon as practical after award has been made.

Bidders must submit their bid guarantee with their bid in order to be considered responsive.

TESTING LOCATIONS: All testing will be conducted at each Maintenance Camps location. See Attachment A for locations of all camps covered under this ITB. Travel costs will be covered as an additional charge for each location. Mileage can be a chargeable item but can be no higher than the State rate of \$0.545 per mile. Beginning and ending mileage must be recorded for each trip. **Receipts for all other travel costs must be provided for reimbursement.**

DELIVERABLES: Each employee shall be given a preliminary copy of their test results, upon completion of the testing. In addition a final report shall be completed and must be sent to the Safety Officer. The final report shall provide recommendations for each employee pertaining to all aspects of 29 CFR 1910.95. At a minimum, this report shall include the following:

- Name and job classification of the employee;
- Date of the audiogram;
- The examiner's name;
- Date of the last acoustic or exhaustive calibration of the audiometer;
- Employee's most recent noise exposure assessment.

The Contractor shall provide personal and/or professional corporation's expertise as a witness should litigation arise against the Contracting Agency that stems from personnel action taken based on the Contractor's advice or recommendation provided under this contract.

SITE INSPECTION: Bidders are encouraged to visit the work site so that they can see the conditions under which the work described in this ITB will be performed. The bidder's failure to visit the work site will in no way relieve the bidder of the responsibility of performing the work in strict compliance with the true intent and meaning of the terms, conditions and specifications of this ITB. The sites may be inspected by contacting; John Clendenin, at telephone number 451-2280. The contact person is only empowered to allow bidders to view the work site. Any questions the bidders have must be directed to the contracting officer named on the front page of this ITB. The contact person cannot and will not answer bidder questions regarding the work to be performed under this ITB or the terms, conditions and specifications of this ITB.

INVOICES: Invoices must be sent directly to the ordering agency's address shown on the individual Purchase Order, Contract Award or Delivery Order. The ordering agency will only make payment after it receives the merchandise or service and the invoice. Question concerning payment must be addressed to the ordering agency.

THIRD-PARTY FINANCING AGREEMENTS NOT ALLOWED: Because of the additional administrative and accounting time required of state agencies when third party financing agreements are permitted, they will not be allowed under this contract.

CONTINUING OBLIGATION OF CONTRACTOR: Regardless of the terms and conditions of any third-party financing agreement, the contractor agrees that none of its responsibilities under this contract are transferable and that the contractor alone will continue to be solely responsible until the expiration date of the contract. Such responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the provision of equipment, training, warranty service, maintenance, parts and the provision of consumable supplies. By signature on the face page of this ITB the bidder acknowledges this requirement and indicates unconditional acceptance of this continuing obligation clause.

ESTIMATED QUANTITIES: The quantities referenced in this ITB are the state's estimated requirements and may vary more or less from the quantities actually requested. The state does not guarantee any minimum purchase. Orders will be issued throughout the contract period on an as-needed basis.

SERVICE RESPONSE TIME: This contract requires that a service be conducted in a timely manner; the contractor must coordinate with the requesting departments to finalize testing and training to ensure all services are completed in an acceptable time frame.

WORKMANSHIP & MATERIALS: All work must be performed in a thorough and workmanlike manner and in accordance with current industry practices.

CONTRACT CANCELLATION: The state reserves the right to cancel the contract at its convenience upon 30 calendar days written notice to the contractor. The state is liable only for payment in accordance with the payment provisions of this contract for services or supplies provided before the effective date of termination.

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Audiometric Testing and Training, Northern Region

METHOD OF AWARD: Award will be made to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. In order to be considered responsive, bidders must be willing and able to conduct the services requested at each location listed on Attachment A. Each location on Attachment A will have an area to initial off agreeing to service that location. If any locations are not initialed, your bid may be considered non-responsive and rejected.

SPECIFICATIONS

Audiometric testing to be performed on site, at each maintenance station listed on Attachment A. Testing to include employee history, otoscopies, training, fitting and audiometric exam, counseling, professional review by a Licensed Audiologist, and all records and, reports. All must comply with OSHA's 29 CFR 1910.95

1. An audiometric exam report to be given to the employee at the time of testing with current results compared to baseline results and listing of all previous test conducted to date for comparative and cumulative observation and information.
2. Report provided to DOT & PF Safety Officer for all tests conducted at each site, detailing the test results, recommendations of the reviewing licensed Audiologist, any Standard Threshold Shifts (STS), any OSHA recordable results based on all cumulative employee tests, letters to employees with results and recommendations of reviewing licensed Audiologist.
3. Annual report to Safety Officer of all tests conducted for the calendar year.
4. Employees must receive baseline hearing test within 6 months of hire or one year of hire if mobile van exemption is used. Bid submission must demonstrate how contractor will fulfill this OSHA requirement.
5. Many of DOT's locations do not have a suitable quiet place to conduct audiometric testing. The contractor must be able to provide their own sound attenuation booth. Dalton Highway audiometric exams are exempt from this requirement based on known ability to reduce ambient noise levels to acceptable OSHA thresholds.
6. Due to the number of employees required to be tested and the need for minimal business disruption, contractor must to be able to conduct up to 4 hearing test examinations simultaneously and be able to conduct up to 50 tests in a single workday.

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BID SCHEDULE

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Price per each.</u>	<u>Extended Price</u>
744	On-Site Audiometric Testing and Training.		\$_____.
		<u>Total</u>	\$_____.

This section is to be completed, but will only be used for evaluation purposes. Actual travel costs will be reimbursed with receipts being provided. Miscellaneous charges can be used for mileage charge if desired.

Location	Travel Cost-Employee	Travel Cost-Equipment	Miscellaneous Charges	Estimated Total Travel Charges for each location.
Fairbanks				
Nome				
Cordova				
Barrow				

Vendor Address:	
Contact Person:	
Phone Number:	
Fax Number:	
Email Address:	

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<u>District</u>	<u>Station and Department</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Number of Employees</u>
Fairbanks	Fairbanks M&O	2301 Peger Road, Fairbanks Alaska	47
	Materials Lab	2301 Peger Road, Fairbanks Alaska	4
	Regional Drillers	2301 Peger Road, Fairbanks Alaska	5
	NR SEF	2301 Peger Road, Fairbanks Alaska	75
	Facility Maintenance	2301 Peger Road, Fairbanks Alaska	45
	M & O Admin/Safety	2301 Peger Road, Fairbanks Alaska	7
	Montana Creek	MP 80 Steese Highway	6
	Warehouse	2301 Peger Road, Fairbanks Alaska	2
Denali	Bridge Crew	2301 Peger Road, Fairbanks Alaska	3
	Cantwell	MP 135 Denali Highway, Cantwell Alaska	9
	Healy	MP 18 Healy Road, Healy Alaska	5
	Nenana	6th and D Street, Nenana Alaska	6
	Rural Aviation	2301 Peger Road, Fairbanks Alaska	2
	Denali Admin	2301 Peger Road, Fairbanks Alaska	2
	Galena	DOT Maintenance Camp, Galena AK 99741	2
Valdez	Valdez M&O & Admin	351 East Egan Drive, Valdez Alaska	14
	Valdez Airport	300 Valdez Airport Road, Valdez Alaska	4
	Thompson Pass	MP 27 Richardson Highway	9
	Cordova	MP 13 Copper River Highway	7
Tazlina	Tazlina M&O & Admin	MP 110 Richardson Highway	21
	Paxson	MP 186 Richardson Highway	5
	Slana	MP 60 Tok Cutoff, (MP .25 Nebesna Road)	6
	Nelchina	MP 141 Glenn Highway	4
	Ernestine	MP 62 Richardson Highway	7

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Tok	Tok M&O & Admin	MP 123.5 Tok Cutoff Road	16
	Delta	MP 266 Richardson Highway	9
	Trims	MP 218 Richardson Highway	4
	Northway	MP 1256.3 Alaska Highway	5
	Eagle	MP 161 Taylor Highway	3
	South Fork	MP 74 Taylor Highway	5

Dalton	Dalton Admin/Roving Crew	2301 Peger Road, Fairbanks Alaska	18
	Livengood	MP 71 Elliot Highway	7
	Manley	MP 149.5 Elliot Highway	5
	Jim River	MP 138 Dalton Highway	4
	7-Mile	MP 61.5 Dalton Highway	5
	Coldfoot	MP 175 Dalton Highway	4
	Chandalar	MP 239.4 Dalton Highway	9
	Sag River	MP 305.7 Dalton Highway	6
	Deadhorse	MP 419 Dalton Highway	12
	Barrow	1733 Ahhovak Street, Barrow Alaska	5

Western	Nome	MP 4 Nome-Teller Highway, Nome Alaska	30
	Nome Airport	101 Airport Way, Nome Alaska 99762	10
	Kotzebue	101 Airport Way, Kotzebue Alaska 99752	9
	Unalakleet	101 Airport Way, Unalakleet Alaska 99684	3
	St. Marys	101 Airport Way, St. Mary's Alaska 99658	3

NR Construction/Design	Fairbanks	2720 Picket Place FBKS, AK 99709	275
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Total Number of Employees (Estimated)	744
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