

INVITATION TO BID (ITB)

INVITATION NUMBER 2521S001



RETURN THIS BID TO THE ISSUING OFFICE AT:

Department of Transportation & Public Facilities
Statewide Contracting & Procurement
P.O. Box 112500
(3132 Channel Drive, Suite 350)
Juneau, Alaska 99811-2500

THIS IS NOT AN ORDER

DATE ITB ISSUED: May 21, 2020

ITB TITLE: Alaska Marine Highway System Marine License Insurance

SEALED BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO STATEWIDE PROCUREMENT AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS, or VIA THE EMAIL ADDRESS BELOW, AND MUST BE TIME AND DATE STAMPED BY THE PURCHASING SECTION PRIOR TO 2:00 PM ON June 11, 2020 AT WHICH TIME THEY WILL BE PUBLICLY OPENED.

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 notification of 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, or will obtain one prior to award of any contract resulting from this ITB. If the bidder possesses a valid Alaska business license, the license number must be written below or one of the following forms of evidence must be submitted 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 disallow the Alaska Bidder Preference. 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 also submitted under the name as appearing on the bidder's current Alaska business license in order to receive the Alaska Bidder Preference.

Cherish Petrenchak
CONTRACTING OFFICER

Cherish.petrenchak@alaska.gov

907-465-8447
907-465-2024 Fax

COMPANY SUBMITTING BID

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

PRINTED NAME

DATE

ALASKA BUSINESS LICENSE NUMBER

FEDERAL TAX ID NUMBER

TELEPHONE NUMBER

***DOES YOUR BUSINESS QUALIFY FOR THE ALASKA BIDDER PREFERENCE?**

[] YES [] NO

***DOES YOUR BUSINESS QUALIFY FOR THE ALASKA VETERAN PREFERENCE?**

[] YES [] NO

***SEE ITB FOR EXPLANATION OF CRITERIA TO QUALIFY**

E-MAIL ADDRESS

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
Administrative Services
Statewide Contracting & Procurement
P.O. Box 112500
Juneau, Alaska 99811-2500
ITB No.: <u>2521S001</u>
Opening Date: <u>June 11, 2020</u> Time: <u>2:00P.M.</u>

ELECTRONIC BID SUBMISSION: If submitting a proposal via email, the technical proposal and cost proposal must be saved as separate PDF documents and emailed to dotstatewideprocurement@alaska.gov as separate, clearly labeled attachments, such as "Vendor A – Technical Proposal.pdf" and "Vendor A – Cost Proposal.pdf" (Vendor A is the name of the offeror). The email must contain the RFP number in the subject line.

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 proposal exceeds this size, the proposal must be sent in multiple emails that are each less than 20 megabytes and each email must comply with the requirements described above.

Please note that email transmission is not instantaneous. Similar to sending a hard copy proposal, if you are emailing your proposal, the state recommends sending it enough ahead of time to ensure the email is delivered by the deadline for receipt of proposals.

FAX BID SUBMISSION: Bids may be faxed to (907)465-3124, 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) 465-8447 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, 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; 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 procurement officer of the contracting agency. 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 parties to a contract resulting from this ITB are not liable for the consequences of any failure to perform, or default in performing, any of its obligations under the contract, if that failure or default is caused by any unforeseeable Force Majeure, beyond the control of, and without the fault or negligence of, the respective party. For the purposes of this ITB, 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:** If a contractor has a claim arising in connection with a contract resulting from this ITB that it cannot resolve with the State by mutual agreement, it shall pursue a claim, if at all, in accordance with the provisions of AS 36.30.620 – 632.
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.

20. GOVERNING LAW; FORUM SELECTION: A contract resulting from this ITB is governed by the laws of the State of Alaska. To the extent not otherwise governed by section 17 of these Standard Terms and Conditions, any claim concerning the contract shall be brought only in the Superior Court of the State of Alaska and not elsewhere.

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(2)

2.ALASKA VETERAN PREFERENCE: If a bidder qualifies for the Alaska bidder preference under AS 36.30.321(a) and AS 36.30.990(2) 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(2), and is offering goods or services through an employment program as defined under 36.30.990(12), 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(2), 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, P. O. Box 110806, Juneau, Alaska 99811-0806, 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 affidavit 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:

- (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 Affidavit

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 affidavit 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 affidavit 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 Statewide Procurement at one of the following numbers no later than ten (10) days prior to bid opening to make any necessary arrangements.

Telephone: (907) 465-8447

Fax: (907) 465-3124

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 Alaska Veterans Preference, Employment Program Preference, or Alaskans 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: <https://www.state.gov/trafficking-in-persons-report/>

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 contract for a Marine License Insurance policy for the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, Alaska Marine Highway System, Masters, Mates & Pilots.

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.

CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION: The administration of this contract is the responsibility of the Procurement Officer of record with the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities.

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 notice of cancellation, non-renewal, or material change of conditions in accordance with policy provisions. 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. 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 July 1, 2020 to June 30 , 2021 with four (4) one-year renewals, to be exercised at the sole discretion of the State, for the Masters, Mates & Pilots coverage. Unless otherwise provided in this ITB, the State and the successful offeror/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 30-days before the desired date of cancellation.

CONTRACT PRICES: The contract resulting from this ITB will be firm fixed price with adjustments.

PRICE ADJUSTMENTS: Contract prices are to remain firm through June 30, 2021 for the Masters, Mates & Pilots. Requests must be in writing and must be received thirty (30) days prior to the adjustment date. If a contractor fails to request a price adjustment 30 days prior to the adjustment date, the adjustment will be effective 30 days after the state receives their written request

The insurer must provide the procurement officer clear and convincing evidence, satisfactory to the state, that an increase affects only certain items within the policies that are clearly identified by the insurer.

Some acceptable form(s) of evidence or justification must be provided by the insurer and shall be independently verified and approved by the procurement officer prior to the effective date of the price adjustment.

PRICE DECREASES: During the period of the contract all price decreases experienced by the contractor must be passed on to the state. A insurer'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.

INVOICES: Invoices must be sent *quarterly*, 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.

ESTIMATED QUANTITIES: The number of employees referenced in this ITB is the State's estimated requirements and may vary more or less from the number of employees requiring coverage. The State does not guarantee any minimum number of employees covered.

METHOD OF AWARD: Award will be made to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. In order to be considered responsive, bidders must bid on all items.

BACKGROUND

The Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS) has been operating year-round since 1963, with regularly scheduled passenger and vehicle service to 30 communities in Alaska, plus Bellingham, Washington, and Prince Rupert, British Columbia. There are currently eleven vessels in the AMHS fleet, additional ferries have been planned.

During the past ten years the Alaska Marine Highway System has carried an average of 250,000 passengers and 70,000 vehicles per year.

The current annual insurance premium for the Alaska Marine Highway System Masters, Mates & Pilots covers the period from July 1, 2019 to July 1, 2020.

AMHS link: <http://www.dot.state.ak.us/amhs/index.shtml>

SPECIFICATIONS

GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS

Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS) through collective bargaining with one of its unions has stipulated to the following terms:

MASTERS, MATES, AND PILOTS

15.01 PER UNION CONTRACT: *The Employer will furnish without cost to each Deck Officer holding U.S. Coast Guard licenses an insurance policy providing for Loss of License Indemnity for service aboard an AMHS vessel. The Employer will notify the Deck Officer in writing when said coverage is initially provided or renewed.*

The current Sailing Grades requiring coverage, their current monthly compensation and the number in grade are as follows:

# OF COVERED AMHS MASTERS, MATES & PILOTS BY SAILING GRADE/COMPENSATION FY20		
SAILING GRADE	MONTHLY COMPENSATION	NUMBER IN GRADE
Master/Captain	\$9,794.12	7
Master/Captain	\$8,465.32	4
Master/Captain	\$10,125.08	1
Master/Captain	\$9,794.12	1
Master/Captain	\$9,713.48	2
Master/Captain	\$8,384.68	1
Master/Captain	\$9,038.12	1
Pilot	\$7,915.46	2
Chief Officer/Mate	\$7,200.28	5
Chief Officer/Mate	\$8,305.56	9
Chief Officer/Mate	\$8,512.20	2
Chief Officer/Mate	\$7,060.84	1
Chief Officer/Mate	\$8,166.12	1
Chief Officer/Mate	\$8,189.84	1
2nd Officer/Mate	\$6,074.68	4
2nd Officer/Mate	\$7,042.24	6
2nd Officer/Mate	\$7,341.28	2
3rd Officer/Mate	\$6,753.48	5
3rd Officer/Mate	\$6,869.20	13
3rd Officer/Mate	\$5,901.64	4
3rd Officer/Mate	\$5,785.92	6
3rd Officer/Mate	\$6,753.48	1
Total All Grades		79

The insurance coverage bid for the AMHS Master, Mates & Pilots will cover the Five years . time period of July 1, 2020 to July 1, 2021 (with 4 - One year optional renewals) to be solely exercised by the State.

Only these employees while performing compensated work for the AMHS will be afforded this coverage. The total number of AMHS employees by the union may vary somewhat with staffing changes, but it is estimated that there are 79 positions within the union affected by this commitment. AMHS will provide an initial list of covered employees to the successful offeror, and then issue quarterly listings by union. Offeror must agree to provide coverage to AMHS employed deck as outlined above, notwithstanding last employee names listing provided.

Offerors must provide:

1. A. M. Best number and rating. Only A.M. Best FSR ratings of B+ or above will be considered.
2. National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) number.
3. In writing, evidence of providing Marine License Insurance in the United States during the last five (5) years, from three (3) to five (5) clients.
4. A copy of your current State insurance license.
5. If your business is not located in or licensed to sell insurance in Alaska, you must provide the name, address, phone number and contact name of the insurance agent who will be representing you and a copy of their Alaska Producer license, with a letter from that agent acknowledging that they will be representing you.

Failure to provide the information requested above will result in the State rejecting the bid as non-responsive.

A. M. Best FSR ratings lower than B+ (Good) will not be considered.

BID SCHEDULE

INSURANCE POLICY COVERAGE FOR AMHS MASTERS, MATES & PILOTS			
ITEM #	COVERAGE	AMOUNT OF INSURANCE	PREMIUM COST
1	Comprehensive License Defense	UNLIMITED	\$
2	Basic License Defense	INCLUDED	\$
3	Loss of Income	(See note below)	\$
4	Subsistence Allowance	\$35.00/Day	\$
5	Professional Equipment & Instruments	\$3,000.00	\$
ANNUAL PREMIUM COST			\$
GRAND TOTAL PREMIUM COST (Annual Premium X 5 Years) FOR MASTERS, MATES & PILOTS July 1, 2020 to July 1, 2025			\$
NOTE: Loss of income coverage will be for up to 12 months of the current monthly compensation list provided to the successful offeror by AMHS, as stated above.			

The Bid Schedule must be completed with details of previous Marine License Insurance experience (dates, client names, contact name, phone numbers) to verify experience. Failure to do so will result in the State rejecting the bid as non-responsive. List information requested below:

Client Name: _____ Dates of Service _____

Contact Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Client Name: _____ Dates of Service _____

Contact Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Client Name: _____ Dates of Service _____

Contact Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

BID SCHEDULE -Continued

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Business Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Toll Free: _____

Email: _____

Required Bid Response Deliverables:

1. Signed Page #1.
2. Completed Bid Schedule (Pages 15 & 16).
3. All applicable Mandatory Return Amendments.