



**STATE OF ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**INVITATION FOR QUOTES FOR
A SMALL PROCUREMENT
(CONSTRUCTION RELATED)**

INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS

The State of Alaska desires that all Offerors submitting quotes on construction contracts are given a fair and equal opportunity to compete. Offerors are required to follow these instructions:

REVIEW THE PROJECT DOCUMENTS: Most construction Projects in excess of \$1,000 will have some type of written documentation prepared expressly for the Work. If you are asked to submit a quote and no written information has been provided, you should ask the procurement Agency for written documentation. If the scope of services have been described to you verbally, and you are selected for Contract Award, you must ensure that the information of the services to be performed (scope of work) is put in writing prior to accepting the Contract. When providing a Quote, carefully review and consider all materials related to the solicitation and work of the contract. **By submitting a quote the Offeror warrants that they are familiar with the Project requirements, have visited or otherwise examined the site, and are aware of the conditions to be encountered.** Offeror's can verify the contents and completeness of their quote documents by contacting the procurement Agency individual named on the front of this form.

SUBMITTING THE QUOTE: The Quote must be submitted in one of the following formats as called for in the Invitation:

1. **ORALLY** - if a verbal quote is solicited, the Offeror must provide, in addition to their quote amount and mailing address -- (1) their valid Alaska Business License number, (2) if applicable, a valid Contractor's Registration number, (3) their status as an Alaskan Bidder (Offeror), (4) their intended use of Alaskan products, (5) the carrier's name and policy number for their Workers' Comp Insurance (or a statement of sole proprietorship, if applicable), and (6) the Employer (Tax) Identification Number or Social Security Number. The Procurement Agency will enter this information on the quote schedule.

2. **WRITTEN** - if a written quote is solicited, the Offeror must complete, in ink or typewritten, the *Small Procurement Quote Submittal*, Form SPC-002. Failure to acknowledge receipt of addenda or to execute the form correctly and completely may disqualify the quote.

NOTE: The Department of Labor requires an Offeror to be licensed and registered for the required type of work prior to submitting a quote. If the procurement Agency determines the Offeror is improperly registered or licensed, their quote may be deemed nonresponsive.

SUBCONTRACTOR LISTING: Subcontractors intended to be utilized on this contract must be listed in the response to the solicitation. Work shall not be awarded to any subcontractor without prior approval from the procurement Agency. Subcontractors may be added or removed only as approved by the procurement Agency.

DETERMINATION OF THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE QUOTE AND CONTRACT AWARD: Following receipt and determination of all **responsive** oral, written or sealed quotes, the procurement Agency will compare the quotes and determine the lowest Offeror. If the procurement Agency discovers a discrepancy between the unit price amount and the extended amount; the unit price amount will prevail. Conditioned quotes, unless expressly requested, will not be considered. When the quote schedule is composed of a basic amount with alternates, the procurement Agency will base its determination of the low quote and the amount of the Contract Award solely upon those quotes, basic and alternates, that are priced within the extent of available construction funds. Alternates will be considered for Award in the order listed, except that if the order of Offerors is not affected, the Award may include any combination of funded alternates, or none, as may be in the best interest of the procurement Agency.

When determining the lowest quote, the procurement Agency will also give a 5% Alaska Offeror's preference and an appropriate Alaska Products preference to quotes designating the applicability of a preference. To qualify for the Offeror's preference (per AS 36.30.170) the Offeror **must** (1) hold a current Alaska Business License, (2) submit the quote under the name appearing on the license, (3) have staffed and maintained a place of business within Alaska for the previous six months and (4) be incorporated or qualified to do business under the laws of the State. In addition, if the Offeror is a partnership or joint venture, all parties must meet the criteria to be eligible for the preference. A booklet fully describing the Alaska Preferences (Bidder, Offeror, Product, Disabilities, Veteran) program is available at <http://doa.alaska.gov/dgs/pdf/pref2.pdf>. A detailed description of the Alaska Products Preference Program is available at <http://www.commerce.state.ak.us/ded/dev/prodpref/prodpref.htm>.

The procurement Agency will make a determination of **responsibility** as required by 2 AAC 12.500. If the lowest Offeror is declared responsible, the procurement Agency will execute the *Notice of Award / Notice to Proceed*, Form SPC-003, and send it to the Offeror for acknowledgement. If the lowest Offeror is found to be nonresponsive, this process will be repeated with the second lowest Offeror -- and so on until the lowest responsive and responsible Offeror is determined.

NOTICE OF AWARD AND PROTEST: A written notice will be provided on all Awards exceeding \$ 25,000 (2 AAC 12.400(h)). All protests must be filed with the Commissioner of the procurement Agency (or designee) and copied to the Procurement Officer. Protest procedures are described in AS 36.30.560 and 2 AAC 12.695. The extent of the protest remedy is limited to quote preparation costs (AS 36.30.585).

INDEMNITY AND INSURANCE – The following insurance is required for all construction contracts:

Article 1. 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.

Article 2. 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, nonrenewal, 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.

2.1 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.

2.2 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 claim.

2.3 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 claim.