# STATE OF ALASKA INVITATION TO BID (ITB)



#### PRINT AND DELIVERY OF BIG GAME HARVEST TICKETS

ITB 23000015 DECEMBER 6, 2022

THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME, DIVISION OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION, IS SOLICITING FOR A CONTRACTOR TO PROVIDE THE PRINT AND DELIVERY OF ADF&G'S BIG GAME HARVEST TICKETS.

<u>IMPORTANT NOTICE:</u> If you received this solicitation from the State of Alaska's "Online Public Notice" web site, you must register with the procurement officer listed below in order to receive notification of subsequent amendments to the solicitation. Failure to register with the procurement officer may result in the rejection of your offer.

BIDDER'S NOTICE: By signature on this form, the bidder certifies that they comply with the following:

- (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 the following forms of evidence 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, under penalty of perjury, 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;
  - the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the regulations issued thereunder by the state and federal government;
  - the bid will remain open and valid for at least 90 days;
  - all terms and conditions set out in this Invitation to Bid (ITB).

If a bidder does not hold an Alaska Business License (1) at the time designated in the ITB for opening the state will disallow the Alaska Bidder Preference. Bids must also be submitted under the name as appearing on the bidder's current Alaska business license in order to receive 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.

Kristie Ely Procurement Officer	COMPANY SUBMITTING BID	*DOES YOUR BUSINESS QUALIFY FOR THE ALASKA BIDDER'S PREFERENCE? [ ] YES [ ] NO	
	AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE	*DOES YOUR BUSINESS QUALIFY FOR THE ALASKA VETERAN PREFERENCE?  [ ] YES [ ] NO	
Phone: (907) 465-6178 TDD: (907) 465-6181	PRINTED NAME	*SEE ITB FOR EXPLANATION OF CRITERIA TO QUALIFY	
Email: Kristie.ely@alaska.gov	DATE	TELEPHONE NUMBER	
ALASKA BUSINESS LICENSE NUMBER	FEDERAL TAX ID NUMBER	E-MAIL ADDRESS	

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#### SECTION 1. INTRODUCTION & INSTRUCTIONS

#### SEC. 1.01 PURPOSE OF THE ITB

The Department of **FISH AND GAME**, Division of **WILDLIFE CONSERVATION** is soliciting bids for **A CONTRACTOR TO PROVIDING PRINTING AND DELIVERY SERVICES FOR OUR BIG GAME HARVEST TAGS.** 

#### SEC. 1.02 DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF BIDS

Bids must be received no later than **2pm**, Alaska Time on **December 28**, **2022**, at which time they will be publicly opened. Late bids or amendments will be disqualified and not opened or accepted for evaluation.

#### SEC. 1.03 PRIOR EXPERIENCE

In order for a bid to be considered responsive the bidder must meet these minimum prior experience requirements:

Contractor is required to have processed five (5) large volume (20,000 or more), individually numbered documents orders within the past seven (7) years.

A bidder's failure to meet these minimum prior experience requirements will cause their bid to be considered non-responsive and rejected.

#### SEC. 1.04 INVITATION TO BID (ITB) REVIEW

Bidders shall carefully review this ITB for defects and questionable or objectionable material. Comments concerning defects and questionable or objectionable material in the ITB should be made in writing and received by the procurement officer at least ten 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.

#### SEC. 1.05 QUESTIONS PRIOR TO DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF BIDS

All questions must be in writing and directed to the procurement officer. The interested party must confirm telephone conversations in writing. Two types of questions generally arise. One may be answered by directing the questioner to a specific section of the ITB. These questions may be answered over the telephone. Other questions may be more complex and may require a written amendment to the ITB. The procurement officer will make that decision.

#### SEC. 1.06 SITE INSPECTION

Removed.

#### SEC. 1.07 SUBMITTING BIDS

All submissions for ITB 230000015- Print and Delivery of Big Game Harvest Tickets

#### **Email Submission**

The preferred method of response submission to this solicitation is via email, sent to the following address: <a href="mailto:dfg.contracting@alaska.gov">dfg.contracting@alaska.gov</a>

The email submission must contain the ITB number in the subject line. In the body of the email, please indicate the Procurement Officer's name, the Bidder's name, the number of attachments, and the names of the attachments being submitted.

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 bids exceeds this size, the bid must be sent in multiple emails that are each less than 20 megabytes; each email must complying with the requirements above. Please also include an indication of multiple email submissions (1 of 2, 2 of 2, etc).

It is the Bidder's responsibility to ensure that the issuing agency has received the bid in full, prior to the deadline. The Procurement Officer will respond to the email to confirm receipt. If you do not receive a confirmation, it is your responsibility to contact the Procurement Officer to confirm. The State is not responsible for lost, unreadable, or corrupt emails, or missing attachments.

An offeror's failure to submit its bid prior to the deadline will cause the proposal to be disqualified. Late proposals or amendments will not be opened or accepted for evaluation.

#### **Paper Submission**

If submitting a bid by mail, Bidder must submit one hard copy of their bid to the procurement officer in a sealed package.

#### The bid must be addressed as follows:

Department of Fish and Game

**Division of Administrative Services** 

Attention: Kristie Ely, Procurement Officer

ITB Number: 230000015

ITB Title: Print and Delivery of Big Game Harvest Tickets
If mailing via US Mail, please use the following address:

PO Box 115526

Juneau, AK 99811-5526

If utilizing a delivery service, please use the following address:

1255 W. 8<sup>th</sup> St

Procurement Section Juneau, AK 99801

If faxing, please use the below number:

907-465-6181

An offeror's failure to submit its bid prior to the deadline will cause the bid to be disqualified.

Late bids or amendments will not be opened or accepted for evaluation.

Oral proposals will not be accepted.

#### SEC. 1.08 BID FORMS

Bidders shall use the front page of this ITB and any other forms identified in this ITB for submitting bids. All bids must be signed by an individual authorized to bind the bidder to the provisions of the ITB.

#### **BIDDER'S CERTIFICATION**

By signature on the bid, the bidder certifies that they comply with the following:

- A. the laws of the State of Alaska;
- B. the applicable portion of the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964;
- C. the Equal Employment Opportunity Act and the regulations issued thereunder by the state and federal government;
- D. the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the regulations issued thereunder by the state and federal government;

- E. all terms and conditions set out in this ITB;
- F. the price(s) submitted was arrived at independently arrived and without collusion, under penalty of perjury; and
- G. that the bid will remain open and valid for at least 90 days.

If any bidder fails to comply with [a] through [g] of this paragraph, the state reserves the right to disregard the bid, terminate the contract, or consider the contractor in default.

#### **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Each bid shall include a statement indicating whether or not the company or any individuals working on the contract has a possible conflict of interest (e.g., currently employed by the State of Alaska or formerly employed by the State of Alaska within the past two years) and, if so, the nature of that conflict. The procurement officer reserves the right to **consider a bid non-responsive and reject it** or cancel the award if any interest disclosed from any source could either give the appearance of a conflict or cause speculation as to the objectivity of the contract to be performed by the bidder.

#### SEC. 1.09 PRICES

The bidder shall state prices in the units of issue on this ITB. 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.

#### SEC. 1.10 PRE-BID CONFERENCE

Removed.

#### SEC. 1.11 ASSISTANCE TO BIDDERS WITH A DISABILITY

Bidders with a disability may receive accommodation regarding the means of communicating this ITB or participating in the procurement process. For more information, contact the procurement officer no later than ten days prior to the deadline for receipt of bids.

#### SEC. 1.12 AMENDMENTS TO BIDS

Amendments to or withdrawals of bids will only be allowed if acceptable requests are received prior to the deadline that is set for receipt of bids, in accordance with 2 AAC 12.140. No amendments or withdrawals will be accepted after the deadline unless the delay is due to an error of the contracting agency, in accordance with 2 AAC 12.160.

#### SEC. 1.13 AMENDMENTS TO THE ITB

If an amendment is issued, it will be provided to all who were notified of the ITB and to those who have registered with the procurement officer after receiving the ITB from the State of Alaska Online Public Notice website.

#### SEC. 1.14 ITB SCHEDULE

The ITB schedule set out herein represents the State of Alaska's best estimate of the schedule that will be followed. If a component of this schedule, such as the deadline for receipt of bids, is delayed, the rest of the schedule may be shifted accordingly. All times are Alaska Time.

ACTIVITY	DATE
Issue Date / ITB Released	12/06/2022
Deadline for Receipt of Bids / Bid Due Date	12/28/2022

Bid Evaluations Complete	12/29/2022
Notice of Intent to Award	12/30/2022
Contract Issued	01/10/2022

This ITB does not, by itself, obligate the state. The state's obligation will commence when the contract is approved by the Commissioner of the Department of Fish and Game, or the Commissioner's designee. Upon written notice to the contractor, the state may set a different starting date for the contract. The state will not be responsible for any work done by the contractor, even work done in good faith, if it occurs prior to the contract start date set by the state.

#### SEC. 1.15 ALTERNATE BIDS

Bidders may only submit one bid for evaluation. In accordance with 2 AAC 12.830 alternate bids (bids that offer something different than what is asked for) will be rejected.

#### SEC. 1.16 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Bidders shall submit all required technical, specification, and other supporting information with their bid, so that a detailed analysis and determination can be made by the procurement 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 or services 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.

#### SEC. 1.17 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 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.

#### SECTION 2. CONTRACT INFORMATION

#### SEC. 2.01 CONTRACT TERM

The length of the contract will be for an initial two (2) year period with five (5) one (1) year renewal options to be exercises at the sole discretion of the State.

#### SEC. 2.02 CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION

The administration of this contract is the responsibility of the procurement officer or person appointed by the Department of **Fish and Game**, Division of **Division of Wildlife Conservation**.

#### SEC. 2.03 CONTRACT FUNDING

Payment for the contract is subject to funds already appropriated and identified.

#### SEC. 2.04 CONTRACT EXTENSION

Unless otherwise provided in this ITB, the state and the successful bidder/contractor agree: (1) that any extension 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) the procurement officer will provide written notice to the contractor of the intent to cancel the month-to-month extension at least thirty (30) days before the date of cancellation. A month-to-month extension may only be executed by the procurement officer via a written contract amendment.

#### SEC. 2.05 CONTRACT CHANGES – UNANTICIPATED AMENDMENTS

During the course of this contract, the contractor may be required to perform additional work. That work will be within the general scope of the initial contract. When additional work is required, the state will provide the contractor a written description of the additional work and request the contractor to submit a firm time schedule for accomplishing the additional work and a firm price for the additional work. Cost and pricing data must be provided to justify the cost of such amendments per AS 36.30.400.

The contractor will not commence additional work until the procurement officer has secured required state approvals necessary for the amendment and issued a written contract amendment.

#### SEC. 2.06 SUBCONTRACTORS

Subcontractors may be used to perform work under this contract. If a bidder intends to use subcontractors, the bidder must identify in the bids the names of the subcontractors and the portions of the work the subcontractors will perform.

Subcontractor experience **SHALL NOT** be considered in determining whether the bidder meets the requirements set forth in **SEC. 2.01 PRIOR EXPERIENCE**.

If a bid with subcontractors is selected, the bidder must provide the following information concerning each prospective subcontractor within five working days from the date of the state's request:

- complete name of the subcontractor;
- complete address of the subcontractor;
- type of work the subcontractor will be performing;
- percentage of work the subcontractor will be providing;

- evidence that the subcontractor holds a valid Alaska business license; and
- a written statement signed by each proposed subcontractor that clearly verifies that the subcontractor is committed to render the services required by the contract.

A bidder's failure to provide this information, within the time set, may cause the state to consider their bid non-responsive and reject it.

Note that if the subcontractor will not be performing work within Alaska, they will not be required to hold an Alaska business license.

#### SEC. 2.07 JOINT VENTURES

Joint ventures will not be allowed.

#### SEC. 2.08 CONTRACT PERFORMANCE LOCATION

The state **WILL NOT** provide workspace for the contractor. The contractor must provide its own workspace.

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.

#### SEC. 2.09 RIGHT TO INSPECT PLACE OF BUSINESS

At reasonable times, the state may inspect those areas of the contractor's place of business that are related to the performance of a contract. If the state makes such an inspection, the contractor must provide reasonable assistance.

#### SEC. 2.10 SCOPE OF WORK AND SPECIFICATIONS

\*\*\*SPECIAL NOTE\*\*\* The paper required for this project, 100# tag (or equivalent paper), has been considered a "specialty paper". Most awardees of the below work must specially order the paper needed to complete order requests. Paper orders have been known to take from four (4) months to be received by a contracted vendor.

Awarded contractor, upon execution of the contract, will be required to order a minimum amount of 100# tag (or equivalent) to process the below tag orders by April 15th. \*\*\*

**Intent:** This Request For Quotation (RFQ) is for the printing and delivery of Game Harvest Tickets (report, overlay and ticket sections) to various locations within the State of Alaska.

**Artwork:** Any original copy supplied or generated as a result of this bid shall become or remains the property of the State and shall be returned along with the job.

**Alterations:** The Contractor shall obtain the approval of the Contracting Officer in writing prior to performing any requested alterations which are not within the scope of the specifications contained herein. Any extra charges for alterations, not approved by the Contracting Officer, shall be denied.

Over/Under Run: No over/under run shall be accepted. The State will only pay for quantities ordered.

**FOB Point:** Final destination at addresses specified.

#### Final Destination Addresses:

 Alaska Department of Fish and Game Division of Wildlife Conservation 802 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Juneau, AK 99811-0024

Attn: Paul Converse

 Alaska Department of Fish and Game Division of Wildlife Conservation
 333 Raspberry Road
 Anchorage, AK 99518-1599

Attn: Wade Schock

 Alaska Department of Fish and Game Division of Wildlife Conservation 1300 College Road Fairbanks, AK 99701-1599

Attn: Jesse Dunshie

 Alaska Department of Fish and Game Division of Wildlife Conservation 1801 S Margaret Dr. St. 2 Palmer, Alaska 99645-6736

Attn: Will Newberry

 Alaska Department of Fish and Game Division of Wildlife Conservation 103 E. Front Street

> Nome, AK 99762-1148 Attn: Sara Germain

**Delivery Date:** Delivery at final destination is required prior to May 20.

**Delivery Date/Method:** Delivery is required at the destinations previously indicated, no later than May 20, each year. If necessary, the successful bidder will be required to ship via AIR at their expense in order to meet the required delivery date. The final product is to be delivered complete (no partials) to each delivery location.

#### **Form Specifications:**

For All Forms:

**Copy:** Camera ready, available approximately March 30 each year. Printing will be similar to sample copies attached. (Use as a guide, printed on both sides.)

**Proof:** Proofs will be required before printing. Proofs will be returned with authorization to print no later than April 15 of each year. Submit written or electronic proofs to:

Alaska Department of Fish and Game Division of Wildlife Conservation 1801 S Margaret Dr. Ste 4

Palmer, Alaska 99645

Attn: Natalie Weber – <u>natalie.weber@alaska.gov</u>

**Packaging:** Forms are to be packaged into bundles of 100 in numerical sequence. Please attempt to reduce, if not eliminate, missing number sequences within batches. Bundles are to be wrapped in plastic (shrink) wrap. The bundles shall be labeled to identify contents, numbering sequence and quantity. Multiple bundles are to be placed into containers (boxes) suitable for mailing per US Postal Regulation. Containers are to be labeled to identify contents, number sequence and quantity contained.

**Numbering:** A sequential number followed by two alpha numeric check digits, must be printed in several locations on the face of each form. The sequence number and check digits will be printed in alpha numeric characters and a machine readable barcode font. All numbers and check digits will be provided by the Division of Wildlife Conservation.

1. Caribou Harvest Ticket – Form #11-239C, (see attached example).

Size: 8 1/2" X 11" overall, 3 parts on one page: top, middle and bottom. Harvest Report portion must be no larger

than 8 1/2" X 4".

**Stock:** 100 Tag or equal.

Ink: Face and back copies in black, website, bracket/arrow, and expiration dates in red.

Color: Salmon

**Numbering:** Prenumbered in seven (7) locations on face.

Bar Code – Code and number in two (2) locations on face: one (1) on top, one (1) on bottom

**Perforations:** Perforation running horizontally at approximately four (4) inches from top of page and perforation running horizontally that must be not more than four (4) inches from the bottom of the page.

Middle third of page must have four (4) perforations vertically at approximately 1.6, 3.3, 5.1 and 6.6 inches from left side of page. See example attached.

#### Caribou Tickets (11-239C) Delivery:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Destination</u>	Number Sequence
400	Juneau	
2500	Anchorage	Number sequences will be determined after bid is awarded.
3100	Fairbanks	
3100	Palmer	
400	Nome	

9,500 Total

2. **Deer Harvest Ticket** – Form #11-239D (see attached example).

Size: 8 1/2" X 11" overall, 3 parts on one page: top, middle and bottom. Harvest Report portion must be no

larger

than 8 1/2" X 4".

Stock: 100 Tag or equal.

Ink: Face and back copies in black, website, bracket/arrow, and expiration dates in red.

Color: White Numbering:

Prenumbered in eight (8) locations on face.

Bar Code - Code and number in two (2) locations on face, one (1) on top and one (1) on bottom.

Perforations: Perforation running horizontally at approximately four (4) inches from the top of page and perforation running horizontally that must be no more than four (4) inches from the bottom of the page.

Top portion has one perforation approximately 1.6 inches from the right side of the page. Middle third of page must have four (4) perforations vertically at approximately 1.6, 3.3, 5.1 and 6.6 inches from left side of page. See example attached.

#### Deer Tickets (11-239D) Delivery:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Destination</u>	Number Sequence
12,000	Juneau	
6,500	Anchorage	Number sequences will be determined after bid is awarded.
500	Fairbanks	
3,200	Palmer	
Zero	Nome	
22,200	Total	

#### 3. Black Bear Harvest Ticket — — Form #11-239L (see attached example).

Size: 8 1/2" X 11" overall, 3 parts on one page: top, middle and bottom. Harvest Report portion must be no larger

than 8 1/2" X 4".

Stock: 100 Tag or equal.

Ink: Face and back copies in black, website, bracket/arrow, and expiration dates in red.

Color: Lt. Blue

**Numbering:** Prenumbered in seven (7) locations on face.

Bar Code - Code and number in two (2) locations on face, one (1) on top and one (1) on bottom.

Perforations: Perforation running horizontally at approximately four (4) inches from top of page and perforation running horizontally that must be no more than four (4) inches from the bottom of the page.

Middle third of page must have four (4) perforations vertically at approximately 1.6, 3.3, 5.1 and 6.6 inches from left side of page. See example attached.

#### Black Bear Tickets (11-239L) Delivery:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Destination</u>	Number Sequence
3000	Juneau	
8500	Anchorage	Number sequences will be determined after bid is awarded.
4800	Fairbanks	
9200	Palmei	r
50	Nome	
25,550	Total	

#### 4. Moose Harvest Ticket – Form #11-239M (see attached example).

Size: 8 1/2" X 11" overall, 3 parts on one page: top, middle and bottom. Harvest Report portion must be no larger

than 8 1/2" x 4".

Stock: 100 Tag or equal.

Ink: Face and back copies in black, website, bracket/arrow, and expiration dates in red.

Color: Green

**Numbering:** Prenumbered in three (3) locations on face.

Bar Code - Code and number in two (2) locations on face, one (1) on top and one (1) on bottom.

**Perforations:** Perforation running horizontally at approximately four (4) inches from top of page and perforation running horizontally that must be no more than four (4) inches from bottom of the page.

Middle third of page must have one (1) perforation vertically at approximately 2.1 inches from left side of page. See example attached.

#### Moose Tickets (11-239M) Delivery:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Number Sequence</u>
500	Juneau	
12000	Anchorage	Number sequences will be determined after bid is awarded.
9000	Fairbanks	
17000	Palmer	
2000	Nome	

40,500 Total

#### 5. **Sheep Harvest Ticket** – Form #11-239S (see attached example).

**Size:** 8 1/2" X 11" overall, 3 parts on one page: top, middle and bottom. Harvest Report portion must be no larger

than 8 1/2" X 4".

Stock: 100 Tag or equal.

Ink: Face and back copies in black, numbering, prefixes, expiration date and issue date in red.

Color: Yellow

**Numbering:** Prenumbered in three (3) locations on face.

Bar Code - Code and number in two (2) locations on face, one (1) on top and one (1) on bottom.

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Middle third of page must have one (1) perforation vertically at approximately 2.1 inches from left side of the page. See example attached.

#### Sheep Tickets (11-239S) Delivery:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Number Sequence</u>
250	Juneau	
2000	Anchorage	Number sequences will be determined after bid is awarded.
1500	Fairbanks	
3200	Palmer	
50	Nome	

7,000 Total

#### SEC. 2.11 F.O.B. POINT

The F.O.B. point for this ITB will be multiple locations as outline in the scope and deliverables. The contractor will be required to prepare the items for shipping and to ship them to the ultimate destination specified in the state's order. The contractor will be required to prepay the freight charges from the F.O.B. point to the ultimate destination. The contractor may charge-back the freight charges from the F.O.B. point to the ultimate destination as a separate item on the state's invoice. These costs must be billed as a pass-through charge.

#### SEC. 2.12 SHIPPING DAMAGE

The state will not accept or pay for damaged goods. The contractor must file all claims against the carrier(s) for damages incurred to items in transit from the point of origin to the ultimate destination. The state will provide

the contractor with written notice when damaged goods are received. The state will deduct the cost of the damaged goods from the invoice prior to payment. The contractor must file all claims against the carrier(s) for reimbursement of the loss.

#### SEC. 2.13 DELIVERY TIME

removed.

## SEC. 2.14 INSPECTION & MODIFICATION - REIMBURSEMENT FOR UNACCEPTABLE DELIVERABLES

The contractor is responsible for providing all products or the completion of all work set out in the contract. All products or work is subject to inspection, evaluation, and approval by the state. The state may employ all reasonable means to ensure that the work is progressing and being performed in compliance with the contract. The state may instruct the contractor to make corrections or modifications if needed in order to accomplish the contract's intent. The contractor will not unreasonably withhold such changes.

Substantial failure of the contractor to perform the contract may cause the state to terminate the contract. In this event, the state may require the contractor to reimburse monies paid (based on the identified portion of unacceptable products or work received) and may seek associated damages.

#### SEC. 2.15 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.

#### SEC. 2.16 ESTIMATED QUANTITIES

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

#### SEC. 2.17 CONTRACT PRICE ADJUSTMENTS

A contract resulting from this ITB will include the following price adjustment clause:

Consumer Price Index (CPI): Contract prices will remain firm through 2026.

The contractor may request price adjustments, in writing, 30 days prior to the contract renewal date. Requests must be in writing and must be received 30 days prior to the contract renewal date. If the contractor fails to request a CPI price adjustment 30 days prior to the contract renewal 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, All Items, Urban Alaska.

The price adjustment rate will be determined by comparing the percentage difference between the CPI in effect for the base year six-month average (January through June OR July through December 20\_\_); and each (January through June OR July through December 20\_\_ six-month average) thereafter. The percentage difference between those two CPI issues will be the price adjustment rate. No retroactive contract price adjustments will be allowed.

All price adjustments must be approved by the procurement officer prior to the implementation of the adjusted pricing. Approval shall be in the form of a contract amendment issued by the procurement officer.

#### SEC. 2.18 INFORMAL DEBRIEFING

When the contract is completed, an informal debriefing may be performed at the discretion of the procurement officer. If performed, the scope of the debriefing will be limited to the products provided or work performed by the contractor.

#### SEC. 2.19 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.

#### SEC. 2.20 INSURANCE

Without limiting the contractor's indemnification, it is agreed that the 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 procurement officer prior to contract approval 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.
- <u>Commercial General Liability Insurance</u>: 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.

#### SEC. 2.21 MANDATORY REPORTING

The contractor must provide a quarterly usage report to the procurement officer in an electronic format (Excel). The report must contain at least the following information: purchasing entity, description of items and/or services purchased, date of purchase, contract price, retail price, extended contract and retail price, and savings.

These reports are due 30 days after the end of each quarter. The contractor's failure to provide these reports as required may result in contract default action.

Reporting Period	Due Date
State Fiscal Quarter 1 (Jul 1 - Sept 30):	Oct 31
State Fiscal Quarter 2 (Oct 1 - Dec 31):	Jan 31
State Fiscal Quarter 3 (Jan 1 - Mar 31):	Apr 30
State Fiscal Quarter 4 (Apr 1 - Jun 30):	Jul 31

Any quarter with zero sales must be reported as zero sales. This may be done via email to the procurement officer.

#### SECTION 3. CONTRACT INVOICING AND PAYMENTS

#### SEC. 3.01 BILLING INSTRUCTIONS

All invoices produced by the contractor must contain the following information at a minimum:

Invoices must be billed to the ordering agency's address shown on the individual Purchase Order, Contract Award or Delivery Order. The state will make payment after it receives the goods or services and the invoice. Questions concerning payment must be addressed to the ordering agency.

#### SEC. 3.02 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.

Any single contract payments of \$1 million or higher must be accepted by the contractor via Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT).

#### SEC. 3.03 PROMPT PAYMENT FOR STATE PURCHASES

Removed.

#### SEC. 3.04 THIRD-PARTY FINANCING AGREEMENTS NOT ALLOWED

Because of the additional administrative and accounting time required of the state when third party financing agreements are permitted, they will not be allowed under this contract.

#### SECTION 4. EVALUATION AND CONTRACTOR SELECTION

#### SEC. 4.01 EVALUATION OF BIDS

After bid opening, the procurement officer will evaluate the bids for responsiveness. Bids deemed non-responsive will be eliminated from further consideration. An evaluation may not be based on discrimination due the race, religion, color, national origin, sex, age, marital status, pregnancy, parenthood, disability, or political affiliation of the bidder.

#### SEC. 4.02 APPLICATION OF PREFERENCES

Certain preferences apply to all state contracts, regardless of their dollar value. The Alaska Bidder and Alaska Veteran preferences are the most common preferences involved in the ITB process. Additional preferences that may apply to this procurement are listed below. Guides that contain excerpts from the relevant statutes and codes, explain when the preferences apply and provide examples of how to calculate the preferences are available at the following website:

#### http://doa.alaska.gov/dgs/pdf/pref1.pdf

- Alaska Products Preference AS 36.30.332
- Recycled Products Preference AS 36.30.337
- Local Agriculture and Fisheries Products Preference AS 36.15.050
- Employment Program Preference AS 36.30.321(b)
- Alaskans with Disabilities Preference AS 36.30.321(d)

The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation in the Department of Labor and Workforce Development keeps a list of qualified employment programs and individuals who qualify as persons with a disability. As evidence of a business' or an individual's right to the Employment Program or Alaskans with Disabilities preferences, the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation will issue a certification letter. To take advantage of these preferences, a business or individual must be on the appropriate Division of Vocational Rehabilitation list prior to the time designated for receipt of proposals. Bidders must attach a copy of their certification letter to the proposal. A bidder's failure to provide this certification letter with their proposal will cause the state to disallow the preference.

#### SEC. 4.03 ALASKA BIDDER PREFERENCE

An Alaska Bidder Preference of 5% will be applied to the total bid price. The preference will be given to a bidder who:

- 1) holds a current Alaska business license prior to the deadline for receipt of bids;
- 2) submits a bid 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 Certification Form**

In order to receive the Alaska Bidder Preference, the bid must include the Alaska Bidder Preference Certification Form attached to this ITB. A bidder does not need to complete the Alaska Veteran Preference questions on the form if not claiming the Alaska Veteran Preference. A bidder's failure to provide this completed form with their bid will cause the state to disallow the preference.

#### SEC. 4.04 ALASKA VETERAN PREFERENCE

An Alaska Veteran Preference of 5%, not to exceed \$5,000, will be applied to the total bid price. The preference will be given to a bidder who qualifies under AS 36.30.990(2) as an Alaska Bidder and is a:

- a) sole proprietorship owned by an Alaska veteran;
- b) partnership under AS 32.06 or AS 32.11 if a majority of the partners are Alaska veterans;
- c) limited liability company organized under AS 10.50 if a majority of the members are Alaska veterans; or
- d) corporation that is wholly owned by individuals, and a majority of the individuals are Alaska veterans.

In accordance with AS 36.30.321(i), 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 government, or the general public.

#### Alaska Veteran Preference Certification

In order to receive the Alaska Veteran Preference, the bid must include the Alaska Bidder Preference Certification Form attached to this ITB. A bidder's failure to provide this completed form with their bid will cause the state to disallow the preference.

#### SEC. 4.05 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.

#### SEC. 4.06 LOCAL AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES PRODUCT 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.

#### SEC. 4.07 ALASKA PRODUCT PREFERENCE

A bidder that designates the use of an Alaska Product which meets the requirements of the ITB specifications and is designated as a Class I, Class II or Class III Alaska Product by the Department of Community & Economic Development (DCCED) may receive a preference in the bid evaluation in accordance with AS 36.30.332 and 3 AAC 92.010.

To qualify for the preference, the product must have received certification from DCCED, be listed in the current published edition of the Alaska Products Preference List, and the bidder must provide the qualified product on a 100% basis. There are no provisions under Alaska Statutes or Regulations that allow for a product

exchanges/substitutions or permit the product to be co-mingled with other products. Rather, AS 36.30.330 provides for a penalty for failing to use the designated Alaska products.

Products are classified in one of three categories:

- Class I products receive a 3% preference.
- Class II products receive a 5% preference.
- Class III products receive a 7% preference.

When the bids are evaluated, the preference percentage will be deducted from the product price. If a bidder fails to specify the brand being offered, no preference will be given. For more information on the Alaska Product Preference and to see the list of products currently on the Alaska Product Preference List, use the following web link:

https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/dcra/AlaskaProductPreferenceProgram.aspx

#### **Brand Offered**

If offering a product that qualifies for the Alaska Product Preference, the bidder must indicate the brand of product they intent to provide. If a bidder is not offering a product that qualifies for the Alaska Product Preference, the bidder does not need to indicate a product brand.

#### **Brand of Product Changes**

During the course of the contract including all renewal options, a contractor that offered a product that qualified for the Alaska Product Preference wishes to change the product brand, the contractor must first provide a written request, along with evidence that the replacement brand also qualifies for the Alaska Product Preference, for approval by the procurement officer. A contract amendment must be issued by the procurement officer to authorize the change.

If a bidder offers a product brand in the original bid that does not qualify for the Alaska Product Preference, a change in the product brand may be made at any time during the course of the contract, including all renewals, as long as the product band continues to meet the required specifications. A contract amendment is not required if the product brand originally offered did not qualify for the Alaska Product Preference.

#### SEC. 4.08 EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM PREFERENCE

If a bidder qualifies for the Alaska Bidder Preference and is offering goods or services through an employment program as defined under AS 36.30.990(12), an Employment Program Preference of 15% will be applied to the total bid price.

In accordance with AS 36.30.321(i), 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 government, or the general public.

#### SEC. 4.09 ALASKANS WITH DISABILITIES PREFERENCE

If a bidder qualifies for the Alaska Bidder Preference and is a qualifying entity as defined in AS 36.30.321(d), an Alaskans with Disabilities Preference of 10% will be applied to the total bid price.

In accordance with AS 36.30.321(i), 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 government, or the general public.

#### SEC. 4.10 PREFERENCE QUALIFICATION LETTER

Regarding the Employment Program Preference and the Alaskans with Disabilities Preference, the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation in the Department of Labor and Workforce Development maintains lists companies who qualify for those preferences. As evidence of a company's right to the preferences, the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation will issue a certification letter. To take advantage of the preferences, a bidder 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.

#### SEC. 4.11 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.

#### SEC. 4.12 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.

#### SEC. 4.13 CONTRACTOR SELECTION PROCESS

Once the contracts are established this selection process will be used. When the state needs security services the lowest priced contractor for that location will be contacted first. If, for any reason, the lowest contractor is not available to perform the needed service, the state will contact the next lowest priced contractor for that location. This process will continue until a contractor who can perform the service is located. The location of the contractor initially contacted will be determined by the starting location of the call-out. For instance, if a there was a need to transport a person from Anchorage to Fairbanks and then guard the person for two days in Fairbanks, the agency would contact Anchorage contractors, even though a substantial portion of the actual service would be performed in Fairbanks.

#### SEC. 4.14 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 procurement 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 procurement officer does so without a contract and at their own risk.

#### SECTION 5. GENERAL PROCESS AND LEGAL INFORMATION

#### SEC. 5.01 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 Preference and Alaskans with Disabilities Preference, a bidder must hold a valid Alaska business license prior to the deadline for receipt of bids. Bidders should contact the **Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, Division of Corporations, Business, and Professional Licensing, PO Box 110806, Juneau, Alaska 99811-0806, for information on these licenses.** Acceptable evidence that the bidder possesses a valid Alaska business license may consist of any one of the following:

- copy of an Alaska business license;
- certification on the bid that the bidder has a valid Alaska business license and has included the license number in the bid;
- a canceled check for the Alaska business license fee;
- a copy of the Alaska business license application with a receipt stamp from the state's occupational licensing office; or
- 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.

Prior the deadline for receipt of bids, all bidders must hold any other necessary applicable professional licenses required by Alaska Statute.

#### SEC. 5.02 AUTHORITY

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

#### SEC. 5.03 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.

#### SEC. 5.04 SUITABLE MATERIALS, ETC.

Unless otherwise specified in this ITB, 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.

#### SEC. 5.05 SPECIFICATIONS

Unless otherwise specified in this 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.

#### SEC. 5.06 CONTRACTOR SITE INSPECTION

The state may conduct on-site visits to evaluate the bidder's capacity to perform the contract. A bidder must agree, at risk of being found non-responsive and having its bid rejected, to provide the state reasonable access to relevant portions of its work sites. Individuals designated by the procurement officer at the state's expense will make site inspection.

#### SEC. 5.07 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. Unless otherwise specified in 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.

#### SEC. 5.08 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/j/tip/

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

#### SEC. 5.09 RIGHT OF REJECTION

Bidders must comply with all of the terms of the ITB, the State Procurement Code (AS 36.30), and all applicable local, state, and federal laws, codes, and regulations. The procurement officer may reject any bid that does not comply with all of the material and substantial terms, conditions, and performance requirements of the ITB.

Bidders may not qualify the bid nor restrict the rights of the state. If a bidder does so, the procurement officer may determine the bid to be a non-responsive counter-offer and the bid may be rejected.

Minor informalities that:

- do not affect responsiveness;
- are merely a matter of form or format;
- do not change the relative standing or otherwise prejudice other offers;
- do not change the meaning or scope of the ITB;
- are trivial, negligible, or immaterial in nature;

- do not reflect a material change in the work; or
- do not constitute a substantial reservation against a requirement or provision;

may be waived by the procurement officer.

The state reserves the right to refrain from making an award if it determines that to be in its best interest. A bid from a debarred or suspended bidder shall be rejected.

#### SEC. 5.10 STATE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR PREPARATION COSTS

The state will not pay any cost associated with the preparation, submittal, presentation, or evaluation of any bid.

#### SEC. 5.11 DISCLOSURE OF BID CONTENTS

All bid prices become public information at the bid opening. After the deadline for receipt of bids, all other bid material submitted become the property of the State of Alaska and may be returned only at the state's option. AS 40.25.110 requires public records to be open to reasonable inspection. All other bid information will be held in confidence during the evaluation process and prior to the time a Notice of Intent to Award is issued. Thereafter, bids will become public information.

The Office of Procurement and Property Management (OPPM), or their designee recognizes that some information an offeror submits might be confidential under the United States or the State of Alaska Constitution, a federal statute or regulation, or a State of Alaska statute: i.e., might be confidential business information (CBI). See, e.g., article 1, section 1 of the Alaska Constitution; AS 45.50.910 – 45.50.945 (the Alaska Uniform Trade Secrets Act); DNR v. Arctic Slope Regional Corp., 834 P.2d 134, 137-39 (Alaska 1991). For OPPM or their designee to treat information an offeror submits with its proposal as CBI, the offeror must do the following when submitting their proposal: (1) mark the specific information it asserts is CBI; and (2) for each discrete set of such information, identify, in writing, each authority the offeror asserts make the information CBI. If the offeror does not do these things, the information will become public after the Notice of Intent to Award is issued. If the offeror does these things, OPPM or their designee will evaluate the offeror's assertion upon receiving a request for the information. If OPPM or their designee reject the assertion, they will, to the extent permitted by federal and State of Alaska law, undertake reasonable measures to give the offeror an opportunity to object to the disclosure of the information.

#### SEC. 5.12 ASSIGNMENTS

Per 2 AAC 12.480, the contractor may not transfer or assign any portion of the contract without prior written approval from the procurement officer. Bids that are conditioned upon the state's approval of an assignment will be rejected as non-responsive.

#### SEC. 5.13 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.

#### SEC. 5.14 DEFAULT

In case of default by the contractor, for any reason whatsoever, the state may procurement 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.

#### SEC. 5.15 DISPUTES

If the contractor has a claim arising in connection with the contract that it cannot resolve with the state by mutual agreement, it shall pursue the claim, if at all, in accordance with the provisions of AS 36.30.620 – AS 36.30.632.

#### SEC. 5.16 SEVERABILITY

If any provision of the contract or agreement is found to be invalid or 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.

#### SEC. 5.17 CONTRACT CANCELLATION

The state reserves the right to cancel the contract at its convenience upon **60** calendar days written notice to the contractor. The state is only liable for payment in accordance with the payment provisions of this contract for supplies or services provide before the effective date termination.

#### SEC. 5.18 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 5.15 of this ITB, any claim concerning the contract shall be brought only in the Superior Court of the State of Alaska and not elsewhere.

#### SEC. 5.19 SOLICITATION ADVERTISING

Public notice has been provided in accordance with 2 AAC 12.220.

#### SEC. 5.20 QUALIFIED BIDDERS

Per 2 AAC 12.875, unless provided for otherwise in the ITB, to qualify as a bidder for award of a contract issued under AS 36.30, the bidder must:

- 1) Add value in the contract by actually performing, controlling, managing, or supervising the services to be provided; or
- 2) Be in the business of selling and have actually sold on a regular basis the supplies that are the subject of the ITB.

If the bidder leases services or supplies or acts as a broker or agency in providing the services or supplies in order to meet these requirements, the procurement officer may not accept the bidder as a qualified bidder under AS 36.30.

#### SEC. 5.21 FEDERALLY IMPOSED TARIFFS

Changes in price (increase or decrease) resulting directly from a new or updated federal tariff, excise tax, or duty, imposed after contract award may be adjusted during the contract period or before delivery into the United States via contract amendment.

- Notification of Changes: The contractor must promptly notify the procurement officer in writing of any
  new, increased, or decreased federal excise tax or duty that may result in either an increase or decrease
  in the contact price and shall take appropriate action as directed by the procurement officer.
- After-imposed or Increased Taxes and Duties: Any federal excise tax or duty for goods or services covered
  by this contract that was exempted or excluded on the contract award date but later imposed on the
  contractor during the contract period, as the result of legislative, judicial, or administrative action may
  result in a price increase provided:
  - The tax or duty takes effect after the contract award date and isn't otherwise addressed by the contract;
  - b) The contractor warrants, in writing, that no amount of the newly imposed federal excise tax or duty or rate increase was included in the contract price, as a contingency or otherwise.
- After-relieved or Decreased Taxes and Duties: The contract price shall be decreased by the amount of
  any decrease in federal excise tax or duty for goods or services under the contract, except social security
  or other employment taxes, that the contractor is required to pay or bear, or does not obtain a refund of,
  through the contractor's fault, negligence, or failure to follow instructions of the procurement officer.
- State's Ability to Make Changes: The state reserves the right to request verification of federal excise tax or duty amounts on goods or services covered by this contract and increase or decrease the contract price accordingly.
- **Price Change Threshold:** No adjustment shall be made in the contract price under this clause unless the amount of the adjustment exceeds \$250.

#### SEC. 5.22 PROTEST

AS 36.30.560 provides that an interested party may protest the content of the ITB.

An interested party is defined in 2 AAC 12.990(a) (7) as "an actual or prospective bidder or offeror whose economic interest might be affected substantially and directly by the issuance of a contract solicitation, the award of a contract, or the failure to award a contract."

If an interested party wishes to protest the content of a solicitation, the protest must be received, in writing, by the procurement officer at least ten days prior to the deadline for receipt of bids.

AS 36.30.560 also provides that an interested party may protest the award of a contract or the proposed award of a contract.

If a bidder wishes to protest the award of a contract or the proposed award of a contract, the protest must be received, in writing, by the procurement officer within ten days after the date the Notice of Intent to Award the contract is issued.

A protester must have submitted a bid in order to have sufficient standing to protest the proposed award of a contract. Protests must include the following information:

- the name, address, and telephone number of the protester;
- the signature of the protester or the protester's representative;
- identification of the contracting agency and the solicitation or contract at issue;

• a detailed statement of the legal and factual grounds of the protest including copies of relevant documents; and the form of relief requested.

Protests filed by telex or telegram are not acceptable because they do not contain a signature. Fax copies containing a signature are acceptable.

The procurement officer will issue a written response to the protest. The response will set out the procurement officer's decision and contain the basis of the decision within the statutory time limit in AS 36.30.580. A copy of the decision will be furnished to the protester by certified mail, fax or another method that provides evidence of receipt.

All bidders will be notified of any protest. The review of protests, decisions of the procurement officer, appeals, and hearings, will be conducted in accordance with the State Procurement Code (AS 36.30), Article 8 "Legal and Contractual Remedies."

### SECTION 6. ATTACHMENTS

#### SEC. 6.01 ATTACHMENTS

#### **Attachments:**

- 1) Bid Schedule
- 2) Alaska Bidder Preference Certification
- 3) Sample Contract

Ite	em# Descrip	tion Quantity	Price per 1000	Extended Price	
1.	Caribou Ticke	•	\$	\$	
2.	Moose Ticket		\$	\$	
	Form 11-239	M			
3.	Sheep Ticket	7,000 ea.	\$	\$	
	Form 11-2399	5			
4.	Deer Ticket	22,200 ea.	\$	\$	
	Form 11-239I	)			
5.	Black Bear tic	ket 25,550 ea.	\$	\$	
	Form 11-239I	-			
			Total Price \$		
	I certify that	the product offered is e	ntitled to a:		
		ss I @ 3%			
	Cla	ss II			
		ss III			
	Alaska Products 92:	Preference in accordan	ce with 3 AAC		
	Yes	No			
GUA	RANTEED DELIVER	RY:(	) calendar davs after r	eceipt of order.	
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		Phone:			
		Phone:			
		Toll Free:			
		Email:			

### ALASKA BIDDER PREFERENCE CERTIFICATION

### AS 36.30.321(A) / AS 36.30.990(2)

BUS	INESS N	AME:					_		
	s <b>ka Bidder I</b> erence?	Preference:	Do you belie	ve that your	firm qualifies	for the Alaska	a Bidder	□ Yes	_ N
	ska Veteran erence?	Preference:	Do you belie	eve that your	firm qualifies	for the Alaska	Veteran	□ Yes	_ N
Plea	ise list any ad	ditional Alas	ka Preferences	s below that yo	ou believe you	firm qualifies fo	r.		
<u>1.</u>		2.	3.	4.	5.	6.			
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<u>Alaska</u>	a Bidder Pref	erence Quest	ions:						
1)	Does your	business hold	l a current Ala	ska business li	cense per <u>AS 3</u>	6.30.990(2)(A)?			
	☐ YES	□ №							
	If <b>YES</b> , ente	r your currer	nt <b>Alaska busi</b> ı	ness license nu	<b>ımber</b> : Click or	tap here to ente	er text.		
2)	•		ting a bid or p AS 36.30.990	•	the name app	pearing on the A	laska bus	iness lic	ense
	☐ YES	□ №							

3)	employee		r or offer	place of business within the state staffed by the bidder or offeror or an or for a period of six months immediately preceding the date of the bid or 2?
	☐ YES	□ №		
	If <b>YES</b> , plea	ase complete	the follo	owing information:
		of Business Address:	Click or	tap here to enter text. tap here to enter text. tap here to enter text.
	rendered,	or goods are	made, st	s a location at which normal business activities are conducted, services are tored, or processed; a post office box, mail drop, telephone, or answering titute a place of business per <u>2 AAC 12.990(b)(3)</u> .
	Do you cer	tify that the	Place of	Business described in Question 3A meets this definition?
	☐ YES	□ №		
		Do you is phys make a	05.415(a) certify thically preached in	least one employee of the bidder or offeror, must be a resident of the $\frac{1}{2}$ per $\frac{2 AAC 12.990(b)(7)}{2}$ .  That the bidder or offeror OR at least one employee of the bidder or offeror esent in the state with the intent to remain in Alaska indefinitely and to the state per $\frac{AS 16.05.415(a)(1)}{2}$ ?  NO  That that the resident(s) used to meet this requirement has maintained
			ne set for	in Alaska for the 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the receipt of bids or proposals per $AS 16.05.415(a)(2)$ ?
	3)	•	n the stat	that the resident(s) used to meet this requirement is claiming residency te of Alaska per $AS 16.05.415(a)(3)$ ?
	4)	benefi	ts under <u>415(a)(4)</u>	that the resident(s) used to meet this requirement is NOT obtaining a claim of residency in another state, territory, or country per <u>AS</u> ?  □ NO
4)	Per <u>AS 36.</u> .	30.990(2)(D)	, is your b	business (CHOOSE ONE):
	A. Inc	corporated o	or <b>qualifi</b> e	ed to do business under the laws of the state?
		YES	□ №	

		If <b>YES</b> , enter yo	our current Alaska corporate entity number: Click or tap here to enter text.
	В.	A sole proprie	torship AND the proprietor is a resident of the state?
		☐ YES	□NO
	C.	A limited liabil	ity company organized under AS 10.50 AND all members are residents of the state?
		☐ YES	□NO
		Please identify	each member by name: Click or tap here to enter text.
	D.	A partnership state?	under former AS 32.05, AS 32.06, or AS 32.11 <b>AND</b> all partners are residents of the
		☐ YES	□NO
		Please identify	each partner by name: Click or tap here to enter text.
Alaska	<u>Veteral</u>	n Preference Qu	estions:
1) Pe	r <u>AS 36.3</u>	<u>30.321(F)</u> , is you	r business (CHOOSE ONE):
	A.	A sole proprie  ☐ YES	torship owned by an Alaska veteran?
	B.	A partnership	under AS 32.06 or AS 32.11 <b>AND</b> a majority of the partners are Alaska veterans?
		☐ YES	□NO
	C.	A <b>limited liabi</b> l veterans?	ity company organized under AS 10.50 AND a majority of the members are Alaska
		☐ YES	□ NO
	D.	A corporation veterans?	that is wholly owned by individuals, <b>AND</b> a majority of the individuals are Alaska
		☐ YES	□NO
	Per <u>AS</u>	36.30.321(F)(3)	"Alaska veteran" is defined as an individual who:
	(A) Se	rved in the	
	(i)	Armed forces	of the United States, including a reserve unity of the United States armed forces; or
	(ii)	Alaska Territo Alaska Naval N	rial Guard, the Alaska Army National Guard, the Alaska Air Nations Guard, or the filitia; and
	(B) Wa	as separated fro	m service under a condition that was not dishonorable.
	•	•	individual(s) indicated in <b>Question 1A, 1B, 1C, or 1D</b> meet this definition and can n of their service and discharge if necessary?
	☐ YES	o □ NO	

By signature below, I certify under penalty of law that I am an authorized representative of <u>Click or tap here to enter text.</u> and all information on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Printed Name	
Title	
Date	
Signature	

#### **SAMPLE CONTRACT**

#### STANDARD CONTRACT FORM GOODS AND NON-PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

The parties' contract comprises this Standard Contract Form, as well as its referenced Articles and their associated Appendices

1. Agency Contract Number	2. Contract Title	3. Age	ncy Fund Code	4. Agency Appropriation Code
5. Vendor Number	6. IRIS Encumbrance Number		7. Alaska Business Li	cense Number

This contract is	between the State of Alaska,					
8. Department o	ıf	Division				
					here	eafter the State, and
9. Contractor						hereafter the Contractor
Mailing Addres	Street or P.O. Box	ĸ	City		State	ZIP+4
10.						
ARTICLE	1. Appendices: Appendices referred to in	this contract and a	ttached to it are cons	sidered part of	it.	
ARTICLE	2. Performance of Contract:					
	2.1 Appendix A (General Conditions), Item			nance.		
	2.2 Appendix B sets forth the liability and					
	2.3 Appendix C sets forth the scop		•	ea by the co	ontractor.	
	2.4 Appendix D sets forth th	•	• •		• • • • • •	
4.57.01.5	2.6 Appendix F confirms the			•		federal government.
ARTICLE	3. Period of Performance: The period o	•				
	Ends with additional one-you exercised at the sole discretion of the S		same terms and con	iditions as the	original con	tract. Renewal options to be
ARTICLE	4. Considerations:	otate.				
	4.1 In full consideration of the contractor	's performance und	ler this contract, the	State shall pay	the contra	ctor a sum not to exceed
	\$ in accordance with the provisio			, ,		
	4.2 When billing the State, the con	tractor shall ref	er to the Agency	Contract No	<u>umber and</u>	l send the billing to:
11. Department	of	At	ttention: Division of			
Mailing Address	S	At	ttention:			
12.	CONTRACTOR	13	3.	CONTRACT	TING AGENO	Υ
Name of Firm		De	epartment/Division			
Signature of Aut	thorized Representative	Si	gnature of Procuremo	ent Officer		
Typed or Printed	d Name of Authorized Representative	Ту	ped or Printed Name	of Procureme	nt Officer	
Date		Da	ate			

#### **APPENDIX A**

#### **GENERAL CONDITIONS**

#### 1. Inspections and Reports:

The department may inspect, in the manner and at reasonable times it considers appropriate, all of the contractor's facilities and activities under this contract. The contractor shall make progress and other reports in the manner and at the times the department reasonably requires.

#### 2. Suitable Materials, Etc.:

Unless otherwise specified, all materials, supplies or equipment offered by the contractor shall be new, unused, and of the latest edition, version, model or crop and of recent manufacture.

#### 3. Disputes:

If the contractor has a claim arising in connection with the contract that it cannot resolve with the State by mutual agreement, it shall pursue the claim, if at all, in accordance with the provisions of AS 36.30.620-AS 36.30.632

#### 4. 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.

#### 5. No Assignment or Delegation:

The contractor may not assign or delegate this contract, or any part of it, or any right to any of the money to be paid under it, except with the written consent of the Procurement Officer.

#### 6. No Additional Work or Material:

No claim for additional supplies or services, not specifically provided in this contract, performed or furnished by the contractor, will be allowed, nor may the contractor do any work or furnish any material not covered by the contract unless the work or material is ordered in writing by the Procurement Officer.

#### 7. Independent Contractor:

The contractor and any agents and employees of the contractor act in an independent capacity and are not officers or employees or agents of the State in the performance of this contract.

#### 8. Payment of Taxes:

As a condition of performance of this contract, the contractor shall pay all federal, State, and local taxes incurred by the contractor and shall require their payment by any subcontractor or any other persons in the performance of this contract. Satisfactory performance of this paragraph is a condition precedent to payment by the State under this contract.

#### 9. Compliance:

In the performance of this contract, 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.

#### **10. Conflicting Provisions:**

Unless specifically amended and approved by the Department of Law, the terms of this contract supersede any provisions the contractor may seek to add. The contractor may not add additional or different terms to this contract; AS 45.02.207(b)(1). The contractor specifically acknowledges and agrees that, among other things, provisions in any documents it sees to append hereto that purport to (1) waive the State of Alaska's sovereign immunity, (2) impose indemnification obligations on the State of Alaska, or (3) seek to limit liability of the contractor for acts of contractor negligence, are expressly superseded by this contract and are void.

#### 11. Officials Not to Benefit:

Contractor must comply with all applicable federal or State laws regulating ethical conduct of public officers and employees.

#### 12. Contract Prices:

Contract prices 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 for services must be 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.

#### 13. Contract Funding:

Contractors 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.

#### 14. Force Majeure:

The parties to this contract are not liable for the consequences of any failure to perform, or default in performing, any of their 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 respective party. 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.

#### 15. Contract Extension:

Unless otherwise provided, the State and the 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. 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.

#### 17. Continuing Obligation of Contractor:

Notwithstanding the expiration date of this contract, the contractor is obligated to fulfill its responsibilities until warranty, guarantee, maintenance and parts availability requirements have completely expired.

#### 18. Governing Law; Forum Selection

This contract is governed by the laws of the State of Alaska. To the extent not otherwise governed by Article 3 of this Appendix, any claim concerning this contract shall be brought only in the Superior Court of the State of Alaska and not elsewhere.

# Appendix B<sup>1</sup> Indemnity and Insurance

#### **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, 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.

- **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.

# APPENDIX C DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES

Should there be a conflict among documents, the following order of precedence shall govern the resolution of conflicts:

*First,* this contract document, *Second,* the Solicitation, *Third,* the proposal.

Scope of Work		
	to Provide	for the Department of Finance & Management
Services in the	and Anchorag	e. CONTRACT PERIOD from: April 19, 2019 through April 18,
2020, with the option	o renew for two (2) addit	tional one-year terms under the same terms and conditions as
the original contract. I	Renewals shall be exercise	ed solely by the State.
<u>Deliverables</u>		

#### **PAYMENT FOR SERVICES**

Payment for services provided shall not exceed \$XX,000.00 for the period of performance of this contract.

Below is an example of a cost per deliverable chart:

Services on this contract will be billed according to the following:

#### **Invoicing**

The Contractor will submit quarterly invoices detailing services performed in accordance with Appendix C.

The invoice must:

- reference the Contractor's name, address and phone number
- reference the contract number:
- include an invoice number
- Reference the Alaska Division of
- itemize the contractual services provided during the period invoiced as described in Appendix C

The Contractor shall submit invoices to the address specified below no later than 30 days after the end the period

for which services were performed. Failure to include the required information on the invoice may cause an unavoidable delay to the payment process. The State will pay all invoices within thirty (30) days of invoice approval by the Project Director.

Email invoices to:

(Please reference the contract 0621-XXX in the subject line)

Notwithstanding any other provision of this contract, it is understood and agreed that the State shall withhold payment at any time the Contractor fails to perform work as required under Appendix C and/or D of this contract.

#### and Voluntary Exclusion Lower Tier Covered Transactions

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This certification is required by the regulations implementing Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, 29 CFR Part 98, Section 98.510, Participant's responsibilities.

The regulations were published as Part VII of the May 26, 1988 Federal Register (pages 19160-19211).

### Before completing certification, read the instructions on the following page, which are an integral part of the certification

- The prospective recipient of Federal assistance funds certifies, by submission of this bid, that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.
- 2. Where the prospective recipient of Federal assistance funds is unable to certify to any of the Statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this Proposal.

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Name and Title of Authorized Representative

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature Date

#### **Instructions for Certification**

- 1. By signing and submitting this Proposal, the prospective recipient of Federal assistance funds is providing the certification as set out below.
- 2. The certification in this class is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective recipient of Federal assistance funds knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the Department of Labor (DOL) may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.
- 3. The prospective recipient of Federal assistance funds shall provide immediate written notice to the person to whom this Proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective recipient of Federal assistance funds learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
- 4. The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "lower tier covered transaction," "participant," "person," "primary covered transaction," "principal," "Proposal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the person to which this Proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
- 5. The prospective recipient of Federal assistance funds agrees by submitting this Proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the DOL.
- 6. The prospective recipient of Federal assistance funds further agrees by submitting this Proposal that it will include the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion Lower Tier Covered Transactions," without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
- 7. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous.
  A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may but is not required to check the List of Parties Excluded from Procurement or Non-procurement Programs.
- 8. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
- 9. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 5 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the DOL may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.