# STATE OF ALASKA INVITATION TO BID (ITB)



## PIPETTE CALIBRATION ITB 2024-1200-0075 AUGUST 1, 2023

ON-SITE PIPETTE CALIBRATION FOR THE ALASKA SCIENTIFIC CRIME DETECTION LABORATORY

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** 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.

Kelly Pahlau Procurement Officer	COMPANY SUBMITTING BID	*DOES YOUR BUSINESS QUALIFY FOR THE ALASKA BIDDER'S PREFERENCE? ] YES ] NO			
		*DOES YOUR BUSINESS QUALIFY FOR THE			
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		[ ] YES [ ] NO			
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	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 Public Safety, Division of Administrative Services, on behalf of the Alaska Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory (SCDL), is soliciting bids for annual, on-site pipette calibration for multiple systems. Additional details are provided in SEC 2.10 Scope of Work and Specifications.

## SEC. 1.02 DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF BIDS

Bids must be received no later than 1:30pm Alaska Time on August 15, 2023, 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:

• Maintain ISO 17025 accreditation with scope to include SCDL pipette sizes (see Sec 2.10)

A bidder's failure to meet these minimum prior experience requirements will cause their bid to be considered non-responsive and rejected. SCDL may require proof of current accreditation in order to deem responsiveness.

## 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 SUBMITTING BIDS

Bidders must submit one copy of their bid via email. The bid may be emailed to dps.das.solicitations@alaska.gov and must contain the ITB number in the subject line of the email. The **maximum** size of a single email (including all text and attachments) that can be received by the state is **20mb (megabytes)**. If the email containing the bid exceeds this size, the bid must be sent in multiple emails that are each less than 20 megabytes and each email must comply with the requirements described above.

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

It is the bidder's responsibility to contact the issuing agency at (907) 269-8493 to confirm that the bid has been received. The state is not responsible for unreadable, corrupt, or missing attachments.

#### SEC. 1.07 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. 1.08 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. 1.09 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. 1.10 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. 1.11 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. 1.12 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	August 1, 2023
Deadline for Receipt of Bids / Bid Due Date	August 15, 2023
Bid Evaluations Complete	August 15-18, 2023
Notice of Intent to Award	The week of August 21, 2023
Contract Issued	September 1, 2023

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 Public Safety, 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. 1.13 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. 1.14 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. 1.15 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 from the date of award, approximately September 1, 2023, through August 31, 2024, with the option to renew for nine additional one-year terms under the same terms and conditions as the original contract. Renewals will be exercised 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 Public Safety, Division of Administrative Services.

## SEC. 2.03 CONTRACT FUNDING

Bids priced at more than \$300,000.00 for the life of the contract will be considered non-responsive.

Payment for the contract's initial term is subject to funds already appropriated and identified. Continuation of a contract resulting from this ITB is contingent upon legislative appropriation.

## 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 will not be allowed.

#### SEC. 2.07 JOINT VENTURES

Joint ventures will not be allowed.

#### SEC. 2.08 CONTRACT PERFORMANCE LOCATION

The location the work is to be performed, completed and managed is the Alaska Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory (SCDL) at 4805 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Ave., Anchorage, Alaska 99507.

The state will provide workspace for the contractor when present at SCDL.

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

On-site calibration services must occur annually in the month of September to maintain the Alaska Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory (SCDL)'s International Standards Organization (ISO) 17025 accreditation. The equipment requiring calibration includes the following:

Manufacturer	Model Type	Count
Hamilton	Microlab 600 Dual Syringe Diluters (part # 61502-01) - range 50-5000uL	2
Hamilton	Microlab 500 Dual Syringe Diluter (part# 35891) - range 50-5000uL	1
Eppendorf	10ul multi-channel (8 channel)	1

Gilson	Distriman	10
Rainin	E4XLS10 Multi-channel (8 channel)	1
Rainin	E4XLS100	3
Rainin	E4XLS20	3
Rainin	E4XLS200	2
Rainin	EDP3 100	2
Rainin	EDP3 10ul multi-channel (12 channel)	1
Rainin	EDP3 20	2
Rainin	EDP3 200	1
Rainin	L10	4
Rainin	L100	4
Rainin	L1000	4
Rainin	L1000XLS	15
Rainin	L100XLS	14
Rainin	L10ML	1
Rainin	L10MLXLS	14
Rainin	L10XLS	14
Rainin	L10XLS Multi-channel (8 channel)	1
Rainin	L2	2
Rainin	L20	4
Rainin	L200	3
Rainin	L200XLS	20
Rainin	L20ML	1
Rainin	L20MLXLS	3
Rainin	L20XLS	20
Rainin	L2XLS	15
Rainin	P10	1
Eppendorf	Repeator 4780	3
Rainin	RL1000	1
Rainin	RL2	1
Rainin	RL20	1

At the time of service, the actual quantities of each pipette may vary slightly. The contractor shall:

- Meet ISO 17025 accreditation standards
- Maintain as found and as left measurements, with uncertainly calculations
- Complete calibration and preventative maintenance as needed
- Provide a certificate for each pipette

Calibration services shall include preventative maintenance, calibration, documentation, and certification.

#### **Preventative Maintenance**

Inspection of internal and external parts performed. Provide general maintenance to sealing system as necessary for restoration of instrument, cleaning, polishing, and lubrication as required. Minor repairs may also be included.

#### Calibration

Multiple readings are to be taken at multiple volumes (where applicable) for single channel and multi-channel instruments. Adjustments to instruments' calibration to be made as needed. Results to be compared against tolerance agreed upon with customer.

#### Documentation

The vendor lists all instruments calibrated by serial number, size, and manufacturer. A copy of the completed work is required to be provided to the customer. Labels are required to be attached, reflecting instruments' calibration date and next due date.

#### Certification

The Contractor shall provide a Calibration Certificate for each instrument presented for service which meets all ISO/IEC 17025 (International Standards Organization's standard for Calibration and Test Laboratories) requirements, including uncertainty calculations and real-time environmental conditions. Each certificate shall bear the A2LA Accredited seal with certificate number.

Calibration data is recorded prior to performing preventive maintenance, resulting in statistical analysis to reflect instruments' performance As Found. Further data is then recorded after preventive maintenance, and/or any calibration adjustment to report instruments' performance As Left. The Calibration Certificate is then generated including a statistical analysis to reflect on instruments' overall performance. This procedure is driven and designed to meet cGMP, GLP, and ISO/IEC 17025 requirements.

If an instrument fails As Found, this is noted on the Calibration Certificate for that Instrument and will be reported to the end user for further instructions on how to proceed with the instrument's service. If an instrument cannot be repaired and/or fails to meet the required tolerances, the instrument may be tagged as "failed" or "out of service". The Calibration Certificate provided for that instrument will clearly indicate the failure.

Scheduling requests must be responded to within five days of the request to identify a time and date that is mutually agreed upon by SCDL and the contractor.

#### SEC. 2.11 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. 2.12 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. 2.13 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. 2.14 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:

- <u>Workers' Compensation Insurance</u>: 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.
- <u>Commercial Automobile Liability Insurance</u>: 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.

# 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:

- 1. Contract number
- 2. Dates of service
- 3. Services completed

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 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 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. 4.06 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. 4.07 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. 4.08 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. 4.09 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. 4.10 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 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 is given by the procurement officer.

# 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 30 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:

- a) 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 <u>taxes</u>, 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) Alaska Bidder Certification Form
- 2) ITB Notice of Intent to Award Sample
- 3) Contract Award Sample
- 4) Bid Schedule (attached separately)



# ALASKA BIDDER PREFERENCE CERTIFICATION AS 36.30.321(A) / AS 36.30.990(2)

## BUSINESS NAME: Click or tap here to enter text.

Alaska Bidder Preference?	Preference:	Do you	believe that	your f	firm qualifies	for the	Alaska	Bidder	🗆 Yes	□ No
Alaska Vetera	n Preference	: Do you	believe that	: your f	irm qualifies	for the	Alaska \	/eteran	🗆 Yes	□ No
Preference? Please list any a	additional Ala	ska Prefei	rences below	that you	u believe your	firm qua	lifies for			
<u>1.</u>	2.	3.		4.	5.		6.			

To qualify for and claim the Alaska Bidder Preference you must answer **YES** to all questions below in the Alaska Bidder Preference Questions section. To qualify for and claim the Alaska Veteran Preference, you must answer **YES** to these questions as well as answer **YES** to all the questions in the Alaska Veteran Preference section. A signed copy of this form must be included with your bid or proposal no later than the deadline set for receipt of bids or proposals.

If you are submitting a bid or proposal as a **JOINT VENTURE**, all members of the joint venture must complete and submit this form before the deadline set for receipt of bids or proposals. AS 36.30.990(2)(E)

**If the procuring agency is unable to verify a response, the preference may not be applied.** Knowingly or intentionally making false or misleading statements on this form, whether it succeeds in deceiving or misleading, constitutes misrepresentation per *AS* 36.30.687 and may result in criminal penalties.

#### Alaska Bidder Preference Questions:

1)	Does your business hold a current Alaska business license per AS 36.30.990(2)(A)?						
	If <b>YES</b> , enter you	ur current Alaska business license number: Click or tap here to enter text.					
2)	•	s submitting a bid or proposal under the name appearing on the Alaska business license noted in AS 36.30.990(2)(B)?					
	□ YES						
3)	Has your business maintained a <b>place of business</b> within the state <b>staffed by the bidder or offeror</b> or an employee of the bidder or offeror for a period of six months immediately preceding the date of the bid or proposal per <i>AS</i> $36.30.990(2)(C)$ ?						
	□ YES						
	If <b>YES</b> , please complete the following information:						
	A. Place of Bus Street Addr						

City:	Click or tap here to enter text.
ZIP:	Click or tap here to enter text.

"Place of business" is defined as a location at which normal business activities are conducted, services are rendered, or goods are made, stored, or processed; a post office box, mail drop, telephone, or answering service does not, by itself, constitute a place of business per 2 AAC 12.990(b)(3).

Do you certify that the Place of Business described in Question 3A meets this definition?

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- B. The bidder or offeror, or at least one employee of the bidder or offeror, must be a resident of the state under AS 16.05.415(a) per 2 AAC 12.990(b)(7).
  - Do you certify that the bidder or offeror OR at least one employee of the bidder or offeror is physically present in the state with the intent to remain in Alaska indefinitely and to make a home in the state per AS 16.05.415(a)(1)?
     YES INO

  - 3) Do you certify that the resident(s) used to meet this requirement is claiming residency ONLY in the state of Alaska per AS 16.05.415(a)(3)?
     □ YES □ NO
  - 4) Do you certify that the resident(s) used to meet this requirement is NOT obtaining benefits under a claim of residency in another state, territory, or country per AS 16.05.415(a)(4)?
     □ YES □ NO
- 4) Per AS 36.30.990(2)(D), is your business (CHOOSE ONE):
  - A. Incorporated or qualified to do business under the laws of the state?
     □ YES □ NO

If YES, enter your current Alaska corporate entity number: Click or tap here to enter text.

- B. A **sole proprietorship** AND the proprietor is a resident of the state?
- C. A **limited liability company** organized under AS 10.50 **AND** all members are residents of the state?

Please identify each member by name: Click or tap here to enter text.

D. A partnership under former AS 32.05, AS 32.06, or AS 32.11 AND all partners are residents of the state?

Please identify each partner by name: Click or tap here to enter text.

#### Alaska Veteran Preference Questions:

- 1) Per AS 36.30.321(F), is your business (CHOOSE ONE):
  - A. A sole proprietorship owned by an Alaska veteran?
     □ YES □ NO

- B. A **partnership** under AS 32.06 or AS 32.11 **AND** a majority of the partners are Alaska veterans?
- C. A limited liability company organized under AS 10.50 AND a majority of the members are Alaska veterans?

   YES
   NO
- D. A corporation that is wholly owned by individuals, AND a majority of the individuals are Alaska veterans?

Per AS 36.30.321(F)(3) "Alaska veteran" is defined as an individual who:

(A) Served in the

- (i) Armed forces of the United States, including a reserve unity of the United States armed forces; or
- (ii) Alaska Territorial Guard, the Alaska Army National Guard, the Alaska Air Nations Guard, or the Alaska Naval Militia; and
- (B) Was separated from service under a condition that was not dishonorable.

Do you certify that the individual(s) indicated in **Question 1A, 1B, 1C, or 1D** meet this definition and can provide documentation of their service and discharge if necessary?

#### SIGNATURE

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	

# STATE OF ALASKA

Department of NAME **Division of NAME** 

# NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD A CONTRACT

THIS IS NOT AN ORDER

DATE ISSUED:

**ITB NUMBER:** 

**ITB SUBJECT:** 

#### **PROCUREMENT OFFICER:**

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This is notice of the state's intent to award a contract. The figures shown below are a tabulation of the bids received with the apparent low bidder indicated. A bidder who wishes to protest this Notice of Intent must file the protest with the procurement officer within ten calendar days following the date of this notice. If the tenth day falls on a weekend of holiday, the last day of the protest period is the first working day following the tenth day. The bidder identified below as being the lowest responsive and responsible bidder is instructed not to proceed until a contract award or other form of notice to proceed is given by the procurement officer. If the bidder proceeds prior to receiving a contract award or other form of notice to proceed, the bidder does so without a contract and at their own risk. AS 36.30.365.

LEGEND: @ = AWARD TO BIDDER

YES = RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE BIDDER

NO = NON-RESPONSIVE OR NON-RESPONSIBLE BIDDER

= BID NOT EVALUATED BECAUSE THERE WAS A LOWER RESPONSIVE BID

Bidder	Total Bid Price	<b>Responsive</b>	Award

**SUMMARY** 

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**IGNATURE:** 



CONTRACT AWARD	4805	STATE OF ALASKA Department of Public Safety Administrative Services 5 Dr. Martin Luther King Junior Ave. Anchorage, Alaska 99507			CONTRACT AWARD NUMBER		
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CONTRACTOR:			MOUNT FOR LIFE OF	NU	MBER & PERIOD OF RENEWAL OPTIONS		
Name:							
Address:							
Point of Contact: Phone:		VENDOR	NUMBER		ALASKA BUSINESS LICENSE NUMBER		
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IV. Compensation for the initial contract term and each renewal option year shall not exceed the dollar amounts identified below: Initial Contract Term: \$ Renewal Option #1: \$ Renewal Option #2: \$ Renewal Option #3: \$							
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<ol> <li>Contract Award number and Invoice Contact must appear on all invoices and documents relating to this order.</li> <li>The State is registered for tax free transactions under Chapter 32, IRS Code; Registration No. 92-6001185. Items are for the exclusive</li> </ol>							

use of the State and not for resale.