

# STATE OF ALASKA INVITATION TO BID (ITB)



## KODIAK LAUNDRY SERVICES FOR ALASKA MARINE HIGHWAY SYSTEM (AMHS)

ITB #2525S012

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THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES (DOT&PF) AMHS IS SEEKING PICK UP AND DROP OFF COMMERCIAL STANDARD LAUNDRY SERVICES AT THE FERRY TERMINAL IN KODIAK, ALASKA.

**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 if you desire to receive notification of subsequent amendments to the solicitation.

**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 must be submitted with the bid:
  - a canceled check for the business license fee;
  - a copy of the business license application with a receipt date stamp from the State's business license office;
  - a receipt from the State’s business license office for the license fee;
  - a copy of the bidder’s valid business license;
  - a sworn notarized affidavit that the bidder has applied and paid for a business license;
- (2) the price(s) submitted was arrived at independently and without collusion, 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.

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## **SECTION 1. INTRODUCTION & INSTRUCTIONS**

### **SEC. 1.01 PURPOSE OF THE ITB**

The Department of Transportation & Public Facilities, Division of Marine Highways, is soliciting bids for pick up and drop off commercial standard laundry services at the AMHS ferry terminal in Kodiak, Alaska.

### **SEC. 1.02 BUDGET**

Department of Transportation & Public Facilities, Division of Marine Highways, estimates an annual budget of \$175,000.00 dollars for this contract. Bids priced at more than \$175,000.00 annually will be considered non-responsive.

### **SEC. 1.03 DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF BIDS**

Bids must be received no later than 2:00PM Alaska Time on October 1, 2024, at which time they will be publicly opened. Late bids or amendments will be considered non-responsive and will not be opened or accepted for evaluation.

### **SEC. 1.04 PRIOR EXPERIENCE**

To be considered responsive, the bidder must provide a written statement that they have been in business providing commercial laundry services for a minimum of one year.

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

### **SEC. 1.05 REQUIRED 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 deadline for receipt of bids. 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. 1.06 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. 1.07 RETURN INSTRUCTIONS**

**Bids may be submitted two ways, by E-mail or Mailing in a Hard Copy. Faxed or oral bids will not be accepted.**

#### **If Submitting Bids by Mailing in a Hard copy:**

Bidders must submit one hard copy of their bid, in writing, to the procurement officer in a sealed package. The sealed bid package must be addressed as follows:

***If using U.S. mail,*** please use the following address:

Department of Transportation & Public Facilities  
Division of Administrative Services  
Attention: Paul DiCarlo  
ITB Number: #2525S012  
ITB Title: Kodiak Laundry Services for AMHS  
**P.O BOX 112500**  
3132 Channel Drive, Suite 350  
Juneau, Alaska 99811-2500

***If using a delivery service,*** please use the following address:

Department of Transportation & Public Facilities  
Division of Administrative Services  
Attention: Paul DiCarlo  
ITB Number: #2525S012  
ITB Title: Kodiak Laundry Services for AMHS  
3132 Channel Drive, Suite 350  
Juneau, Alaska 99801-2500

**Please take into consideration that due to weather, scheduling, and location there is no overnight delivery service to Juneau, Alaska.**

**It is the bidder's responsibility to contact the issuing agency at 907-465-8447 to confirm that the bid has been received. The state is not responsible for unreadable, corrupt, or missing attachments.**

#### **If submitting bids via email:**

The bid may be emailed to [dotstatewideprocurement@alaska.gov](mailto:dotstatewideprocurement@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 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 907-465-8446 to confirm that the entire bid has been received. The state is not responsible for unreadable, corrupt, or missing attachments.

### **SEC. 1.08 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. 1.09 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. 1.10 AMENDMENTS TO THE ITB**

If an amendment is issued before the deadline for receipt of bids, the amendment will be posted on the State of Alaska Online Public Notice (OPN) website. The link to the posting of the amendment 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 OPN.

### **SEC. 1.11 ITB SCHEDULE**

The ITB schedule below 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 Standard Time (AST).

<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>DATE</b>
Issue Date / ITB Released		9/9/2024
Pre-Bid Conference		N/A
Deadline for Receipt of Bids / Bid Due Date	2:00pm	10/7/2024
Bid Evaluations Complete		10/8/2024
Notice of Intent to Award		10/8/2024
Contract Issued		10/18/2024

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 Transportation & PF, 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. 1.12 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

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, may cause the state to consider the offer non-responsive and reject the bid.

### **SEC. 1.13 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 must be complied with at risk of bid rejection for non-responsiveness.

## **SECTION 2. SCOPE OF SERVICES AND CONTRACT INFORMATION**

### **SEC. 2.01 SCOPE OF SERVICES**

The following details the services required under the contract intended to result from this solicitation.

The state reserves the right to add or remove specific items from the contract if needed. If adding new items, the contactor shall provide unit pricing and the state shall amend the contract to include the new item.

#### **Quality Expectations**

1. Laundry services shall be performed to commercial standards or better. Services shall be performed to maximize the useful life of the linens.
2. The Contractor shall launder all AMHS items separately from other clients' laundry.
3. All sheets, pillowcases, cook's aprons, and tablecloths shall be washed, tumble dried, ironed and folded.
4. All towels, wash cloths, mattress pads, shower curtains, bedspreads, blankets, laundry bags and kitchen rags shall be washed and tumble dried.
5. Jackets and coats shall be washed, dried, heavily starched, ironed and placed on hangers.
6. The Contractor shall wash separately all cleaning rags from other terry items.
7. Contractor shall charge by the clean and dry weight.
8. The Contractor shall bundle all laundry by securely wrapping and sealing laundry in plastic covers or wrapping to eliminate dirt and dust infiltration or contamination, with delivery tickets firmly attached. Contractor shall bundle laundry in the quantities listed on the Bundle Weights and Size Chart below.

#### **Frequency of the Services**

1. Vendor is required to pick-up dirty laundry and drop off the clean laundry at least once a week regardless of the operating season. For the purposes of clarity, this will be termed as "Exchange".
2. Turnaround time for the cleaning the laundry should not exceed 3 business days.

**Pick-up and Drop-off (Exchange) Schedule**

1. The Contractor shall follow a delivery and pick-up schedule established by the Chief Steward of the vessel(s) receiving the service. Failure to comply with the schedule without concurrence of the AMHS Passenger Services Office shall be considered a breach of Contract.
2. Except for the first pick-up, the vendor shall drop-off clean laundry each time picking up the dirty laundry (exchange).
3. The Contractor shall use their own vehicles to transport laundry to and from the pick-up location.

**Pick-up and Drop-off (Exchange) Location**

1. The laundry shall be picked up at the ship's shore side storage area as required and the clean laundry shall be dropped-off at the same storage area.
2. Laundry shall be exchanged on the vessel's car deck or dock if a shoreside storage area is not available.

**Optional Repair Services**

In addition to the laundry services, the Contractor may also perform minor repairs as requested by the vessel consisting of:

1. Restringing of laundry bags.
2. Refastening mattress pad elastic loops.
3. Button replacement.
4. Patching.
5. Seam repairs.

Repairs shall be completed at the contractor's rates submitted on the. **See Attachment #1**

**Additional Services**

1. Additional pick-ups/drop-offs (a.k.a. Exchanges) may be requested in peak season (May through September) as requested by the Project Director, (or designee) and at the rates provided on the bid schedule.
2. Contractor may be required to provide **Dry Cleaning Services** for curtains or draperies from the vessel on occasion at the rates provided on the bid schedule.

**BUNDLE WEIGHTS AND SIZES:** Bundle weights and sizes must be within a manageable weight range and are defined below.

<b>Bid Item Number</b>	<b>Cleaned Item</b>	<b>Bundle Size</b>
1	Flat Sheets, Finished	10 Each
2	Fitted Sheets, Finished	10 Each
3	Pillowcase, Finished	50 Each
4	Bath Towels, Tumble Dry	15 Each
5	Hand Towels, Tumble Dry	25 Each

6	Face Cloths, Tumble Dry	50 Each
7	Shower Curtain	10 Each
8	Mattress Pads	5 Each
9	Blankets	5 Each
10	Tablecloths	25 Each
11	Laundry Bags	10 Each
12	Kitchen Rags-Terry	10 Pounds
13	Pillows	11 Each
14	Cook Aprons	25 Each
15	Cook Coats Bundles (same size per bundle) on Hangers	6 Each

**F.O.B. POINT**

The F.O.B. point will be the Alaska Marine Highway System designated drop spot as indicated below. The AMHS will provide a storage area near the ferry dock within 90 days of contract award for the laundry drop. Prior to the availability of the designated drop spot, the Contractor shall pick up the soiled laundry from, and deliver the finished laundry to, the car deck when the vessel is in port.

**DESIGNATED DROP SPOT (SERVICE LOCATION):** The Contractor will pick-up and drop-off laundry at the AMHS Terminal in Kodiak, Alaska or any other location as requested by the project Director.

**INFECTIOUS LAUNDRY:** Occasionally laundry may be delivered that has body fluids or materials. Isolation of soiled or contaminated linen, as follows, the laundry will be delivered to the drop spot double wrapped in a Sani-Melt Water-Soluble Bag (**yellow bag**). The yellow bags can be washed along with linen contents. Bag ties dissolve at 140F and bag itself dissolves in hot water flush at 140F. Or an Infectious Linen Bag (**red bag**). Super strong X-Seal has no gussets. X-Seal significantly reduces the seal area to minimize seal failures. To launder, the exterior bag will be opened and disposed of the interior bag is removed and immediately put in a washing machine. The inner bag will dissolve in the normal washing process at 140F. After washing, the laundry can be handled as other laundry.

**CONTACT:** Within 15 days of contract execution, AMHS will supply the Contractor a vessel telephone number(s) and a designated person to contact on the vessel(s).

**WARRANTY:** The Contractor shall warrant that their laundry and cleaning facilities are capable of finishing all submitted articles to commercial standards or better, and that said performance standards shall be maintained throughout the entire period of this contract. Services shall be performed to maximize the life expectancy of the linen.

**PIECE COUNT:** The vessel personnel will not provide a piece count. The vessel personnel will not sort the laundry. The Contractor will sort and count or weigh all laundry.

**SCHEDULES:** AMHS will supply the Contractor a sailing schedule of the AMHS vessels during the contract period. The vessel's Chief Steward will advise the Contractor of any deviation in the scheduled arrival times. The vessel sailing schedule may be found at:

<https://www.dot.state.ak.us/oars/reservations/CalendarFM.amhsf>

**SEC. 2.02 CONTRACT TERM**

The length of the contract will be from the date of award, approximately October 7, 2024, through October 6, 2025, with the option to renew for five (5) additional one (1) year terms under the same terms and conditions as the original contract. Renewals will be exercised at the sole discretion of the state.

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 notice to the contractor of the intent to cancel such month-to-month extension at least 30 days before the desired date of cancellation.

A month-to-month extension may only be executed by the procurement officer via a written contract amendment.

**SEC. 2.03 CONTRACT TYPE**

This contract is a fixed firm contract.

**SEC. 2.04 PAYMENT FOR STATE PURCHASES**

No payment will be made until the contract is approved by the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation & PF or the Commissioner's designee. Under no conditions will the state be liable for the payment of any interest charges associated with the cost of the contract. The state is not responsible for and will not pay local, state, or federal taxes. All costs associated with the contract must be stated in U.S. currency.

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. 2.05 CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION**

The administration of this contract is the responsibility of the procurement officer or person appointed by the Department of Transportation & PF, Division of Program Management and Administration.

**SEC. 2.06 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 October, 2025.

The Contractor or State may request price adjustments, no sooner than 12 months from the Contract execution date, and no more than once per contract year. Contractors must submit a request to the State at least thirty (30) days prior to the end of the current term. All Requests must be in writing and must be received 30 days prior to the Contract renewal date.

- a. If the Contractor or State fail to request a CPI price adjustment 30 days prior to the Contract renewal date, the adjustment will be effective 30 days after the State or Contractor receives their written request.

- b. Price adjustments will be made in accordance with the percentage change in the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor and Statistics, Consumer Price Index (CPI-U) for All Urban Consumers, All Items, Urban Alaska.
- c. The price adjustment rate will be determined by comparing the percentage difference between the CPI in effect for the base year reported HALF1 January through June 2024; and each HALF1 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.
- d. Approval for all price increases is dependent upon full compliance with the terms of the Contract including reporting requirements. CUURS49GSA0, CUUSS49GSA0

### **SEC. 2.07 CONTRACT PERFORMANCE LOCATION**

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

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

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

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

### **SEC. 2.08 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.

### **SEC. 2.09 SUBCONTRACTORS**

Subcontractors will not be allowed.

### **SEC. 2.10 JOINT VENTURES**

Joint ventures will not be allowed.

### **SEC. 2.11 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. 2.12 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. 2.13 CONTRACT CHANGES – UNANTICIPATED AMENDMENTS**

During 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 and issued a written contract amendment.

### **SEC. 2.14 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. 2.15 BILLING INSTRUCTIONS**

All invoices produced by the contractor must be emailed to the project director, [hakan.sebcioğlu@alaska.gov](mailto:hakan.sebcioğlu@alaska.gov)

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. 2.16 ESTIMATED QUANTITIES**

The quantities referenced in this ITB are estimated requirements and may vary 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 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. 2.18 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.
- Commercial General Liability Insurance: covering all business premises and operations used by the contractor in the performance of services under this agreement with minimum coverage limits of \$300,000 combined single limit per occurrence.
- Commercial Automobile Liability Insurance: covering all vehicles used by the contractor in the performance of services under this agreement with minimum coverage limits of \$300,000 combined single limit per occurrence.

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**SECTION 3. BID FORMAT AND CONTENT****SEC. 3.01 BID FORMS**

Bidders shall use the front page of this ITB, the Bid Submission Cover Sheet, 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 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. 3.02 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.

## **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:

<https://oppm.doa.alaska.gov/policy-oversight/policy-resources/user-guide-matrixes/>

- Alaska Military Skills Program Preference – AS 36.30.321(l)
- 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**

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**

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 ALASKA MILITARY SKILLS PROGRAM PREFERENCE**

An Alaska Military Skills Program Preference of 2%, not to exceed \$5,000, will be applied to the price in the proposal. The preference will be given to an offeror who qualifies under AS 36.30.990(2) as an Alaska bidder and:

- a) Employs at least one person who is currently enrolled in, or within the previous two years graduated from, a United States Department of Defense SkillBridge or United States Army career skills program for service members or spouses of service members that offers civilian work experience through specific industry training, pre-apprenticeships, registered apprenticeships, or internships during the last 180 days before a service member separates or retires from the service; or
- b) has an active partnership with an entity that employs an apprentice through a program described above.

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 Military Skills Program Preference Certification**

In order to receive the Alaska Military Skills Program 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. 4.06 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>

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 brand 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. 4.07 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. 4.08 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. 4.09 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. 4.10 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. 4.11 METHOD OF AWARD**

Award will be made to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. To be considered responsive, bidders must bid on all items.

**SEC. 4.12 CONTRACTOR SELECTION PROCESS**

Once the contracts are established this selection process will be used. When the state needs to order the product or service, 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 example, if 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. 4.13 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 sent 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 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. 5.02 ALASKA BUSINESS LICENSE AND OTHER REQUIRED LICENSES**

Prior to the award of a contract, a bidder must hold a valid Alaska business license. However, 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. 5.03 AUTHORITY**

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

**SEC. 5.04 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. 5.05 WORKMANSHIP AND MATERIALS**

All work must be performed in a thorough and workmanlike manner and in accordance with current industry practices. The contractor will be held responsible for the quality of the service, maintenance, and inspections. Service, maintenance, and inspections that are improperly done will be redone, by the contractor, at the contractor's risk and expense.

**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 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 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 counteroffer 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 bidders,
- 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 is determined to be in the state's 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 a bidder 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 a bidder submits with its bid as CBI, the bidder must do the following when submitting their bid: (1) mark the specific information it asserts is CBI; and (2) for each discrete set of such information, identify, in writing, each authority the bidder asserts make the information CBI. If the bidder does not do these things, the information will become public after the Notice of Intent to Award is issued. If the bidder does these things, OPPM or their designee will evaluate the bidder'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 bidder 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 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.

#### **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**

- 1) 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.
- 2) By signature on their bid, the bidder certifies that they will not support or participate in a boycott of the State of Israel. Failure to comply with this requirement may cause the state to reject the bid as non-responsive or cancel the contract.

#### **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 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 to meet these requirements, the procurement officer may not accept the bidder as a qualified bidder under AS 36.30.

## SEC. 5.20 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 [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. 5.21 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 bidder 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 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) Attachment #1 - Bid Schedule
- 2) Attachment #2 - ITB Submittal Form
- 3) Attachment #3 – Standard Contract Form
- 4) Attachment #4 – Insurance Requirements Appendix B1