

# INVITATION FOR BID



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## IFB931Y20708117

PREA Audit Services  
FOR

Missouri Department of Corrections  
Statewide

Contract Period:  
Date of Award through August 20, 2021

Date of Issue: November 27, 2019

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**Bids Must Be Received No Later Than:**

**2:00 p.m., December 26, 2019**

Bids may be submitted electronically through MissouriBUYS only or a hard-copy bid may be submitted. Hard-copy bids must be **SEALED** and delivered to the Missouri Department of Corrections, Purchasing Section, 2729 Plaza Drive, Jefferson City, MO 65109, or P.O. Box 236, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102. The vendor should clearly identify the IFB number on the lower right or left-handed corner of the container in which the bid is submitted to the Department. This number is essential for identification purposes.

The undersigned hereby declares understanding, agreement, and certification of compliance to provide the items and/or services at the prices stated, pursuant to the requirements and specifications contained herein. The undersigned further agrees that when an authorized official of the Missouri Department of Corrections countersigns this document, a binding contract, as defined herein, shall exist between the contractor and the Missouri Department of Corrections. The authorized signer of this document certifies that the contractor (named below) and each of its principals are not suspended or debarred by the federal government.

**Company Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Fax:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MissouriBUYS System ID (See Vendor Profile - Main Information Screen):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Authorized Signer's Printed Name and Title** \_\_\_\_\_

**Authorized Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Bid Date** \_\_\_\_\_

### NOTICE OF AWARD:

This bid is accepted by the Missouri Department of Corrections as follows:

Contract No. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Anne L. Precythe, Director,

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

*The original cover page, including amendments, should be signed and returned with the bid.*

# Instructions for Submitting a Solicitation Response

The Missouri Department of Corrections is now posting all of its bid solicitation documents on the new MissouriBUYS Bid Board (<https://www.missouribuys.mo.gov>). MissouriBUYS is the State of Missouri's web-based statewide eProcurement system which is powered by WebProcure, through our partner, Perfect Commerce.

For all bid solicitations, vendors now have the option of submitting their solicitation response either as an electronic response or as a hard copy response. As a means to save vendors the expense of submitting a hard copy response and to provide vendors both the ease and the timeliness of responding from a computer, vendors are encouraged to submit an electronic response. Both methods of submission are explained briefly below and in more detail in the step-by-step instructions provided at:

[https://missouribuys.mo.gov/sites/missouribuys/files/FINALHowToRespondToASolicitation\\_v2.7.09.16\\_revised\\_12.01.18.pdf](https://missouribuys.mo.gov/sites/missouribuys/files/FINALHowToRespondToASolicitation_v2.7.09.16_revised_12.01.18.pdf). (This document is also on the Bid Board referenced above.)

Notice: The vendor is solely responsible for ensuring timely submission of their solicitation response, whether submitting an online response or a hard copy response. Failure to allow adequate time prior to the solicitation end date to complete and submit a response to a solicitation, particularly in the event technical support assistance is required, places the vendor and their response at risk of not being accepted on time.

- **ELECTRONIC RESPONSES:** To respond electronically to a solicitation, the vendor must first register with MissouriBUYS by going to the MissouriBUYS Home Page (<https://missouribuys.mo.gov>), clicking the "Register" button at the top of the page, and completing the Vendor Registration. Once registered the vendor should log back into MissouriBUYS and edit their profile by selecting the organizational contact(s) that should receive an automated confirmation of the vendor's electronic bid responses successfully submitted to the state.

To respond electronically to a solicitation, the vendor must login to MissouriBUYS, locate the desired solicitation on the Bid Board, and, at a minimum, the vendor must read and accept the Original Solicitation Documents and complete pricing and any other identified requirements. In addition, the vendor should download and save all of the Original Solicitation Documents on their computer so that they can prepare their response to these documents. Vendors should upload their completed response to these downloaded documents (including exhibits, forms, and other information concerning the solicitation) as an attachment to the electronic solicitation response. Step-by-step instructions for how a registered vendor responds to a solicitation electronically are available on the MissouriBUYS system at: [https://missouribuys.mo.gov/sites/missouribuys/files/FINALHowToRespondToASolicitation\\_v2.7.09.16\\_revised\\_12.01.18.pdf](https://missouribuys.mo.gov/sites/missouribuys/files/FINALHowToRespondToASolicitation_v2.7.09.16_revised_12.01.18.pdf).

- To ensure software compatibility with the MissouriBUYS system, the vendor should complete attachments using Microsoft Word or Microsoft Excel, or if using a different application for completing attachments, the vendor should save the completed attachment as a PDF document in order to preserve the formatting. A vendor's failure to follow these instructions and instead use a different application or method for completion and submission of attachments could render some of the vendor's bid information in their attachments to be unreadable which could negatively impact the evaluation of the vendor's proposal.
- Vendors are encouraged to submit their entire proposal electronically; however in lieu of attaching exhibits, forms, pricing, etc. to the electronic solicitation response, a vendor may submit the exhibits, forms, pricing, etc. through mail or courier service. However, any such submission must be received prior to the solicitation's specified end date and time. Be sure to include the solicitation/opportunity (OPP) number, company name, and a contact name on any hard copy solicitation response documents submitted through mail or courier service.

- In the event a registered vendor electronically submits a solicitation response and also mails hard copy documents that are not identical, the vendor should explain which response is valid for the state's consideration. In the absence of such explanation, the state reserves the right to evaluate and award the response which serves its best interest.

Addendum Document: If an addendum document is subsequently issued, please follow these steps to accept the addendum document(s).

1. If you have not accepted the original solicitation document go to the **Overview** page, find the section titled, **Original Solicitation Documents**, review the solicitation document(s) then click on the box under **Select, and** then click on the **Accept** button.
2. To accept the addendum document, on the **Overview** page find the section titled **Addendum Document**, review the addendum document(s) then click on the box under **Select, and** then click on the **Accept** button.

Note: If you submitted an electronic response prior to the addendum date and time, you should review your solicitation response to ensure that it is still valid by taking into consideration the revisions addressed in the addendum document. If a revision is needed to your solicitation response and/or to indicate your acceptance of the addendum document, you will need to retract your response and re-submit your response by following these steps:

1. Log into **MissouriBUYS**.
  2. Select the **Solicitations** tab.
  3. Select **View Current Solicitations**.
  4. Select **My List**.
  5. Select the correct **Opportunity Number (Opportunity No)**; the **Overview** page will display.
  6. Click on **Review Response** from the navigation bar.
  7. Click on **Retract** if your response needs to be revised.
  8. A message will come up asking, "Are you sure you want to retract the Bid". Click on **Continue** to confirm.
  9. Click on **Respond** and revise as applicable.
  10. Click on **Review Response** from the navigation bar and then click on **Submit** to submit your response.
- **HARD COPY RESPONSES**: Be sure to include the solicitation/opportunity (OPP) number, company name, and a contact name on any hard copy solicitation response documents.

\*\*\*\*\*END OF INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING SOLICITATION RESPONSE\*\*\*\*\*

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## 1. INTRODUCTION AND GENERAL INFORMATION

*This section of the IFB includes a brief introduction and background information about the intended acquisitions and/or services for which the requirements herein are written. The contents of this section are intended for informational purposes and do not require a response.*

### 1.1 Purpose:

1.1.1 This document constitutes an invitation for competitive, electronic or sealed bids for the development of a Qualified Vendors List (QVL) for Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Audits for the Missouri Department of Corrections in accordance with the requirements and provisions as set forth herein.

### 1.2 Vendor Information:

1.2.1 The Missouri Department of Corrections, Purchasing Section, has transitioned to the new MissouriBUYS eProcurement system. All vendors that sell products or services to the state, new or existing, will be required to register or re-register on the MissouriBUYS website at <https://missouribuys.mo.gov>. Please note that there are written instructions located on the "Register" tab.

- a. **The vendor** shall understand and agree that in order to be considered for a contract award, they **must be registered in MissouriBUYS**.

1.2.2 The references to “contractor” and “vendor” throughout this document shall be deemed as the same.

1.2.3 The QVL and awarded Request for Quotation (RFQ) will run concurrent with the PREA audit year.

### 1.3 Questions Regarding the IFB:

1.3.1 It is the vendor’s responsibility to ask questions, request changes or clarifications, or otherwise advise the Missouri Department of Corrections (hereinafter referred to as "Department") if the vendor believes that any language, specifications, or requirements are: (1) ambiguous, (2) contradictory or arbitrary, or both, (3) violate any state or federal law or regulation, (4) restrict or limit the requirements to a single source, or (5) restrict or limit the vendor’s ability to submit a bid.

- a. Except as may be otherwise stated herein, the vendor and the vendor’s agents (including subcontractors, employees, consultants, or anyone else acting on their behalf) must direct all of their questions or comments regarding the IFB, the solicitation process, the evaluation, etc., to the buyer of record indicated on the first page of this IFB. Inappropriate contacts to other personnel are grounds for suspension and/or exclusion from specific procurements. Vendors and their agents who have questions regarding this matter should contact the buyer.
  - 1) The vendor may contact the Office of Equal Opportunity (OEO) regarding MBE/WBE certification or subcontracting with MBE/WBE companies.
- b. All questions and issues should be submitted at least ten (10) working days prior to the due date of the bid. If not received prior to ten (10) working days before the bid due date, the Department may not be able to fully research and consider the respective questions or issues. Questions and issues relating to the IFB, including questions related to the competitive procurement process, must be directed to the buyer. It is preferred that questions be e-mailed to the buyer at [Danice.Chaidez@doc.mo.gov](mailto:Danice.Chaidez@doc.mo.gov).
- c. The Department will attempt to ensure that a vendor receives an adequate and prompt response to questions, if applicable. Upon the Department’s consideration of questions and issues, if the Department determines that changes are necessary, the resulting changes will be included in a subsequently issued IFB amendment(s); absence of such response indicates that the questions and issues were considered but deemed unnecessary for IFB amendment as the questions and issues did not provide further clarity to the

IFB. All vendors will be advised of any change to the IFB's language, specifications, or requirements by a formal amendment to the IFB.

NOTE: The only official position of the State of Missouri shall be that which is contained in the IFB and any amendments thereto.

#### **1.4 Background and Historical Usage Information:**

- 1.4.1 The Department of Justice (DOJ) adopted national standards to prevent, detect, and respond to prison rape, pursuant to the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003, C.F.R. Part 115.
- 1.4.2 All confinement facilities covered under the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) standards must be audited at least every three (3) years to be considered compliant with the PREA standards, with one third of each facility type operated by an agency, or private organization on behalf of an agency, audited each year. These include adult prisons and jails, juvenile facilities, lockups (housing detainees overnight), and community confinement facilities, whether operated by the Department of Justice or unit of a state, local, corporate, or nonprofit authority.
- 1.4.3 Current contracts exist for the services being obtained via this IFB. The contract numbers are CS180097001, CS180097002, CS180097003 and CS180097004.
  - a. The approximate total dollar value for all contracts awarded for the period of February 1, 2018 to current date is \$58,885.00. This is for informational purposes only and in no way represents intended or future usage.
  - b. State expenditures – The Missouri Accountability Portal (MAP) located on the Internet at: <http://mapyourtaxes.mo.gov/MAP/Expenditures/> provides financial data related to the purchase of the services under the contract. Be sure to read the information provided in the links to “[Site Information](#)” and “[Disclaimer](#)”. Then search by the contract number shown above when searching for the financial information.
- 1.4.4 Although an attempt has been made to provide accurate and up-to-date information, the Missouri Department of Corrections does not warrant or represent that the background information provided herein reflects all relationships or existing conditions related to this Invitation for Bid (IFB).

**END OF PART ONE: INTRODUCTION AND GENERAL INFORMATION**

## **2. SCOPE OF WORK**

*This section of the IFB includes requirements and provisions relating specifically to the performance requirements of the Department. The contents of this section include mandatory requirements that will be required of the successful vendor and subsequent contractor. The vendor is requested to provide responses to the requirements or desired attributes in this section pursuant to the directions identified herein and in the Exhibit section of this IFB. The vendor's response, whether responding to a mandatory requirement or a desired attribute will be binding upon the vendor in the event the bid is accepted by the Department.*

### **2.1 General Requirements:**

- 2.1.1 The contractor shall provide the provision of Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) facility audits for the Missouri Department of Corrections (hereinafter referred to as the Department), in accordance with the provisions and requirements stated herein and to the sole satisfaction of the Department.
- a. The contractor shall either provide the services directly or shall provide a person/personnel who must comply with the requirements stated herein. Therefore, references to “the contractors” throughout this document shall also be deemed to include the person/personnel provided by the contractor.
  - b. The contractor shall understand and agree that the purpose of the contract is to establish a Qualified Vendors List (QVL) for Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) facility audits for prisons and community confinement facilities for the Department.
  - c. The Request for Quotation (RFQ) awarded from the QVL will run concurrent with each PREA audit year.
- 2.1.2 Unless otherwise specified, the contractor shall be responsible for furnishing all material, labor, facilities, equipment, and supplies necessary to perform the services required herein

### **2.2 Performance Requirements:**

- 2.2.1 The contractor must be a Department of Justice (DOJ) Certified Auditor(s) for community confinement and be listed on the National PREA Resource Center (PRC) website at <http://www.prearesourcecenter.org/audit/list-of-certified-auditors>.

### **2.3 Facility Audit Requirements:**

- 2.3.1 The contractor shall ensure all audits conducted for the Department use the National PREA Resource Center (PRC) audit instrument for prisons and community confinement facilities, in accordance with the timeframes established by the Department.
- 2.3.2 The contractor shall understand and agree that the Department will submit the audit questionnaire and supporting documentation via a secure flash drive sent via an overnight courier.
- 2.3.3 The contractor shall adhere and comply with all reporting requirements within the timeframes established by PREA Standards.

**END OF PART TWO: SCOPE OF WORK**

### 3. GENERAL CONTRACTUAL REQUIREMENTS:

*This section of the IFB includes the general contractual requirements and provisions that shall govern the contract after IFB award. The contents of this section include mandatory provisions that must be adhered to by the state and the contractor unless changed by a contract amendment. Response to this section by the vendor is not necessary as all provisions are mandatory.*

#### 3.1 Contractual Requirements:

- 3.1.1 Contract - A binding contract shall consist of: (1) the IFB and any amendments thereto, (2) the contractor's response (bid) to the IFB, (3) clarification of the bid, if any, and (4) the Department's acceptance of the response (bid) by "notice of award". All Exhibits and Attachments included in the IFB shall be incorporated into the contract by reference.
- a. A notice of award issued by the State of Missouri does not constitute an authorization for shipment of equipment or supplies or a directive to proceed with services. Before providing equipment, supplies and/or services for the State of Missouri, the contractor must receive a properly authorized purchase order or other form of authorization given to the contractor at the discretion of the Department.
  - b. The contract expresses the complete agreement of the parties and performance shall be governed solely by the specifications and requirements contained therein.
  - c. Any change to the contract, whether by modification and/or supplementation, must be accomplished by a formal contract amendment signed and approved by and between the duly authorized representative of the contractor and the Department prior to the effective date of such modification. The contractor expressly and explicitly understands and agrees that no other method and/or no other document, including correspondence, acts, and oral communications by or from any person, shall be used or construed as an amendment or modification to the contract.
  - d. Annual expenditures awarded as RFQ's through the QVL, shall not exceed a cumulative total of \$49,999.
- 3.1.2 Contract Period - The original contract period shall be as stated on the Notice of Award. The contract shall not bind, nor purport to bind, the state for any contractual commitment in excess of the original contract period. The Department shall have the right, at its sole option, to renew the contract for one (1) additional one-year period, or any portion thereof. In the event the Department exercises such right, all terms and conditions, requirements and specifications of the contract shall remain the same and apply during the renewal period, pursuant to applicable option clauses of this document.
- 3.1.3 Termination - The Department reserves the right to terminate the contract at any time, for the convenience of the State of Missouri, without penalty or recourse, by giving written notice to the contractor at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to the effective date of such termination. In the event of termination pursuant to this paragraph, all documents, data, reports, supplies, equipment, and accomplishments prepared, furnished or completed by the contractor pursuant to the terms of the contract shall, at the option of the Department, become the property of the State of Missouri. The contractor shall be entitled to receive compensation for services and/or supplies delivered to and accepted by the State of Missouri pursuant to the contract prior to the effective date of termination.
- 3.1.4 Contractor Liability - The contractor shall be responsible for any and all personal injury (including death) or property damage as a result of the contractor's negligence involving any equipment or service provided under the terms and conditions, requirements and specifications of the contract. In addition, the contractor assumes the obligation to save the State of Missouri, including its agencies, employees, and assignees, from every expense, liability, or payment arising out of such negligent act.
- a. The contractor also agrees to hold the State of Missouri, including its agencies, employees, and assignees, harmless for any negligent act or omission committed by any subcontractor or other person employed by or under the supervision of the contractor under the terms of the contract.



- b. The contractor shall not be responsible for any injury or damage occurring as a result of any negligent act or omission committed by the State of Missouri, including its agencies, employees, and assignees.
- 3.1.5 Insurance - The contractor shall understand and agree that the State of Missouri cannot save and hold harmless and/or indemnify the contractor or employees against any liability incurred or arising as a result of any activity of the contractor or any activity of the contractor's employees related to the contractor's performance under the contract. Therefore, the contractor must acquire and maintain adequate liability insurance in the form(s) and amount(s) sufficient to protect the State of Missouri, its agencies, its employees, its clients, and the general public against any such loss, damage and/or expense related to his/her performance under the contract. The insurance coverage shall include but not necessary be limited to general liability and appropriate professional liability. The general and other non-professional liability insurance shall include an endorsement that adds the State of Missouri as an additional insured.
- a. Written evidence of the insurance shall be provided by the contractor to the Department by no later than 30 calendar days after the effective date of the contract. The evidence of insurance shall include, but shall not necessarily be limited to: effective dates of coverage, limits of liability, insurer's name, policy number, endorsement for the non-professional liability insurance naming the State of Missouri as an additional insured, endorsement by representatives of the insurance company, etc. The contract number must be identified on the evidence of insurance coverage. Evidence of self-insurance coverage or of another alternative risk financing mechanism may be utilized provided that such coverage is verifiable and irrevocably reliable and the State of Missouri is protected as an additional insured.
- b. In the event the insurance coverage is canceled, the Department must be notified within thirty (30) calendar days.
- 3.1.6 Subcontractors - Any subcontracts for the products/services described herein must include appropriate provisions and contractual obligations to ensure the successful fulfillment of all contractual obligations agreed to by the contractor and the State of Missouri and to ensure that the State of Missouri is indemnified, saved, and held harmless from and against any and all claims of damage, loss, and cost (including attorney fees) of any kind related to a subcontract in those matters described in the contract between the State of Missouri and the contractor.
- a. The contractor shall expressly understand and agree that he/she shall assume and be solely responsible for all legal and financial responsibilities related to the execution of a subcontract.
- b. The contractor shall agree and understand that utilization of a subcontractor to provide any of the products/services in the contract shall in no way relieve the contractor of the responsibility for providing the products/services as described and set forth herein.
- c. The contractor must obtain the approval of the State of Missouri prior to establishing any new subcontracting arrangements and before changing any subcontractors. The approval shall not be arbitrarily withheld.
- d. Pursuant to subsection 1 of section 285.530, RSMo, no contractor or subcontractor shall knowingly employ, hire for employment, or continue to employ an unauthorized alien to perform work within the state of Missouri. In accordance with sections 285.525 to 285.550, RSMo, a general contractor or subcontractor of any tier shall not be liable when such contractor or subcontractor contracts with its direct subcontractor who violates subsection 1 of section 285.530, RSMo, if the contract binding the contractor and subcontractor affirmatively states that
- 1) The direct subcontractor is not knowingly in violation of subsection 1 of section 285.530, RSMo, and shall not henceforth be in such violation.
  - 2) The contractor or subcontractor receives a sworn affidavit under the penalty of perjury attesting to the fact that the direct subcontractor's employees are lawfully present in the United States.

- 3.1.7 Participation by Other Organizations: The contractor must comply with any Organization for the Blind/Sheltered Workshop and/or Service-Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (SDVE) participation levels committed to in the contractor's awarded bid.
- a. The contractor shall prepare and submit to the Department a report detailing all payments made by the contractor to Organizations for the Blind/Sheltered Workshops and/or SDVEs participating in the contract for the reporting period. The contractor must submit the report on a monthly basis, unless otherwise determined by the Department.
  - b. The Department will monitor the contractor's compliance in meeting the Organizations for the Blind/Sheltered Workshop and SDVE participation levels committed to in the contractor's awarded bid. If the contractor's payments to the participating entities are less than the amount committed, the state may cancel the contract and/or suspend or debar the contractor from participating in future state procurements, or retain payments to the contractor in an amount equal to the value of the participation commitment less actual payments made by the contractor to the participating entity. If the Department determines that the contractor becomes compliant with the commitment, any funds retained as stated above, will be released.
  - c. If a participating entity fails to retain the required certification or is unable to satisfactorily perform, the contractor must obtain other organizations for the blind/sheltered workshops or other SDVEs to fulfill the participation requirements committed to in the contractor's awarded bid.
- 1) The contractor must obtain the written approval of the Department for any new entities. This approval shall not be arbitrarily withheld.
  - 2) If the contractor cannot obtain a replacement entity, the contractor must submit documentation to the Department detailing all efforts made to secure a replacement. The Department shall have sole discretion in determining if the actions taken by the contractor constitute a good faith effort to secure the required participation and whether the contract will be amended to change the contractor's participation commitment.
- 3.1.8 No later than 30 days after the effective date of the first renewal period, the contractor must submit an affidavit to the Department. The affidavit must be signed by the director or manager of the participating Organizations for the Blind/Sheltered Workshop verifying provision of products and/or services and compliance of all contractor payments made to the Organizations for the Blind/Sheltered Workshops. The contractor may use the affidavit available on the Office of Administration/Division of Purchasing and Materials Management's website at [http:// oa.mo.gov/sites/default/files/bswaffidavit.doc](http://oa.mo.gov/sites/default/files/bswaffidavit.doc) or another affidavit providing the same information.
- 3.1.9 Substitution of Personnel - The contractor agrees and understands that the State of Missouri's agreement to the contract is predicated in part on the utilization of the specific key individual(s) and/or personnel qualifications identified in the bid. Therefore, the contractor agrees that no substitution of such specific key individual(s) and/or personnel qualifications shall be made without the prior written approval of the Department. The contractor further agrees that any substitution made pursuant to this paragraph must be equal or better than originally proposed and that the Department's approval of a substitution shall not be construed as an acceptance of the substitution's performance potential. The State of Missouri agrees that an approval of a substitution will not be unreasonably withheld.
- 3.1.10 Authorized Personnel: The contractor shall only employ personnel authorized to work in the United States in accordance with applicable federal and state laws. This includes but is not limited to the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act (IIRIRA) and INA Section 274A.
- a. If the contractor is found to be in violation of this requirement or the applicable state, federal and local laws and regulations, and if the State of Missouri has reasonable cause to believe that the contractor has knowingly employed individuals who are not eligible to work in the United States, the state shall have the right to cancel the contract immediately without penalty or recourse and suspend or debar the contractor from doing business with the state. The state may also withhold up to twenty-five percent of the total amount due to the contractor.

- b. The contractor shall agree to fully cooperate with any audit or investigation from federal, state, or local law enforcement agencies.
  - c. If the contractor meets the definition of a business entity as defined in section 285.525, RSMo, pertaining to section 285.530, RSMo, the contractor shall maintain enrollment and participation in the E-Verify federal work authorization program with respect to the employees hired after enrollment in the program who are proposed to work in connection with the contracted services included herein. If the contractor's business status changes during the life of the contract to become a business entity as defined in section 285.525, RSMo, pertaining to section 285.530, RSMo, then the contractor shall, prior to the performance of any services as a business entity under the contract:
    - 1) Enroll and participate in the E-Verify federal work authorization program with respect to the employees hired after enrollment in the program who are proposed to work in connection with the services required herein; **AND**
    - 2) Provide to the Department the documentation required in the **EXHIBIT F, Business Entity Certification, Enrollment Documentation, and Affidavit of Work Authorization** affirming said company's/individual's enrollment and participation in the E-Verify federal work authorization program; **AND**
    - 3) Submit to the Department a completed, notarized Affidavit of Work Authorization provided in the **EXHIBIT F, Business Entity Certification, Enrollment Documentation, and Affidavit of Work Authorization**.
  - d. In accordance with subsection 2 of section 285.530, RSMo, the contractor should renew their Affidavit of Work Authorization annually. A valid Affidavit of Work Authorization is necessary to award any new contracts.
- 3.1.11 Contractor Status - The contractor is an independent contractor and shall not represent the contractor or the contractor's employees to be employees of the State of Missouri or a Department of the State of Missouri. The contractor shall assume all legal and financial responsibility for salaries, taxes, FICA, employee fringe benefits, workers compensation, employee insurance, minimum wage requirements, overtime, etc., and agrees to indemnify, save, and hold the State of Missouri, its officers, agents, and employees, harmless from and against, any and all loss; cost (including attorney fees); and damage of any kind related to such matters.
- 3.1.12 Coordination - The contractor shall fully coordinate all contract activities with those activities of the Department. As the work of the contractor progresses, advice and information on matters covered by the contract shall be made available by the contractor to the Department or the Department throughout the effective period of the contract.
- 3.1.13 Property of State - All documents, data, reports, supplies, equipment, and accomplishments prepared, furnished, or completed by the contractor pursuant to the terms of the contract shall become the property of the State of Missouri. Upon expiration, termination, or cancellation of the contract, said items shall become the property of the State of Missouri.
- 3.1.14 Confidentiality:
- e. The contractor shall agree and understand that all discussions with the contractor and all information gained by the contractor as a result of the contractor's performance under the contract shall be confidential and that no reports, documentation, or material prepared as required by the contract shall be released to the public without the prior written consent of the Department.
  - f. If required by the Department, the contractor and any required contractor personnel must sign specific documents regarding confidentiality, security, or other similar documents upon request. Failure of the contractor and any required personnel to sign such documents shall be considered a breach of contract and subject to the cancellation provisions of this document.

- 3.1.15 Deficiency Notice – The contractor shall understand and agree that if the Department, through its review and evaluation of contractual performance, determines that the services being performed by the contractor at any Department facility are unacceptable, the Department shall provide written notice to the contractor’s authorized representative which states the deficiencies. The Department shall ensure that all deficiency notices contain recommended remedies as well as acceptable terms of reconciliation.
- g. Evidence of a deficiency shall be recognized by the Department as unacceptable performance. A deficiency shall exist if the contractor fails to comply with any rule, regulation, policy and procedure, standard, protocol, practice, or statute, that if continued would limit and/or offset to a significant degree the desired outcome of the contracts intent.
  - h. The delivery of a deficiency notice must be verifiable by either party either through a confirmation memorandum, an entry into formal meeting minutes, and/or certified letter (with return receipt request).
  - i. Upon receipt of the notice of deficiency, the contractor shall have ten (10) working days to either correct the described deficiency(ies), or demonstrate good cause as to why the deficiency(ies) cannot be resolved within the ten-day period. In either instance, the contractor shall implement a corrective plan of action and direct a response to the Department with the ten-day period.
  - j. Such provisions concerning the providing of deficiency notices shall be in addition to the provisions contained elsewhere herein concerning notice provided to the contractor regarding issues of contractual breach.
- 3.1.16 Notice – Any written notice to the contractor shall be deemed sufficient when e-mailed to the contractor’s contact at the email address on the signature page of the contract or to an email address the contractor may have requested in writing, or deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid and addressed to the contractor at the address on the signature page of the contract, or at an address the contractor may have requested in writing.

## **3.2 Contractor’s Employees**

- 3.2.1 The contractor and all of the contractor’s employees and agents providing services in any Department of Corrections institution must be at least 21 years of age. A Missouri Uniform Law Enforcement System (MULES) check or other background investigation may be required on the contractor, the contractor’s employees and agents before they are allowed entry into the institution. The contractor, its employees and agents understand and agree that the Department may complete criminal background records checks annually for the contractor and the contractor’s employees and agents that have the potential to have contact with offenders.
- 3.2.2 The institution shall have the right to deny access into the institution for the contractor and any of the contractor’s employees and agents for any reason, at the discretion of the institution.
- 3.2.3 The contractor, its employees and agents under active federal or state felony or misdemeanor supervision must receive written division director approval prior to providing services pursuant to a Department contract. Similarly, contractors/employees/agents with prior felony convictions and not under active supervision must receive written division director approval in advance.
- 3.2.4 The contractor, its employees and agents shall at all times observe and comply with all applicable state statutes, Department rules, regulations, guidelines, internal management policies and procedures, and general orders of the Department that are applicable, regarding operations and activities in and about all Department property. Furthermore, the contractor, its employees and agents, shall not obstruct the Department or any of its designated officials from performing their duties in response to court orders or in the maintenance of a secure and safe correctional environment. The contractor shall comply with the Department's policies and procedures relating to employee conduct.

- a. The Department has a zero tolerance policy for any form of sexual misconduct to include staff/contractor/volunteer on offender, or offender on offender, sexual harassment, sexual assault, sexual abuse and consensual sex.
  - (1) Any contractor or contractor's employee or agent who witnesses any form of sexual misconduct must immediately report it to the warden of the institution. If a contractor or contractor's employee or agent fails to report or knowingly condones sexual harassment or sexual contact with or between offenders, the Department may cancel the contract, or at the Department's sole discretion, require the contractor to remove the employee/agent from providing services under the contract.
  - (2) Any contractor or contractor's employee or agent who engages in sexual abuse shall be prohibited from entering the institution and shall be reported to law enforcement agencies and licensing bodies, as appropriate.

3.2.5 The contractor, its employees and agents shall not interact with the offenders except as is necessary to perform the requirements of the contract. The contractor, its employees and agents shall not give anything to nor accept anything from the offenders except in the normal performance of the contract.

3.2.6 If any contractor or contractor's employee or agent is denied access into the institution for any reason or is denied approval to provide service to the Department for any reason stated herein, it shall not relieve the contractor of any requirements of the contract. If the contractor is unable to perform the requirements of the contract for any reason, the contractor shall be considered in breach.

### **3.3 Criminal Justice Information Systems (CJIS) Security Awareness:**

3.3.1 Criminal Justice Information is any information collected by the FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation), MSHP (Missouri State Highway patrol) and other criminal justice entities and includes personally identifiable information. It includes ALL information viewed directly from state and federal systems and also data obtained from those sources.

3.3.2 All Criminal Justice Information is sensitive information and is privileged.

3.3.3 If the contractor acquires any Criminal Justice Information by virtue of the performance of this contract, regardless of the method of acquisition, the contractor is not authorized to use or disseminate the information in any form.

3.3.4 The contractor must not, at any time, directly or indirectly disclose any Criminal Justice Information learned during the performance of this contract.

3.3.5 Unauthorized access, use, or dissemination of CJIS data is unlawful, and may result in the imposition of administrative sanctions and/or state/federal criminal penalties. If the contractor has information to indicate this has occurred, the contractor must report it to the Department of Corrections.

3.3.6 Misuse of official information is a Class A Misdemeanor. Section 576.050.2 of the Revised Statute of Missouri states, "*A person commits the offense of misuse of official information if he or she recklessly obtains or discloses information from the Missouri uniform law enforcement system (MULES) or the National Crime Information Center System (NCIC), or any other criminal justice information sharing system that contains individually identifiable information for private or personal use, or for a purpose other than in connection with their official duties and performance of their job.*"

### **3.4 Invoicing and Payment Terms:**

3.4.1 Prior to any payments becoming due under the contract, the contractor must return a completed State of Missouri Vendor Input/ACH-EFT Application, which is downloadable from the Vendor Services Portal at: <https://www.vendorservices.mo.gov/vendorservices/Portal/Default.aspx>.

- a. The contractor understands and agrees that the State of Missouri reserves the right to make contract payments through electronic funds transfer (EFT). Therefore, prior to any payments becoming due under the contract, the contractor must update their vendor registration with their ACH-EFT payment information at <https://MissouriBUYS.mo.gov>.
  - b. The contractor must submit invoices on the contractor's original descriptive business invoice form and must use a unique invoice number with each invoice submitted. The unique invoice number will be listed on the State of Missouri's EFT addendum record to enable the contractor to properly apply the Department's payment to the invoice submitted.
  - c. The contractor may obtain detailed information for payments issued for the past 24 months from the State of Missouri's central accounting system (SAM II) on the Vendor Services Portal at: <https://www.vendorservices.mo.gov/vendorservices/Portal/Default.aspx>
- 3.4.2 Other than the payments specified above, no other payments or reimbursements shall be made to the contractor for any reason whatsoever, including, but not limited to, taxes, insurance, penalties, termination payments, attorney fees, liquidated damages, etc.
- a. The Department does not pay state or federal sales tax.
- 3.4.3 All payment terms shall be as stated in the terms and conditions of this contract. Payments will be processed based on final delivery and acceptance of services rendered.
- 3.4.4 The contractor shall accurately invoice per the price indicated on the awarded Request for Quotation (RFQ).
- 3.4.5 The Department may choose to use the state purchasing card (Visa) in place of a purchase order to make purchases under this contract. Unless exception to this condition is indicated on **EXHIBIT C, Miscellaneous Information**, the contractor agrees to accept the state purchasing card as an acceptable form of payment and may not charge any additional fees related to the use of a purchasing card such as service fees, merchant fees, and/or handling charges.
- a. If the Department issues a purchase order, an itemized invoice shall be emailed to [DOC.Payables@doc.mo.gov](mailto:DOC.Payables@doc.mo.gov) or mailed to:  

Accounts Payable/Central Office  
Missouri Department of Corrections  
Fiscal Management Unit  
P.O. Box 236  
Jefferson City MO 65102
- 3.4.6 Each invoice submitted must be specific to one purchase order number. The purchase order number must be referenced on the invoice and the invoice must be itemized in accordance with the item listed on the purchase order. Failure to comply with this requirement may delay processing of invoices for payment. Emailed invoices should contain the purchase order number in the subject line.
- a. If the state purchasing card (Visa) is used for payment, an itemized invoice reflecting the charged amount must be faxed or emailed to the institution within one business day. The state purchasing card shall not be charged until all goods/services have been received and accepted.
- 3.4.7 The contractor's invoice should include any discount for prompt payment as indicated on **EXHIBIT C, Miscellaneous Information**.
- 3.4.8 If the contractor maintains an e-commerce web application that enables Department staff to view and print invoices and invoice history, the contractor shall indicate on **EXHIBIT C, Miscellaneous Information** the web site address where the Department staff may access invoices. Upon award of a contract, the contractor shall

provide the Department with a customer number in order for Department staff to access invoices and invoice history.

- 3.4.9 Notwithstanding any other payment provision of the contract, if the contractor fails to perform required work or services, fails to submit reports when due, the Department may withhold payment or reject invoices under the contract.

**END OF PART THREE: GENERAL CONTRACTUAL REQUIREMENTS**

#### 4. BID SUBMISSION, EVALUATION, AND AWARD INFORMATION

##### 4.1 Submission of Bids:

- 4.1.1 On-line Bid - If a registered vendor is responding electronically through the MissouriBUYS System website, in addition to completing the on-line pricing, the registered vendor should submit completed exhibits, forms, and other information concerning the bid as an attachment to the electronic bid. The registered vendor is instructed to review the IFB submission provisions carefully to ensure they are providing all required pricing, including applicable renewal pricing. Instructions on how a registered vendor responds to a bid on-line are available on the MissouriBUYS System website at: <https://missouribuy.com/bidboard.html>.
- a. The exhibits, and forms, provided herein can be saved into a word processing document, completed by a registered vendor, and then sent as an attachment to the electronic submission. Other information requested or required may be sent as an attachment. Additional instructions for submitting electronic attachments are on the MissouriBUYS System website. Be sure to include the solicitation/opportunity (OPP) number, company name, and a contact name on any electronic attachments.
  - b. In addition, a registered vendor may submit the exhibits, forms, etc., through mail or courier service. However, any such submission must be received prior to the specified end date and time.
  - c. If a registered vendor submits an electronic and hard copy bid response and if such responses are not identical, the vendor should explain which response is valid. In the absence of an explanation, the State of Missouri shall consider the response which serves its best interest.
- 4.1.2 Hard Copy Bid - If the vendor is submitting a bid via the mail or a courier service or is hand delivering the bid, the vendor should include completed exhibits, forms, and other information concerning the bid. The vendor is instructed to review the IFB submission provisions carefully to ensure they are providing all required pricing, including applicable renewal pricing.
- a. The bid should be page numbered.
  - b. Recycled Products - The State of Missouri recognizes the limited nature of our resources and the leadership role of government agencies in regard to the environment. Accordingly, the vendor is requested to print the bid double-sided using recycled paper, if possible, and minimize or eliminate the use of non-recyclable materials such as plastic report covers, plastic dividers, vinyl sleeves, and binding. Lengthy bids may be submitted in a notebook or binder.
- 4.1.3 Confidential Materials - Pursuant to section 610.021, RSMo, the vendor's bid and related documents shall not be available for public review until a contract has been awarded or all bids are rejected.
- a. The Department is a governmental body under Missouri Sunshine Law (chapter 610, RSMo). Section 610.011, RSMo, requires that all provisions be "*liberally construed and their exceptions strictly construed*" to promote the public policy that records are open unless otherwise provided by law.
  - b. Regardless of any claim by a vendor as to material being confidential and not subject to copying or distribution, or how a vendor characterizes any information provided in its bid, all material submitted by the vendor in conjunction with the IFB is subject to release after the award of a contract in relation to a request for public records under the Missouri Sunshine Law (see chapter 610, RSMo). Only information expressly permitted to be closed pursuant to the strictly construed provisions of Missouri's Sunshine Law will be treated as a closed record by the Department and withheld from any public request submitted to the Department after award. The vendor should presume information provided to the Department in a bid will be public following the award of the contract or after rejection of all bids and made available upon request in accordance with the provisions of state law. The vendor's sole remedy for the state's denial of any confidentiality request shall be limited to withdrawal of their bid in its entirety.



- c. In no event will the following be considered confidential or exempt from the Missouri Sunshine Law:
- Vendor's entire bid;
  - Vendor's pricing;
  - Vendor's proposed method of performance including schedule of events and/or deliverables;
  - Vendor's experience information including customer lists or references; and
  - Vendor's product specifications unless specifications disclose scientific and technological innovations in which the owner has a proprietary interest (see subsection 15 of section 610.021, RSMo).
- d. On-line Bid - If a registered vendor is responding electronically through the MissouriBUYS System website and attaches information with their bid that is allowed by the Missouri Sunshine Law to be exempt from public disclosure, such specific material of their bid must be attached as a separate document and must have the box "Confidential" selected when attaching the document. If the "Confidential" box is not selected when attaching the document, the document must be clearly marked as confidential along with an explanation of what qualifies the specific material to be held as confidential pursuant to the provisions of section 610.021, RSMo. The vendor's failure to follow these instructions shall relieve the Department of any obligation to preserve the confidentiality of the documents.
- e. Hard Copy Bid - If the vendor is submitting a bid via the mail or a courier service or is hand delivering the bid and submits information with their bid that is allowed by the Missouri Sunshine Law to be exempt from public disclosure, such specific material of their bid must be separated, sealed, and clearly marked as confidential along with an explanation of what qualifies the specific material to be held as confidential pursuant to the provisions of section 610.021, RSMo. The vendor's failure to follow this instruction shall relieve the Department of any obligation to preserve the confidentiality of the documents.
- f. Imaging Ready - Except for any portion of a bid qualifying as confidential as determined by the Department as specified above, after a contract is executed or all bids are rejected, all bids are scanned into the Department's imaging system.
- 1) The scanned information will be available for viewing throughout the Internet from the MissouriBUYS system website. Therefore, the vendor is advised not to include any information in the bid that the vendor does not want to be viewed by the public, including personal identifying information such as social security numbers.
  - 2) Also, in preparing a bid, the vendor should be mindful of document preparation efforts for imaging purposes and storage capacity that will be required to image the bid and should limit bid content to items that provide substance, quality of content, and clarity of information.
- 4.1.4 Submission of Information – To facilitate the evaluation process, the vendor is encouraged to submit bid information by sections that correspond with the individual evaluation categories described herein. The vendor is cautioned that it is the vendor's sole responsibility to submit necessary information. The State of Missouri is under no obligation to solicit any information if it is not included with the bid. The vendor's failure to submit information with the bid, may cause an adverse impact on the evaluation of the bid.
- 4.1.5 Contact – Any and all communication from vendors regarding specifications, requirements, competitive bid process, etc. related to the bid document must be referred to the Buyer of Record identified on the first page of this document. Such communication should be received at least ten calendar days prior to the official bid opening date.
- 4.1.6 Compliance with Terms and Conditions – The vendor is cautioned when submitting pre-printed terms and conditions or other type material to make sure such documents do not contain other terms and conditions which conflict with those of the IFB and its contractual requirements. The vendor agrees that in the event of conflict

between any of the vendor's terms and conditions and those contained in the IFB, that the IFB shall govern. Taking exception to the State's terms and conditions may render a vendor's bid non-responsive and remove it from consideration for award.

- 4.1.7 Bid Detail Requirements and Deviations - It is the vendor's responsibility to submit a bid that meets all mandatory specifications stated herein. The vendor should clearly identify any and all deviations from both the mandatory and desirable specifications stated in the IFB. Any deviation from a mandatory requirement may render the bid non-responsive. Any deviation from a desirable specification may be reviewed by the Department as to its acceptability and impact on competition.

## 4.2 Evaluation and Award Process:

- 4.2.1 After determining that a bid satisfies the mandatory requirements stated in the IFB the bids will be evaluated and contract award(s) made as specified below. The Department shall determine the responsiveness, responsibility and reliability of the vendor(s).
- 4.2.2 Determination of Responsiveness - Any bid which does not comply with the mandatory requirements of the IFB will be determined non-responsive and will not be considered for an award.
- 4.2.3 Determination of Responsibility and Reliability – The vendor is advised to submit information concerning the vendor's organization and information documenting the vendor's experience in past performances related to the requirements of this IFB. If the vendor is proposing an entity other than the vendor to perform the required services, the vendor should also submit the information requested for such proposed subcontractor.
- a. The vendor should provide information about the vendor's organization on **EXHIBIT A, Vendor Information**.
  - b. Experience - The vendor should provide information related to previous and current services/contracts of the vendor or vendor's proposed subcontractor where performance was similar to the required services of this IFB. The vendor should submit three (3) references for services completed in the past three (3) years. Only the first three (3) references will be considered. Any additional past experiences references submitted will not be evaluated.
  - c. The information should be provided on **EXHIBIT B, Current/Prior Experience**.
    - 1) As part of the evaluation process, the Department may contact the vendor's references, including references not listed or identified within the vendor's bid but who have current or previous experiences with the vendor.
    - 2) The vendor shall agree and understand that the Department is not obligated to contact the vendor's references.
    - 3) The Department reserves the right to reject any bid for reasons which may include but not necessarily be limited to: (1) receipt of any information, from any source, regarding unsatisfactory experience/performance of similar services by the vendor proposed to provide PREA audit services within the past three (3) years, and/or (2) inability of the vendor to document recent responsible and reliable past experiences/performances similar to the services required and/or (3) failure of vendor to meet general and performance requirements.
- 4.2.4 Determination of Award - In order to ensure adequate coverage throughout the state and to meet the potentially high-demand of services, the Department anticipates awarding contracts to all vendors determined to be responsive, and responsible and reliable. Each contract established shall be considered part of the Qualified Vendors List (QVL), which the Department shall use to solicit pricing through a Request for Quotation (RFQ) at the time of the need for PREA audit(s).

4.2.5 Because the Department may need multiple contractors throughout the state to effectively meet the demand for PREA audit services, the Department reserves the right to add more contractors subsequent to the initial award of contract(s). Qualifying vendors may be added as additional contractors subject to the same consideration identified herein regarding award of a contract.

4.2.6 If the vendor utilizes MissouriBUYS to submit its bid, **EXHIBITS A through F** should be uploaded and included with the online bid response.

### 4.3 Organizations for the Blind and Sheltered Workshop Preferences:

4.3.1 Pursuant to section 34.165, RSMo, and 1 CSR 40-1.050, a five to fifteen (5-15) bonus point preference shall be granted to vendors including products and/or services manufactured, produced or assembled by a qualified nonprofit organization for the blind established pursuant to 41 U.S.C. sections 46 to 48c or a sheltered workshop holding a certificate of approval from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education pursuant to section 178.920, RSMo.

a. In order to qualify for the five to fifteen (5-15) bonus points, the following conditions must be met and the following evidence must be provided:

- (1) The vendor must either be an organization for the blind or sheltered workshop or must be proposing to utilize an organization for the blind/sheltered workshop as a subcontractor and/or supplier in an amount that must equal, at a minimum, the greater of \$5,000 or 2% of the total dollar value of the contract for purchases not exceeding \$10 million.
- (2) The services performed or the products provided by the organization for the blind or sheltered workshop must provide a commercially useful function related to the delivery of the contractually required service/product in a manner that will constitute an added value to the contract and shall be performed/provided exclusive to the performance of the contract. Therefore, if the services performed or the products provided by the organization for the blind or sheltered workshop are utilized, to any extent, in the vendor's obligations outside of the contract, it shall not be considered a valid added value to the contract and shall not qualify as participation in accordance with this clause.
- (3) If the vendor is proposing participation by an organization for the blind or sheltered workshop, in order to receive evaluation consideration for participation by the organization for the blind or sheltered workshop, the vendor must provide the requested information with the bid.
- (4) A sliding scale for the award of points shall range from a minimum of five (5) points to a maximum of fifteen (15) points. The award of the minimum five (5) points shall be based on the bid containing a commitment that the participating nonprofit organization or workshop is providing the greater of two percent (2%) or five thousand dollars (\$5,000) of the total contract value of bids for purchases not exceeding ten (10) million dollars.

b. Where the commitment in the bid exceeds the minimum level set forth in section 34.165, RSMo to obtain five (5) points, the awarded points shall exceed the minimum five (5) points, up to a maximum of fifteen (15) points. As the statute sets out a minimum of five (5) points for a minimum two percent (2%) commitment, each percent of commitment is worth two and one-half (2.5) points. The formula to determine the awarded points for commitments above the two percent (2%) minimum shall be calculated based on the commitment in the bid (which in the formula will be expressed as a number [Vendor's Commitment Number below], not as a percentage) times two and one-half (2.5) points:

$$\text{Vendor's Commitment Number} \times 2.5 \text{ points} = \text{Awarded Points}$$

Examples: A commitment of three percent (3%) would be calculated as:  $3 \times 2.5 \text{ points} = 7.5$  awarded points. A commitment of five and one-half percent (5.5%) would be calculated as:  $5.5 \times 2.5 \text{ points} = 13.75$  awarded points. If, instead of a percentage, a vendor's bid lists a dollar figure that is over the minimum amount, the dollar figure shall be converted into the percentage of the vendor's total contract value for calculation of the awarded points. Commitments at or above six percent (6%) receive the maximum of fifteen (15) points.

- Participation Commitment – The vendor must complete **EXHIBIT D, Participation Commitment**, by identifying the organization for the blind or sheltered workshop, the amount of participation committed, and the commercially useful products/services to be provided by the listed organization for the blind or sheltered workshop. If the vendor submitting the bid is an

organization for the blind or sheltered workshop, the vendor must be listed in the appropriate table on the Participation Commitment Form.

- Documentation of Intent to Participate – The vendor must either provide a properly completed **EXHIBIT E, Documentation of Intent to Participate** form, or must provide a letter of intent recently signed by the proposed Organization for the Blind or Sheltered Workshop which: (1) must describe the products/services the organization for the blind/sheltered workshop will provide and (2) should include evidence of the organization for the blind/sheltered workshop qualifications (e.g. copy of certificate or Certificate Number for Missouri Sheltered Workshop).

NOTE: If the vendor submitting the bid is an organization for the blind or sheltered workshop, the vendor is not required to complete **EXHIBIT E, Documentation of Intent to Participate** form or provide a letter of intent.

- c. The following websites provide information regarding Missouri sheltered workshops:

- Listing of Missouri Sheltered Workshops:  
<http://dese.mo.gov/special-education/sheltered-workshops/directories>
- Missouri Sheltered Workshop Products/Services Locator:  
<http://moworkshops.org/services.html>

- d. The websites for the Missouri Lighthouse for the Blind and the Alphapointe Association for the Blind can be found at the following Internet addresses:

<http://www.lhbindustries.com>  
<http://www.alphapointe.org>

- e. Commitment – If the vendor’s bid is awarded, the organization for the blind or sheltered workshop participation committed to by the vendor on **EXHIBIT D, Participation Commitment**, shall be interpreted as a contractual requirement.

#### **4.4 Missouri Service-Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (SDVE) Preference:**

- 4.4.1 Pursuant to section 34.074, RSMo, and 1 CSR 40-1.050, the state agency has a goal of awarding three (3) percent of all contracts for the performance of any job or service to qualified service-disabled veteran business enterprises (SDVEs). A three (3) point bonus preference shall be granted to vendors including products and/or services manufactured, produced or assembled by a qualified SDVE.

- a. In order to qualify for the three bonus points, the following conditions must be met and the following evidence must be provided:
  - 1) The vendor must either be an SDVE or must be proposing to utilize an SDVE as a subcontractor and/or supplier that provides at least three percent (3%) of the total contract value.
  - 2) The services performed or the products provided by the SDVE must provide a commercially useful function related to the delivery of the contractually-required service/product in a manner that will constitute an added value to the contract and shall be performed/provided exclusive to the performance of the contract. Therefore, if the services performed or the products provided by the SDVE are utilized, to any extent, in the vendor’s obligations outside of the contract, it shall not be considered a valid added value to the contract and shall not qualify as participation in accordance with this clause.

- 3) In order to receive evaluation consideration for participation by an SDVE, the vendor must provide the following information with the bid:
- ✓ Participation Commitment - The vendor must complete **EXHIBIT D, Participation Commitment**, by identifying each proposed SDVE, the committed percentage of participation for each SDVE, and the commercially useful products/services to be provided by the listed SDVE. If the vendor submitting the bid is a qualified SDVE, the vendor must be listed in the appropriate table on the Participation Commitment Form.
  - Documentation of Intent to Participate – The vendor must either provide a properly completed **EXHIBIT E, Documentation of Intent to Participate** form or must provide a letter of intent recently signed by the proposed SDVE which: (1) must describe the products/services the SDVE will provide and (2) must include the SDV Documents described below as evidence that the SDVE is qualified, as defined herein.
  - Service-Disabled Veteran (SDV) Documents – If a participating organization is an SDVE, unless previously submitted within the past three (3) years to the state agency or to the Office of Administration, Division of Purchasing, the vendor must provide the following Service-Disabled Veteran (SDV) documents.
    - ✓ a copy of the SDV’s Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214), and a copy of the SDV’s disability rating letter issued by the Department of Veterans Affairs establishing a service connected disability rating, or a Department of Defense determination of service connected disability.

## NOTE:

- a) If the vendor submitting the bid is a qualified SDVE, the vendor must include the SDV Documents as evidence that the vendor qualifies as an SDVE. However, the vendor is not required to complete **EXHIBIT E, Documentation of Intent to Participate** form or provide a letter of intent.
- b) If the SDVE and SDV are listed on the following Internet address, the vendor is not required to prove the SDV Documents listed above.

<http://oa.mo.gov/sites/default/files/sdvelisting.pdf>

- b. Commitment – If awarded a contract, the SDVE participation committed to by the vendor on **EXHIBIT D, Participation Commitment**, shall be interpreted as a contractual requirement.
- c. Definition – Qualified SDVE:
  - 1) SDVE is doing business as a Missouri firm, corporation, or individual or maintaining a Missouri office or place of business, not including an office of a registered agent;
  - 2) SDVE has not less than fifty-one percent (51%) of the business owned by one (1) or more service-disabled veterans (SDVs) or, in the case of any publicly-owned business, not less than fifty-one percent (51%) of the stock of which is owned by one (1) or more SDVs;
  - 3) SDVE has the management and daily business operations controlled by one (1) or more SDVs;
  - 4) SDVE has a copy of the SDV’s Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214), and a copy of the SDV’s disability rating letter issued by the Department of Veterans Affairs establishing

a service connected disability rating, or a Department of Defense determination of service connected disability; and

- 5) SDVE possesses the power to make day-to-day as well as major decisions on matters of management, policy, and operation.

#### **4.5 Other Bid Submission Requirements:**

- 4.5.1 Affidavit of Work Authorization and Documentation - Pursuant to section 285.530, RSMo, if the vendor meets the section 285.525, RSMo, definition of a “business entity” ([Section: 285.0525 Definitions. RSMO 285.525](#)), the vendor must affirm the vendor’s enrollment and participation in the E-Verify federal work authorization program with respect to the employees hired after enrollment in the program who are proposed to work in connection with the services requested herein. The vendor should complete applicable portions of **EXHIBIT F, Business Entity Certification, Enrollment Documentation, and Affidavit of Work Authorization**. The applicable portions of the exhibit must be submitted prior to an award of a contract.
- 4.5.2 Miscellaneous Information – The vendor should complete and submit **EXHIBIT C, Miscellaneous Information**.
- 4.5.3 Business Compliance - The vendor must be in compliance with the laws regarding conducting business in the State of Missouri. The vendor certifies by signing the signature page of this original document and any amendment signature page(s) or by submitting an on-line bid that the vendor and any proposed subcontractors either are presently in compliance with such laws or shall be in compliance with such laws prior to any resulting contract award. The vendor shall provide documentation of compliance upon request by the Department. The compliance to conduct business in the state shall include, but not necessarily be limited to:
  - a. Registration of business name (if applicable) with the Secretary of State at <http://sos.mo.gov/business/startBusiness.asp>
  - b. Certificate of authority to transact business/certificate of good standing (if applicable)
  - c. Taxes (e.g., city/county/state/federal)
  - d. State and local certifications (e.g., professions/occupations/activities)
  - e. Licenses and permits (e.g., city/county license, sales permits)
  - f. Insurance (e.g., worker’s compensation/unemployment compensation)

The vendor should refer to the Missouri Business Portal at <http://business.mo.gov> for additional information.

#### **4.6 Determination for Award to Qualified Vendor List (QVL):**

- 4.6.1 Upon determination of the need for PREA Audit Services, current pricing and availability to perform the required services will be requested from all QVL contractors through a Request for Quotation (RFQ). The Department will award the purchase to the lowest priced contractor at the time, in accordance with the requirements stated herein. The awarded RFQ will run concurrent with each PREA audit year.
  - a. The Department shall determine the lowest QVL contractor, including consideration of preferences, as specified below.
    - 1) The Department shall determine the lowest priced QVL contractor by determining each QVL contractor’s total cost based upon the anticipated PREA Audit Services required and prices quoted in the RFQ by each QVL contractor. Upon determination of each QVL contractor’s total cost, cost points shall be computed from the results of the calculation stated above using a scale of 200 possible points and the following formula:

$$\frac{\text{Lowest Responsive QVL Contractor's Price}}{\text{Compared QVL Contractor's Price}} \times 200 = \text{Cost evaluation points}$$

- 2) For those QVL contractors awarded bonus preference points during the evaluation of IFB931Y20708117, such bonus preference points shall be added to the contractor's cost evaluation points. (Contractors that proposed to include products and/or services manufactured, produced or assembled by a qualified nonprofit organization for the blind established pursuant to 41 U.S.C. section 46 to 48c or a sheltered workshop holding a certificate of approval from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education pursuant to 178.920, RSMo were awarded a five to fifteen (5-15) bonus point preference during the evaluation of IFB931Y20708117. Additionally, contractors that qualify as Missouri service-disabled veteran business enterprise were awarded the three (3) bonus preference points during the evaluation of IFB931Y20708117.)
- 3) The QVL contractor with the most points after totaling the cost evaluation points and preference points will be considered the lowest priced contractor, including consideration of preferences.

4.6.2 When PREA Audit Services are required, the Department shall provide the QVL contractor with as much prior notice of the PREA Audit Services as possible. In the event that there are multiple QVL contractors, the Department shall utilize the services of the lowest priced contractor, including consideration of preferences (see determination of such contractors as specified above 4.3.1.a (2)) for the required services. In the event the lowest priced contractor, including consideration of preferences, is unable to provide the required services due to unavailability, the Department shall contact the next lowest priced contractor, including consideration of preferences. If additional QVL contracts exist, the Department shall continue to use the same criteria until the needs of the Department are met.

- a. If the contractor cannot provide services according to the Department's needs or if the contractor does not provide the type of service required by the Department, the contractor must immediately notify the Department. The contractor shall make every effort to meet the needs of the Department. The Department shall document each instance of the contractor's inability to provide the required services. If the contractor continually or consistently is unable to provide the required services, the Department may elect to cancel the contract.
- b. In the event that none of the awarded QVL contractors can provide the required services, the Department may obtain the needed services from another source.

**END OF SECTION FOUR: BID SUBMISSION, EVALUATION AND AWARD INFORMATION**

**EXHIBIT A**

**VENDOR INFORMATION**

The vendor should provide the following information about the vendor's organization:

1. Provide the number of years' experience in the area of services proposed to provide in this IFB.
2. Is the vendor currently a DOJ Certified Auditor? If so, provide the date of certification.
3. Provide the number of PREA audits conducted over the last three (3) year audit cycle and the type of facility (Community Confinement Facility, Adult Prison, Jail, Juvenile Facility or Lockup).



**EXHIBIT B**

**CURRENT/PRIOR EXPERIENCE**

The vendor should copy and complete this form for each reference being submitted as demonstration of the vendor’s and subcontractor’s current/prior experience considered relevant to the services required herein. In addition, the vendor is advised that if the contact person listed for verification of services is unable to be reached during the evaluation, the listed experience may not be considered. **The vendor should submit three (3) references for services completed in the past three (3) years.** For evaluation purposes, only the first three (3) references will be considered. Any additional past experiences references submitted will not be evaluated.

<b>Vendor Name or Subcontractor Name:</b> _____	
<b>Reference Information (Current/Prior Services Performed For:)</b>	
Name of Reference Company:	
Address of Reference Company <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Street Address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City, State, Zip	
Reference Contact Person Information: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Name <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phone # <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E-mail Address	
Dates of Services:	
Dollar Value of Services	
Description of Services Performed	

**EXHIBIT C**

**MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION**

**Web Site:** The contractor should state web site address if online invoicing is available:

\_\_\_\_\_

**Details About Payment Terms:** The vendor should state below its discount terms offered for the prompt payment of invoices.

\_\_\_\_\_ % discount off total invoice price if paid within \_\_\_\_\_ calendar days of the Department’s receipt of invoice.

**Vendor’s Acceptance of the State of Missouri Purchasing Card (Visa):** The vendor should indicate agreement/disagreement to allow the Department to make purchases using the State of Missouri Purchasing card (Visa). If the vendor agrees, the vendor shall be responsible for all service fees, merchant fees and /or handling fees. Furthermore, the vendor shall agree to provide the items/services at the prices stated herein:

Agreement \_\_\_\_\_ Disagreement \_\_\_\_\_

**Employee Bidding/Conflict of Interest:**

Vendors who are elected or appointed officials or employees of the State of Missouri or any political subdivision thereof, serving in an executive or administrative capacity, must comply with sections 105.450 to 105.458, RSMo, regarding conflict of interest. If the vendor or any owner of the vendor’s organization is currently an elected or appointed official or an employee of the State of Missouri or any political subdivision thereof, please provide the following information:	
Name and title of elected or appointed official or employee of the State of Missouri or any political subdivision thereof:	
If employee of the State of Missouri or political subdivision thereof, provide name of Department or political subdivision where employed:	
Percentage of ownership interest in vendor’s organization held by elected or appointed official or employee of the State of Missouri or political subdivision thereof:	_____ %

**Missouri Secretary of State/Authorization to Transact Business**

In accordance with section 351.572.1, RSMo, the Department is precluded from contracting with a vendor or its affiliate who is not authorized to transact business in the State of Missouri. Vendors must either be registered with the Missouri Secretary of State, or exempt per a specific exemption stated in section 351.572.1, RSMo. ( <a href="http://www.moga.mo.gov/mostatutes/stathtml/35100005721.html">http://www.moga.mo.gov/mostatutes/stathtml/35100005721.html</a> )	
If the vendor is registered with the Missouri Secretary of State, the vendor shall state legal name or charter number assigned to business entity	Legal Name: _____ Missouri State Charter # _____
If the vendor is not required to be registered with the Missouri Secretary of State, the vendor shall state the specific exemption stated per section 351.572.1, RSMo.	State specific exemption _____ (List section and paragraph number)  Stated in section 351.572.1 RSMo,  _____ (State Legal Business Name)

**EXHIBIT D**  
**PARTICIPATION COMMITMENT**

**Organization for the Blind/Sheltered Workshop and/or Service-Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (SDVE) Participation Commitment** – If the vendor is committing to participation by or if the vendor is a qualified organization for the blind/sheltered workshop and/or a qualified SDVE, the vendor must provide the required information in the appropriate table(s) below for the organization proposed and must submit the completed exhibit with the vendor’s bid.

<b>Organization for the Blind/Sheltered Workshop Commitment Table</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The services performed or the products provided by the listed Organization for the Blind/Sheltered Workshop must provide a commercially useful function related to the delivery of the contractually-required service/product in a manner that will constitute an added value to the contract and shall be performed/provided exclusive to the performance of the contract.</li> <li>The vendor must either be an organization for the blind or sheltered workshop or must be proposing to utilize an organization for the blind/sheltered workshop as a subcontractor and/or supplier in an amount that must equal, at a minimum, the greater of \$5,000 or 2% of the total dollar value of the contract for purchases not exceeding \$10 million.</li> <li>The vendor may propose more than one organization for the blind/sheltered workshop as part of the vendor’s total committed participation. However, the services performed or products provided must still meet the requirements noted herein.</li> </ul>		
<b>Name of Organization for the Blind or Sheltered Workshop Proposed</b>	<b>Committed Participation</b> (\$ amount or % of total value of contract)	<b>Description of Products/Services to be Provided by Listed Organization for the Blind/Sheltered Workshop</b> <i>The vendor should also include the paragraph number(s) from the IFB which requires the product/service the organization for the blind/sheltered workshop is proposed to perform and describe how the proposed product/service constitutes added value and will be exclusive to the contract.</i>
1.	%	Product/Service(s) proposed: ----- <b>IFB Paragraph References:</b>
2.	%	Product/Service(s) proposed: ----- <b>IFB Paragraph References:</b>
<b>Total Blind/Sheltered Workshop Percentage:</b>	<b>%</b>	

<b>SDVE Participation Commitment Table</b>		
(The services performed or the products provided by the listed SDVE must provide a commercially useful function related to the delivery of the contractually-required service/product in a manner that will constitute an added value to the contract and shall be performed/provided exclusive to the performance of the contract.)		
<b>Name of Each Qualified Service-Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (SDVE) Proposed</b>	<b>Committed Percentage of Participation for Each SDVE</b> (% of the Actual Total Contract Value)	<b>Description of Products/Services to be Provided by Listed SDVE</b> <i>The vendor should also include the paragraph number(s) from the IFB which requires the product/service the SDVE is proposed to perform and describe how the proposed product/service constitutes added value and will be exclusive to the contract.</i>
1.	%	Product/Service(s) proposed: ----- <b>IFB Paragraph References:</b>
2.	%	Product/Service(s) proposed: ----- <b>IFB Paragraph References:</b>
<b>Total SDVE Percentage:</b>	<b>%</b>	

**EXHIBIT E**

**DOCUMENTATION OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE**

If the vendor is proposing to include the participation of an Organization for the Blind/Sheltered Workshop and/or qualified Service-Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (SDVE) in the provision of the products/services required in the IFB, the vendor must either provide this Exhibit or letter of intent, recently signed by each organization documenting the following information with the vendor’s bid.

~ Copy This Form For Each Organization Proposed ~

Vendor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**This Section To Be Completed by Participating Organization:**

*By completing and signing this form, the undersigned hereby confirms the intent of the named participating organization to provide the products/services identified herein for the vendor identified above.*

Indicate appropriate business classification(s):

_____	Organization for the Blind	_____	Sheltered Workshop	_____	SDVE
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Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

(Name of Organization for the Blind or Sheltered Workshop or SDVE)

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (If SDVE, provide MO Address): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax #: \_\_\_\_\_

State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Certification # \_\_\_\_\_

SDVE’s Website Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Certification Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (or attach copy of certification)

Service-Disabled Veteran’s (SDV) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ SDV’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print)

**PRODUCTS/SERVICES PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATION AGREED TO PROVIDE**

Describe the products/services you (*as the participating organization*) have agreed to provide:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Authorized Signature:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Authorized Signature of Participating Organization  
(Organization for the Blind, Sheltered Workshop, or SDVE)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

**EXHIBIT E (continued)**

**DOCUMENTATION OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE**

**SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (SDVE)**

If a participating organization is an SDVE, unless the Service-Disabled Veteran’s (SDV) documents were previously submitted within the past three (3) years to the state agency or to the Office of Administration, Division of Purchasing, the vendor **must** provide the following SDV documents:

- ✓ a copy of the SDV’s Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214), and a copy of the SDV’s disability rating letter issued by the Department of Veterans Affairs establishing a service connected disability rating, or a Department of Defense determination of service connected disability.

(NOTE: The SDV’s Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214), and the SDV’s disability rating letter issued by the Department of Veterans Affairs establishing a service connected disability rating, or Department of Defense determination of service connected disability shall be considered confidential pursuant to subsection 14 of section 610.021, RSMo.)

The vendor should check the appropriate statement below and, if applicable, provide the requested information.

- No, I have not previously submitted the SDV documents specified above to the state agency or to the Office of Administration, Division of Purchasing and therefore have enclosed the SDV documents.
- Yes, I previously submitted the SDV documents specified above within the past three (3) years to the state agency.
- Yes, I previously submitted the SDV documents specified above within the past three (3) years to the Office of Administration, Division of Purchasing.

**Date** SDV Documents were Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Previous **Bid/Contract Number** for Which the SDV Documents were Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_  
(if known)

(NOTE: If the SDVE and SDV are listed on the Division of Purchasing’s SDVE database located at <http://oa.mo.gov/sites/default/files/sdvelisting.pdf> , then the SDV documents have been submitted to the Division of Purchasing within the past three [3] years. However, if it has been determined that an SDVE at any time no longer meets the requirements stated above, the Division of Purchasing will remove the SDVE and associated SDV from the database.)

<b>FOR STATE USE ONLY</b>	
SDV’s Documents - Verification Completed By:	
_____ Procurement Officer	_____ Date

**EXHIBIT F**

**BUSINESS ENTITY CERTIFICATION, ENROLLMENT DOCUMENTATION,  
AND AFFIDAVIT OF WORK AUTHORIZATION**

**BUSINESS ENTITY CERTIFICATION:**

**The vendor must certify their current business status by completing either Box A or Box B or Box C on this Exhibit.**

- BOX A:** To be completed by a non-business entity as defined below.
- BOX B:** To be completed by a business entity who has not yet completed and submitted documentation pertaining to the federal work authorization program as described at [http://www.dhs.gov/files/programs/gc\\_1185221678150.shtm](http://www.dhs.gov/files/programs/gc_1185221678150.shtm).
- BOX C:** To be completed by a business entity who has current work authorization documentation on file with a Missouri Department including Department.

**Business entity**, as defined in section 285.525, RSMo, pertaining to section 285.530, RSMo, is any person or group of persons performing or engaging in any activity, enterprise, profession, or occupation for gain, benefit, advantage, or livelihood. The term “**business entity**” shall include but not be limited to self-employed individuals, partnerships, corporations, contractors, and subcontractors. The term “**business entity**” shall include any business entity that possesses a business permit, license, or tax certificate issued by the state, any business entity that is exempt by law from obtaining such a business permit, and any business entity that is operating unlawfully without such a business permit. The term “**business entity**” shall not include a self-employed individual with no employees or entities utilizing the services of direct sellers as defined in subdivision (17) of subsection 12 of section 288.034, RSMo.

Note: Regarding governmental entities, business entity includes Missouri schools, Missouri universities (other than stated in Box C), out of state agencies, out of state schools, out of state universities, and political subdivisions. A business entity does not include Missouri state agencies and federal government entities.

**BOX A – CURRENTLY NOT A BUSINESS ENTITY**

I certify that \_\_\_\_\_ (Company/Individual Name) **DOES NOT CURRENTLY MEET** the definition of a business entity, as defined in section 285.525, RSMo pertaining to section 285.530, RSMo as stated above, because: (check the applicable business status that applies below)

- I am a self-employed individual with no employees; **OR**
- The company that I represent employs the services of direct sellers as defined in subdivision (17) of subsection 12 of section 288.034, RSMo.

I certify that I am not an alien unlawfully present in the United States and if \_\_\_\_\_ (Company/Individual Name) is awarded a contract for the services requested herein under \_\_\_\_\_ (IFB Number) and if the business status changes during the life of the contract to become a business entity as defined in section 285.525, RSMo pertaining to section 285.530, RSMo then, prior to the performance of any services as a business entity, \_\_\_\_\_ (Company/Individual Name) agrees to complete Box B, comply with the requirements stated in Box B and provide the Department with all documentation required in Box B of this exhibit.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Representative’s Name (Please Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Authorized Representative’s Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company Name (if applicable)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**EXHIBIT F, continued**

***(Complete the following if you DO NOT have the E-Verify documentation and a current Affidavit of Work Authorization already on file with the State of Missouri. If completing Box B, do not complete Box C.)***

**BOX B – CURRENT BUSINESS ENTITY STATUS**

I certify that \_\_\_\_\_ (Business Entity Name) **MEETS** the definition of a business entity as defined in section 285.525, RSMo pertaining to section 285.530.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Business Entity Representative’s  
Name (Please Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Authorized Business Entity  
Representative’s Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Business Entity Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail Address

As a business entity, the vendor must perform/provide each of the following. The vendor should check each to verify completion/submission of all of the following:

- Enroll and participate in the E-Verify federal work authorization program (Website: [http://www.dhs.gov/files/programs/gc\\_1185221678150.shtm](http://www.dhs.gov/files/programs/gc_1185221678150.shtm); Phone: 888-464-4218; Email: [e-verify@dhs.gov](mailto:e-verify@dhs.gov)) with respect to the employees hired after enrollment in the program who are proposed to work in connection with the services required herein;  
AND
- Provide documentation affirming said company’s/individual’s enrollment and participation in the E-Verify federal work authorization program. Documentation shall include EITHER the E-Verify Employment Eligibility Verification page listing the vendor’s name and company ID OR a page from the E-Verify Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) listing the vendor’s name and the MOU signature page completed and signed, at minimum, by the vendor and the Department of Homeland Security – Verification Division. If the signature page of the MOU lists the vendor’s name and company ID, then no additional pages of the MOU must be submitted;  
AND
- Submit a completed, notarized Affidavit of Work Authorization provided on the next page of this Exhibit.

**EXHIBIT F, continued**

**AFFIDAVIT OF WORK AUTHORIZATION:**

The vendor who meets the section 285.525, RSMo, definition of a business entity must complete and return the following Affidavit of Work Authorization.

Comes now \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Business Entity Authorized Representative) as \_\_\_\_\_ (Position/Title) first being duly sworn on my oath, affirm \_\_\_\_\_ (Business Entity Name) is enrolled and will continue to participate in the E-Verify federal work authorization program with respect to employees hired after enrollment in the program who are proposed to work in connection with the services related to contract(s) with the State of Missouri for the duration of the contract(s), if awarded in accordance with subsection 2 of section 285.530, RSMo. I also affirm that \_\_\_\_\_ (Business Entity Name) does not and will not knowingly employ a person who is an unauthorized alien in connection with the contracted services provided under the contract(s) for the duration of the contract(s), if awarded.

*In Affirmation thereof, the facts stated above are true and correct. (The undersigned understands that false statements made in this filing are subject to the penalties provided under section 575.040, RSMo.)*

_____	_____
<i>Authorized Representative's Signature</i>	Printed Name
_____	_____
Title	Date
_____	_____
E-Mail Address	E-Verify Company ID Number

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_. I am  
(DAY) (MONTH, YEAR)  
commissioned as a notary public within the County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of  
(NAME OF COUNTY)  
\_\_\_\_\_, and my commission expires on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(NAME OF STATE) (DATE)

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Notary* Date



**EXHIBIT F, continued**

***(Complete the following if you have the E-Verify documentation and a current Affidavit of Work Authorization already on file with the State of Missouri. If completing Box C, do not complete Box B.)***

**BOX C – AFFIDAVIT ON FILE - CURRENT BUSINESS ENTITY STATUS**

I certify that \_\_\_\_\_ (Business Entity Name) **MEETS** the definition of a business entity as defined in section 285.525, RSMo pertaining to section 285.530, RSMo and have enrolled and currently participates in the E-Verify federal work authorization program with respect to the employees hired after enrollment in the program who are proposed to work in connection with the services related to contract(s) with the State of Missouri. We have previously provided documentation to a Missouri Department or public university that affirms enrollment and participation in the E-Verify federal work authorization program. The documentation that was previously provided included the following.

- ✓ The E-Verify Employment Eligibility Verification page OR a page from the E-Verify Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) listing the vendor’s name and the MOU signature page completed and signed by the vendor and the Department of Homeland Security – Verification Division
- ✓ A current, notarized Affidavit of Work Authorization (must be completed, signed, and notarized within the past twelve months).

Name of **Missouri Department** or **Public University\*** to Which Previous E-Verify Documentation Submitted:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (\*Public University includes the following five schools under chapter 34, RSMo: Harris-Stowe State University – St. Louis; Missouri Southern State University – Joplin; Missouri Western State University – St. Joseph; Northwest Missouri State University – Maryville; Southeast Missouri State University – Cape Girardeau.)

**Date** of Previous E-Verify Documentation Submission: \_\_\_\_\_

Previous **Bid/Contract Number** for Which Previous E-Verify Documentation Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_ (if known)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Authorized Business Entity Representative’s Name (Please Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Authorized Business Entity Representative’s Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Business Entity Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
 E-Mail Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
 E-Verify MOU Company ID Number

**FOR STATE OF MISSOURI USE ONLY**

Documentation Verification Completed By:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Buyer

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS -- INVITATION FOR BID**

**1. TERMINOLOGY/DEFINITIONS**

Whenever the following words and expressions appear in an Invitation for Bid (IFB) document or any addendum thereto, the definition or meaning described below shall apply.

- a. **1 CSR 40-1 (Code of State Regulations)** refers to the rule that provides the public with a description of the Division of Purchasing and Materials Management within the Office of Administration. This rule fulfills the statutory requirement of section 536.023(3), RSMo.
- b. **Agency and/or Department** means the Missouri Department of Corrections.
- c. **Addendum** means a written official modification to an IFB.
- d. **Amendment** means a written, official modification to a contract.
- e. **Attachment** applies to all forms which are included with an IFB to incorporate any informational data or requirements related to the performance requirements and/or specifications.
- f. **Bid Opening Date and Time** and similar expressions mean the exact deadline required by the IFB for the receipt of sealed bids.
- g. **Buyer or Buyer of Record** means the procurement staff member of the Department. The **Contact Person** as referenced herein is usually the Buyer of Record.
- h. **Contract** means a legal and binding agreement between two or more competent parties for consideration for the procurement of equipment, supplies, and/or services.
- i. **Contractor** means a person or organization who is a successful vendor as a result of an IFB and who enters into a contract.
- j. **Exhibit** applies to forms which are included with an IFB for the vendor to complete and submit with the sealed bid prior to the specified opening date and time.
- k. **Invitation for Bid (IFB)** means the solicitation document issued by the Department to potential vendors for the purchase of equipment, supplies, and/or services as described in the document. The definition includes these Terms and Conditions as well as all Exhibits, Attachments, and Addendums thereto.
- l. **May** means that a certain feature, component, or action is permissible, but not required.
- m. **Must** means that a certain feature, component, or action is a mandatory condition. Failure to provide or comply will result in a bid being considered non-responsive.
- n. **Pricing Page(s)** applies to the Exhibit on which the vendor must state the price(s) applicable for the equipment, supplies, and/or services required in the IFB. The pricing pages must be completed and submitted by the vendor with the sealed bid prior to the specified bid opening date and time.
- o. **RSMo (Revised Statutes of Missouri)** refers to the body of laws enacted by the Legislature which govern the operations of all agencies of the State of Missouri. Chapter 34 of the statutes is the primary chapter governing the procurement operations of the Department.
- p. **Shall** has the same meaning as the word **must**.
- q. **Should** means that a certain feature, component, and/or action is desirable but not mandatory.
- r. **Vendor** means the person or organization that responds to an IFB by submitting a bid with prices to provide the equipment, supplies, and/or services as required in the IFB document.

**2. APPLICABLE LAWS AND REGULATIONS**

- a. The contract shall be construed according to the laws of the State of Missouri. The contractor shall comply with all local, state, and federal laws and regulations related to the performance of the contract to the extent that the same may be applicable.
- b. To the extent that a provision of the contract is contrary to the Constitution or laws of the State of Missouri or of the United States, the provisions shall be void and unenforceable. However, the balance of the contract shall remain in force between the parties unless terminated by consent of both the contractor and the Department.
- c. The contractor must be registered and maintain good standing with the Secretary of State of the State of Missouri and other regulatory agencies, as may be required by law or regulations.

- d. The contractor must timely file and pay all Missouri sales, withholding, corporate and any other required Missouri tax returns and taxes, including interest and additions to tax.
- e. The exclusive venue for any legal proceeding relating to or arising out of the IFB or resulting contract shall be in the Circuit Court of Cole County, Missouri.
- f. The contractor shall only utilize personnel authorized to work in the United States in accordance with applicable federal and state laws and Executive Order 07-13 for work performed in the United States.

### 3. CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION

- a. All contractual administration will be carried out by the Buyer of Record or authorized Department Purchasing Section designee. Communications pertaining to contract administration matters will be addressed to: Department of Corrections, Purchasing Section, PO Box 236, Jefferson City, MO 65102.
- b. The Buyer of Record/authorized designee is the only person authorized to approve changes to any of the requirements of the contract.

### 4. OPEN COMPETITION/INVITATION FOR BID DOCUMENT

- a. It shall be the vendor's responsibility to ask questions, request changes or clarification, or otherwise advise the Department if any language, specifications or requirements of an IFB appear to be ambiguous, contradictory, and/or arbitrary, or appear to inadvertently restrict or limit the requirements or evaluation process stated in the IFB to a single source. Any and all communication from vendors regarding specifications, requirements, competitive bid process, etc., must be directed to the Buyer of Record of the Department, unless the IFB specifically refers the vendor to another contact. Such communication should be received at least ten (10) calendar days prior to the official bid opening date.
- b. Every attempt shall be made to ensure that the vendor receives an adequate and prompt response. However, in order to maintain a fair and equitable bid process, all vendors will be advised, via the issuance of an addendum to the IFB, of any relevant or pertinent information related to the procurement. Therefore, vendors are advised that unless specified elsewhere in the IFB, any questions received less than ten (10) calendar days prior to the IFB opening date may not be answered.
- c. Vendors are cautioned that the only official position of the State of Missouri is that which is issued by the Department in the IFB or an addendum thereto. No other means of communication, whether oral or written, shall be construed as a formal or official response or statement.
- d. The Department monitors all procurement activities to detect any possibility of deliberate restraint of competition, collusion among vendors, price-fixing by vendors, or any other anticompetitive conduct by vendors which appears to violate state and federal antitrust laws. Any suspected violation shall be referred to the Missouri Attorney General's Office for appropriate action.
- e. Some IFBs may be available for viewing and downloading on the Department's website or on the MissouriBUYS Statewide eProcurement System. For IFB's posted on MissouriBUYS, registered vendors are electronically notified of those bid opportunities that match the commodity codes for which the vendor registered in MissouriBUYS. If a registered vendor's e-mail address is incorrect, the vendor must update the e-mail address themselves on the state's MissouriBUYS Statewide eProcurement System at <https://missouribuys.mo.gov/>
- f. The Department reserves the right to officially amend or cancel an IFB after issuance. It shall be the sole responsibility of the vendor to monitor the Department's website and the MissouriBUYS Statewide eProcurement System to obtain a copy of the addendum(s). Registered vendors who received e-mail notification of the bid opportunity when the IFB was established and registered vendors who have responded to the IFB on-line prior to an addendum being issued should receive e-mail notification of the addendum(s). Registered vendors who received e-mail notification of the bid opportunity when the IFB was established and registered vendors who have responded to the bid on-line prior to a cancellation being issued should receive e-mail notification of a cancellation issued prior to the exact end date and time specified in the IFB.

### 5. PREPARATION OF BIDS

- a. Vendors **must** examine the entire IFB carefully. Failure to do so shall be at the vendor's risk.
- b. Unless otherwise specifically stated in the IFB, all specifications and requirements constitute minimum requirements. All bids must meet or exceed the stated specifications and requirements.

- c. Unless otherwise specifically stated in the IFB, any manufacturer names, trade names, brand names, information and/or catalog numbers listed in a specification and/or requirement are for informational purposes only and are not intended to limit competition. The vendor may offer any brand which meets or exceeds the specification for any item, but must state the manufacturer's name and model number for any such brands in the bid. In addition, the vendor shall explain, in detail, (1) the reasons why the proposed equivalent meets or exceeds the specifications and/or requirements and (2) why the proposed equivalent should not be considered an exception thereto. Bids which do not comply with the requirements and specifications are subject to rejection without clarification.
- d. Bids lacking any indication of intent to bid an alternate brand or to take an exception shall be received and considered in complete compliance with the specifications and requirements as listed in the IFB.
- e. In the event that the vendor is an agency of state government or other such political subdivision which is prohibited by law or court decision from complying with certain provisions of an IFB, such a vendor may submit a bid which contains a list of statutory limitations and identification of those prohibitive clauses. The vendor should include a complete list of statutory references and citations for each provision of the IFB which is affected by this paragraph. The statutory limitations and prohibitive clauses may be requested to be clarified in writing by the Department or be accepted without further clarification if statutory limitations and prohibitive clauses are deemed acceptable by the Department. If the Department determines clarification of the statutory limitations and prohibitive clauses is necessary, the clarification will be conducted in order to agree to language that reflects the intent and compliance of such law and/or court order and the IFB.
- f. All equipment and supplies offered in a bid must be new, of current production, and available for marketing by the manufacturer unless the IFB clearly specifies that used, reconditioned, or remanufactured equipment and supplies may be offered.
- g. Prices shall include all packing, handling and shipping charges, and shall be delivered to the Department's designated destination FOB destination, freight prepaid and allowed unless otherwise specified in the IFB.
- h. Bids, including all pricing therein, shall remain valid for 90 days from the bid opening unless otherwise indicated. If the bid is accepted, the entire bid, including all prices, shall be firm for the specified contract period.
- i. Any foreign vendor not having an Employer Identification Number assigned by the United States Internal Revenue Service (IRS) must submit a completed IRS Form W-8 prior to or with the submission of their bid in order to be considered for award.

## 6. SUBMISSION OF BIDS

- a. Delivered bids must be sealed in an envelope or container, and received in the Department's Purchasing office located at the address indicated on the cover page of the IFB no later than the exact opening time and date specified in the IFB. For bids posted on the MissouriBUYS Statewide eProcurement System, registered vendors may submit bids electronically through the MissouriBUYS Statewide eProcurement System at <https://missouribuys.mo.gov/>. All bids must be submitted by a duly authorized representative of the vendor's organization, contain all information required by the IFB, and be priced as required. Vendors are cautioned that bids submitted via the USPS, including first class mail, certified mail, Priority Mail and Priority Mail Express, are routed through the Office of Administration Central Mail Services and the tracking delivery time and date may not be the time and date received by the Department's Purchasing office. Regardless of delivery method, it shall be the responsibility of the vendor to ensure their bid is in the Department's Purchasing office no later than the exact opening time and date specified in the IFB.
- b. The sealed envelope or container containing a bid should be clearly marked on the outside with the official IFB number **and** the official opening date and time. Different bids should not be placed in the same envelope; however, copies of the same bid may be placed in the same envelope.
- c. A bid which has been delivered to the Department may be modified by a signed, written notice which has been received by the Department's Purchasing office prior to the official opening date and time specified. A bid may also be modified in person by the vendor or its authorized representative, provided proper identification is presented before the official opening date and time. Telephone or telegraphic requests to modify a bid shall not be honored.
- d. A bid submitted electronically by a registered vendor may be retracted on-line prior to the official end date and time. A bid which has been delivered to the Department's Purchasing office may only be withdrawn by a signed, written document on company letterhead transmitted via mail, e-mail, or facsimile which has been received by the Department's Purchasing office prior to the official opening date and time specified. A bid may also be withdrawn in person by the vendor or its authorized representative provided proper identification is presented before the official opening date and time. Telephone or telegraphic requests to withdraw a bid shall not be honored.

- e. A bid may also be withdrawn after the bid opening through submission of a written request by an authorized representative of the vendor. Justification of a withdrawal decision may include a significant error or exposure of bid information that may cause irreparable harm to the vendor.
- f. When submitting a bid electronically, the registered vendor indicates acceptance of all IFB requirements, terms and conditions by clicking on the "Accept" button on the Overview tab. Vendors submitting a hard copy must sign and return the IFB cover page or, if applicable, the cover page of the last addendum thereto in order to constitute acceptance by the vendor of all the IFB terms and conditions. Failure to do so may result in the rejection of the bid unless the vendor's full compliance with those documents is indicated elsewhere within the vendor's response.
- g. Faxed and e-mailed bids shall not be accepted; however, faxed and e-mail no-bid notifications shall be accepted.

## **7. BID OPENING**

- a. Bid openings are public on the opening date and time specified in the IFB document. Names, locations, and prices of respondents shall be read at the bid opening. All vendors may view the same bid response information on the MissouriBUYS Statewide eProcurement System. The Department will not provide prices or other bid information via the telephone.
- b. Bids which are not received in the Department's Purchasing office prior to the official opening date and time shall be considered late, regardless of the degree of lateness, and normally will not be opened. Late bids may only be opened under extraordinary circumstances in accordance with 1 CSR 40-1.050.

## **8. PREFERENCES**

- a. In the evaluation of bids, preferences shall be applied in accordance with Chapter 34 RSMo. Contractors should apply the same preferences in selecting subcontractors.
- b. By virtue of statutory authority, a preference will be given to materials, products, supplies, provisions and all other articles produced, manufactured, made or grown within the State of Missouri and to all firms, corporations or individuals doing business as Missouri firms, corporations or individuals. Such preference shall be given when quality is equal or better and delivered price is the same or less.

## **9. EVALUATION/AWARD**

- a. Any clerical error, apparent on its face, may be corrected by the Buyer of Record before contract award. Upon discovering an apparent clerical error, the Buyer of Record shall contact the vendor and request clarification of the intended bid. The correction shall be incorporated in the notice of award. Examples of apparent clerical errors are: 1) misplacement of a decimal point; and 2) obvious mistake in designation of unit.
- b. Any pricing information submitted by a vendor shall be subject to evaluation if deemed by the Department to be in the best interest of the State of Missouri.
- c. The vendor is encouraged to propose price discounts for prompt payment or propose other price discounts that would benefit the Department. However, unless otherwise specified in the IFB, pricing shall be evaluated at the maximum potential financial liability to the Department.
- d. Awards shall be made to the vendor(s) whose bid (1) complies with all mandatory specifications and requirements of the IFB and (2) is the lowest and best bid, considering price, responsibility of the vendor, and all other evaluation criteria specified in the IFB and (3) complies with sections 34.010 and 34.070 RSMo and Executive Order 04-09.
- e. In the event all vendors fail to meet the same mandatory requirement in an IFB, the Department reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to waive that requirement for all vendors and to proceed with the evaluation. In addition, the Department reserves the right to waive any minor irregularity or technicality found in any individual bid.
- f. The Department reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
- g. When evaluating a bid, the Department reserves the right to consider relevant information and fact, whether gained from a bid, from a vendor, from a vendor's references, or from any other source.
- h. Any information submitted with the bid, regardless of the format or placement of such information, may be considered in making decisions related to the responsiveness and merit of a bid and the award of a contract.
- i. Any award of a contract shall be made by notification from the Department to the successful vendor. The Department reserves the right to make awards by item, group of items, or an all or none basis. The grouping of items awarded shall be determined by the Department based upon factors such as item similarity, location, administrative efficiency, or other considerations in the best interest of the State of Missouri.

- j. All bids and associated documentation submitted on or before the official opening date and time will be considered open records pursuant to section 610.021 RSMo.
- k. The Department maintains records of all bid file material for review. Vendors who include an e-mail address with their bid will be notified of the award results via e-mail if requested.
- l. The Department reserves the right to request clarification of any portion of the vendor's response in order to verify the intent of the vendor. The vendor is cautioned, however, that its response may be subject to acceptance or rejection without further clarification.
- m. Any bid award protest must be received within ten (10) business days after the date of award in accordance with the requirements of 1 CSR 40-1.050 (9).
- n. The final determination of contract award(s) shall be made by the Department.

## **10. CONTRACT/PURCHASE ORDER**

- a. By submitting a bid, the vendor agrees to furnish any and all equipment, supplies and/or services specified in the IFB, at the prices quoted, pursuant to all requirements and specifications contained therein.
- b. A binding contract shall consist of: (1) the IFB and any addendums thereto, (2) the contractor's response (bid) to the IFB, (3) clarification of the bid, if any, and (4) the Department's acceptance of the response (bid) by "notice of award" or by "purchase order." All Exhibits and Attachments included in the IFB shall be incorporated into the contract by reference.
- c. A Notice of Award issued by the Department does not constitute an authorization for shipment of equipment or supplies or a directive to proceed with services. Before providing equipment, supplies and/or services for the Department, the contractor must receive a properly authorized purchase order or other form of authorization given to the contractor at the discretion of the Department.
- d. The contract expresses the complete agreement of the parties and performance shall be governed solely by the specifications and requirements contained therein. Any change to the contract, whether by modification and/or supplementation, must be accomplished by a formal contract amendment signed and approved by and between the duly authorized representative of the contractor and the Department prior to the effective date of such modification. The contractor expressly and explicitly understands and agrees that no other method and/or no other document, including correspondence, acts, and oral communications by or from any person, shall be used or construed as an amendment or modification to the contract.

## **11. INVOICING AND PAYMENT**

- a. The State of Missouri does not pay state or federal taxes unless otherwise required under law or regulation.
- b. For each purchase order received, an invoice must be submitted that references the purchase order number and must be itemized in accordance with items listed on the purchase order. Failure to comply with this requirement may delay processing of invoices for payment.
- c. Payment for all equipment, supplies, and/or services required herein shall be made in arrears unless otherwise indicated in the IFB.
- d. The Department assumes no obligation for equipment, supplies, and/or services shipped or provided in excess of the quantity ordered. Any unauthorized quantity is subject to the Department's rejection and shall be returned to the contractor at the contractor's expense.
- e. All invoices for equipment, supplies, and/or services purchased by the Department shall be subject to late payment charges as provided in section 34.055 RSMo.
- f. The Department reserves the right to purchase goods and services using the state purchasing card.

## **12. DELIVERY**

- a. Time is of the essence. Deliveries of equipment, supplies, and/or services must be made no later than the time stated in the contract or within a reasonable period of time if a specific time is not stated.
- b. A Missouri Uniformed Law Enforcement System (MULES) background check may be required on the contractor's delivery driver prior to allowing a delivery vehicle entrance to certain institutions. A valid Missouri driver's license is required from the driver to perform the MULES background check. If the driver does not have a valid Missouri driver's license, their social security number and date of birth are required. If a driver or carrier refuses to provide the appropriate information to conduct a MULES background check, or if information received from the background check prohibits the driver or carrier from entering the institution, the delivery will be refused. Additional delivery

costs associated with re-deliveries or contracting with another carrier for delivery shall be the responsibility of the contractor.

- c. Unless a pallet exchange is requested at the time of delivery, all pallets used in the delivery of equipment and supplies shall become property of the Department.

### **13. INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE**

- a. No equipment, supplies, and/or services received by the Department pursuant to a contract shall be deemed accepted until the Department has had reasonable opportunity to inspect said equipment, supplies, and/or services.
- b. All equipment, supplies, and/or services which do not comply with the specifications and/or requirements, or which are otherwise unacceptable or defective, may be rejected. In addition, all equipment, supplies, and/or services which are discovered to be defective, or which do not conform to any warranty of the contractor upon inspection (or at any later time if the defects contained were not reasonably ascertainable upon the initial inspection), may be rejected.
- c. The Department reserves the right to return any such rejected shipment at the contractor's expense for full credit or replacement and to specify a reasonable date by which replacements must be received.
- d. The Department's right to reject any unacceptable equipment, supplies, and/or services shall not exclude any other legal, equitable or contractual remedies the state may have.

### **14. WARRANTY**

- a. The contractor expressly warrants that all equipment, supplies, and/or services provided shall: (1) conform to each and every specification, drawing, sample or other description which was furnished to or adopted by the Department, (2) be fit and sufficient for the purpose expressed in the IFB, (3) be merchantable, (4) be of good materials and workmanship, and (5) be free from defect.
- b. Such warranty shall survive delivery and shall not be deemed waived either by reason of the Department's acceptance of or payment for said equipment, supplies, and/or services.

### **15. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

- a. Elected or appointed officials or employees of the State of Missouri or any political subdivision thereof, serving in an executive or administrative capacity, must comply with sections 105.452 and 105.454 RSMo regarding conflict of interest.
- b. The contractor hereby covenants that at the time of the submission of the bid the contractor has no other contractual relationships which would create any actual or perceived conflict of interest. The contractor further agrees that during the term of the contract neither the contractor nor any of its employees shall acquire any other contractual relationships which create such a conflict.

### **16. CONTRACTOR STATUS**

- a. The contractor represents itself to be an independent contractor offering such services to the general public and shall not represent itself to be an employee of the State of Missouri. Therefore, the contractor shall assume all legal and financial responsibility for taxes, FICA, employee fringe benefits, workers compensation, employee insurance, minimum wage requirements, overtime, etc., and agrees to indemnify, save, and hold the State of Missouri, its officers, agents, and employees, harmless from and against, any and all loss, costs (including attorney fees), and damage of any kind related to such matters.

### **17. REMEDIES AND RIGHTS**

- a. No provision in the contract shall be construed, expressly or implied, as a waiver by the Department of any existing or future right and/or remedy available by law in the event of any claim by the Department of the contractor's default or breach of contract.
- b. The contractor agrees and understands that the contract shall constitute an assignment by the contractor to the Department of all rights, title and interest in and to all causes of action that the contractor may have under the antitrust laws of the United States or the Department for which causes of action have accrued or will accrue as the result of or in relation to the particular equipment, supplies, and/or services purchased or procured by the contractor in the fulfillment of the contract with the Department.

**18. SEVERABILITY**

- a. If any provision of this contract or the application thereof is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this contract which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this contract are declared to be severable.

**19. CANCELLATION OF CONTRACT**

- a. In the event of material breach of the contractual obligations by the contractor, the Department may cancel the contract. At its sole discretion, the Department may give the contractor an opportunity to cure the breach or to explain how the breach will be cured. The actual cure must be completed within no more than ten (10) working days from notification, or at a minimum, the contractor must provide the Department within ten (10) working days from notification a written plan detailing how the contractor intends to cure the breach.
- b. If the contractor fails to cure the breach, or if circumstances demand immediate action, the Department will issue a notice of cancellation terminating the contract immediately. If it is determined the Department improperly cancelled the contract, such cancellation shall serve as notice of termination for convenience in accordance with the contract.
- c. If the Department cancels the contract for breach, the Department reserves the right to obtain the equipment, supplies, and/or services to be provided pursuant to the contract from other sources and upon such terms and in such manner as the Department deems appropriate and charge the contractor for any additional costs incurred thereby.
- d. The contractor understands and agrees that if the funds required to fund the contract are appropriated by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, the contract shall not be binding upon the Department for any contract period in which funds have not been appropriated, and the Department shall not be liable for any costs associated with termination caused by lack of appropriations.
- e. If the Department has reasonable cause to believe that the contractor has knowingly employed individuals who are not eligible to work in the United States in violation of federal law, the Department shall declare a breach and cancel the contract immediately without incurring any penalty.

**20. TERMINATION OF CONTRACT**

- a. The Department reserves the right to terminate the contract at any time for the convenience of the Department, without penalty or recourse, by giving notice to the contractor at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to the effective date of such termination. The contractor shall be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for services and/or supplies or equipment delivered to and accepted by the Department pursuant to the contract prior to the effective date of termination.

**21. ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACT**

- a. The contractor shall neither assign nor transfer any of the rights, interests, or obligations of the contract without the prior written consent of the Department.

**22. COMMUNICATIONS AND NOTICES**

- a. Any notice to the contractor shall be deemed sufficient when e-mailed to the contractor at the e-mail address indicated in the contract, or transmitted by facsimile to the facsimile number indicated in the contract, or deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid, and addressed to the contractor at the address indicated in the contract, or hand-carried and presented to an authorized employee of the contractor.
- b. If the contractor desires to receive written notices at a different e-mail address, facsimile number, or USPS address than what is indicated in the contract, the contractor must submit this request in writing upon notice of award.

**23. FORCE MAJEURE**

- a. The contractor shall not be liable for any excess costs for delayed delivery of goods or services to the Department if the failure to perform the contract arises out of causes beyond the control of, and without the fault or negligence of, the contractor. Such causes may include, however are not restricted to: acts of God, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, and freight embargoes. In all cases, the failure to perform must be beyond the control



of, and without the fault or negligence of, either the contractor or any subcontractor(s). The contractor shall take all possible steps to recover from any such occurrences.

#### **24. CONTRACT EXTENSION**

- a. In the event of an extended re-procurement effort and the contract's available renewal options have been exhausted, the Department reserves the right to extend the contract. If exercised, the extension shall be for a period of time as mutually agreed to by the Department and the contractor at the same terms, conditions, provisions, and pricing in order to complete the procurement process and transition to a new contract.

#### **25. INSURANCE**

- a. The State of Missouri cannot save and hold harmless and/or indemnify the contractor or its employees against any liability incurred or arising as a result of any activity of the contractor or the contractor's employees related to the contractor's performance under the contract. Therefore, the contractor must acquire and maintain adequate liability insurance in the form(s) and amount(s) sufficient to protect the State of Missouri, its agencies, its employees, its clients, and the general public against any such loss, damage, and/or expense related to his/her performance under the contract.

#### **26. BANKRUPTCY OR INSOLVENCY**

- a. Upon filing for any bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding by or against the contractor, whether voluntary or involuntary, or upon the appointment of a receiver, trustee, or assignee for the benefit of creditors, the contractor must notify the Department immediately.
- b. Upon learning of any such actions, the Department reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to either cancel the contract or affirm the contract and hold the contractor responsible for damages.

#### **27. INVENTIONS, PATENTS AND COPYRIGHTS**

- a. The contractor shall defend, protect, and hold harmless the Department, its officers, agents, and employees against all suits of law or in equity resulting from patent and copyright infringement concerning the contractor's performance or products produced under the terms of the contract.

#### **28. CONTRACTOR PROPERTY**

- a. Upon expiration, termination or cancellation of a contract, any contractor property left in the possession of the Department after forty-five (45) calendar days shall become property of the Department.

#### **29. NON-DISCRIMINATION AND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION**

- a. In connection with the furnishing of equipment, supplies, and/or services under the contract, the contractor and all subcontractors shall agree not to discriminate against recipients of services or employees or applicants for employment on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability, or veteran status unless otherwise provided by law. If the contractor or subcontractor employs at least 50 persons, they shall have and maintain an affirmative action program which shall include:
  1. A written policy statement committing the organization to affirmative action and assigning management responsibilities and procedures for evaluation and dissemination;
  2. The identification of a person designated to handle affirmative action;
  3. The establishment of non-discriminatory selection standards, objective measures to analyze recruitment, an upward mobility system, a wage and salary structure, and standards applicable to layoff, recall, discharge, demotion, and discipline;
  4. The exclusion of discrimination from all collective bargaining agreements; and
  5. Performance of an internal audit of the reporting system to monitor execution and to provide for future planning.
- b. If discrimination by a contractor is found to exist, the Department shall take appropriate enforcement action which may include, but not necessarily be limited to, cancellation of the contract, suspension, or debarment by the

Department until corrective action by the contractor is made and ensured, and referral to the Attorney General's Office, whichever enforcement action may be deemed most appropriate.

### **30. AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT**

- a. In connection with the furnishing of equipment, supplies, and/or services under the contract, the contractor and all subcontractors shall comply with all applicable requirements and provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

### **31. FILING AND PAYMENT OF TAXES**

- a. The commissioner of administration and other agencies to which the state purchasing law applies shall not contract for goods or services with a vendor if the vendor or an affiliate of the vendor makes sales at retail of tangible personal property or for the purpose of storage, use, or consumption in this state but fails to collect and properly pay the tax as provided in chapter 144, RSMo. For the purposes of this section, "affiliate of the vendor" shall mean any person or entity that is controlled by or is under common control with the vendor, whether through stock ownership or otherwise. Therefore a vendor's failure to maintain compliance with chapter 144, RSMo may eliminate their bid from consideration for award.

### **32. TITLES**

- a. Titles of paragraphs used herein are for the purpose of facilitating reference only and shall not be construed to infer a contractual construction of language.

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