

State of Nebraska - INVITATION TO BID

ONE TIME PURCHASE

Return to:
 State Purchasing Bureau
 1526 K Street, Suite 130
 Lincoln, Nebraska 68508
 OR
 P.O. Box 94847
 Lincoln, NE 68509-4847
 Telephone: 402-471-6500
 Fax: 402-471-2089

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Opening Date and Time	02/09/15	2:00 PM	
Buyer	ANNETTE WALTON (AS)		

DESTINATION OF GOODS
MULTIPLE DELIVERY LOCATIONS
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FOR DELIVERY ADDRESSES.

Per Nebraska's Transparency in Government Procurement Act, DAS is required to collect statistical information regarding the number of contracts awarded to Nebraska contractors. This information is for statistical purposes only and will not be considered for contract award purposes.

NEBRASKA CONTRACTOR AFFADAVIT: Bidder hereby attests that bidder is a Nebraska Contractor. "Nebraska Contractor" shall mean any bidder who has maintained a bona fide place of business and at least one employee within this state for at least the six (6) months immediately preceding the posting date of this ITB.

I hereby certify that I am a Resident disabled veteran or business located in a designated enterprise zone in accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. §73-107 and wish to have preference, if applicable, considered in the award of this contract.

One Time Purchase to supply and deliver Flexible Object Markers to the State of Nebraska as per the attached specifications. A response to this Solicitation is subject to, but not limited to, the Standard Terms and Conditions. **PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!**

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BIDDER TO REFER TO STATE PURCHASING BUREAU'S WEBSITE FOR ALL INFORMATION RELEVANT TO THIS SOLICITATION TO INCLUDE ADDENDA AND/OR AMENDMENTS THAT MAY BE ISSUED PRIOR TO THE OPENING DATE. <<http://das.nebraska.gov/materiel/purchasing.html>>

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This form is part of the specification package and must be signed and returned, along with all documents, by the opening date and time specified.

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No facsimile or email solicitation responses will be accepted on bids \$25,000 and over.

The State may request that payment be made electronically instead of by state warrant. ACH/EFT Enrollment Form can be found at: <<http://www.das.state.ne.us/accounting/forms/achenrol.pdf>>

The Contractor is required and hereby agrees to use a federal immigration verification system to determine the work eligibility status of employees physically performing services within the State of Nebraska. A federal immigration verification system mean the electronic verification of the work authorization program authorized by the Illegal Immigration Reform and Responsibility Act of 1996, 8 U.S.C. 1324a, known as E-Verify Program, or an equivalent federal program designed by the United States Department of Homeland Security or other federal agency authorized to verify the work eligibility status of a newly hired employee.

The contractor, by signature to this Invitation to Bid, certifies that the contractor is not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded by any federal department or agency from participating in transactions (debarred). The contractor also agrees to include the above requirements in any and all subcontracts into which it enters. The contractor shall immediately notify the Department if, during the term of this contract, contractor becomes debarred. The Department may immediately terminate this contract by providing contractor written notice if contractor

No Bid Respond: () Remove From Class-Item OR () Keep Active For Class-Item

BIDDER MUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING

DISCOUNT PAYMENT TERMS: _____ % _____ DAYS

By signing this Invitation to Bid, the bidder agrees to the "Standard Conditions and Terms of Bid Solicitation and Offer" and is committed to provide a drug free work place environment. Vendor will furnish the items requested within _____ days after receipt of order. Failure to enter Delivery Date may cause quotation to be REJECTED.

Sign Here _____
 (Authorized Signature MANDATORY - MUST BE SIGNED IN INK)

Enter Contact Information Below

VENDOR# _____
VENDOR: _____
Address: _____

Contact _____
Telephone _____
Facsimile _____
Email _____

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becomes debarred during the term of this contract.

If the Contractor is an individual or sole proprietorship, the following applies:

1. The Contractor must complete the United States Citizenship Attestation Form, available on the Department of Administrative Services website at: <http://das.nebraska.gov/lb403/attestation_form.pdf>
2. If the Contractor indicates on such attestation form that he or she is a qualified alien, the Contractor agrees to provide the US Citizenship and Immigration Services documentation require to verify the Contractor's lawful presence in the United States using the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) Program.
3. The Contractor understands and agrees that lawful presence in the United States is required and the Contractor may be disqualified or the contract terminated if such lawful presence cannot be verified as required by Neb. Rev. Stat. §4-108.

Proprietary Information - Data contained in the Invitation to Bid response and all documentation provided therein, become the property of the State of Nebraska and the data becomes public information upon opening the Invitation to Bid. If the bidder wishes to have any information withheld from the public, such information must fall within the definition of Proprietary Information contained within Nebraska's Public Records Statutes. All Proprietary Information the bidder wishes the state to withhold must be submitted in a sealed package, which is separate from the remainder of the bid response. The separate package must be clearly marked PROPRIETARY on the outside of the package. Bidders may not mark their entire Invitation to Bid response as proprietary. Bidders cost may not be marked as proprietary information. Failure of the bidder to follow the instructions for submitting proprietary and copyrighted information may result in the information being viewed by other bidders and the public. Proprietary information is defined as trade secrets, academic and scientific research work which is in progress and unpublished, and other information which if released would give advantage to business competitors and serve no public purpose (see Neb. Rev. Stat. §84-712.05(3)). In accordance with Attorney General Opinions 92068 and 97033, bidders submitting information as proprietary may be required to prove specific, named competitor(s) would be advantaged by release of the information and the specific advantage the competitor(s) would receive. Although every effort will be made to withhold information that is properly submitted as proprietary and meets the State's definition of proprietary information, the State is under no obligation to maintain the confidentiality of proprietary information and accepts no liability for the release of such information.

Once bids are opened they become the property of the State of Nebraska and will not be returned.

It is understood by the parties that in the State of Nebraska's opinion, any limitation on the contractor's liability is unconstitutional under the Nebraska State Constitution, Article XIII, Section III and that any limitation of liability shall not be binding on the State of Nebraska despite inclusion of such language in documents supplied by the contractor's bid response. State Statute §73-107 allows for a preference for a resident disabled veteran or business located in a designated enterprise zone. When a state contract is to be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, a resident disabled veteran or a business located in a designated enterprise zone under the Enterprise Zone Act shall be allowed a preference over any other resident or nonresident bidder, if all other factors are equal.

Resident disabled veterans means any person (a) who resides in the State of Nebraska, who served in the United States Armed Forces, including any reserve component or the National Guard, who was discharged or otherwise separated with a characterization of honorable or general (under honorable conditions), and who possesses a disability rating letter issued by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs establishing a service-connected disability or a disability determination from the United States Department of Defense and (b)(i) who owns and controls a business or, in the case of a publicly owned business, more than fifty percent of the stock is owned by one or more persons described in subdivision (a) of this subsection and (ii) the management and daily business operations of the business are controlled by one or more persons described in subdivision(a) of this subsection. Any contract entered into without compliance with this section shall be null and void.

Therefore, if a resident disabled veteran or business located in a designated enterprise zone submits a bid in accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. §73-107 and has checked "yes" requesting priority/preference to be considered in the award of this contract, the following will need to be submitted by the vendor within 10 business days of request:

- a. Documentation from the United States Armed Forces confirming service,
- b. Documentation of discharge or otherwise separated characterization of honorable or general (under honorable conditions),
- c. Disability rating letter issued by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs establishing a service-connected disability or a disability determination from the United States Department of Defense; and
- d. Documentation which shows ownership and control of a business or, in the case of a publicly owned business, more than fifty percent of the stock is owned by one or more persons described in subdivision (a) of this subsection; and the management

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Failure to submit the requested documentation within 10 business days of notice will disqualify the bidder from consideration of the preference.

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INVITATION

Line	Description	Quantity	Unit of Measure	Unit Price	Extended Price
1	TYPE II FLEXIBLE OBJECT MARKER OM-2 ONE SIDED	13,764.0000	EA	_____	_____
2	TYPE II FLEXIBLE OBJECT MARKER OM-2 TWO SIDED	7,568.0000	EA	_____	_____
3	TYPE IIIFLEXIBLE OBJECT MARKER OM-3L ONE SIDED	10,688.0000	EA	_____	_____
4	TYPE IIIFLEXIBLE OBJECT MARKER OM-3R ONE SIDED	11,243.0000	EA	_____	_____
5	TYPE IIIFLEXIBLE OBJECT MARKER OM-3LR TWO SIDED	22.0000	EA	_____	_____
6	SQUAR DRIVER HEAD W SHANK 1-1/8" SHANK DIA FOR BREAKER	62.0000	EA	_____	_____

STANDARD CONDITIONS AND TERMS OF BID SOLICITATION AND OFFER Invitations to Bid and Contract Awards

It is the responsibility of the bidder to check the website for all information relevant to this solicitation to include addenda and/or amendments issued prior to the opening date. Website address: <http://www.das.state.ne.us/materiel/purchasing/purchasing.htm>

SCOPE- These standard conditions and terms of bid solicitation and acceptance apply in like force to this inquiry and to any subsequent contract resulting therefrom.

PRICES- Prices quoted shall be net, including transportation and delivery charges fully prepaid by the bidder, F.O.B. destination named in the Invitation to Bid. No additional charges will be allowed for packing, packages or partial delivery costs. When an arithmetic error has been made in the extended total, the unit price will govern.

EXECUTION- Bids must be signed in ink by the bidder on the State of Nebraska's Invitation to Bid form. All bids must be typewritten or in ink on the State of Nebraska's Invitation to Bid form. Erasures and alterations must be initialed by the bidder in ink. No telephone or voice bids will be accepted. Failure to comply with these provisions may result in the rejection of the bid.

FACSIMILE DOCUMENTS- The State Purchasing Bureau will only accept facsimile responses to Invitations to Bid on bids under \$25,000 and up to ten (10) pages. However, two party sealed bids containing facsimile pages are acceptable. No direct facsimile solicitation responses will be accepted for a commodity contract.

VALID BID TIME- Bids shall be firm for a minimum of sixty (60) calendar days after the opening date, unless otherwise stipulated by either party in the Invitation to Bid.

DISCOUNTS- Prices quoted shall be inclusive of ALL trade discounts. Cash discount terms of less than thirty (30) days will not be considered as part of the bid. Cash discount periods will be computed from the date of receipt of a properly executed claim voucher or the date of completion of delivery of all items in a satisfactory condition, whichever is later.

PAYMENT- Payment will be made by the responsible agency in conjunction with the State of Nebraska Prompt Payment Act 81-2401 through 2408. The State may request that payment be made electronically instead of by state warrant.

COLLUSIVE BIDDING- The bidder guarantees that the prices quoted have been arrived at without collusion with other eligible bidders and without effort to preclude the State of Nebraska from obtaining the lowest possible competitive price.

LUMP SUM OR ALL OR NONE BIDS- The State reserves the right to purchase item-by-item, by groups or as a total when the State may benefit by so doing. Bidders may submit a bid on an "all or none" or "lump sum" basis but should also submit a bid on an item-by-item basis. The term "all or none" means a conditional bid which requires the purchase of all items on which bids are offered and bidder declines to accept award on individual items; a "lump sum" bid is one in which the bidder offers a lower price than the sum of the individual bids if all items are purchased but agrees to deliver individual items at the prices quoted.

SPECIFICATIONS- Any manufacturer's names, trade names, brand names, information and/or catalog numbers listed in a specification are for reference and not intended to limit competition, but will be used as the standard by which equivalent material offered will be judged. The State Purchasing Director will be the sole judge of equivalency. The bidder may offer any brand which meets or exceeds the specification. When a specific product is required, the Invitation to Bid will so state. Any item bid is to be the latest current model under standard production at the time of order. No used or refurbished equipment will be accepted, unless otherwise stated.

ALTERNATE/EQUIVALENT BIDS- Bidder may offer bids which are at variance from the express specifications of the Invitation to Bid. The State reserves the right to consider and accept such bids if, in the judgement of the State Purchasing Director, the bid will result in goods and/or services equivalent to or better than those which would be supplied in the original bid specifications. Bidders must indicate on the Invitation to Bid the manufacturer's name, number and shall submit with their bid, sketches, descriptive literature and/or complete specifications. Reference to literature submitted with a previous bid will not satisfy this provision. Bids which do not comply with these requirements are subject to rejection. In the absence of any stated deviation or exception, the bid will be accepted as in strict compliance with all terms, conditions and specifications, and the bidder shall be held liable therefore.

SAMPLES- When requested, samples shall be furnished at the bidders expense prior to the opening of the bid, unless otherwise specified. Each sample must be labeled clearly and identify the bidders name, the Invitation to Bid number and the item number. Samples submitted must be representative of the commodities or equipment which would be delivered if awarded the bid. The State of Nebraska reserves the right to request samples even though this may not have been set forth in the Invitation to Bid. Samples not destroyed in testing will be returned at bidders expense, if requested, or will be donated to a public institution.

RECYCLING- Preference will be given to items which are manufactured or produced from recycled material or which can be readily reused or recycled after their normal use as per State Statute Section 81-15,159.

LATE BIDS- All bids will be time and date stamped upon receipt by the State Purchasing Bureau, and this shall be the official time and date of receipt. Bids received after the time of the bid opening will be considered late bids and will be returned to the bidder unopened. The State Purchasing Bureau is not responsible for late bids or lost requests due to mail service inadequacies, traffic or other similar reasons.

BID OPENING- Openings shall be public on the date and time specified on the Invitation to Bid form. It is the bidder's responsibility to assure the bid is delivered at the designated date, time and place of the bid opening. Telephone bids are not acceptable. A bid may not be altered after opening of the bids.

NO BID- If not submitting a bid, respond by returning the Invitation to Bid form explaining the reason in the space provided. Failure to respond to an Invitation to Bid may be cause for the removal of the bidder's name from the mailing list. NOTE: To qualify as a respondent, bidder must submit a "NO BID" and it must be received no later than the stated bid opening date and time.

AWARD- All purchases, leases, or contracts which are based on competitive bids will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, determined according to the provisions of State Statute Section 81-161, R.R.S. 1943. The State reserves the right to reject any or all bids, wholly or in part and to waive any deviations or errors that are not material, do not invalidate the legitimacy of the bid and do not improve the bidders competitive position. All awards will be made in a manner deemed in the best interest of the State.

BID TABULATIONS- Tabulations will be furnished upon written request. A self-addressed, stamped envelope which must include the agency and solicitation number must be enclosed. Bid tabulations will not be provided by telephone or facsimile. Bid files may be examined during normal working hours by appointment. Bid tabulations are available on the website at: <http://www.das.state.ne.us/materiel/purchasing/bidtabs.htm>

PERFORMANCE AND DEFAULT- The State reserves the right to require a performance bond from the successful bidder, as provided by law, without expense to the State. Otherwise, in case of default of the contractor, the State may procure the articles from other sources and hold the contractor responsible for any excess cost occasioned thereby.

IN-STATE PREFERENCE- A resident bidder shall be allowed a preference against a nonresident from a state which gives or requires a preference to bidders from that state. The preference shall be equal to the preference given or required by the state of the nonresident bidders. Where the lowest responsible bid from a resident bidder is equal in all respects to one from a nonresident bidder from a state which has no preference law, the resident bidder shall be awarded the contract.

NONDISCRIMINATION- The Nebraska Fair Employment Practice Act prohibits contractors of the State of Nebraska, and their subcontractors, from discriminating against any employee or applicant for employment, to be employed in the performance of such contracts, with respect to hire, tenure, terms, conditions or privileges of employment because of race, color, religion, sex, disability, or national origin. (State Statute Sections 48-1101 through 48-1125) The bidder guarantees compliance with the Nebraska Fair Employment Practice Act, and breach of this provision shall be regarded as a material breach of contract. The contractor shall insert a similar provision in all subcontracts for services to be covered by any contract resulting from this Invitation to Bid.

TAXES- Purchases made by the State of Nebraska are exempt from the payment of Federal Excise Taxes, and exemption certificates will be furnished on request. State and local taxes are exempt by State Statute Section 77-2704 (l) (m) R.R.S. 1943 and must not be included in the bid prices. Exemption by statute precludes the furnishing of State exemption certificates.

DRUG POLICY - Bidder certifies that it maintains a drug free work place environment to ensure worker safety and workplace integrity. Contractor agrees to provide a copy of its drug free workplace policy at any time upon request by the State.

NE ACCESS TECHNOLOGY STANDARDS- Vendor agrees to ensure compliance with Nebraska Access Technology Standards. See website at:

<http://www.nitc.state.ne.us/standards/accessibility/>

**STATE OF NEBRASKA
STATE PURCHASING BUREAU**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

The State expects to adhere to the tentative procurement schedule shown below. It should be noted, however, that some dates are approximate and subject to change.

	ACTIVITY	DATE/TIME
1	Release Invitation to Bid	1/8/2015
2	Last Day to Submit Written Questions	January 23, 2015
3	State Responds to Written Questions Through an Addendum to be posted to the internet at: http://das.nebraska.gov/materiel/purchasing.html	January 26, 2015
4	Bid Opening Location: Nebraska State Purchasing Bureau 1526 K St. Suite 130 Lincoln, NE 68508	February 9, 2015 2:00 p.m. Central Time

WRITTEN QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Any explanation desired by a bidder regarding the meaning or interpretation of any Invitation to Bid provision must be submitted in writing to the State Purchasing Bureau and clearly marked "ITB Number 4886 OF; Flexible Object Markers". It is preferred that questions be sent via e-mail to as.materielpurchasing@nebraska.gov Questions may also be sent by facsimile to 402-471-2089, but must include a cover sheet clearly indicating that the transmission is to the attention of Annette Walton, showing the total number of pages transmitted, and clearly marked "ITB Number 4886 OF; Flexible Object Markers".

Written answers will be provided through an addendum to be posted on the internet at <http://das.nebraska.gov/materiel/purchasing.html> on or before the date shown in the Schedule of Events.

STATE OF NEBRASKA: One Time Purchase

Flexible Object Markers Specification 4886 OF

SCOPE

It is the intent of this Invitation to Bid (ITB) to solicit competitive bids to procure and supply **Flexible Object Markers** per the attached specifications as a one-time purchase.

All items bid shall be of the latest manufacture in production as of the date of the Invitation to Bid and be of proven performance and under standard design, complete as regularly advertised and marketed. All necessary materials for satisfactory performance of the supplies shall be incorporated into the **Flexible Object Markers** whether or not they may be specifically mentioned below.

Complete specifications, manufacturer's descriptive literature and/or advertising data sheets with cuts or photographs may be required prior to an award and should be included with the bid on the IDENTICAL items proposed. Literature should be complete and the latest published. Any information necessary to show compliance with these specifications not given on the manufacturer's descriptive literature and/or advertising data sheets should be supplied in writing on or attached to the bid document. If manufacturer's specifications sheets, descriptive literature, advertising data sheets or information necessary to show compliance with these specifications is not supplied in writing on or attached to the bid document, the bidder will be required to submit requested information within three (3) business days of a written request. Failure to submit requested descriptive literature or advertising data sheets may be grounds to reject the bid.

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

This specification describes a product that when installed according to directions will flex upon impact and return to its original position.

APPROVED BRANDS AND APPROVAL PROCESS (PRE-QUALIFICATION)

Products bid must be the brand(s) and materials as specified within the specifications. The State of Nebraska will not be accepting alternatives to the brands or materials specified for award(s). In order to submit a bid for this solicitation, the bidder's proposed product for a Flexible Object Marker must be an "Approved Brand" by the Nebraska Department of Roads. Products that are not on the "Approved Brand" List" will not be considered for this Invitation to Bid (ITB).

Impact Recovery Systems and **Shur-Tite Products** flexible object markers are considered "Approved Brands" which have previously been tested by the Nebraska Department of Roads for meeting specification requirements.

Procedure for Pre-Approval/Pre-Qualification

If a vendor/supplier has a product which is not pre-approved by the Department of Roads, the vendor/supplier may contact Doug Churchwell in NDOR Materials and Research for information concerning the approval process (doug.churchwell@nebraska.gov). Proposed product must pass a field performance evaluation standard consisting of factors such as: 1) the ease of application, 2) material observation during climate changes, 3) durability after being hit by a vehicle, 4) length of time material remains in place, and 5) general requirements listed in these specifications, but not limited to those listed here. Overall testing period for both field performance and Materials & Research review of adherence to these specifications is one full year. If the product is approved, it will have the opportunity for inclusion on the "Approved Brands" list" for the next bid solicitation for Flexible Object Markers.

NON-COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

Read these specifications carefully. Any and all exceptions to these specifications must be written on or attached to quotation request. Any noncompliance may void your quotation. Non-compliance to any single specification can void your bid.

It is the responsibility of Bidders to obtain information and clarifications as provided below. The State of Nebraska is not responsible for any erroneous or incomplete understandings or wrongful interpretations of this Invitation to Bid by any Bidder.

No interpretation related to the meaning of bid specifications or other pre-bid documents will be made orally to any Bidder by the State of Nebraska. Any request for bid interpretation must be put in writing and faxed by the Bidder to: the State Purchasing Bureau, Fax (402) 471-2089 or e-mailed to AS Materiel Purchasing as.materielpurchasing@nebraska.gov by the last day to submit written questions that is specified in the Schedule of Events. (Inquiries received after the last day to submit written questions may not be addressed).

RIGHTS

The State reserves the right to waive technicalities; reject any or all bids, wholly or in part; and to waive any deviations or errors that are not material, do not invalidate the legitimacy of the bid, and do not improve the bidder's competitive position. This contract may be awarded item-by-item, group of items, or total, to best serve the interest of the State of Nebraska. The State of Nebraska will be the sole judge of equivalence and any decision will be final. All awards will be made in a manner deemed in the best interest of the State.

SECRETARY OF STATE

Contract or purchase order awards may be limited to bidders authorized to transact business in the State of Nebraska. All awarded bidders are expected to comply with all Nebraska Secretary of State registration requirements. It is the responsibility of the bidder to comply with any registration requirements pertaining to types of business entities (e.g. person, partnership, foreign or domestic limited liability company, association, or foreign or domestic corporation or other type of business entity). The bidder who is the expected recipient of an award recommendation will be required to certify that it has so complied and produce a true and exact copy of its current (dated within 90 days), valid Certificate of Good Standing or Letter of Good Standing; or in the case registration is not required, to provide, in writing, the reason as to why none is required and complete the Individual or Sole Proprietor United States Attestation Form. This must be accomplished prior to the award of the contract or purchase order. Further, all bidders shall comply with any and all other applicable Nebraska statutes regarding transacting business in the State of Nebraska. In order to expedite the award process, bidders are encouraged to submit their valid Certificate of Good Standing or Letter of Good Standing with their bid.

AWARD

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TAXES

The State is not required to pay taxes of any kind and assumes no such liability as a result of this solicitation. Any property tax payable on the contractor's equipment which may be installed in a state-owned facility is the responsibility of the contractor.

PRICES

Price quoted shall be unit price and shall be firm for 90 days from date of an award and are to be net;

including transportation and delivery charges fully prepaid by the bidder F.O.B. Destination as specified to all locations within each County as identified in Attachment A and as specified on the purchase order. No additional charges will be allowed for packing, handling, fuel surcharge, or partial delivery costs.

QUALITY

Product quality must meet specifications and be consistent through fulfillment of entire purchase order. A guarantee of satisfactory performance by the supplier and meeting delivery dates are considered to be an integral part of the purchase resulting from this bid invitation. All materials must be of first quality, under standard production by the manufacturer and be of standard design, complete as regularly advertised and marketed and be of proven performance. Products are to be fully guaranteed and may be returned for full credit or replacement (at the State’s option) for any reason during the initial warranty period with no additional charges for shipping or restocking.

GRAY MARKET PRODUCTS PROHIBITION

The State of Nebraska will not accept Gray Market Products for this solicitation. Gray Market is defined as the trade of a commodity through distribution channels which, while legal, are unofficial, unauthorized, or unintended by the original manufacturer. Gray Market items are not designed to be sold in a particular market and cannot be supported by the authorized importer because of various reasons. Industries Regulation Act, Chapter 60, Article 14.

WARRANTY

Contractor must warrant the average life expectancy supplies hereunder to be not less than that stated in the manufacturer’s price list and agree to replace, without cost, all supplies failing to meet this requirement, except where the reduced life is due to conditions beyond the control of the contractor. Defective parts or those damaged in shipment must be replaced by the contractor at no charge to the State of Nebraska. The manufacturer’s standard warranty shall apply and be in effect for at least one year from the date the equipment was placed in service.

SUBSTITUTIONS

Vendor will not substitute any item that has been awarded without prior written approval of State Purchasing Bureau.

DELIVERY

Delivery desired within 90 days after receipt of order.

Deliveries shall be FOB Destination and shall be made to each of the locations within each County as identified in Attachment A and as specified on the purchase order. Dock hours are 7:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. and 1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday (excluding State holidays and / or as otherwise directed).

Delivery personnel will be required to deliver and off load all products to a specified area on the inside of the designated facility or dock. It will be the Vendor’s responsibility to provide any equipment needed to complete the delivery process. Vendor’s delivery personnel must wait for the order to be received, invoice(s) / packing slip(s) verified and signed with discrepancies (shortages, longs, damage, etc.) documented on the delivery invoice. Deliveries must be clearly marked with the purchase order number.

At the time of delivery, a county employee will sign the “invoice/packing slip.” This signature will only indicate that the order has been received and that the items actually delivered agree with the delivery invoice. This signature does not indicate all items were received in good condition and/or that there is not possible hidden damage.

PACKAGING

Cartons are to be clearly marked with size, weight, color, quantity, and the purchase order number. Cartons must be of suitable size and of sufficient strength to protect the contents during shipping, handling and storage.

PAYMENT

Payment will be made in conjunction with the State of Nebraska Prompt Payment Act §81-2401 through 2408. Payment shall be within 45 days of receipt of service or invoice, whichever is received later. Payment will be made by the responsible agency in compliance with the State of Nebraska Prompt Payment Act (See Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-2401 through 81-2408). The State may require the contractor to accept payment by electronic means such as ACH deposit. In no event shall the State be responsible or liable to pay for any services provided by the contractor prior to the Effective Date, and the contractor hereby waives any claim or cause of action for any such services.

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BIDDER INSTRUCTIONS

Bidder must respond to each of the following statements. Specifications listed are minimum conditions that must be met in order for a bidder to qualify for the award. A “YES” response means the bidder guarantees they can meet this condition. A “NO” response means the bidder cannot meet this condition and will not be considered. “NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE” responses should be used only with a narrative response in the NOTES/COMMENTS section explaining in detail any deviation from the bidder’s ability to meet the condition, and an explanation of how this would be determined to be an acceptable alternative to meeting the condition. Alternatives must be detailed in such a way that allows such deviations to be fully evaluated. The State of Nebraska shall determine at its sole discretion whether or not the vendor’s alternative is an acceptable alternative.

YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	1. TYPE II OBJECT MARKER- ONE SIDED
			A. 5 ft. post, top flattened to 3 inches x 13 inches, black in color.
			B. Bottom of 5 ft. post shall include flexible joint able to be accepted into 2 inch perforated square tube post
			C. 6 inch x 12 inch sign panel with ASTM D4956 Type IV yellow sign sheeting (OM-2) on one side of the post. The sign sheeting applied shall be from one of the following manufacturers: 3M Traffic Control Materials Division 3M Center Building 3130 Lexington Avenue South St. Paul, MN 55133-3211 Avery Dennison Reflective Products Division 6565 W. Howard Street Niles, IL 60714
			D. All hardware to mount post to footing must be included.
			E. Carriage bolts to attach sign panels to post must be included.
			F. Bidding Shur-Tite #DK60BR2-R612Y or;
			G. Bidding Impact Recovery #OMK2-1H-D

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YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	2. TYPE II OBJECT MARKER- TWO SIDED
			A. 5 ft. post, top flattened to 3 inches x 13 inches, black in color.
			B. Bottom of 5 ft. post shall include flexible joint able to be accepted into 2 inch perforated square tube post
			C. 6 inch x 12 inch sign panel with ASTM D4956 Type IV yellow sign sheeting (OM-2) on both sides of the post. The sign sheeting applied shall be from one of the following manufacturers: 3M Traffic Control Materials Division 3M Center Building 3130 Lexington Avenue South St. Paul, MN 55133-3211 Avery Dennison Reflective Products Division 6565 W. Howard Street Niles, IL 60714
			D. All hardware to mount post to footing must be included.
			E. Carriage bolts to attach sign panels to post must be included.
			F. Bidding Shur-Tite #DK60BR2-R612YD or;
			G. Bidding Impact Recovery #OMK2-1H-2-D

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YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	3. TYPE III OBJECT MARKER- LEFT
			A. 4 ft. post, black in color.
			B. Bottom of 4 ft. post shall include flexible joint able to be accepted into a 2 inch perforated square tube post.
			C. 12 inch x 36 inch MUTCD approved Type III object marker (OM-3L) on a black 12 inch x 42 inch panel. Bottom 6 inches (height) must be tapered from a 12 inch to a 3 inch

			<p>width. Panel must use ASTM D4956 Type IV sign sheeting. The sign sheeting applied shall be from one of the following manufacturers:</p> <p>3M Traffic Control Materials Division 3M Center Building 3130 Lexington Avenue South St. Paul, MN 55133-3211</p> <p>Avery Dennison Reflective Products Division 6565 W. Howard Street Niles, IL 60714</p>
			D. All hardware to mount sign to post and post to footing must be included.
			E. Bidding Shur-Tite #DK48BR3-R1236LOM3 or;
			F. Bidding Impact Recovery #HM12-LLHD
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YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	4. TYPE III OBJECT MARKER- RIGHT
			A. 4 ft. post, black in color
			B. Bottom of 4 ft. post shall include flexible joint able to be accepted into a 2 inch perforated square tube post.
			<p>C. 12 inch x 36 inch MUTCD approved Type III object marker (OM-3R) on a black 12 inch x 42 inch panel. Bottom 6 inches (height) must be tapered from a 12 inch to a 3 inch width. Panel must use ASTM D4956 Type IV sign sheeting. The sign sheeting applied shall be from one of the following manufacturers:</p> <p>3M Traffic Control Materials Division 3M Center Building 3130 Lexington Avenue South St. Paul, MN 55133-3211</p> <p>Avery Dennison Reflective Products Division 6565 W. Howard Street Niles, IL 60714</p>
			D. All hardware to mount sign to post and post to footing must be included.

			E. Bidding Shur-Tite #DK48BR3-R1236ROM3 or;
			F. Bidding Impact Recovery #HM12-ROHD
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	5. TYPE III OBJECT MARKER- TWO SIDED (LEFT & RIGHT)
			A. 4 ft. post, black in color
			B. Bottom of 4 ft. post shall include flexible joint able to be accepted into a 2 inch perforated square tube post.
			C. 2- 12 inch x 36 inch MUTCD approved Type III object markers (OM-3L and OM-3R) on separate black 12 inch x 42 inch panels. Bottom 6 inches (height) must be tapered from a 12 inch to a 3 inch width. Panel must use ASTM D4956 Type IV sign sheeting. The sign sheeting applied shall be from one of the following manufacturers: 3M Traffic Control Materials Division 3M Center Building 3130 Lexington Avenue South St. Paul, MN 55133-3211 Avery Dennison Reflective Products Division 6565 W. Howard Street Niles, IL 60714
			D. All hardware to mount sign to post and post to footing must be included.
			E. Bidding Shur-Tite #DK48BR3-R1236LROM3D or;
			F. Bidding Impact Recovery #HMAS-ROHD
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YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	6. 2 INCH SQUARE TUBE POST DRIVER
			A. Driver head for 2 inch (12 gauge) square tube posts. Head and shank must be one unit.

			B. Bidding Shur-Tite #SWHO5 or;
			C. Bidding Impact Recovery/Xcessories Squared Power Drive Cap #Dc175200LR
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YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	7. SECRETARY OF STATE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS *Prior to contract award and/or upon request of SPB, potential award recipient(s) will be asked to certify compliance with Nebraska Secretary of State Registration by providing a true and exact copy of current (dated within 90 days) valid Certificate of Good Standing or Letter of Good Standing.
			A. Bidder is a SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP (in which case, no Letter of Good Standing/Certificate of Good Standing is required). Will complete and return the Individual or Sole Proprietor United States Attestation Form
			B. Bidder is a GENERAL PARTNERSHIP (in which case, no Letter of Good Standing/Certificate of Good Standing is required)
			C. Bidder is a FOREIGN or DOMESTIC CORPORATION or BUSINESS and a copy of current Letter of Good Standing/Certificate of Good Standing from the Nebraska Secretary of State is provided within bid submission documents.
			D. Bidder is a FOREIGN or DOMESTIC CORPORATION or BUSINESS and a copy of current Letter of Good Standing/Certificate of Good Standing from the Nebraska Secretary of State will be provided in a timely manner upon request prior to award.
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YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	8. BID COMPLIANCE
			A. Specifications have been fully read and fully understood. Any exceptions have been written on the bid or attached.
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