State of Nebraska (NDCS)

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR CONTRACTUAL SERVICES FORM

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SOLICITATION NUMBER	RELEASE DATE
RFP 74055-O3	**May 16, 2014**
OPENING DATE AND TIME	PROCUREMENT CONTACT
June 27, 2014 3:00 p.m. Central Time	**Jeff Laabs NDCS Purchasing (402) 479-5646**

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

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

SCOPE OF SERVICE

The State of Nebraska, Department of Correctional Services, is issuing this Request for Proposal, RFP Number 74055-O3 for the purpose of selecting a qualified contractor to provide Fire Sprinkler Inspection and Service.

Written questions are due no later than June 2, 2014, and should be submitted via e-mail to jeff.laabs@nebraska.gov. Written questions may also be sent by facsimile to (402) 479-5663.

A Pre-Proposal Conference with optional attendance will be held on May 27, 2014 at 10:00 AM central time at Work Ethic Camp, 2309 N. Highway 83, McCook, NE 69001.

Bidder should submit one (1) original of the entire proposal. In the event of any inconsistencies among the proposals, the language contained in the original proposal shall govern. Proposals must be submitted by the proposal due date and time.

PROPOSALS MUST MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OUTLINED IN THIS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL TO BE CONSIDERED VALID. PROPOSALS WILL BE REJECTED IF NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THESE REQUIREMENTS.

1. Sealed proposals must be received in the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services by the date and time of proposal opening indicated above. No late proposals will be accepted. No electronic, e-mail, fax, voice, or telephone proposals will be accepted.
2. This form "REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR CONTRACTUAL SERVICES" MUST be manually signed, in ink, and returned by the proposal opening date and time along with bidders proposal and any other requirements as specified in the Request for Proposal in order for a bidder's proposal to be evaluated.
3. 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 is as follows: http://das.nebraska.gov/materiel/purchasing/rfp.htm.
4. 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 3, and that any limitation of liability shall not be binding on the State of Nebraska despite inclusion of such language in documents supplied with the contractor's bid or in the final contract.

BIDDER MUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING

By signing this Request For Proposal For Contractual Services form, the bidder guarantees compliance with the provisions stated in this Request for Proposal, agrees to the terms and conditions (see Section III) and certifies that bidder maintains a drug free work place environment.

_____ 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.

FIRM: _____

COMPLETE ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____ FAX NUMBER: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

TYPED NAME & TITLE OF SIGNER: _____

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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Acceptance Test Procedure: Benchmarks and other performance criteria, developed by the State of Nebraska or other sources of testing standards, for measuring the effectiveness of products or services and the means used for testing such performance.

Addendum: Something to be added or deleted to an existing document; a supplement.

Agency: Any state agency, board, or commission other than the University of Nebraska, the Nebraska State colleges, the courts, the Legislature, or any other office or agency established by the Constitution of Nebraska.

Agent/Representative: A person authorized to act on behalf of another.

Amend: To alter or change by adding, subtracting, or substituting.

Amendment: A written correction or alteration to a document.

Appropriation: Legislative authorization to expend public funds for a specific purpose. Money set apart for a specific use.

ARO: After Receipt of Order

Award: All purchases, leases, or contracts which are based on competitive proposals will be awarded according to the provisions in the Request for Proposal. The State reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, wholly or in part, or to award to multiple bidders in whole or in part. The State reserves the right to waive any deviations or errors that are not material, do not invalidate the legitimacy of the proposal, and do not improve the bidder's competitive position. All awards will be made in a manner deemed in the best interest of the State.

Best and Final Offer (BAFO): In a competitive bid, the final offer submitted which contains the bidder's (vendor's) most favorable terms for price.

Bid/Proposal: The offer submitted by a vendor in a response to written solicitation.

Bid Bond: An insurance agreement, accompanied by a monetary commitment, by which a third party (the surety) accepts liability and guarantees that the vendor will not withdraw the bid.

Bidder: A vendor who submits an offer bid in response to a written solicitation.

Business: Any corporation, partnership, individual, sole proprietorship, joint-stock company, joint venture, or any other private legal entity.

Business Day: Any weekday, except State-recognized holidays.

Calendar Day: Every day shown on the calendar including Saturdays, Sundays and State/Federal holidays.

Cancellation: To call off or revoke a purchase order without expectation of conducting or performing it at a later time.

Collusion: An agreement or cooperation between two or more persons or entities to accomplish a fraudulent, deceitful or unlawful purpose.

Commodities: Any equipment, material, supply or goods; anything movable or tangible that is provided or sold.

Commodities Description: Detailed descriptions of the items to be purchased; may include information necessary to obtain the desired quality, type, color, size, shape or special characteristics necessary to perform the work intended to produce the desired results.

Competition: The effort or action of two or more commercial interests to obtain the same businesses from third parties.

Confidential Information: Unless otherwise defined below, "Confidential Information" shall also mean proprietary 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 Nebraska Attorney General Opinions 92068 and 97033, proof that information is proprietary requires identification of specific, named competitor(s) who would be advantaged by release of the information and the specific advantage the competitor(s) would provide.

Contract: An agreement between two or more parties creating obligations that are enforceable or otherwise recognizable at law; the writing that sets forth such an agreement.

Contract Administration: See Contract Management.

Contract Management: The management of contracts made with vendors, including negotiating and ensuring compliance with the terms and conditions, as well as documenting and agreeing on any changes or amendments that may arise during its implementation or execution. It can be summarized as the process of systematically and efficiently managing contract creation, execution, and analysis for the purpose of maximizing financial and operational performance and minimizing risk.

Contract Period: The duration of the contract.

Contractor: Any individual or entity having a contract to furnish commodities or services.

Cooperative Purchasing: The combining of requirements of two or more political entities to obtain advantages of volume purchases, reduction in administrative expenses or other public benefits.

Copyright: A property right in an original work of authorship fixed in any tangible medium of expression, giving the holder the exclusive right to reproduce, adapt and distribute the work.

CPU: Any computer or computer system that is used by the State to store, process, or retrieve data or perform other functions using Operating Systems and applications software.

Critical Program Error: Any Program Error, whether or not known to the State, which prohibits or significantly impairs use of the Licensed Software as set forth in the documentation and intended in the contract.

Default: The omission or failure to perform a contractual duty.

Deviation: Any proposed change(s) or alteration(s) to either the terms and conditions or deliverables within the scope of the written solicitation or contract.

Evaluation Committee: Committee(s) appointed by the requesting agency that advises and assists

the procuring office in the evaluation of bids/proposals (offers made in response to written solicitations).

Evaluation: The process of examining an offer after opening to determine the vendor's responsibility, responsiveness to requirements, and to ascertain other characteristics of the offer that relate to determination of the successful award.

Extension: Continuance of a contract for a specified duration upon the agreement of the parties beyond the original Contract Period. Not to be confused with 'Renewal Period.'

Free on Board (F.O.B.) Destination: The delivery charges are included in the quoted price and prepaid by the vendor. Vendor is responsible for all claims associated with damages during delivery of product.

Free on Board (F.O.B.) Point of Origin: The delivery charges are not included in the quoted price and are the responsibility of the agency. Agency is responsible for all claims associated with damages during delivery of product.

Foreign Corporation: A foreign corporation that was organized and chartered under the laws of another state, government, or country.

Installation Date: The date when the procedures described in 'Installation by Contractor', and 'Installation by State', as found in the RFP, ITB (written solicitation) or contract are completed.

Late Bid/Proposal: An offer received after the Opening Date and Time.

Licensed Software Documentation: The user manuals and any other materials in any form or medium customarily provided by the contractor to the users of the Licensed Software which will provide the State with sufficient information to operate, diagnose, and maintain the Licensed Software properly, safely, and efficiently.

Mandatory/Must: Required, compulsory or obligatory.

May: Discretionary, permitted; used to express possibility.

Module (see System): A collection of routines and data structures that perform a specific function of software.

Must: See Shall/Will/Must.

National Institute for Governmental Purchasing (NIGP): National Institute of Governmental Purchasing

NDCS: Nebraska Department of Correctional Services

Open Market Purchase: Authorization may be given to an agency to purchase items above direct purchase authority due to the unique nature, price, quantity, location of the using agency or time limitations by the AS Materiel Division, State Purchasing Bureau.

Opening Date and Time: Specified date and time for the public opening of received, labeled and sealed formal proposals.

Operating System: The control program in a computer that provides the interface to the computer

hardware and peripheral devices, and the usage and allocation of memory resources, processor resources, input/output resources, and security resources.

Outsourcing: The contracting out of a business process which an organization may have previously performed internally or has a new need for, to an independent organization from which the process is purchased back. .

Payroll & Financial Center (PFC): Electronic procurement system of record.

Performance Bond: An insurance agreement, accompanied by a monetary commitment, by which a third party (the surety) accepts liability and guarantees that the contractor fulfills any and all obligations under the contract.

Platform: A specific hardware and Operating System combination that is different from other hardware and Operating System combinations to the extent that a different version of the Licensed Software product is required to execute properly in the environment established by such hardware and Operating System combination.

Pre-Bid/Pre-Proposal Conference: A meeting scheduled for the purpose of clarifying a written solicitation and related expectations.

Product: Something that is distributed commercially for use or consumption and that is usually (1) tangible personal property, (2) the result of fabrication or processing and (3) an item that has passed through a chain of commercial distribution before ultimate use or consumption.

Program Error: Code in Licensed Software which produces unintended results or actions, or which produces results or actions other than those described in the specifications. A program error includes, without limitation, any "Critical Program Error."

Program Set: The group of programs and products, including the Licensed Software specified in the RFP, plus any additional programs and products licensed by the State under the contract for use by the State.

Project: The total scheme, program or method worked out for the accomplishment of an objective, including all documentation, commodities and services to be provided under the contract.

Proposal: See Bid/Proposal.

Proprietary Information: 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, proof that information is proprietary requires identification of specific, named competitor(s) who would be advantaged by release of the information and the specific advantage the competitor(s) would receive.

Protest: A written objection to a proposed award by a vendor to the same written solicitation.

Public Proposal Opening: The process of opening correctly submitted offers at the time and place specified in the written solicitation and in the presence of anyone who wished to attend.

Recommended Hardware Configuration: The data processing hardware (including all terminals, auxiliary storage, communication, and other peripheral devices) to the extent utilized by the State as recommended by the contractor.

Release Date: The date of public release of the written solicitation to seek offers

Renewal Period: Optional contract periods subsequent to the original Contract Period for a specified duration with previously agreed to terms and conditions. Not to be confused with Extension.

Request for Information (RFI): A general invitation to vendors requesting information for a potential future solicitation. The RFI is typically used as a research and information gathering tool for preparation of a solicitation.

Request for Proposal (RFP): A written solicitation utilized for obtaining competitive offers.

Responsible Bidder: A bidder who has the capability in all respects to perform fully and lawfully all requirements with integrity and reliability to assure good faith performance.

Responsive Bidder: A bidder who has submitted a bid which conforms to all requirements of the solicitation document.

Shall/Will/Must : An order/command; mandatory.

Should: Expected; suggested, but not necessarily mandatory.

Software License: Legal instrument with or without printed material that governs the use or redistribution of licensed software.

Sole Source – Commodity: When an item is available from only one source due to the unique nature of the requirement, its supplier, or market conditions.

Sole Source – Services: A service of such a unique nature that the vendor selected is clearly and justifiably the only practical source to provide the service. Determination that the vendor selected us justifiably the sole source is based on either the uniqueness of the service or sole availability at the location required.

Specifications: The detailed statement, especially of the measurements, quality, materials, and functional characteristics, or other items to be provided under a contract.

System (see Module): Any collection or aggregation of two (2) or more Modules that is designed to function, or is represented by the contractor as functioning or being capable of functioning as an entity.

Termination: Occurs when either party, pursuant to a power created by agreement or law, puts an end to the contract prior to the stated expiration date. All obligations which are still executory on both sides are discharged but any right based on prior breach or performance survives.

Trade Secret: Information, including, but not limited to, a drawing, formula, pattern, compilation, program, device, method, technique, code, or process that; (a) derives independent economic value, actual or potential, from not being known to, and not being ascertainable by proper means, other persons who can obtain economic value from its disclosure or use; and (b) is the subject of efforts that are reasonable under the circumstances to maintain its secrecy (see Neb. Rev. Stat. §87-502(4)).

Trademark: A word, phrase, logo or other graphic symbol used by a manufacturer or vendor to distinguish its product from those of others, registered with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Upgrade: Any change that improves or alters the basic function of a product of service.

Vendor: An individual or entity lawfully conducting business in the State of Nebraska, or licensed to do so who seeks to provide goods or services under the terms of a written solicitation.

Will: See Shall/Will/Must.

Work Day: See Business Day.

I. SCOPE OF THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The State of Nebraska, Department of Correctional Services, is issuing this Request for Proposal, RFP Number 74055-O3 for the purpose of selecting a qualified contractor to provide Fire Sprinkler Inspection and Service.

A contract resulting from this Request for Proposal will be issued for approximately a period of three (3) years effective the date of award. The contract has the option to be renewed for two (2) additional one (1) year periods as mutually agreed upon by all parties.

ALL INFORMATION PERTINENT TO THIS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL CAN BE FOUND ON THE INTERNET AT: http://das.nebraska.gov/materiel/purchasing/rfp.htm

A. 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 Request for Proposal	5/16/14
2.	Last day to submit "Notification of Intent to Attend Pre-Proposal Conference"	5/23/14
3.	Optional Pre-Proposal Conference Location: Department of Correctional Work Ethic Camp 2309 N. Highway 83 McCook, NE 69001	5/27/14 10:00 AM central time
4.	Last day to submit written questions after Pre-Proposal Conference	6/2/14
5.	State responds to written questions through Request for Proposal "Addendum" and/or "Amendment" to be posted to the Internet at: http://das.nebraska.gov/materiel/purchasing/rfp.htm	6/9/14
6.	Proposal opening Location: NDCS Central Office Purchasing Division Folsom & W. Prospector Place, Bldg #1 Lincoln, NE 68522	June 27, 2014 3:00 PM Central Time
7.	Review for conformance of mandatory requirements	6/27/14
8.	Evaluation period	6/27/14-7/4/14
9.	Post "Letter of Intent to Contract" to Internet at: http://das.nebraska.gov/materiel/purchasing/rfp.htm	7/3/14
10.	Contract finalization period	7/3/14-7/9/14
11.	Contract award	7/9/14
12.	Contractor start date	7/10/14

II. PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES

A. PROCURING OFFICE AND CONTACT PERSON

Procurement responsibilities related to this Request for Proposal reside with the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services. The point of contact for the procurement is as follows:

Name: Jeff Laabs
Agency: Nebraska Department of Correctional Services
Address: Folsom & W. Prospector Place, Bldg. #1
Lincoln, NE 68522

OR

Address:
P.O. Box 94661

Lincoln, NE 68509-4661
Telephone: (402) 479-5718
Facsimile: (402) 479-5663
E-Mail: jeff.laabs@nebraska.gov

B. GENERAL INFORMATION

The Request for Proposal is designed to solicit proposals from qualified vendors who will be responsible for providing Fire Sprinkler Inspection and Service at a competitive and reasonable cost. Proposals that do not conform to the mandatory items as indicated in the Request for Proposal will not be considered.

Proposals shall conform to all instructions, conditions, and requirements included in the Request for Proposal. Prospective bidders are expected to carefully examine all documentation, schedules and requirements stipulated in this Request for Proposal, and respond to each requirement in the format prescribed.

A fixed-price contract will be awarded as a result of this proposal. In addition to the provisions of this Request for Proposal and the awarded proposal, which shall be incorporated by reference in the contract, any additional clauses or provisions required by the terms and conditions will be included as an amendment to the contract.

C. COMMUNICATION WITH STATE STAFF

From the date the Request for Proposal is issued until a determination is announced regarding the selection of the contractor, contact regarding this project between potential contractors and individuals employed by the State is restricted to only written communication with the staff designated above as the point of contact for this Request for Proposal.

Once a contractor is preliminarily selected, as documented in the intent to contract, that contractor is restricted from communicating with State staff until a contract is signed. Violation of this condition may be considered sufficient cause to reject a contractor's proposal and/or selection irrespective of any other condition.

The following exceptions to these restrictions are permitted:

1. Written communication with the person(s) designated as the point(s) of contact for this Request for Proposal or procurement;
2. Contacts made pursuant to any pre-existing contracts or obligations; and

3. State-requested presentations, key personnel interviews, clarification sessions or discussions to finalize a contract.

Violations of these conditions may be considered sufficient cause to reject a bidder's proposal and/or selection irrespective of any other condition. No individual member of the State, employee of the State, or member of the Evaluation Committee is empowered to make binding statements regarding this Request for Proposal. The buyer will issue any clarifications or opinions regarding this Request for Proposal in writing.

D. WRITTEN QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Any explanation desired by a bidder regarding the meaning or interpretation of any Request for Proposal provision must be submitted in writing to the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services and clearly marked "RFP Number 74055 O3; Fire Sprinkler Inspection and Service Questions". It is preferred that questions be sent via e-mail to jeff.laabs@nebraska.gov Questions may also be sent by facsimile to (402) 479-5663, but must include a cover sheet clearly indicating that the transmission is to the attention of Jeff Laabs, Buyer III, showing the total number of pages transmitted, and clearly marked "RFP Number 74055 O3; Fire Sprinkler Inspection and Service Questions".

It is recommended that Bidders submit questions sequentially numbered, include the RFP reference and page number using the following format.

Question Number	RFP Section Reference	RFP Page Number	Question

Written answers will be provided through an addendum to be posted on the Internet at and/or http://www.das.state.ne.us/materiel/purchasing/rfp.htm on or before the date shown in the Schedule of Events.

E. PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE

A pre-proposal conference will be held on the date, time and location shown in the Schedule of Events. Attendance at the pre-proposal conference is optional in order to submit a proposal. Bidders will have an opportunity to ask questions at the conference to assist in the clarification and understanding of the Request for Proposal requirements. The State will make every reasonable attempt to answer those questions before the end of the conference. Bidders attending the pre-proposal meeting may submit further questions in writing for questions which the bidder requires an official written response as shown in the Schedule of Events.

Written answers to written questions along with a list of conference attendees will be provided through an addendum to be posted on the Internet at http://das.nebraska.gov/materiel/purchasing/rfp.htm on or before the date shown in the Schedule of Events. Verbal responses provided during the pre-proposal meeting shall not be binding on the State of Nebraska.

1. NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO ATTEND OPTIONAL PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE

Notification of attendance should be submitted to the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services via e-mail ((jeff.laabs@nebraska.gov), facsimile (402) 479-5663, hand delivery or US mail by the date shown in the Schedule of Events. Potential bidders should utilize the "Notification of Intent to Attend Pre-Proposal Conference" (see Form B) that accompanies this document to the contact person shown on the cover page of the Request For Proposal Form. This form should be filled out in its entirety and returned no later than the date shown in the Schedule of Events.

F. SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

The following describes the requirements related to proposal submission, proposal handling and review by the State.

To facilitate the proposal evaluation process, one (1) original of the entire proposal should be submitted. Proposals must be submitted by the proposal due date and time. **A separate sheet must be provided that clearly states which sections have been submitted as proprietary or have copyrighted materials.** All proprietary information the bidder wishes the State to withhold must be submitted in accordance with the instructions outlined in Section III, Proprietary Information. Proposal responses should include the completed Form A, Bidder Contact Sheet. Proposals must reference the request for proposal number and be sent to the specified address. Container(s) utilized for original documents should be clearly marked "ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS". Please note that the address label should appear in Section II part A as specified on the face of each container or bidder's bid response packet. Rejected late proposals will be returned to the bidder unopened, if requested, at bidder's expense. If a recipient phone number is required for delivery purposes, (402) 479-5646 should be used. The request for proposal number must be included in all correspondence.

Emphasis should be concentrated on conformance to the Request for Proposal instructions, responsiveness to requirements, completeness and clarity of content. If the bidder's proposal is presented in such a fashion that makes evaluation difficult or overly time consuming, it is likely that points will be lost in the evaluation process. Elaborate and lengthy proposals are neither necessary nor desired.

G. PROPOSAL OPENING

The sealed proposals will be publicly opened and the bidding entities announced on the date, time and location shown in the Schedule of Events. Proposals will be available for viewing by those present after the proposal opening. Vendors may also contact the State to schedule an appointment for viewing proposals after the Intent to Award has been posted.

H. LATE PROPOSALS

Proposals received after the time and date of the proposal opening will be considered late proposals. Rejected late proposals will be returned to the bidder unopened, if requested, at bidder's expense. The State is not responsible for proposals that are late or lost due to mail service inadequacies, traffic or any other reason(s).

I. REJECTION OF PROPOSALS

The State reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, wholly or in part, or to award to multiple bidders in whole or in part. The State reserves the right to waive any deviations or errors that are not material, do not invalidate the legitimacy of the proposal and do not improve the bidder's competitive position. All awards will be made in a manner deemed in the best interest of the State.

J. MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

The proposals will first be examined to determine if all mandatory requirements listed below have been addressed to warrant further evaluation. Proposals not meeting mandatory requirements will be excluded from further evaluation. The mandatory requirement items are as follows:

1. Signed in ink Request For Proposal For Contractual Services form;
2. Cost Proposal Form C;
3. Bidder Contact Sheet Form A; and
4. Supplemental Information.

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 and daily business operations of the business are controlled by one or more persons described in subdivision (a) of this subsection.

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

K. REFERENCE CHECKS

The State reserves the right to check any reference(s), regardless of the source of the reference information, including but not limited to, those that are identified by the company in the proposal, those indicated through the explicitly specified contacts, those that are identified during the review of the proposal, or those that result from communication with other entities involved with similar projects.

Information to be requested and evaluated from references may include, but is not limited to, some or all of the following: financial stability of the company, project description and background, job performed, functional and technical abilities, communication skills and timeliness, cost and schedule estimates and accuracy, problems (poor quality deliverables, contract disputes, work stoppages, et cetera), overall performance, and whether or not the reference would rehire the firm or individual. Only top scoring bidders may receive reference checks and negative references may eliminate bidders from consideration for award.

L. SECRETARY OF STATE/TAX COMMISSIONER REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

All bidders shall be authorized to transact business in the State of Nebraska. All 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 recipient of an Intent to Award will be required to certify that it has so complied and produce a true and exact copy of its current (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. This must be accomplished prior to the award of the contract. Construction contractors are expected to meet all applicable requirements of the Nebraska Contractor Registration Act and provide a current, valid certificate of registration. Further, all bidders shall comply with any and all other applicable Nebraska statutes regarding transacting business in the State of Nebraska. Bidders should submit the above certification(s) with their bid.

M. VIOLATION OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Violation of the terms and conditions contained in this Request for Proposal or any resultant contract, at any time before or after the award, shall be grounds for action by the State which may include, but is not limited to, the following:

1. Rejection of a bidder's proposal;
2. Suspension of the bidder from further bidding with the State for the period of time relative to the seriousness of the violation, such period to be within the sole discretion of the State.

III. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

By signing the "Request for Proposal For Contractual Services" form, the bidder guarantees compliance with the provisions stated in this Request for Proposal, agrees to the terms and conditions unless otherwise agreed to and certifies bidder maintains a drug free work place environment.

Bidders are expected to closely read the Terms and Conditions and provide a binding signature of intent to comply with the Terms and Conditions; provided, however, a bidder may indicate any exceptions to the Terms and Conditions by (1) clearly identifying the term or condition by subsection, (2) including an explanation for the bidder's inability to comply with such term or condition which includes a statement recommending terms and conditions the bidder would find acceptable. Rejection in whole or in part of the Terms and Conditions may be cause for rejection of a bidder's proposal. Bidders should include completed Section III with their proposal response.

A. GENERAL

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within RFP Response (Initial)	
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NOTES/COMMENTS:			

The contract resulting from this Request for Proposal shall incorporate the following documents:

1. Amendment to Contract Award with the most recent dated amendment having the highest priority;
2. Contract Award and any attached Addenda;
3. The signed in ink Request for Proposal form and the Contractor's Proposal;
4. Amendments to RFP and any Questions and Answers; and
5. The original RFP document and any Addenda.

These documents constitute the entirety of the contract.

Unless otherwise specifically stated in a contract amendment, in case of any conflict between the incorporated documents, the documents shall govern in the following order of preference with number one (1) receiving preference over all other documents and with each lower numbered document having preference over any higher numbered document: 1) Amendment to Contract Award with the most recent dated amendment having the highest priority, 2) Contract Award and any attached Addenda, 3) the signed Request for Proposal form and the Contractor's Proposal, 4) Amendments to RFP and any Questions and Answers, 5) the original RFP document and any Addenda.

Any ambiguity in any provision of this contract which shall be discovered after its execution shall be resolved in accordance with the rules of contract interpretation as established in the State of Nebraska.

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

B. AWARD

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within RFP Response (Initial)	
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NOTES/COMMENTS:			

All purchases, leases, or contracts which are based on competitive proposals will be awarded according to the provisions in the Request for Proposal. The State reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, wholly or in part, or to award to multiple bidders in whole or in part, and at its discretion, may withdraw or amend the Request for Proposal at any time. The State reserves the right to waive any deviations or errors that are not material, do not invalidate the legitimacy of the proposal, and do not improve the bidder's competitive position. All awards will be made in a manner deemed in the best interest of the State. The Request for Proposal does not commit the State to award a contract. If, in the opinion of the State, revisions or amendments will require substantive changes in proposals, the due date may be extended.

By submitting a proposal in response to this Request for Proposal, the bidder grants to the State the right to contact or arrange a visit in person with any or all of the bidder's clients.

Once an intent to award decision has been determined, it will be posted to the Internet at:
and/or http://das.nebraska.gov/materiel/purchasing/rfp.htm

Grievance and Protest Procedure is as follows:
Within ten (10) calendar days of the intent to award decision being issued, grievances or protests are to be expressed in writing to the Department of Correctional Services, Materiel Administrator via email dcs.purchasing@nebraska.gov or via U.S. Mail - P.O. Box 94661 Lincoln, NE 68509-4661. The notification should state the bid number and specific issues that are to be addressed. A response will be made by the NDCS Materiel Administrator.

If the response from the Materiel Administrator has not satisfied the grievance of the contractor, a protest letter is to be sent to the Deputy Director of Administration, Department of Correctional Services via U.S. Mail - P.O. Box 94661 Lincoln, NE 68509-4661. A meeting will be scheduled with the contractor to discuss the issues.

Any protests must be filed by a vendor within ten (10) calendar days after the intent to award decision is posted to the Internet.

C. COMPLIANCE WITH CIVIL RIGHTS LAWS AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYMENT / NONDISCRIMINATION

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within RFP Response (Initial)	
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NOTES/COMMENTS:			

The contractor shall comply with all applicable local, State and Federal statutes and regulations regarding civil rights laws and equal opportunity employment. 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, with respect to hire, tenure, terms, conditions or privileges of employment because of race, color, religion, sex, disability, or national origin (Neb. Rev. Stat. §48-1101 to 48-1125). The contractor 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 Request for Proposal.

D. PERMITS, REGULATIONS, LAWS

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within RFP Response (Initial)	
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NOTES/COMMENTS:			

The contractor shall procure and pay for all permits, licenses and approvals necessary for the execution of the contract. The contractor shall comply with all applicable local, state, and federal laws, ordinances, rules, orders and regulations.

E. OWNERSHIP OF INFORMATION AND DATA

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within RFP Response (Initial)	
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NOTES/COMMENTS:

The State of Nebraska shall have the unlimited right to publish, duplicate, use and disclose all information and data developed or derived by the contractor pursuant to this contract.

The contractor must guarantee that it has the full legal right to the materials, supplies, equipment, and other rights or titles (e.g. rights to licenses transfer or assign deliverables) necessary to execute this contract. The contract price shall, without exception, include compensation for all royalties and costs arising from patents, trademarks and copyrights that are in any way involved in the contract. It shall be the responsibility of the contractor to pay for all royalties and costs, and the State must be held harmless from any such claims.

F. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within RFP Response (Initial)	
			1.
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

The contractor shall not commence work under this contract until he or she has obtained all the insurance required hereunder and such insurance has been approved by the State. If contractor will be utilizing any subcontractors, the contractor is responsible for obtaining the certificate(s) of insurance required herein under from any and all subcontractor(s). Contractor is also responsible for ensuring subcontractor(s) maintain the insurance required until completion of the contract requirements. The contractor shall not allow any subcontractor to commence work on his or her subcontract until all similar insurance required of the subcontractor has been obtained and approved by the contractor. Approval of the insurance by the State shall not limit, relieve or decrease the liability of the contractor hereunder.

If by the terms of any insurance a mandatory deductible is required, or if the contractor elects to increase the mandatory deductible amount, the contractor shall be responsible for payment of the amount of the deductible in the event of a paid claim.

1. WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE

The contractor shall take out and maintain during the life of this contract the statutory Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance for all of the contactors' employees to be engaged in work on the project under this contract and, in case any such work is sublet, the contractor shall require the subcontractor similarly to provide Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance for all of the subcontractor's employees to be engaged in such work. This policy shall be written to meet the statutory requirements for the state in which the work is to be performed,

including Occupational Disease. This policy shall include a waiver of subrogation in favor of the State. The amounts of such insurance shall not be less than the limits stated hereinafter.

2. COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE AND COMMERCIAL AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY INSURANCE

The contractor shall take out and maintain during the life of this contract such Commercial General Liability Insurance and Commercial Automobile Liability Insurance as shall protect the contractor and any subcontractor performing work covered by this contract from claims for damages for bodily injury, including death, as well as from claims for property damage, which may arise from operations under this contract, whether such operation be by the contractor or by any subcontractor or by anyone directly or indirectly employed by either of them, and the amounts of such insurance shall not be less than limits stated hereinafter.

The Commercial General Liability Insurance shall be written on an occurrence basis, and provide Premises/Operations, Products/Completed Operations, Independent Contractors, Personal Injury and Contractual Liability coverage. The policy shall include the State, and others as required by the contract documents, as an Additional Insured. This policy shall be primary, and any insurance or self-insurance carried by the State shall be considered excess and non-contributory. The Commercial Automobile Liability Insurance shall be written to cover all Owned, Non-owned and Hired vehicles.

3. INSURANCE COVERAGE AMOUNTS REQUIRED

a. WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYER'S LIABILITY

Coverage A	Statutory
Coverage B	
Bodily Injury by Accident	$100,000 each accident
Bodily Injury by Disease	$500,000 policy limit
Bodily Injury by Disease	$100,000 each employee

b. COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY

General Aggregate	$2,000,000
Products/Completed Operations Aggregate	$2,000,000
Personal/Advertising Injury	$1,000,000 any one person
Bodily Injury/Property Damage	$1,000,000 per occurrence
Fire Damage	$50,000 any one fire
Medical Payments	$5,000 any one person

c. COMMERCIAL AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY

Bodily Injury/Property Damage	$1,000,000 combined single limit

d. UMBRELLA/EXCESS LIABILITY

Over primary insurance	$1,000,000 per occurrence

4. EVIDENCE OF COVERAGE

The contractor should furnish the State, with their proposal response, a certificate of insurance coverage complying with the above requirements, which shall be submitted

to the Department of Correctional Services, Purchasing at Folsom & W. Prospector, Bldg. #1, Lincoln, NE 68522 (facsimile (402)479-5663). These certificates or the cover sheet shall reference the RFP number, and the certificates shall include the name of the company, policy numbers, effective dates, dates of expiration and amounts and types of coverage afforded. If the State is damaged by the failure of the contractor to maintain such insurance, then the contractor shall be responsible for all reasonable costs properly attributable thereto.

Notice of cancellation of any required insurance policy must be submitted to Department of Correctional Services, Purchasing when issued and a new coverage binder shall be submitted immediately to ensure no break in coverage.

G. COOPERATION WITH OTHER CONTRACTORS

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within RFP Response (Initial)	
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NOTES/COMMENTS:			

The State may already have in place or choose to award supplemental contracts for work related to this Request for Proposal, or any portion thereof.

1. The State reserves the right to award the contract jointly between two or more potential contractors, if such an arrangement is in the best interest of the State.

2. The contractor shall agree to cooperate with such other contractors, and shall not commit or permit any act which may interfere with the performance of work by any other contractor.

H. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within RFP Response (Initial)	
			1.
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

It is agreed that nothing contained herein is intended or should be construed in any manner as creating or establishing the relationship of partners between the parties hereto. The contractor represents that it has, or will secure at its own expense, all personnel required to perform the services under the contract. The contractor's employees and other persons engaged in work

or services required by the contractor under the contract shall have no contractual relationship with the State; they shall not be considered employees of the State.

All claims on behalf of any person arising out of employment or alleged employment (including without limit claims of discrimination against the contractor, its officers or its agents) shall in no way be the responsibility of the State. The contractor will hold the State harmless from any and all such claims. Such personnel or other persons shall not require nor be entitled to any compensation, rights or benefits from the State including without limit, tenure rights, medical and hospital care, sick and vacation leave, severance pay or retirement benefits.

I. CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITY

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within RFP Response (Initial)	
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NOTES/COMMENTS:			

The contractor is solely responsible for fulfilling the contract, with responsibility for all services offered and products to be delivered as stated in the Request for Proposal, the contractor's proposal, and the resulting contract. The contractor shall be the sole point of contact regarding all contractual matters.

If the contractor intends to utilize any subcontractors' services, the subcontractors' level of effort, tasks and time allocation must be clearly defined in the contractor's proposal. The contractor shall agree that it will not utilize any subcontractors not specifically included in its proposal, in the performance of the contract, without the prior written authorization of the State. Following execution of the contract, the contractor shall proceed diligently with all services and shall perform such services with qualified personnel in accordance with the contract.

J. CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within RFP Response (Initial)	
			1.
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

The contractor warrants that all persons assigned to the project shall be employees of the contractor or specified subcontractors, and shall be fully qualified to perform the work required

herein. Personnel employed by the contractor to fulfill the terms of the contract shall remain under the sole direction and control of the contractor. The contractor shall include a similar provision in any contract with any subcontractor selected to perform work on the project.

Contractor shall make his/her employees aware of the provisions 28-322.01 of the State of Nebraska Revised Statutes that states it shall be a Felony for individuals working for or under contract to the Department of Correctional Services to engage in sexual contact or relations with an inmate or parolee within the State correctional system, and that no inmate nor parolee is legally capable of giving consent to any such relationship.

Contractor's personnel shall be subject to departmental security checks prior to their arrival on site, and will carry proper identification with them at all times while on facility grounds.

Contractor shall inform his/her personnel of the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services Tobacco Policy, which states that tobacco and tobacco-related products are contraband and must not be carried into any NDCS-owned or controlled property. Such products must remain in Contractor's locked vehicle while on NDCS-owned or controlled property.
Personnel commitments made in the contractor's proposal shall not be changed without the prior written approval of the State. Replacement of key personnel, if approved by the State, shall be with personnel of equal or greater ability and qualifications.

The State reserves the right to require the contractor to reassign or remove from the project any contractor or subcontractor employee.

In respect to its employees, the contractor agrees to be responsible for the following:

1. Any and all employment taxes and/or other payroll withholding;
2. Any and all vehicles used by the contractor's employees, including all insurance required by state law;
3. Damages incurred by contractor's employees within the scope of their duties under the contract;
4. Maintaining workers' compensation and health insurance and submitting any reports on such insurance to the extent required by governing State law; and
5. Determining the hours to be worked and the duties to be performed by the contractor's employees.

Notice of cancellation of any required insurance policy must be submitted to the State when issued and a new coverage binder shall be submitted immediately to ensure no break in coverage.

K. STATE OF NEBRASKA PERSONNEL RECRUITMENT PROHIBITION

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within RFP Response (Initial)	
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NOTES/COMMENTS:

The contractor shall not, at any time, recruit or employ any State employee or agent who has worked on the Request for Proposal or project, or who had any influence on decisions affecting the Request for Proposal or project.

L. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within RFP Response (Initial)	
			1.
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

By submitting a proposal, bidder certifies that there does not now exist any relationship between the bidder and any person or entity which is or gives the appearance of a conflict of interest related to this Request for Proposal or project.

The bidder certifies that it shall not take any action or acquire any interest, either directly or indirectly, which will conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of its services hereunder or which creates an actual or appearance of conflict of interest.

The bidder certifies that it will not employ any individual known by bidder to have a conflict of interest.

M. PROPOSAL PREPARATION COSTS

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within RFP Response (Initial)	
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NOTES/COMMENTS:			

The State shall not incur any liability for any costs incurred by bidders in replying to this Request for Proposal, in the demonstrations, or oral presentations, or in any other activity related to bidding on this Request for Proposal.

N. ERRORS AND OMISSIONS

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within RFP Response (Initial)	
			1.
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

The bidder shall not take advantage of any errors and/or omissions in this Request for Proposal or resulting contract. The bidder must promptly notify the State of any errors and/or omissions that are discovered.

O. BEGINNING OF WORK

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within RFP Response (Initial)	
			1.
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

The bidder shall not commence any billable work until a valid contract has been fully executed by the State and the successful contractor. The contractor will be notified in writing when work may begin.

P. ASSIGNMENT BY THE STATE

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within RFP Response (Initial)	
			1.
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

The State shall have the right to assign or transfer the contract or any of its interests herein to any agency, board, commission, or political subdivision of the State of Nebraska. There shall be no charge to the State for any assignment hereunder.

Q. ASSIGNMENT BY THE CONTRACTOR

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within RFP Response (Initial)	
			1.
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

The contractor may not assign, voluntarily or involuntarily, the contract or any of its rights or obligations hereunder (including without limitation rights and duties of performance) to any third party, without the prior written consent of the State, which will not be unreasonably withheld.

R. DEVIATIONS FROM THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within RFP Response (Initial)	
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NOTES/COMMENTS:			

The requirements contained in the Request for Proposal become a part of the terms and conditions of the contract resulting from this Request for Proposal. Any deviations from the Request for Proposal must be clearly defined by the bidder in its proposal and, if accepted by the State, will become part of the contract. Any specifically defined deviations must not be in conflict with the basic nature of the Request for Proposal or mandatory requirements. “Deviation”, for the purposes of this RFP, means any proposed changes or alterations to either the contractual language or deliverables within the scope of this RFP. The State discourages deviations and reserves the right to reject proposed deviations.

S. GOVERNING LAW

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within RFP Response (Initial)	
			1.

NOTES/COMMENTS:

The contract shall be governed in all respects by the laws and statutes of the State of Nebraska. Any legal proceedings against the State of Nebraska regarding this Request for Proposal or any resultant contract shall be brought in the State of Nebraska administrative or judicial forums as defined by State law. The contractor must be in compliance with all Nebraska statutory and regulatory law.

T. ATTORNEY'S FEES

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within RFP Response (Initial)	
			1.
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

In the event of any litigation, appeal or other legal action to enforce any provision of the contract, the contractor agrees to pay all expenses of such action, as permitted by law, including attorney's fees and costs, if the State is the prevailing party.

U. ADVERTISING

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within RFP Response (Initial)	
			1.
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

The contractor agrees not to refer to the contract award in advertising in such a manner as to state or imply that the company or its services are endorsed or preferred by the State. News releases pertaining to the project shall not be issued without prior written approval from the State.

V. STATE PROPERTY

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within RFP Response (Initial)	

			1.
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

The contractor shall be responsible for the proper care and custody of any State-owned property which is furnished for the contractor's use during the performance of the contract. The contractor shall reimburse the State for any loss or damage of such property, normal wear and tear is expected.

W. SITE RULES AND REGULATIONS

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within RFP Response (Initial)	
			1.
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

The contractor shall use its best efforts to ensure that its employees, agents and subcontractors comply with site rules and regulations while on State premises. If the contractor must perform on-site work outside of the daily operational hours set forth by the State, it must make arrangements with the State to ensure access to the facility and the equipment has been arranged. No additional payment will be made by the State on the basis of lack of access, unless the State fails to provide access as agreed to between the State and the contractor.

X. NOTIFICATION

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within RFP Response (Initial)	
			1.
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

During the bid process, all communication between the State and a bidder shall be between the bidder’s representative clearly noted in its proposal and the buyer noted in Section II, A. Procuring Office and Contact Person of this RFP. After the award of the contract, all notices under the contract shall be deemed duly given upon delivery to the staff designated as the

point of contact for this Request for Proposal, in person, or upon delivery by U.S. Mail, facsimile, or e-mail. Each bidder should provide in its proposal the name, title and complete address of its designee to receive notices.

1. Except as otherwise expressly specified herein, all notices, requests or other communications shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been given if delivered personally or mailed, by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, to the parties at their respective addresses set forth above, or at such other addresses as may be specified in writing by either of the parties. All notices, requests, or communications shall be deemed effective upon personal delivery or three (3) days following deposit in the mail.

2. Whenever the contractor encounters any difficulty which is delaying or threatens to delay its timely performance under the contract, the contractor shall immediately give notice thereof in writing to the State reciting all relevant information with respect thereto. Such notice shall not in any way constitute a basis for an extension of the delivery schedule or be construed as a waiver by the State of any of its rights or remedies to which it is entitled by law or equity or pursuant to the provisions of the contract. Failure to give such notice, however, may be grounds for denial of any request for an extension of the delivery schedule because of such delay.

Either party may change its address for notification purposes by giving notice of the change, and setting forth the new address and an effective date.

For the duration of the contract, all communication between contractor and the State regarding the contract shall take place between the contractor and individuals specified by the State in writing. Communication about the contract between contractor and individuals not designated as points of contact by the State is strictly forbidden.

Y. EARLY TERMINATION

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within RFP Response (Initial)	
			1.
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

The contract may be terminated as follows:

1. The State and the contractor, by mutual written agreement, may terminate the contract at any time.

2. The State, in its sole discretion, may terminate the contract for any reason upon 30 days written notice to the contractor. Such termination shall not relieve the contractor of warranty or other service obligations incurred under the terms of the contract. In the event of cancellation the contractor shall be entitled to payment, determined on a pro rata basis, for products or services satisfactorily performed or provided.

3. The State may terminate the contract immediately for the following reasons:

- **a.** if directed to do so by statute;
- **b.** contractor has made an assignment for the benefit of creditors, has admitted in writing its inability to pay debts as they mature, or has ceased operating in the normal course of business;
- **c.** a trustee or receiver of the contractor or of any substantial part of the contractor's assets has been appointed by a court;
- **d.** fraud, misappropriation, embezzlement, malfeasance, misfeasance, or illegal conduct pertaining to performance under the contract by its contractor, its employees, officers, directors or shareholders;
- **e.** an involuntary proceeding has been commenced by any party against the contractor under any one of the chapters of Title 11 of the United States Code and (i) the proceeding has been pending for at least sixty (60) days; or (ii) the contractor has consented, either expressly or by operation of law, to the entry of an order for relief; or (iii) the contractor has been decreed or adjudged a debtor;
- **f.** a voluntary petition has been filed by the contractor under any of the chapters of Title 11 of the United States Code;
- **g.** contractor intentionally discloses confidential information;
- **h.** contractor has or announces it will discontinue support of the deliverable;
- **i.** second or subsequent documented "vendor performance report" form deemed acceptable by the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services.

Z. FUNDING OUT CLAUSE OR LOSS OF APPROPRIATIONS

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within RFP Response (Initial)	
			1.
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

The State may terminate the contract, in whole or in part, in the event funding is no longer available. The State's obligation to pay amounts due for fiscal years following the current fiscal year is contingent upon legislative appropriation of funds for the contract. Should said funds not be appropriated, the State may terminate the contract with respect to those payments for the fiscal years for which such funds are not appropriated. The State will give the contractor written notice thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of any termination, and advise the contractor of the location (address and room number) of any related equipment. All obligations of the State to make payments after the termination date will cease and all interest of the State in any related equipment will terminate. The contractor shall be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for any authorized work which has been satisfactorily completed as of the termination date. In no event shall the contractor be paid for a loss of anticipated profit.

AA. BREACH BY CONTRACTOR

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within RFP Response (Initial)	
			1.
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

The State may terminate the contract, in whole or in part, if the contractor fails to perform its obligations under the contract in a timely and proper manner. The State may, by providing a written notice of default to the contractor, allow the contractor to cure a failure or breach of contract within a period of thirty (30) days (or longer at State's discretion considering the gravity and nature of the default). Said notice shall be delivered by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested or in person with proof of delivery. Allowing the contractor time to cure a failure or breach of contract does not waive the State's right to immediately terminate the contract for the same or different contract breach which may occur at a different time. In case of default of the contractor, the State may contract the service from other sources and hold the contractor responsible for any excess cost occasioned thereby.

BB. ASSURANCES BEFORE BREACH

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within RFP Response (Initial)	
			1.
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

If any document or deliverable required pursuant to the contract does not fulfill the requirements of the Request for Proposal/resulting contract, upon written notice from the State, the contractor shall deliver assurances in the form of additional contractor resources at no additional cost to the project in order to complete the deliverable, and to ensure that other project schedules will not be adversely affected.

CC. FORCE MAJEURE

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within RFP Response (Initial)	

			1.
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

Neither party shall be liable for any costs or damages resulting from its inability to perform any of its obligations under the contract due to a natural disaster, or other similar event outside the control and not the fault of the affected party ("Force Majeure Event"). A Force Majeure Event shall not constitute a breach of the contract. The party so affected shall immediately give notice to the other party of the Force Majeure Event. The State may grant relief from performance of the contract if the contractor is prevented from performance by a Force Majeure Event. The burden of proof for the need for such relief shall rest upon the contractor. To obtain release based on a Force Majeure Event, the contractor shall file a written request for such relief with the State Purchasing Bureau. Labor disputes with the impacted party's own employees will not be considered a Force Majeure Event and will not suspend performance requirements under the contract.

DD. PROHIBITION AGAINST ADVANCE PAYMENT

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within RFP Response (Initial)	
			1.
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

Payments shall not be made until contractual deliverable(s) are received and accepted by the State.

EE. PAYMENT

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within RFP Response (Initial)	
			1.
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

State will render payment to contractor when the terms and conditions of the contract and specifications have been satisfactorily completed on the part of the contractor as solely determined by the State. 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.§

FF. INVOICES

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within RFP Response (Initial)	
			1.
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

Invoices for payments must be submitted by the contractor to the agency requesting the services with sufficient detail to support payment.

Invoices: NE Department of Correctional Services
Accounts Payable
P.O. Box 94661
Lincoln, NE 68509-4661
Or Via e-mail to: DCS.AccountsPayable@nebraska.gov
Accounts Payable Contact (402) 479-5715

The terms and conditions included in the contractor's invoice shall be deemed to be solely for the convenience of the parties. No terms or conditions of any such invoice shall be binding upon the State, and no action by the State, including without limitation the payment of any such invoice in whole or in part, shall be construed as binding or estopping the State with respect to any such term or condition, unless the invoice term or condition has been previously agreed to by the State as an amendment to the contract.

GG. AUDIT REQUIREMENTS

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within RFP Response (Initial)	
			1.

NOTES/COMMENTS:

All contractor books, records and documents relating to work performed or monies received under the contract shall be subject to audit at any reasonable time upon the provision of reasonable notice by the State. These records shall be maintained for a period of five (5) full years from the date of final payment, or until all issues related to an audit, litigation or other action are resolved, whichever is longer. All records shall be maintained in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

In addition to, and in no way in limitation of any obligation in the contract, the contractor shall agree that it will be held liable for any State audit exceptions, and shall return to the State all payments made under the contract for which an exception has been taken or which has been disallowed because of such an exception. The contractor agrees to correct immediately any material weakness or condition reported to the State in the course of an audit.

HH. TAXES

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within RFP Response (Initial)	
			1.
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

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.

II. INSPECTION AND APPROVAL

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within RFP Response (Initial)	
			1.
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

Final inspection and approval of all work required under the contract shall be performed by the designated State officials. The State and/or its authorized representatives shall have the right to enter any premises where the contractor or subcontractor duties under the contract are

being performed, and to inspect, monitor or otherwise evaluate the work being performed. All inspections and evaluations shall be at reasonable times and in a manner that will not unreasonably delay work.

JJ. CHANGES IN SCOPE/CHANGE ORDERS

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within RFP Response (Initial)	
			1.
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

The State may, at any time with written notice to the contractor, make changes within the general scope of the contract. Changes in scope shall only be conducted with the written approval of the State's designee as so defined by the State from time to time. (The State retains the right to employ the services of a third party to perform any change order(s)).

The State may, at any time work is in progress, by written order, make alterations in the terms of work as shown in the specifications, require the performance of extra work, decrease the quantity of work, or make such other changes as the State may find necessary or desirable. The contractor shall not claim forfeiture of contract by reasons of such changes by the State. Changes in work and the amount of compensation to be paid to the contractor for any extra work so ordered shall be determined in accordance with the applicable unit prices of the contractor's proposal.

Corrections of any deliverable services or performance of work required pursuant to the contract shall not be deemed a modification requiring a change order.

KK. SEVERABILITY

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within RFP Response (Initial)	
			1.
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

If any term or condition of the contract is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal or in conflict with any law, the validity of the remaining terms and conditions shall not be affected, and the rights and obligations of the parties shall be construed and enforced as if the contract did not contain the particular provision held to be invalid.

LL. CONFIDENTIALITY

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within RFP Response (Initial)	
			1.
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

All materials and information provided by the State or acquired by the contractor on behalf of the State shall be regarded as confidential information. All materials and information provided by the State or acquired by the contractor on behalf of the State shall be handled in accordance with Federal and State Law, and ethical standards. The contractor must ensure the confidentiality of such materials or information. Should said confidentiality be breached by a contractor; contractor shall notify the State immediately of said breach and take immediate corrective action.

It is incumbent upon the contractor to inform its officers and employees of the penalties for improper disclosure imposed by the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a. Specifically, 5 U.S.C. 552a (i)(1), which is made applicable to contractors by 5 U.S.C. 552a (m)(1), provides that any officer or employee of a contractor, who by virtue of his/her employment or official position has possession of or access to agency records which contain individually identifiable information, the disclosure of which is prohibited by the Privacy Act or regulations established thereunder, and who knowing that disclosure of the specific material is prohibited, willfully discloses the material in any manner to any person or agency not entitled to receive it, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and fined not more than $5,000.

MM. PROPRIETARY INFORMATION

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within RFP Response (Initial)	
			1.
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

Data contained in the proposal and all documentation provided therein, become the property of the State of Nebraska and the data becomes public information upon opening the proposal. 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 record 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 proposal. The separate package must be clearly marked PROPRIETARY on the outside of the package. Bidders may not mark their entire Request for Proposal as proprietary. Bidder's cost proposals 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) who 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.

NN. CERTIFICATION OF INDEPENDENT PRICE DETERMINATION/COLLUSIVE BIDDING

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within RFP Response (Initial)	
			1.
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

By submission of this proposal, the bidder certifies, that he or she is the party making the foregoing proposal that the proposal is not made in the interest of, or on behalf of, any undisclosed person, partnership, company, association, organization, or corporation; that the proposal is genuine and not collusive or sham; that the bidder has not directly or indirectly induced or solicited any other bidder to put in a false or sham proposal, and has not directly or indirectly colluded, conspired, connived, or agreed with any bidder or anyone else to put in a sham proposal, or that anyone shall refrain from bidding; that the bidder has not in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement, communication, or conference with anyone to fix the proposal price of the bidder or any other bidder, or to fix any overhead, profit, or cost element of the proposal price, or of that of any other bidder, or to secure any advantage against the public body awarding the contract of anyone interested in the proposed contract; that all statements contained in the proposal are true; and further that the bidder has not, directly or indirectly, submitted his or her proposal price or any breakdown thereof, or the contents thereof, or divulged information or data relative thereto, or paid, and will not pay, any fee to any corporation, partnership, company association, organization, proposal depository, or to any member or agent thereof to effectuate a collusive or sham proposal.

OO. PRICES

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within RFP Response (Initial)	
			1.

NOTES/COMMENTS:

All prices, costs, terms and conditions outlined in the proposal shall remain fixed and valid commencing on the opening date of the proposal until an award is made (and for bidder receiving award prices shall remain as bid for the duration of the contract unless otherwise so stated in the contract) or the Request for Proposal is cancelled.

Prices offered herein will remain firm from the date of the award for one (1) year. Prices may be subject to change after the initial one (1) year period. Such changes shall be based on industry changes as evidenced by revised printed price lists, verifiable documented cost increases or notices. A request for price increase shall be provided in writing, to The Nebraska Department of Correctional Services Purchasing division contact at least thirty (30) days prior to any price increase of the contract. No price increases are to be billed to NDCS without prior written approval by the NDCS Purchasing Division. NDCS reserves the right to accept or reject any price increase request. In the event new prices are not acceptable, the contract may be cancelled. Approved price increases shall become part of the new contract as a revision and will be recognized as firm contract pricing. Revised pricing will carry over to any subsequent renewals or revisions unless specifically revised and agreed upon by NDCS and contractor.

Contractor represents and warrants that all prices for services, now or subsequently specified are as low as and no higher than prices which the contractor has charged or intends to charge customers other than the State for the same or similar products and services of the same or equivalent quantity and quality for delivery or performance during the same periods of time. If, during the term of the contract, the contractor shall reduce any and/or all prices charged to any customers other than the State for the same or similar products or services specified herein, the contractor shall make an equal or equivalent reduction in corresponding prices for said specified products or services.

Contractor also represents and warrants that all prices set forth in the contract and all prices in addition, which the contractor may charge under the terms of the contract, do not and will not violate any existing federal, state or municipal law or regulations concerning price discrimination and/or price fixing. Contractor agrees to hold the State harmless from any such violation. Prices quoted shall not be subject to increase throughout the contract period unless specifically allowed by these specifications.

PP. BEST AND FINAL OFFER

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within RFP Response (Initial)	
			1.
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

The State will compile the final scores for all parts of each proposal. The award may be granted to the highest scoring responsive and responsible bidder. Alternatively, the highest scoring bidder or bidders may be requested to submit best and final offers. If best and final offers are requested by the State and submitted by the bidder, they will be evaluated (using the stated criteria), scored and ranked by the Evaluation Committee. The award will then be granted to the highest scoring bidder. However, a bidder should provide its best offer in its original proposal. Bidders should not expect that the State will request a best and final offer.

QQ. ETHICS IN PUBLIC CONTRACTING

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within RFP Response (Initial)	
			1.
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

No bidder shall pay or offer to pay, either directly or indirectly, any fee, commission compensation, gift, gratuity, or anything of value to any State officer, legislator or employee based on the understanding that the receiving person's vote, actions or judgment will be influenced thereby. No bidder shall give any item of value to any employee of the State Purchasing Bureau.
Bidders shall be prohibited from utilizing the services of lobbyists, attorneys, political activists, or consultants to secure the contract. It is the intent of this provision to assure that the prohibition of state contact during the procurement process is not subverted through the use of lobbyists, attorneys, political activists, or consultants. It is the intent of the State that the process of evaluation of proposals and award of the contract be completed without external influence. It is not the intent of this section to prohibit bidders from seeking professional advice, for example consulting legal counsel, regarding terms and conditions of this Request for Proposal or the format or content of their proposal.

If the bidder is found to be in non-compliance with this section of the Request for Proposal, they may forfeit the contract if awarded to them or be disqualified from the selection process.

RR. INDEMNIFICATION

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within RFP Response (Initial)	
			1.
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

1. GENERAL

The contractor agrees to defend, indemnify, hold, and save harmless the State and its employees, volunteers, agents, and its elected and appointed officials ("the indemnified parties") from and against any and all claims, liens, demands, damages, liability, actions, causes of action, losses, judgments, costs, and expenses of every nature, including investigation costs and expenses, settlement costs, and attorney fees and expenses ("the claims"), sustained or asserted against the State, arising out of, resulting from, or attributable to the willful misconduct, negligence, error, or omission of the contractor, its employees, subcontractors, consultants, representatives, and agents, except to the extent such contractor liability is attenuated by any action of the State which directly and proximately contributed to the claims.

2. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

The contractor agrees it will at its sole cost and expense, defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the indemnified parties from and against any and all claims, to the extent such claims arise out of, result from, or are attributable to the actual or alleged infringement or misappropriation of any patent, copyright, trade secret, trademark, or confidential information of any third party by the contractor or its employees, subcontractors, consultants, representatives, and agents; provided, however, the State gives the contractor prompt notice in writing of the claim. The contractor may not settle any infringement claim that will affect the State's use of the Licensed Software without the State's prior written consent, which consent may be withheld for any reason.

If a judgment or settlement is obtained or reasonably anticipated against the State's use of any intellectual property for which the contractor has indemnified the State, the contractor shall at the contractor's sole cost and expense promptly modify the item or items which were determined to be infringing, acquire a license or licenses on the State's behalf to provide the necessary rights to the State to eliminate the infringement, or provide the State with a non-infringing substitute that provides the State the same functionality. At the State's election, the actual or anticipated judgment may be treated as a breach of warranty by the contractor, and the State may receive the remedies provided under this RFP.

3. PERSONNEL

The contractor shall, at its expense, indemnify and hold harmless the indemnified parties from and against any claim with respect to withholding taxes, worker's compensation, employee benefits, or any other claim, demand, liability, damage, or loss of any nature relating to any of the personnel provided by the contractor.

SS. NEBRASKA TECHNOLOGY ACCESS STANDARDS

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within RFP Response (Initial)	
			1.

NOTES/COMMENTS:

Contractor shall review the Nebraska Technology Access Standards, found at http://nitc.nebraska.gov/standards/2-101.html and ensure that products and/or services provided under the contract comply with the applicable standards. In the event such standards change during the contractor's performance, the State may create an amendment to the contract to request that contract comply with the changed standard at a cost mutually acceptable to the parties.

TT. ANTITRUST

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within RFP Response (Initial)	
			1.
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

The contractor hereby assigns to the State any and all claims for overcharges as to goods and/or services provided in connection with this contract resulting from antitrust violations which arise under antitrust laws of the United States and the antitrust laws of the State.

UU. DISASTER RECOVERY/BACK UP PLAN

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within RFP Response (Initial)	
			1.
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

The contractor shall have a disaster recovery and back-up plan, of which a copy should be provided to the State, which includes, but is not limited to equipment, personnel, facilities, and transportation, in order to continue services as specified under these specifications in the event of a disaster.

VV. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within RFP Response	

		(Initial)	
			1.
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

Time is of the essence in this contract. The acceptance of late performance with or without objection or reservation by the State shall not waive any rights of the State nor constitute a waiver of the requirement of timely performance of any obligations on the part of the contractor remaining to be performed.

WW. RECYCLING

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within RFP Response (Initial)	
			1.
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

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 (Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-15, 159).

XX. DRUG POLICY

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within RFP Response (Initial)	
			1.
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

Contractor certifies 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.

YY. EMPLOYEE WORK ELIGIBILITY STATUS

Accept	Reject	Reject & Provide	

(Initial)	(Initial)	Alternative within RFP Response (Initial)	
			1.
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

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 means the electronic verification of the work authorization program authorized by the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996, 8 U.S.C. 1324a, known as the E-Verify Program, or an equivalent federal program designated by the United States Department of Homeland Security or other federal agency authorized to verify the work eligibility status of a newly hired employee.
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 www.das.state.ne.us.

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 required 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.

ZZ. CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION AND INELIGIBILITY

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within RFP Response (Initial)	
			1.
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

The contractor, by signature to this RFP, 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 becomes debarred during the term of this contract.

IV. PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND SCOPE OF WORK

This contract is for the purpose of inspecting, testing, and servicing the fire sprinkler system equipment for the **Work Ethic Camp- McCook, NE**. All work will be done in accordance with current National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards and guidelines, as adopted by the NE State Fire Marshall's office. Contractor will coordinate inspections and service in advance with facility Safety Officer (or designee).

Contractor shall furnish all necessary labor, supervision, materials, equipment, and supplies to satisfactorily perform described herein.

A. SCOPE OF WORK

The Nebraska Department of Correctional Services is seeking to establish a contract with a qualified vendor for the provision of Fire Sprinkler System Inspections and service at the Work Ethic Camp, McCook, NE.

B. WORK PLAN

1. All work will be done in accordance with current National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards and guidelines, as adopted by the Nebraska State Fire Marshal office. Contractor will schedule inspections and service in advance with the facility Maintenance Leader.

2. The time and locations of all serviced areas will be documented and the Contractor will leave a copy of the work order on-site at the facility. A copy of this work order, signed by facility Maintenance Leader or designee, will be submitted with the invoice.

3. No trip charges, mileage charges, or fuel surcharges will be allowed for services requested under this Scope of Service.

4. Billable miscellaneous parts will be itemized on invoices.

5. Inspections and services will be provided during normal business hours, 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, or as arranged with the facility Maintenance Manager or designee. No weekend or holiday work will be scheduled. Emergency service may be requested as necessary; response time shall be 24 hours. Emergency service shall be billed separately at the labor costs established for regular and/or overtime service.

6. There will be one (1) inspection per calendar year to be scheduled with the Maintenance Manager or designee.

7. Contractor shall furnish all necessary labor, supervision, materials, equipment, and supplies to satisfactorily perform inspections and service described herein.

8. Contractor is responsible for the cost and completion of any such certification as may be necessary by state or federal law within these areas. Any certification necessary shall be the sole responsibility of the Contractor, and copies of such certification will be provided to NDCS Purchasing and/or the facility Maintenance Manager or designee upon request.

9. All areas and buildings are to be covered and will be serviced at the frequencies and times outlined and as scheduled with the Maintenance Manager or designee.

10. Departmental articles broken or damaged during inspections or service shall be repaired or replaced at the Contractor's expense. This includes items of a personal nature, as well as state-owned property such as furniture, walls, office equipment, etc.

11. The following is a minimum listing of the inspection steps to be completed, per the type of system in use.

WET SYSTEMS—ALARM VALVES

1. Test alarms by opening Inspector's test connection and the by-pass test connection in conjunction with making water flow test when facilities and conditions permit.

2. Check cold water valves and exposed piping to determine their condition for winter and summer operation.

3. Test the solution in antifreeze systems for satisfactory conditions as required in the NFPA standard.

4. Adding of Propylene Glycol solution will be billed as an additional expense.

5. It shall be the facility's responsibility to ensure that floor drains will accept adequate flow from the sprinkler system test drain.

DRY SYSTEMS—DRY VALVES, ACCELERATORS, EXHAUSTERS

1. Test alarms, both water flow and air if provided, and perform a water flow test through the drain connection when facilities and conditions permit.

2. Check air pressure, priming water level, automatic drip connections when provided and general condition of dry pipe valves, accelerators or exhausters, and their environment, including dry pipe valve rooms or enclosures.

3. Tip test dry pipe valve accelerators and exhausters in accordance with standard testing and reporting procedures.

4. After testing, restore the system and dry pipe valve to operating condition according to the manufacturer's instructions.

5. Open condensation drains on drum drip connections and drain low points during inspection.

6. If additional condensate cleaning is required, inspector will note on the report.

7. It will be the facility's responsibility to perform such draining of condensate.

SPECIAL SYSTEMS—WATER DELUGE, PRE-ACTION, FOAM

1. Test alarms according to procedures suggested by manufacturer.

2. Test the detection or actuating system and accessory equipment per manufacturer's instructions.

REPLACEMENT PARTS AND FIELD SERVICE ADJUSTMENTS

1. Perform field service adjustments for all control and alarm devices. Additional labor and material will be billed separately from the inspection.

REPORTING

1. A legible copy of the inspection report, test results, services performed, and recommended improvements will be left on site with facility Maintenance Leader upon completion of service.

2. A clear, legible copy of the inspection report, signed by the facility Maintenance Leader or designee will be submitted with the invoice.

3. Reports and recommendations by the Contractor are intended to assist the facility in reducing possibility of loss to property by indicating hazards and/or lack of protection shown by inspections and service and require prompt consideration to prevent any such loss to property. Reports and recommendations are not intended to imply that all other hazard and/or lack of protection are under control at the time of inspection.

4. Contractor will, in addition to inspection service, furnish emergency service, billable at stated hourly rates, upon request of the facility.

Fire Sprinkler System

MODEL/MFGR	**LOCATION**
Automatic Fire Sprinkler Dry System; Victaulic V27	Building A

C. DELIVERABLES

This contract is for the purpose of inspecting, testing, and servicing the fire sprinkler system equipment for the Work Ethic Camp- McCook, NE**.**

LOCATION & CONTACT INFORMATION

Work Ethic Camp, Jon Anderjaska, Business Manager

2309 North Highway 83
McCook, NE 69001

Maintenance Leader	**Bob Sitzman**
Phone Number	**(308) 345-8405**

D. PAYMENT SCHEDULE

The payment schedule for the project is tied to specific dates and deliverables. Invoices may be submitted by the contractor on specific dates based on the completion and acceptance of related deliverables. No invoice will be approved unless the associated deliverables have

been approved. A percentage of the total contract cost may then be invoiced based on the following schedule.

Contractor will invoice NDCS for services performed on a monthly basis.

Invoice Date	Deliverable(s)
Annual	Services Performed

Invoices for payments must be submitted by the contractor to NDCS requesting the services with sufficient detail to support payment.

Form A

Bidder Contact Sheet

Request for Proposal Number 74055-O3

The Bidder Contact Sheet should be completed and submitted with each response to this Request for Proposal. This is intended to provide the State with information on the bidder's name and address, and the specific person(s) who are responsible for preparation of the bidder's response. Each bidder shall also designate a specific contact person who will be responsible for responding to the State if any clarifications of the bidder's response should become necessary. This will also be the person who the State contacts to set up a presentation/demonstration, if required.

Preparation of Response Contact Information	
Bidder Name:	
Bidder Address:	
Contact Person & Title:	
E-mail Address:	
Telephone Number (Office):	
Telephone Number (Cellular):	
Fax Number:	

Each bidder shall also designate a specific contact person who will be responsible for responding to the State if any clarifications of the bidder's response should become necessary. This will also be the person who the State contacts to set up a presentation/demonstration, if required.

Communication with the State Contact Information	
Bidder Name:	
Bidder Address:	
Contact Person & Title:	
E-mail Address:	
Telephone Number (Office):	
Telephone Number (Cellular):	
Fax Number:	

Form B

Notification of Intent to Attend Pre-Proposal Conference

Request for Proposal Number 74055-O3

Bidder Name:	
Bidder Address:	
Contact Person:	
E-mail Address:	
Telephone Number:	
Fax Number:	
Number of Attendees:	

The "Notification of Intent to Attend Pre-Proposal Conference" form should be submitted to the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services via e-mail (dcs.purchasing@nebraska.gov), facsimile (402) 479-5663, hand delivered or US Mail by the date shown in the Schedule of Events.

Form C

Bid Submission Sheet

Request for Proposal Number 74055-O3

Costs:	**$**	**per inspection (annual)**
	$	**Business Hourly rate, non-inspection service**
	$	**Non-Business hours rate, non-inspection service**
	$	**Trip charge for non-inspection service**

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES
SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACT INFORMATION

The Nebraska Department of Correctional Services (NDCS) is committed to the open and fair process for selection of contractual services; additionally, we are committed to upholding the laws of the State of Nebraska, the NDCS Code of Ethics and Conduct, and internal recommendations for improving best business practices.

Please complete the questions below and submit with your bid documents. Responding "yes" to any question will not disqualify you from consideration, but may necessitate a follow-up information request.

Company Name: _____

PO Box Address: _____

Physical Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Name/Title of Contact: _____

		YES	NO
1.	To your knowledge do you have any relatives, employees, contractors, sub-contractors, or a personal relationship with anyone who is currently employed by the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services?		
	If yes, who?		
2.	Has an employee of the Department of Correctional Services performed work for you under your current contract with the NDCS?		
	If yes, who, how long, and in what capacity?		
3.	Does an employee of the Department of Correctional Services (past or present) hold any corporate position in your company?		
	If yes, who and what position?		
4.	Incorporated companies, please provide the following information: Name of Corporate Entity: _____ Principle Office Address: _____ Registered Agent and Office Address: _____		
5.	Non-Incorporated Companies please provide the following information: Owner: _____		

By my signature below, I attest that neither I, nor my company, nor any primary officer or employee in my company has a known conflict of interest with the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services.

_____

Company President Signature Date