

## ADDENDUM ONE QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

Date: February 5, 2018

To: All Bidders

From: Julie Dabydeen, Buyer  
AS Materiel State Purchasing

RE: Addendum for Invitation to Bid Number 5760 OF  
to be opened February 13, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. Central Time

### Questions and Answers

Following are the questions submitted and answers provided for the above mentioned Invitation to Bid. The questions and answers are to be considered as part of the Invitation to Bid. It is the Bidder's responsibility to check the State Purchasing Bureau website for all addenda or amendments.

<u>Question Number</u>	<u>ITB Section Reference</u>	<u>ITB Page Number</u>	<u>Question</u>	<u>State Response</u>
1.	VI.C	21	This section (and section VI.E on the same page) does not contain a NOTES/COMMENTS section. Could the State please advise how bidders should provide narrative remarks on such sections?	The bidder can attach a separate sheet of paper titled notes/comments to their bid response.
2.	VI.T	29	The specification states, "Samples of Cigarette Tax Stamps in accordance with the specifications utilizing materials and features as bid, may be required prior to award. ... Sample Cigarette Tax Stamps are to be of material and construction as bid. Failure to supply samples and/or sample(s) that do not meet specifications and/or fail any of the protocols/tests as outlined below, may be grounds to reject the bid."  Can the State confirm that samples provided for performance testing must	The answer is "Yes" to both questions.

			conform to the specifications and must accurately represent in all respects the product the bidder proposes to provide to the State, including printing process, paper and coatings on paper, inks, and security features? If the State discovers subsequent to award that the successful bidder's product is not equivalent to the samples provided during evaluation, will the State cancel the contract and re-award?	
3.	VI.S	29	<p>The specification states, "Contractors may be required to furnish cancelled samples of stamps for machine application and list states now using their machine-applied stamps." Can the State confirm that "now using" refers only to states where the bidder's product is in actual use for revenue collection purposes, and not to states that have awarded a contract to the bidder but the bidder's products have yet to be applied by distributors?</p> <p>Additionally, can the State provide its minimum requirement for the bidder's years of experience (e.g., 5) providing the products being bid or number of states (e.g., 5) for which the bidder provides a substantially similar product?</p>	<p>"Now using" refers to States that are actually using the bidder's stamps and to States that have been awarded a contract, but are not actually using the stamps.</p> <p>There is not a minimum requirement for the number of years required by the bidder.</p>
4.	VI.G	22	Can the State provide its "de minimis" stamp application requirements, i.e., the portion of the tax stamp that must be visible on a cigarette pack after application?	There is no "de minimis" stamp application requirement. Stamps shall remain in tact, legible and adhere to the receiving surface.
5.		Page 22 H 1	It is our understanding this feature has the enforcement agent to carry around a vial of acid. This chemical has an expiration date. Most of the	No, the State's enforcement agents do not carry around a vial of acid. Yes, the State will accept an alternate solution.

			states have moved away from this particular feature as it was not being used as verification and is not environmentally friendly and can pose risk to the enforcement agent during application. Is the state receptive to an alternate solution which provides stamp verification with superior new technology?	
6.		Page 21 D	Would the state be receptive to a knock out area behind the numbering or an alternative blue?	Yes, the State will accept an alternative blue.
7.		Page 23 I 4	Is 1 line numbering or 2 line numbering required?	One line with 5 digits.
8.		ITB indicates Line 3 quantity as 502,500 M on cover page and 101,501,000 on page 25.	Can you please clarify the quantity required for this ITB.	Section VI.K.2.c. is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with c. 20 count pack Rolls of 30,000: 100,500,000.

This addendum will become part of the ITB and should be acknowledged with the Invitation to Bid.