

State of Nebraska - INVITATION TO BID CONTRACT

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State Purchasing Bureau
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Lincoln, Nebraska 68508

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Buyer	CHRISTIE KELLY (AS)		

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

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

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

Contract to supply and deliver Chemicals for Noxious Weed and Pest Control to the State of Nebraska as per the attached specifications for a one (1) year period from date of award. The contract may be renewed for four (4) additional one (1) year periods when mutually agreeable to the vendor and the State of Nebraska.

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Line	Description	Quantity	Unit of Measure	Unit Price	Extended Price
1	2,4-D LV6 2.5 GAL CONTAINERS OR EQUIVALENT BRAND NAME: <u>Winfield LV6</u> ITEM NUMBER: _____ STATE WHICH LOCATION(S) BEING BID: <u>Burdell, Broken Bow</u>	40.0000	EA	<u>\$53.38</u>	<u>\$854.00</u> <u>#21.35 gal x 40 gal</u>
2	HI-DEP 2.5 GAL CONTAINERS	250.0000	EA	<u>\$78.00</u>	<u>\$7800.00</u>

BIDDER MUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING

DISCOUNT PAYMENT TERMS: 0 % 30 DAYS

By signing this Invitation to Bid form, the bidder guarantees compliance with the provisions stated in this Invitation to Bid, agrees to the terms and conditions unless otherwise agreed to (see Section III) and certifies that bidder maintains a drug free work place environment. Vendor will furnish the items requested within 5 days after receipt of order. Failure to enter Delivery Date may cause quotation to be REJECTED.

Sign Mark W. Ballmer
Here (Authorized Signature MANDATORY - MUST BE SIGNED IN INK)

Enter Contact Information Below

VENDOR# _____
VENDOR: Country Partners Cooperative
Address: PO Box 80
120 8th Street
Botherburg Ne 68138

Contact Mark Ballmer
Telephone 308-529-2972
Facsimile _____
Email mballmer@countrypartners
Coop.com

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	BRAND NAME: <u>H1 DEP 2x2 1/2</u>				#31.20 gal x 250 gal.
	ITEM NUMBER: _____				
	STATE WHICH LOCATION(S) BEING BID: <u>Burwell, Broken Bow</u>				
3	TORDON 22K 1 GAL CONTAINERS OR EQUIVALENT	240.0000	EA	<u>#60.00</u>	<u>#14,400.00</u>
	BRAND NAME: <u>Dow TORDON</u>				#60.00 gal x 240 gal
	ITEM NUMBER: _____				
	STATE WHICH LOCATION(S) BEING BID: <u>Burwell, Broken Bow</u>				
4	GRAZON P&D 2.5 GAL CONTAINERS OR EQUIVALENT	2,200.0000	EA	<u>#67.50</u>	<u>#59,400.00</u>
	BRAND NAME: <u>Dow GRAZON P&D 2x2 1/2</u>				#27.00 gal x 2200 gal
	ITEM NUMBER: _____				
	STATE WHICH LOCATION(S) BEING BID: <u>Burwell, Broken Bow</u>				
5	GRAZON NEXT 2 GAL CONTAINERS OR EQUIVALENT	350.0000	EA	<u>#89.00</u>	<u>#15,575.00</u>
	BRAND NAME: <u>Dow GRAZON NEXT 2x2</u>				#44.50 gal x 350 gal
	ITEM NUMBER: _____				
	STATE WHICH LOCATION(S) BEING BID: <u>Burwell, Broken Bow</u>				
6	PLATEAU 1 GAL CONTAINERS OR EQUIVALENT	4.0000	EA	<u>#139.00</u>	<u>#556.00</u>

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Line	Description	Quantity	Unit of Measure	Unit Price	Extended Price
	BRAND NAME: <u>PANORAMIC 2 SL</u>				<u>\$139.00 gal</u> <u>x 4 gal.</u>
	ITEM NUMBER: _____				
	STATE WHICH LOCATION(S) BEING BID: _____				
7	ESCORT 8 OUNCE CONTAINERS OR EQUIVALENT	144.0000	EA	<u>\$23.36</u>	<u>\$3363.84</u>
	BRAND NAME: <u>Plotter^{8oz} - Winfield United</u>				
	ITEM NUMBER: _____				
	STATE WHICH LOCATION(S) BEING BID: <u>Burwell, Broken Bow</u>				
	<i>Per pg 31 it appears to be 144 bottles not 144oz</i>				
	<i>Escort 8oz } \$25.20 ea } \$292 per oz } x 144 bottles } x 144 bottles }</i>				
8	ESCORT 16 OUNCE CONTAINERS OR EQUIVALENT	144.0000	EA	<u>\$50.40</u>	<u>\$7257.60</u>
	BRAND NAME: <u>ESCORT 16oz</u>				
	ITEM NUMBER: _____				
	STATE WHICH LOCATION(S) BEING BID: <u>Burwell, Broken Bow</u>				
	<i>OR 288 bottles } Plotter } 3 1/2 oz x } \$6727.68 } bottles (144oz) }</i>				
9	METHYLATED SEED OIL 2.5 GAL CONTAINERS OR EQUIVALENT	500.0000	EA	<u>\$33.13</u>	<u>\$16625.00</u>
	BRAND NAME: <u>CONQUER - Winfield United</u>				
	ITEM NUMBER: _____				
	STATE WHICH LOCATION(S) BEING BID: _____				
	<i>\$13.25 gal } x 500 gal. }</i>				
10	OVERDRIVE 7.5 LB CONTAINERS OR EQUIVALENT	330.0000	EA	<u>\$363.38</u>	<u>\$15,988.50</u>
	BRAND NAME: _____				
	ITEM NUMBER: _____				
	STATE WHICH LOCATION(S) BEING BID: _____				
	<i>2, pg 31 } priced @ 330 lbs, if its 330 } lbs it would be \$363.38 x 330 }</i>				
	<i>\$48.45 lb x 330 lb }</i>				

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11	<p>BRAND NAME: <u>Overdrive 7.5th</u></p> <p>ITEM NUMBER: _____</p> <p>STATE WHICH LOCATION(S) BEING BID: <u>Burwell, Broken Bow</u></p> <p>DOW MILESTONE 1 QT CONTAINERS OR EQUIVALENT</p> <p>BRAND NAME: <u>Dow Milestone Qts</u></p> <p>ITEM NUMBER: _____</p> <p>STATE WHICH LOCATION(S) BEING BID: <u>Burwell, Broken Bow</u></p>	60.0000	EA	<u>\$78.95</u>	<u>\$4737.⁰⁰</u>
12	<p>BRAND NAME: <u>Dow Milestone Qts</u></p> <p>ITEM NUMBER: _____</p> <p>STATE WHICH LOCATION(S) BEING BID: <u>Burwell, Broken Bow</u></p> <p>DOW MILESTONE 2.5 GAL CONTAINERS OR EQUIVALENT</p> <p>BRAND NAME: <u>Dow Milestone 2x2 1/2</u></p> <p>ITEM NUMBER: _____</p> <p>STATE WHICH LOCATION(S) BEING BID: <u>Burwell, Broken Bow</u></p>	10.0000	EA	<u>\$789.38 jug</u>	<u>\$3157.50</u>
13	<p>BRAND NAME: <u>Dow Milestone 2x2 1/2</u></p> <p>ITEM NUMBER: _____</p> <p>STATE WHICH LOCATION(S) BEING BID: <u>Burwell, Broken Bow</u></p> <p>BANVEL 2.5 GAL CONTAINERS OR EQUIVALENT</p> <p>BRAND NAME: <u>Dreamba Max 4-Winfield United</u></p> <p>ITEM NUMBER: _____</p> <p>STATE WHICH LOCATION(S) BEING BID: <u>Burwell, Broken Bow</u></p>	100.0000	EA	<u>\$100.00</u>	<u>\$4000.00</u>
14	<p>BRAND NAME: <u>Dreamba Max 4-Winfield United</u></p> <p>ITEM NUMBER: _____</p> <p>STATE WHICH LOCATION(S) BEING BID: <u>Burwell, Broken Bow</u></p> <p>PRONONE POWER PILLS, PER PAIL OR EQUIVALENT</p> <p>BRAND NAME: <u>Pronone 5.5th Power Pills</u></p>	12.0000	EA	<u>\$339.00</u>	<u>\$4068.00</u>

Priced @ 10 gal.

\$315.75 gal x 10 gal.

\$40⁰⁰ gal x 100 gal

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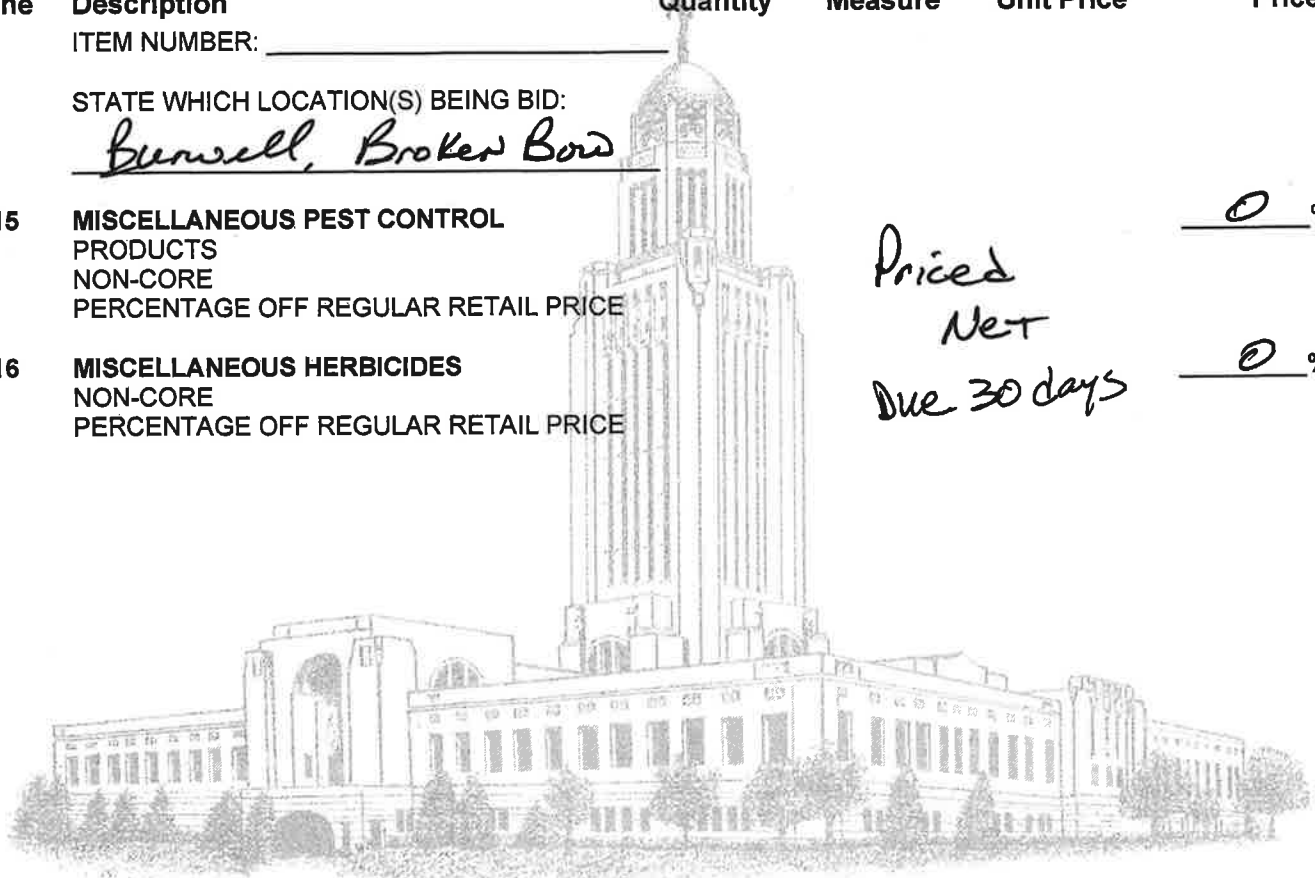
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	ITEM NUMBER: _____				
	STATE WHICH LOCATION(S) BEING BID: <u>Burnell, Broken Bow</u>				
15	MISCELLANEOUS PEST CONTROL PRODUCTS NON-CORE PERCENTAGE OFF REGULAR RETAIL PRICE				<u>0</u> %
16	MISCELLANEOUS HERBICIDES NON-CORE PERCENTAGE OFF REGULAR RETAIL PRICE				<u>0</u> %

*Priced
Net
Due 30 days*



II. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Bidders should complete Sections II, III, IV and VI as part of their bid. Bidder is expected to read the Terms and Conditions and must initial either accept, reject, or reject and provide alternative language for each clause. The Bidder should also provide an explanation of why the Bidder rejected the clause or rejected the clause and provided alternate language using 'Track Changes'. Upon request an electronic copy of the bid with 'Track Changes' must be submitted in an editable Word format. By signing the ITB Bidder is agreeing to be legally bound by all the accepted terms and conditions, and any proposed alternative terms and conditions submitted with the bid. The State reserves the right to negotiate rejected or proposed alternative language. If the State and Bidder fail to agree on the final Terms and Conditions, the State reserves the right to reject the bid. The State is soliciting bids in response to the ITB. The State reserves the right to reject bids that attempt to substitute the Bidder's commercial contracts and/or documents for this ITB.

The Bidder should submit with their bid any license, user agreement, service level agreement, or similar documents that the Bidder wants incorporated in the Contract. Upon notice of Intent to Award, the Bidder must submit a copy of these documents in an editable Word format. The State will not consider incorporation of any document not submitted with the Bidder's bid. These documents shall be subject to negotiation and will be incorporated as addendums if agreed to by the Parties.

If a conflict or ambiguity arises after the addendums have been negotiated and agreed to, the addendums shall be interpreted as follows:

1. If only one (1) Party's document has a particular clause then that clause shall control;
2. If both Party's documents have a similar clause, but the clauses do not conflict, the clauses shall be read together;
3. If both Party's documents have a similar clause, but the clauses conflict, the State's clause shall control.

A. GENERAL

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within ITB Response (Initial)	NOTES/COMMENTS:
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The contract resulting from this ITB shall incorporate the following documents:

1. Invitation to Bid and Addenda;
2. Amendments to the ITB;
3. Questions and Answers;
4. Contractor's bid (ITB);
5. Award;
6. The executed Contract and any Addenda; and,
7. Amendments to the Contract

These documents constitute the entirety of the contract.

Unless otherwise specifically stated in a future 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 the executed Contract with the most recent dated amendment having the highest priority, 2) executed Contract and any attached Addenda, 3) Amendments to ITB and any Questions and Answers, 4) the original ITB document and any Addenda, and 5) the Contractor's submitted Bid.

Any ambiguity or conflict in the contract discovered after its execution, not otherwise addressed herein, shall be resolved in accordance with the rules of contract interpretation as established in the State.

B. NOTIFICATION

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Contractor and State shall identify the contract manager who shall serve as the point of contact for the executed contract.

Communications regarding the executed contract 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 below, 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 five (5) calendar days following deposit in the mail.

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.

C. NOTICE (POC)

The State reserves the right to appoint a Buyer's Representative to manage [or assist the Buyer in managing] the contract on behalf of the State. The Buyer's Representative will be appointed in writing, and the appointment document will specify the extent of the Buyer's Representative authority and responsibilities. If a Buyer's Representative is appointed, the Contractor will be provided a copy of the appointment document, and is expected to cooperate accordingly with the Buyer's Representative. The Buyer's Representative has no authority to bind the State to a contract, amendment, addendum, or other change or addition to the contract.

D. GOVERNING LAW

Notwithstanding any other provision of this contract, or any amendment or addendum(s) entered into contemporaneously or at a later time, the parties understand and agree that, (1) the State of Nebraska is a sovereign state and its authority to contract is therefore subject to limitation by the State's Constitution, statutes, common law, and regulation; (2) this contract will be interpreted and enforced under the laws of the State of Nebraska; (3) any action to enforce the provisions of this agreement must be brought in the State of Nebraska per state law; (4) the person signing this contract on behalf of the State of Nebraska does not have the authority to waive the State's sovereign immunity, statutes, common law, or regulations; (5) the indemnity, limitation of liability, remedy, and other similar provisions of the final contract, if any, are entered into subject to the State's Constitution, statutes, common law, regulations, and sovereign immunity; and, (6) all terms and conditions of the final contract, including but not limited to the clauses concerning third-party use, licenses, warranties, limitations of liability, governing law and venue, usage verification, indemnity, liability, remedy or other similar provisions of the final contract are entered into specifically subject to the State's Constitution, statutes, common law, regulations, and sovereign immunity.

The Parties must comply with all applicable local, state and federal laws, ordinances, rules, orders, and regulations.

E. SUBSTITUTIONS

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The State and the Contractor, upon the written agreement, may make changes to the contract within the general scope of the ITB. Changes may involve specifications, the quantity of work, or such other items as the State may find necessary or desirable. Corrections of any deliverable, service, or work required pursuant to the contract shall not be deemed a change. The Contractor may not claim forfeiture of the contract by reasons of such changes.

The State or Contractor may prepare a written description of the work required due to the change and the Contractor shall prepare an itemized cost sheet for the change. Changes in work and the amount of compensation to be paid to the Contractor shall be determined in accordance with applicable unit prices if any, a pro-rated value, or through negotiations. The State shall not incur a price increase for changes that should have been included in the Contractor's bid, were foreseeable, or result from difficulties with or failure of the Contractor's bid or performance.

No change shall be implemented by the Contractor until approved by the State, and the Contract is amended to reflect the change and associated costs, if any. If there is a dispute regarding the cost, but both parties agree that immediate implementation is necessary, the change may be implemented, and cost negotiations may continue with both Parties retaining all remedies under the contract and law.

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

F. BREACH

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Either Party may terminate the contract, in whole or in part, if the other Party breaches its duty to perform its obligations under the contract in a timely and proper manner. Termination requires written notice of default and a thirty (30) calendar day (or longer at the non-breaching Party's discretion considering the gravity and nature of the default) cure period. Said notice shall be delivered by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, or in person with proof of delivery. Allowing time to cure a failure or breach of contract does not waive the right to immediately terminate the contract for the same or different contract breach which may occur at a different time.

In case of breach by the Contractor, the State may, without unreasonable delay, make a good faith effort to make a reasonable purchase or contract to purchased goods in substitution of those due from the contractor. The State may recover from the Contractor as damages the difference between the costs of covering the breach. Notwithstanding any clause to the contrary, the State may also recover the contract price together with any incidental or consequential damages defined in UCC Section 2-715, but less expenses saved in consequence of Contractor's breach.

The State's failure to make payment shall not be a breach, and the Contractor shall retain all available statutory remedies. (See Indemnity - Self-Insurance and Payment)

G. NON-WAIVER OF BREACH

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The acceptance of late performance with or without objection or reservation by a Party shall not waive any rights of the Party nor constitute a waiver of the requirement of timely performance of any obligations remaining to be performed.

H. SEVERABILITY

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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 provision held to be invalid or illegal.

I. INDEMNIFICATION

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1. GENERAL

The Contractor agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold 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 for personal injury, death, or property loss or damage, 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, resulting from this contract, 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 ITB.

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, including subcontractor's and their employees, provided by the Contractor.

4. SELF-INSURANCE (Statutory)

The State is self-insured for any loss and purchases excess insurance coverage pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-8,239.01 (Reissue 2008). If there is a presumed loss under the provisions of this agreement, Contractor may file a claim with the Office of Risk Management pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-8,829 through 81-8,306 for review by the State Claims Board. The State retains all rights and immunities under the State

Miscellaneous (Section 81-8,294), Tort (Section 81-8,209), and Contract Claim Acts (Section 81-8,302), as outlined in Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-8,209 et seq. and under any other provisions of law and accepts liability under this agreement to the extent provided by law.

5. ALL REMEDIES AT LAW

Nothing in this agreement shall be construed as an indemnification by one-party of the other for liabilities of a party or third parties for property loss or damage or death or personal injury arising out of and during the performance of this lease. Any liabilities or claims for property loss or damages or for death or personal injury by a party or its agents, employees, contractors or assigns or by third persons, arising out of and during the performance of this lease shall be determined according to applicable law.

The Parties acknowledge that Attorney General for the State is required by statute to represent the legal interests of the State, and that any provision of this indemnity clause is subject to the statutory authority of the Attorney General.

J. ATTORNEY'S FEES

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In the event of any litigation, appeal, or other legal action to enforce any provision of the contract, the Parties agree to pay all expenses of such action, as permitted by law and if order by the court, including attorney's fees and costs, if the other party prevails.

K. ASSIGNMENT, SALE, OR MERGER

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Either party may assign the contract upon mutual written agreement of the other party. Such agreement shall not be unreasonably withheld.

The Contractor retains the right to enter into a sale, merger, acquisition, internal reorganization, or similar transaction involving Contractor's business. Contractor agrees to cooperate with the State in executing amendments to the contract to allow for the transaction. If a third party or entity is involved in the transaction, the Contractor will remain responsible for performance of the contract until such time as the person or entity involved in the transaction agrees in writing to be contractually bound by this contract and perform all obligations of the contract.

L. CONTRACTING WITH OTHER POLITICAL SUB-DIVISIONS OF THE STATE OR ANOTHER STATE

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The Contractor may, but shall not be required to, allow agencies, as defined in Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-145, to use this contract. The terms and conditions, including price, of the contract may not be amended. The State shall not be contractually obligated or liable for any contract entered into pursuant to this clause.

The Contractor may, but shall not be required to, allow other states, agencies or divisions of other states, or political subdivisions of other states to use this contract. The terms and conditions, including price, of this contract shall apply to any such contract, but may be amended upon mutual consent of the Parties. The State of Nebraska shall not be contractually or otherwise obligated or liable under any contract entered into pursuant to this clause. The State shall be notified if a contract is executed based upon this contract.

M. FORCE MAJEURE

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Neither party shall be liable for any costs or damages, or for default resulting from its inability to perform any of its obligations under the contract due to a natural or manmade event outside the control and not the fault of the affected party ("Force Majeure Event"). The Party so affected shall immediately make a written request for relief to the other party, and shall have the burden of proof to justify the request. The other Party may grant the relief requested; relief may not be unreasonably withheld. Labor disputes with the impacted party's own employees will not be considered a Force Majeure Event.

N. CONFIDENTIALITY

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All materials and information provided by the Parties or acquired by a Party on behalf of the other Party shall be regarded as confidential information. All materials and information provided or acquired shall be handled in accordance with federal and state law, and ethical standards. Should said confidentiality be breached by a Party, the Party shall notify the other Party immediately of said breach and take immediate corrective action.

It is incumbent upon the Parties to inform their 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 by 5 U.S.C. 552a (m)(1), provides that any officer or employee, 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.

O. EARLY TERMINATION

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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, at its sole discretion, may terminate the contract for any reason upon thirty (30) calendar day's 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 termination 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) calendar 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; and,
- i. In the event funding is no longer available.

P. CONTRACT CLOSEOUT

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Upon termination of the contract for any reason the Contractor shall within thirty (30) days, unless stated otherwise herein:

1. Transfer all completed or partially completed deliverables to the State;
2. Transfer ownership and title to all completed or partially completed deliverables to the State;
3. Return to the State all information and data, unless the Contractor is permitted to keep the information or data by contract or rule of law. Contractor may retain one copy of any information or data as required to comply with applicable work product documentation standards or as are automatically retained in the course of Contractor's routine back up procedures;
4. Cooperate with any successor contractor, person or entity in the assumption of any or all of the obligations of this contract;
5. Cooperate with any successor contractor, person or entity with the transfer of information or data related to this contract;
6. Return or vacate any state owned real or personal property;

Nothing in this Section should be construed to require the Contractor to surrender intellectual property, real or person property, or information or data owned by the Contractor for which the State has no legal claim.

III. CONTRACTOR DUTIES

A. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR / OBLIGATIONS

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It is agreed that the Contractor is an independent contractor and that nothing contained herein is intended or should be construed as creating or establishing a relationship of employment, agency, or a partnership.

The Contractor is solely responsible for fulfilling the contract. The Contractor or the Contractor's representative shall be the sole point of contact regarding all contractual matters.

The Contractor shall secure, at its own expense, all personnel required to perform the services under the contract. The personnel the Contractor uses to fulfill the contract shall have no contractual or other legal relationship with the State; they shall not be considered employees of the State and shall not be entitled to any compensation, rights or benefits from the State, including but not limited to, tenure rights, medical and hospital care, sick and vacation leave, severance pay, or retirement benefits.

By-name personnel commitments made in the Contractor's bid shall not be changed without the prior written approval of the State. Replacement of these personnel, if approved by the State, shall be with personnel of equal or greater ability and qualifications.

The Contractor warrants that all persons assigned to the project shall be employees of the Contractor or a Subcontractor, and shall be fully qualified to perform the work required herein. Personnel employed by the Contractor or a subcontractor to fulfill the terms of the contract shall remain under the sole direction and control of the Contractor or the subcontractor respectively.

With respect to its employees, the Contractor agrees to be solely responsible for the following:

1. Any and all pay, benefits, and 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 that complies with state and federal law and submitting any reports on such insurance to the extent required by governing law;
5. Determining the hours to be worked and the duties to be performed by the Contractor's employees; and,
6. All claims on behalf of any person arising out of employment or alleged employment (including without limit claims of discrimination alleged against the Contractor, its officers, agents, or subcontractors or subcontractor's employees).

If the Contractor intends to utilize any subcontractor, the Subcontractor's level of effort, tasks, and time allocation must be clearly defined in the Contractor's bid. The Contractor shall agree that it will not utilize any Subcontractors not specifically included in its bid in the performance of the contract without the prior written authorization of the State.

The State reserves the right to require the Contractor to reassign or remove from the project any Contractor or Subcontractor employee.

Contractor shall insure that the terms and conditions contained in any contract with a sub-contractor does not conflict with the terms and conditions of this contract.

The Contractor shall include a similar provision, for the protection of the State, in the contract with any Subcontractor engaged to perform work on this contract.

B. EMPLOYEE WORK ELIGIBILITY STATUS

The Contractor is required and hereby agrees to use a federal immigration verification system to determine the work eligibility status of employees physically performing work within the State. 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 an 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 DAS website at <http://das.nebraska.gov/materiel/purchasing.html>

The completed United States Attestation Form should be submitted with the ITB response.

2. If the Contractor indicates on such attestation form that he or she is a qualified alien, the Contractor agrees to provide the U.S. 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.

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

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, and their Subcontractors, from discriminating against any employee or applicant for employment, with respect to hire, tenure, terms, conditions, compensation, or privileges of employment because of race, color, religion, sex, disability, marital status, or national origin (Neb. Rev. Stat. §48-1101 through 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 goods or services to be covered by any contract resulting from this ITB.

D. COOPERATION WITH OTHER CONTRACTORS

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Contractor may be required to work with or in close proximity to other contractors or individuals that may be working on the same or different projects. The Contractor shall agree to cooperate with such other contractors or individuals, and shall not commit or permit any act which may interfere with the performance of work by any other contractor or individual. Contractor is not required to compromise Contractor's intellectual property or proprietary information unless expressly required to do so by this contract.

E. PERMITS, REGULATIONS, LAWS

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The contract price shall include the cost of all royalties, licenses, permits, and approvals, whether arising from patents, trademarks, copyrights or otherwise, that are in any way involved in the contract. The Contractor shall obtain and pay for all royalties, licenses, and permits, and approvals necessary for the performance of the contract. The

Contractor must guarantee that it has the full legal right to the materials, supplies, equipment, software, and other items used to execute this contract.

F. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

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The Contractor shall throughout the term of the contract maintain insurance as specified herein and provide the State a current Certificate of Insurance/Accord Form (COI) verifying the coverage. The Contractor shall not commence work on the contract until the insurance is in place. If Contractor subcontracts any portion of the Contract the Contractor must, throughout the term of the contract, either:

1. Provide equivalent insurance for each subcontractor and provide a COI verifying the coverage for the subcontractor;
2. Require each subcontractor to have equivalent insurance and provide written notice to the State that the Contractor has verified that each subcontractor has the required coverage; or,
3. Provide the State with copies of each subcontractor's Certificate of Insurance evidencing the required coverage. The Contractor shall not allow any Subcontractor to commence work until the Subcontractor has equivalent insurance. The failure of the State to require a COI, or the failure of the Contractor to provide a COI or require subcontractor insurance shall not limit, relieve, or decrease the liability of the Contractor hereunder.

In the event that any policy written on a claims-made basis terminates or is canceled during the term of the contract or within one (1) year of termination or expiration of the contract, the contractor shall obtain an extended discovery or reporting period, or a new insurance policy, providing coverage required by this contract for the term of the contract and one (1) year following termination or expiration of the contract.

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.

Notwithstanding any other clause in this Contract, the State may recover up to the liability limits of the insurance policies required herein.

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 contractors' 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. **The policy shall include a waiver of subrogation in favor of the State. The COI shall contain the mandatory COI subrogation waiver language found hereinafter.** The amounts of such insurance shall not be less than the limits stated hereinafter. For employees working in the State, the policy must be written by an entity authorized by the State of Nebraska Department of Insurance to write Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance for Nebraska employees.

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 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 Additional Insured(s).** This policy shall be primary, and any insurance or self-insurance

carried by the State shall be considered secondary and non-contributory. The COI shall contain the mandatory COI liability waiver language found hereinafter. The Commercial Automobile Liability Insurance shall be written to cover all Owned, Non-owned, and Hired vehicles.

REQUIRED INSURANCE COVERAGE	
BUILDERS RISK	
All Risk Insurance – Cost of the Job including Soft Costs	
COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY	
General Aggregate	\$2,000,000
Products/Completed Operations Aggregate	\$2,000,000
Personal/Advertising Injury	\$1,000,000 per occurrence
Bodily Injury/Property Damage	\$1,000,000 per occurrence
Fire Damage	\$50,000 any one fire
Medical Payments	\$10,000 any one person
Damage to Rented Premises	\$300,000 each occurrence
Contractual	Included
XCU Liability (Explosion, Collapse, and Underground Damage)	Included
Independent Contractors	Included
Abuse & Molestation	Included
If higher limits are required, the Umbrella/Excess Liability limits are allowed to satisfy the higher limit.	
WORKER'S COMPENSATION	
Employers Liability Limits	\$500K/\$500K/\$500K
Statutory Limits- All States	Statutory - State of Nebraska
USL&H Endorsement	Statutory
Voluntary Compensation	Statutory
COMMERCIAL AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY	
Bodily Injury/Property Damage	\$1,000,000 combined single limit
Include All Owned, Hired & Non-Owned Automobile liability	Included
Motor Carrier Act Endorsement	Where Applicable
UMBRELLA/EXCESS LIABILITY	
Over Primary Insurance	\$5,000,000 per occurrence
PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY	
Professional liability (Medical Malpractice) Qualification Under Nebraska Excess Fund	Limits consistent with Nebraska Medical Malpractice Cap
All Other Professional Liability (Errors & Omissions)	\$1,000,000 Per Claim / Aggregate
COMMERCIAL CRIME	
Crime/Employee Dishonesty Including 3rd Party Fidelity	\$1,000,000
CONTRACTOR'S POLLUTION LIABILITY	
Each Occurrence/Aggregate Limit	\$2,000,000
Includes Non-Owned Disposal Sites	
MANDATORY COI SUBROGATION WAIVER LANGUAGE	
"Workers' Compensation policy shall include a waiver of subrogation in favor of the State of Nebraska."	
MANDATORY COI LIABILITY WAIVER LANGUAGE	
"Commercial General Liability & Commercial Automobile Liability policies shall be primary and any insurance or self-insurance carried by the State shall be considered secondary and non-contributory. State of Nebraska shall be included as additionally insured."	

If the mandatory COI subrogation waiver language or mandatory COI liability waiver language on the COI states that the waiver is subject to, condition upon, or otherwise limit by the insurance policy a copy of the relevant sections of the policy must be submitted with the COI so the State can review the limitations imposed by the insurance policy.

3. EVIDENCE OF COVERAGE

The Contractor should furnish the State, prior to beginning work and upon, a certificate of insurance coverage complying with the above requirements to the attention of:

Donita From
 Board of Educational Lands and Funds
 555 North Cotner Blvd.
 Lincoln, NE 68505
 402-471-2060 ext. 21
Donita.from@nebraska.gov

These certificates or the cover sheet shall reference the ITB 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.

Reasonable notice of cancellation of any required insurance policy must be submitted to Administrative Services State Purchasing Bureau when issued and a new coverage binder shall be submitted immediately to ensure no break in coverage.

4. DEVIATIONS

The insurance requirements are subject to limited negotiation. Negotiation typically includes, but is not necessarily limited to, the correct type of coverage, necessity for Workers' Compensation, and the type of automobile coverage carried by the Contractor.

G. NOTICE OF POTENTIAL CONTRACTOR BREACH

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If Contractor breaches the contract or anticipates breaching the contract the Contractor shall immediately give written notice to the State. The notice shall explain the breach or potential breach, and may include a request for a waiver of the breach if so desired. The State may, at its discretion, temporarily or permanently waive the breach. By granting a temporary waiver, the State does not forfeit any rights or remedies to which the State is entitled by law or equity, or pursuant to the provisions of the contract. Failure to give immediate notice, however, may be grounds for denial of any request for a waiver of a breach.

H. ANTITRUST

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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.

I. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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By submitting a bid, Contractor certifies that there does not now exist a relationship between the Contractor and any person or entity which is or gives the appearance of a conflict of interest related to this ITB or project.

The Contractor 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 delivery of its goods hereunder or which creates an actual or an appearance of conflict of interest.

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

The Parties shall not knowingly, for a period of two years after execution of the contract, recruit or employ any employee or agent of the other Party who has worked on the ITB or project, or who had any influence on decisions affecting the ITB or project.

J. STATE PROPERTY

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

K. SITE RULES AND REGULATIONS

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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 in writing between the State and the Contractor.

L. ADVERTISING

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within ITB Response (Initial)	NOTES/COMMENTS:
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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 goods are endorsed or preferred by the State. Any publicity releases pertaining to the project shall not be issued without prior written approval from the State.

M. DISASTER RECOVERY/BACK UP PLAN

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within ITB Response (Initial)	NOTES/COMMENTS:
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The Contractor shall have a disaster recovery and back-up plan, of which a copy should be provided upon request to the State, which includes, but is not limited to equipment, personnel, facilities, and transportation, in order to continue delivery of goods as specified under the specifications in the contract in the event of a disaster.

N. DRUG POLICY

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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.

IV. PAYMENT

A. PROHIBITION AGAINST ADVANCE PAYMENT

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Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 73-501 through 73-509 says "payments shall be made when contractual deliverables are received or in accordance with specific contractual terms and conditions." Standard term is to pay after deliverables and that any alteration of that standard term should be carefully considered and used only when absolutely necessary to accommodate certain critical exceptions, i.e. insurance premiums, etc. that must be paid in advance.)

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

B. TAXES

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within ITB Response (Initial)	NOTES/COMMENTS:
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The State is not required to pay taxes and assumes no such liability as a result of this solicitation. The Contractor may request a copy of the Nebraska Department of Revenue, Nebraska Resale or Exempt Sale Certificate for Sales Tax Exemption, Form 13 for their records. Any property tax payable on the Contractor's equipment which may be installed in a state-owned facility is the responsibility of the Contractor.

C. INVOICES

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within ITB Response (Initial)	NOTES/COMMENTS:
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Invoices for payments must be submitted by the Contractor to the agency requesting the services with sufficient detail to support payment. Invoices to be submitted immediately following delivery of items purchased by the State and/or its authorized representative (i.e. Invoices are NOT to be held until month end for submission). 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.

D. INSPECTION AND APPROVAL

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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.

If a simple inspection of the goods would reveal nonconformity, notice of nonconformity should be provided to the vendor as soon as reasonably practical, but not to exceed thirty (30) days from receipt of goods. This includes visual inspection of product to ensure packaging is not damaged, dented or compromised.

E. PAYMENT (Statutory)

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. (Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 73-506(1)). 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 of the contract, and the Contractor hereby waives any claim or cause of action for any such services.

F. LATE PAYMENT (Statutory)

The Contractor may charge the responsible agency interest for late payment in compliance with the State of Nebraska Prompt Payment Act (See Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 81-2401 through 81-2408).

G. SUBJECT TO FUNDING / FUNDING OUT CLAUSE FOR LOSS OF APPROPRIATIONS (Statutory)

The State's obligation to pay amounts due on the Contract for a fiscal years following the current fiscal year is contingent upon legislative appropriation of funds. Should said funds not be appropriated, the State may terminate the contract with respect to those payments for the fiscal year(s) for which such funds are not appropriated. The State will give the Contractor written notice thirty (30) calendar days prior to the effective date of termination. All obligations of the State to make payments after the termination date will cease. 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.

H. RIGHT TO AUDIT (Statutory)

The State shall have the right to audit the Contractor's performance of this contract upon a thirty (30) day written notice. Contractor shall utilize generally accepted accounting principles, and shall maintain the accounting records, and other records and information relevant to the contract (Information) to enable the State to audit the contract. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §84-304 et seq.) The State may audit and the Contractor shall maintain the information during the term of the contract and for a period of five (5) years after the completion of this contract or until all issues or litigation are resolved, whichever is later. The Contractor shall make the Information available to the State at Contractor's place of business or a location acceptable to both Parties during normal business hours. If this is not practical or the Contractor so elects, the Contractor may provide electronic or paper copies of the Information. The State reserves the right to examine, make copies of, and take notes on any Information relevant to this contract, regardless of the form or the Information, how it is stored, or who possesses the Information. In no circumstances will contractor be required to create or maintain documents not kept in the ordinary course of contractor's business operations, nor will contractor be required to disclose any information, including but not limited to product cost data, which is confidential or proprietary to contractor.

The Parties shall pay their own costs of the audit unless the audit finds a previously undisclosed overpayment by the State. If a previously undisclosed overpayment exceeds three percent (3%) of the total contract billings, or if fraud, material misrepresentations, or non-performance is discovered on the part of the Contractor, the Contractor shall reimburse the State for the total costs of the audit. Overpayments and audit costs owed to the State shall be paid within ninety (90) days of written notice of the claim. The Contractor agrees to correct any material weaknesses or condition found as a result of the audit.

V. SCOPE OF WORK

The Bidder should provide the following information in response to this ITB.

A. SCOPE

It is the intent of this bid invitation to establish a contract to supply **Chemicals for Noxious Weed and Pest Control** per the attached specifications from date of award for a period of one (1) year with the option to renew for an additional four (4), one (1) year periods when mutually agreeable to the vendor and the State. The State reserves the right to extend the period of this contract beyond the end date when mutually agreeable to the vendor and the State.

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

B. AMENDMENT

This Contract may be amended in writing, within scope, upon the agreement of both parties.

C. REVISIONS

In the event any product is discontinued or replaced upon mutual consent during the contract period, the State reserves the right to amend this contract to include the alternate product at the same price.

VI. INVITATION TO BID - TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

A. BIDDER INSTRUCTIONS

Bidder must respond to each of the following statements. Specifications listed are minimum conditions that must be met in order for a Bidder to qualify for the award.

"YES" response means the Bidder guarantees they can meet this condition.

"NO" response means the Bidder cannot meet this condition and will not be considered.

"NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE" responses should be used only with a narrative response in the NOTES/COMMENTS section explaining in detail any deviation from the Bidder's ability to meet the condition, and an explanation of how this would be determined to be an acceptable alternative to meeting the condition. Alternatives must be detailed in such a way that allows such deviations to be fully evaluated. The State shall determine at its sole discretion whether or not the Bidder's alternative is an acceptable alternative.

B. NON-COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	
yes			1. Read these specifications carefully. Any and all exceptions to these specifications must be written on or attached to quotation request. Any noncompliance may void your quotation. Non-compliance to any single specification can void your quotation.
yes			2. It is the responsibility of Bidders to obtain information and clarifications as provided below. The State is not responsible for any erroneous or incomplete understandings or wrongful interpretations of this ITB by any Bidder.
yes			3. No interpretation related to the meaning of bid specifications or other pre-bid documents will be made orally to any Bidder by the State. Any ITB interpretation must be put in writing and faxed by the Bidder to: the State Purchasing Bureau, Fax (402) 471-2089 or e-mailed to as.materielpurchasing@nebraska.gov by the last day to submit written questions that is specified in the Schedule of Events. (Inquiries received after the last day to submit written questions may not be addressed).
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

C. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION: CHEMICALS FOR NOXIOUS WEED AND PEST CONTROL

YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	
yes			1. 2,4-D LV6, 2.5 gallon containers, or Equivalent
yes			2. HI-DEP, 2.5 gallon containers, or Equivalent
yes			3. TORDON 22K, 1 gallon containers, or Equivalent
yes			4. GRAZON P&D, 2.5 gallon containers, or Equivalent
yes			5. GRAZON NEXT, 2 gallon containers, or Equivalent

Yes			6. PLATEAU, 1 gallon containers, or Equivalent
Yes			7. ESCORT, 8 ounce containers, or Equivalent
Yes			8. ESCORT, 16 ounce containers, or Equivalent
Yes			9. METHYLATED SEED OIL, 2.5 gallon containers, or Equivalent
Yes			10. OVERDRIVE, 7.5 pound containers, or Equivalent
Yes			11. DOW MILESTONE, 1 quart containers, or Equivalent
Yes			12. DOW MILESTONE, 2.5 gallon containers, or Equivalent
Yes			13. BANVEL, 2.5 gallon containers, or Equivalent
Yes			14. PRONONE POWER PILLS, per pail, or Equivalent
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

D. ANNUAL USAGE, ESTIMATED

YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	
			1. Annual usage figures provided are estimates and are not to be construed as either a minimum or maximum purchase quantity. The orders shall be for the actual quantities of each item ordered by or for any agency during the life of the contract. Vendor shall not impose minimum order requirements.
Yes			2. 2,4-D LV6, 2.5 gallon containers, 40 each
Yes			3. HI-DEP, 2.5 gallon containers, 250 each
Yes			4. TORDON 22K, 1 gallon containers, 240 each
Yes			5. GRAZON P&D, 2.5 gallon containers, 2,200 each
Yes			6. GRAZON NEXT, 2 gallon containers, 350 each
Yes			7. PLATEAU, 1 gallon containers, 4 each
Yes			8. ESCORT, 8 ounce containers, 144 each
Yes			9. ESCORT, 16 ounce containers, 144 each
Yes			10. METHYLATED SEED OIL, 2.5 gallon containers, 500 each
Yes			11. OVERDRIVE, 7.5 pound containers, 330 each

Yes			12. DOW MILESTONE, 1 quart containers, 60 each
Yes			13. DOW MILESTONE, 2.5 gallon containers, 10 each
Yes			14. BANVEL, 2.5 gallon containers, 100 each
Yes			15. PRONONE POWER PILLS, per pail, 12 each
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

E. WAREHOUSE LOCATION REQUIREMENT

YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	
Yes			1. BELF has no warehouse facilities; therefore, it is required that the Bidder shall warehouse products.
			2. Bidder, please bid on any or all locations below and specify the city and state of each warehouse location being bid:
Yes			a. Burwell area or within a 30 mile radius Please specify city and state of warehouse location: <u>ORD, NE - Country Partners</u>
	NO		b. McCook area or within a 30 mile radius Please specify city and state of warehouse location: _____
Yes			c. Broken Bow area or within a 30 mile radius Please specify city and state of warehouse location: <u>Westerville - Country Partners</u>
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

F. WAREHOUSE PICK UP LOCATION, HOURS AND STAFF INSTRUCTIONS

YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	
Yes			1. Chemicals are to be picked up at the bidder's warehouse, as needed, during regular business hours of the warehouse by BELF Noxious Weed Personnel and/or other BELF personnel as needed. Noxious Weed contact: Larry Gibbens P.O. Box 397 Sargent, NE 68874 (308) 631-1822 (cellular)
Yes			2. All staff picking up product will provide State I.D. card, if requested.

Yes			3. At the time items are picked up from warehouse, a designated State employee will sign the "invoice/packing slip." This signature will only indicate that the order has been received and that the items picked up agree with the "invoice/packing slip". This signature does not indicate all items were received in good condition and/or that there is not possible hidden damage.
			4. Please specify business hours and days of operation for the following locations:
Yes			a. Burwell area or within a 30 mile radius Days and hours of operation for warehouse location: <u>M-F 8am - 5pm Some Sat</u>
			b. McCook area or within a 30 mile radius Days and hours of operation for warehouse location: _____
Yes			c. Broken Bow area or within a 30 mile radius Days and hours of operation for warehouse location: <u>M-F 8am - 5pm Some Sat.</u>
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

G. PACKAGING

YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	
Yes			1. Cartons are to be clearly marked with size, weight, color, quantity, and the purchase order number. Cartons must be of suitable size and of sufficient strength to protect the contents during shipping, handling and storage.
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

H. ORDERS

YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	
Yes			1. Orders will be placed either by, phone, fax, e-mail or Internet (if available and not to the exclusion of the other methods). All orders must reference a purchase order number and the purchase order number must be referenced on the packing slip, and invoice. ***Invoices are to be sent to the "Invoice to" address on the purchase order.
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

I. QUALITY

YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	
Yes			<p>1. Product quality must meet specifications and be consistent for the term of the contract. A guarantee of satisfactory performance by the supplier and meeting delivery dates are considered to be an integral part of the purchase contract resulting from this bid invitation.</p> <p>All materials must be of first quality, under standard production by the manufacturer and be of standard design, complete as regularly advertised and marketed and be of proven performance.</p> <p>Products are to be fully guaranteed and may be returned for full credit or replacement (at the State's option) for any reason during the initial warranty period with no additional charges for shipping or restocking.</p>
Yes			<p>2. MSDS sheets to be provided upon request from the Nebraska State Purchasing Bureau or Nebraska State Agency.</p>
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

J. CORE LIST and CATALOG/NON-CORE

NA

YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	
Yes			<p>1. The State intends to enter into a Contract(s) for Chemicals for Noxious Weed and Pest Control for state agencies and/or facilities. The contract(s) will be for a list of common use items identified as a Core List and additional items identified as a Catalog/Non-Core List.</p>
Yes			<p>2. Catalog/Non-Core List items shall be represented by a catalog(s) or current manufacturer price list(s) containing items not called out in the Core List.</p>
Yes			<p>3. The Core List shall contain the most repetitively purchased Chemicals for Noxious Weed and Pest Control and will represent those products which the State wishes to establish as standard items based upon their value to the State in terms of quality and price. The Core List shall be subject to a greater discount than the Catalog/Non-Core item list. The State will not accept substitutions on the products listed on the Core List.</p>
Yes			<p>4. The Core List identifies the most commonly purchased items but is not a complete list of items purchased by the State, nor does it guarantee future purchase of these products. The State reserves the right to add or remove items from the Core Item list based on usage.</p>
Yes			<p>5. Catalog/Non-Core List items are defined as those additional items available from the vendor not listed as part of the Core List. All items not included on the Core List shall be considered Catalog/Non-Core items.</p>
Yes			<p>6. Prices for Catalog/Non-Core items shall be determined by applying the quoted discount for the item(s)/category to the manufacturer's current catalog or manufacturer price list(s). The discount percentage for the Catalog/Non-Core items shall remain firm for the duration of the contract period.</p>

NA

100			7. At the request of SPB, the vendor shall block availability on certain Catalog/Non-Core items as identified by SPB.
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

K. PRICE

NA

YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	
Y			1. Prices quoted for products on the Core List and Catalog/Non-Core items shall be inclusive of all costs, to include but not limited to storage, processing and/or delivery throughout the State. Vendor cannot impose any additional service fees. Vendor shall inform the SPB in the event of any unanticipated or overlooked contingency affecting pricing or contract performance.
Y			2. NO price increases are to be billed to the State facilities without prior written approval by the SPB.
Y			3. The State further reserves the right to reject any proposed price increase(s), cancel the contract and re-bid if determined in the best interest of the State.
Y			4. It is understood and agreed that in the event of a reduction in the manufacturer's published standard price list for all or any portion of the proposed items, the State will be given full benefit of such decline in price immediately, including any promotional allowances offered to the balance of the trade during the contract period.
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

L. CORE LIST PRICING

NA

YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	
			<p>1. Any quantities stated are estimated annual quantities and shall not be construed to be either a minimum or a maximum. The State will not accept substitutions. A manufacturer's model/number has been provided for each item. All bid units should match exactly.</p> <p>NOTE: If vendor fails to provide a price on any items, those items for that vendor will be adjusted to the highest quoted price for those items. In those cases where items may have more than one brand name, the vendor may bid on either brand. Please indicate which brand was bid. Bidder must complete the ITB. Please pay special attention to the unit of measure.</p>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Miscellaneous Pest Control Products (excluding core items) b. Miscellaneous Herbicides (excluding core items)
			8. Furniture is not to be made available for purchase by state agencies without approval from the SPB and must be blocked in vendor's order system.
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

N. PRICE LISTS AND CATALOGS

NA

YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	
			<p>1. After award of the contract(s), the vendor(s) shall supply additional copies of the current catalog or price list used for this ITB for distribution to any requesting state agency at no charge, within ten (10) days of request.</p> <p>Additional catalogs and/or price lists may be required and shall be provided without charge. Any catalog or price list revisions which occur during the duration of the contract shall be provided upon request without charge.</p>
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

O. USAGE REPORTS - CORE LIST and CATALOG/NON-CORE

NA

YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	
			<p>1. Usage reports of the resulting contract may be requested from the Vendor by the SPB at any time, as determined by the State. The reporting period may be determined based on need (monthly, quarterly, yearly, etc...) and may include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Agency Name; b. Item and Item Number; c. Fill rate information for Core and Non-Core items, statewide and by agency, to include the number of orders received, orders processed, back orders, and partially filled orders; d. Usage reports by agency and statewide indicating the numbers of each core item and non-core item sold and/or, e. Any additional report the SPB may deem necessary.
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

P. AUTHORIZED DEALER & WARRANTY

YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	
Yes			1. To the extent required by the manufacturer, the Bidder shall be an authorized dealer. Bidder may be required to substantiate that he/she is an authorized dealer. Proof, if required, must be submitted to the SPB within three (3) days of the request and prior to the award of any contract. The terms of the original manufacturer's standard warranty shall apply to all equipment acquired from this solicitation for the entire warranty period.
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

Q. WARRANTY

YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	
Yes			1. Contractor must warrant the average life expectancy supplies hereunder to be not less than that stated in the manufacturer's price list and agree to replace, without cost, all supplies failing to meet this requirement, except where the reduced life is due to conditions beyond the control of the Contractor. Defective parts or those damaged in shipment must be replaced by the Contractor at no charge to the State. The manufacturer's standard warranty shall apply and be in effect for at least one (1) year from the date the equipment was placed in service.
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

R. SUBSTITUTIONS

YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	
Yes			1. Vendor will not substitute any Core item that has been awarded without prior written approval of SPB.
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

			<p>2. Core List prices quoted shall be net, including transportation and delivery charges fully prepaid by the vendor, FOB Destination to the ordering state facility/agency. Core List pricing is to remain firm for the initial first year of the contract. Any Invitation To increase must be submitted in writing to the SPB a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to proposed effective date of increase and be accompanied by any/all supporting documentation such as a notification letter from the manufacturer indicating the percentage of increase. The supporting information must clearly establish the increase is for all customers, not to the State alone. Further documentation may be required by the State, to authenticate the increase (such as manufacturer invoices). Failure to supply any requested supporting documentation may be grounds to cancel the contract.</p>
<p>NOTES/COMMENTS:</p>			

M. CATALOG/NON-CORE LIST PRICING

NA

YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	
			<p>1. Catalog/Non-Core item purchases shall be net, including transportation and delivery charges fully prepaid by the vendor, FOB Destination to the ordering state facility/agency.</p> <p>Discount bid off of manufacturer's suggested list price shall remain fixed for the duration of the contract.</p> <p>During the life of the contract, there may be new manufacturer's list price schedules published. In the event this occurs, it will be necessary for the Contractor to supply the SPB and any requesting agencies with one (1) copy of each as applicable. New catalog and/or price list(s) will be incorporated into the contract thirty (30) days after receipt by the SPB.</p>
			<p>2. Discounts for Catalog/Non-Core items shall be applied to products as presented in the ITB. Bidder shall include each manufacturer's list price schedule to coincide with manufacturers list discount schedule.</p>
			<p>3. Prices for Catalog/Non-Core items shall be determined by applying the quoted discount for the item to the manufacturer's current catalog or price list.</p> <p>The percentage discount for the items shall remain firm for the duration of the contract period. Bidder must clearly state the date of the catalog or price list used and provide a copy of the catalog to the SPB upon request.</p>
			<p>4. The pricing structure, consisting of all pricing formulas and pertinent information, for all Catalog/Non-Core items must be clearly defined and documented for future auditing purposes.</p>
			<p>5. The percentage discount rate for Catalog/Non-Core items or categories will not decrease during the life of the contract.</p>
			<p>6. A firm percentage rate must be quoted, a range of percentages will not be considered.</p>
			<p>7. Catalog/Non-Core Categories have been identified as follows:</p>

S. SECRETARY OF STATE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

CHOOSE "YES" TO BEST ANSWER ONLY, CHOOSE "NO" FOR REMAINING LINES

YES	NO	*Prior to contract award and/or upon request of SPB, potential award recipient(s) will be asked to certify compliance with Nebraska Secretary of State Registration by providing a true and exact copy of current (dated within 90 days) valid Certificate of Good Standing or Letter of Good Standing.
		<p>1. Bidder is a SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP (in which case, no Letter of Good Standing/Certificate of Good Standing is required)</p> <p>If the Bidder is an Individual or Sole Proprietorship, the following applies:</p> <p>a. The Bidder must complete the United States Citizenship Attestation Form, available on the Department of Administrative Services website at http://das.nebraska.gov/materiel/purchasing.html</p> <p>The completed United States Attestation Form should be submitted with the Invitation to Bid response.</p> <p>b. If the Bidder indicates on such attestation form that he or she is a qualified alien, the Contractor agrees to provide the U.S. 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.</p> <p>c. The Bidder 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.</p>
Yes		2. Bidder is a GENERAL PARTNERSHIP (in which case, no Letter of Good Standing/Certificate of Good Standing is required).
		3. Bidder is a FOREIGN or DOMESTIC CORPORATION or BUSINESS and a copy of current Letter of Good Standing/Certificate of Good Standing from the Nebraska Secretary of State is provided within bid submission documents.
		4. Bidder is a FOREIGN or DOMESTIC CORPORATION or BUSINESS and a copy of current Letter of Good Standing/Certificate of Good Standing from the Nebraska Secretary of State will be provided in a timely manner upon request prior to award.
NOTES/COMMENTS:		

Form A
Bidder Contact Sheet
Invitation To Bid Number 6017 OF

Form A should be completed and submitted with each response to this ITB. 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.

Preparation of ITB Contact Information	
Bidder Name:	Country Partners Cooperative
Bidder Address:	PO Box 80 Bohensburg, NE 69138
Contact Person & Title:	Mark Ballmer - Director of Procurement
E-mail Address:	Mballmer@countrypartnerscoop.com
Telephone Number (Office):	308 529 2972
Telephone Number (Cellular):	" "
Fax Number:	NA

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.

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