

ADDENDUM FOUR - CHANGE IN PROCUREMENT PROCEDURE

Date: March 23, 2020

To: All Bidders

From: Connie Heinrichs/Julie Schiltz, Buyers
Nebraska State Purchasing Bureau

RE: Addendum for Request for Proposal Number 6231 Z1 to be opened April 1, 2020
at 2:00:00 p.m. Central Time

Electronic Submission of Bids

Due to the challenges of COVID-19, the State of Nebraska will accept electronic bids and is amending this RFP by deleting and superseding the following sections:

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IMPORTANT NOTICE: Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-602.04, State contracts in effect as of January 1, 2014, and contracts entered into thereafter, must be posted to a public website. The resulting contract, the solicitation, and the awarded bidder's proposal or response will be posted to a public website managed by DAS, which can be found at <http://statecontracts.nebraska.gov>.

In addition and in furtherance of the State's public records Statute (Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-712 et seq.), all proposals or responses received regarding this solicitation will be posted to the State Purchasing Bureau public website.

These postings will include the entire proposal or response. Bidder must request that proprietary information be excluded from the posting. The bidder must identify the proprietary information, mark the proprietary information according to state law, and submit the proprietary information in a separate container or envelope marked conspicuously using an indelible method with the words "PROPRIETARY INFORMATION", or if submitting the proposal or response electronically, as a separate electronic file that is named "PROPRIETARY INFORMATION". The bidder must submit a detailed written document showing that the release of the proprietary information would give a business advantage to named business competitor(s) and explain how the named business competitor(s) will gain an actual business advantage by disclosure of information. The mere assertion that information is proprietary or that a speculative business advantage might be gained is not sufficient. (See Attorney General Opinion No. 92068, April 27, 1992) THE BIDDER MAY NOT ASSERT THAT THE ENTIRE PROPOSAL IS PROPRIETARY. COST PROPOSALS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED PROPRIETARY AND ARE A PUBLIC RECORD IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA. The State will determine, in its sole discretion, if the disclosure of the information designated by the Bidder as proprietary would 1) give advantage to business competitors and 2) serve no public purpose. The Bidder will be notified of the State's decision. Absent a determination by the State that the information

may be withheld pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-712.05, the State will consider all information a public record subject to disclosure.

If the agency determines it is required to release proprietary information, the bidder will be informed. It will be the bidder's responsibility to defend the bidder's asserted interest in non-disclosure.

To facilitate such public postings, with the exception of proprietary information, the State of Nebraska reserves a royalty-free, nonexclusive, and irrevocable right to copy, reproduce, publish, post to a website, or otherwise use any contract, proposal, or response to this solicitation for any purpose, and to authorize others to use the documents. Any individual or entity awarded a contract, or who submits a proposal or response to this solicitation, specifically waives any copyright or other protection the contract, proposal, or response to the solicitation may have; and, acknowledges that they have the ability and authority to enter into such waiver. This reservation and waiver is a prerequisite for submitting a proposal or response to this solicitation, and award of a contract. Failure to agree to the reservation and waiver will result in the proposal or response to the solicitation being found non-responsive and rejected.

Any entity awarded a contract or submitting a proposal or response to the solicitation agrees not to sue, file a claim, or make a demand of any kind, and will indemnify and hold harmless the State and its employees, volunteers, agents, and its elected and appointed officials 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, sustained or asserted against the State, arising out of, resulting from, or attributable to the posting of the contract or the proposals and responses to the solicitation, awards, and other documents.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS:

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Opening Date and Time: Specified date and time for the public opening of **electronically** received, labeled, **or paper received, labeled**, formal proposals.

I. PROCUREMENT PROCEDURE

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C. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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| Proposal Opening Location for mailed/hand delivered submissions: State Purchasing Bureau 1526 K Street, Suite 130 Lincoln, NE 68508 Electronic submissions: https://nebraska.sharefile.com/r-rb21f54ed960413f8 | April 1, 2020 2:00:00 PM Central Time |
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I. SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

The State is accepting either electronically submitted responses or hard copy, paper responses for this RFP.

For bidders submitting electronic responses:

1. Bidders submitting electronically can upload the response here:
<https://nebraska.sharefile.com/r-rb21f54ed960413f8>

Note: Not all browsers are compatible with ShareFile. A confirmation will be emailed upon a successful upload of the document(s) to the email address entered.

2. The Technical, Cost Proposal and Proprietary information should be uploaded as separate and distinct files. If multiple proposals are submitted, the State will retain only the most recently submitted response. It is the bidder's responsibility to submit the proposal by the date and time indicated in the Schedule of Events. Electronic proposals must be received by SPB by the date and time of the proposal opening per the Schedule of Events. No late proposals will be accepted
3. **ELECTRONIC PROPOSAL FILE NAMES**
The bidder should clearly identify the uploaded RFP proposal files. To assist in identification please use the following naming convention:
 - a. RFP 6231 Z1 ABC Company
 - b. If multiple files are submitted for one RFP proposal, add number of files to file names: RFP 6231 Z1 ABC Company File 1 of 4; RFP 6231 Z1 ABC Company Business Requirements File 2 of 4; RFP 6231 Z1 ABC Company Technical Requirements File 3 of 4; RFP 6231 Z1 ABC Company Cost Proposal File 4 of 4.
 - c. If multiple RFP proposals are submitted for the same RFP, add the proposal number to the file names: RFP 6231 Z1 ABC Company Proposal 1 File 1 of 4.

For bidders submitting paper/hard copy responses:

4. Bidders **who are submitting a paper response** should submit one proposal marked on the first page: "ORIGINAL". If multiple proposals are submitted, the State will retain only one copy marked "ORIGINAL" and destroy the other copies. The bidder is solely responsible for any variance between the copies submitted. Proposal responses should include the completed Form A, "Bidder Point of Contact". Proposals must reference the RFP number. It is the bidder's responsibility to submit the proposal by the date and time indicated in the Schedule of Events. Sealed paper proposals must be received by SPB by the date and time of the proposal opening per the Schedule of Events. No late proposals will be accepted. Please note that the address label including the RFP number should appear on the face of each container or bidder's proposal response packet. If a recipient phone number is required for delivery purposes, 402-471-6500 should be used. The RFP number should be included in all correspondence.
5. **The Technical, Cost Proposal, and Proprietary Information** should be presented in separate sections (loose-leaf binders are preferred) on standard 8 ½" x 11" paper, except that charts, diagrams and the like may be on fold-outs which, when folded, fit into the 8 ½" by 11" format. Pages may be consecutively numbered for the entire proposal, or may be numbered consecutively within sections. Figures and tables should be numbered consecutively within sections and be referenced in the text by the number within the section, and should be placed as close as possible to the referencing text. Bidder must use the State's Cost Proposal Form.

The Technical Proposal should not contain any reference to dollar amounts. However, information such as data concerning labor hours and categories, materials, subcontracts and so forth, shall be considered in the Technical Proposal so that the bidder's understanding of the scope of work may be evaluated. The Technical Proposal shall disclose the bidder's technical approach in as much detail as possible, including, but not limited to, the information required by the Technical Proposal instructions. Bidder must use the State's Cost Proposal Form.

The State will not furnish packaging or sealing materials. It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure the solicitation is received **either electronically** or in a sealed envelope or container and submitted by the date and time indicated in the Schedule of Events. Sealed proposals must be received in the State Purchasing Bureau by the date and time of the proposal opening per the Schedule of Events.

The Request for Proposal form must be manually signed in an indelible manner **or by DocuSign** and returned by the proposal opening date and time along with the bidder's Request for Proposal and any other requirements as stated in the Request for Proposal document in order for the bidder's Request for Proposal response to be evaluated.

It is the responsibility of the bidder to check the website for all information relevant to this Request for Proposal to include addenda and/or amendments issued prior to the opening date. Website address is as follows: <http://das.nebraska.gov/materiel/purchasing.html>.

Emphasis should be concentrated on conformance to the solicitation 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 the State reserves the right to reject the proposal as non-responsive.

By signing the "Request for Proposal for Contractual Services" form, the bidder guarantees compliance with the provisions stated in this solicitation.

This addendum will become part of the ITB/proposal and should be acknowledged with the Request for Proposal response.