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____ 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 2023 or Current Production Year Ford Transit XLT Side Lift All Wheel Drive (AWD) Transit Vans 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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| 1 | 2023 OR CURRENT PRODUCTION YEAR FORD TRANSIT XLT SIDE LIFT, ALL WHEEL DRIVE (AWD) TRANSIT VANS WITH DUAL TIRES | 50.0000 | EA | | |

MAKE: _____

MODEL NAME/NUMBER: _____

OPTIONS:

BIDDERS MUST PROVIDE LITERATURE FOR EACH "OPTION" LINE-ITEM BID

BIDDER MUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING

DISCOUNT PAYMENT TERMS: _____ % _____ 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 and certifies that bidder maintains a drug free work place environment. Vendor will furnish the items requested within _____ days after receipt of order. Failure to enter Delivery Date may cause quotation to be REJECTED.

Sign

Here _____ (Authorized Signature Mandatory – Form must be signed manually in ink or by DocuSign)

Enter Contact Information Below

VENDOR# _____
VENDOR: _____
Address: _____

Contact _____
Telephone _____
Email _____

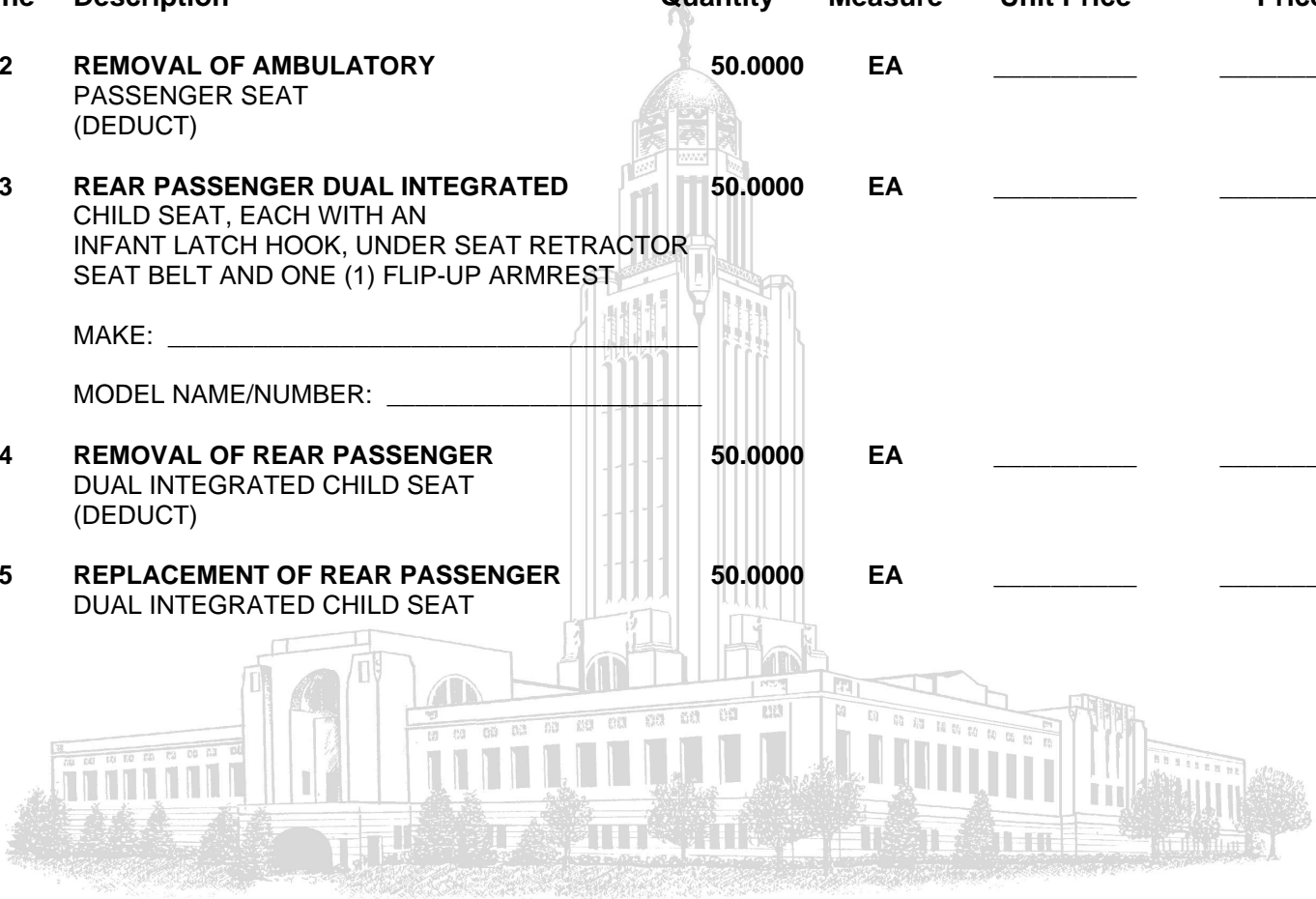
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| 3 | REAR PASSENGER DUAL INTEGRATED CHILD SEAT, EACH WITH AN INFANT LATCH HOOK, UNDER SEAT RETRACTOR SEAT BELT AND ONE (1) FLIP-UP ARMREST MAKE: _____ MODEL NAME/NUMBER: _____ | 50.0000 | EA | _____ | _____ |
| 4 | REMOVAL OF REAR PASSENGER DUAL INTEGRATED CHILD SEAT (DEDUCT) | 50.0000 | EA | _____ | _____ |
| 5 | REPLACEMENT OF REAR PASSENGER DUAL INTEGRATED CHILD SEAT | 50.0000 | EA | _____ | _____ |



**2023 OR CURRENT PRODUCTION YEAR
FORD TRANSIT XLT SIDE LIFT ALL WHEEL DRIVE (AWD) TRANSIT VANS
STATE OF NEBRASKA-NDOT
INVITATION TO BID
Number 6736 OF**

The State of Nebraska (State), Department of Administrative Services (DAS), Materiel Division, State Purchasing Bureau (SPB), is issuing this solicitation for a commodity contract, ITB Number 6736 OF for the purpose of selecting a qualified Vendor to provide **2023 or Current Production Year Ford Transit XLT Side Lift All Wheel Drive (AWD) Transit Vans**. A more detailed description can be found in Sections II through VI. The resulting contract may not be an exclusive contract as the State reserves the right to contract for the same or similar goods from other sources now or in the future.

The term of the resulting contract(s) will be one (1) year commencing upon execution of the contract by the State and the Vendor. The Contract includes the option to renew for four (4) additional one (1) year periods upon mutual agreement of the Parties. The State reserves the right to extend the period of this contract beyond the termination date when mutually agreeable to the Parties.

INFORMATION PERTINENT TO THIS SOLICITATION CAN BE FOUND ON THE INTERNET AT:

<http://das.nebraska.gov/materiel/purchasing.html>

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-602.02, 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 successful Vendor's bid or response will be posted to a public website managed by DAS, which can be found at:

<https://statecontracts.nebraska.gov>

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

These postings will include the entire bid or response. Vendor must request that proprietary information be excluded from the posting. The Vendor 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". The Vendor 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 VENDOR MAY NOT ASSERT THAT THE ENTIRE BID OR RESPONSE IS PROPRIETARY. COST WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED PROPRIETARY AND IS A PUBLIC RECORD IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA.** The State will then determine, in its discretion, if the interests served by nondisclosure outweighs any public purpose served by disclosure (See Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-712.05(3)). The Vendor will be notified of the agency's decision. Absent a State determination that information is proprietary, the State will consider all information a public record subject to release regardless of any assertion that the information is proprietary.

If the agency determines it is required to release proprietary information, the Vendor will be informed. It will be the Vendor's responsibility to defend the Vendor'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, bid, 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 bid or response to this solicitation, specifically waives any copyright or other protection the contract, bid, 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 are a prerequisite for submitting a bid or response to this solicitation, and award of a contract. Failure to agree to the reservation and waiver will result in the bid or response to the solicitation being found non-responsive and rejected.

Any entity awarded a contract or submitting a bid 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 bids and responses to the solicitation, awards, and other documents.

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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

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

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

Agency: Using agencies shall mean and include all officers of the state, departments, bureaus, boards, commissions, councils, and institutions receiving legislative appropriations

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

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

Amendment: A written correction or alteration to a document

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

Automated Clearing House: Electronic network for financial transactions in the United States

Award: All purchases, leases, or contracts which are based on competitive bids will be awarded according to the provisions in the solicitation

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

Bid: An offer, bid, or quote submitted by a vendor in a response to a written solicitation

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

Breach: Violation of a contractual obligation by failing to perform or repudiation of one's own promise.

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

Business Day: Any weekday, except State-recognized holidays

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

Cancellation: To call off or revoke a bid, purchase order or contract without expectation of conducting or performing at a later time

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

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

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

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

Competition: The effort or action of two (2) or more commercial interests to obtain the same business from third parties

Confidential Information: Unless otherwise defined below, "Confidential Information" shall also mean proprietary trade secrets, academic and scientific research work which is in progress and unpublished, and other information which if released would give advantage to business competitors and serve no public purpose (see Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-712.05(3)). In accordance with Nebraska Attorney General Opinions 92068 and 97033, proof that information is proprietary requires identification of specific, named competitor(s) who would be advantaged by release of the information and the specific advantage the competitor(s) would receive

Contract: An agreement between two (2) or more parties creating obligations that are enforceable or otherwise recognizable at law; the writing that sets forth such an agreement

Contract Administration: The management of the contract which includes and is not limited to contract signing, contract amendments and any necessary legal actions

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Contract Management: The management of day-to-day activities at the agency which includes and is not limited to ensuring deliverables are received, specifications are met, handling meetings, and making payments to the Vendor

Contract Period: The duration of the contract

Contractor: An individual or entity lawfully conducting business in the State, who seeks or agrees to provide goods or services under the terms of a written contract.

Cooperative Purchasing: The combining of requirements of two (2) or more political entities to obtain advantages of volume purchases, reduction in administrative expenses or other public benefits

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

Crashworthiness: The body and roof structure of the vehicle shall withstand a static load equal to 150% of the curb weight, evenly distributed on the roof with a maximum of a 6" reduction in any interior dimension.

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

Curb Weight: The "as delivered" weight of the vehicle with all equipment required for operation, all equipment required by these specifications, and with maximum fuel, oil, and coolant, but without driver or passengers.

Customer Service: The process of ensuring customer satisfaction by providing assistance and advice on those products or goods provided by a Vendor

Default: The omission or failure to perform a contractual duty

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

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise: A for-profit small business concern (a) that is at least 51% owned by one (1) or more individuals who are both socially and economically disadvantaged or, in the case of a corporation, in which 51% of the stock is owned by one (1) or more such individual(s); and (b) whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one (1) or more of the socially and economically disadvantaged individuals who own it and is certified as such (See 49 Code of Federal Regulations Part 26).

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

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

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

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

Heavy-Duty: Exceeding the usual quality or capacity of similar items normally supplied as standard equipment and capable of withstanding unusual stress, temperature, wear, exposure, and/or use.

Installation Date: The date when the procedures described in "Installation by Contractor", and "Installation by State", as found in the solicitation, or contract are completed.

Interested Party: A person, acting in their personal capacity, or an entity entering into a contract or other agreement creating a legal interest therein

Invalid Bid: A bid that does not meet the requirements of the solicitation or cannot be evaluated against the other bids.

Invitation to Bid: A written solicitation utilized for obtaining competitive offers for Services or Goods

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

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

Mandatory: Required, compulsory, or obligatory

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May: Discretionary, permitted; used to express possibility

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

Must: See “Mandatory”.

National Institute for Governmental Purchasing: Source used for assignment of universal commodity codes to goods and services

Open Market Purchase: Authorization may be given to an agency to purchase items above direct purchase authority due to the unique nature, price, quantity, location of the using agency, or time limitations by the DAS, SPB.

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

Operating System: The control program in a computer that provides the interface to the computer hardware and peripheral devices, and the usage and allocation of memory resources, processor resources, input/output resources, and security resources

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

Payroll & Financial Center: Electronic procurement system of record

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

Point of Contact: The person designated to receive communications and to communicate

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

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

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

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

Proprietary Information: Proprietary information is defined as trade secrets, academic and scientific research work which is in progress and unpublished, and other information which if released would give advantage to business competitors and service no public purpose (see Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-712.05(3)). In accordance with Attorney General Opinions 92068 and 97033, proof that information is proprietary requires identification of specific named competitor(s) advantaged by release of the information and the demonstrated advantage the named competitor(s) would gain by the release of information

Protest/Grievance: A complaint about a governmental action or decision related to the solicitation or resultant contract, brought by a vendor who has timely submitted a bid in connection with the award in question, to AS Materiel Division or another designated agency with the intention of achieving a remedial result

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

Quote: See “Bid”.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Riser: A stair riser is the near-vertical element in a set of stairs, forming the space between one step and the next. It is sometimes slightly inclined from the vertical so that its top is closer than its base to the person climbing the stairs.

Shall: See "Mandatory".

Should: Expected; suggested, but not necessarily mandatory

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

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

Statutory: These clauses are controlled by state law and are not subject to negotiation

Subcontractor: Individual or entity with whom the contractor enters a contract to perform a portion of the work awarded to the contractor

Stair Riser: See "Riser".

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

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

Third-Party: Any person or entity, including but not limited to fiduciaries, shareholders, owners, officers, managers, employees, legally disinterested persons, and sub-contractors or agents, and their employees. It shall not include any entity or person who is an interested Party to the contract or agreement

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

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

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

Vendor Performance Report: A report completed by the using agency and submitted to SPB documenting products or services delivered or performed which exceed or fail to meet the terms of the purchase order, contract, and/or solicitation specifications.

Vendor: Inclusive term for any Bidder or Contractor.

Will: See "Mandatory".

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ACRONYM LIST

ACH: Automated Clearing House

ADA: Americans with Disabilities Act

ARO: After Receipt of Order

AWD: All Wheel Drive

BAFO: Best and Final Offer

BTU: British Thermal Unit

CFR: Code of Federal Regulations

CPR: Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation

CPU: Central Processing Unit

CRS: Child Restraint System

DAS: Department of Administrative Services

DBE: Disadvantaged Business Enterprise

DOT: United States Department of Transportation

F: Fahrenheit

FMVSS: Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards

FOB: Free on Board

GSA: General Services Administration

GWVR: Gross Vehicle Weight Rating

I.D.: Identification

ISO: International Organization for Standardization

ITB: Invitation to Bid

lb.: Pound

L: Liter

mm: Millimeter

NHTSA: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

NIGP: National Institute for Governmental Purchasing

NDOT: Nebraska Department of Transportation

OEM: Original Equipment Manufacturer

PFC: Payroll & Financial Center

PCO: Procurement Contracts Officer

POC: Point of Contact

PSI: Pound per square inch

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RFI: Request for Information

RPM: Revolutions per Minute

SPB: State Purchasing Bureau

UL: Underwriter Laboratories

USC: United States Code

V: Volt

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I. PROCUREMENT PROCEDURE

A. GENERAL INFORMATION

The solicitation is designed to solicit bids from qualified Vendors who will be responsible for providing **2023 or Current Production Year Ford Transit XLT Side Lift All Wheel Drive (AWD) Transit Vans** at a competitive and reasonable cost. Terms and Conditions, Project Description and Scope of Work, Bid instructions, and Cost Bid Requirements may be found in Sections II through VI.

Bids shall conform to all instructions, conditions, and requirements included in the solicitation. Prospective Vendors are expected to carefully examine all documents, schedules, and requirements in this solicitation, and respond to each requirement in the format prescribed. Bids may be found non-responsive if they do not conform to the solicitation.

B. PROCURING OFFICE AND COMMUNICATION WITH STATE STAFF AND EVALUATORS

Procurement responsibilities related to this solicitation reside with SPB. The POC for the procurement is as follows:

ITB: 6736 OF
 Name: Christie Kelly, PCO
 Rob Taylor, PCO
 Agency: State Purchasing Bureau
 Address: 1526 K Street, Suite 130
 Lincoln, NE 68508

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E-Mail: as.materielpurchasing@nebraska.gov

From the date the solicitation is issued until the Intent to Award is issued, communication from the Vendor is limited to the POC listed above. After the Intent to Award is issued, the Vendor may communicate with individuals the State has designated as responsible for negotiating the contract on behalf of the State. No member of the State Government or employee of the State is empowered to make binding statements regarding this solicitation. The POC will issue any answers, clarifications, or amendments regarding this solicitation in writing. Only the SPB or awarding agency can award a contract. Vendors shall not have any communication with or attempt to communicate or influence any evaluator involved in this solicitation.

The following exceptions to these restrictions are permitted:

1. Contact made pursuant to pre-existing contracts or obligations;
2. Contact required by the schedule of events, or an event scheduled later by POC; and,
3. Contact required for negotiation and execution of the final contract.

The State reserves the right to reject a vendor's bid, withdraw an Intent to Award, or terminate a contract if the State determines there has been a violation of these procurement procedures.

C. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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

| ACTIVITY | | DATE/TIME |
|----------|--|-------------------|
| 1 | Release ITB | November 21, 2022 |
| 2 | Last Day to Submit Written Questions Upload electronic Question submissions for 6736 OF via ShareFile to: https://nebraska.sharefile.com/r-r127a26ed662440ee9facec2e361d8017 | November 28, 2022 |
| 3 | State Responds to Written Questions through an Addendum to be posted to the internet at: https://das.nebraska.gov/materiel/bidopps.html# | December 5, 2022 |

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| ACTIVITY | DATE/TIME |
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| <p>4 Electronic Bid Opening via Zoom Meeting: Bids are to be Electronically submitted via ShareFile link below:</p> <p>Upload electronic Bid submissions for 6736 OF via ShareFile to:</p> <p>https://nebraska.sharefile.com/r-rea3b39d79b5448bc9c9f8e661a6419dc</p> <p>Zoom Meeting Information:</p> <p>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7318536781?pwd=cHRFNjZzRzBwSitiVDZSQytEa2Zwdz09</p> <p>Meeting ID: 731 853 6781</p> <p>Passcode: 4Gkv2t</p> <p>IT IS THE BIDDERS' RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE ALL BIDS SHALL BE SUBMITTED AND RECEIVED BY THE DATE AND TIME INDICATED IN THE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR EACH BID SUBMITTED.</p> | <p>December 12, 2022 2:00 p.m. Central Time</p> |

D. WRITTEN QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Questions regarding the meaning or interpretation of any ITB provision should be submitted electronically or in writing to SPB and clearly titled "ITB Number 6736 OF 2023 or Current Production Year Ford Transit XLT Side Lift All Wheel Drive (AWD) Transit Vans Questions". The POC is not obligated to respond to questions are received late per the Schedule of Events.

Bidders should present, as questions, any assumptions upon which the Bidder's bid is, or might be, developed. Bids will be evaluated without consideration of any known or unknown assumptions of a Bidder. The contract will not incorporate any known or unknown assumptions of a Bidder.

Questions should be uploaded using the following ShareFile link: <https://nebraska.sharefile.com/r-r127a26ed662440ee9facec2e361d8017> but may also be emailed.

It is recommended the Bidder submit questions using the following format:

| ITB Section Reference | ITB Page Number | Question |
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Answers will be provided through an Addendum to be posted on the internet at <https://das.nebraska.gov/materiel/bidopps.html#> as shown in the "Schedule of Events".

E. SECRETARY OF STATE/TAX COMMISSIONER REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS (Statutory)

All Vendors must be authorized to transact business in the State and comply with all Nebraska Secretary of State Registration requirements. The Vendor who is the recipient of an Intent to Award will be required to certify that it has complied and produce a true and correct copy of its current (within ninety (90) calendar days of the intent to award) Certificate or Letter of Good Standing, or in the case of a sole proprietorship, provide written documentation of sole proprietorship and the United States Citizenship Attestation Form, available on the DAS website at: <https://sos.nebraska.gov/business-services/explanation-us-citizen-attestation-form> . This must be accomplished prior to execution of the contract.

F. ETHICS IN PUBLIC CONTRACTING

The State reserves the right to reject proposals, withdraw an intent to award or award, or terminate a contract if a Vendor commits or has committed ethical violations, which include, but are not limited to:

1. Offering or giving, directly or indirectly, a bribe, fee, commission, compensation, gift, gratuity, or anything of value to any person or entity in an attempt to influence the bidding process;
2. Utilize the services of lobbyists, attorneys, political activists, or consultants to influence or subvert the bidding process;
3. Being considered for, presently being, or becoming debarred, suspended, ineligible, or excluded from contracting with any state or federal entity;
4. Submitting a bid on behalf of another party or entity;

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5. Collude with any person or entity to influence the bidding process, submit sham bids, preclude bidding, fix pricing or costs, create an unfair advantage, subvert the bid, or prejudice the State.

The Vendor shall include this clause in any subcontract entered into for the exclusive purpose of performing this contract.

Vendor shall have an affirmative duty to report any violations of this clause by the Vendor throughout the bidding process, and throughout the term of this contract for the successful Vendor and their subcontractors.

G. DEVIATIONS FROM THE ITB

The requirements contained in the solicitation (Sections II through VI) become a part of the Terms and Conditions of the contract resulting from this solicitation. Any deviations from the solicitation in Sections II through VI must be clearly defined by the Contractor in its proposal and, if accepted by the State, will become part of the contract. Any specifically defined deviations must not be in conflict with the basic nature of the solicitation, solicitation requirements, or applicable state or federal laws or statutes. "Deviation", for the purposes of this solicitation, means any proposed changes or alterations to either the contractual language or deliverables within the scope of this solicitation. The State discourages deviations and reserves the right to reject proposed deviations.

A. ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF BIDS

All bids must be submitted to SPB in the matter set forth below and be manually signed in an indelible manner, or by DocuSign, It is the Bidder's responsibility to submit the Electronic Bid(s) along with any other required documents as stated in the ITB and be received by the date and time of the Bid Opening indicated in the Schedule of Events. **The State is not responsible for bids that are late or lost, regardless of cause (e.g., hardware, software, or electronic failure) or fault. Late bids will not be accepted.**

It is the responsibility of the Bidder to check the website often at <https://das.nebraska.gov/materiel/bidopps.html> for all information relevant to this ITB to include Addenda issued prior to the Opening Date and Time.

SPB will **ONLY** accept bids by mail, email, voice, or telephone for one-time purchases under \$50,000.00.

1. ELECTRONICALLY UPLOADING BID(S) TO SHAREFILE (SUBMITTED DOCUMENTS MUST NOT BE PASSWORD PROTECTED):

- a. Bidders should upload bid(s) via ShareFile to <https://nebraska.sharefile.com/r-rea3b39d79b5448bc9c9f8e661a6419dc>
- b. Each bid will have an individual ITB ShareFile link. **Bidders are to be sure to upload their Bid(s) to the correct ShareFile link listed in the bid.**
- c. Not all browsers are compatible with ShareFile. **Currently Chrome, Internet Explorer and Firefox are compatible, but Microsoft Edge is not.**
- d. **After the bidder clicks the bid submission link, the bidder will be prompted to enter contact information including an e-mail address so that the bidder will receive a confirmation email confirming the successful upload directly from ShareFile.**
- e. If it is the bidder's intent to submit multiple bids, the bidder must clearly identify each submission separately (see "Electronic ITB File Names" below).
- f. The Bidder is solely responsible for any variance between the copies submitted.
- g. If multiple bids are submitted, the State will retain only the most recently submitted bid.
- h. **Any Proprietary information (if applicable) should be uploaded as separate and distinct files.**
- i. **Do not submit bid file(s) more than 30 days prior to the Bid Opening. Once uploaded the bid documents are only available for 30 days.**

2. ELECTRONIC ITB FILE NAMES

- a. The Bidder should clearly identify the uploaded Bid files.
- b. **DO NOT ADD any language to the naming conventions below.** Long titles can make the files difficult to work with. Consistency is key.
- c. If the bidder submits the bid/bid documents as **one (1) complete packet (preferred method excluding Proprietary documentation)**, please use the following naming convention:

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- **6736 OF 2023 Ford Transit XLT Side Lift AWDNAME OF BIDDER** Bid.
- d. If the bidder submits the bid/bid documents as separate files, please use the following naming convention(s):
 - **6736 OF 2023 Ford Transit XLT Side Lift AWD NAME OF BIDDER** Bid.
 - **6736 OF 2023 Ford Transit XLT Side Lift AWD NAME OF BIDDER** File 1, File 2, File 3, etc.
- e. If multiple bids are submitted for the same ITB number and Attachment, follow the same naming convention as letter “e”, for example:
 - **6736 OF 2023 Ford Transit XLT Side Lift AWD NAME OF BIDDER** Bid 2
 - **6736 OF 2023 Ford Transit XLT Side Lift AWD NAME OF BIDDER** Bid 2 File 1, Bid 2 File 2, Bid 2 File 3, etc.

H. BID PREPARATION COSTS

The State shall not incur any liability for any costs incurred by Vendor in replying to this solicitation, including any activity related to bidding on this solicitation.

I. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ITB

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

1. Rejection of a Vendor’s bid;
2. Withdrawal of the Intent to Award;
3. Withdrawal of the Award;
4. Negative Vendor Performance Report(s)
5. Termination of the resulting contract;
6. Legal action; or,
7. Suspension of the Vendor from further bidding with the State for the period of time relative to the seriousness of the violation, such period to be within the sole discretion of the State.

J. BID CORRECTIONS

A Vendor may correct a mistake in a bid prior to the time of opening by giving written notice to the State of intent to withdraw the proposal for modification or to withdraw the proposal completely. Changing a bid after opening may be permitted if the change is made to correct a minor error that does not affect price, quantity, quality, delivery, or contractual conditions. In case of a mathematical error in extension of price, unit price shall govern.

K. LATE BIDS

Bids received after the time and date of the bid opening will be considered late bids. Late bids will be returned unopened, if requested by the Vendor and at Vendor's expense. The State is not responsible for bids that are late or lost regardless of cause or fault.

L. BID OPENING

Anyone may attend the opening. It is considered a public opening. The Procurement Contracts Officer will read the names of the respondents. Depending upon the complexity of the bid for goods, the Procurement Contracts Officer may read the bids aloud or allow bids to be available for viewing by the public during the bid opening. Once the bid opening has concluded, the bids will not be available for viewing until the Intent to Award has been posted. An initial bid tabulation will be posted to the website as soon as feasible. Information identified as proprietary by the submitting Vendor, in accordance with the solicitation and state statute, will not be posted. If the state determines submitted information should not be withheld, in accordance with the [Public Records Act](#), or if ordered to release any withheld information, said information may then be released. The submitting Vendor will be notified of the release and it shall be the obligation of the submitting Vendor to take further action if it believes the information should not be released.

M. ITB REQUIREMENTS

The bids will first be examined to determine if all requirements listed below have been addressed and whether further evaluation is warranted. Bids not meeting the requirements may be rejected as non-responsive. The requirements are:

1. Original Commodity ITB form signed using an indelible method (electronic signatures are acceptable);
2. Clarity and responsiveness of the bid;
3. Completed Sections II through VI; and,
4. Completed ITB Form or State’s Bid Sheet.

N. EVALUATION OF BIDS

Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-161 allows the quality of performance of previous contracts to be considered when evaluating responses to competitively bid solicitations in determining the lowest responsible bidder. Information obtained from any Vendor Performance Report may be used in evaluating responses to solicitations for goods and services to determine the best value for the State.

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Neb. Rev. Stat. § 73-107 allows for a preference for a resident disabled veteran or business located in a designated enterprise zone. When a state contract is to be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, a resident disabled veteran or a business located in a designated enterprise zone under the Enterprise Zone Act shall be allowed a preference over any other resident or nonresident bidder, if all other factors are equal.

Therefore, a resident disabled veteran or business located in a designated enterprise zone who wishes to be allowed preference must submit a bid in accordance with **Neb. Rev. Stat. § 73-107** and must so indicate on the ITB cover page by placing a mark in the space before the statement "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." and must submit the following documentation within ten (10) business days of request:

1. Documentation from the United States Armed Forces confirming service;
2. Documentation of discharge or otherwise separated with a characterization of honorable or general (under honorable conditions);
3. Disability rating letter issued by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs establishing a service-connected disability or a disability determination from the United States Department of Defense; and
4. Documentation which shows ownership and control of a business or, in the case of a publicly owned business, more than fifty percent of the stock is owned by one (1) or more persons described in subdivision (a) of this subsection; and the management and daily business operations of the business are controlled by one (1) or more persons described in subdivision (a) of this subsection.

Failure to submit the requested documentation within ten (10) business days of notice will disqualify the vendor from consideration of the preference.

O. BEST AND FINAL OFFER

If BAFOs are requested by the State and submitted by the vendor, they will be evaluated (using the stated BAFO criteria) and ranked by the Evaluation Committee. The State reserves the right to conduct more than one BAFO. The award will then be granted to the lowest responsible vendor. However, a vendor should provide its best offer in its original bid. Vendors should not expect that the State will request a BAFO.

P. REFERENCE AND CREDIT CHECKS

The State reserves the right to conduct and consider reference and credit checks. The State reserves the right to use third parties to conduct reference and credit checks. By submitting a bid in response to this solicitation, the vendor grants to the State the right to contact or arrange a visit in person with any or all of the vendor's clients. Reference and credit checks may be grounds to reject a bid, withdraw an intent to award, or rescind the award of a contract.

Q. AWARD

The State reserves the right to evaluate bids and award contracts in a manner utilizing criteria selected at the State's discretion and in the State's best interest. After evaluation of the bids, or at any point in the solicitation process, the State of Nebraska may take one or more of the following actions:

1. Amend the solicitation;
2. Extend the time of or establish a new bid opening time;
3. Waive deviations or errors in the State's solicitation process and in vendor bids that are not material, do not compromise the solicitation process or a vendor's bid, and do not improve a vendor's competitive position;
4. Accept or reject a portion of or all of a bid;
5. Accept or reject all bids;
6. Withdraw the solicitation;
7. Elect to rebid the solicitation;
8. Award single lines or multiple lines to one or more vendors; or,
9. Award one or more all-inclusive contracts.

The State of Nebraska may consider, but is not limited to considering, one or more of the following award criteria:

1. Price;
2. Location;
3. Quality;
4. Delivery time;
5. Vendor qualifications and capabilities; and,
6. State contract management requirements and/or costs.

The solicitation does not commit the State to award a contract. Once Intent to Award decision has been determined, it will be posted to the Internet at:

<https://das.nebraska.gov/materiel/bidopps.html>

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Any protests must be filed by a vendor within ten (10) business days after the Intent to Award decision is posted to the Internet. The Protest/Grievance Procedure document is available on the Internet at:

https://das.nebraska.gov/materiel/docs/pdf/ProtestGrievanceWithGuidance_08042021.pdf

R. SPECIFICATIONS

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

S. ALTERNATE/EQUIVALENT BIDS

The Vendor may offer bids which vary from the express specifications of the solicitation. The State reserves the right to consider and accept such bids if, in the judgment of the Materiel Administrator or their designee, the bid will result in goods and/or services equivalent to or better than those which would be supplied in the original bid specifications. The Vendor must indicate on the solicitation the manufacturer's name, number and shall submit with their bid, sketches, descriptive literature and/or complete specifications. **Reference to literature submitted with a previous bid will not satisfy this provision.** Bids which do not comply with these requirements are subject to rejection. In the absence of any stated deviation or exception, the bid will be accepted as in strict compliance with all terms, conditions and specifications, and the Vendor shall be held liable, therefore.

T. "ALL OR NONE" OR "LUMP SUM" BIDS

The State reserves the right to award contracts "item-by-item", by groups or as a total when in the best interest of the State. In addition to the aforementioned types of awards, Vendors may submit additional bid(s) on an "all or none" or "lump sum" basis. An "all or none" bid is a conditional bid which requires the award of all items on which bids are offered and the Vendor declines to accept an "item-by-item", group or total bid. A "lump sum" bid is one in which the Vendor offers a lower price than the sum of the "item-by-item" or total bids if all items' bids are awarded but agrees to deliver individual items at the prices quoted.

If submitting an "all or none" bid or a "lump sum" bid, please indicate such on the ITB form and Bid Documents.

U. EMAIL SUBMISSIONS

SPB will not accept bids by email, voice, or telephone bids **except** for one-time purchases under \$50,000.00.

V. BID TABULATIONS

Bid tabulations are available on the website at: <https://das.nebraska.gov/materiel/bidopps.html>.

W. REJECTION OF BIDS

The State reserves the right to reject any or all bids, wholly or in part, in the best interest of the State.

X. RESIDENT BIDDER

Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 73-101.01 through 73-101.02, a Resident Bidder shall be allowed a preference against a Non-resident Bidder from a state which gives or requires a preference to Bidders from that state. The preference shall be equal to the preference given or required by the state of the Nonresident Bidders. Where the lowest responsible bid from a resident Bidder is equal in all respects to one from a nonresident Bidder from a state which has no preference law, the resident Bidder shall be awarded the contract. The provision of this preference shall not apply to any contract for any project upon which federal funds would be withheld because of the provisions of this preference.

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II. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Vendors should complete Section II through VI as part of their bid. Vendor is expected to read the Terms and Conditions and must initial either accept, reject, or reject and provide alternative language for each clause. The Vendor should also provide an explanation of why the Vendor 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 solicitation, Vendor 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 Vendor 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 solicitation. The State reserves the right to reject bids that attempt to substitute the Vendor's commercial contracts and/or documents for this solicitation.

The Vendor should submit with their bid any license, user agreement, service level agreement, or similar documents that the Vendor wants incorporated in the Contract. Upon notice of Intent to Award, the Vendor 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 Vendor'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; and,
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 Response (Initial) | NOTES/COMMENTS: |
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The contract resulting from this solicitation shall incorporate the following documents:

1. Invitation to Bid and Addenda;
2. Amendments to the solicitation;
3. Questions and Answers;
4. Vendor's bid;
5. The executed Contract and any Addenda, if applicable, and properly submitted documents; and,
6. 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 solicitation and any Questions and Answers, 4) the original solicitation document and any Addenda, and 5) the Vendor'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

| Accept (Initial) | Reject (Initial) | Reject & Provide Alternative Response (Initial) | NOTES/COMMENTS: |
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The Vendor and the State shall identify a contract manager who shall serve as the POC for the executed contract. Communications regarding the executed contract shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been given if delivered via email, personally, or by U.S. 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.

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C. PCO REPRESENTATIVE

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

D. GOVERNING LAW (Statutory)

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 contract 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. AMENDMENT

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

F. SUBSTITUTIONS

| Accept (Initial) | Reject (Initial) | Reject & Provide Alternative Response (Initial) | NOTES/COMMENTS: |
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In the event any product is discontinued or replaced upon mutual consent during the contract period or prior to delivery, the State reserves the right to amend the contract or purchase order to include the alternate product which meets or exceeds original specifications and is the same or lesser price.

*****Contractor will not substitute any item that has been awarded without prior written approval of SPB*****

G. VENDOR PERFORMANCE REPORT(S)

| Accept (Initial) | Reject (Initial) | Reject & Provide Alternative Response (Initial) | NOTES/COMMENTS: |
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The State may document any instance(s) of products or services delivered or performed which exceed or fail to meet the terms of the purchase order, contract, and/or solicitation specifications. The SPB may contact the Vendor regarding any such report. Vendor performance report(s) will become a part of the permanent record of the Vendor.

H. NOTICE OF POTENTIAL VENDOR BREACH

| Accept (Initial) | Reject (Initial) | Reject & Provide Alternative Response (Initial) | NOTES/COMMENTS: |
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If Vendor breaches the contract or anticipates breaching the contract, the Vendor shall immediately give written notice to the State. The notice shall explain the breach or potential breach, a proposed cure, and may include a request for a waiver of the breach if so desired. The State may, in its discretion, temporarily or permanently waive the breach. By granting a 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.

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I. BREACH

| Accept (Initial) | Reject (Initial) | Reject & Provide Alternative Response (Initial) | NOTES/COMMENTS: |
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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 through email. 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 Vendor, 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 vendor. The State may recover from the Vendor 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 Vendor's breach **OR** in case of default of the Vendor, the State may contract the service from other sources and hold the Vendor responsible for any excess cost occasioned thereby.

The State's failure to make payment shall not be a breach, and the Vendor shall retain all available statutory remedies.

J. NON-WAIVER OF BREACH

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

K. SEVERABILITY

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

L. INDEMNIFICATION

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

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2. 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 contract, Vendor 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 contract to the extent provided by law.

M. 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 ordered by the court, including attorney's fees and costs, if the other party prevails.

N. 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 Vendor retains the right to enter into a sale, merger, acquisition, internal reorganization, or similar transaction involving Vendor's business. Vendor 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 Vendor 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.

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

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The Vendor 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 Vendor 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.

P. 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 man-made 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.

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Q. 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 USC 552a. Specifically, 5 USC 552a (i)(1), which is made applicable by 5 USC 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 \$5,000.00.

R. EARLY TERMINATION

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The contract may be terminated as follows:

1. The State and the Vendor, 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 30 calendar day's written notice to the Vendor. Such termination shall not relieve the Vendor of warranty or other service obligations incurred under the terms of the contract. In the event of termination, the Vendor 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. Vendor 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 Vendor or of any substantial part of the Vendor'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 Vendor, its employees, officers, directors, or shareholders;
 - e. an involuntary proceeding has been commenced by any party against the Vendor 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 Vendor has consented, either expressly or by operation of law, to the entry of an order for relief; or (iii) the Vendor has been decreed or adjudged a debtor;
 - f. a voluntary petition has been filed by the Vendor under any of the chapters of Title 11 of the United States Code;
 - g. Vendor intentionally discloses confidential information;
 - h. Vendor has or announces it will discontinue support of the deliverable; and,
 - i. In the event funding is no longer available.

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III. CONTRACTOR DUTIES

A. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR / OBLIGATIONS

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

The Vendor shall secure, at its own expense, all personnel required to perform the services under the contract. The personnel the Vendor 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 Vendor '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 Vendor warrants that all persons assigned to the project shall be employees of the Vendor or a Subcontractor and shall be fully qualified to perform the work required herein. Personnel employed by the Vendor or a subcontractor to fulfill the terms of the contract shall remain under the sole direction and control of the Vendor or the subcontractor respectively.

With respect to its employees, the Vendor 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 Vendor's employees, including all insurance required by state law;
3. Damages incurred by Vendor'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 Vendor'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 Vendor, its officers, agents, or subcontractors or subcontractor's employees).

If the Vendor intends to utilize any subcontractor, the Subcontractor's level of effort, tasks, and time allocation must be clearly defined in the Vendor 's bid. The Vendor 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 Vendor to reassign or remove from the project any Vendor or Subcontractor employee.

Vendor 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 Vendor 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 Vendor 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 Vendor is an individual or sole proprietorship, the following applies:

1. The Vendor must complete the United States Citizenship Attestation Form, available on the Nebraska Secretary of State website at [Microsoft Word - attestation_form,lor's_version.docx \(nebraska.gov\)](#)

If required, the completed United States Attestation Form should be submitted with the solicitation response.

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2. If the Vendor indicates on such attestation form that he or she is a qualified alien, the Vendor agrees to provide the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services documentation required to verify the Vendor's lawful presence in the United States using the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) Program.
3. The Vendor understands and agrees that lawful presence in the United States is required, and the Vendor 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 Vendor 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 Vendors 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 Vendor guarantees compliance with the Nebraska Fair Employment Practice Act, and breach of this provision shall be regarded as a material breach of contract. The Vendor shall insert a similar provision in all Subcontracts for goods or services to be covered by any contract resulting from this solicitation.

D. COOPERATION WITH OTHER CONTRACTORS

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

E. DISCOUNTS

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

F. PRICES

Prices quoted shall be net, including transportation and delivery charges fully prepaid by the vendor, FOB destination named in the solicitation. No additional charges will be allowed for packing, packages, or partial delivery costs. When an arithmetic error has been made in the extended total, the unit price will govern.

All prices, costs, and Terms and Conditions submitted in the bid shall remain fixed and valid commencing on the opening date of the bid through the first one hundred eighty (180) days of the contract.

Any Price Increase Request must be submitted, in writing to SPB a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to the proposed effective date of increase and be accompanied by supporting documentation.

1. Several forms of justification documentation may be required by the State to authenticate the increase;
2. Failure to supply any requested justification documentation may be grounds to cancel the contract;
3. The State further reserves the right to reject any proposed price increase(s), cancel the contract and re-bid if determined to be in the best interest of the State;
4. No price increases shall be billed to any State Agencies prior to written Amendment of the contract by the parties;
5. The State will be given full proportionate benefit of any decrease for the term of the contract; and,
6. Contract supplier(s) may honor pricing and extend the contract to political sub-divisions, cities, and counties as long as the Contract Terms and Conditions are met.

G. COST CLARIFICATION

The State reserves the right to review all aspects of cost for reasonableness and to request clarification of any bid where the cost component shows significant and unsupported deviation from industry standards or in areas where detailed pricing is required.

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H. 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 Vendor shall obtain and pay for all royalties, licenses, and permits, and approvals necessary for the performance of the contract. The Vendor must guarantee that it has the full legal right to the materials, supplies, equipment, software, and other items used to execute this contract.

I. NOTICE OF POTENTIAL VENDOR BREACH

| Accept (Initial) | Reject (Initial) | Reject & Provide Alternative Response (Initial) | NOTES/COMMENTS: |
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If Vendor breaches the contract or anticipates breaching the contract the Vendor 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.

J. ANTITRUST

| Accept (Initial) | Reject (Initial) | Reject & Provide Alternative Response (Initial) | NOTES/COMMENTS: |
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The Vendor 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.

K. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

| Accept (Initial) | Reject (Initial) | Reject & Provide Alternative Response (Initial) | NOTES/COMMENTS: |
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By submitting a bid, bidder certifies that no relationship exists between the bidder and any person or entity which either is, or gives the appearance of, a conflict of interest related to this ITB.

Bidder further certifies that bidder will not employ any individual known by bidder to have a conflict of interest nor shall bidder take any action or acquire any interest, either directly or indirectly, which will conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of its contractual obligations hereunder or which creates an actual or appearance of conflict of interest.

If there is an actual or perceived conflict of interest, bidder shall provide with its bid a full disclosure of the facts describing such actual or perceived conflict of interest and a proposed mitigation plan for consideration. The State will then consider such disclosure and proposed mitigation plan and either approve or reject as part of the overall bid evaluation.

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L. SITE RULES AND REGULATIONS

| Accept (Initial) | Reject (Initial) | Reject & Provide Alternative Response (Initial) | NOTES/COMMENTS: |
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The Vendor 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 Vendor 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 Vendor.

M. ADVERTISING

| Accept (Initial) | Reject (Initial) | Reject & Provide Alternative Response (Initial) | NOTES/COMMENTS: |
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The Vendor 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 and services 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.

N. NEBRASKA TECHNOLOGY ACCESS STANDARDS (Statutory)

Vendor shall review the Nebraska Technology Access Standards, found at <http://nitc.nebraska.gov/standards/2-201.html> and ensure that products and/or goods provided under the contract are in compliance or will comply with the applicable standards to the greatest degree possible. In the event such standards change during the Vendor's performance, the State may create an amendment to the contract to request the contract comply with the changed standard at a cost mutually acceptable to the parties.

O. DISASTER RECOVERY/BACK UP PLAN

| Accept (Initial) | Reject (Initial) | Reject & Provide Alternative Response (Initial) | NOTES/COMMENTS: |
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The Vendor 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 and services as specified under the specifications in the contract in the event of a disaster.

P. DRUG POLICY

| Accept (Initial) | Reject (Initial) | Reject & Provide Alternative Response (Initial) | NOTES/COMMENTS: |
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Vendor certifies it maintains a drug free workplace environment to ensure worker safety and workplace integrity. Vendor agrees to provide a copy of its drug free workplace policy at any time upon request by the State.

Q. WARRANTY

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Despite any clause to the contrary, the Vendor represents and warrants that its services hereunder shall be performed by competent personnel and shall be of professional quality consistent with generally accepted industry standards for the performance of such services and shall comply in all respects with the requirements of this Contract. For any breach of this

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warranty, the Vendor shall, for a period of ninety (90) days from performance of the service, perform the services again, at no cost to Customer, or if Vendor is unable to perform the services as warranted, Vendor shall reimburse Customer the fees paid to Vendor for the unsatisfactory services. The rights and remedies of the parties under this warranty are in addition to any other rights and remedies of the parties provided by law or equity, including, without limitation actual damages, and, as applicable and awarded under the law, to a prevailing party, reasonable attorneys' fees, and costs.

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IV. PAYMENT

A. PROHIBITION AGAINST ADVANCE PAYMENT (Statutory)

Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-2403 states, “[n]o goods or services shall be deemed to be received by an agency until all such goods or services are completely delivered and finally accepted by the agency.”

B. TAXES (Statutory)

The State is not required to pay taxes and assumes no such liability as a result of this solicitation. The Vendor 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 Vendor's equipment which may be installed in a state-owned facility is the responsibility of the Vendor.

C. INVOICES

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

E. PAYMENT (Statutory)

Payment will be made by the responsible agency in compliance with the State of Nebraska Prompt Payment Act (See Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-2403). The State may require the Vendor to accept payment by electronic means such as ACH deposit. In no event shall the State be responsible or liable to pay for any goods and services provided by the Vendor prior to the Effective Date of the contract, and the Vendor hereby waives any claim or cause of action for any such services.

F. LATE PAYMENT (Statutory)

The Vendor 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 year 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 Vendor 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 Vendor 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 Vendor be paid for a loss of anticipated profit.

H. RIGHT TO AUDIT (First Paragraph is Statutory)

| Accept (Initial) | Reject (Initial) | Reject & Provide Alternative Response (Initial) | NOTES/COMMENTS: |
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The State shall have the right to audit the Vendor's performance of this contract upon thirty (30) days written notice. Vendor 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 Vendor 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 Vendor shall make the Information available to the State at Vendor's place of business or a location acceptable to both Parties during normal business hours. If this is not practical or the Vendor so elects, the Vendor may provide electronic or paper copies of the

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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 vendor be required to create or maintain documents not kept in the ordinary course of vendor's business operations, nor will vendor be required to disclose any information, including but not limited to product cost data, which is confidential or proprietary to vendor.

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 one-half of one percent (.5%) of the total contract billings, or if fraud, material misrepresentations, or non-performance is discovered on the part of the Vendor, the Vendor shall reimburse the State for the total costs of the audit. Overpayments and audit costs owed to the State shall be paid within 90 days of written notice of the claim. The Vendor agrees to correct any material weaknesses or condition found as a result of the audit.

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V. SCOPE OF WORK

The Vendor must provide the following information in response to this solicitation.

A. SCOPE

It is the intent of this bid to establish a contract to supply **2023 or Current Production Year Ford Transit XLT Side Lift All Wheel Drive (AWD) Transit Vans** 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.

All items proposed shall be of the latest manufacture in production as of the date of the solicitation and be of proven performance and under standard design complete as regularly advertised and marketed. All necessary materials for satisfactory performance of the supplies shall be incorporated into the **2023 or Current Production Year Ford Transit XLT Side Lift All Wheel Drive (AWD) Transit Vans** whether or not they may be specifically mentioned below.

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 Vendor 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.

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VI. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

A. VENDOR INSTRUCTIONS

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

“YES” response means the Vendor guarantees they can meet this condition.

“NO” response means the Vendor 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 Vendor’s ability to meet the condition, and an explanation of how this would be determined to be an acceptable alternative to meeting the condition.

Alternative responses 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 Vendor’s alternative is an acceptable alternative.

B. MANUFACTURER’S MINIMUM SPECIFICATIONS

| YES | NO | NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE | |
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| | | | 1. Because the Ford Motor Company had not released their complete line of Minimum Specifications at the time these specifications were defined, the Minimum Specifications are based off the Manufacturer’s 2022 specifications. |
| NOTES/COMMENTS: | | | |

C. NON-COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

| YES | NO | NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE | |
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| | | | 1. Read these specifications carefully. Any and all exceptions to these specifications must be written on or attached to solicitation response. Any noncompliance may void your bid. Non-compliance to any single specification can void your bid. |
| | | | 2. It is the responsibility of Vendors to obtain information and clarifications as provided below. The State is not responsible for any erroneous or incomplete understandings or wrongful interpretations of this solicitation by any Vendor. |
| | | | 3. No interpretation related to the meaning of solicitation specifications or other pre-bid documents will be made orally to any Vendor by the State. |
| | | | 4. The Vendor must submit any solicitation interpretation in writing to SPB via the following ShareFile link: https://nebraska.sharefile.com/r-r127a26ed662440ee9facec2e361d8017 by the last day to submit written questions per the Schedule of Events. (Inquiries received after the last day to submit written questions may not be addressed). |
| NOTES/COMMENTS: | | | |

D. CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS FMVSS

| YES | NO | NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE | |
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| | | | 1. The Code of Federal Regulations mentioned in this Section are in addition to the specifications contained in this ITB. |
| | | | 2. All vehicles bid must meet the guidelines established in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 49, Subtitle B, Chapter V, Part 571 FMVSS found at the following link: https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-49/subtitle-B/chapter-V/part-571?toc=1 |

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NOTES/COMMENTS:

E. MOTOR VEHICLE INDUSTRIES REGULATION ACT

| YES | NO | NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE | |
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| | | | 1. All Vendors must comply with the licensing requirements for motor vehicle dealers established under the Motor Vehicle Industries Regulation Act, Nebraska Revised Statutes, Chapter 60, Article 14 at time of bid. Bids will only be accepted from Vendors who are fully compliant with the Motor Vehicle Industries Regulation Act, Chapter 60, Article 14. |
| NOTES/COMMENTS: | | | |

F. MISCELLANEOUS SPECIFICATIONS

| YES | NO | NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE | |
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| | | | 1. The manufacturer of the vehicle body must be certified to be in compliance with Quality Standards of the ISO 9001:2000 with regard to the sale, design, and Manufacturer of the vehicle. |
| | | | 2. Bidder must provide proof that the Manufacturer is ISO certified by submitting a copy of the manufacturer's ISO Certification with their bid or before award. |
| | | | 3. Must provide public transportation in light transit or paratransit service for ambulatory, non-ambulatory, physically, and mentally handicapped passengers primarily in rural and small urban areas. |
| | | | 4. Must operate in ambient temperatures ranging from -25° to +115° F for extended periods of time. |
| NOTES/COMMENTS: | | | |

G. DIMENSIONS AND CAPACITY

| YES | NO | NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE | |
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| | | | 1. GVWR shall be a minimum of 10,360 lbs. and have a payload of 3,100 lbs. for each wheelchair space provided. |
| | | | 2. Must accommodate the following combinations: |
| | | | a. The driver |
| | | | b. A wheelchair lift |
| | | | c. A minimum of two (2) passengers seated in standard wheelchairs. |
| | | | d. A minimum of six (6) ambulatory passengers seated in regular seats with two (2) passengers seated in standard wheelchairs on board. |
| | | | e. A minimum of nine (9) ambulatory passengers without passengers in wheelchairs. |
| | | | 3. The Interior Headroom measured from floor to ceiling shall be a minimum of 56" for the first row of seating and a maximum of 66" for any row of seating. |
| | | | 4. The Interior width of the vehicle shall be a minimum of 60" an a maximum of 70". |
| | | | 5. The Exterior width, excluding exterior mirrors, shall be 83.7". |
| | | | 6. The exterior height, including the safety vent, shall be a minimum of 107.7". |

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| | | | 7. | A "Vehicle Clearance Sticker" indicating the maximum height of the vehicle in feet and inches shall be affixed in the interior of the vehicle, above the windshield and located where it is easily viewed by the driver. |
| | | | 8. | The Wheelbase shall be a minimum of 147.6" |
| | | | 9. | The overall length of the vehicle shall be a minimum of 240" and a maximum of 264". |
| | | | 10. | All entry stairs shall be a maximum of 12" above ground level. |
| | | | 11. | Any subsequent stair risers shall be a maximum of 10". |
| NOTES/COMMENTS: | | | | |

H. CHASSIS AND RELATED SYSTEMS

| YES | NO | NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE | |
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| | | | 1. 2023 or Current Production Year unibody van chassis with GVWR of 10,360 lbs. |
| | | | 2. The minimum Engine size is 3.5L V6 gasoline turbocharged. |
| | | | 3. Manufacturer's heavy duty, increased capacity coolant system for protection to 30 degrees below zero Fahrenheit. |
| | | | 4. Manufacturer recommended power tilt steering wheel with cruise control. |
| | | | 5. Steering wheel with cruise control. |
| | | | 6. Manufacturer's recommended power service brakes designed for the GVWR of the vehicle. |
| | | | 7. Equipped with climate control, engine cooling systems, oils, greases, and fluids used in subsystems of the vehicle and wheelchair lifts |
| | | | 8. Automatic Transmission. |
| | | | 9. Manufacturer's recommended differential gear ratio. |
| | | | 10. Both front and rear heavy-duty shock absorbers are required. |
| | | | 11. Tires: |
| | | | a. To be equipped with two (2) front and two (2) dual rear matching radial tires for a total of six (6) tires designed for the GVWR of the vehicle. |
| | | | b. The inner dual rear wheels are to be equipped with a solid brass air valve extension or braided stainless steel "live stem" air valve extension hose with a minimum rating of 120 psi, to be held together with securement clamps. |
| | | | c. Valve extensions should not extend beyond the outer edge of the rim of the outside dual rear wheels. |
| | | | 12. Wheels: |
| | | | a. To be equipped with four (4) matching minimum 16" minimum wheels. |
| | | | b. Wheels may be steel. |
| | | | c. The color of all wheels shall be compatible to the exterior color of the vehicle. |
| | | | 13. The fuel tank shall be a minimum of 25 gallons. |
| | | | 14. Manufacturer's standard bumper. |
| | | | 15. Front tow hooks required. |
| | | | 16. An auto-throttle system capable of sensing when the electrical current draw exceeds alternator output and increases the engine idle RPM while the vehicle is stationary. |
| | | | 17. Alternator shall be a minimum of 130 amperes. |

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| | | | 18. Manufacturer's heavy-duty dual batteries |
| | | | 19. Back-up alarm required. |
| | | | 20. Manufacturer's original equipment Back-up Camera with standard monitor. |
| | | | 21. Front and rear rubber mud flaps required. |
| | | | 22. The vehicle shall have street side exhaust system, which exits from the left side of vehicle, behind the rear axle and a minimum of 3" ahead of the rear bumper. |
| | | | 23. If the vehicle's exhaust system should run closer than 8" to the fuel tank it must have metal heat shields or clamp on heat shield jacket between the exhaust and fuel tank. |
| | | | 24. The vehicle shall be equipped with leaf spring rear suspension. |
| NOTES/COMMENTS: | | | |

I. AUXILIARY SYSTEMS, MISCELLANEOUS PARTS, AND ACCESSORIES

| YES | NO | NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE | |
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| | | | 1. The exterior lighting system shall conform to the requirements of FMVSS No. 108 and 49 CFR Part 38 Subpart B 38.31 . |
| | | | 2. Interior Lighting: |
| | | | a. The interior lighting system shall provide bright floor surface illumination in the entryway, when required. |
| | | | b. A separate overhead lamp shall be provided for the driver's use. |
| | | | c. All lamps shall operate with or without the engine running. |
| | | | d. The entrance steps shall automatically illuminate whenever the entrance doors are open, day or night, and conform to 49 CFR Part 38 Subpart B 38.31 . |
| | | | 3. Emergency flashers shall utilize turn signal bulbs in lieu of the brake light bulbs, so the emergency flashers will work when the brake pedal is depressed. |
| | | | 4. The controls for both the heater and air conditioner shall be easily accessible to the driver while seated with seat belts fastened. |
| | | | 5. Heating and Defrosting System: |
| | | | a. Shall have at least one (1) heating unit. |
| | | | b. Shall have adjustable controls. |
| | | | c. Includes windshield defrosting and defogging system. |
| | | | 6. Factory installed, individually adjustable, output Air Conditioning System. |
| | | | 7. Equipped with Climate control. |
| | | | 8. Dual, electrically driven wipers and washers shall be furnished with intermittent wipe and washing fluid reservoir shall have a minimum capacity of one (1) quart. |
| | | | 9. The Rearview Mirrors shall conform to the requirements of FMVSS 571.111 . |
| | | | 10. Fully adjustable driver's interior sun visor which shall not interfere with the driver's view of the rearview mirrors. |
| | | | 11. OEM horn. |
| | | | 12. Instrumentation shall include an oil pressure gauge, a coolant temperature gauge, a charge indicator with graduated charge-discharge scale, and an engine hour meter. |
| | | | 13. Radio and Speaker System: |

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| | | | a. A ten (10)-watt minimum power output, push-button AM-FM stereo clock radio shall be provided. |
| | | | b. The radio should be OEM, have Bluetooth connectivity and at least two (2) USB ports. |
| | | | c. A minimum of four (4) speakers shall be included. Two (2) speakers in the front of the van and two (2) speakers in the rear. |
| | | | 14. A blind spot system shall be provided. |
| NOTES/COMMENTS: | | | |

J. EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT

| YES | NO | NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE | |
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| | | | 1. A 12-unit first aid kit, including instructions for contents shall be securely mounted in a location easily accessible to the driver while seated with seat belt fastened. |
| | | | 2. A UL approved fire extinguisher, minimum of five (5) lbs. with a minimum total rating of 2A, 10-B:C or UL Equivalent, shall be bracket mounted in a location easily accessible to the driver while seated with seat belt fastened |
| | | | 3. A kit of three (3) folding bi-directional emergency reflective triangles which conform to the requirements of FMVSS No. 125 shall be provided. |
| | | | 4. A dual purpose, safety, low profile, exterior roof vent which has an exterior maximum height of 2" above the vehicle roof, near the middle of the passenger compartment and mounted per manufacturer guidelines |
| | | | 5. Roof Hatch shall include gasket to seal out moisture. |
| | | | 6. Bloodborne Pathogens Kit shall contain latex gloves, CPR mask, goggles, apron, disinfectant wipes, absorbent and scoop, and an I.D. tag and red plastic bag at a minimum. |
| NOTES/COMMENTS: | | | |

K. INTERIOR FLOORING & SURFACES

| YES | NO | NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE | |
|-----|----|--------------------------|--|
| | | | 1. All materials used in the passenger compartment, including upholstery, padding, floor covering, and insulation shall conform to the requirements of FMVSS No. 302 . |
| | | | 2. Materials that emit toxic gases as byproducts of combustion shall not be used. |
| | | | 3. Floor covering shall be slip resistant exceeding the ADA minimum slip resistance standard rating of .06 static coefficient of friction, under dry or wet conditions. |
| | | | 4. Floor covering shall be constructed with aluminum oxide, silicon carbide, quartz and optional PVC chip blended throughout a high-quality vinyl wear surface (top coating is not acceptable). |
| | | | 5. Backing to be polyester cellulose material with fiberglass fiber reinforced center scrim for additional durability. |
| | | | 6. Floor covering shall be Meta 2.2 mm or greater, color TFM22903 Storm by Altro Transflor or Equivalent. |
| | | | 7. The entire floor will be a uniform thickness throughout the vehicle, eliminating the need for ribbed surfaces. |
| | | | 8. Seams are to be heat welded to provide a permanent waterproof seal against water penetration. |
| | | | 9. All trim edges (if used) are to be sealed by heat welding or with mastic/caulk by the manufacturer's instructions before installation. |
| | | | 10. Floor covering is to be installed on the passenger entrance steps and risers according to the manufacturer's recommendations. |
| | | | 11. Step edging shall be yellow vinyl step nosing installed according to the floor covering manufacture's recommendations. |

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| | | | 12. Those interior surfaces that are not padded or covered with a decorative vinyl surface shall be appropriately primed and finished with a top-quality Acrylic enamel. |
| | | | 13. Color of paint and other interior finishing materials shall match the vehicle's exterior finish. |
| NOTES/COMMENTS: | | | |

L. MODULAR TRACK FLOORING

| YES | NO | NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE | |
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| | | | 1. Flooring shall be installed to include a series of longitudinal, parallel floor mounted, high-strength tracks/slots which are embedded into an FMVSS 302 compliant base. |
| | | | 2. The flooring system must allow for the rapid movement or removal of FMVSS 207 and 210 compliant ambulatory seating as well as "L" style wheelchair tie downs. |
| | | | 3. Tracks must provide incremental position options for tie-downs and seats. |
| | | | 4. Seat latching system must be provided with a redundant, secondary mechanism to reduce the risk of unintended unlatching of the seat. |
| | | | 5. Vehicle modifier (Bidder) shall provide documentation of "in-vehicle" testing performed on the floor system that complies with all FMVSS regulations pertaining to seat installation and wheelchair securement devices. |
| | | | 6. Floor shall be primed and adhered/connected to the primed vehicle metal floor using bolts connected to the chassis or using of a moisture curing and appropriate strength adhesive. |
| | | | 7. All edges will be properly sealed to prevent entrance of moisture. |
| | | | 8. Steel elements of the flooring system must be plated with a zinc chromate finish, thus providing maximum strength and corrosion resistance. |
| | | | 9. Anti-corrosion Treatment: |
| | | | 10. All interior and exterior metal body components, including the interior body panels and posts, are to be covered by insulation or trim materials and protected against corrosion by bonderizing or an Equivalent process. |
| | | | 11. All nuts, bolts, clips, washers, clamps, and like fasteners shall be plated or phosphate-coated to prevent corrosion. |
| | | | 12. The ceiling and all interior walls of the vehicle shall contain thermal and acoustic insulation with a minimum R-5 rating and be moisture proof. |
| | | | 13. The entire body/frame under-structure of the vehicle shall be undercoated with nonflammable, resin-type material, polyoleum, or the Equivalent. |
| NOTES/COMMENTS: | | | |

M. EXTERIOR FINISH

| YES | NO | NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE | |
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| | | | 1. All exterior metal body components are to be covered by insulation or trim materials and shall be protected against corrosion by bonderizing or an Equivalent process. |
| | | | 2. The exterior color shall be white. |
| | | | 3. Exterior surfaces shall be properly cleaned and primed prior to paint application. |
| | | | 4. Paint shall be applied smoothly and evenly free of dirt, runs, orange peel, and any other imperfections. |
| | | | 5. Vehicles that have been wrecked or sustained more than minor nicks and scratches will not be accepted. |
| | | | 6. The Vendor should not attempt to deliver a unit until minor nicks and scratches have been repaired. |

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N. WINDSHIELD AND WINDOWS

| YES | NO | NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE | |
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| | | | 1. All glazing materials shall conform to the requirements of FMVSS No. 205 . |
| | | | 2. OEM standard all-around, fixed windows shall be furnished. |
| NOTES/COMMENTS: | | | |

O. DOORS

| YES | NO | NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE | |
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| | | | 1. The front passenger entrance door shall be a conventional/regular door. |
| | | | 2. The driver entrance door shall be a conventional/regular door with roll-down window and exterior key lock. |
| | | | 3. A full-length OEM driver's side running board to support a minimum of 325 lbs. shall be provided. |
| | | | 4. A full-length length OEM passenger door running board to support a minimum of 325 lbs. shall be provided. |
| | | | 5. A sliding door with a minimum opening width of 51.2" and a minimum opening height of 63". |
| | | | 6. Rear Doors: |
| | | | a. The rear door shall be split-type, outward-opening doors. |
| | | | b. Both rear doors shall be fitted with latching mechanisms to secure each door when closed. |
| | | | c. One rear door shall have a locking latch which allows both doors to be securely locked when closed. |
| NOTES/COMMENTS: | | | |

P. SEATS AND AISLE

| YES | NO | NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE | |
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| | | | 1. OEM Standard Driver and Front Passenger Seats: |
| | | | a. To have two (2)-way mechanical adjustable lumbar support. |
| | | | b. To have four (4)-way adjustable headrests. |
| | | | c. Adjustable flip-up armrests on both sides of seats. |
| | | | 2. All seatbelt assembly and seatbelt anchorages shall conform to the requirements of FMVSS 209 and FMVSS 210 . |
| | | | 3. Nine (9) Rear Passenger Seats: |
| | | | a. All cloth Freedman Featherweight rear passenger seats. |
| | | | b. Color of rear passenger seat fabric shall be NPF by CMI Enterprises #831 Pinwheel Mono Blue or Equivalent treated with an anti-microbial coating such as Nanocide. |

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| | | | c. Grab handles positioned on top of mid-back or mid-hi seats. |
| | | | d. Lumbar support fit on mounting track. |
| | | | e. Back height of seats shall be a minimum of 22" from the top of the seat cushion. |
| | | | f. Each passenger seating position shall be equipped with an under seat retractor seat belt assembly and belt anchorages that conform to the requirements of FMVSS Nos. 209 and FMSS 210 . |
| | | | g. The horizontal distance from the back of one seat to the front of the seat cushion directly behind the back of said seat or other obstruction shall be no less than 10". |
| | | | h. Five (5) seats shall have adjustable flip-up armrests on left side of the seat. |
| | | | i. Four (4) seats shall have adjustable flip-up armrests on the right side of the seat. |
| | | | j. Flip-up US armrests shall be installed on each seat as follows: Five (5) seats shall each have one (1) left-side armrest. Four (4) seats shall each have one (1) right-side armrest. |
| | | | k. Seat mountings must be compatible with the flooring specifications described in Subsection I-INTERIOR FINISH. |
| | | | 4. Dual Integrated Child Seating to consist of: |
| | | | a. One (1) flip up armrest. |
| | | | b. Under seat retractor seatbelts. |
| | | | 5. Optional Dual Integrated Child Seat Configurations: |
| | | | a. The removal of the nine (9) rear passenger seats and replacing them with five (5) dual integrated child seats to provide seating for up to 10. Each dual seating child seat shall have: |
| | | | i. One (1) each of the child restraint seats shall additionally be fitted with infant seat latch hooks compliant with FMVSS 213 and 225 and be installed on the wall side of the dual passenger seats. |
| | | | 6. There must be at least two (2) potential wheelchair positions, each a minimum of 30" wide and 48" long while accommodating six (6) additional seated passengers. |
| NOTES/COMMENTS: | | | |

Q. WHEELCHAIR ACCOMMODATION

| YES | NO | NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE | |
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| | | | 1. Side Door Access: |
| | | | a. The sliding side door must be able to accommodate both a wheelchair lift and entry and exit for ambulatory passengers. |
| | | | b. An interlock shall be provided to disable all lift controls whenever the doors are closed. |
| | | | 2. Wheelchair Lift: |
| | | | a. A 12-volt, fully automatic, electrohydraulic, or electromechanical, folding platform wheelchair lift with a design load of 800 lbs. shall be installed inside the side passenger door. |
| | | | b. The platform lift shall be certified by the manufacturer to meet the requirements of FMVSS 49 CFR Part 38 . |
| | | | c. Please specify the brand name and model number of the lift being bid in the "NOTES/COMMENTS" section below. |
| | | | d. When in the stowed configuration, all parts of the lift shall be completely housed within the vehicle. |

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| | | | e. The platform shall measure a minimum of 34" wide by 51" long. |
| | | | f. The platform shall be equipped with a hydraulic powered automatic outboard roll stop. |
| | | | g. The platform shall rise and descend smoothly while bearing a maximum load of 800 lbs. in ambient temperatures of -25° to +115° F. |
| | | | h. The entire lift electrical system shall be protected by a master circuit breaker. |
| | | | i. Maximum operating current shall not exceed 180 amps. |
| | | | j. Lift control switches shall be clearly labeled and housed in a hand-held, weatherproof switch box. |
| | | | k. The switch box shall provide remote control of all lift functions. |
| | | | l. The switch box shall be connected to the end of a coiled, retractable electrical cable. |
| | | | m. There shall be two (2) mounting areas to secure the handheld control box when vehicle is not in use: |
| | | | i. One (1) to provide access from within the vehicle. |
| | | | ii. One (1) to provide access from outside the vehicle when lift doors are open. |
| | | | n. All lift controls shall be clearly labeled. |
| | | | o. Wheelchair lift and installation shall comply with FMVSS 403 and 404 . |
| | | | 3. Wheelchair Lift Mount: |
| | | | a. Shall be mounted to provide dual access by both ambulatory and non-ambulatory passengers through the same door. |
| | | | b. The mounting system shall be the Fenton Mobility Products Shift-N-Step. |
| | | | c. The mounting system must comply with FMVSS 404 in fully retracted and fully extended positions. |
| | | | 4. Wheelchair Securement: |
| | | | a. Each wheelchair position shall be equipped with an auto-tensioning, auto locking retractor style restraint system that allows for final tightening of the securement. |
| | | | b. The restraint must be quick attach and quick release. |
| | | | c. The securement system must meet the requirements of FMVSS DOT 49 CFR Part 38 and WC 18 . |
| | | | d. The securement system shall be installed according to the manufacturer's specifications. |
| | | | e. The securement system items should be produced by Q'STRAIT/Sure-Lok. |
| | | | f. Securement system shall be Kit No. AL812S-4C-7 and contain the following: |
| | | | i. Four (4) - AL800855S auto-tensioning retractors with L track fitting, tightening knobs, stud fitting and J hook. |
| | | | ii. One (1) - AL700868-4 occupant restraint buckle connector assembly with stud fitting. |
| | | | iii. One (1) - AL700771 fixed-point mount occupant restraint retractor with height adjuster and stud fitting. |
| | | | g. 8705 Web Cutter. |
| | | | h. FE200750 Quick Strap – four (4) per position. |
| | | | i. FE2001145 Storage Container for the wheelchair tie downs shall be anchored to the side wall and the bottom of the bag is to be a minimum of 15" above the floor. |
| | | | j. SLCE03 Training Program CD (one (1) per vehicle). |

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| | | | k. 96" long AL700842 Sure-Lok Integrated Lap Belt to be provided. |
| | | | l. An L-Track must be installed along the length of each side wall above the window to accommodate the adjustment of the occupant restraint. |
| | | | 5. At least one (1) grab handle each shall be provided on the sides of the driver door and both passenger side doors. |
| NOTES/COMMENTS: | | | |

R. ACCEPTABLE BRANDS

| YES | NO | NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE | |
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| | | | 1. Products proposed must be the brand AND model numbers as specified on each line of the Solicitation Document. The State will not be accepting alternatives to the brands specified 2023 or Current Production Year Ford Transit XLT. |
| | | | 2. Equipment proposed shall be the latest current models in production as of the date of the solicitation and be of proven performance and under standard design, complete as regularly advertised and marketed and shall be delivered complete with all necessary parts, specified accessories, tools, and special features, whether or not they may be specifically mentioned below. |
| | | | 3. Used, demonstrator, prototype, or discontinued equipment is not acceptable. Complete specifications, manufacturer's descriptive literature and/or advertising data sheets with cuts or photographs may be required prior to an award and should be included with the bid on the IDENTICAL equipment proposed. |
| | | | 4. Literature should be complete and the latest published. Any information necessary to show compliance with these specifications not given on the manufacturer's descriptive literature and/or advertising data sheets should be supplied in writing on or attached to the bid document. 2023 or Current Production Year Ford Transit XLT bid must meet or exceed the following requirements. |
| NOTES/COMMENTS: | | | |

S. ANNUAL USAGE, ESTIMATED

| YES | NO | NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE | |
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| | | | 1. Annual usage figures provided are estimates and are not to be construed as either a minimum or maximum purchase quantity. |
| | | | 2. The orders shall be for the actual quantities of each item ordered by or for any agency during the life of the contract. |
| | | | 3. Vendor shall not impose minimum order requirements. |
| | | | 4. Annual Estimated Usage is 50 units. |
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T. USAGE REPORT

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| | | | 1. The Vendor shall, upon request, by the SPB, as determined by the State provide a usage report, of specified time period, of this contract by State agencies and political subdivisions. Information will include Agency name, item, and dollar amount. Information may be requested at any time. |
| NOTES/COMMENTS: | | | |

U. DELIVERY ARO

| YES | NO | NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE | |
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| | | | 1. Delivery desired within 160 days after receipt of order(s). |
| | | | 2. Quoted deliveries beyond 160 days ARO may be an award consideration. |
| NOTES/COMMENTS: | | | |

V. DELIVERY LOCATIONS / INSTRUCTIONS

| YES | NO | NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE | |
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| | | | 1. All vehicles shall be delivered FOB Destination to the location on the purchase order in accordance with the Delivery Schedule shown on the purchase order. |
| | | | 2. NDOT DELIVERY LOCATION/INSTRUCTIONS: |
| | | | a. All orders placed by NDOT should be delivered to: Nebraska Department of Transportation 5001 S 14 th Street Lincoln, NE.68502 |
| | | | b. Deliveries shall be made between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Central, Monday through Friday, except Saturdays, Sundays, and all State and Federally observed holidays. |
| | | | c. All NDOT deliveries must be scheduled with the Agency Representative.at least two (2) working days before the vehicle(s) is delivered. |
| | | | d. A maximum of five (5) vehicles may be delivered at one time. No other vehicles may be delivered until previous vehicles have passed inspection. |
| | | | 3. All order deliveries for <u>Agencies other than NDOT</u> must be scheduled with the ordering Agency Representative. |
| | | | 4. Vehicles are to be road ready, fully equipped, serviced, and washed with the equivalent of a ½ tank of gasoline upon delivery to final destination. |
| | | | 5. Odometer Mileage: |
| | | | a. Vehicles purchased within a 200-mile radius of Lincoln should show less than 200 miles on the odometer when delivered. |
| | | | b. Vehicles purchased outside the 200-mile radius of Lincoln should show less than 450 miles on the odometer when delivered. |
| | | | 6. The original manufacturer's statement of origin or original title, a service authorization card, and a properly executed service and warranty policy shall accompany each vehicle when delivered. |
| | | | 7. Vehicles will not be accepted if all paper work is not with the vehicle at the time of delivery. |
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W. ORDERS

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| | | | 1. Orders will be placed either by, phone, e-mail, or Internet (if available and not to the exclusion of the other methods). |
| | | | 2. The Vendor shall provide the order number to the Agency Representative within five (5) business days after the Purchase Order has been received. The Vendor shall email, fax, or mail this information to the purchasing Agency. |
| | | | 3. Items not listed on the contract, but are required for the ordering Agency's business needs, may be added to the purchase order to complete the purchase of the vehicle. Please contact the awarded bidder for pricing. |
| | | | 4. Purchase orders issued from the resulting contract(s) may specify prospective delivery dates due to Agency operational needs and budget. |
| | | | 5. Upon acceptance of the purchase order, the Vendor agrees to abide by any such prospective delivery date. |
| | | | 6. All orders must reference a purchase order number. |
| | | | 7. The purchase order number must be referenced on the packing slip. |

NOTES/COMMENTS:

X. INVOICES

| YES | NO | NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE | |
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| | | | 1. Invoices shall include, at the least, Make & Model of Vehicle, the VIN, key number and State of Nebraska purchase order number. |
| | | | 2. The purchase order number must be referenced on the invoice. |
| | | | 3. Invoices are to be sent to the "Invoice to" address on the purchase order. |
| | | | 4. Invoices for payments must be submitted by the Vendor to the agency requesting the services with sufficient detail to support payment. |
| | | | 5. The Terms and Conditions included in the Vendor'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. |

NOTES/COMMENTS:

Y. QUALITY

| YES | NO | NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE | |
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| | | | 1. Product quality must meet specifications and be consistent for the term of the contract. 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. |
| | | | 2. A guarantee of satisfactory performance by the vendor and meeting delivery dates are an integral part of the purchase contract resulting from this bid invitation. |

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| | | | 3. 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. |
| NOTES/COMMENTS: | | | |

Z. AUTHORIZED DEALER

| YES | NO | NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE | |
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| | | | 1. To the extent required by the manufacturer, the Vendor shall be an authorized dealer. |
| | | | 2. Vendor may be required to substantiate that he/she is an authorized dealer. |
| | | | 3. Proof, if required, must be submitted to SPB within three (3) business days of the request and prior to the award of any contract. |
| NOTES/COMMENTS: | | | |

AA. WARRANTY

| YES | NO | NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE | |
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| | | | 1. The terms of the original manufacturer's standard warranty shall apply to all equipment acquired from this solicitation for the entire warranty period. |
| | | | 2. The Vendor warrants for a period of one (1) year from the date of Acceptance that: |
| | | | a. The products perform according to all specific claims that the Vendor made in its response to the solicitation; |
| | | | b. The product is suitable for the ordinary purposes for which such Product is used; |
| | | | c. The product is suitable for any special purposes identified in the solicitation or for which the State has relied on the Vendor's skill or judgment; |
| | | | d. The product is designed and manufactured in a commercially reasonable manner; and |
| | | | e. The product is free of defects. |
| | | | 3. Upon breach of the warranty, the Vendor will repair or replace (at no charge to the State) the Product whose nonconformance is discovered and made known to the Vendor. |
| | | | 4. If the repaired and/or replaced Product proves to be inadequate, or fails of its essential purpose, the Vendor will refund the full amount of any payments that have been made. |
| | | | 5. The rights and remedies of the parties under this warranty are in addition to any other rights and remedies of the parties provided by law or equity, including, without limitation actual damages, and, as applicable and awarded under the law, to a prevailing party, reasonable attorneys' fees, and costs. |
| | | | 6. Complete warranty and after-sales service must be available in Nebraska for the vehicle and all installed subsystems, including air conditioning systems, wheelchair lifts, etc. |
| NOTES/COMMENTS: | | | |