Loudoun County, Virginia

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

LIBRARY MATERIAL SUPPLIERS

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ALL HAND DELIVERED PROPOSALS MUST BE SUBMITTED AT THIS LOCATION PRIOR TO 4:00 P.M. on the Acceptance Date of the proposal in order to be considered. Proposals will not be accepted at any other building locations or after 4:00 p.m.

Please contact the Contracting Officer designated on the front cover of the solicitation with any questions regarding this process. Offerors are strongly encouraged to check the County's website routinely for updates.

Requests for information related to this Proposal should be directed to:

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Prepared By: *s/Steven Wilson* Date: March 28, 2023
Contracting Officer

LIBRARY MATERIAL SUPPLIERS

1.0 PURPOSE

The intent of this Request for Proposal is to obtain firm percentage discount from list price proposals from firms specializing in providing materials for public libraries including, but not limited to, Adult trade hardcover books, Juvenile trade hardcover books, Reinforced library bindings, Adult trade paperback books, Adult mass market paperback books, Juvenile paperback books, University Press books, Small Press books, DVD/Blu-rays, Audiobooks (digital and on CD), and e-books.

To obtain the largest possible range of materials and services, the County intends to award contract(s) to a pool of providers. The size of the pool will be determined by the number and quality of proposals received. Depending upon the type of material or service required, the County will purchase the needed materials or services from the Contractor(s) who offer the best prices and services to the County.

Cataloging and processing services are optional. Inability to provide these services may not preclude an offeror from being selected as a pool provider. Exact and detailed specifications will be provided if necessary.

2.0 COMPETITION INTENDED

It is the County's intent that this Request for Proposal (RFP) permits competition. It shall be the offeror's responsibility to advise the Purchasing Agent in writing if any language, requirement, specification, etc., or any combination thereof, inadvertently restricts or limits the requirements stated in this RFP to a single source. Such notification must be received by the Purchasing Agent not later than fifteen (15) days prior to the date set for acceptance of proposals.

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Loudoun County Public Library (LCPL) system consists of ten (10) library branches, Library Administration, and an Outreach service. The current collection size is approximately 650,000 items. The County anticipates spending approximately $1,900,000 on materials during the first year of the contract(s).

4.0 SCOPE OF SERVICES

All proposals must be made on the basis of, and either meet or exceed, the requirements contained herein. All offerors must be able to provide:

4.1 Delivery

A. Fill rate - Contractor shall be able to ship eighty-five percent (85%) of any order within seven (7) days after receipt of order with the exception of titles not yet published. The first shipment shall be made within three (3) working days of receipt of order. Contractor shall ship one hundred percent (100%) of each order within 180 days of receipt of order, with the exception of titles not yet published.

B. Accuracy – Ninety-nine percent (99%) of all materials shipped shall be the correct title, edition, and number of copies.

C. Substitutions – No substitutions shall be made without prior written authorization from the County.

4.2 Reports

Contractor shall supply management reports to the County as specified.

A. Status reports – Within five (5) business days after the County places an order, Contractor shall provide the County with a report detailing confirmation and the status of materials which cannot be shipped immediately. This report shall show if material is out of print, out of stock, out of stock indefinitely, temporarily out of stock, publication canceled, not yet published, etc. Electronic notification is preferable.

B. Cancellation Report – Contractor shall provide, at least on a monthly basis, a report indicating which titles cannot be supplied. Electronic notification is preferable.

4.3 Cancellations

The County may cancel any title which is not received within 180 days of order date.

4.4 Defective Materials

The County shall reserve the right to return defective and/or damaged materials at Contractor's expense. Contractor shall provide specific instructions for the return of the materials.

4.5 Packaging

Each package must indicate the County's purchase order number(s). If materials from separate orders are shipped together, each carton must be labeled with the purchase order number matching the appropriate invoice. A packing slip which duplicates the invoice must accompany each shipment.

4.6 On-Line Order Transfer

The County prefers that the Contractor provide an online interface with The Library Corporation's CARL·X acquisitions system so that orders prepared on the system can be electronically transferred (e.g., Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) or File Transfer Protocol (FTP)) to the Contractor.

4.7 Selection Assistance

Contractor shall provide free selection assistance in the form of searchable web databases of titles and core bibliographies, customized subject lists, when requested, as well as telephone, e-mail and/or written assistance. A website with selection information, including author, title and inventory is desirable.

4.8 Optional Services

The final agreement between the County and the Contractor shall contain the cataloging and processing specifications as required by the County at that time.

A. Cataloging

Contractor shall supply a bibliographic record for each unique title. Using LCPL's current bibliographic database, the Contractor shall determine if a new record is needed. If the bibliographic record already exists at LCPL, the Contractor shall provide item information to update the holdings information in the database. If a bibliographic record does not already appear in the LCPL database, the new record provided by the Contractor shall be constructed in a manner consistent with the Library's existing cataloging data and practices - using the Dewey Decimal classification scheme (23rd edition, update expected), with some local call numbers, the Library of Congress name authority and subject headings, and cataloging standard Resource Description and Access (RDA) rules. The bibliographic record shall be compatible in structure and content with the Library of Congress Machine-Readable Cataloging (MARC) 21 communications format as defined by Online Computer Library Center (OCLC) and must adhere to the requirements of the OCLC-MARC Subscription Service Documentation, 4th Edition. The bibliographic record shall contain the standard tags and sub-fields, according to the current version of the Bibliographic Formats and Standards guide where applicable. Contractor shall allow standard Library of Congress cataloging changes to be integrated into the system as implemented by OCLC or other bibliographic record suppliers.

B. Item Creation

The Contractor shall create an item field for each new and updated bibliographic record. The item field shall be so constructed as to allow item creation from this field when processed by the County's automated system.

C. Title/Item Information

The County currently catalogs through OCLC with records downloaded into the CARL·X automated database. Contractors should be able to catalog “live” in the database, adding bibliographic records according to the County’s requirements.

D. Authority Control

Contractor-supplied records shall have been run through their most current authority control file for name and subject headings. Contractor shall be responsible for the manual review of unlinked headings and will make the appropriate changes to the headings in question.

E. Processing

The Contractor shall physically prepare the materials, meeting the County's processing specifications regarding Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) labels, barcode labels, cases, and any other items required for materials processing. Exact specifications will be provided if necessary.

5.0 TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The Agreement for Service ("Contract" or "Agreement") with the successful offeror will contain the following Terms and Conditions. Offerors taking exception to these terms and conditions or intending to propose additional or alternative language must (a) identify with specificity the County Terms and Conditions to which they take exception or seek to amend or replace; and (b) include any additional or different language with their proposal. Failure to both identify with specificity those terms and conditions offeror takes exception to or seeks to amend or replace as well as to provide offeror's additional or alternate Contract terms may result in rejection of the proposal. **While the County may accept additional or different language if so provided with the proposal, the Terms and Conditions marked with an asterisk (*) are mandatory and non-negotiable.**

5.1 Procedures

The extent and character of the services to be performed by the Contractor shall be subject to the general control and approval of the Contract Administrator or his/her authorized representative(s). The Contractor shall not comply with requests and/or orders issued by other than the Contract Administrator or his/her authorized representative(s) acting within their authority for the County. Any change to the Contract must be approved in writing by the Division of Procurement and the Contractor.

5.2 Term

The Contract shall cover the period from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, or an equivalent period depending upon date of Contract award.

This Contract may be renewed at the expiration of the initial term at the request of the County. The renewal may be for up to five (5) additional one (1) year periods. Unless otherwise agreed to by the parties or as may be required by law, any renewal shall be based on the same prices, terms and conditions as the initial term.

5.3 Delays and Delivery Failures

Time is of the essence. The Contractor must keep the County advised at all times of status of parties' agreement. If delay is foreseen, the Contractor shall give immediate written notice to the Division of Procurement. Should the Contractor fail to deliver the proper item(s)/service(s) at the time and place(s) contracted for, or within a reasonable period of time thereafter as agreed to in writing by the Division of Procurement, or should the Contractor fail to make a timely replacement of rejected items/services when so required, the County

may purchase items/services of comparable quality and quantity in the open market to replace the undelivered or rejected items/services. The Contractor shall reimburse the County for all costs in excess of the Agreement price when purchases are made in the open market; or, in the event that there is a balance the County owes to the Contractor from prior transactions, an amount equal to the additional expense incurred by the County as a result of the Contractor's nonperformance shall be deducted from the balance as payment.

5.4 Material Safety Data Sheets

By law, the County of Loudoun will not receive any materials, products, or chemicals which may be hazardous to an employee's health unless accompanied by a Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) when received. This MSDS will be reviewed by the County, and if approved, the materials, product or chemical can be used. If the MSDS is rejected, the Contractor must identify a substitute that will meet the County's criteria for approval.

5.5 Business, Professional, and Occupational License Requirement

All firms or individuals located or doing business in Loudoun County are required to be licensed in accordance with the County's "Business, Professional, and Occupational Licensing (BPOL) Tax" Ordinance during the initial term of the Contract or any renewal period.

Wholesale and retail merchants without a business location in Loudoun County are exempt from this requirement. Questions concerning the BPOL Tax should be directed to the Office of Commissioner of Revenue, telephone (703) 777-0260.

5.6 Payment of Taxes

All Contractors located or owning property in Loudoun County shall assure that all real and personal property taxes are paid.

The County will verify payment of all real and personal property taxes by the Contractor prior to the award of any Contract or Contract renewal.

5.7 Insurance

A. The Contractor shall be responsible for its work and every part thereof, and for all materials, tools, equipment, appliances, and property of any and all description used in connection therewith. The Contractor assumes all risk of direct and indirect damage or injury to the property or persons used or employed on or in connection with the work contracted for, and of all damage or injury to any person or property wherever located, resulting from any action, omission, commission or operation under the Contract.

B. The Contractor and all subcontractors shall, during the continuance of all work under the Contract provide the following:

1. Workers' compensation and Employer's Liability to protect the Contractor from any liability or damages for any injuries

(including death and disability) to any and all of its employees, including any and all liability or damage which may arise by virtue of any statute or law in force within the Commonwealth of Virginia.

2. Comprehensive General Liability insurance to protect the Contractor, and the interest of the County, its officers, employees, and agents against any and all injuries to third parties, including bodily injury and personal injury, wherever located, resulting from any action or operation under the Contract or in connection with the contracted work. The General Liability insurance shall also include the Broad Form Property Damage endorsement, in addition to coverage for explosion, collapse, and underground hazards, where required.

3. Automobile Liability insurance, covering all owned, non-owned, borrowed, leased, or rented vehicles operated by the Contractor.

C. The Contractor agrees to provide the above referenced policies with the following limits. Liability insurance limits may be arranged by General Liability and Automobile policies for the full limits required, or by a combination of underlying policies for lesser limits with the remaining limits provided by an Excess or Umbrella Liability policy.

1. Workers' Compensation:

Coverage A:	Statutory
Coverage B:	$100,000

2. General Liability:

Per Occurrence:	$1,000,000
Personal/Advertising Injury:	$1,000,000
General Aggregate:	$2,000,000
Products/Completed Operations: aggregate	$2,000,000
Fire Damage Legal Liability:	$100,000

GL Coverage, excluding Products and Completed Operations, should be on a Per Project Basis

3. Automobile Liability:

Combined Single Limit:	$1,000,000

D. The following provisions shall be agreed to by the Contractor:

1. No change, cancellation, or non-renewal shall be made in any insurance coverage without a forty-five (45) day written notice to the County. The Contractor shall furnish a new certificate prior to any change or cancellation date. The failure of the Contractor to deliver a new and valid certificate will result in

suspension of all payments until the new certificate is furnished.

2. Liability Insurance "Claims Made" basis:

   If the liability insurance purchased by the Contractor has been issued on a "claims made" basis, the Contractor must comply with the following additional conditions. The limits of liability and the extensions to be included as described previously in these provisions, remain the same. The Contractor must either:

   a. Agree to provide certificates of insurance evidencing the above coverage for a period of two (2) years after final payment for the Contract for General Liability policies This certificate shall evidence a "retroactive date" no later than the beginning of the Contractor's work under this Contract, or

   b. Purchase the extended reporting period endorsement for the policy or policies in force during the term of this Contract and evidence the purchase of this extended reporting period endorsement by means of a certificate of insurance or a copy of the endorsement itself.

3. The Contractor must disclose the amount of deductible/self-insured retention applicable to the General Liability and Automobile Liability. The County reserves the right to request additional information to determine if the Contractor has the financial capacity to meet its obligations under a deductible/self-insured plan. If this provision is utilized, the Contractor will be permitted to provide evidence of its ability to fund the deductible/self-insured retention.

4. a. The Contractor agrees to provide insurance issued by companies admitted within the Commonwealth of Virginia, with the Best's Key Rating of at least A:VII.

   b. European markets including those based in London, and the domestic surplus lines market that operate on a non-admitted basis are exempt from this requirement provided that the Contractor's broker can provide financial data to establish that a market's policyholder surpluses are equal to or exceed the surpluses that correspond to Best's A:VII Rating.

5. a. The Contractor will provide an original signed Certificate of Insurance and such endorsements as prescribed herein.

   b. The Contractor will provide on request certified copies of all insurance coverage related to the Contract within

ten (10) business days of request by the County. These certified copies will be sent to the County from the Contractor's insurance agent or representative. Any request made under this provision will be deemed confidential and proprietary.

c. Any certificates provided shall indicate the Contract name and number.

6. The County, its officers and employees shall be Endorsed to the Contractor's Automobile and General Liability policies as an "additional insured" with the provision that this coverage "is primary to all other coverage the County may possess." (Use "loss payee" where there is an insurable interest). A Certificate of Insurance evidencing the additional insured status must be presented to the County along with a copy of the Endorsement.

7. Compliance by the Contractor with the foregoing requirements as to carrying insurance shall not relieve the Contractor of their liabilities provisions of the Contract.

E. Precaution shall be exercised at all times for the protection of persons (including employees) and property.

F. The Contractor is to comply with the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, Public Law 91-956, as it may apply to this Contract.

G. If an "ACORD" Insurance Certificate form is used by the Contractor's insurance agent, the words "endeavor to" and ". . . but failure to mail such notice shall impose no obligation or liability of any kind upon the company" in the "Cancellation" paragraph of the form shall be deleted.

H. The Contractor agrees to waive all rights of subrogation against the County, its officers, employees, and agents.

5.8 Hold Harmless

The Contractor shall, indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the County from loss from all suits, actions, or claims of any kind brought as a consequence of any act or omission by the Contractor. The Contractor agrees that this clause shall include claims involving infringement of patent or copyright. For purposes of this paragraph, “County” and “Contractor” includes their employees, officials, agents, and representatives. “Contractor” also includes subcontractors and suppliers to the Contractor. The word “defend” means to provide legal counsel for the County or to reimburse the County for its attorneys’ fees and costs related to the claim. This section shall survive the Contract. The County is prohibited from indemnifying Contractor and/or any other third-parties.

5.9 Safety

All Contractors and subcontractors performing services for the County are required to and shall comply with all Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), State and County Safety and Occupational Health Standards and any other applicable rules and regulations. Also, all Contractors and subcontractors shall be held responsible for the safety of their employees and any unsafe acts or conditions that may cause injury or damage to any persons or property within and around the work site area under this Contract.

5.10 Permits

It shall be the responsibility of the Contractor to comply with County ordinances by securing any necessary permits. The County will waive any fees involved in securing County permits.

5.11 Notice of Required Disability Legislation Compliance *

The County is required to comply with state and federal disability legislation: The Rehabilitation Act of 1973 Section 504, The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) for 1990 Title II and The Virginians with Disabilities Act of 1990.

Specifically, Loudoun County, may not, through its contractual and/or financial arrangements, directly or indirectly avoid compliance with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, Public Law 101-336, which prohibits discrimination by public entities on the basis of disability. Subtitle A protects qualified individuals with disability from discrimination on the basis of disability in the services, programs, or activities of all State and local governments. It extends the prohibition of discrimination in federally assisted programs established by the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 Section 504 to all activities of state and local governments, including those that do not receive federal financial assistance, and incorporates specific prohibitions of discrimination on the basis of disability in Titles I, III, and V of the Americans with Disabilities Act. The Virginians with Disabilities Act of 1990 follows the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 Section 504.

5.12 Ethics in Public Contracting *

The provisions contained in §§ 2.2-4367 through 2.2-4377 of the Virginia Public Procurement Act as set forth in the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, shall be applicable to all Contracts solicited or entered into by the County. A copy of these provisions may be obtained from the Purchasing Agent upon request.

The above-stated provisions supplement, but do not supersede, other provisions of law including, but not limited to, the Virginia State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act (§ 2.2-3100 et seq.), the Virginia Governmental Frauds Act (§ 18.2-498.1 et seq.) and Articles 2 and 3 of Chapter 10 of Title 18.2. The provisions apply notwithstanding the fact that the conduct described may not constitute a violation of the Virginia State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act.

5.13 Employment Discrimination by Contractors Prohibited *

Every Contract of over $10,000 shall include the following provisions:

A. During the performance of this Contract, the Contractor agrees as follows:

1. The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, age, disability, status as a service disabled veteran, or any other basis prohibited by state law relating to discrimination in employment, except where there is a bona fide occupational qualification reasonably necessary to the normal operation of the Contractor. The Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

2. The Contractor, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, shall state that such Contractor is an equal opportunity employer.

3. Notices, advertisements and solicitations placed in accordance with federal law, rule or regulation shall be deemed sufficient to meet this requirement.

B. The Contractor will include the provisions of the foregoing paragraphs, 1, 2, and 3 in every subcontract or purchase order of over $10,000, so that the provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor.

5.14 Drug-free Workplace *

Every Contract over $10,000 shall include the following provision:

During the performance of this Contract, the Contractor agrees to (i) provide a drug-free workplace for the Contractor's employees; (ii) post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, sale, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance or marijuana is prohibited in the Contractor's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition; (iii) state in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or behalf of the Contractor that the Contractor maintains a drug-free workplace; and (iv) include the provisions of the foregoing clauses in every subcontract or purchase order of over $10,000, so that the provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor.

For the purposes of this section, "drug-free workplace" means a site for the performance of work done in connection with a specific Contract awarded to a Contractor in accordance with this chapter, the employees of whom are prohibited from engaging in the unlawful manufacture, sale, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance or marijuana during the performance of the Contract.

5.15 Faith-Based Organizations *

The County does not discriminate against faith-based organizations.

5.16 Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 *

By entering this Contract, the Contractor certifies that it does not and will not during the performance of this Contract violate the provisions of the Federal Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, which prohibits employment of illegal aliens.

5.17 Substitutions

NO substitutions, additions or cancellations, including those of key personnel, are permitted after Contract award without written approval by the Division of Procurement. Where specific employees are proposed by the Contractor for the work, those employees shall perform the work as long as those employees work for the Contractor, either as employees or subcontractors, unless the County agrees to a substitution. Requests for substitutions will be reviewed by the County and approval may be given by the County at its sole discretion.

5.18 Condition of Items

All items shall be new, in first class condition, including containers suitable for shipment and storage, unless otherwise indicated herein or as may be agreed to by the parties in a written amendment to this Agreement. Oral or written but unsigned agreements to the contrary will not be recognized.

5.19 Workmanship and Inspection *

All work under this Contract shall be performed in a skillful and workmanlike manner. The Contractor and its employees shall be professional and courteous at all times. The County reserves the right to require immediate removal of any Contractor employee from County service it deems unfit for service for any reason, not contrary to law. This right is non-negotiable and the Contractor agrees to this condition by accepting this Agreement. Further, the County may, from time to time, make inspections of the work performed under the Agreement. Any inspection by the County does not relieve the Contractor of any responsibility in meeting the Agreement requirements.

The Contractor will have all employees working at County sites wear a uniform and have photo identification (frontal face). This identification must be prominently displayed at all times. No one with a felony conviction may be employed under this Agreement. The Contractor MUST remove any employee from County service who is convicted of a felony during his or her employment.

5.20 Exemption from Taxes *

Pursuant to Va. Code § 58.1-609.1, the County is exempt from Virginia State Sales or Use Taxes and Federal Excise Tax, therefore the Contractor shall not charge the County for Virginia State Sales or Use Taxes or Federal Excise Tax on the finished goods or products provided under the

Contract. However, this exemption does not apply to the Contractor, and the Contractor shall be responsible for the payment of any sales, use, or excise tax it incurs in providing the goods required by the Contract, including, but not limited to, taxes on materials purchased by a Contractor for incorporation in or use on a construction project. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the Contractor from including its own sales tax expense in connection with the Contract in its Contract price.

5.21 Ordering, Invoicing, and Payment

All work requested under this Contract shall be placed on a County issued Purchase Order. The Contractor shall not accept credit card orders or payments.

Contractor shall submit invoices in duplicate at the end of each calendar month, such statement to include a detailed breakdown of all charges and shall be based on completion of tasks or deliverables and shall include progress reports.

Invoices shall be submitted to:

County of Loudoun, Virginia
Loudoun County Public Library
102 North Street, N.W.
Suite A
Leesburg, Virginia 20176

Upon receipt of invoice and final inspection and acceptance of the equipment and/or service, the County will render payment within forty-five (45) days unless any items thereon are questioned, in which event payment will be withheld pending verification of the amount claimed and the validity of the claim. The Contractor shall provide complete cooperation during any such investigation. Unless invoice items are questioned, the interest shall accrue at the rate of one percent (1%) per month for any late payments.

Individual Contractors shall provide their social security numbers, and proprietorships, partnerships, and corporations shall provide their federal employer identification number on the pricing form.

5.22 Payments to Subcontractors *

Within seven (7) days after receipt of amounts paid by the County for work performed by a subcontractor under this Contract, the Contractor shall either:

A. Pay the subcontractor for the proportionate share of the total payment received from the County attributable to the work performed by the subcontractor under this Contract; or

B. Notify the County and subcontractor, in writing, of his intention to withhold all or a part of the subcontractor's payment and the reason for non-payment.

The Contractor shall pay interest to the subcontractor on all amounts owed that remain unpaid beyond the seven (7) day period except for amounts withheld as allowed in item B. above.

Unless otherwise provided under the terms of this Contract, interest shall accrue at the rate of one percent (1%) per month.

The Contractor shall include in each of its subcontracts a provision requiring each subcontractor to include or otherwise be subject to the same payment and interest requirements as set forth above with respect to each lower-tier subcontractor.

The Contractor's obligation to pay an interest charge to a subcontractor pursuant to this provision may not be construed to be an obligation of the County.

5.23 Assignment *

The Agreement may not be assigned in whole or in part without the prior written consent of the Division of Procurement. The rights and obligations of the Contractor are personal and may be performed only by the Contractor. Any purported assignment that does not comply with this provision is void. This Agreement is binding upon and inures to the benefit of the parties and their respective permitted successors and assigns.

5.24 Termination

Subject to the provisions below, the Contract may be terminated by the County upon thirty (30) days advance written notice to the Contractor; but if any work or service hereunder is in progress, but not completed as of the date of termination, then the Contract may be extended upon written approval of the County until said work or services are completed and accepted.

A. Termination for Convenience

The County may terminate this Contract for convenience at any time in which the case the parties shall negotiate reasonable termination costs.

B. Termination for Cause

In the event of Termination for Cause, the thirty (30) days advance notice is waived and the Contractor shall not be entitled to termination costs.

C. Termination Due to Unavailability of Funds in Succeeding Fiscal Years

If funds are not appropriated or otherwise made available to support continuation of the performance of this Contract in a subsequent fiscal year, then the Contract shall be canceled and, to the extent permitted by law, the Contractor shall be reimbursed for the reasonable value of any non-recurring costs incurred but not amortized in the price of the supplies or services delivered under the Contract.

5.25 Contractual Disputes *

The Contractor shall give written notice to the Purchasing Agent of intent to file a claim for money or other relief within ten (10) calendar days of the occurrence giving rise to the claim or at the beginning of the work upon which the claim is to be based, whichever is earlier.

The Contractor shall submit its invoice for final payment within thirty (30) days after completion or delivery.

The claim, with supporting documentation, shall be submitted to the Purchasing Agent by US Mail, courier, or overnight delivery service, no later than sixty (60) days after final payment. If the claim is not disposed of by agreement, the Purchasing Agent shall reduce his/her decision to writing and mail or otherwise forward a copy thereof to the Contractor within thirty (30) days of the County's receipt of the claim.

The Purchasing Agent's decision shall be final unless the Contractor appeals within thirty (30) days by submitting a written letter of appeal to the County Administrator, or his designee. The County Administrator shall render a decision within sixty (60) days of receipt of the appeal.

No Contractor shall institute any legal action until all statutory requirements have been met. Each party shall bear its own costs and expenses resulting from any litigation, including attorney's fees.

5.26 Severability *

In the event that any provision shall be adjudged or decreed to be invalid, by a court of competent jurisdiction, such ruling shall not invalidate the entire Agreement but shall pertain only to the provision in question and the remaining provisions shall continue to be valid, binding and in full force and effect.

5.27 Governing Law/Forum *

This Agreement shall be governed and construed in all respects by its terms and by the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Any judicial action shall be filed in the Commonwealth of Virginia, County of Loudoun. Contractor expressly waives any objection to venue or jurisdiction of the Loudoun County Circuit Court, Loudoun County, Virginia. Contractor expressly consents to waiver of service of process in an action pending in the Loudoun County Circuit Court pursuant to Virginia Code Section 8.01-286.1.

5.28 Notices

All notices and other communications hereunder shall be deemed to have been given when made in writing and either (a) delivered in person, (b) delivered to an agent, such as an overnight or similar delivery service, or (c) deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid, certified or registered, addressed as follows:

TO CONTRACTOR: **TO COUNTY**:

TBD

County of Loudoun, Virginia
Division of Procurement
Attn: Steven Wilson

Via delivery method (a) or (b)

1 Harrison Street, SE, 4th Floor
Leesburg, VA 20175

Or

Via delivery method (c)

P.O. Box 7000
Leesburg, VA 20177

Notice is deemed to have been received: (i) on the date of delivery if delivered in person; (ii) on the first business day after the date of delivery if sent by same day or overnight courier service; or (iii) on the third business day after the date of mailing, if sent by certified or registered United States Mail, return receipt requested, postage and charges prepaid.

Due to restrictions, public access to County facilities is extremely limited. The mailing or delivery by an agent of notices is preferred. However, if a notice is hand delivered, it will be received in the lobby of 1 Harrison Street, SE, Leesburg, Virginia 20175 ONLY in the Drop Box labeled: Procurement Bids and Proposals between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

5.29 Licensure

To the extent required by the Commonwealth of Virginia (*see e.g.* 54.1-1100 *et seq.* of the Code of Virginia) or the County, the Contractor shall be duly licensed to perform the services required to be delivered pursuant to this Contract.

5.30 Authority to Transact Business in Virginia *

A Contractor organized as a stock or nonstock corporation, limited liability company, business trust, or limited partnership or registered as a registered limited liability partnership shall be authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth as a domestic or foreign business entity if so required by Title 13.1 or Title 50 of the Code of Virginia or as otherwise required by law. Any business entity described herein that enters into a Contract with the County pursuant to the Virginia Public Procurement Act 2.2-4300 et seq. shall not allow its existence to lapse or its certificate of authority or registration to transact business in the Commonwealth, if so required under Title 13.1 or Title 50 of the Code of Virginia, to be revoked or cancelled at any time during the term of the Contract. The County may void any Contract with a business entity if the business entity fails to remain in compliance with the provisions of this section.

5.31 No Smoking

Smoking in all County buildings is prohibited. The County may designate a smoking area outside County facilities. Contractor shall only use those designated smoking areas. Certain County facilities, both inside and outside, may be entirely smoke free. Contractor shall inquire of the Contract Administrator or designee if a facility is entirely smoke free. Failure to adhere to the County's no smoking policies may lead to removal of Contractor employees and possible Contract termination.

5.32 Confidentiality

A. Contractor Confidentiality

The Contractor acknowledges and understands that its employees may have access to proprietary, business information, or other confidential information belonging to the County of Loudoun. Therefore, except as required by law, the Contractor agrees that its employees will not:

1. Access or attempt to access data that is unrelated to their job duties or authorizations as related to this Contract.

2. Access or attempt to access information beyond their stated authorization.

3. Disclose to any other person or allow any other person access to any information related to the County or any of its facilities or any other user of this Contract that is proprietary or confidential. Disclosure of information includes, but is not limited to, verbal discussions, FAX transmissions, electronic mail messages, voice mail communication, written documentation, "loaning" computer access codes and/or another transmission or sharing of data.

The Contractor understands that the County, or others may suffer irreparable harm by disclosure of proprietary or confidential information and that the County may seek legal remedies available to it should such disclosure occur. Further, the Contractor understands that violations of this provision may result in Contract termination.

The Contractor further understands that information and data obtained during the performance of this agreement shall be considered confidential, during and following the term of this Contract, and will not be divulged without the Purchasing Agent's written consent and then only in strict accordance with prevailing laws. The Contractor shall hold all information provided by the County as proprietary and confidential, and shall make no unauthorized reproduction or distribution of such material.

B. County Confidentiality

The County understands that certain information provided by the Contractor during the performance of this Agreement may also contain confidential or proprietary information. Contractor acknowledges that this Contract and public records (as defined by §2.2-3701 of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act) provided pursuant to this Contract are subject to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act §§2.2-3700 et seq. and the Virginia Public Procurement Act §2.2-4342 of the Code of Virginia.

5.33 Counterparts

This Contract and any amendments or renewals hereto may be executed in a number of counterparts, and each counterpart signature, when taken with the other counterpart signatures, is treated as if executed upon one original of this Contract or any amendment or renewal. A signature by any party to this Contract provided by facsimile or electronic mail is binding upon that party as if it were the original.

5.34 Force Majeure

A party is not liable for failure to perform the party's obligations if such failure is as a result of Acts of God (including fire, flood, earthquake, storm, hurricane or other natural disaster), epidemic, pandemic, war, invasion, act of foreign enemies, hostilities (regardless of whether war is declared), civil war, rebellion, revolution, insurrection, military or usurped power or confiscation, terrorist activities, nationalization, government sanction, blockage, embargo, strikes at national level or industrial disputes at a national level, or strike or industrial disputes by labor not employed by the affected party, its subcontractors or its suppliers and which affect an essential portion of the contracted for works but excluding any industrial dispute which is specific to the performance of the works or this contract, interruption or failure of electricity or telephone service.

If a party asserts Force Majeure as an excuse for failure to perform the party's obligation, that party must immediately notify the other party giving full particulars of the event of force majeure and the reasons for the event of force majeure preventing that party from, or delaying that party in performing its obligations under this contract and that party must use its reasonable efforts to mitigate the effect of the event of force majeure upon its or their performance of the contract and to fulfill its or their obligations under the contract.

An event of force majeure does not relieve a party from liability for an obligation which arose before the occurrence of that event, nor does that event affect the obligation to pay money in a timely manner which matured prior to the occurrence of that event.

The Contractor has no entitlement and County has no liability for: (1) any costs, losses, expenses, damages or the payment of any part of the contract

price during an event of force majeure; and (2) any delay costs in any way incurred by the contractor due to an event of force majeure.

5.35 Survival of Terms

Upon discharge of this Agreement, Sections (Notice, Hold Harmless, Governing Law/Forum, Contractual Disputes) of these Terms and Conditions continue and survive in full force and effect.

5.36 Non-Waiver

No waiver of any provision of this Agreement shall constitute a waiver of any other provision nor shall any waiver of this Agreement constitute a continuing waiver unless otherwise expressly provided.

6.0 EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS: SELECTION FACTORS

The criteria set forth below will be used in the receipt of proposals and selection of the successful offeror.

The County Proposal Analysis Group (PAG) will review and evaluate each proposal and selection will be made on the basis of the criteria listed below. The offerors submitting proposals shall include with that proposal statements on the following:

6.1 Experience in providing comparable library material services. (30 points)

6.2 Offeror's process for the completion of orders by the County. (45 points)

6.3 State your firm's compliance with the Contract Terms and Conditions as listed in Section 5.0. Specifically list any deviations. (5 points)

6.4 Cost of services (discount from list price). (20 points)

The PAG will collectively develop a composite rating which indicates the group's collective ranking of the proposals. The PAG may then conduct interviews with offerors depending upon the quality and quantity of proposals received. Negotiations shall be conducted with offerors so selected. The PAG may request a Best and Final Offer(s) (BAFO) and/or make a recommendation for the Contract award.

7.0 PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORMAT

Offerors are to make written proposals that present the offeror's qualifications and understanding of the work to be performed. Offerors shall address each of the specific evaluation criteria listed below, in the following order. Failure to include any of the requested information may be cause for the proposal to be considered not eligible and/or non-responsible and rejected.

7.1 Experience in providing comparable library material services.

A. Offeror shall detail in their proposal what experience they have in providing similar library materials services.

B. Offeror shall describe in detail how the firm will meet or exceed all requirements set forth in Section 4.0 of the RFP.

C. Offeror shall describe the firm's resources in providing library materials services.

D. Offeror shall describe the variety of items that are available from the firm, describing any specialty products offered.

E. Offeror shall state the firm's backorder rate.

F. Offeror shall submit a list of at least three (3) current references for which comparable work in the field of library material supplier services has been performed. This list shall include company name, person to contact, address, telephone number, fax number, e-mail address, and the nature of the work performed. Failure to include references may be cause for rejection of proposal as not eligible and/or non-responsible. Offeror hereby releases listed references from all claims and liability for damages that may result from the information provided by the reference.

7.2 Offeror shall describe the firm's ordering process. Provide specific details on the methods of ordering utilized and accepted by the firm, i.e., EDI, email, online.

7.3 State your firm's compliance with the Contract Terms and Conditions as listed in Section 5.0. Specifically list any deviations.

7.4 List separately all applicable cost of services for each type of library media offered. Destinations involving air travel, international travel, and ocean cruises shall also be considered.

FAILURE TO SUBMIT THE ATTACHMENT A PRICING PAGE MAY RESULT IN YOUR PROPOSAL BEING DEEMED NOT ELIGIBLE AND REJECTED.

8.0 INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING PROPOSALS

8.1 Preparation and Submission of Proposals

A. Before submitting a proposal, read the ENTIRE solicitation including the Terms and Conditions. Failure to read any part of this solicitation will not relieve an offeror of the Contractual obligations.

B. Pricing must be submitted on RFP pricing form only. Include other information, as requested or required.

C. All proposals must be submitted to the Division of Procurement in a sealed container. The face of the sealed container shall indicate the RFP number, time and date of opening and the title of the RFP.

D. All proposals shall be signed in ink by the individual or authorized principals of the firm.

E. All attachments to the RFP requiring execution by the offeror are to be returned with the proposal.

F. The initial proposals must be received by the Division of Procurement prior to 4:00 p.m., local Atomic time on April 28, 2023, then after proposals will be accepted on an ongoing basis. An atomic clock is located in the Division of Procurement and can also be verified by visiting http://www.time.gov/timezone.cgi?Eastern/d/-5/java. Requests for extensions of this time and date will not be granted, unless deemed to be in the County's best interest. Offerors mailing their proposals shall allow for sufficient mail time to ensure receipt of their proposals by the Division of Procurement by the time and date fixed for acceptance of the proposals. Proposals or unsolicited amendments to proposals received by the County after the acceptance date and time will not be considered. Proposals will be publicly accepted and logged in at the time and date specified above.

G. Proposals may be submitted via one of the following options:

US Mail to:

County of Loudoun, Virginia
Division of Procurement
PO Box 7000
Leesburg, Virginia 20177-7000;

or

Hand delivered to:

County of Loudoun, Virginia
Division of Procurement,
1 Harrison Street, S.E., **1st Floor,**
Drop Box: Procurement Bids and Proposals
Leesburg, Virginia 20175

or

Private carrier (UPS/FedEx) to:

Loudoun County Procurement
1 Harrison Street, S.E.
ATTN: PROCUREMENT BIDS & PROPOSALS
Leesburg, Virginia 20175

Faxed and e-mailed proposals will not be accepted.

Please note: Offerors choosing to submit proposals via US Mail or UPS/FedEx should allow at least an additional 24 hours in the delivery process to ensure proposals are received on time.

H. Each offeror shall submit one (1) original, three (3) copies and *one (1) electronic copy (in PDF format) on a USB flash drive* of their proposal to the County's Division of Procurement as indicated on the cover sheet of this RFP.

8.2 Questions and Inquiries

Questions and inquiries, both oral and written, will be accepted from any and all offerors. However, when requested, complex oral questions shall be submitted in writing. The Division of Procurement is the sole point of contact for this solicitation unless otherwise instructed herein. Unauthorized contact with other Loudoun County staff regarding the RFP may result in the disqualification of the offeror. Inquiries pertaining to the RFP must give the RFP number, time and date of opening and the title of the RFP. Material questions will be answered in writing with an Addendum provided, however, that all questions are received *by 12:00 p.m. April 14, 2023.* It is the responsibility of all offerors to ensure that they have received all Addendums and to include signed copies with their proposal. Addendums can be downloaded from www.loudoun.gov/procurement.

8.3 Firm Pricing for County Acceptance

Proposal pricing must be firm for County acceptance for a minimum of ninety (90) days from proposal receipt date. "Discount from list" proposals are not acceptable unless requested.

8.4 Unit Price

Quote unit price on quantity specified and extend and show total. In case of errors in extension, unit prices shall govern.

8.5 Quotations to be F.O.B. Destination - Freight Prepaid and Allowed

Any goods to be delivered to a County location shall be coordinated with the Contract Administrator prior to delivery. Such goods shall be delivered F.O.B. Destination, freight prepaid, and allowed. COD deliveries shall be denied. The cost of freight, insurance, and all other delivery related costs shall be included in the cost of performing the work proposed in the price proposal.

8.6 Proprietary Information

Trade secrets or proprietary information submitted by an offeror in connection with this solicitation shall not be subject to disclosure under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; however, **pursuant to § 2.2-4342 of the Code of Virginia, the offeror must invoke the protections of this section prior to or upon submission of the data or other materials, and must clearly identify the data or other materials to be protected and state the reasons why protection is necessary. Failure to abide by this procedure may result in disclosure of the offeror's information.** Offerors shall not mark sections of their proposal as proprietary if they are to be part of the award of the contract and are of a "Material" nature.

8.7 Authority to Bind Firm in Contract

Proposals MUST give full firm name and address of offeror. Failure to manually sign proposal may disqualify it. Person signing proposal will show TITLE or AUTHORITY TO BIND THE FIRM IN A CONTRACT. Firm name and authorized signature must appear on proposal in the space provided on the pricing page. Those authorized to sign are as follows:

If a sole proprietorship, the owner may sign.

If a general partnership, any general partner may sign.

If a limited partnership, a general partner must sign.

If a limited liability company, a "member" may sign or "manager" must sign if so specified by the articles or organization.

If a regular corporation, the CEO, President or Vice-President must sign.

Others may be granted authority to sign but the County requires that a corporate document authorizing him/her to sign be submitted with proposal.

8.8 Withdrawal of Proposals

A. All proposals submitted shall be valid for a minimum period of ninety (90) calendar days following the date established for acceptance.

B. Proposals may be withdrawn on written request from the offeror at the address shown in the solicitation prior to the time of acceptance.

C. Negligence on the part of the offeror in preparing the proposal confers no right of withdrawal after the time fixed for the acceptance of the proposals.

8.9 County Furnished Support/Items

The estimated level of support required from County personnel for the completion of each task shall be itemized by position and man days.

The offeror shall indicate the necessary telephones, office space and materials the offeror requires. The County may furnish these facilities if the County considers them reasonable, necessary, and available for the Contractor to complete his task.

8.10 Subcontractors

Offerors shall include a list of all subcontractors with their proposal. Proposals shall also include a statement of the subcontractors' qualifications. The County reserves the right to reject the successful offeror's selection of subcontractors for good cause. If a subcontractor is rejected the offeror may replace that subcontractor with another subcontractor subject to the approval of the County. Any such replacement shall be at no additional expense to the County nor shall it result in an extension of time without the County's approval.

8.11 References

All offerors shall include with their proposals, a list of at least three (3) current references for whom comparable work has been performed. This list shall include company name, person to contact, address, telephone number, fax number, e-mail address, and the nature of the work performed. Failure to include references shall be cause for rejection of proposal as non-responsible. Offeror hereby releases listed references from all claims and liability for damages that result from the information provided by the reference.

8.12 Use of Brand Names

Unless otherwise provided in a Request for Proposal, the name of a certain brand, make or manufacturer does not restrict offerors to the specific brand, make or manufacturer named; it conveys the general style, type, character, and quality of the article desired, and any article which the County, in its sole discretion, determines to be the equal of that specified, considering quality, workmanship, economy of operation, and suitability for the purpose intended, shall be accepted. Any catalog, brand name or manufacturer's reference used in the RFP is descriptive -- NOT restrictive – it is to indicate type and quality desired. Proposals on brands of like nature and quality will be considered. If offering on other than reference or specifications, proposal must show manufacturer, brand or trade name, catalog number, etc., of article offered. If other than brand(s) specified is offered, illustrations and complete description must be submitted with proposal. Samples may be required. If offeror makes no other offer and takes no exception to specifications or reference data, he will be required to furnish brand names, numbers, etc., as specified. Offerors must certify that item(s) offered meet and/or exceed specifications.

8.13 Samples

Samples, if required, must be furnished free of expense to County on or before the date specified; if not destroyed in examination, they will be returned to offeror, if requested, at offeror's expense. Each sample must be marked with offeror's name and address, RFP number, and opening date. DO NOT ENCLOSE SAMPLE IN OR ATTACH SAMPLE TO PROPOSAL.

8.14 Late Proposals

LATE proposals will be returned to offeror UNOPENED, if RFP number, acceptance date and offeror's return address is shown on the container.

8.15 Rights of County

The County reserves the right to accept or reject all or any part of any proposal, waive informalities, and award the contract to best serve the interest of the County. Informality shall mean a minor defect or variation of a proposal from the exact requirements of the Request for Proposal which does not affect the price, quality, quantity, or delivery schedule for the goods, services or construction being procured**.**

8.16 Prohibition as Subcontractors

No offeror who is permitted to withdraw a proposal shall, for compensation, supply any material or labor to or perform any subcontract or other work agreement for the person or firm to whom the contract is awarded or otherwise benefit, directly or indirectly, from the performance of the project for which the withdrawn proposal was submitted.

8.17 Proposed Changes to Scope of Services

If there is any deviation from that prescribed in the Scope of Services, the appropriate line in the scope of services shall be ruled out and the substitution clearly indicated. The County reserves the right to accept or reject any proposed change to the scope.

8.18 Miscellaneous Requirements

A. The County will not be responsible for any expenses incurred by an offeror in preparing and submitting a proposal. All proposals shall provide a straight-forward, concise delineation of the offeror's capabilities to satisfy the requirements of this request. Emphasis should be on completeness and clarity of content.

B. Offerors who submit a proposal in response to this RFP may be required to make an oral presentation of their proposal. The Division of Procurement will schedule the time and location for this presentation.

C. Selected contents of the proposal submitted by the successful offeror and this RFP will become part of any contract awarded as a result of the Scope of Services contained herein. The successful offeror will be expected to sign a contract with the County.

D. The County reserves the right to reject any and all proposals received by reason of this request, or to negotiate separately in any manner necessary to serve the best interests of the County. Offerors whose proposals are not accepted will be notified in writing.

8.19 Notice of Award

A Notice of Award will be posted on the County's web site (www.loudoun.gov) and on the bulletin board located in the Division of Procurement, 4th floor, One Harrison St, SE, Leesburg, Virginia 20175.

8.20 Protest

Offerors may refer to §§ 2.2-4357 through 2.2-4364 of the Code of Virginia to determine their remedies concerning this competitive process. Protests shall be submitted to the Director, Finance and Procurement.

8.21 Debarment

By submitting a proposal, the offeror is certifying that offeror is not currently debarred by the County, or in a procurement involving federal funds, by the Federal Government. A copy of the County's debarment procedure in accordance with § 2.2-4321 of the Code of Virginia is available upon request.

8.22 Proof of Authority to Transact Business in Virginia

An offeror organized or authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth pursuant to Title 13.1 or Title 50 of the Code of Virginia shall include in its bid or proposal the identification number issued to it by the State Corporation Commission. Any offeror that is not required to be authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth as a foreign business

entity under Title 13.1 or Title 50 of the Code of Virginia or as otherwise required by law shall include in its bid or proposal a statement describing why the offeror is not required to be so authorized. Any offeror described herein that fails to provide the required information shall not receive an award unless a waiver of this requirement and the administrative policies and procedures established to implement this section is granted by the Purchasing Agent or his designee. The SCC may be reached at (804) 371-9733 or at http://www.scc.virginia.gov/default.aspx.

8.23 Cooperative Procurement

As authorized in § 2.2-4304 of the Code of Virginia, this procurement is being conducted on behalf of and may be used by public bodies, agencies, institutions and localities of the several states, territories of the United States, and the District of Columbia with the consent of the contractor.

8.24 W-9 Form Required

Each offeror shall submit a completed W-9 form with their proposal. In the event of contract award, this information is required in order to issue purchase orders and payments to your firm. A copy of this form can be downloaded from http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf.

8.25 Insurance Coverage

Offerors shall include with their proposal a copy of their current Certificate of Insurance that illustrates the current level of coverage the offeror carries. The Certificate can be a current file copy and does not need to include any "additional insured" language for the County.

8.26 Legal Action

No offeror or potential offeror shall institute any legal action until all statutory requirements have been met.

Loudoun County, Virginia

Division of Procurement
1 Harrison Street, 4th Floor
Leesburg, Virginia 20175

9.0 PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORMS
LIBRARY MATERIAL SUPPLIERS

THE FIRM OF:_____

Address:_____

_____

FEIN_____

Hereby agree to provide the requested services as defined in Request for Proposal No. RFQ 601790 for the price as stated in the price proposal.

A. Return the following with your proposal. If offeror fails to provide with their proposal, items shall be provided within twenty-four (24) hours of proposal opening.

ITEM:		INCLUDED: (X)
1.	W-9 Form:	_____
2.	Certificate of Insurance:	_____
3.	Addenda, if any (Informality):	_____

B. Failure to provide the following items with your proposal shall be cause for rejection of proposal as not eligible and/or non-responsible. It is the responsibility of the offeror to ensure that it has received all addenda and to include signed copies with their proposal (8.2).

ITEM:		INCLUDED: (X)
1.	Addenda, if any:	_____
2.	Payment Terms:	_____ net 30 or _____ Other
3.	F.O.B. Destination-Freight Prepaid and Included:	_____
4.	Delivery Within:	_____Days ARO
5.	Proof of Authority to Transact Business in Virginia Form:	_____
6.	References (on County form):	_____

Person to contact regarding this proposal:_____

Title:_____ Phone:_____ Fax:_____

E-mail:_____

Name of person authorized to bind the Firm (8.7):_____

Signature:_____ Date:_____

By signing and submitting a proposal, your firm acknowledges and agrees that it has read and understands the RFP documents.

References for: _____

Offerors shall provide references on this form.

1. Firm Name _____

   Contact _____

   Title _____ E-mail _____

   Mailing Address _____

   Phone _____ Fax _____

   Type of Products Provided: _____

2. Firm Name _____

   Contact _____

   Title _____ E-mail _____

   Mailing Address _____

   Phone _____ Fax _____

   Type of Products Provided: _____

3. Firm Name _____

   Contact _____

   Title _____ E-mail _____

   Mailing Address _____

   Phone _____ Fax _____

   Type of Products Provided: _____

4. Firm Name _____

   Contact _____

   Title _____ E-mail _____

   Mailing Address _____

   Phone _____ Fax _____

   Type of Products Provided: _____

Loudoun County, Virginia
www.loudoun.gov/procurement
Division of Procurement
1 Harrison Street, S.E., 4th Floor
Leesburg, VA 20175

PROOF OF AUTHORITY TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN VIRGINIA

THIS FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH YOUR BID/PROPOSAL. FAILURE TO INCLUDE THIS FORM SHALL RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR BID/PROPOSAL

Pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-4311.2, a bidder/offeror organized or authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth pursuant to Title 13.1 or Title 50 of the Code of Virginia shall include in its bid/ proposal the identification number issued to it by the State Corporation Commission ("SCC"). Any bidder/offeror that is not required to be authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth as a foreign business entity under Title 13.1 or Title 50 of the Code of Virginia or as otherwise required by law shall include in its bid or proposal a statement describing why the offeror is not required to be so authorized. Any bidder/offeror described herein that fails to provide the required information shall not receive an award unless a waiver of this requirement and the administrative policies and procedures established to implement this section is granted by the Purchasing Agent or his designee.

If this bid/proposal for goods or services is accepted by the County of Loudoun, Virginia, the undersigned agrees that the requirements of the Code of Virginia Section 2.2-4311.2 have been met.

Please complete the following by checking the appropriate line that applies and providing the requested information. ***PLEASE NOTE: The SCC number is NOT your federal ID number or business license number.***

A._____ Bidder/offeror is a Virginia business entity organized and authorized to transact business in Virginia by the SCC and such bidder's/offeror's Identification Number issued to it by the SCC is _____.

B._____ Bidder/offeror is an out-of-state (foreign) business entity that is authorized to transact business in Virginia by the SCC and such bidder's/offeror's Identification Number issued to it by the SCC is _____.

C._____ Bidder/offeror does not have an Identification Number issued to it by the SCC and such bidder/offeror is not required to be authorized to transact business in Virginia by the SCC for the following reason(s):

Please attach additional sheets of paper if you need to explain why such bidder/offeror is not required to be authorized to transact business in Virginia.

_____
Legal Name of Company (as listed on W-9)

_____
Legal Name of Bidder/Offeror

_____
Date

_____
Authorized Signature

_____
Print or Type Name and Title

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THIS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL?

RFQ 601790

Please take the time to mark the appropriate line and return with your proposal.

☐ Associated Builders & contractors	☐ Loudoun Times Mirror
☐ Bid Net	☐ Our Web Site
☐ Builder's Exchange of Virginia	☐ NIGP
☐ Email notification from Loudoun County	☐ The Plan Room
☐ Dodge Reports	☐ Reed Construction Data
☐	☐ Tempos Del Mundo
☐ India This Week	☐ Valley Construction News
☐ LS Caldwell & Associates	☐ Virginia Business Opportunities
☐ Loudoun Co Small Business Development Center	☐ VA Dept. of Minority Business Enterprises
☐ Loudoun Co Chamber of Commerce	☐ RAPID

☐Other_____

SERVICE RESPONSE CARD

RFQ 601790 Date of Service:_____

How did we do?

Please let us know how we did in serving you. We'd like to know if we are serving you at an acceptable level.

How would you rate the way your request for this document was handled?

Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Average☐ Fair ☐ Poor ☐

Did you have contact with Procurement staff? ☐

How would you rate the manner in which you were treated by the Procurement staff?

Excellent ☐ Good☐Average☐ Fair ☐ Poor ☐

How would you rate the overall response to your request?

Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Average ☐ Fair ☐ Poor ☐

COMMENTS:_____

_____

_____

Thank you for your response!

We can better assess our service to *you* through feedback from *you*.

Your Name: _____

Address:_____

Phone:_____(day) _____ evening

Please return completed form to: Division of Procurement •
PO Box 7000 • Leesburg, VA 20177

MAPT
Mid-Atlantic Purchasing Team
A Partnership Between the Baltimore Metropolitan Council and the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments

Cooperative Rider Clause

The Mid-Atlantic Purchasing Team (MAPT) is the agreement between the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments ("MWCOG") and the Baltimore Metropolitan Council ("BMC") to aggregate the public entity and non-profit purchasing volumes in the Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C. region ("region").

Format

A lead agency format is used to accomplish this work. The Lead Agency in this procurement has included this MAPT Cooperative Rider Clause in this solicitation indicating its willingness to allow other public entities to participate pursuant to the following Terms and Conditions:

1. Terms

    1.1 Participating entities, through their use of the Cooperative Rider Clause, agree to the terms and conditions of the resulting contract to the extent that they can be reasonably applied to the participating entity.

    1.2 Participating entities may also negotiate additional terms and conditions specific to their local requirements upon mutual agreement between the parties.

2. Other Conditions - Contract and Reporting

    2.1 The contract resulting from this solicitation shall be governed by and "construed in accordance with the laws of the State/jurisdiction in which the participating entity officially is located;

    2.2 To provide to MWCOG and/or BMC contract usage reporting information, including but not limited to quantity, unit pricing and total volume of sales by entity, as well reporting other participating entities added on the contract, on demand and without further approval of contract participants;

    2.3 Contract obligations rest solely with the participating entities only;

    2.4 Significant changes in total contract value may result in further negotiations of contract pricing with the lead agency and participating entities.

In pricing and other conditions, vendors are urged to consider the broad reach and appeal of MAPT with public and non-profit entities in this region.

A list of the participating members of the Mid-Atlantic Purchasing Team can be found at the following web links www.mwcog.org/purchasing-and-bids/cooperative-purchasing/member-links/ and http://www.baltometro.org/our-work/cooperative-purchasing/brcpc-representatives