

State of New Hampshire  
Division of Procurement and Support Services  
Bureau of Purchase and Property  
25 Capitol Street, State House Annex  
Concord, NH 03301-6398

Date: 7/22/15  
Bid No.: 1786-16  
Date of Bid Opening: 8/6/15  
Time of Bid Opening: 2:00 PM (EST)

YOU MAY EMAIL YOUR BID TO KAREN DORSETT AT: EMAIL [PRCHWEB@NH.GOV](mailto:PRCHWEB@NH.GOV)

### BID INVITATION FOR CONTRACT: MISCELLANEOUS PAPER AND ENVELOPES

[Insert name of signor] \_\_\_\_\_, on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_ [insert name of entity submitting bid (collectively referred to as "Vendor") hereby submits an offer as contained in the written bid submitted herewith ("Bid") to the State of New Hampshire in response to BID # 1786-16 at the price(s) quoted herein in complete accordance with the bid.

Vendor attests to the fact that:

1. The Vendor has reviewed and agreed to be bound by the Bid.
2. The Vendor has not altered any of the language or other provisions contained in the Bid document.
3. The Bid is effective for a period of 180 days from the Bid Opening date as indicated above.
4. The prices Vendor has quoted in the Bid were established without collusion with other Vendors.
5. The Vendor has read and fully understands this Bid.
6. Further, in accordance with RSA 21-I:11-c, the undersigned Vendor certifies that neither the Vendor nor any of its subsidiaries, affiliates or principal officers (principal officers refers to individuals with management responsibility for the entity or association):
  - a. Has, within the past 2 years, been convicted of, or pleaded guilty to, a violation of RSA 356:2, RSA 356:4, or any state or federal law or county or municipal ordinance prohibiting specified bidding practices, or involving antitrust violations, which has not been annulled;
  - b. Has been prohibited, either permanently or temporarily, from participating in any public works project pursuant to RSA 638:20;
  - c. Has previously provided false, deceptive, or fraudulent information on a vendor code number application form, or any other document submitted to the state of New Hampshire, which information was not corrected as of the time of the filing a bid, proposal, or quotation;
  - d. Is currently debarred from performing work on any project of the federal government or the government of any state;
  - e. Has, within the past 2 years, failed to cure a default on any contract with the federal government or the government of any state;
  - f. Is presently subject to any order of the department of labor, the department of employment security, or any other state department, agency, board, or commission, finding that the applicant is not in compliance with the requirements of the laws or rules that the department, agency, board, or commission is charged with implementing;
  - g. Is presently subject to any sanction or penalty finally issued by the department of labor, the department of employment security, or any other state department, agency, board, or commission, which sanction or penalty has not been fully discharged or fulfilled;
  - h. Is currently serving a sentence or is subject to a continuing or unfulfilled penalty for any crime or violation noted in this section;
  - i. Has failed or neglected to advise the division of any conviction, plea of guilty, or finding relative to any crime or violation noted in this section, or of any debarment, within 30 days of such conviction, plea, finding, or debarment; or
  - j. Has been placed on the debarred parties list described in RSA 21-I:11-c within the past year.

This document must be signed by a person who is authorized to legally obligate the responding Vendor. A signature on this document indicates that all State of New Hampshire terms and conditions are accepted by the responding Vendor and that any and all other terms and conditions submitted by the responding Vendor are null and void, even if such terms and conditions have terminology to the contrary. The responding Vendor shall also be subject to State of New Hampshire terms and conditions as stated on the reverse of the purchase order.

Authorized Signor's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Authorized Signor's Title \_\_\_\_\_

NOTARY PUBLIC/JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

COUNTY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

On the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015, personally appeared before me, the above named \_\_\_\_\_, in his/her capacity as authorized representative of \_\_\_\_\_, known to me or satisfactorily proven, and took oath that the foregoing is true and accurate to the best of his/her knowledge and belief.

In witness thereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Notary Public/Justice of the Peace)

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

Form P31-B

Unless specifically amended or deleted by the Division of Procurement and Support Services, the following General Terms and Conditions apply to this Bid and any resulting Purchase Order or Contract.

#### GENERAL CONDITIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS:

**NATURE OF, AND ELIGIBILITY TO RESPOND.** This bid invitation is submitted in accordance with Chapter 21-1, and rules promulgated thereunder, and constitutes a firm and binding offer. A bid may not be withdrawn unless permission is obtained from the Bureau of Purchase and Property.

Bids may be issued only by the Bureau of Purchase and Property and are not transferable.

**SAMPLES AND DEMONSTRATIONS.** When samples are required they must be submitted free of costs and will not be returned. Items left for demonstration or evaluation purposes shall be delivered and installed free of charge and shall be removed at no cost to the State. Demonstration units shall not be offered to the State as new equipment.

**BIDS.** Bids must be received at the Bureau of Purchase and Property before the date and time specified for the opening. Bids must be submitted on this bid form or exact copies and must be typed or clearly printed in ink. Corrections must be initialed. Bids are to be made less Federal Excise Tax and no charge for handling unless required by law.

**SPECIFICATIONS.** Vendors must submit on items as specified. Proposed changes must be submitted in writing and received at the Bureau of Purchase and Property at least five (5) business days prior to the bid opening. Vendors shall be notified in writing if any changes to the specifications are made.

**AWARD.** The award will be made to the responsible Vendor submitting a conforming bid meeting specifications at the lowest cost unless other criteria are noted in the bid. Unless otherwise noted, the award may be made by individual items.

If there is a discrepancy between the unit price and the extension, the unit price will prevail.

When identical low bids are received the award will be made in accordance with the Administrative Rules.

Discounts will not be considered in making award but may be offered on the Invoice for earlier payment and will be applicable on the date of completion of delivery or receipt of Invoice, whichever is later. On orders specifying split deliveries, discounts will apply on the basis of each delivery or receipt of Invoice, whichever is later.

**PATENT INFRINGEMENT.** Any responding Vendor who has reason to believe that any other responding Vendor will violate a patent should such responding Vendor be awarded the contract shall set forth in writing, prior to the date and time of opening, the grounds for his belief and a detailed description of the patent.

**ASSIGNMENT PROVISION.** The responding Vendor hereby agrees to assign all causes of action that it may acquire under the antitrust laws of New Hampshire and the United States as the result of conspiracies, combinations, or contracts in restraint of trade which materially affect the price of goods or services obtained by the state under this contract if so requested by the State of New Hampshire.

**FEDERAL FUNDS.** This Division of Plant and Property Management, under RSA 21-1:14, VIII shall assure the continuation or granting of federal funds or other assistance not otherwise provided for by law by following the Federal Procurement Standards.

**STATE'S OPTIONS:** The Bureau of Purchase and Property reserves the right to reject or accept all or any part of any bid, to determine what constitutes a conforming bid, to award the bid solely as it deems to be in the best interest of the State, and to waive irregularities that it considers not material to the bid.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION:** The responding Vendor hereby acknowledges that all information relating to this bid and any resulting order (Including but not limited to fees, contracts, agreements and prices) are subject to these laws of the State of New Hampshire regarding public information.

**PERSONAL LIABILITY:** The responding Vendor agrees that in the preparation of this bid or the execution of any resulting contract or order, representatives of the State of New Hampshire shall incur no liability of any kind.

**PROOF OF COMPLIANCE.** The responding Vendor may be required to supply proof of compliance with proposal specifications. When requested, the responding Vendor must immediately supply the Bureau of Purchase and Property with certified test results or certificates of compliance. Where none are available, the State may require independent laboratory testing. All costs for such testing certified test results or certificate of compliance shall be the responsibility of the responding Vendor.

**FORM OF CONTRACT.** The terms and conditions set forth in any additional Terms and Conditions by the Bureau of Purchase and Property are part of the bid and will apply to any contract awarded the responding Vendor unless specific exceptions are taken and accepted and will prevail over any contrary provisions in Terms and Conditions submitted by the responding Vendor.

## CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. The State of New Hampshire, acting through the Division of Plant and Property Management, engages the firm or individual ("the Vendor") to perform the services and/or sale of goods, described in the attached State documents, if any, and the Vendor's bid or quotation, both of which are incorporated herein by reference.

**2. COMPLIANCE BY VENDOR WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS.** In connection with the performance of this agreement, the Vendor shall comply with all statutes, laws, regulations, and orders of federal, state, county or municipal authorities which shall impose any obligation or duty upon the Vendor, including, but not limited to civil rights and equal opportunity laws.

**3. TERM.** The contract, and all obligations of the parties thereunder, shall become effective on a specified date and shall be completed in their entirety prior to a specified date. Any work undertaken by the Vendor prior to the effective date shall be at his sole risk and, in the event that the contract shall not become effective, the State shall be under no obligation to reimburse the Vendor for any such work.

**4. CONTRACT PRICE.** The contract price, a payment schedule and a maximum limitation of price shall be as specified by the bid invitation and the Vendor's bid. All payments shall be conditioned upon receipt, and approval by the State, of appropriate vouchers and upon satisfactory performance by the Vendor, as determined by the State. The payment by the State of the Contract Price shall constitute complete reimbursement to the Vendor for all expenses of any nature incurred by the Vendor in the performance by the Vendor and complete payment for the Services. The State shall have no other liability to the Vendor.

**5. DELIVERY.** If the Vendor fails to furnish items and/or services in accordance with all requirements, including delivery, the state may re-purchase similar items from any other source without competitive bidding, and the original Vendor may be liable to the state for any excess costs. If a Vendor is unable to complete delivery by the date specified, he must contact the using agency. However, the agency is not required to accept a delay to the original delivery date. All deliveries are subject to inspection and receiving procedure rules as established by the State of New Hampshire. Deliveries are not considered accepted until compliance with these rules has been established. State personnel signatures on shipping documents shall signify only the receipt of shipments. All deliveries shall be FOB Destination.

**6. INVOICING.** All invoices must be in triplicate showing Order Number, Unit and Extension Prices and discounts allowed. A separate invoice shall be submitted for each order. Unless otherwise noted on the invitation to bid or purchase order, payment will not be due until thirty (30) days after all services have been completed, or all items have been delivered, inspected and accepted or the invoice has been received at the agency business office, whichever is later.

### **7. PERSONNEL.**

**7.1.** The Vendor shall disclose in writing the names of all owners (5% or more), directors, officers, employees, agents or subcontractors who are also officials or employees of the State of New Hampshire. Any change in this information shall be reported in writing within fifteen (15) days of their occurrence.

**7.2.** The person signing this agreement on behalf of the State, or his or her delegee ("Contracting Officer") shall be the State's representative for purposes of this agreement. In the event of any dispute concerning the interpretation of this agreement, the Contracting Officer's decision shall be final.

### **8. EVENT OF DEFAULT; REMEDIES.**

**8.1.** Any one or more of the following acts or omissions of the Vendor shall constitute an event of default hereunder ("Events of Default"):

**8.1.1.** failure to deliver the goods or services satisfactorily or on schedule; or

**8.1.2.** failure to submit any report required hereunder; or

**8.1.3.** failure to perform any of the other covenants and conditions of this agreement.

**8.2.** Upon the occurrence of any Event of Default, the State may take any one, or more, or all, of the following actions:

**8.2.1.** give the Vendor a written notice specifying the Event of Default and requiring it to be remedied within, in the absence of a greater or lesser specification of time, thirty (30) days from the date of the notice; and if the Event of Default is not timely remedied, terminate this agreement, effective two (2) days after giving the Vendor notice of termination; and

**8.2.2.** give the Vendor a written notice specifying the Event of Default and suspending all payments to be made under this agreement and ordering that the portion of the Contract Price, which would otherwise accrue to the Vendor during the period from the date of such notice until such time as the State determines that the Vendor has cured the Event of Default, shall never be paid to the Vendor; and

**8.2.3.** set off against any other obligation the State may owe to the Vendor any damages the State suffers by reason of any Event of Default; and

**8.2.4.** treat the agreement as breached and pursue any of its remedies at law or in equity, or both.

**9. WAIVER OF BREACH.** No failure by the State to enforce any provisions hereof after any Event of Default shall be deemed a waiver of its rights with regard to that Event, or any subsequent Event. No express failure of any Event of Default shall be deemed a waiver of any provision hereof. No such failure or waiver shall be deemed a waiver of the right of the State to enforce each and all of the provisions hereof upon any further or other default on the part of the Vendor.

**10. VENDOR'S RELATION TO THE STATE.** In the performance of this agreement the Vendor is in all respects an independent contractor, and is neither an agent nor an employee of the State. Neither the Vendor nor any of its officers, employees, agents or members shall have authority to bind the State nor are they entitled to any of the benefits, workmen's compensation or emoluments provided by the State to its employees.

**11. ASSIGNMENT AND SUBCONTRACTS.** The Vendor shall not assign, or otherwise transfer any interest in this agreement without the prior written consent of the State. No work required by this contract shall be subcontracted without the prior written consent of the State.

**12. INDEMNIFICATION.** The contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the State, its officers and employees, from and against any and all losses suffered by the State, its officers and employees, and any and all claims, liabilities or penalties asserted against the State, its officers and employees, by or on behalf of any person, on account of, based on, resulting from, arising out of (or which may be claimed to arise out of) the acts or omissions of the Vendor. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein contained shall be deemed to constitute a waiver of the sovereign immunity of the State, which immunity is hereby reserved to the State. This covenant shall survive the termination of this agreement.

**12.1 PATENT PROTECTION.** The seller agrees to indemnify and defend the State of New Hampshire from all claims and losses resulting from alleged and actual patent infringements and further agrees to hold the State of New Hampshire harmless from any liability arising under RSA 382-A:2-312(3). (Uniform Commercial Code).

**13. TOXIC SUBSTANCES.** In compliance with RSA 277-A known as the Workers Right to Know Act, the Vendor shall provide Material Safety Data Sheets with the delivery of any and all products covered by said law.

**14. NOTICE.** Any notice by a party hereto to the other party shall be deemed to have been duly delivered or given at the time of mailing by certified mail, postage prepaid, in a United States Post Office addressed to the parties at the addresses given below.

**15. AMENDMENT.** This agreement may be amended, waived or discharged only by an instrument in writing signed by the parties hereto.

**16. CONSTRUCTION OF AGREEMENT AND TERMS.** This agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New Hampshire, and is binding upon and inures to the benefit of the parties and their respective successors and assigns.

**17. ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS.** The additional provisions (if any) have been set forth as Exhibit "A" hereto.

**18. ENTIRE AGREEMENT.** This agreement, which may be executed in a number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, constitutes the entire agreement and understanding between the parties, and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings relating hereto.

**BID INVITATION FOR:  
A CONTRACT FOR: MISCELLANEOUS PAPER AND ENVELOPES**

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this bid invitation is to establish a contract(s) for supplying the State of New Hampshire agencies with the item(s) indicated in the "Offer" section of this bid invitation to be ordered as needed during the term of the contract, in accordance with the requirements of this bid invitation and any resulting contract. Items ordered under any resulting contract must be delivered FOB destination to the location(s) indicated in the "Delivery Locations" section of this bid invitation.

**INSTRUCTIONS TO VENDOR:**

Read the entire bid invitation prior to filling it out. Read the entire bid invitation prior to filling it out. Complete the pricing information in the "Offer" section (detailed information on how to fill out the pricing information can be found in the "Offer" section); complete the "Vendor Contact Information" section; and finally, fill out, sign, and notarize page 1 of the bid invitation.

**BID SUBMITTAL**

All bids must be submitted on this form or an exact copy, must be typed or clearly printed in ink and must be received on or before the date and time specified on page 1 of this bid. Interested parties may submit a bid to the State of New Hampshire Bureau of Purchase and Property by **email to [PRCHWEB@NH.GOV](mailto:PRCHWEB@NH.GOV)**. All bids must be clearly marked with bid number, date due and purchasing agent's name.

IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTIES EMAILING YOUR BID OR YOU WISH TO VERIFY THAT YOUR BID RESPONSE HAS BEEN RECEIVED, PLEASE CALL (603) 271-2201 AND ASK A PURCHASING ASSISTANT FOR ASSISTANCE OR TO CHECK ON THE STATUS OF YOUR BID RESPONSE.

**TIMELINE:**

The timeline below is provided as a general guideline and is subject to change. Unless stated otherwise, considered the dates below a "no later than" date.

7/22/2015	Distribute Bid Solicitation
7/30/2015	Last day for questions, clarifications, and/or requested changes to bid
8/6/2015	2:00 (EST) PM Bid Opening
8/17/2015	Estimated Notification(s) to Award to apparent low bidder/s

**GOVERNING TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

A responding bid that has been completed and signed by your representative will constitute your company's acceptance of all State of New Hampshire terms and conditions and will legally obligate your company to these terms and conditions.

A signed response further signifies that any terms and/or conditions that may be or have been submitted by the Vendor are specifically null and void and are not a part of this bid invitation or any awarded purchase order, even if said terms and/or conditions contain language to the contrary.

**PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF BID SUBMISSIONS:**

Generally, all bids and proposals (including all materials submitted in connection with them, such as attachments, exhibits and addenda) become public information upon the effective date of a resulting contract or purchase order. However, to the extent consistent with applicable state and federal laws and regulations, as determined by the State, including, but not limited to, RSA Chapter 91-A (the "Right-to-Know" Law), the State will attempt to maintain the confidentiality of portions of a bid that are clearly and properly marked by a Vendor as confidential. Any and all information contained in or connected to a bid or proposal that a Vendor considers confidential must be clearly designated in a manner that draws attention to the designation. The State shall have no obligation to maintain the confidentiality of any portion of a bid, proposal or related material, which is not so marked. Marking an entire bid, proposal, attachment or sections thereof confidential without taking into consideration the public's right to know will neither be accepted nor honored by the State. Notwithstanding any provision of this RFP/RFB to the contrary, pricing will be subject to public disclosure upon the effective date of all resulting contracts or purchase orders, regardless of whether or not marked as confidential. If a bid or proposal results in a purchase order or contract, whether or not subject to approval by the Governor and Executive Council, all material contained in, made part of, or submitted with the contract or purchase order shall be subject to public disclosure.

If a request is made to the State by any person or entity to view or receive copies of any portion of a bid or proposal, and if disclosure is not prohibited under RSA 21-I: 13-a, Vendors acknowledge and agree that the State may disclose any and all portions of the bid, proposal or related materials which is not marked as confidential. In the case of bids, proposals or related materials that contain portions marked confidential, the State will assess what information it

believes is subject to release; notify the Vendor that the request has been made; indicate what, if any, portions of the bid, proposal or related material will not be released; and notify the Vendor of the date it plans to release the materials. The State is not obligated to comply with a Vendor's designation regarding confidentiality.

By submitting a bid or proposal, the Vendor agrees that unless it obtains and provides to the State, prior to the date specified in the notice described in the paragraph above, a court order valid and enforceable in the State of New Hampshire, at its sole expense, enjoining the release of the requested information, the State may release the information on the date specified in the notice without any liability to the Vendor.

**ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS:**

Political sub-divisions (counties, cities, towns, school districts, special district or precinct, or any other governmental organization), or any nonprofit agency under the provisions of section 501c of the federal internal revenue code, are eligible to participate under this contract whenever said sub-division or nonprofit agency so desires. These entities are autonomous and may participate at their sole discretion. In doing so, they are entitled to the prices established under the contract. However, they are solely responsible for their association with the successful Vendor. The State of New Hampshire assumes no liability between the successful Vendor and any of these entities.

**CONTRACT TERM:**

The term of the contract shall be from September 1, 2015 or the date of award, whichever is later, through August 31, 2017, a period of approximately two (2) years. The contract may be extended for an additional two (2) years thereafter under the same terms, conditions and pricing structure upon the mutual agreement between the successful Vendor and the State with the approval of the Commissioner of the Department of Administrative Services. The maximum term of the contract (including all extensions) cannot exceed four (4) years.

**TERMINATION:**

The State of New Hampshire shall have the right to terminate the purchase contract at any time by giving the successful Vendor a thirty (30) day written notice.

**VENDOR CERTIFICATIONS:**

**ALL** Vendors **SHALL** be duly registered as a Vendor authorized to conduct business in the State of New Hampshire. Vendors shall comply with the certification below prior to a contract being awarded and through the term of any contract which results from said bid. Failure to comply shall be grounds for disqualification of bid and/or the termination of any resultant contract:

- **STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE VENDOR APPLICATION:** Vendor **SHALL** have a completed Vendor Application and Alternate W-9 Form which **SHALL** be on file with the NH Bureau of Purchase and Property. See the following website for information on obtaining and filing the required forms (no fee): <http://das.nh.gov/purchasing/>

**REQUEST FOR CHANGES AND/OR CLARIFICATION:**

Any Questions must be submitted by an individual authorized to commit their organization to the Terms and Conditions of this bid. Submissions must clearly identify the bid Number, the Vendor's name and address and the name of the person submitting the question. Any questions, clarifications, and/or requested changes must be received in writing at the Bureau of Purchase and Property no later than July 28, 2015 at 4:30 PM.

Questions must be submitted by E-mail to Karen Dorsett at the following address: [Karen.Dorsett2@NH.Gov](mailto:Karen.Dorsett2@NH.Gov).

**ADDENDA:**

In the event it becomes necessary to add to or revise any part of this bid prior to the scheduled submittal date, the NH Bureau of Purchase and Property will post on our web site any Addenda. Before your submission and periodically prior to the RFB closing, Vendors are required to **check the site for any addenda** or other materials that may have been issued affecting the bid. The web site address is <http://das.nh.gov/Purchasing/vendorresources.asp>.

**BID PRICES:**

Bid prices must be in US dollars and must include delivery and all other costs required by this bid invitation. Special charges, surcharges, or fuel charges of any kind (by whatever name) may not be added on at any time. Any and all charges **must be built into your bid price** at the time of the bid.

**BID RESULTS:**

Bid results may be viewed when available, once the award has been made, on our web site only at:

<http://das.nh.gov/purchasing>.

For Vendors wishing to attend the bid Opening: **Only the names of the Vendors submitting responses will be made public.**

**PRICE ADJUSTMENTS:**

Successful Vendor shall be allowed to request price increases only every six (6) months, with any adjusted pricing taking effect on March 1 and/or September 1. Any requests for price increases must be received by the Bureau of Purchase and Property in writing at least 20 calendar days prior to dates listed above and must include a separate letter from the mill or manufacturer which supports the amount (%) of the requested increase.

The semi-annual increase for any item may not exceed 3% and in no case may it exceed the documented percentage of increase levied on the contractor by the mill. Requests for price increases may only be based on increased mill prices and not on fuel costs, regulatory charges or any other type of surcharge or administrative cost.

The State shall reserve the right to reject any increase greater than 3% of the bid price, and to rebid any part, or the entire contract, if deemed to be in its best interest.

Successful Vendor(s) shall also pass through any price decreases semi-annually with any adjusted pricing taking effect June 1 and December 1. The State reserves the right to audit pricing at any time throughout term of the contract to ensure any price decreases were passed through.

**ABILITY TO PROVIDE:**

Successful Vendor must be capable of providing each State of New Hampshire agencies and eligible participants with their entire requirements of the items required in this bid invitation and any resulting contract without any delay or substitution.

**ORDERING PROCEDURE:**

State agencies will place their orders by electronic order entry, by e-mail, by FAX, or they may establish a standard delivery order. Eligible participants will utilize their own individually established ordering procedures.

**AUDITS AND ACCOUNTING:**

The successful Vendor shall allow representatives of the State of New Hampshire to have complete access to all records for the purpose of determining compliance with the terms and conditions of this bid invitation and in determining the award and for monitoring any resulting contract.

At intervals during the contract term, and prior to the termination of the contract, the successful Vendor may be required to provide a complete and accurate accounting of all products and quantities ordered by each agency and institution and by political sub-divisions and authorized non-profit organizations.

**ESTIMATED CONTRACT VALUE:**

The annual value of the contract is estimated to be \$2,000,000. This figure is given for informational purposes only and shall not be considered a guaranteed or minimum figure, nor shall it be considered a maximum figure. This figure **does not** include any eligible participant figures.

**ESTIMATED USAGE:**

The quantities indicated in the offer section of this bid invitation are an estimate only for the State of New Hampshire's annual requirements. These quantities are indicated for informational purposes only and shall not be considered minimum or guaranteed quantities, nor shall they be considered maximum quantities. These quantities **do not** include any eligible participant usage.

**USAGE REPORTING:**

The successful Vendor shall be required to submit a quarterly and annual usage report for analysis to determine contract compliance. At a minimum, the Report shall include:

- Contract Number
- Utilizing Agency and Eligible Participant
- All Products Purchased (showing the manufacturer, item, part number, list price and the final cost after discount.)
- Total Cost of all Products Purchased

**DELIVERY TIME:**

The successful Vendor(s) will be required to accomplish delivery of any item ordered under the contract within five (5) business days from the placement of the order. A select number of Envelope items indicated by an asterisk (\*) in the offer section will have a required delivery of ten (10) working days. Deliveries may not occur prior to 8:15 AM without prior approval of the receiving Agency.

The use of a private carrier to make delivery **does not** relieve the successful Vendor(s) from the responsibility of meeting the delivery requirement.

**ESTABLISHMENT OF ACCOUNTS:**

Each State of New Hampshire agency must have its own individual customer account number. There will be instances where sub-sections of an agency will need their own individual customer account number. Should any State of New Hampshire agency place an order under the contract, the successful Vendor agrees to establish an account within three business days from the date the order is placed. However, there must be no delay in any shipment; the agency must receive the items ordered in accordance with the delivery time required under the "Delivery Time" section of this bid invitation, as if an account already exists for them.

**Effective October 1, 2015, accounts will be set up for the use of Procurement Cards. Cards shall not be charged until the products have been shipped.**

**RETURNED GOODS:**

The successful Vendor must resolve all order and invoice discrepancies within five (5) business days from notification. Products returned due to quality issues, duplicate shipments, over-shipments, etc. must be picked up by the successful Vendor within ten (10) business days of notification with no restocking or freight charges, and must be replaced with specified products or the agency will be refunded/credited for the full purchase price. Unauthorized substitutions for any products are not allowed.

Standard stock products ordered in error by the State of New Hampshire must be returned for full credit within fifteen (15) business days of receipt. Products must be in re-saleable condition (original container, unused) and there will be no restocking fee charged for these products. The using agency will be responsible for any freight charges to return these items to the successful Vendor.

**BACK ORDER:**

Successful Vendor(s) will be required to notify agencies within 24 hours if items on order are unavailable in the stated time frame and must provide an anticipated delivery date. Exceptions may be made for special orders and back orders. Vendor(s) must inform the agency of the availability date of non-filled and partial orders within 48 hours after receipt of an order.

**OUT OF STOCK ITEMS:**

If a commonly stocked inventory item is out of stock, the Vendor(s) are required to make every effort to supply the ordered item within the original delivery time frame. This effort would include checking other distribution branches or the factory (if applicable) for the requested product to expedite availability and delivery. If such arrangements cannot be made, the Vendor(s) must make every effort to have the item delivered within 7 days from original request or order.

The ordering agency may purchase items from another source (for items offered under contract) if the Vendor(s) is stocked out at time of order.

All ordering agencies are allowed to cancel any item on back order status without penalties or fees by giving notice to the Vendor(s).

It will be the responsibility of the Vendor(s) to contact the ordering agency as soon as possible when the back ordered or "special order product" has been received and is available for delivery.

**INVOICING:**

Invoicing shall be done to the Agency Remit Account on the basis of each order completed. Invoices shall clearly indicate the quantity, description, packaging, date delivered, and contract price. Invoicing for eligible participants will be in accordance with their individual requirements.

Vendor(s) may submit a monthly itemized statement with corresponding invoices rather than individual invoices.

**Effective October 1, 2015, invoices shall reflect that the payment was made via Procurement Card.**

**PAYMENT:**

Effective October 1, 2015, payments shall be made via Procurement Card.

Prior to October 1, 2015, payments shall be made via ACH. Use the following link to enroll with the State Treasury: <http://www.nh.gov/treasury/Divisions/DocsForms/Tforms.htm?inc=P>.

**CONTRACT AWARD:**

The award shall be made to the responsible Vendor(s) meeting the criteria established in this bid and providing the lowest cost by section for all seven (7) product sections. The total section price must be provided in each section "total" as well as the Pricing Summary Table on Page 8 of the Offer Sheet.

To be eligible, Vendors must bid **all** items in a particular Section. A single Vendor shall be eligible for award to as many Sections for which they are the low bidder but Vendor(s) need not bid every Section. The State reserves the right to reject any or all bids or any part thereof and add/delete locations to the contract price. If an award is made it shall be, in the form of a State of New Hampshire Contract (s).

Successful Vendor will not be allowed to require any other type of order, nor will the successful Vendor be allowed to require the filling out or signing of any other document by State of New Hampshire personnel.

**PRODUCT SUBSTITUTION:**

There can be no change in the items offered in this bid during the term of contract without the prior approval of Bureau of Purchase and Property. If at any time during the contract period, an item supplied within one of the specified categories should become no longer available; a request for substitution with supporting specifications for the new item shall be submitted to the Bureau of Purchase and Property and must be approved prior to sale of that item to any agency. An approved equal or better item must be offered and supplied at the same net price offered for the original item. The State may request a sample of the new item for evaluation purposes prior to approving any substitution.

**PRODUCT DISCONTINUATION:**

If awarded a contract, the Contractor must notify the State if when a "standard" item is discontinued. If an item is discontinued, the Contractor must provide to the Bureau of Purchase and Property for approval, a suggested replacement item with item number and description. The replacement item must be offered at the same or better level of discount/mark-up pricing structure as was offered for the original item in this bid.

**SPECIFICATION COMPLIANCE:**

Vendor's offer must meet or exceed the required specifications as written. The State of New Hampshire shall be the sole determining factor of what meets or exceeds the required specifications.

The awarded Vendor(s) shall notify the Bureau of Purchase and Property any time an item in this bid becomes unavailable or the percentage of post-consumer waste is reduced, see POST CONSUMER WASTE CONTENT section on page 10 in this bid. Any new or replacement items added to this contract shall be priced using the same discount/mark-up pricing structure as submitted in this bid.

**Swatch Books:**

Swatch books shall be provided by the awarded Vendor(s) upon request by any end-user agency. As swatch books are updated and stocks change the Vendor(s) shall automatically send updated books.

**Brightness Factor:**

The brightness factor for any white paper in this contract shall be no less than 92%, except where noted otherwise in the section tables.

**Product Listing:**

Prior to the commencement of contract activities, the awarded Contractor for each section must, upon notification, provide to the purchasing agent an Excel file listing all papers offered under their contract. This listing must contain the following information: Stock Ordering Code, Manufacturer, Product Brand Name, Size, Color, Finish and Contract Pricing. For purposes of web ordering the Contractor may also set up a "favorite" list for regular users in their online catalog including all the contract items and the contract pricing; however, the favorite list shall not be taken as a substitute for the Excel product listing.

Pricing:

Product pricing shall be provided in both carton price and per thousand (/m) sheet. Carbonless products shall be priced as per thousand (/M) sets.

Packing Slips:

All packing slips must include product pricing.

**MINIMUM ORDERS:**

Contract users must order a minimum of 10 cases at a time. Users may order 10 cases of the same item or any mix of items totaling 10 cases. For orders less than 10 cases in total, the statewide contract for Office Supplies may be used.

**VENDOR'S BALANCE OF PRODUCT LINE ITEMS**

The items in each category include the items most commonly purchased by State of New Hampshire agencies, and will be used for award purposes. During the term of contract, the state may purchase other items in relation to miscellaneous paper and envelopes from the successful Vendor's Balance of Product Line. All items ordered will include all shipping/charges as specified above in "Bid Prices".

Additional paper and envelope sizes, weights and colors may be required by an agency or agencies during the term of any resulting contract. Agencies will contact Vendor(s) directly for pricing on any additional items.

**POST CONSUMER WASTE CONTENT:**

For many items, there is a required percentage of Post-Consumer Waste Content, hereafter abbreviated as "pc waste". The indicated percentage is a minimum and should not be taken to exclude papers with a higher level of pc waste. If during the term of any contract resulting from this solicitation it becomes impossible or impractical to provide product at the specified post-consumer waste content percentage, the Successful Vendor(s) may request to substitute an alternatively constituted product in writing, subject to the State's approval.

**BID SECTIONS:**

This bid is divided into seven (7) separate sections as listed below:

- Section I: 20# Copier/Dual Purpose Papers
- Section II: Miscellaneous, Offset, Printing Papers
- Section III: Envelopes, Commercial and Catalog, Gummed Flap
- Section IV: Clasp Envelopes
- Section V: Carbonless Papers, Related Items
- Section VI: Coated Stocks, Including Coated Text & Covers
- Section VII: Poster Board/Outdoor Board

**OFFER:**

Vendor hereby offers to furnish to State of New Hampshire agencies and institutions and to any political sub-division and authorized non-profit organization wishing to participate, in accordance with all of the requirements of this bid invitation at the following prices for the entire contract term and any extension.

See Attached "Offer Sheet – Miscellaneous Paper & Envelopes"

**DELIVERY LOCATIONS:**

The following are the current State of New Hampshire agency/institution locations which, if you are awarded a contract, you are expected to service. The State of New Hampshire reserves the right to add locations to this list at the contract prices or to delete locations, as needed. This listing **does not** include any eligible participants.

- Department of Corrections, 105 Pleasant Street, Concord, NH**
- Department of Transportation, 7 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH**
- Department of Employment Security, 45 South Fruit Street, Concord, NH**
- Department of Safety, 33 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH**
- Bureau of Graphic Services, 12 Hills, Avenue, Concord, NH**

**VENDOR CONTACT INFORMATION:**

The following information is for this office to be able to contact a person knowledgeable of your bid response, and who can answer questions regarding it:

_____	_____	_____
Contact Person	Local Telephone Number	Toll Free Telephone Number
_____	_____	_____
Fax Number	E-mail Address	Company Website
_____	_____	
Vendor Company Name	DUNS #	
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Vendor Address		

**ATTACHMENTS:**

The following attachments are an integral part of this bid invitation:

Attachment A – entitled: “Offer Sheet – Miscellaneous Paper & Envelopes”

**Note: To be considered, bid must be signed and notarized on front cover sheet in the space provided.**