

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE BID TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Date: _____

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

To: Laura Ingram
Telephone: 603-271-2009
Email: Laura.Ingram@NH.gov

RE: **Snow plowing Services**
Bid Number: **BID 1796-16**
Bid Posted Date: **August 20, 2015**
Bid Opening Date and Time: **September 03, 2015 @ 1:30 PM (EST)**

[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 # 1796-16 for Snow plowing services 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.

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)

**REQUEST FOR BID FOR SNOW PLOWING SERVICES FOR
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this bid invitation is to establish a contract(s) for Snow Plowing Services to the State of New Hampshire with services indicated in the SCOPE OF SERVICES and OFFER sections of this bid invitation, in accordance with the requirements of this bid invitation and any resulting contract.

INSTRUCTIONS TO VENDOR:

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 one 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**. 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.

8/20/2015	Distribute Bid Solicitation
8/27/2015	Last day for questions, clarifications, and/or requested changes to bid
9/03/2015	1:30 (EST) PM Bid Opening
9/08/2015	Estimated Notification(s) to Award to apparent low bidder/s

CONTRACT TERM:

The Vendor's signature on a bid submitted in response to this request guarantees that all of the State of New Hampshire's Terms and Conditions are accepted by the Vendor.

The form P-37 Contract attached hereto shall be part of this bid and the basis for the contract(s). The successful Vendor and the State, following notification, shall promptly execute this contract form, which is to be completed by incorporating the service requirements and price conditions established by the vendor's offer.

The term of the contract shall be from the date of award through June 30, 2018 a period of approximately three (3) 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) shall not exceed five (5) years.

SPECIFICATIONS:

Complete specifications required are detailed in **SCOPE OF SERVICES** in this bid. In responding to the bid, the vendor shall address all requirements for information as outlined.

TERMS OF SUBMISSION:

All material received in response to this bid shall become the property of the State and will not be returned to the Vendor. Regardless of the Vendors selected, the State reserves the right to use any information presented in a bid response. The content of each Vendor's bid shall become public information once a contract(s) has been awarded.

Complete bids shall be filled out on the original documents and format that are a part of this bid invitation. Vendors may submit additional paperwork with pricing, but all pricing shall be on the documents provided with this bid invitation and in the State's format.

LIABILITY:

The State shall not be held liable for any costs incurred by the vendor(s) in the preparation of their bid or for work performed prior to contract issuance.

CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE:

Prior to being awarded a contract the Vendor shall be required to submit proof of Comprehensive General Liability prior to performing any services for the State. The coverage shall have appropriate riders against all claims of bodily injury, death or property damage, in amounts of not less than \$250,000.00 per claim and \$2,000,000.00 per incident or \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence and \$1,000,000.00 umbrella. Coverage shall also include automobile liability and State of New Hampshire workers' compensation as defined by the State.

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The term of the contract shall be from the date of award, through July 31, 2018 a period of approximately three (3) 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) shall not exceed five (5) years.

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.

TERMINATION:

The State of New Hampshire shall have the right to terminate the 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 certifications below at the time of submission 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://admin.state.nh.us/purchasing/Contractor.asp>
- **NEW HAMPSHIRE SECRETARY OF STATE REGISTRATION:** A bid award, in the form of a contract, will **ONLY** be awarded to a Vendor who is registered to do business **AND** in good standing with the State of New Hampshire. Please visit the following website to find out more about the requirements for registration with the NH Secretary of State: <http://www.sos.nh.gov/corporate>.
- **CONFIDENTIALITY & CRIMINAL RECORD:** If requested by the using agency, the Contractor and their employees, and Sub-Contractors (if any), shall be required to sign and submit a Confidential Nature of Department Records Form and a Criminal Authorization Records Form. These forms shall be returned to the individual using agency prior to the start of any work.

INVOICING:

Invoices shall be submitted after completion of work to the requesting agency. Payment shall be paid in full within thirty (30) days after receipt of invoice and acceptance to the State's satisfaction.

BID INQUIRIES:

All questions regarding this bid, including clarifications and proposed specification changes shall be submitted in writing to Laura Ingram, Purchasing Agent, Bureau of Purchase and Property, at laura.ingram@nh.gov. All requests, questions, and clarifications shall be submitted no later than 4:30 PM, August 27, 2015.

The Vendor shall include complete contact information including the Vendor's name, telephone number and fax number and e-mail address.

BID DUE DATE:

All bid submissions shall be received at the Bureau of Purchase and Property no later than the date and time shown on the transmittal letter of this bid. Submissions received after the date and time specified will be marked as "Late" and will not be considered in the evaluation process.

All offers shall remain valid for a period of one hundred and eighty (180) days from the bid due date. A vendor's disclosure or distribution of Bids other than to DAS, Bureau of Purchase and Property may be grounds for disqualification.

VENDOR RESPONSIBILITY:

The successful Vendor shall be solely responsible for meeting all terms and conditions specified in the bid, and any resulting contract.

All State of New Hampshire bid invitations and addenda to these bid invitations are advertised on our website at: <http://das.nh.gov/Purchasing/vendorresources.asp>.

It is a prospective Vendor's responsibility to access our website to determine any bid invitation under which they wish to participate. It is also the Vendor(s)'s responsibility to access our website for any posted addendum.

The website is updated several times per day; it is the responsibility of the prospective Vendor(s) to access the website frequently to ensure no bidding opportunity or addenda is overlooked.

It is the prospective Vendor's responsibility to forward a signed copy (if the form has a signature block) of any addenda to the Bureau of Purchase and Property with the bid response.

In preparation of your bid response, you shall:

- Complete the pricing information in the "Offer" section; and
- Complete all other required information on your offer; and
- Complete the "Vendor Contact Information" section; and
- Complete the company information on the "Transmittal Letter" page, and sign the bid in the space provided on that page. The Transmittal Letter page must be notarized to be an official submission.

IF AWARDED A CONTRACT:

The Contractor must complete the following sections of the attached Agreement State of New Hampshire Form #P-37;

- Section 1.3 Contractor Name
- Section 1.4 Contractor Address
- Section 1.11 Contractor Signature
- Section 1.12 Name & Title of Contractor Signor
- Section 1.13 Acknowledgement
- Section 1.13.1 Signature of Notary Public or Justice of the Peace
- Section 1.13.2 Name & Title of Notary or Justice of the Peace

- Provide certificate of insurance with the minimum limits required as described above on Page 2.
- Provide certificate of workers' compensation.
- Provide a certificate of good standing from the NH Secretary of State or proof of your completion of and payment for the start of the registration process.

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, processing charges, delivery charges, or fuel charges of any kind (by whatever name) may not be added on at any time (to include writing them separately in the RFB "Offer" section). Any and all charges **must be built into your bid price** at the time of the bid.

PAYMENT:

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>

AWARD:

The award shall be made to the responsible Vendor(s) meeting the criteria established in this RFB and providing the lowest cost in total per facility. 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).

Any resulting contract(s) shall become effective on the date approved by the Commissioner of Department of Administrative Services for the State of New Hampshire.

VENDORS MUST SUBMIT PRICING ON ALL ITEMS LISTED IN EACH FACILITY OFFER SECTION - PARTIAL BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

NOTIFICATION AND AWARD OF CONTRACT(S):

Bid results will not be given by telephone. For Vendors wishing to attend the bid opening, only the names of the vendors submitting responses will be made public. Specific response information will not be given out. Bid results will be made public after final approval of the contract(s).

Bid results may also be viewed on our website at <http://das.nh.gov/purchasing>.

SITE VISITATION:

Prior to bidding, it is each Vendor's responsibility to become thoroughly familiar with the site of the intended installation, to determine everything necessary to accomplish the service. Failure of the Vendor to make a site visit does not relieve the Vendor of responsibility to fully understand what is necessary to accomplish a successful and complete service.

Call Arthur Garlow at 603-227-4050 to make an appointment to view the sites located at the DMV's or DOS

Call Paul Annis at 603-225-1357 to make an appointment to view the sites located at the Armories.

- Snow storage will be reviewed and incorporated into the contract.

Vendors shall contact facility contact to schedule site visits for those facilities not mentioned above.

SCOPE OF SERVICES:

The State shall require correction of defective work or damages to any part of a building or its appurtenances when caused by the Vendor’s employees, equipment or supplies. The Vendor shall replace in satisfactory condition all defective work and damages rendered thereby or any other damages incurred. Upon failure of the Vendor to proceed promptly with the necessary corrections, the State may withhold any amount necessary to correct all defective work or damages from payments to the Vendor.

The work staff shall consist of qualified persons completely familiar with the products and equipment they shall use. The Contracting Officer may require the Vendor to dismiss from the work such employees as deems incompetent, careless, insubordinate, or otherwise objectionable, or whose continued employment on the work is deemed to be contrary to the public interest or inconsistent with the best interest of security and the State.

The Vendor or their personnel shall not represent themselves as employees or agents of the State.

While on State property, employees shall be subject to the control of the State, but under no circumstances shall such persons be deemed to be employees of the State.

All personnel shall observe all regulations or special restrictions in effect at the State Agency.

The Vendor’s personnel shall be allowed only in areas where services are being performed. The use of State telephones is prohibited.

If **sub-contractors** are to be utilized, please include information regarding the proposed sub-contractors including the name of the company, their address, contact person and three references for clients they are currently servicing.

Foreword

The State of New Hampshire and the public want safe access roads, parking lots and sidewalks to state facilities. Due to the dynamic and diverse nature of winter weather and resultant conditions, Contractors awarded a contract will have to use a variety of methods and materials to help prevent snow and ice formation on contracted facilities. Outcomes of snow and ice control treatments will vary, dependent upon severity of winter weather events, topography, traffic levels etc.

Hours of Operation.

State of New Hampshire’s facilities work day for Snow Plowing purposes shall commence at a minimum two (2) hours before a facilities scheduled opening and shall continue for two (2) hours after scheduled closing. This means that a facility must be treated or plowed before the aforementioned times. All facility open/close times listed in this document are subject to change without notice.

24 Hour Facilities

The following facilities are considered 24 x 7 operations

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>Town</u>
DOS, State Police Troop A/DMV	Epping

7 Day a week operations Business hours

The following facilities are considered operating 7 days a week

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>Town</u>
Liquor Store #62	Raymond
National Guard Training Institute	Pembroke
National Guard Training Center	Strafford

Bare pavement policy

Services shall include, but shall not be limited to, snow plowing, removal and disposal of snow; salting and sanding shall be accomplished as needed, or on request of the agency/location. The Contractor shall maintain a bare pavement policy; all areas shall be treated regardless of the amount of snow accumulation.

Facility Conference

Contractors awarded a contract shall not commence work until a conference is held with each agency, at which representatives of the Contractor and the State are present. The conference will be arranged by the requesting agency (State).

Access to Highways/Streets

In the event that plowing operation (contractor or city/town/state) create snow banks that impair the vision of vehicles/pedestrians entering/exiting plowed areas, these banks shall be removed to ensure safe exit/entering to facilities within 48 hours of storms end.

Work Staff

The work staff shall consist of qualified persons completely familiar with the products and equipment they shall use. The Contract Officer may require the contractor to dismiss from the work such employees as are deemed incompetent, careless, insubordinate, or otherwise objectionable, or whose continued employment shall be contrary to the public interest or inconsistent with the best interest of security.

Property Inspection fall marking/damage

Contractor shall clearly identify areas such as, but not limited to, curbing, shrubs, manholes, fencing, guardrails, electrical junction boxes or any other areas that are susceptible to damage when concealed by snowfall prior to the first snowfall.

If damage is found while "staking" your properties; you need to notify the State's contract manager in writing (preferably w/pictures). The State of New Hampshire will reject any damage claims once snow has fallen.

Public / Private Sidewalks Roadways

Under no circumstances shall Contractors awarded a contract push/plow snow onto walkways (Private or Public) or Roadways.

Snow Drifts/ Wind Rows

The Contractor is responsible for snow drift / Wind Row cleanup. Contractor shall be called to return to site to plow snow drifts during, after and or between storms.

Concrete Walkways/driveways

Concrete Walkways/driveways shall be treated with SALT FREE sand or Sand treated with Magnesium Chloride or other approved product(s) ONLY.

Snow plow blades shall be Rubber or Urethane or other approved product(s).

Walkway plowing

Walkways may or may not be included. Where included snow plowing/removal shall keep all walkways safe and passable at all times. The clearing of walkway shall be done with equipment no larger than the width of the walkway (This means a plow truck with a 6' blade cannot be used to clean a 5' wide walkway). Special care must be exercised not to damage Commemorative Plaques, monuments, statutes etc; hand shoveling shall be done starting within 3' feet of any aforementioned item. No snowplows or loaders are to be used in this area.

Approved Snow Disposal sites.

The State of New Hampshire does not provide or allow the removal of snow from one facility to be deposited at another state facility location. All removed snow shall be lawfully disposed of.

Environmental impact

A major concern in using chemicals for winter road maintenance is environmental impact. Studies show that soils, vegetation, water, highway facilities, and vehicles are all affected, so it is very important to use chemicals wisely. Most soil and vegetation damage occurs within 60 feet of the road and is greatest close to the pavement.

Damages

The Contractor shall be responsible for any and all damage to buildings, doors, bollard posts, taxiway lights, seen and unseen obstacles, and shall be required to repair and/or replace any damaged item at their expense. Contractor shall be required to fill out an Abbreviated Ground Accident Report that shall be supplied.

End of season signoffs

All contractors shall have completed their spring cleanup prior to requesting a signoff for the end of season. Agencies will have supplied you with the form they desire, or such form(s) shall be provided by the Contract Officer. April payment depends upon submitting this completed form.

Handicap Parking

Contractors shall not use handicap parking spots to store snow. All handicap spots shall be clean of ice, snow and treated within 48 Hours of storm's end.

Public / Private Sidewalks

Under no circumstances shall Contractors awarded a contract push/plow snow onto walkways (Private or Public)

Bid Multiple locations

Vendor may bid on one or more locations as listed within the offer section

Contract Term / Invoicing

Contracted term starts upon the State of New Hampshire's acceptance of the contract and ends on July 31, 2018. All invoices shall be sent to facility address specified in the contract.

All invoices require Location and the month you are billing for.

The following are the payment terms:

Bills submitted before the date(s) below shall be REJECTED and you will have to re-invoice.

- 1) **November 30** or later, payment shall be net 30 days upon acceptance of the work.
- 2) **December 31** or later, payment shall be net 30 days upon acceptance of the work.
- 3) **January 31** or later, payment shall be net 30 days upon acceptance of the work.
- 4) **February 28** or later, payment shall be net 30 days upon acceptance of the work.
- 5) **March 31** or later, payment shall be net 30 upon acceptance of the work.
- 6) **April 30** or later and FACILITY signoff Sheet are required for payment. The State shall use the invoice date or the Facility Signoff sheet date – whichever is later; payment shall be net 30 based upon the later date.

*Pembroke Armory – Payments will start the first of the month that the Armory opens.

Equipment

All equipment used in the performance of services under the Contract(s) resulting from this request for bid shall be foreign substance FREE on all areas to be utilizing in the plowing of the Jobsite. A foreign substance is defined as any of the following:

- Motor vehicle fluids (oil, gas, diesel, grease etc)
- Plow fluids (fluids, grease etc)
- Tobacco no form of tobacco shall be in use in the vehicles while at the facility
- Vehicle refuse (Trash in vehicle that may escape onto the plowing area)

Vehicles and/or equipment that do not meet the above criteria shall be immediately taken out of service until the problem(s) are corrected, NO EXCEPTIONS.

Amber Flashing lights/strobe lights

All equipment used in the performance of services under the Contract(s) resulting from this request for bid shall have Amber Flashing lights/strobe lights. These shall be on and working at all times during operations (from startup to shutdown). Vehicles not meeting these criteria shall be taken out of service immediately, NO EXCEPTIONS.

Metal Chains

Equipment shall come fitted with rubber tires, no metal chains.

Hazardous Waste Disposal

In the event of a spill, any captured Hazardous Materials must be disposed of promptly and properly. This disposal shall take place within 2 working days of the incident. Contractor will be required to provide copies of all disposal records and logs.

On Site Stored Equipment Storage

Requires **written pre-authorization**.

Stored equipment shall use the following equipment to prevent leaking fluids.

- 1 SPILFYTER Sorbent Berm Pillow, 28 x 42 In, PK 5 (or equivalent)

Multiple spill berms shall be used as needed under ALL equipment, in other words, under the most vulnerable known areas (i.e. crankcase, drive seals, hydraulic housing, rear end etc), when parked.

Spill Kit Requirements (Minimum requirements)

Each vehicle used performing services under the Contract(s) resulting from this request for bid shall have the following:

- 1 FAST PACK Grab Bag Spill Kit, 5 Gallon, Universal (or equivalent)
Gallons absorbed per PK'g 5,
Includes(1) Heavy-Duty Water Resistant Duffel,

- (1) Quart Bag ENSORB(R) (10) Pads,
- (2) Medium Socks, (1) Pack Wipes,
- (1) Disposal Bag and Tie,
- (1) Pair Nitrile Gloves
- 1 STARDUST Vehicle Spill Kit, 2gallon (or equivalent)
 - 2 Gallons absorbed per Pk'g,
 - Includes(1) Water Resistant Nylon Zippered Tote,
 - (2) 3-lb. Stardust Dispensers,
 - (1) Broom Head,
 - (1) Telescoping Broom Handle,
 - (1) Dustpan/Brush Combo,
 - (10) Disposal Bags,
 - (1) Goggles,
 - (2) Nitrile Gloves

Commencement of Operations:

Contractors awarded a contract shall be on site providing service as follows:

- Plowing/removal operations upon the accumulation of 2" of snow or more.
- Salting Sanding and any time conditions warrant, the following are examples:
 - o Freezing rain,
 - o Black Ice;
 - o Sleet,
 - o Spring Melt off
 - o Snow drifts cleanup

Contractors awarded a contract shall continually monitor conditions and apply resources as needed to return the pavement to bare and wet condition as soon as practical.

Keys/Cardkeys Policy

The Contractor shall establish and implement methods of ensuring that all Card keys /keys issued to the Contractor by the State are not lost or misplaced and are not used by unauthorized persons. No card keys/keys issued to the Contractor by the State shall be duplicated. The Contractor shall report the loss of keys or access cards to the Contracting Officer. In the event keys are lost, the Contractor shall be required, upon direction of the Contracting Officer, to rekey or replace the affected lock or locks; however, the State, at its option, may replace the affected lock or locks or perform rekeying. When the replacement of locks or rekeying is performed by the State, the total cost of rekeying or the replacements of the lock or locks shall be deducted from the monthly payment due the Contractor. In the event a master key is lost or duplicated, all locks and keys for that system may be replaced by the State and the total cost deducted from the monthly payment due. It is the responsibility of the Contractor to prohibit the use of keys issued by the State by any persons other than the Work Staff. Replacement keys/Access Cards will be billed at a cost of \$10.00 per unit and shall be deducted from the monthly payment due the Contractor.

Criminal Records Check Requirements

Certain Facilities require that prior to placing an individual in a State facility the Contractor shall provide a completed (processed) "**Criminal Records Release Form**" (<http://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/nhsp/ssb/crimrecords/documents/dssp256.pdf>) to the Facility Contact. All Criminal Records Release Forms shall be no more than 6 months old (based upon the bid opening date). The facility contact shall review the Criminal Records Form to verify that they meet facility requirements. **Only approved individuals are allowed on state property and in state facilities at all times. Depending on the facility enhanced background checks and/or specific requirement are noted on the "maintenance frequency schedule" for the facility.**

OBLIGATIONS AND LIABILITY OF THE VENDOR:

The Vendor shall perform all the work and furnish all the materials, tools, equipment and safety devices necessary to perform in the manner and within the time hereinafter specified. Vendor shall complete the entire work to the satisfaction of the State and in accordance with the specifications herein mentioned, at the price herein agreed upon and fixed therefore. All the work, labor and equipment to be done and furnished under this contract(s), shall be done and furnished strictly pursuant to, and in conformity with the specifications described herein, and the directions of the State representatives as given from time to time during the progress of the work, under the terms of this contract(s) and also in accordance with contract drawings.

The Vendor shall take all responsibility for the work under this contract; for the protection of the work; and for preventing injuries to persons and damage to property and utilities on or about the work. They shall in no way be relieved of their responsibility by any right of the State to give permission or issue orders relating to any part of the work; or by any such permission given on orders issued or by failure of the State to give such permission or issue such orders. The Vendor shall bear all losses resulting to him or to the Owner on account of the amount or character of the work, or because of the nature of the area in or on which the work is done is differed from what was estimated or expected, or account of the weather, elements or other causes.

The Vendor agrees that any damage or injury to buildings, materials, and equipment or to other property during the performance of this service will be repaired at their own expense.

Facility	Address 1	City	Contact	Phone
Dept of Safety, State Police Troop A/DMV	315 Calef Hwy	Epping	Lt Gary Wood	603 223-8490
DES Gorham	80 Glenn Road	Gorham	Kimberly Mahon	603 271-3288
National Guard Training Center (Strafford NH)	11 Academy Road	Strafford	Paul Annis	603-225-1357
Liquor Store #62 (Raymond)	Raymond Shopping Center - Route 27	Raymond	Michelle Markiewicz	603 895-2286
National Guard Training Institute (Pembroke)	72 Riverview Rd.	Pembroke	Paul Annis	603-225-1357

PERFORMING SERVICES:

The Contractor will perform all services according to the requirements and specifications of this bid.

OFFER: The undersigned hereby offers to perform the services to the State of New Hampshire as specified at the prices quoted below, in complete accordance with general and detailed specifications included herewith.

FACILITY	CITY/TOWN	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	TOTAL \$
Dept of Safety, State Police Troop A/DMV	Epping				
DES Gorham	Gorham			Total for Facility	\$
*plowing driveway and parking lot per visit		\$	\$	\$	
*salt/sand treatment per application		\$	\$	\$	
National Guard Training Institute (Pembroke NH)	Pembroke	\$	\$	\$	\$
Liquor Store #62 (Raymond)	Raymond	\$	\$	\$	\$
National Guard Training Center (Strafford NH)	Strafford	\$	\$	\$	\$

VENDOR CONTACT INFORMATION:

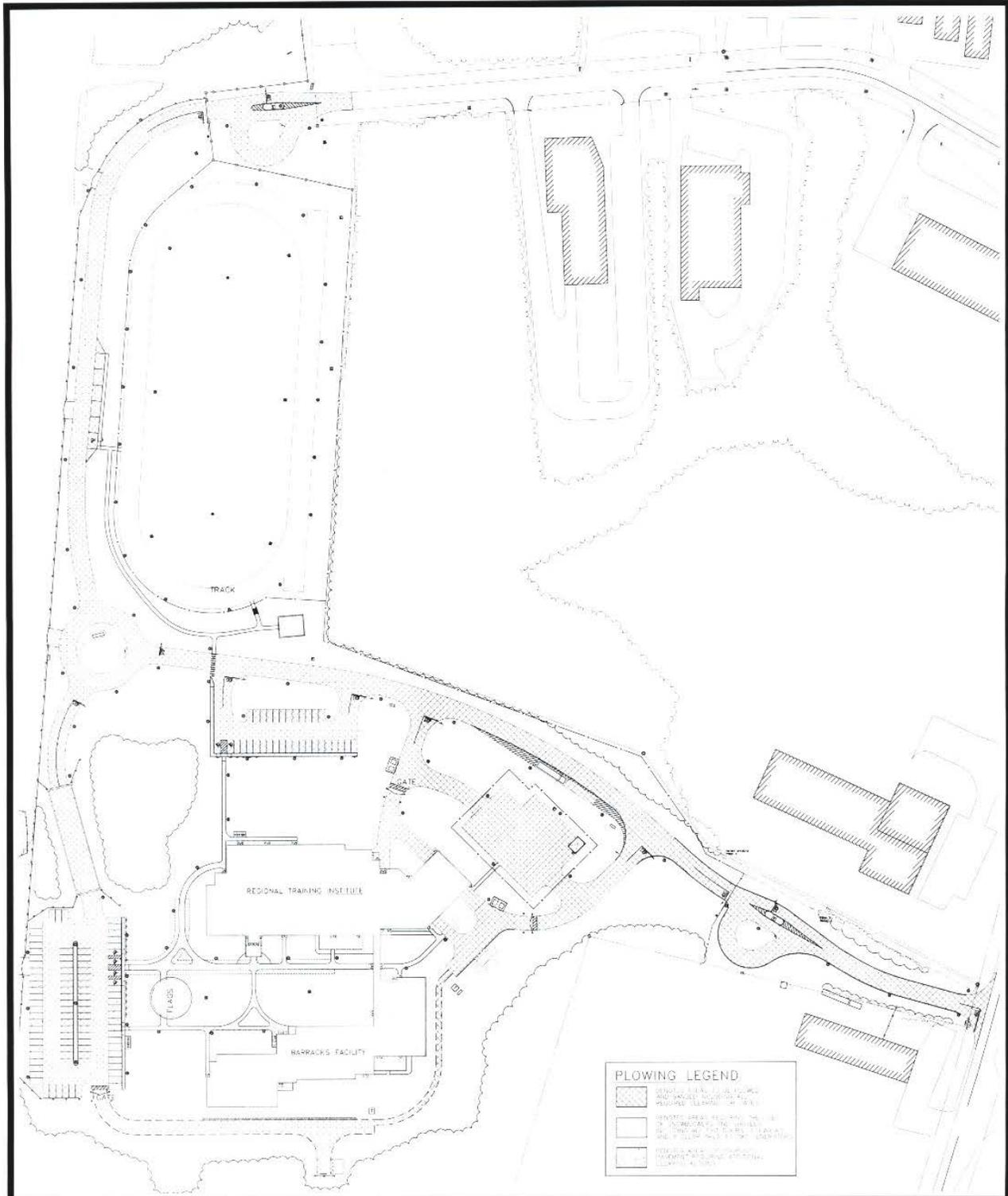
The following information is for this office to be able to contact a person knowledgeable of your bid response, and who can answer questions regarding it:

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

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

Facilities – scope of work

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1.0 AGREEMENT

The State of New Hampshire and the Vendor hereby mutually agree as follows:

GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. IDENTIFICATION.

1.1 State Agency Name		1.2 State Agency Address	
1.3 Vendor Name		1.4 Vendor Address	
1.5 Vendor Phone #	1.6 Account Number	1.7 Completion Date	1.8 Price Limitation
1.9 Contract(s)ing Officer for State Agency		1.10 State Agency Telephone Number	
1.11 Vendor Signature		1.12 Name and Title of Vendor Signatory	
1.13 Acknowledgement: State of _____, County of _____ On _____, before the undersigned officer, personally appeared the person identified in block 1.12, or satisfactorily proven to be the person whose name is signed in block 1.11, and acknowledged that s/he executed this document in the capacity indicated in block 1.12.			
1.13.1 Signature of Notary Public or Justice of the Peace [Seal]			
1.13.2 Name and Title of Notary or Justice of the Peace			
1.14 State Agency Signature		1.15 Name and Title of State Agency Signatory	
1.16 Approval by the N.H. Department of Administration, Division of Personnel (<i>if applicable</i>) By: _____ Director, On: _____			
1.17 Approval by the Attorney General (Form, Substance and Execution) By: _____ On: _____			
1.18 Approval by the Governor and Executive Council By: _____ On: _____			

2. EMPLOYMENT OF VENDOR/SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED. The State of New Hampshire, acting through the agency identified in block 1.1 ("State"), engages Vendor identified in block 1.3 ("Vendor") to perform, and the Vendor shall perform, the work or sale of goods, or both, identified and more particularly described in the attached EXHIBIT A which is incorporated herein by reference ("Services").

3. EFFECTIVE DATE/COMPLETION OF SERVICES.

3.1 Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, and subject to the approval of the Governor and Executive Council of the State of New Hampshire, this Agreement, and all obligations of the parties hereunder, shall not become effective until the date the Governor and Executive Council approve this Agreement ("Effective Date").

3.2 If the Vendor commences the Services prior to the Effective Date, all Services performed by the Vendor prior to the Effective Date shall be performed at the sole risk of the Vendor, and in the event that this Agreement does not become effective, the State shall have no liability to the Vendor, including without limitation, any obligation to pay the Vendor for any costs incurred or Services performed. Vendor shall complete all Services by the Completion Date specified in block 1.7.

4. CONDITIONAL NATURE OF AGREEMENT. Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, all obligations of the State hereunder, including, without limitation, the continuance of payments hereunder, are contingent upon the availability and continued

appropriation of funds, and in no event shall the State be liable for any payments hereunder in excess of such available appropriated funds. In the event of a reduction or termination of appropriated funds, the State shall have the right to withhold payment until such funds become available, if ever, and shall have the right to terminate this Agreement immediately upon giving the Vendor notice of such termination. The State shall not be required to transfer funds from any other account to the Account identified in block 1.6 in the event funds in that Account are reduced or unavailable.

5. CONTRACT(S) PRICE/PRICE LIMITATION/ PAYMENT.

5.1 The contract(s) price, method of payment, and terms of payment are identified and more particularly described in EXHIBIT B which is incorporated herein by reference.

5.2 The payment by the State of the contract(s) price shall be the only and the complete reimbursement to the Vendor for all expenses, of whatever nature incurred by the Vendor in the performance hereof, and shall be the only and the complete compensation to the Vendor for the Services. The State shall have no liability to the Vendor other than the contract(s) price.

5.3 The State reserves the right to offset from any amounts otherwise payable to the Vendor under this Agreement those liquidated amounts required or permitted by N.H. RSA 80:7 through RSA 80:7-c or any other provision of law.

5.4 Notwithstanding any provision in this Agreement to the contrary, and notwithstanding unexpected circumstances, in no event shall the total of all payments authorized, or actually made hereunder, exceed the Price Limitation set forth in block 1.8.

6. COMPLIANCE BY VENDOR WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS/ EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY.

6.1 In connection with the performance of the Services, the Vendor shall comply with all statutes, laws, regulations, and orders of federal, state, county or municipal authorities which impose any obligation or duty upon the Vendor, including, but not limited to, civil rights and equal opportunity laws. In addition, the Vendor shall comply with all applicable copyright laws.

6.2 During the term of this Agreement, the Vendor shall not discriminate against employees or applicants for employment because of race, color, religion, creed, age, sex, handicap, sexual orientation, or national origin and will take affirmative action to prevent such discrimination.

6.3 If this Agreement is funded in any part by monies of the United States, the Vendor shall comply with all the provisions of Executive Order No. 11246 ("Equal Employment Opportunity"), as supplemented by the regulations of the United States Department of Labor (41 C.F.R. Part 60), and with any rules, regulations and guidelines as the State of New Hampshire or the United States issue to implement these regulations. The Vendor further agrees to permit the State or United States access to any of the Vendor's books, records and accounts for the purpose of ascertaining compliance with all rules, regulations and orders, and the covenants, terms and conditions of this Agreement.

7. PERSONNEL.

7.1 The Vendor shall at its own expense provide all personnel necessary to perform the Services. The Vendor warrants that all personnel engaged in the Services shall be qualified to perform the Services, and shall be properly licensed and otherwise authorized to do so under all applicable laws.

7.2 Unless otherwise authorized in writing, during the term of this Agreement, and for a period of six (6) months after the Completion Date in block 1.7, the Vendor shall not hire, and shall not permit any subvendor or other person, firm or corporation with whom it is engaged in a combined effort to perform the Services to hire, any person who is a State employee or official, who is materially involved in the procurement, administration or performance of this Agreement. This provision shall survive termination of this Agreement.

7.3 The Contract(s)ing Officer specified in block 1.9, or his or her successor, shall be the State's representative. In the event of any dispute concerning the interpretation of this Agreement, the Contract(s)ing Officer's decision shall be final for the State.

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 ("Event of Default"):

8.1.1 failure to perform the Services satisfactorily or on schedule;

8.1.2 failure to submit any report required hereunder; and/or

8.1.3 failure to perform any other covenant, term or condition 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;

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(s) 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;

8.2.3 set off against any other obligations the State may owe to the Vendor any damages the State suffers by reason of any Event of Default; and/or

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

9. DATA/ACCESS/CONFIDENTIALITY/ PRESERVATION.

9.1 As used in this Agreement, the word "data" shall mean all information and things developed or obtained during the performance of, or acquired or developed by reason of, this Agreement, including, but not limited to, all studies, reports, files, formulae, surveys, maps, charts, sound recordings, video recordings, pictorial reproductions, drawings, analyses, graphic representations, computer programs, computer printouts, notes, letters, memoranda, papers, and documents, all whether finished or unfinished.

9.2 All data and any property which has been received from the State or purchased with funds provided for that purpose under this Agreement, shall be the property of the State, and shall be returned to the State upon demand or upon termination of this Agreement for any reason.

9.3 Confidentiality of data shall be governed by N.H. RSA chapter 91-A or other existing law. Disclosure of data requires prior written approval of the State.

10. TERMINATION. In the event of an early termination of this Agreement for any reason other than the completion of the Services, the Vendor shall deliver to the Contract(s)ing Officer, not later than fifteen (15) days after the date of termination, a report ("Termination Report") describing in detail all Services performed, and the contract(s) price earned, to and including the date of termination. The form, subject matter, content, and number of copies of the Termination Report shall be identical to those of any Final Report described in the attached EXHIBIT A.

11. VENDOR'S RELATION TO THE STATE. In the performance of this Agreement the Vendor is in all respects an independent Vendor, 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 or receive any benefits, workers' compensation or other emoluments provided by the State to its employees.

12. ASSIGNMENT/DELEGATION/SUBCONTRACT(S). The Vendor shall not assign, or otherwise transfer any interest in this Agreement without the prior written consent of the N.H. Department of Administrative Services. None of the Services shall be subcontract(s)ed by the Vendor without the prior written consent of the State.

13. INDEMNIFICATION. The Vendor 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 or 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 in paragraph 13 shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

14. INSURANCE.

14.1 The Vendor shall, at its sole expense, obtain and maintain in force, and shall require any subvendor or assignee to obtain and maintain in force, the following insurance:

14.1.1 comprehensive general liability insurance against all claims of bodily injury, death or property damage, in amounts of not less than \$250,000 per claim and \$2,000,000 per occurrence; and

14.1.2 fire and extended coverage insurance covering all property subject to subparagraph 9.2 herein, in an amount not less than 80% of the whole replacement value of the property.

14.2 The policies described in subparagraph 14.1 herein shall be on policy forms and endorsements approved for use in the State of New Hampshire by the N.H. Department of Insurance, and issued by insurers licensed in the State of New Hampshire.

14.3 The Vendor shall furnish to the Contract(s)ing Officer identified in block 1.9, or his or her successor, a certificate(s) of insurance for all insurance required under this Agreement. Vendor shall also furnish to the Contract(s)ing Officer identified in block 1.9, or his or her successor, certificate(s) of insurance for all renewal(s) of insurance required under this Agreement no later than fifteen (15) days prior to the expiration date of each of the insurance policies. The certificate(s) of insurance and any renewals thereof shall be attached and are incorporated herein by reference. Each certificate(s) of insurance shall contain a clause requiring the insurer to endeavor to provide the Contract(s)ing Officer identified in block 1.9, or his or her successor, no less than ten (10) days prior written notice of cancellation or modification of the policy.

15. WORKERS' COMPENSATION.

15.1 By signing this agreement, the Vendor agrees, certifies and warrants that the Vendor is in compliance with or exempt from, the requirements of N.H. RSA chapter 281-A ("*Workers' Compensation*").

15.2 To the extent the Vendor is subject to the requirements of N.H. RSA chapter 281-A, Vendor shall maintain, and require any subVendor or assignee to secure and maintain, payment of Workers' Compensation in connection with activities which the person proposes to undertake pursuant to this Agreement. Vendor shall furnish the Contract(s)ing Officer identified in block 1.9, or his or her successor, proof of Workers' Compensation in the manner described in N.H. RSA chapter 281-A and any applicable renewal(s) thereof, which shall be attached and are incorporated herein by reference. The State shall not be responsible for payment of any Workers' Compensation premiums or for any other claim or benefit for Vendor, or any subVendor or employee of Vendor, which might arise under applicable State of New Hampshire Workers' Compensation laws in connection with the performance of the Services under this Agreement.

16. 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 of Default, or any subsequent Event of Default. No express failure to enforce any Event of Default 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 Event of Default on the part of the Vendor.

17. 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 in blocks 1.2 and 1.4, herein.

18. AMENDMENT. This Agreement may be amended, waived or discharged only by an instrument in writing signed by the parties hereto and only after approval of such amendment, waiver or discharge by the Governor and Executive Council of the State of New Hampshire.

19. 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. The wording used in this Agreement is the wording chosen by the parties to express their mutual intent, and no rule of construction shall be applied against or in favor of any party.

20. THIRD PARTIES. The parties hereto do not intend to benefit any third parties and this Agreement shall not be construed to confer any such benefit.

21. HEADINGS. The headings throughout the Agreement are for reference purposes only, and the words contained therein shall in no way be held to explain, modify, amplify or aid in the interpretation, construction or meaning of the provisions of this Agreement.

22. SPECIAL PROVISIONS. Additional provisions set forth in the attached EXHIBIT C are incorporated herein by reference.

23. SEVERABILITY. In the event any of the provisions of this Agreement are held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be contrary to any state or federal law, the remaining provisions of this Agreement will remain in full force and effect.

24. 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.