



**Solicitation#:** 0900000442

**Solicitation Issue Date:** 04/10/2020

**DUE DATES AND TIME (CENTRAL STANDARD TIME):**

**Bid Response:**

3:00 p.m. on 05/26/2020

**Request for administrative review:**

3:00 p.m. on 04/17/2020

**Questions:**

3:00 p.m. on 05/15/2020

**CONTRACT TYPE:**

Agency:

Statewide:

Agency Name/Number \_\_\_\_\_

**SOLICITATION TYPE:**

Request for Proposal

Request for Quote

Invitation to Bid

**Information technology Bidder Instructions are applicable:**

Yes  No

**Terms regarding sensitive data will be included in the Contract including, but not limited to:**

HIPAA \_\_\_\_\_

CJIS \_\_\_\_\_

FERPA \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

1075 \_\_\_\_\_

**RETURN SEALED BID TO:**

OMESCPeBID@omes.ok.gov

**CONTRACTING OFFICER:**

**Name:** Cini Zacharia

**Email:** cini.zacharia@omes.ok.gov

**Phone No.** 405-522-9078



*"Certification for Competitive Bid and Contract" **MUST** be submitted along with the response to the Solicitation.*

**1. RE: Solicitation #** \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Bidder General Information:**

FEI / SSN : \_\_\_\_\_ Supplier ID: \_\_\_\_\_  
Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Bidder Contact Information:**

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Website: \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Oklahoma Sales Tax Permit<sup>1</sup>:**

- YES – Permit #: \_\_\_\_\_
- NO – Exempt pursuant to Oklahoma Laws or Rules – Attach an explanation of exemption

**5. Registration with the Oklahoma Secretary of State:**

- YES - Filing Number: \_\_\_\_\_
- NO - Prior to the contract award, the successful bidder will be required to register with the Secretary of State or must attach a signed statement that provides specific details supporting the exemption the supplier is claiming ([www.sos.ok.gov](http://www.sos.ok.gov) or 405-521-3911).

**6. Workers' Compensation Insurance Coverage:**

Bidder is required to provide with the bid a certificate of insurance showing proof of compliance with the Oklahoma Workers' Compensation Act.

- YES – Include with the bid a certificate of insurance.
- NO – Exempt from the Workers' Compensation Act pursuant to 85A O.S. § 2(18)(b)(1-11) – Attach a written, signed, and dated statement on letterhead stating the reason for the exempt status.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> For frequently asked questions concerning Oklahoma Sales Tax Permit, see <https://www.ok.gov/tax/Businesses/index.html>  
<sup>2</sup> For frequently asked questions concerning workers' compensation insurance, see <https://www.ok.gov/wcc/Insurance/index.html>

**7. Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Act**

- YES – I am a service-disabled veteran business as defined in 74 O.S. §85.44E. Include with the bid response 1) certification of service-disabled veteran status as verified by the appropriate federal agency, and 2) verification of not less than 51% ownership by one or more service-disabled veterans, and 3) verification of the control of the management and daily business operations by one or more service-disabled veterans.
- NO – Do not meet the criteria as a service-disabled veteran business.

Authorized Signature	Date
Printed Name	Title



**NOTE:** A certification shall be included with any competitive bid and/or contract exceeding \$5,000.00 submitted to the State for goods or services.

Agency Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Agency Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Solicitation or Purchase Order #: 0900000442 \_\_\_\_\_

Supplier Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION I [74 O.S. § 85.22]:**

A. For purposes of competitive bid,

1. I am the duly authorized agent of the above named bidder submitting the competitive bid herewith, for the purpose of certifying the facts pertaining to the existence of collusion among bidders and between bidders and state officials or employees, as well as facts pertaining to the giving or offering of things of value to government personnel in return for special consideration in the letting of any contract pursuant to said bid;
2. I am fully aware of the facts and circumstances surrounding the making of the bid to which this statement is attached and have been personally and directly involved in the proceedings leading to the submission of such bid; and
3. Neither the bidder nor anyone subject to the bidder's direction or control has been a party:
  - a. to any collusion among bidders in restraint of freedom of competition by agreement to bid at a fixed price or to refrain from bidding,
  - b. to any collusion with any state official or employee as to quantity, quality or price in the prospective contract, or as to any other terms of such prospective contract, nor
  - c. in any discussions between bidders and any state official concerning exchange of money or other thing of value for special consideration in the letting of a contract, nor
  - d. to any collusion with any state agency or political subdivision official or employee as to create a sole-source acquisition in contradiction to Section 85.45j.1. of this title.

B. I certify, if awarded the contract, whether competitively bid or not, neither the contractor nor anyone subject to the contractor's direction or control has paid, given or donated or agreed to pay, give or donate to any officer or employee of the State of Oklahoma any money or other thing of value, either directly or indirectly, in procuring this contract herein.

**SECTION II [74 O.S. § 85.42]:**

For the purpose of a contract for services, the supplier also certifies that no person who has been involved in any manner in the development of this contract while employed by the State of Oklahoma shall be employed by the supplier to fulfill any of the services provided for under said contract.

The undersigned, duly authorized agent for the above named supplier, by signing below acknowledges this certification statement is executed for the purposes of:

the competitive bid attached herewith and contract, if awarded to said supplier;

**OR**

the contract attached herewith, which was not competitively bid and awarded by the agency pursuant to applicable Oklahoma statutes.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Supplier Authorized Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Certified This Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email

\_\_\_\_\_  
Fax Number



**Agency:** OMES Vendor Management requires the following information for all new non-registered vendors (payees) before payments may be processed. Information is used to establish the payee in the State's PeopleSoft vendor file for payment and procurement activities.

**DO NOT use this form for:**

- > **Garnishment Payees:** Use [OMES Form GarnVendor](#)
- > **State Employees:** Use [OMES FORM Employee Vendor Request](#)
- > **Vendors pending contract award** to a solicitation released by the division of Central Purchasing or another Oklahoma state agency **MUST** first register online with the state unless exempt per statute. For additional information, please refer to [Central Purchasing Vendor Registration](#).

**AGENCY SECTION** (To be completed by state agency representative):

State agency representative should provide form to payee for completion of the vendor section shown below. Upon receipt of the completed form the agency should enter request instructions below. Please email completed and signed form to [vendor.form@omes.ok.gov](mailto:vendor.form@omes.ok.gov) or fax to 405-522-3663.

Agency Name: <b>OMES CP</b>			Contact Name: <b>Cini Zacharia</b>		
Phone # <b>405-522-9078</b>		Fax #	Email : <b>cini.zacharia@omes.ok.gov</b>		
<b>Agency Request To</b> – Please select all applicable request types					
<input type="checkbox"/> Add New Vendor		<input type="checkbox"/> Update Existing Vendor		PeopleSoft 10-digit Vendor ID _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Add New Address		<input type="checkbox"/> Change Address/Location		PeopleSoft Address # _____ PeopleSoft Location # _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Change Vendor Tax ID		<input type="checkbox"/> Change Vendor Name		<input type="checkbox"/> Add Alternate Payee Name _____ PeopleSoft Location # _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		Explain _____			
<b>Vendor 1099 Reportable Status</b>					
<b>Attention Paying Agency:</b> Please check the <b>Add</b> box on the left if payments to this vendor/payee are represented by Account Codes listed on page 3 of this form. If the vendor is incorrectly showing as 1099 Reportable, check the <b>Remove</b> box. The PeopleSoft system requires specific details regarding the type of transaction. Please check the box that applies to this vendor:					
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Add:</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> 1 - Rents		<input type="checkbox"/> 2 - Royalties	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Remove:</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6 - Medical & Health Care		<input type="checkbox"/> 3 – Other Income	
		<input type="checkbox"/> 7 - Non-Employee Compensation		<input type="checkbox"/> 10 - Crop Insurance Proceeds	
		<input type="checkbox"/> 14 - Gross Proceeds to an Attorney			

**VENDOR/PAYEE SECTION** (To be completed by vendor/payee)

*Please print legibly or type this information. Form must be completed and signed by authorized individual. Email or fax to requesting state agency.*

<b>Payee Information:</b> Please provide the requested information for the payee receiving funds from the Oklahoma state agency. All information should match U.S. Internal Revenue Service filing records for the business, individual or government entity receiving payment.						
Name			Contact Name			
Payee Legal Name for Business, Individual or Government Entity as filed with IRS			Contact Title			
DBA Name			Phone #			
Doing Business As "DBA", or Disregarded Entity Name if different than Legal Name			Fax #			
Tax Identification Number (TIN) and Type:			<input type="checkbox"/> Federal Employer ID (FEIN) <input type="checkbox"/> Social Security Number (SSN)			
<b>Business Address</b> -- Please provide primary business address as filed with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service						
Address				City		
State		Zip+4		Remittance Email		
<b>Optional Addresses</b> – Please select address type as applicable						
Type:	<input type="checkbox"/> Remitting	<input type="checkbox"/> Ordering	<input type="checkbox"/> Pricing	<input type="checkbox"/> Returning	<input type="checkbox"/> Mailing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:
Address				City		
State		Zip+4		Remittance Email		
<b>Financial Registration:</b> Please provide contact information for the Authorized Individual who can provide financial information used for ACH Electronic Funds Transfer payment processes. An email will be sent providing instructions for accessing the State of Oklahoma online registration system.						
Name		Title		Email		

**W-9 SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION – ALL VENDORS OR PAYEES**

The information below is requested under U.S. Tax Laws. Failure to provide this information may prevent you from being able to do business with the state, or may result in the state having to deduct backup withholding amounts from future payments.

**U.S. Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)**

Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) \_\_\_\_\_ If none, but applied for, date applied \_\_\_\_\_

U.S. Social Security Number (SSN) \_\_\_\_\_ If none, but applied for, date applied \_\_\_\_\_

**Entity Filing Classification:**

Domestic (U.S.) Sole Proprietor or Individual     Domestic (U.S.) Partnership     Domestic (U.S.) Corporation    Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Limited Liability Company    Type: \_\_\_\_\_

LLC Disregarded Entity:     YES     NO    **Must be verified by LLC's tax division. If applicable, parent name/tax id is required.**

Domestic (U.S.) Other    Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Foreign (Non-U.S.) Sole Proprietor or Individual\*     Foreign (Non-U.S.) Partnership\*     Foreign (Non-U.S.)    Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Foreign (Non-U.S.) Other\*    Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

**FOREIGN VENDOR INSTRUCTIONS:                      \* ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION IS REQUIRED.**

Please submit the proper U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Form W-8, Certificate of Foreign Status. Select form below matching the payee's entity or individual description. Please refer to IRS for additional instructions (<http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw8.pdf>).

- **Form W-8BEN:** Certificate of Foreign Status of Beneficial Owner for United States Tax Withholding and Reporting (Individuals). <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw8ben.pdf>
- **Form W-BEN-E:** Certificate of Status of Beneficial Owner for United States Tax Withholding and Reporting (Entities). <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw8bene.pdf>
- **Form W-8ECI:** Certificate of Foreign Person's Claim That Income is Effectively Connected With the Conduct of a Trade or Business in the United States. <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw8eci.pdf>
- **Form W-8EXP:** Certificate of Foreign Government or Other Foreign Organization for United States Tax Withholding and Reporting. <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw8exp.pdf>
- **Form W-8IMY:** Certificate of Foreign Intermediary, Foreign Flow-Through Entity, or Certain U.S. Branches for United States Tax Withholding and Reporting. <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw8imy.pdf>

**This may exempt you from backup withholding. Form W-8 does not exempt you from the 30% (or lower percentage by treaty) non-resident withholding taxes. To claim this exemption, you must file IRS Form 8233 with us. For more information, refer to IRS Publication 519.**

**SIGNATURE - AND SUBSTITUTE IRS FORM W-9 CERTIFICATION**

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below), and
4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

**Certification instructions: You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement account (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Vendor Representative or Individual Payee

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title of individual signing form for company

\_\_\_\_\_  
Vendor/Payee (Must be the same as Payee Name from page 1)

**Account Codes for 1099 Reporting - By Category (TO BE COMPLETED BY AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE)**

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>1 - RENTS</b> 532110 Rent of Office Space 532120 Rent of Land 532130 Rent of Other Building Space 532140 Rent of Equipment and Machinery 532150 Rent of Telecommunications Equip 532160 Rent of Electronic Data Processing Equipment 532170 Rent of Electronic Data Processing Software 532190 Other Rents	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>1- RENTS (continued)</b> 532141 Rent of Motor Vehicles 532142 Lease of Motor Vehicles  <input type="checkbox"/> <b>2 – ROYALTIES</b> 553170 Royalties	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>3 – OTHER INCOME</b> 552120 Incentive Awards – Monetary & Material 552160 Incentive Payments – Oklahoma Horse Breeders & Owners 552170 Incentive Payments – Oklahoma Film Enhancement Rebate 553165 Current/Former Employee Reportable Court Ordered or Legal Settlements 553220 Other IRS Reportable Income
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>6 - MEDICAL &amp; HEALTH CARE PAYMENTS</b> 515530 Veterinary Services 515700 Offices of Physicians (except Mental Health Specialists) 515710 Offices of Physicians, Mental Health Specialists 515720 Offices of Dentists 515730 Offices of Chiropractors 515740 Offices of Optometrists 515750 Offices of Mental Health Practitioners (except Physicians) 515760 Offices of Physical, Occupational & Speech Therapists, & Audiologists  515770 Offices of Podiatrists 515780 Offices of all other Miscellaneous Health Practitioners 515790 Family Planning Centers 515800 Outpatient Mental Health & Substance Abuse Centers 515810 Other Outpatient Care Centers 515820 Medical and Diagnostic Laboratories	515830 Home Health Care Services 515840 Ambulance Services 515850 All other Ambulatory Health Care Services 515860 General Medical & Surgical Hospitals 515870 Psychiatric & Substance Abuse Hospitals 515880 Specialty Hospitals (except Psychiatric & Substance Abuse) 515890 Nursing Care Facilities 515900 Residential Services for People with Developmental Disabilities 515910 Residential Mental Health & Substance Abuse Facilities 515920 Community Care Facilities for the Elderly 515930 Other Residential Care Facilities 537210 Laboratory Services & Supplies 551230 Medical Services to Indigents (from agencies other than DHS) 551240 Hospital Services to Indigents (from agencies other than DHS) 551250 Other Health Services to Indigents (from agencies other than DHS)	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>7 - NON-EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION</b> 515010 Office of Lawyers 515020 Offices of Notaries 515030 Other Legal Services 515060 Accounting, Tax Preparation, Bookkeeping & Payroll Services 515210 Payments for Contract Mentor Services 515220 Architectural Services 515230 Landscape Architectural Services 515240 Engineering Services 515250 Drafting Services 515260 Building Inspection Services 515270 Geophysical Surveying & Mapping Services 515280 Surveying and Mapping (except geophysical) Services 515290 Testing Laboratories 515300 Interior Design Services 515310 Industrial Design Services 515320 Graphic Design Services 515330 Other Specialized Design Services 515350 Custom Computer Programming Services 515360 Computer Systems Design Services 515370 Computer Facilities Management Services 515380 Other Computer Related Services 515400 Administrative Management & General Management Consulting Services  515410 Human Resources & Executive Search Consulting Services 515420 Marketing Consulting Services 515430 Process, Physical Distribution, & Logistics Consulting Services 515440 Other Management Consulting Services 515450 Environmental Consulting Services 515460 Other Scientific & Technical Consulting Services 515470 Research & Development in the Physical, Engineering, & Life Sciences  515480 Research & Development in the Social Sciences & Humanities 515490 Advertising and Related Services 515500 Marketing Research & Public Opinion Polling 515510 Photographic Services 515520 Translation & Interpretation Services 515540 All other Professional, Scientific and Technical Services 515550 Management of Companies & Enterprises 515560 Office Administrative Services 515570 Employment Placement Services 515580 Business Support Services 515590 Document Preparation Services	515600 Telephone Call Centers 515610 Business Service Centers 515620 Collection Agencies 515630 Credit Bureaus 515640 Other Business Support Services 515650 Investigation & Security Services 515660 Educational Services 515940 Individual & Family Services 515950 Community Food, Housing & Emergency & Other Relief Services 515960 Vocational Rehabilitation Services 515970 Child Day Care Services 515980 Arts, Entertainment and Recreation 515990 Other Services (except Public Administration) 517110 Moving Expense – Employee Transfer 531150 Printing and Binding Contract 531160 Advertising 531170 Informational Services 531190 Exhibitions, Shows and Special Events 531220 Burial Charges 531330 Jury and Witness Fees 531500 Moving Expenses – General 533100 Maintenance & Repair – Other Items 533110 Maintenance & Repair of Buildings & Grounds (outside vendors) 533120 Maintenance & Repair – Equipment (outside vendors) 533130 Maintenance & Repair of Telephone Equipment (outside vendors) 533140 Maintenance & Repair of Data Processing Equipment (outside vendors) 533150 Maintenance & Repair of Data Processing Software (outside vendors) 533190 Maintenance & Repair – Employee Uniforms 545110 Purchase of Land Improvements 545210 CIP (Construction in Progress) – Land Improvements 546210 Buildings and Other Structures – Construction and Renovation 546220 Major Maintenance and Repair of Equipment 547110 Highway and Bridge Construction Expense – Contractual 547120 Maintenance and Repairs to Highways and Bridges 547210 Major Maintenance and Renovation – Bridges 552100 Stipends – Other 552120 Teacher Stipends (“Incentive” payments) 552130 Oklahoma Police Corps Stipends 553160 Non-Employee Reportable Court Ordered or Legal Settlements 554190 Voter Registration Services 561140 Pollution Remediation	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>14 - GROSS PROCEEDS TO AN ATTORNEY</b> 553180 Settlements – Paid To/Thru Attorney		

# Oklahoma Office of Management and Enterprise Services Bidder Instructions

Information related to the Bid submission process is contained in these Bidder Instructions. **Prospective Bidders are urged to read the documents provided by the State and these Bidder Instructions carefully. Failure to do so shall be at the Bidder's risk.**

## 1 Definitions

The following terms, when used in these Bidder Instructions, shall have the following meanings:

- 1.1 **Alternate Bid** means a Bid which contains an intentional substantive variation to a basic provision, specification, term or condition.
- 1.2 **Amendment** means a written change, addition, correction or revision to terms, conditions or requirements by the State agency issuing the Solicitation.
- 1.3 **BAFO** means a best and final offer requested by the State agency issuing the Solicitation.
- 1.4 **Bid** means an offer a Bidder submits in response to the Solicitation.
- 1.5 **Bidder** means an individual or business entity that submits a Bid in response to the Solicitation.
- 1.6 **Bid Packet** means the order described in these Bidder Instructions in which all Bidders shall insert the relevant sections of a Bid and which shall be the format for all submitted Bids.
- 1.7 **OAC** means the Oklahoma Administrative Code.

## 2 Instructions Compliance

These Bidder Instructions are not part of the Contract; however, compliance with these Instructions is material to the determination of whether a Bid is responsive. Terms, requirements and specifications may be stated or phrased differently than in a previous solicitation irrespective of past interpretations, practices or customs. Bid requirements are altered only by written Amendment and verbal communications from any source whatsoever are of no effect. In no event shall the Bidder's failure to read and understand a term, condition or requirement in any of the documents provided by the State constitute grounds for a claim after award of the Contract.

## 3 Communications and Questions

The Contracting Officer listed on the Bidder Instructions Cover Page is the only individual the Bidder should contact, or communicate with, regarding any questions or issues with the Solicitation or a Bid. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the Bid being considered non-responsive or not considered for further evaluation.

### 3.1 General Questions

- A. Questions should be concise, identify the document, include specific section references and avoid use of tables or special formatting (use simple lists).

**B. Information Technology Bids**

- i If information technology Bidder Instructions are applicable (see Bidder Instructions Cover Page), Bidder may submit general questions concerning Contract or Bid specifications online. Questions received via any other means will not be addressed.
- ii Registration with the State of Oklahoma for wiki access is located at <https://omes.ok.gov/forms/wiki-enrollment-it-procurement>. Access should be requested at least five (5) business days prior to the Questions Due Date. The State is not responsible for a Bidder's lack of access to the wiki.

**C. Non-Information Technology Bids**

If information technology Bidder Instructions are not applicable (see Bidder Instructions Cover Page), Bidder may submit general questions concerning Contract or Bid specifications at the Contracting Officer's email address shown on the Bidder Instructions Cover Page. Questions received via any other means will not be addressed.

**3.2 Clarification Questions**

The State reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to request clarifications of Bid information or to conduct discussions for the purpose of clarification with any or all Bidders. The purpose of any such discussion shall be to ensure full understanding of the Bid. If clarifications are made because of such discussion, the Bidder(s) shall put such clarifications in writing. Bidder answers that are outside scope of the clarification questions shall be disregarded. Oral explanations or instructions provided to a potential Bidder is not binding.

**4 Administrative Review**

- 4.1** A Bidder that believes the Contract or Bid requirements or specifications, or Bid Response Due Date, are unnecessarily restrictive or limit competition may submit a request for administrative review, in writing, to the Contracting Officer. The State shall promptly respond in writing to each written administrative review request, and where appropriate, issue a revision, substitution or clarification through an Amendment. Requests for administrative review of technical or contractual requirements shall include the reason for the request, supported by information, and any proposed changes.
- 4.2** If a Bidder fails to notify the Contracting Officer of an error, ambiguity, conflict, discrepancy, omission or other error in any of the documents provided by the State that is known to Bidder, or that reasonably should be known by Bidder, the Bidder accepts the risk of submitting a Bid and, if awarded the Contract, shall not be entitled to additional compensation, relief or time by reason of the error or its later correction.

## **5 Amendments**

- 5.1** Any Amendment shall be set forth at the same online link as the Solicitation.
- 5.2** It is the Bidder's responsibility to check the State's website frequently for any possible Amendments that may be issued. The State is not responsible for the Bidder's failure to download any amendment documents required to complete a Bid.

## **6 Confidentiality Request**

Unless otherwise specified in the Oklahoma Open Records Act, Central Purchasing Act, or other applicable law, documents and information a Bidder submits as part of or in connection with a Bid are public records and subject to disclosure after contract award pursuant to OAC 260:115-3-9<sup>1</sup>. However, a public Bid opening does not make the Bid immediately accessible to the public. All material submitted by a Bidder becomes the property of the State. No portion of a Bid shall be considered confidential after award of the Contract except, pursuant to 74 O.S. §85.10, information in the Bid determined to be confidential by the State Purchasing Director or delegate. Typically, a properly submitted confidentiality claim of a potential awardee is reviewed and determined prior to award; a properly submitted confidentiality claim of a non-awarded Bidder is reviewed and determined only when responding to an open records request concerning the Bid. Additional information regarding information considered confidential by a Bidder is provided in Section 8.2.C below.

## **7 Acceptance of Content**

Unless otherwise provided in Section Four of a Bidder's response, all Bids shall be firm representations that the responding Bidder has carefully investigated and will comply with all State terms and conditions relating to the Contract. Upon award of a contract to the successful Bidder, such terms and conditions, as may be amended by the Bid after negotiation, shall become contractual obligations between the parties.

## **8 Required Bid Structure**

### **8.1 Preparation of Bid**

- A.** The Bid is required to be structured into separate, labelled and easily identifiable sections using the Bid Packet format provided below. A Bid submitted using any other format may not be accepted. The Bid should not contain duplicative content. Any section of the Bid Packet that is not applicable to the Bid shall have a page inserted to denote the section is not applicable. For instance, if business references are not required, the Bid should contain a page after the "Business References" section heading that reads "Not Applicable", "N/A" or some similar notation.
- B.** The Bid will be evaluated using a best value criterion, based on the following:
  - i** Best value
  - ii** Delivery lead time
  - iii** Technical requirements
  - iv** Cost

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<sup>1</sup> OAC 260:115-3-9 is located at [http://www.oar.state.ok.us/oar/codedoc02.nsf/frmMain?OpenFrameSet&Frame=Main&Src=\\_75tnm2shfcdnm8pb4dthj0chedppmcbq8dtmmak31ctijjrgcln50ob7ckj42tbkdt374obdcli00](http://www.oar.state.ok.us/oar/codedoc02.nsf/frmMain?OpenFrameSet&Frame=Main&Src=_75tnm2shfcdnm8pb4dthj0chedppmcbq8dtmmak31ctijjrgcln50ob7ckj42tbkdt374obdcli00)

- C.** In showing the ability of the Bidder to meet or exceed Solicitation specifications and requirements referenced in subsection 8.2.H, the Bid must reflect for each requirement on Attachment A to the Solicitation whether the requirement is met by an out-of-the-box solution or whether the requirement necessitates customization to the Bidder's proposed solution.
- D.** As referenced in subsection 8.2.H, [INSERT, e.g., a VPAT; Security Certification and Accreditation Assessment; service level agreements and proposed first draft of Statement of Work, including data migration from the existing system,] are required to be included in the Bid.
- E.** Pricing shall be proposed as follows:

  - i** Deliverable-based pricing with proposed milestones and associated payments;
  - ii** Hourly rates and roles for additional professional services in connection with the Project including, without limitation, maintenance and support services and enhancement services to the extent not included in a mutually agreed Statement of Work;
  - iii** Subscription and/or other pricing for post-warranty ongoing maintenance and support; and
  - iv** Value-added items may be included.
- F.** Business references are required to establish that a Bidder has successful implementation experience.
- G.** Three years of audited financial statements are required to be included in the Bid.
- H.** The following additional company information is required to be included in the Bid:

  - i** Length of time the Bidder has been in business;
  - ii** A brief description of the company;
  - iii** Company size and organization;
  - iv** The number of years the Bidder has been providing software of the type requested;
  - v** The core competency of the company (i.e., software, hardware, imaging, etc.);
  - vi** User Group meetings or conferences and the location of meetings in the past;
  - vii** Number of employees allocated strictly for research;
  - viii** Number of employees allocated strictly for support;
  - ix** Number of clients;
  - x** Average client size (i.e., employee count); and
  - xi** Locations where the Bidder's web-based solution has been deployed.
- I.** If a third-party vendor is included as part of a submitted Bid, the following information is required to be included in the Bid for each such third-party vendor:

  - i** Company history;
  - ii** Relationship to Bidder;
  - iii** Clients for which the two entities have worked together; and
  - iv** Products and/or services proposed to be provided by the third-party vendor and how those products and/or services interface with the Bidder's solution.

## 8.2 Bid Packet Format

### A. Section One: Cover Page

A dated cover page or transmittal letter that identifies the Solicitation and the Bidder and provides Bidder contact information.

### B. Section Two: Required Forms, Certifications and Disclosures

- i Completed “Responding Bidder Information” form set forth and accompanying required documentation.
- ii Completed “Certification for Competitive Bid and Contract” form.
- iii Bidder shall additionally provide in this section of its Bid, disclosure of (1) any public contract terminated by a governmental entity or suits or claims against the Bidder for failure to perform in connection with a public contract (including any company which a Bidder has merged with or acquired that will be performing services or providing products if awarded the Contract); (2) any contractual relationship or any other relevant contact with any State personnel or another Bidder or Supplier involved in the development of a Bidder’s response to the Solicitation; (3) the name of any officer, director or agent of the Bidder who is also an employee of the State of Oklahoma or any of its agencies; (4) the name of any state employee who owns, directly or indirectly, an interest of five percent (5%) or more in the Bidder firm or any of its branches and (5) any activity or interest that conflicts or may conflict with the best interest of the State, including but not limited to any person or entity currently under contract with or seeking to do business with the State, its employees or any other third-party individual or entity awarded a contract with the State. Any conflict of interest shall, at the sole discretion of the State, be grounds for rejection of the Bid or partial or whole termination of the Contract.
- iv Certificate of Insurance and Workers’ Compensation form.
- v Completed Vendor Payee form.
- vi Any information requested in connection with a Solicitation regarding subcontractors a Bidder proposes to use in performance of the resulting contract.
- vii Signed Amendment(s), if any, located at the same online link as the Solicitation.

The Bidder shall acknowledge agreement with each Amendment, if any, by inserting the Amendment in this section, signed by or on behalf of the Bidder.

### C. Section Three: Bid Portions Requested to be Held Confidential

- i If the Bid Packet contains information the Bidder believes to be confidential, the Bid Packet shall be conspicuously marked on the outside to indicate it contains information considered confidential.

- ii Any portion of the Bid that the Bidder requests be held confidential shall be inserted in this section and the Bidder must specifically identify, on each page, the specific information considered confidential and otherwise fully comply with OAC 260:115-3-9<sup>2</sup> which additionally requires a Bidder to enumerate the specific grounds, based on applicable laws which support treatment of the information as exempt from disclosure and explain why disclosure is not in the best interest of the public. Additional information regarding information considered confidential by a Bidder is provided in Section 6 above.
- iii A Bid marked in total, as proprietary and/or confidential shall not be considered confidential. Likewise, unless specifically referenced otherwise, resumes, pricing, marketing materials, business references, Voluntary Product Accessibility Templates, additional terms proposed by a Bidder and subcontractor information are not confidential and are not exempt from disclosure under the Oklahoma Open Records Act. The foregoing list is intended to address information often marked confidential that is not exempt from disclosure and is not an exhaustive list.
- iv **ANY INFORMATION MARKED AS CONFIDENTIAL AND EMBODIED ELSEWHERE IN A BID RATHER THAN INSERTED IN THIS SECTION OF THE BID PACKET WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL AND WILL BE SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE WITHOUT FURTHER REVIEW. THE STATE HAS NO RESPONSIBILITY TO INDEPENDENTLY REVIEW AN ENTIRE BID FOR A CONFIDENTIALITY CLAIM. LIKEWISE, CONFIDENTIALITY CLAIMS OF A BIDDER WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED IF A BID DOES NOT COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS OF OAC 260:115-3-9 AND THE INFORMATION WILL BE SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE PURSUANT TO STATE LAW.**

**D. Section Four: Requested Exceptions to Terms**

- i Any requested exception or revision to terms or conditions provided by the State shall be inserted in this section using the table provided at the end of these Bidder Instructions. If no exceptions or revisions are requested, the Bid should reflect that by either submitting the table with no additions to it or by marking the table “N/A”. Each requested exception or revision shall identify (i) the document and section reference of the specific affected term and (ii) either that the term is inapplicable and should be intentionally omitted or offer alternative language if the Bidder is requesting revision of the term. Some examples are provided on the table for illustrative purposes only and, if not deleted in a submitted Bid, will be disregarded.

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<sup>2</sup> OAC 260:115-3-9 is located at [http://www.oar.state.ok.us/oar/codedoc02.nsf/frmMain?OpenFrameSet&Frame=Main&Src=\\_75tnm2shfcdnm8pb4dthj0chedppmcbq8dtmmak31ctijjrgcln50ob7ckj42tbkdt374obdcli00](http://www.oar.state.ok.us/oar/codedoc02.nsf/frmMain?OpenFrameSet&Frame=Main&Src=_75tnm2shfcdnm8pb4dthj0chedppmcbq8dtmmak31ctijjrgcln50ob7ckj42tbkdt374obdcli00)

- ii A clarification question is not an exception and any clarification included in this section will be disregarded.
- iii If the Bid contains a copy of existing terms between the Bidder and the State that the Bidder believes are applicable to the Acquisition, the Bidder need not take exceptions to the General Terms; however, the remainder of terms and contents of a document provided by the State including, without limitation, all attachments, appendices and exhibits remain applicable and are not supplanted by such existing terms. Therefore, any exception to portions of the Solicitation or other related documents, other than General Terms must be included in this section as an exception.
- iv **THE STATE HAS NO RESPONSIBILITY TO INDEPENDENTLY REVIEW AN ENTIRE BID FOR EXCEPTIONS AND ANY EXCEPTION EMBODIED IN ANOTHER SECTION OF THE BID OR IN A FORMAT OTHER THAN THE PROVIDED TABLE WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED. LIKEWISE, AN EXCEPTION EXPRESSING ONLY GENERAL DISAGREEMENT WITH A TERM OR A GENERAL EXCEPTION TO ANY STATE TERMS OR CONDITIONS, WITHOUT SUGGESTED ALTERNATIVE WORDING OR IDENTIFYING THAT THE TERM SHOULD BE INTENTIONALLY OMITTED, WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

**E. Section Five: Additional Bidder Terms**

Any additional terms that the Bidder requests be applicable to the Contract shall be inserted in this section and shall be provided in Word format. **THE STATE HAS NO RESPONSIBILITY TO INDEPENDENTLY REVIEW AN ENTIRE BID FOR ADDITIONAL TERMS AND ANY SUCH TERMS NOT SUBMITTED IN THIS SECTION OF THE BID SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED.** Should a Bidder be awarded a Contract, neither the State nor a customer shall be required to execute additional documents not included in a Bid. For example, if a Bidder typically uses an ordering document in connection with an acquisition, the ordering document template shall be included in the Bid.

**F. Section Six: Existing Terms between Bidder and State**

A copy of any existing terms, mutually executed by the Bidder and the State, that the Bidder believes are applicable to the Acquisition shall be inserted in this section. Any existing terms not submitted in this section of the Bid shall not be considered.

**G. Section Seven: Executive Summary**

The Bidder's executive summary shall be inserted in this section. Marketing information, general company information and other similar information should be included in the executive summary and should not be included in other sections of the Bid.

**H. Section Eight: Response to Solicitation Specifications and Requirements**

- i The portion of the Bid to be inserted in this section shows the ability of the Bidder to meet or exceed any Contract and Bid specifications and requirements.
- ii If a VPAT is required, the URL link to the Bidder's VPAT shall be inserted in this section at the Bid Packet page referencing the VPAT.
- iii If an information technology Security Certification and Accreditation Assessment is required, the completed Assessment shall be inserted in this section at a Bid Packet page referencing the Security Accreditation Assessment. The Assessment is located online at [https://omes.ok.gov/sites/g/files/gmc316/f/SecurityCertification-R\\_0.xlsx](https://omes.ok.gov/sites/g/files/gmc316/f/SecurityCertification-R_0.xlsx).
- iv If service level agreements are required, the proposed service level agreements shall be inserted in this section at a Bid Packet page referencing the proposed Service Level Agreements.
- v If a Statement of Work is required, the proposed draft shall be inserted in this section at a Bid Packet page referencing the proposed Statement of Work.

**I. Section Nine: Pricing**

Pricing associated with the Bid shall be inserted in this section and shall be in the required structure set forth above in Section 8.1, if any.

**J. Section Ten: Offer of Value-Added Products and/or Services**

If a Bid includes an offer of value-added products and/or services, such offer shall be inserted in this section and include associated pricing and any other information relevant to such value-added offer. However, the State is not obligated to purchase value-added products or services.

**K. Section Eleven: Financial Information**

Any required financial and associated information shall be inserted in this section.

**L. Section Twelve: Business References**

Any required business references and associated information shall be inserted in this section.

**M. Section Thirteen: Additional Company Information**

Any additional required company information shall be inserted in this section.

**9 Submission of Bid**

- 9.1 **IT IS THE BIDDER'S SOLE RESPONSIBILITY TO SUBMIT INFORMATION IN THE BID AS REQUESTED AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE OKLAHOMA CENTRAL PURCHASING ACT AND ASSOCIATED OAC TITLE 260 RULES<sup>3</sup> INCLUDING**

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<sup>3</sup> Oklahoma Administrative Code Title 260, Chapter 115 is located at [http://www.oar.state.ok.us/oar/codedoc02.nsf/frnMain?OpenFrameSet&Frame=Main&Src=\\_75tnm2shfcdnm8pb4dthj0chedppmcbq8dtmmak31ctijujrgcln50ob7ckj42tbkdt374obdcli00](http://www.oar.state.ok.us/oar/codedoc02.nsf/frnMain?OpenFrameSet&Frame=Main&Src=_75tnm2shfcdnm8pb4dthj0chedppmcbq8dtmmak31ctijujrgcln50ob7ckj42tbkdt374obdcli00)

**WITHOUT LIMITATION OAC 260:115-3-7 AND 260:115-3-11<sup>4</sup>.** A submitted Bid is rendered as a legal offer and is required to be in strict conformity with these Bidder Instructions.

- 9.2** Due to the COVID 19 outbreak, a Bid shall be submitted via email to [OMESCPeBID@omes.ok.gov](mailto:OMESCPeBID@omes.ok.gov). In person, commercial carrier or facsimile submittals shall not be accepted. The subject line of the email Bid shall contain the following: To the attention of the Contracting Officer; Solicitation Number and Bid Response Due Date and Time. For all responses that are unable to be submitted via email due to size limitations, the Bid shall be submitted via a Cloud Service such as Dropbox. Bidder shall provide instructions on how to access this type of submission. The State is not responsible for incorrect link information or inability to access a submitted Bid.
- 9.3** Due to the COVID 19 outbreak, this subsection is intentionally omitted.
- 9.4** Due to the COVID 19 outbreak, this subsection is intentionally omitted.
- 9.5** Unless otherwise specified in the Solicitation, (i) manufacturers' names, brand names, information, and/or catalog numbers listed in a specification are for informational purposes and not intended to limit competition and (ii) a Bidder may offer any brand for which it is an authorized representative, which meets or exceeds the specification for any item(s). Bidder shall offer new items of current design and technology unless a document provided by the State in connection with the Solicitation specifies older models or versions, or used, reconditioned, or remanufactured products are acceptable. Warranties in either case should be the same. However, if a Bid is based on equivalent products, the Bid is required to state the manufacturer's name and number. The Bid shall also explain in detail the reason(s) why the proposed equivalent will meet the specifications and not be considered an exception thereto. Reference to literature submitted with a previous Bid shall not satisfy a specification or requirement associated with the present Bid. Any previous solicitation or resultant contract shall not be depended upon, perceived or interpreted to have any relevance to the present Bid.
- 9.6** Bids shall remain a firm offer for a minimum of one hundred twenty (120) days after the Bid Response Due Date. Any usage amounts provided by the State are estimates and are not guaranteed to be purchased.
- 9.7** Unless specified otherwise, a Bidder shall submit a firm, fixed price for the term, including optional renewal terms, of the Contract. The Bidder guarantees unit prices to be correct.
- 9.8** In accordance with 74 O.S. §85.40, all travel expenses to be incurred by Supplier in performance of the Contract shall be included in the total Bid price/contract amount. Travel expenses include, but are not limited to, transportation, lodging and meals. Examples of other miscellaneous travel expenses are referenced in §10.14 of the Statewide Accounting Manual<sup>5</sup>.
- 9.9** A Bid containing early payment discounts may be evaluated when making an award. If a Bidder wishes to offer an early payment discount, the Bid must include available discount percentages for no less than ten (10) days payment, increasing in five (5) day increments up to thirty (30) days.

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<sup>4</sup> OAC 260:115-3-7 and OAC 260:115-3-11 are located at [http://www.oar.state.ok.us/oar/codedoc02.nsf/frmMain?OpenFrameSet&Frame=Main&Src=\\_75tnm2shfcdnm8pb4dthj0chedppmcbq8dtmmak31ctijjrgcln50ob7ckj42tbkdt374obdcli00](http://www.oar.state.ok.us/oar/codedoc02.nsf/frmMain?OpenFrameSet&Frame=Main&Src=_75tnm2shfcdnm8pb4dthj0chedppmcbq8dtmmak31ctijjrgcln50ob7ckj42tbkdt374obdcli00)

<sup>5</sup> Statewide Accounting Manual is located at <https://omes.ok.gov/sites/g/files/gmc316/f/StatewideAccountingManual.pdf>.

The discount percentages shall be expressed in a half or whole percentage, with the minimum discount percentage being 0.5%. The State is not obligated to utilize an offered discount.

- 9.10 All costs incurred by the Bidder for Bid preparation and participation shall be the sole responsibility of the Bidder and the Bidder shall not be reimbursed for any such costs. By submitting a Bid, Bidder agrees not to make any claims for damages or have any rights to damages in connection with the Bid.
- 9.11 For consistency of contract structure, certain State terms may be marked “Intentionally Omitted”. If so, no response is expected.
- 9.12 After review of a Bidder's submitted documents and information, the State may require additional terms in which customer data will be accessed, processed or stored by a Supplier.
- 9.13 Each Bid is required to include relevant information for a designated contact to receive notice, approvals and requests allowed or required by the terms of the Contract.

## 10 Bid Withdrawal, Bid Change and Alternate Bid

- 10.1 Except as authorized by the State Purchasing Director after proof by the Bidder that a significant error by the Bidder exists in the Bid, a Bid may not be withdrawn after the Bid Response Due Date and Time. If the Bidder wishes to withdraw a Bid prior to the Bid Response Due Date and Time, the Bidder shall submit a written withdrawal request to the State Purchasing Director in accordance with OAC 260:115-3-13<sup>6</sup> except that the request shall be emailed to the email address listed in Section 9 above, due to the COVID 19 outbreak.
- 10.2 Except as requested by the State, a Bid may not be changed after the Bid Response Due Date and Time. If the Bidder needs to change a submitted Bid prior to the Bid Response Due Date and Time, the Bidder shall withdraw the originally submitted Bid and a new Bid shall be submitted to the State by the Bid Response Due Date and Time in accordance with Section 9 and include the following statement on the superseding Bid cover page: **“THIS BID SUPERSEDES THE BID PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED” AND “SUPERSEDING BID” MUST APPEAR IN THE SUBJECT LINE OF THE EMAIL.**
- 10.3 A Bidder may submit one or more Alternate Bids. Any Alternate Bid submitted shall be a complete Bid and shall be clearly identified as an Alternate Bid in the subject line of the email. If more than one Alternate Bid is submitted, the identification in the email subject line shall refer to Alternate Bid 1, Alternate Bid 2, etc.

## 11 Bid Rejection

- 11.1 The Bidder’s failure to submit required information may cause its Bid to be rejected. Additionally, a Bid received after the Bid Response Due Date and Time **SHALL BE DEEMED NON-**

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<sup>6</sup> OAC 260:115-3-13 is located at [http://www.oar.state.ok.us/oar/codedoc02.nsf/frmMain?OpenFrameSet&Frame=Main&Src=\\_75tnm2shfcdnm8pb4dthj0chedppmcbq8dtmmak3lctijjrgcln50ob7ckj42tbkdt374obdcli00](http://www.oar.state.ok.us/oar/codedoc02.nsf/frmMain?OpenFrameSet&Frame=Main&Src=_75tnm2shfcdnm8pb4dthj0chedppmcbq8dtmmak3lctijjrgcln50ob7ckj42tbkdt374obdcli00).

**RESPONSIVE AND SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED.** Failure to comply with these Bidder Instructions may result in the Bid being disqualified from evaluation.

- 11.2 A Bid may be rejected when the Bidder imposes terms or conditions that would modify requirements or limit the Bidder's liability to the State. Other possible reasons for rejection of Bids are listed in OAC 260:115-3-5 and 260:115-7-32(h)<sup>7</sup>.
- 11.3 Attempts to impose unacceptable conditions on the State or impose alternative terms not in the best interest of the State shall not be tolerated. Continued attempts to impose unacceptable conditions or terms on the State shall result in a determination of non-responsiveness of the Bid.
- 11.4 Whenever the terms "shall", "must", "will", or "is required" are used, the specification being referred to is a mandatory specification. Failure to meet any mandatory specification may cause rejection of a Bid.
- 11.5 Whenever the terms "can", "may", or "should" are used, the specification being referred to is a desirable item and failure to provide any item so termed shall not be cause for rejection of a Bid.

## 12 Bid Public Opening

Due to the COVID 19 outbreak, there will be no physical Bid openings at this time. Public Bid openings will be conducted on a per request basis via Zoom. Zoom information will be provided to anyone requesting a public Bid Opening.

## 13 Evaluation

- 13.1 A responsive Bid will proceed to the evaluation process. Unless the Solicitation specifies that "best value" criteria will be used to determine award, Bids shall be evaluated on "lowest and best" criteria.
- 13.2 Pursuant to OAC 260:115-7-32, Bidder past performance as a Supplier may be considered when evaluating a Bid.
- 13.3 Pursuant to 74 O.S. §85.44E, a Bid submitted by a service-disabled veteran business that does business in Oklahoma or maintains an Oklahoma office or place of business will be given a three-percentage point bonus preference in scoring the Bid.
- 13.4 The State reserves the right to require demonstrations, clarifications and additional documentation from any or all responding Bidders. Each Bidder should be prepared to participate in oral presentations and demonstrations to define the Bid, to introduce the Bidder's team and to respond to questions regarding the Bid if required by the State prior to award.

## 14 Competitive Negotiations of Offers

- 14.1 The State reserves the right to negotiate with none or one or more Bidders responding to the Solicitation and may negotiate any or all content of the Bid to obtain the best value for the State.

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<sup>7</sup> OAC 260:115-3-5 and 260:115-7-32 is located at:

[http://www.oar.state.ok.us/oar/codedoc02.nsf/frmMain?OpenFrameSet&Frame=Main&Src=\\_75tnm2shfcdnm8pb4dthj0chedppmcbq8dtmmak31ctijjrgcln50ob7ckj42tbkdt374obdcli00\\_](http://www.oar.state.ok.us/oar/codedoc02.nsf/frmMain?OpenFrameSet&Frame=Main&Src=_75tnm2shfcdnm8pb4dthj0chedppmcbq8dtmmak31ctijjrgcln50ob7ckj42tbkdt374obdcli00_)

Negotiations may be conducted in person, in writing or by electronic means and shall only be conducted with potentially acceptable Bids.

- 14.2 Negotiations could entail discussions on products, services, pricing, contract terminology or any other issue material to an award decision or that may mitigate the State's risks. The State shall consider all issues arising from the Bid to be negotiable and will not be artificially constrained by internal corporate policies. In the event of prolonged contract negotiations due to the number and/or significance of exceptions taken, lack of Bidder responsiveness or other failure to close contract negotiations that are not caused by the State, the State may, in its discretion, offer a successful Bidder a shorter contract term.
- 14.3 Firms that contend a lack of flexibility because of corporate policy on a particular negotiation item shall face a significant disadvantage and may not be considered.
- 14.4 Terms, conditions, prices, methodology, or other features of the Bid may be subject to negotiations and subsequent revision. As part of the negotiations, the Bidder may be required to submit supporting financial, pricing, and other data in order to allow a detailed evaluation of the feasibility, reasonableness, and acceptability of the Bid.
- 14.5 Requirements and any terms marked as non-negotiable after the section title shall not be negotiable and shall remain unchanged unless the State determines that a change in such requirements or terms is in the best interest of the State.
- 14.6 The State may request a BAFO and shall determine the scope and subject of any BAFO request. However, the Bidder should not expect an opportunity to otherwise strengthen its Bid and should submit its best Bid based on requirements herein. Any information offered outside the scope of the BAFO request will not be considered and will be disregarded.

## 15 Award of Contract

- 15.1 The State may award the contract to more than one Bidder by awarding the contract(s) by item or groups of items or may award the contract on an all or none basis, whichever is deemed to be in the best interest of the State.
- 15.2 In order to receive an award or payments from the State, a Bidder must be registered **as both a Bidder and as a Supplier** and must maintain the registration prior to any Contract renewal term. The registration process may be completed electronically at the following link: <https://omes.ok.gov/services/purchasing/vendor-registration>.
- 15.3 Pursuant to Oklahoma Attorney General Opinion No. 06-23, any Bidder that has assisted in preparing the Solicitation or developing the procurement terms, either directly or indirectly, is precluded from being awarded the Contract or from securing a sub-contractor that has provided such services.
- 15.4 Prior to award, the State may choose to request information from the Bidder to demonstrate its financial status and performance. If the Bidder is a subsidiary of another entity, the last three years audited financial statements of three years tax returns for the parent company may also be required.

The State reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to determine a Bidder's financial status and to withhold award to a Bidder who is not deemed financially responsible.

- 15.5** A notice of award may be in the form of a purchase order or other payment mechanism or in the form of a mutually executed contract.

**BID PACKET SECTION FOUR: REQUESTED EXCEPTIONS TO TERMS  
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Term & Section	Language
General Terms, Pricing (Section 5.2, pg. 7) <b>EXAMPLE</b>	Section 5.2 is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:  Pursuant to 74 O.S. §85.40, all travel expenses of Supplier must be included in the total Acquisition price. Travel expenses include, but are not limited to, lodging, transportation and meal expenses.
Information Technology Terms, Appendix 1, Data Security (Section B.2, pg. 12) <b>EXAMPLE</b>	Section B.2 shall be modified to add the following:  Customer is responsible for Personal Data encryption when solely in the Customer’s possession.
Information Technology Terms, Source Code Escrow (Section 9, pg. 5) <b>EXAMPLE</b>	Section 9 is deleted in its entirety.