

# COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION – No. 01920 OFFICE RELOCATION SERVICES

#### INTRODUCTION

The Washington State Department of Enterprise Services (Enterprise Services) is issuing this Competitive Solicitation pursuant to RCW chapter 39.26. Pursuant to this Competitive Solicitation, Enterprise Services intends to conduct a competitive procurement to establish and award a Master Contract(s) for eligible purchasers to purchase intrastate office relocation services which may include the packaging and moving of complex furniture systems ("Office Relocation Services").

Bidder may choose to compete in one or both of two categories:

**Category A** – All-inclusive moving services to include overnight storage and services required for the assembling/disassembling of complex furniture and office systems.

**Category B** – Core moving services with the option for overnight storage only. <u>This category will not</u> include services for the assembling/disassembling of complex furniture and office systems.

This Competitive Solicitation is divided into six (6) sections:

- <u>Section 1</u> provides a summary table of relevant deadlines for responding to the Competitive Solicitation and identifies contact information for Enterprise Services' Procurement Coordinator.
- Section 2 provides important information about the procurement that is designed to help interested bidders evaluate the potential opportunity, including the purpose of the procurement and Master Contracts, the form of the resulting Master Contract, and potential contract sales.
- Section 3 identifies how Enterprise Services will evaluate the bids.
- Section 4 identifies how to prepare and submit a bid for this Competitive Solicitation, including detailed instructions regarding what to submit and how to submit your bid.
- <u>Section 5</u> details the applicable requirements to file a complaint, request a debrief conference, or file a protest regarding this Competitive Solicitation.
- Section 6 provides information pertaining to doing business with the State of Washington.

In addition, this Competitive Solicitation includes the following Exhibits:

- <u>Exhibit A Required Bidder Information</u>: These exhibits identify information that bidders must provide to Enterprise Services to constitute a responsive bid. *See* Section 4, below.
  - Exhibit A-1 Bidder's Certification

- o Exhibit A-2 Bidder's Profile
- <u>Exhibit B Performance Requirements</u>: This exhibit outlines the required specifications/qualifications for Office Relocation Services that are the subject of this Competitive Solicitation.
- <u>Exhibit C Bid Price</u>: This exhibit provides the pricing information that bidders will
  complete as part of their bid and the price evaluation tool that Enterprise Services will
  use to evaluate and compare bids.
- <u>Exhibit D Master Contract</u>: This exhibit is a draft of the Master Contract that any successful bidder will execute with Enterprise Services.
- Exhibit D-1 Master Contract Issues List: This exhibit outlines the bidder's issues, if any, and proposed resolution if they have any business concerns with the form of the contract to be awarded. Note, however, that Enterprise Services reserves the right not to modify the contract and to award the contract on the basis of a bidder's willingness to agree to the contract.

## Section 1 – Deadlines, Questions, Procurement Coordinator, and Modification

This section identifies important deadlines for this Competitive Solicitation and where to direct questions regarding the Competitive Solicitation.

1.1. **COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION DEADLINES.** The following table identifies important dates for this Competitive Solicitation:

| COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION DEADLINES                         |   |  |  |  |  |
|--|---|--|--|--|--|
| Ітем   | DATE  |  |  |  |  |
| Competitive Solicitation Posting Date:                     | November 25, 2020   |  |  |  |  |
|  | December 8, 2020 at 10:00-10:00 a.m.(Pacific Time)  |  |  |  |  |
| Pre-Bid Conference:  | Join Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: 964 5165 6948 Password: 909017 Other ways to connect Dial by your location 877 853 5247 US Toll-free 888 788 0099 US Toll-free Meeting ID: 964 5165 6948 Password: 909017 |  |  |  |  |
| Question & Answer Period:                                  | November 25, 2020 – December 15, 2020   |  |  |  |  |
| Deadline for submitting Bids:                              | December 21, 2020   |  |  |  |  |
| Anticipated Announcement of Apparent Successful Bidder(s): | January 4, 2021   |  |  |  |  |
| Anticipated Award of Master Contract(s):                   | January 15, 2021  |  |  |  |  |

1.2. **COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION QUESTIONS**. Questions or concerns regarding this Competitive Solicitation must be directed to the following Procurement Coordinator:

|            | Procurement Coordinator         |
|------------|---------------------------------|
| Name:      | Mike Dombrowsky                 |
| Telephone: | 360-407-8717                    |
| Email:     | DESContractsStrategy@des.wa.gov |

Questions raised at the pre-bid conference and during the Q&A period will be answered and responses posted to Washington's Electronic Business Solution (WEBS).

- 1.3. **COMPLAINTS, DEBRIEFS, & PROTESTS.** The Competitive Solicitation (and award of any Master Contract) is subject to complaints, debriefs, and protests as explained in Section 5, which may impact the dates set forth above.
- 1.4. **COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION AMENDMENT & MODIFICATION**. Enterprise Services reserves the right to amend and modify this Competitive Solicitation. Only bidders who have properly registered and downloaded the original Competitive Solicitation directly via WEBS will receive notifications of amendments and other correspondence pertinent to this Competitive Solicitation. Bidders must be registered in WEBS to be awarded a Master Contract. Visit WEBS to register.

## Section 2 – Information About the Procurement

This section describes the purpose of the Competitive Solicitation and provides information about this procurement, including the potential scope of the opportunity.

2.1. Purpose of the Procurement – Award a Master Contract. The purpose of this Competitive Solicitation is to receive competitive bids to evaluate and, as appropriate, award Master Contracts for Office Relocation Services. This Competitive Solicitation is designed to result in multiple Master Contract awards per geographic region (see region table below) and category. Region 3 and 6 will be awarded up to three Master Contracts per category, the remaining regions will be awarded up to two Master Contracts per category.

| REGIONS                  |  |  |  |  |  |
|--------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Region 1 - Eastern       | (Ferry, Stevens, Pend Oreille, Lincoln, Spokane, Adams, Whitman)               |  |  |  |  |
| Region 2 - North Central | (Okanogan, Chelan, Douglas, Kittitas, Grant)                                   |  |  |  |  |
| Region 3 - Northwest     | (Pierce, King, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish, Whatcom, Island counties)          |  |  |  |  |
| Region 4 - Olympic       | (Kitsap, Clallam, Jefferson, Grays Harbor, Mason)                              |  |  |  |  |
| Region 5 - South Central | (Yakima, Klickitat, Benton, Franklin, Walla Walla, Columbia, Garfield, Asotin) |  |  |  |  |
| Region 6 - Southwest     | (Thurston, Lewis, Pacific, Wahkiakum, Cowlitz, Clark, Skamania)                |  |  |  |  |

a. MASTER CONTRACTS. Enterprise Services has statewide responsibility to develop 'master contracts' for goods and services. A Master Contract is a contract for specific goods and/or services that is competitively solicited and established by Enterprise Services, on behalf of the State of Washington, for use by statutorily specified eligible purchasers (see

below). Typically, such purchasers use our Master Contracts through a purchase order, work order, or similar document. The Master Contract is designed to function as a 'procurement bridge' between innovative vendors who have bid and won a competitive solicitation to supply goods/services and eligible purchasers who wish to purchase such goods/services pursuant to pre-determined, clear, consistent, easy to use, value-added Master Contracts. In short, the Master Contract will establish precisely what goods/services may be purchased, the relevant performance requirements for such goods/services as well as the vendor's contractual performance, and the applicable price for such goods/services. Purchaser-specific purchase orders will specify, for example, the particular volume of goods/services, the Purchaser's delivery location, etc.

- b. **MASTER CONTRACT USERS ELIGIBLE PURCHASERS**. Any resulting Master Contract from this Competitive Solicitation will be available for use by the following entities, each of whom is an eligible purchaser ("Purchasers"):
  - WASHINGTON STATE AGENCIES. All Washington State agencies, departments, offices, divisions, boards, and commissions.
  - WASHINGTON STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION (COLLEGES). Any of the following specific institutions of higher education in Washington:
    - State universities i.e., University of Washington & Washington State University;
    - Regional universities i.e., Central Washington University, Eastern Washington University, & Western Washington University
    - Evergreen State College;
    - Community colleges; and
    - Technical colleges.
  - MCUA PARTIES. Any resulting Master Contract also may be utilized by any of the following types of entities that have executed a Master Contract Usage Agreement (MCUA) with Enterprise Services:
    - Political subdivisions (e.g., counties, cities, school districts, public utility districts, ports) in the State of Washington;
    - Federal governmental agencies or entities;
    - Public-benefit nonprofit corporations (i.e., § 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporations that receive federal, state, or local funding); and
    - Federally-recognized Indian Tribes located in the State of Washington.

Enterprise Services maintains a list of eligible MCUA parties on the <u>MCUA Listing</u> <u>website</u>.

While Master Contract usage is optional for Purchasers other than Washington State agencies, these entities can increase Master Contract use significantly. All Purchasers are subject to the same contract terms, conditions, and pricing as Washington State agencies.

- 2.2. **MASTER CONTRACT**. The form of the Master Contract that will be awarded as a result of this Competitive Solicitation is attached as *Exhibit D Master Contract*.
- 2.3. **CONTRACT TERM**. As set forth in the attached Master Contract for this Competitive Solicitation, the contract term is seventy-two (72) months. Bidders are to specify prices for the contract term. The Master Contract is subject to earlier termination.

2.4. ESTIMATED SALES. Historically, for prior master contracts, annual total sales were approximately \$1 million. Total potential or estimated contract sales for this Competitive Solicitation are not known. As stated in this Competitive Solicitation, however, the resulting Master Contract will be available for use by all eligible Purchasers. Such Purchasers will decide whether the Master Contract meets their needs and whether they use the Master Contract. Although Enterprise Services does not represent or guarantee any minimum purchase from the Master Contract, prior purchases under a similar contract are set forth in the following chart:

| Туре                     | Contract Sales Total |
|--------------------------|----------------------|
| State Agency             | \$<br>3,822,706.63   |
| School Districts         | \$<br>994,661.00     |
| Cities Including Towns   | \$<br>346,283.00     |
| County                   | \$<br>300,083.32     |
| Districts, Other         | \$<br>276,433.18     |
| Higher Ed (State Agency) | \$<br>219,612.00     |
| Enterprise Services      | \$<br>112,220.00     |
| Port Districts           | \$<br>16,697.00      |
| Libraries                | \$<br>15,307.00      |
| Non-Profit               | \$<br>12,455.00      |
| Association/Medical      | \$<br>5,465.64       |
| Other Govt               | \$<br>3,090.00       |
| Private Schools          | \$<br>2,960.00       |
| Federal Government       | \$<br>2,072.00       |
| Grand Total              | \$<br>12,260,091.54  |

- 2.5. **WASHINGTON STATE PROCUREMENT PRIORITIES & PREFERENCES.** Enterprise Services will apply the following Washington State procurement priorities and preferences to this Competitive Solicitation which, is set forth in Section 3.5, will impact the evaluation of bids for this Competitive Solicitation:
  - Executive Order 18-03 Workers' Rights (Mandatory employee arbitration).
  - Small Business
  - Veteran-Owned Business

## SECTION 3 - BID EVALUATION

This section identifies how Enterprise Service will evaluate bids for this Competitive Solicitation.

- 3.1. **OVERVIEW**. Enterprise Services will evaluate bids for this Competitive Solicitation as described below.
  - Bidder responsiveness, performance requirements, price factors, and responsibility, will be evaluated based on the process described herein.
  - Any bidder whose bid is determined to be non-responsive will be rejected and will be notified of the reasons for this rejection.
  - Enterprise Services reserves the right to: (1) Waive any informality; (2) Reject any or all bids, or portions thereof; (3) Accept any portion of the items bid unless the bidder stipulates all or nothing in their bid; (4) Request clarification of any bid; (5) Cancel the Competitive Solicitation and re-solicit bids; and/or (6) Negotiate

with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder(s) to determine if such bid can be improved.

 Enterprise Services will use the following process and evaluation criteria for an award of a Master Contract:

| STEP | Ітем   | POINTS    |  |  |  |
|------|--|-----------|--|--|--|
| 1    | Responsiveness   | Pass/Fail |  |  |  |
|      |  |           |  |  |  |
| 2    | Performance Requirement Evaluation<br>Exhibit B - Performance Requirements | 500       |  |  |  |
| 3    | Bid Pricing Evaluation Exhibit C – Bid Price                               |           |  |  |  |
|      | Total:   | 1000      |  |  |  |
|      | State Procurement Priorities   |           |  |  |  |
| 4    | Washington Small Business  | 50        |  |  |  |
| 4    | Veteran-Owned Business   | 50        |  |  |  |
|      | Executive Order 18-03  | 50        |  |  |  |
|      | Total:   | 1130      |  |  |  |
| 5    | Responsibility Analysis  | Pass/Fail |  |  |  |

- 3.2. **RESPONSIVENESS (STEP 1)**. Enterprise Services will review bids on a pass/fail basis to determine whether the bid is 'responsive' to this Competitive Solicitation. This means that Enterprise Services will review each bid to determine whether the bid is complete i.e., does the bid include each of the required bid submittals, are the submittals complete, signed, legible. Enterprise Services reserves the right in its sole discretion to determine whether a bid is responsive i.e., to determine a bidder's compliance with the requirements specified in this Competitive Solicitation and to waive informalities in a bid. An informality is an immaterial variation from the exact requirements of the Competitive Solicitation, having no effect or merely a minor or negligible effect on quality, quantity, or delivery of the goods or performance of the services being procured, and the correction or waiver of which would not affect the relative standing of, or be otherwise prejudicial, to bidders. Responsive bids will be evaluated as set forth herein.
- 3.3. **PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS EVALUATION (STEP 2).** Enterprise Services will evaluate each bid to ensure that each bidder's product(s) or service(s) meet the performance requirements set forth in *Exhibit B Performance Requirements*. Enterprise Services reserves the right to request additional information or review bidder's operations before selecting the Apparent Successful Bidder. A bidder's failure to provide requested information to Enterprise Services within ten (10) business days may result in disqualification. There will be a maximum of 500 points awarded based on the bidders' responses to *Exhibit B Performance Requirements*.
- 3.4. **BID PRICING EVALUATION (STEP 3)**. Enterprise Services will evaluate bids to identify the lowest evaluation total by reviewing and comparing the submitted bid prices provided in *Exhibit C* –

*Bid Price*. The lowest bid will receive the maximum of available 500 points, and the remaining bids will receive a proportionate number of points based on their bid price as compared to the lowest bid using the following formula:

Lowest total bid evaluation cost divided by a higher total bid evaluation cost (bid that is being evaluated) multiplied by number of available points equals the cost factor evaluation points. Points will be rounded to three places to the right of the decimal point using standard rounding method.

Sample Calculation using Bidder A = \$100,000 and Bidder B = \$110,000

Bidder B calculation:  $$100,000(A) / $110,000(B) = 0.909 \times 500$  (max points available) = 454.545 Cost points (rounded to three places to the right of the decimal point using standard rounding).

Bidder A is the lowest total bid evaluation cost, so it would be assigned the 500 points. Bidder B would be assigned 455 points based on the formula above.

- 3.5. **WASHINGTON STATE PROCUREMENT PRIORITIES & PREFERENCES (STEP 4)**. Enterprise Services will apply the following Washington State procurement priorities and preferences, as set forth below, to this Competitive Solicitation
  - PROCUREMENT PREFERENCE FOR EXECUTIVE ORDER 18-03 (Firms without Mandatory Individual Arbitration for Employees). Pursuant to RCW 39.26.160(3) (best value criteria) and consistent with Executive Order 18-03 Supporting Workers' Rights to Effectively Address Workplace Violations (dated June 12, 2018), Enterprise Services will evaluate bids for best value and will provide a bid preference in the amount of 50 points to any bidder who certifies, pursuant to the Bidder Certification attached as Exhibit A-1 Bidder's Certification, that their firm does NOT require its employees, as a condition of employment, to sign or agree to mandatory individual arbitration clauses or class or collective action waiver.
  - i. Washington Small Businesses. In furtherance of Washington's business inclusion goals Enterprise Services will evaluate bids for best value and will provide a bid preference in the amount of five (5) percent or 50 points to any bidder who certifies, pursuant to the Bidder Certification attached as Exhibit A-1 Bidder's Certification, and documents its status as a 'Washington small business' as defined in RCW 39.26.010(22). A Washington small business means an in-state business, including a sole proprietorship, corporation, partnership, or other legal entity, that:
    - (a) Certifies on WEBS, under penalty of perjury, that it is owned and operated independently from all other businesses and has either:
      - (i) Fifty or fewer employees; or
      - (ii) A gross revenue of less than seven million dollars annually as reported on its federal income tax return or its return filed with the department of revenue over the previous three consecutive years; or
    - (b) Is certified with the office of women and minority business enterprises under chapter 39.19 RCW.
    - VETERAN-OWNED BUSINESSES. In furtherance of Washington's business inclusion goals,
       Enterprise Services will evaluate bids for best value and will provide a bid preference in

the amount of 50 points to any bidder who certifies, pursuant to the Bidder Certification attached as Exhibit A-1 - Bidder's Certification, its status as a certified veteran-owned business under RCW 43.60A.190 and is identified as such on WEBS (which is confirmed by the Washington Department of Veterans' Affairs).

- 3.6. **RESPONSIBILITY ANALYSIS (STEP 5).** For responsive bids, Enterprise Services will make reasonable inquiry to determine the responsibility of any bidder. Enterprise Services will determine responsibility on a pass/fail basis. In determining responsibility, Enterprise Services will consider the following statutory elements:
  - The ability, capacity, and skill of the bidder to perform the contract or provide the service required;
  - The character, integrity, reputation, judgment, experience, and efficiency of the bidder;
  - Whether the bidder can perform the contract within the time specified;
  - The quality of performance of previous contracts or services;
  - The previous and existing compliance by the bidder with laws relating to the contract or services;
  - Whether, within the three-year period immediately preceding the date of the Competitive Solicitation, the bidder has been determined by a final and binding citation and notice of assessment issued by the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries or through a civil judgment entered by a court of limited or general jurisdiction to have willfully violated, as defined in RCW 49.48.082, any provision of chapter 49.46, 49.48, or 49.52 RCW; and
  - Such other information as may be secured having a bearing on the decision to award the Master Contract.

See RCW 39.26.160(2)(a)-(f). In addition, Enterprise Services may consider the following:

- Financial Information: Enterprise Services may request financial statements, credit ratings, references, record of past performance, clarification of bidder's offer, on-site inspection of bidder's or subcontractor's facilities, or other information as necessary. Failure to respond to these requests may result in a bid being rejected as non-responsive.
- References: Enterprise Services reserves the right to use references to confirm satisfactory customer service, performance, satisfaction with service/product, knowledge of products/service/industry and timeliness. Any negative or unsatisfactory reference can be reason for rejecting a bidder as non-responsible.
- 3.7. ANNOUNCEMENT OF APPARENT SUCCESSFUL BIDDER(s). Enterprise Services will determine the Apparent Successful Bidders ("ASBs"). The ASBs will be the responsive and responsible bidder(s) that best meet(s) the Competitive Solicitation requirements and presents the best total value, including price, as calculated consistent with the instructions set forth in Exhibit C Bid Price, and other factors as set forth in this Competitive Solicitation including any applicable state procurement priority or preference.

- Designation as an ASB does not imply that Enterprise Services will issue an award for a Master Contract to your firm. Rather, this designation allows Enterprise Services to perform further analysis and ask for additional documentation. Bidders must not construe ASB designation as an award, impending award, attempt to negotiate, etc. If a bidder acts or fails to act as a result of this notification, it does so at its own risk and expense.
- Upon announcement of ASBs, bidders may request a debrief conference as specified in Section 5.
- 3.8. **AWARD OF MASTER CONTRACTS**. Subject to protests, if any, Enterprise Services and the ASBs will enter into Master Contract as set forth in **Exhibit D Master Contract**. An award, in part or full, is made and a contract formed by signature of Enterprise Services and awarded bidder on the Master Contract. Enterprise Services reserves the right to award on an all-or-nothing consolidated basis. Following the award of the Master Contract, all bidders registered in WEBS will receive a Notice of Award delivered to the bidder's email address provided in the bidder's profile in WEBS.
- 3.9. **BID INFORMATION AVAILABILITY**. Upon Enterprise Services' announcement of ASBs, all bid submissions and all bid evaluations are subject to public disclosure pursuant to Washington's Public Records Act. *See* RCW 39.26.030(2). Upon Enterprise Services' announcement of ASBs, Enterprise Services will post all bid evaluations to Enterprise Services' website. It is Enterprise Services' intention to post all winning Bid submissions to the contract portal page.
- 3.10. ADDITIONAL AWARDS. Enterprise Services reserves the right, during the resulting Master Contract term, to make additional Master Contract awards to responsive, responsible bidders who provided a bid but who are not awarded a Master Contract. Such awards would be on the same or substantially similar terms and conditions and would be designed to address a Contractor vacancy (e.g., a contractor is terminated or goes out of business), respond to Purchaser needs, or be in the best interest of the State of Washington. It is Enterprise Services' intention to post all winning Bid submissions to the contract portal page.

## SECTION 4 - HOW TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT A BID FOR THIS COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION

This section identifies how to prepare and submit your bid to Enterprise Services for this Competitive Solicitation. In addition, bidders will need to review and follow the Competitive Solicitation requirements including those set forth in the exhibits, which identifies the information that bidders must provide to Enterprise Services to constitute a responsive bid. By responding to this Competitive Solicitation and submitting a bid, bidders acknowledge having read and understood the entire Competitive Solicitation and accept all information contained within this Competitive Solicitation.

4.1. **PRE-BID CONFERENCE**. Enterprise Services will host a Competitive Solicitation pre-bid conference at the time and location indicated in Section 1.1 of this Competitive Solicitation. Attendance is not mandatory. Bidders, however, are encouraged to attend and participate. The purpose of the pre-bid conference is to clarify the Competitive Solicitation as needed and raise any issues or concerns that bidders may have. If changes to the Competitive Solicitation are required as a result of the pre-bid conference, the Procurement Coordinator will post an amendment to this Competitive

Solicitation to WEBS. Assistance for disabled, blind, or hearing-impaired persons who wish to attend the pre-bid conference is available with prior arrangement by contacting the Procurement Coordinator.

- 4.2. **BIDDER COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING THIS COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION.** During the Competitive Solicitation process, all bidder communications regarding this Competitive Solicitation must be directed to the Procurement Coordinator for this Competitive Solicitation. *See* Section 1.2 of this Competitive Solicitation. Bidders should rely only on this Competitive Solicitation and written amendments to the Competitive Solicitation issued by the Procurement Coordinator. In no event will oral communications regarding the Competitive Solicitation be binding.
  - Bidders are encouraged to make any inquiry regarding the Competitive Solicitation as early in the process as possible to allow Enterprise Services to consider and, if warranted, respond to the inquiry. If a bidder does not notify Enterprise Services of an issue, exception, addition, or omission, Enterprise Services may consider the matter waived by the bidder for protest purposes.
  - If bidder inquiries result in changes to the Competitive Solicitation, written amendments will be issued and posted on WEBS.
  - Unauthorized contact regarding this Competitive Solicitation with other state employees involved with the Competitive Solicitation may result in bidder disqualification.
- 4.3. **PRICING.** Bid prices must include all cost components needed for the delivery of the goods and/or services as described in this Competitive Solicitation. *See Exhibit C Bid Price*. A bidder's failure to identify all costs in a manner consistent with the instructions in this Competitive Solicitation is sufficient grounds for disqualification.
  - Inclusive Pricing: Bidders must identify and include all cost elements in their pricing. In the event that bidder is awarded a Master Contract, the total price for the goods and/or services shall be bidder's price as submitted. Except as provided in the Master Contract, there shall be no additional costs of any kind.
  - Credit Cards (P-Cards): In the event that bidder is awarded a Master Contract, the total price for the goods and/or services shall be the same regardless of whether Purchasers make payment by cash, credit card, or electronic payment. Bidder shall bear, in full, any processing or surcharge fees associated with the use of credit cards or electronic payment.
  - Vendor Management Fee: The resulting Master Contract from this Competitive Solicitation will include a Vendor Management Fee as specified in the Master Contract attached as *Exhibit D – Master Contract*.
- 4.4. **BID SUBMITTAL CHECKLIST REQUIRED BID SUBMITTALS.** This section identifies the bid submittals that must be provided to Enterprise Services to constitute a responsive bid. The submittals must be delivered as set forth below. Bids that do not include the submittals identified below may be rejected as nonresponsive. In addition, a bidder's failure to complete any submittal as instructed may result in the bid being rejected. Bidders must identify any supplemental materials with the bidder's name.

| EXHIBIT A-1 – BIDDER'S CERTIFICATION  This document is the Bidder's Certification.  Complete the certification, attach it to the bid along with any exceptions or required explanations, and submit it to Enterprise Services.  Note: the Certification must be complete. Where there are choices, Bidder must check a box. The certification must be signed and submitted by a duly authorized representative for the Bidder. |
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| EXHIBIT A-2 – BIDDER'S PROFILE  This document is required bidder information for Enterprise Services' contract administration purposes.  Complete as instructed and submit with the bid to Enterprise Services.  |
| EXHIBIT B – PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS  Bidder will need to confirm that the services and bidder's performance meets or exceeds the detailed requirements set forth in Exhibit B – Performance Requirements.   |
| EXHIBIT C – BID PRICE Bidder will need to complete the price worksheet templates as instructed in  Exhibit C – Bid Price.  |
| EXHIBIT D-1 – MASTER CONTRACT ISSUES LIST [IF APPLICABLE]  Bidder will need to complete the template as instructed in <i>Exhibit D-1 – Master Contract Issues List</i> .   |

- 4.5. **BID FORMAT**. Bids must be complete, legible, signed, and follow all instructions stated in the Competitive Solicitation (including the exhibits). Unless otherwise specified in writing by Enterprise Services, documents included with an electronic bid must be prepared in MS Word, MS Excel, or Adobe PDF.
- 4.6. **Submitting Bids.** Your electronic bid must be emailed to descontractsstrategy@des.wa.gov. Enterprise Services' email boxes only can accept emails that total less than 30MB in size. Bidders are cautioned to keep email sizes to less than 25MB to ease delivery. Zipped files cannot be accepted.

## Section 5 – Complaint, Debrief, & Protest Requirements

This section details the applicable requirements for complaints, debriefs, and protests.

5.1. **COMPLAINTS.** This Competitive Solicitation offers a complaint period for bidders wishing to voice objections to this solicitation. The complaint period ends five (5) business days before the bid due date. The complaint period is an opportunity to voice objections, raise concerns, or suggest changes that were not addressed during the Question & Answer Period or, if applicable, at the Pre-Bid Conference. Failure by the bidder to raise a complaint at this stage may waive its right for later consideration. Enterprise Services will consider all complaints but is not required to

adopt a complaint, in part or in full. If bidder complaints result in changes to the Competitive Solicitation, written amendments will be issued and posted on WEBS.

- a. CRITERIA FOR COMPLAINT. A formal complaint may be based only on one or more of the following grounds: (a) The solicitation unnecessarily restricts competition; (b) The solicitation evaluation or scoring process is unfair or flawed; or (c) The solicitation requirements are inadequate or insufficient to prepare a response.
- b. Initiating A Complaint. A complaint must: (a) Be submitted to and received by the Procurement Coordinator no less than five (5) business days prior to the deadline for bid submittal; and (b) Be in writing (see Form and Substance, and Other below). A complaint should clearly articulate the basis of the complaint and include a proposed remedy.
- c. RESPONSE. When a complaint is received, the Procurement Coordinator (or designee) will consider all the facts available and respond in writing prior to the deadline for bid submittals, unless more time is needed. Enterprise Services is required to promptly post the response to a complaint on WEBS.
- d. Response is Final. The Procurement Coordinator's response to the complaint is final and not subject to administrative appeal. Issues raised in a complaint may not be raised again during the protest period. Furthermore, any issue, exception, addition, or omission not brought to the attention of the Procurement Coordinator prior to bid submittal may be deemed waived for protest purposes.
- 5.2. **Debrief Conferences**. A Debrief Conference is an opportunity for a bidder and the Procurement Coordinator to meet and discuss the bidder's bid. A debrief is a required prerequisite for a bidder wishing to file a protest. Following the evaluation of the bids, Enterprise Services will issue an announcement of the ASBs. That announcement may be made by any means, but Enterprise Services likely will use email to the bidder's email address provided in the Bidder's Profile. Bidders will have three (3) business days to request a Debrief Conference. Once a Debrief Conference is requested, Enterprise Services will offer the requesting bidder one meeting opportunity and notify the bidder of the Debrief Conference place, date, and time. Please note, because the debrief process must occur before making an award, Enterprise Services likely will schedule the Debrief Conference shortly after the announcement of the ASBs and the bidder's request for a Debrief Conference. Enterprise Services will not allow the debrief process to delay the award. Therefore, bidders should plan for contingencies and alternate representatives; bidders who are unwilling or unable to attend the Debrief Conference will lose the opportunity to protest.
  - a. TIMING. A Debrief Conference may be requested by a bidder following announcement of the Apparent Successful Bidder.
  - b. Purpose of Debrief Conference. Any bidder who has submitted a timely bid response may request a Debrief Conference (see Form and Substance, and Other below). A Debrief Conference provides an opportunity for the bidder to meet with Enterprise Services to discuss its bid and evaluation.
  - c. REQUESTING A DEBRIEF CONFERENCE. The request for a Debrief Conference must be made in writing via email to the Procurement Coordinator and received within three (3) business days after the announcement of the ASBs. Debrief conferences may be conducted either in person at the Enterprise Services offices in Olympia, Washington, or by telephone, as determined by Enterprise Services, and may be limited by Enterprise Services to a specified period of time. The failure of a bidder to request a debrief within the specified

time and attend a debrief conference constitutes a waiver of the right to submit a protest. Any issue, exception, addition, or omission not brought to the attention of the procurement coordinator before or during the debrief conference may be deemed waived for protest purposes.

- 5.3. **PROTESTS.** Following a Debrief Conference, a bidder may protest the award of a Master Contract.
  - a. CRITERIA FOR A PROTEST. A protest may be based only on one or more of the following: (a) Bias, discrimination, or conflict of interest on the part of an evaluator; (b) Error in computing evaluation scores; or (c) Non-compliance with any procedures described in the Competitive Solicitation.
  - b. INITIATING A PROTEST. Any bidder may protest an award to the ASB. A protest must: (a) Be submitted to and received by the Protest Officer specified below, within five (5) business days after the protesting bidder's Debriefing Conference (see Form and Substance, and Other below); (b) Be in writing; (c) Include a specific and complete statement of facts forming the basis of the protest; and (d) Include a description of the relief or corrective action requested.
  - c. PROTEST RESPONSE. After reviewing the protest and available facts, Enterprise Services' Protest Officer will issue a written response within ten (10) business days from receipt of the protest, unless additional time is needed.
  - d. Decision is Final. The protest decision is final and not subject to administrative appeal. If the protesting bidder does not accept Enterprise Services' protest response, the bidder may seek relief in Thurston County Superior Court.
- 5.4. **COMMUNICATION DURING COMPLAINTS, DEBRIEFS, AND PROTESTS**. With the exception of protests, all communications about this Competitive Solicitation, including complaints and debriefs, must be addressed to the Procurement Coordinator unless otherwise directed. Protests must be addressed to the Protest Officer.
  - a. FORM, SUBSTANCE, & OTHER. All complaints, requests for debrief, and protests must (a) Be in writing; (b) Be signed by the complaining or protesting bidder or an authorized agent, unless sent by email; (c) Be delivered within the time frame(s) outlined herein; (d) Identify the solicitation number; (e) Conspicuously state "Complaint," "Debrief" or "Protest" in any subject line of any correspondence or email, and (f) Be sent to the address identified below.
  - b. COMPLAINTS & PROTESTS. All complaints and protests must (a) State all facts and arguments on which the complaining or protesting bidder is relying as the basis for its action; and (b) Include any relevant documentation or other supporting evidence.

#### 5.5. How to Contact Enterprise Services.

a. To Submit a Complaint. Send an email message to the Procurement Coordinator listed in this Competitive Solicitation. The email message must include "Complaint" in the subject line of the email message. Alternatively, mail the complaint to the Procurement Coordinator listed in this Competitive Solicitation at the following address:

Attn: Procurement Coordinator – Complaint Contracts & Procurement Division Washington State Department of Enterprise Services

P.O. Box 41411 Olympia, WA 98504-1411

- b. TO REQUEST A DEBRIEF CONFERENCE. Send an email message to the Procurement Coordinator listed in this Competitive Solicitation. The email message must include "Debrief" in the subject line of the email message.
- c. To Submit A Protest. Send an email message to the Protest Officer at the following email address: <a href="mailto:DESDLProcurementProtest@des.wa.gov">DESDLProcurementProtest@des.wa.gov</a>. The email message must include "Protest" in the subject line of the email message. Alternatively, mail the protest to the Protest Officer at the following address:

Attn: Protest Officer
Contracts & Procurement Division
Washington State Department of Enterprise Services
P.O. Box 41411
Olympia, WA 98504-1411

#### Section 6 – Doing Business with the State of Washington

This section provides additional information regarding doing business with the State of Washington.

#### 6.1. WASHINGTON'S PUBLIC RECORDS ACT – PUBLIC RECORDS DISCLOSURE REQUESTS.

- All documents (written and electronic) submitted to Enterprise Services as part of this procurement are public records. Unless statutorily exempt from disclosure, such records are subject to disclosure if requested. See RCW chapter 42.56, Public Records Act. Enterprise Services strongly discourages bidders from unnecessarily submitting sensitive information (e.g., information that you might categorize as 'confidential,' 'proprietary,' 'sensitive,' 'trade secret,' etc.).
  - If, in your judgment, there is an applicable statutory exemption from disclosure for certain portions of your bid, please mark the precise portion(s) of the relevant page(s) of your bid that you believe are statutorily exempt from disclosure and identify the precise statutory basis for exemption from disclosure.
  - In addition, if, in your judgment, certain portions of your bid are not statutorily exempt from disclosure but are sensitive because these particular portions of your bid (NOT including pricing) include highly confidential, proprietary, or trade secret information (or the equivalent) that your firm protects through the regular use of confidentiality or similar agreements and routine enforcements through court enforcement actions, please mark the precise portion(s) of the relevant page(s) of your bid that include such sensitive information.
- In the event that Enterprise Services receives a public records disclosure request pertaining to information that you have submitted and marked either as (a) statutorily exempt from disclosure; or (b) sensitive, Enterprise Services, prior to disclosure, will do the following:
  - Enterprise Services' Public Records Officer will review any records marked as statutorily exempt from disclosure. In those situations, where the designation

- comports with the stated statutory exemption from disclosure, Enterprise Services will redact or withhold the document(s) as appropriate.
- For documents marked 'sensitive' or for documents where Enterprise Services either determines that no statutory exemption to disclosure applies or is unable to determine whether the stated statutory exemption to disclosure properly applies, Enterprise Services will notify the bidder at the address provided in the bid submittal of the public records disclosure request and identify the date that Enterprise Services intends to release the document(s) (including documents marked 'sensitive' or exempt from disclosure) to the requester unless the bidder, at bidder's sole expense, timely obtains a court order enjoining Enterprise Services from such disclosure. In the event Bidder fails to timely file a motion for a court order enjoining such disclosure, Enterprise Services will release the requested document(s) on the date specified. Bidder's failure properly to identify exempted or sensitive information or timely respond after notice of request for public disclosure has been given shall be deemed a waiver by Bidder of any claim that such materials are exempt or protected from disclosure.
- 6.2. **ECONOMIC GOALS**. In support of the state's economic goals, bidders are encouraged to consider the following in responding to this Competitive Solicitation:
  - Support for a diverse supplier pool, including, veteran-owned, minority-owned and women-owned business enterprises. Results Washington has established the following voluntary numerical goals for this Competitive Solicitation:
    - Ten (10) percent minority-owned businesses (MBE);
    - Six (6) percent women-owned businesses (WBE);
    - Five (5) percent veteran-owned businesses (VB).

Achievement of these goals is encouraged whether directly or through subcontractors. Bidders may contact the <u>Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises</u> for information on certified firms or to become certified.

- Veterans and U.S. active duty, reserve or National Guard service-members are eligible for the registry. The veteran or service-member must control and own at least fifty-one (51) percent of the business and the business must be legally operating in the State of Washington. Control means the authority or ability to direct, regulate or influence dayto-day operations.
- 6.3. **POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYLS (PCBs) NOTICE.** Polychlorinated biphenyls, commonly known as PCBs, have adverse effects on human health and the environment. Accordingly, the State of Washington, through its procurements of goods, is trying to minimize the purchase of products with PCBS and to incentivize its contractual vendors to sell products and products-in-packaging without PCBs.

## 6.4. **RESOURCES**.

- Register for competitive solicitation notices at the Washington Electronic Business Solution (WEBS) WEBS Registration. Note: There is no cost to register on WEBS.
- If you qualify as a Washington small business, identify yourself in WEBS. Call WEBS Customer Service at 360-902-7400.

- Contact the Washington State Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises about state and federal certification programs at Phone 866-208-1064 or <a href="OMWBE">OMWBE</a>.
- Contact the Washington State Department of Veterans' Affairs about veteran-owned businesses certification at (360) 725-2169 or <u>DVA</u>.
- Contact Enterprise Services about small and diverse business inclusion.

## EXHIBIT A-1 - BIDDER'S CERTIFICATION

| See | attached | Exhibit A-1 | - Bidder's | Certification. |
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Note: As set forth above, Bidder must complete, sign, and return the Bidder's Certification to Enterprise Services.

# EXHIBIT A2 - BIDDER'S PROFILE

| See attached Exhibit A-2 – Bidder's Profile.   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Note: As set forth above, Bidder must complete and return the Bidder's Profile to Enterprise Services. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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# **EXHIBIT B – PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS**

| See attached Exhibit B – Performance Requirements.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Note: As set forth above, Bidder must complete and return Exhibit B to Enterprise Services. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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# EXHIBIT C - BID PRICE

| See attached Exhibit C – Bid Price.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Note: As set forth above, Bidder must complete and return <i>Exhibit C – Bid Price</i> to Enterprise Services. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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## EXHIBIT D - MASTER CONTRACT

## EXHIBIT D-1 – MASTER CONTRACT ISSUES LIST

| See attached Exhibit D-1 – Master<br>Relocation Services. | Contract | Issues | <i>List</i> for | Competitive | Solicitation | No. | 01920 – | Office |
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