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7. **EXCEPTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS:** The Solicitation contains the specifications that shall form the basis of a contractual agreement. Vendor shall clearly mark any exceptions, clarifications, or other proposed modifications in its bid. Exceptions to, clarifications of, or modifications of a requirement or term and condition of the Solicitation may result in bid disqualification.

8. **ACCEPTANCE/REJECTION:** The State may accept or reject any bid in whole, or in part. Vendor's signature on its bid signifies acceptance of the terms and conditions contained in the Solicitation and Vendor agrees to be bound by the terms of the Contract, as reflected in the Purchase Order, upon receipt.

9. **REGISTRATION:** Prior to Contract award, the apparent successful Vendor must be properly registered with the West Virginia Purchasing Division and must have paid the \$125 fee if applicable.

10. **FUNDING:** This Contract shall continue for the term stated herein, contingent upon funds being appropriated by the Legislature or otherwise being made available. In the event funds are not appropriated or otherwise made available, this Contract becomes void and of no effect beginning on July 1 of the fiscal year for which funding has not been appropriated or otherwise made available.

11. **PAYMENT:** Payment in advance is prohibited under this Contract. Payment may only be made after the delivery and acceptance of goods or services. The Vendor shall submit invoices, in arrears, to the Agency at the address on the face of the purchase order labeled "Invoice To."

12. **UNIT PRICE:** Unit prices shall prevail in cases of a discrepancy in the Vendor's bid.

13. **DELIVERY:** All quotations are considered freight on board destination ("F.O.B. destination") unless alternate shipping terms are clearly identified in the bid. Vendor's listing of shipping terms that contradict the shipping terms expressly required by this Solicitation may result in bid disqualification.

14. **INTEREST:** Interest attributable to late payment will only be permitted if authorized by the West Virginia Code. Presently, there is no provision in the law for interest on late payments.

15. **PREFERENCE:** Vendor Preference may only be granted upon written request and only in accordance with the West Virginia Code § 5A-3-37 and the West Virginia Code of State Rules. A Resident Vendor Certification form has been attached hereto to allow Vendor to apply for the preference. Vendor's failure to submit the Resident Vendor Certification form with its bid will result in denial of Vendor Preference. Vendor Preference does not apply to construction projects.

16. **SMALL, WOMEN-OWNED, OR MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESSES:** For any solicitations publicly advertised for bid on or after July 1, 2012, in accordance with West Virginia Code §5A-3- 37(a) (7) and W. Va. CSR § 148-22-9, any non-resident vendor certified as a small, women-owned, or minority-owned business under W. Va. CSR § 148-22-9 shall be provided the same preference made available to any resident vendor. Any non-resident small, women-owned, or minority-owned business must identify itself as such in writing, must submit that writing to the Purchasing Division (or to the Agency handling the solicitation for agency delegated purchases) with its bid, and must be properly certified under W. Va. CSR § 148-22-9 prior to submission of its bid to receive the preferences made available to resident vendors. Preference for a non-resident small, women-owned, or minority-owned business shall be applied in accordance with W. Va. CSR § 148-22-9.

17. **TAXES:** The Vendor shall pay any applicable sales, use, personal property or any other taxes arising out of this Contract and the transactions contemplated thereby. The State of West Virginia is exempt from federal and state taxes and will not pay or reimburse such taxes.

18. **CANCELLATION:** The State reserves the right to cancel this Contract immediately upon written notice to the vendor if the materials or workmanship supplied do not conform to the specifications contained in the Contract. The Purchasing Division Director may cancel any purchase or Contract upon 30 days written notice to the Vendor in accordance with West Virginia Code of State Rules § 148-1- 7.16.2.

19. **WAIVER OF MINOR IRREGULARITIES:** The Director reserves the right to waive minor irregularities in bids or specifications in accordance with West Virginia Code of State Rules § 148-1-4.6.

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20. **TIME:** Time is of the essence with regard to all matters of time and performance in this Contract.

21. **APPLICABLE LAW:** This Contract is governed by and interpreted under West Virginia law without giving effect to its choice of law principles. Any information provided in specification manuals, or any other source, verbal or written, which contradicts or violates the West Virginia Constitution, West Virginia Code or West Virginia Code of State Rules is void and of no effect.

22. **COMPLIANCE:** Vendor shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations and ordinances. By submitting a bid, Vendors acknowledge that they have reviewed, understand, and will comply with all applicable law.

23. **PREVAILING WAGE:** On any contract for the construction of a public improvement, Vendor and any subcontractors utilized by Vendor shall pay a rate or rates of wages which shall not be less than the fair minimum rate or rates of wages (prevailing wage), as established by the West Virginia Division of Labor under West Virginia Code §§ 21-5A-1 et seq. and available at <http://www.sos.wv.gov/administrative-law/wagerates/Pages/default.aspx>. Vendor shall be responsible for ensuring compliance with prevailing wage requirements and determining when prevailing wage requirements are applicable. The required contract provisions contained in West Virginia Code of State Rules § 42-7-3 are specifically incorporated herein by reference.

24. **ARBITRATION:** Any references made to arbitration contained in this Contract, Vendor's bid, or in any American Institute of Architects documents pertaining to this Contract are hereby deleted, void, and of no effect.

25. **MODIFICATIONS:** This writing is the parties' final expression of intent. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Contract to the contrary, no modification of this Contract shall be binding without mutual written consent of the Agency, and the Vendor, with approval of the Purchasing Division and the Attorney General's office (Attorney General approval is as to form only). No Change shall be implemented by the Vendor until such time as the Vendor receives an approved written change order from the Purchasing Division. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Purchasing Division and Attorney General approval may or may not be required on certain agency delegated or exempt purchases. In the event that Purchasing Division approval is not required, change orders will be received from the Agency.

26. **WAIVER:** The failure of either party to insist upon a strict performance of any of the terms or provision of this Contract, or to exercise any option, right, or remedy herein contained, shall not be construed as a waiver or a relinquishment for the future of such term, provision, option, right, or remedy, but the same shall continue in full force and effect. Any waiver must be expressly stated in writing and signed by the waiving party.

27. **SUBSEQUENT FORMS:** The terms and conditions contained in this Contract shall supersede any and all subsequent terms and conditions which may appear on any form documents submitted by Vendor to the Agency or Purchasing Division such as price lists, order forms, invoices, sales agreements, or maintenance agreements, and includes internet websites or other electronic documents. Acceptance or use of Vendor's forms does not constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions contained thereon.

28. **ASSIGNMENT:** Neither this Contract nor any monies due, or to become due hereunder, may be assigned by the Vendor without the express written consent of the Agency, the Purchasing Division, the Attorney General's office (as to form only), and any other government agency or office that may be required to approve such assignments. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Purchasing Division approval may or may not be required on certain agency delegated or exempt purchases.

29. **WARRANTY:** The Vendor expressly warrants that the goods and/or services covered by this Contract will: (a) conform to the specifications, drawings, samples, or other description furnished or specified by the Agency; (b) be merchantable and fit for the purpose intended; and (c) be free from defect in material and workmanship.

30. **STATE EMPLOYEES:** State employees are not permitted to utilize this Contract for personal use and the Vendor is prohibited from permitting or facilitating the same.

31. **BANKRUPTCY:** In the event the Vendor files for bankruptcy protection, the State of West Virginia may deem this Contract null and void, and terminate this Contract without notice.

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33. **CONFIDENTIALITY:** The Vendor agrees that it will not disclose to anyone, directly or indirectly, any such personally identifiable information or other confidential information gained from the Agency, unless the individual who is the subject of the information consents to the disclosure in writing or the disclosure is made pursuant to the Agency's policies, procedures, and rules. Vendor further agrees to comply with the Confidentiality Policies and Information Security Accountability Requirements, set forth in <http://www.state.wv.us/admin/purchase/privacy/default.html>.

34. **DISCLOSURE:** Vendor's response to the Solicitation and the resulting Contract are considered public documents and will be disclosed to the public in accordance with the laws, rules, and policies governing the West Virginia Purchasing Division. Those laws include, but are not limited to, the Freedom of Information Act found in West Virginia Code § 29B-1-1 et seq.

If a Vendor considers any part of its bid to be exempt from public disclosure, Vendor must so indicate by specifically identifying the exempt information, identifying the exemption that applies, providing a detailed justification for the exemption, segregating the exempt information from the general bid information, and submitting the exempt information as part of its bid but in a segregated and clearly identifiable format. Failure to comply with the foregoing requirements will result in public disclosure of the Vendor's bid without further notice. A Vendor's act of marking all or nearly all of its bid as exempt is not sufficient to avoid disclosure and WILL NOT BE HONORED. Vendor's act of marking a bid or any part thereof as "confidential" or "proprietary" is not sufficient to avoid disclosure and WILL NOT BE HONORED. In addition, a legend or other statement indicating that all or substantially all of the bid is exempt from disclosure is not sufficient to avoid disclosure and WILL NOT BE HONORED. Vendor will be required to defend any claimed exemption for nondisclosure in the event of an administrative or judicial challenge to the State's nondisclosure. Vendor must indemnify the State for any costs incurred related to any exemptions claimed by Vendor. Any questions regarding the applicability of the various public records laws should be addressed to your own legal counsel prior to bid submission.

35. **LICENSING:** In accordance with West Virginia Code of State Rules §148-1-6.1.7, Vendor must be licensed and in good standing in accordance with any and all state and local laws and requirements by any state or local agency of West Virginia, including, but not limited to, the West Virginia Secretary of State's Office, the West Virginia Tax Department, West Virginia Insurance Commission, or any other state agency or political subdivision. Upon request, the Vendor must provide all necessary releases to obtain information to enable the Purchasing Division Director or the Agency to verify that the Vendor is licensed and in good standing with the above entities.

36. **ANTITRUST:** In submitting a bid to, signing a contract with, or accepting a Purchase Order from any agency of the State of West Virginia, the Vendor agrees to convey, sell, assign, or transfer to the State of West Virginia all rights, title, and interest in and to all causes of action it may now or hereafter acquire under the antitrust laws of the United States and the State of West Virginia for price fixing and/or unreasonable restraints of trade relating to the particular commodities or services purchased or acquired by the State of West Virginia. Such assignment shall be made and become effective at the time the purchasing agency tenders the initial payment to Vendor.

37. **VENDOR CERTIFICATIONS:** By signing its bid or entering into this Contract, Vendor certifies (1) that its bid was made without prior understanding, agreement, or connection with any corporation, firm, limited liability company, partnership, person or entity submitting a bid for the same material, supplies, equipment or services; (2) that its bid is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud; (3) that this Contract is accepted or entered into without any prior understanding, agreement, or connection to any other entity that could be considered a violation of law; and (4) that it has reviewed this RFQ in its entirety; understands the requirements, terms and conditions, and other information contained herein. Vendor's signature on its bid also affirms that neither it nor its representatives have any interest, nor shall acquire any interest, direct or indirect, which would compromise the performance of its services hereunder. Any such interests shall be promptly presented in detail to the Agency.

The individual signing this bid on behalf of Vendor certifies that he or she is authorized by the Vendor to execute this bid or any documents related thereto on Vendor's behalf; that he or she is authorized to bind the Vendor in a contractual relationship; and that, to the best of his or her knowledge, the Vendor has properly registered with any State agency that may require registration.

38. **PURCHASING CARD ACCEPTANCE:** The State of West Virginia currently utilizes a Purchasing Card program, administered under contract by a banking institution, to process payment for goods and services. The Vendor must accept the State of West Virginia's Purchasing Card for payment of all orders under this Contract.

39. **VENDOR RELATIONSHIP:** The relationship of the Vendor to the State shall be that of an independent contractor and no principal-agent

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relationship or employer-employee relationship is contemplated or created by this Contract. The Vendor as an independent contractor is solely liable for the acts and omissions of its employees and agents. Vendor shall be responsible for selecting, supervising, and compensating any and all individuals employed pursuant to the terms of this Solicitation and resulting contract. Neither the Vendor, nor any employees or subcontractors of the Vendor, shall be deemed to be employees of the State for any purpose whatsoever. Vendor shall be exclusively responsible for payment of employees and contractors for all wages and salaries, taxes, withholding payments, penalties, fees, fringe benefits, professional liability insurance premiums, contributions to insurance and pension, or other deferred compensation plans, including but not limited to, Workers' Compensation and Social Security obligations, licensing fees, etc. and the filing of all necessary documents, forms and returns pertinent to all of the foregoing. Vendor shall hold harmless the State, and shall provide the State and Agency with a defense against any and all claims including, but not limited to, the foregoing payments, withholdings, contributions, taxes, Social Security taxes, and employer income tax returns.

40. **INDEMNIFICATION:** The Vendor agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the State and the Agency, their officers, and employees from and against: (1) Any claims or losses for services rendered by any subcontractor, person, or firm performing or supplying services, materials, or supplies in connection with the performance of the Contract; (2) Any claims or losses resulting to any person or entity injured or damaged by the Vendor, its officers, employees, or subcontractors by the publication, translation, reproduction, delivery, performance, use, or disposition of any data used under the Contract in a manner not authorized by the Contract, or by Federal or State statutes or regulations; and (3) Any failure of the Vendor, its officers, employees, or subcontractors to observe State and Federal laws including, but not limited to, labor and wage and hour laws.

41. **PURCHASING AFFIDAVIT:** In accordance with West Virginia Code § 5A-3-10a, all Vendors are required to sign, notarize, and submit the Purchasing Affidavit stating that neither the Vendor nor a related party owe a debt to the State in excess of \$1,000. The affidavit must be submitted prior to award, but should be submitted with the Vendor's bid. A copy of the Purchasing Affidavit is included herewith.

42. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** Vendor, its officers or members or employees, shall not presently have or acquire any interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict with or compromise the performance of its obligations hereunder. Vendor shall periodically inquire of its officers, members and employees to ensure that a conflict of interest does not arise. Any conflict of interest discovered shall be promptly presented in detail to the Agency.

43. **BACKGROUND CHECK:** In accordance with W. Va. Code § 15-2D-3, the Director of the Division of Protective Services shall require any service provider whose employees are regularly employed on the grounds or in the buildings of the Capitol complex or who have access to sensitive or critical information to submit to a fingerprint-based state and federal background inquiry through the state repository. The service provider is responsible for any costs associated with the fingerprint-based state and federal background inquiry

After the contract for such services has been approved, but before any such employees are permitted to be on the grounds or in the buildings of the Capitol complex or have access to sensitive or critical information, the service provider shall submit a list of all persons who will be physically present and working at the Capitol complex to the Director of the Division of Protective Services for purposes of verifying compliance with this provision.

The State reserves the right to prohibit a service provider's employees from accessing sensitive or critical information or to be present at the Capitol complex based upon results addressed from a criminal background check.

Service providers should contact the West Virginia Division of Protective Services by phone at (304) 558-9911 for more information.

44. **PREFERENCE FOR USE OF DOMESTIC STEEL PRODUCTS:** Except when authorized by the Director of the Purchasing Division pursuant to W. Va. Code § 5A-3-56, no contractor may use or supply steel products for a State Contract Project other than those steel products made in the United States. A contractor who uses steel products in violation of this section may be subject to civil penalties pursuant to W. Va. Code § 5A-3-56. As used in this section:

- a. "State Contract Project" means any erection or construction of, or any addition to, alteration of or other improvement to any building or structure, including, but not limited to, roads or highways, or the installation of any heating or cooling or ventilating plants or other equipment, or the supply of and materials for such projects, pursuant to a contract with the State of West Virginia for which bids were solicited on or after June 6, 2001.

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b. "Steel Products" means products rolled, formed, shaped, drawn, extruded, forged, cast, fabricated or otherwise similarly processed, or processed by a combination of two or more of such operations, from steel made by the open hearth, basic oxygen, electric furnace, Bessemer or other steel making process.

The Purchasing Division Director may, in writing, authorize the use of foreign steel products if:

a. The cost for each contract item used does not exceed one tenth of one percent (.1%) of the total contract cost or two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00), whichever is greater. For the purposes of this section, the cost is the value of the steel product as delivered to the project; or

b. The Director of the Purchasing Division determines that specified steel materials are not produced in the United States in sufficient quantity or otherwise are not reasonably available to meet contract requirements.

45. **PREFERENCE FOR USE OF DOMESTIC ALUMINUM, GLASS, AND STEEL:** In Accordance with W. Va. Code § 5-19-1 et seq., and W. Va. CSR § 148-10-1 et seq., for every contract or subcontract, subject to the limitations contained herein, for the construction, reconstruction, alteration, repair, improvement or maintenance of public works or for the purchase of any item of machinery or equipment to be used at sites of public works, only domestic aluminum, glass or steel products shall be supplied unless the spending officer determines, in writing, after the receipt of offers or bids, (1) that the cost of domestic aluminum, glass or steel products is unreasonable or inconsistent with the public interest of the State of West Virginia, (2) that domestic aluminum, glass or steel products are not produced in sufficient quantities to meet the contract requirements, or (3) the available domestic aluminum, glass, or steel do not meet the contract specifications. This provision only applies to public works contracts awarded in an amount more than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) or public works contracts that require more than ten thousand pounds of steel products.

The cost of domestic aluminum, glass, or steel products may be unreasonable if the cost is more than twenty percent (20%) of the bid or offered price for foreign made aluminum, glass, or steel products. If the domestic aluminum, glass or steel products to be supplied or produced in a "substantial labor surplus area", as defined by the United States Department of Labor, the cost of domestic aluminum, glass, or steel products may be unreasonable if the cost is more than thirty percent (30%) of the bid or offered price for foreign made aluminum, glass, or steel products.

This preference shall be applied to an item of machinery or equipment, as indicated above, when the item is a single unit of equipment or machinery manufactured primarily of aluminum, glass or steel, is part of a public works contract and has the sole purpose or of being a permanent part of a single public works project. This provision does not apply to equipment or machinery purchased by a spending unit for use by that spending unit and not as part of a single public works project.

All bids and offers including domestic aluminum, glass or steel products that exceed bid or offer prices including foreign aluminum, glass or steel products after application of the preferences provided in this provision may be reduced to a price equal to or lower than the lowest bid or offer price for foreign aluminum, glass or steel products plus the applicable preference. If the reduced bid or offer prices are made in writing and supersede the prior bid or offer prices, all bids or offers, including the reduced bid or offer prices, will be reevaluated in accordance with this rule.



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7. **EXCEPTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS:** The Solicitation contains the specifications that shall form the basis of a contractual agreement. Vendor shall clearly mark any exceptions, clarifications, or other proposed modifications in its bid. Exceptions to, clarifications of, or modifications of a requirement or term and condition of the Solicitation may result in bid disqualification.

8. **ACCEPTANCE/REJECTION:** The State may accept or reject any bid in whole, or in part. Vendor's signature on its bid signifies acceptance of the terms and conditions contained in the Solicitation and Vendor agrees to be bound by the terms of the Contract, as reflected in the Purchase Order, upon receipt.

9. **REGISTRATION:** Prior to Contract award, the apparent successful Vendor must be properly registered with the West Virginia Purchasing Division and must have paid the \$125 fee if applicable.

10. **FUNDING:** This Contract shall continue for the term stated herein, contingent upon funds being appropriated by the Legislature or otherwise being made available. In the event funds are not appropriated or otherwise made available, this Contract becomes void and of no effect beginning on July 1 of the fiscal year for which funding has not been appropriated or otherwise made available.

11. **PAYMENT:** Payment in advance is prohibited under this Contract. Payment may only be made after the delivery and acceptance of goods or services. The Vendor shall submit invoices, in arrears, to the Agency at the address on the face of the purchase order labeled "Invoice To."

12. **UNIT PRICE:** Unit prices shall prevail in cases of a discrepancy in the Vendor's bid.

13. **DELIVERY:** All quotations are considered freight on board destination ("F.O.B. destination") unless alternate shipping terms are clearly identified in the bid. Vendor's listing of shipping terms that contradict the shipping terms expressly required by this Solicitation may result in bid disqualification.

14. **INTEREST:** Interest attributable to late payment will only be permitted if authorized by the West Virginia Code. Presently, there is no provision in the law for interest on late payments.

15. **PREFERENCE:** Vendor Preference may only be granted upon written request and only in accordance with the West Virginia Code § 5A-3-37 and the West Virginia Code of State Rules. A Resident Vendor Certification form has been attached hereto to allow Vendor to apply for the preference. Vendor's failure to submit the Resident Vendor Certification form with its bid will result in denial of Vendor Preference. Vendor Preference does not apply to construction projects.

16. **SMALL, WOMEN-OWNED, OR MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESSES:** For any solicitations publicly advertised for bid on or after July 1, 2012, in accordance with West Virginia Code §5A-3- 37(a) (7) and W. Va. CSR § 148-22-9, any non-resident vendor certified as a small, women-owned, or minority-owned business under W. Va. CSR § 148-22-9 shall be provided the same preference made available to any resident vendor. Any non-resident small, women-owned, or minority-owned business must identify itself as such in writing, must submit that writing to the Purchasing Division (or to the Agency handling the solicitation for agency delegated purchases) with its bid, and must be properly certified under W. Va. CSR § 148-22-9 prior to submission of its bid to receive the preferences made available to resident vendors. Preference for a non-resident small, women-owned, or minority-owned business shall be applied in accordance with W. Va. CSR § 148-22-9.

17. **TAXES:** The Vendor shall pay any applicable sales, use, personal property or any other taxes arising out of this Contract and the transactions contemplated thereby. The State of West Virginia is exempt from federal and state taxes and will not pay or reimburse such taxes.

18. **CANCELLATION:** The State reserves the right to cancel this Contract immediately upon written notice to the vendor if the materials or workmanship supplied do not conform to the specifications contained in the Contract. The Purchasing Division Director may cancel any purchase or Contract upon 30 days written notice to the Vendor in accordance with West Virginia Code of State Rules § 148-1- 7.16.2.

19. **WAIVER OF MINOR IRREGULARITIES:** The Director reserves the right to waive minor irregularities in bids or specifications in accordance with West Virginia Code of State Rules § 148-1-4.6.

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20. **TIME:** Time is of the essence with regard to all matters of time and performance in this Contract.
21. **APPLICABLE LAW:** This Contract is governed by and interpreted under West Virginia law without giving effect to its choice of law principles. Any information provided in specification manuals, or any other source, verbal or written, which contradicts or violates the West Virginia Constitution, West Virginia Code or West Virginia Code of State Rules is void and of no effect.
22. **COMPLIANCE:** Vendor shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations and ordinances. By submitting a bid, Vendors acknowledge that they have reviewed, understand, and will comply with all applicable law.
23. **PREVAILING WAGE:** On any contract for the construction of a public improvement, Vendor and any subcontractors utilized by Vendor shall pay a rate or rates of wages which shall not be less than the fair minimum rate or rates of wages (prevailing wage), as established by the West Virginia Division of Labor under West Virginia Code §§ 21-5A-1 et seq. and available at <http://www.sos.wv.gov/administrative-law/wagerates/Pages/default.aspx>. Vendor shall be responsible for ensuring compliance with prevailing wage requirements and determining when prevailing wage requirements are applicable. The required contract provisions contained in West Virginia Code of State Rules § 42-7-3 are specifically incorporated herein by reference.
24. **ARBITRATION:** Any references made to arbitration contained in this Contract, Vendor's bid, or in any American Institute of Architects documents pertaining to this Contract are hereby deleted, void, and of no effect.
25. **MODIFICATIONS:** This writing is the parties' final expression of intent. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Contract to the contrary, no modification of this Contract shall be binding without mutual written consent of the Agency, and the Vendor, with approval of the Purchasing Division and the Attorney General's office (Attorney General approval is as to form only). No Change shall be implemented by the Vendor until such time as the Vendor receives an approved written change order from the Purchasing Division. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Purchasing Division and Attorney General approval may or may not be required on certain agency delegated or exempt purchases. In the event that Purchasing Division approval is not required, change orders will be received from the Agency.
26. **WAIVER:** The failure of either party to insist upon a strict performance of any of the terms or provision of this Contract, or to exercise any option, right, or remedy herein contained, shall not be construed as a waiver or a relinquishment for the future of such term, provision, option, right, or remedy, but the same shall continue in full force and effect. Any waiver must be expressly stated in writing and signed by the waiving party.
27. **SUBSEQUENT FORMS:** The terms and conditions contained in this Contract shall supersede any and all subsequent terms and conditions which may appear on any form documents submitted by Vendor to the Agency or Purchasing Division such as price lists, order forms, invoices, sales agreements, or maintenance agreements, and includes internet websites or other electronic documents. Acceptance or use of Vendor's forms does not constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions contained thereon.
28. **ASSIGNMENT:** Neither this Contract nor any monies due, or to become due hereunder, may be assigned by the Vendor without the express written consent of the Agency, the Purchasing Division, the Attorney General's office (as to form only), and any other government agency or office that may be required to approve such assignments. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Purchasing Division approval may or may not be required on certain agency delegated or exempt purchases.
29. **WARRANTY:** The Vendor expressly warrants that the goods and/or services covered by this Contract will: (a) conform to the specifications, drawings, samples, or other description furnished or specified by the Agency; (b) be merchantable and fit for the purpose intended; and (c) be free from defect in material and workmanship.
30. **STATE EMPLOYEES:** State employees are not permitted to utilize this Contract for personal use and the Vendor is prohibited from permitting or facilitating the same.
31. **BANKRUPTCY:** In the event the Vendor files for bankruptcy protection, the State of West Virginia may deem this Contract null and void, and terminate this Contract without notice.
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33. **CONFIDENTIALITY:** The Vendor agrees that it will not disclose to anyone, directly or indirectly, any such personally identifiable information or other confidential information gained from the Agency, unless the individual who is the subject of the information consents to the disclosure in writing or the disclosure is made pursuant to the Agency's policies, procedures, and rules. Vendor further agrees to comply with the Confidentiality Policies and Information Security Accountability Requirements, set forth in <http://www.state.wv.us/admin/purchase/privacy/default.html>.

34. **DISCLOSURE:** Vendor's response to the Solicitation and the resulting Contract are considered public documents and will be disclosed to the public in accordance with the laws, rules, and policies governing the West Virginia Purchasing Division. Those laws include, but are not limited to, the Freedom of Information Act found in West Virginia Code § 29B-1-1 et seq.

If a Vendor considers any part of its bid to be exempt from public disclosure, Vendor must so indicate by specifically identifying the exempt information, identifying the exemption that applies, providing a detailed justification for the exemption, segregating the exempt information from the general bid information, and submitting the exempt information as part of its bid but in a segregated and clearly identifiable format. Failure to comply with the foregoing requirements will result in public disclosure of the Vendor's bid without further notice. A Vendor's act of marking all or nearly all of its bid as exempt is not sufficient to avoid disclosure and WILL NOT BE HONORED. Vendor's act of marking a bid or any part thereof as "confidential" or "proprietary" is not sufficient to avoid disclosure and WILL NOT BE HONORED. In addition, a legend or other statement indicating that all or substantially all of the bid is exempt from disclosure is not sufficient to avoid disclosure and WILL NOT BE HONORED. Vendor will be required to defend any claimed exemption for nondisclosure in the event of an administrative or judicial challenge to the State's nondisclosure. Vendor must indemnify the State for any costs incurred related to any exemptions claimed by Vendor. Any questions regarding the applicability of the various public records laws should be addressed to your own legal counsel prior to bid submission.

35. **LICENSING:** In accordance with West Virginia Code of State Rules §148-1-6.1.7, Vendor must be licensed and in good standing in accordance with any and all state and local laws and requirements by any state or local agency of West Virginia, including, but not limited to, the West Virginia Secretary of State's Office, the West Virginia Tax Department, West Virginia Insurance Commission, or any other state agency or political subdivision. Upon request, the Vendor must provide all necessary releases to obtain information to enable the Purchasing Division Director or the Agency to verify that the Vendor is licensed and in good standing with the above entities.

36. **ANTITRUST:** In submitting a bid to, signing a contract with, or accepting a Purchase Order from any agency of the State of West Virginia, the Vendor agrees to convey, sell, assign, or transfer to the State of West Virginia all rights, title, and interest in and to all causes of action it may now or hereafter acquire under the antitrust laws of the United States and the State of West Virginia for price fixing and/or unreasonable restraints of trade relating to the particular commodities or services purchased or acquired by the State of West Virginia. Such assignment shall be made and become effective at the time the purchasing agency tenders the initial payment to Vendor.

37. **VENDOR CERTIFICATIONS:** By signing its bid or entering into this Contract, Vendor certifies (1) that its bid was made without prior understanding, agreement, or connection with any corporation, firm, limited liability company, partnership, person or entity submitting a bid for the same material, supplies, equipment or services; (2) that its bid is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud; (3) that this Contract is accepted or entered into without any prior understanding, agreement, or connection to any other entity that could be considered a violation of law; and (4) that it has reviewed this RFQ in its entirety; understands the requirements, terms and conditions, and other information contained herein. Vendor's signature on its bid also affirms that neither it nor its representatives have any interest, nor shall acquire any interest, direct or indirect, which would compromise the performance of its services hereunder. Any such interests shall be promptly presented in detail to the Agency.

The individual signing this bid on behalf of Vendor certifies that he or she is authorized by the Vendor to execute this bid or any documents related thereto on Vendor's behalf; that he or she is authorized to bind the Vendor in a contractual relationship; and that, to the best of his or her knowledge, the Vendor has properly registered with any State agency that may require registration.

38. **PURCHASING CARD ACCEPTANCE:** The State of West Virginia currently utilizes a Purchasing Card program, administered under contract by a banking institution, to process payment for goods and services. The Vendor must accept the State of West Virginia's Purchasing Card for payment of all orders under this Contract.

39. **VENDOR RELATIONSHIP:** The relationship of the Vendor to the State shall be that of an independent contractor and no principal-agent

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relationship or employer-employee relationship is contemplated or created by this Contract. The Vendor as an independent contractor is solely liable for the acts and omissions of its employees and agents. Vendor shall be responsible for selecting, supervising, and compensating any and all individuals employed pursuant to the terms of this Solicitation and resulting contract. Neither the Vendor, nor any employees or subcontractors of the Vendor, shall be deemed to be employees of the State for any purpose whatsoever. Vendor shall be exclusively responsible for payment of employees and contractors for all wages and salaries, taxes, withholding payments, penalties, fees, fringe benefits, professional liability insurance premiums, contributions to insurance and pension, or other deferred compensation plans, including but not limited to, Workers' Compensation and Social Security obligations, licensing fees, etc. and the filing of all necessary documents, forms and returns pertinent to all of the foregoing. Vendor shall hold harmless the State, and shall provide the State and Agency with a defense against any and all claims including, but not limited to, the foregoing payments, withholdings, contributions, taxes, Social Security taxes, and employer income tax returns.

40. **INDEMNIFICATION:** The Vendor agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the State and the Agency, their officers, and employees from and against: (1) Any claims or losses for services rendered by any subcontractor, person, or firm performing or supplying services, materials, or supplies in connection with the performance of the Contract; (2) Any claims or losses resulting to any person or entity injured or damaged by the Vendor, its officers, employees, or subcontractors by the publication, translation, reproduction, delivery, performance, use, or disposition of any data used under the Contract in a manner not authorized by the Contract, or by Federal or State statutes or regulations; and (3) Any failure of the Vendor, its officers, employees, or subcontractors to observe State and Federal laws including, but not limited to, labor and wage and hour laws.

41. **PURCHASING AFFIDAVIT:** In accordance with West Virginia Code § 5A-3-10a, all Vendors are required to sign, notarize, and submit the Purchasing Affidavit stating that neither the Vendor nor a related party owe a debt to the State in excess of \$1,000. The affidavit must be submitted prior to award, but should be submitted with the Vendor's bid. A copy of the Purchasing Affidavit is included herewith.

42. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** Vendor, its officers or members or employees, shall not presently have or acquire any interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict with or compromise the performance of its obligations hereunder. Vendor shall periodically inquire of its officers, members and employees to ensure that a conflict of interest does not arise. Any conflict of interest discovered shall be promptly presented in detail to the Agency.

43. **BACKGROUND CHECK:** In accordance with W. Va. Code § 15-2D-3, the Director of the Division of Protective Services shall require any service provider whose employees are regularly employed on the grounds or in the buildings of the Capitol complex or who have access to sensitive or critical information to submit to a fingerprint-based state and federal background inquiry through the state repository. The service provider is responsible for any costs associated with the fingerprint-based state and federal background inquiry

After the contract for such services has been approved, but before any such employees are permitted to be on the grounds or in the buildings of the Capitol complex or have access to sensitive or critical information, the service provider shall submit a list of all persons who will be physically present and working at the Capitol complex to the Director of the Division of Protective Services for purposes of verifying compliance with this provision.

The State reserves the right to prohibit a service provider's employees from accessing sensitive or critical information or to be present at the Capitol complex based upon results addressed from a criminal background check.

Service providers should contact the West Virginia Division of Protective Services by phone at (304) 558-9911 for more information.

44. **PREFERENCE FOR USE OF DOMESTIC STEEL PRODUCTS:** Except when authorized by the Director of the Purchasing Division pursuant to W. Va. Code § 5A-3-56, no contractor may use or supply steel products for a State Contract Project other than those steel products made in the United States. A contractor who uses steel products in violation of this section may be subject to civil penalties pursuant to W. Va. Code § 5A-3-56. As used in this section:

- a. "State Contract Project" means any erection or construction of, or any addition to, alteration of or other improvement to any building or structure, including, but not limited to, roads or highways, or the installation of any heating or cooling or ventilating plants or other equipment, or the supply of and materials for such projects, pursuant to a contract with the State of West Virginia for which bids were solicited on or after June 6, 2001.

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b. "Steel Products" means products rolled, formed, shaped, drawn, extruded, forged, cast, fabricated or otherwise similarly processed, or processed by a combination of two or more or such operations, from steel made by the open heat, basic oxygen, electric furnace, Bessemer or other steel making process.

The Purchasing Division Director may, in writing, authorize the use of foreign steel products if:

a. The cost for each contract item used does not exceed one tenth of one percent (.1%) of the total contract cost or two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00), whichever is greater. For the purposes of this section, the cost is the value of the steel product as delivered to the project; or

b. The Director of the Purchasing Division determines that specified steel materials are not produced in the United States in sufficient quantity or otherwise are not reasonably available to meet contract requirements.

45. **PREFERENCE FOR USE OF DOMESTIC ALUMINUM, GLASS, AND STEEL:** In Accordance with W. Va. Code § 5-19-1 et seq., and W. Va. CSR § 148-10-1 et seq., for every contract or subcontract, subject to the limitations contained herein, for the construction, reconstruction, alteration, repair, improvement or maintenance of public works or for the purchase of any item of machinery or equipment to be used at sites of public works, only domestic aluminum, glass or steel products shall be supplied unless the spending officer determines, in writing, after the receipt of offers or bids, (1) that the cost of domestic aluminum, glass or steel products is unreasonable or inconsistent with the public interest of the State of West Virginia, (2) that domestic aluminum, glass or steel products are not produced in sufficient quantities to meet the contract requirements, or (3) the available domestic aluminum, glass, or steel do not meet the contract specifications. This provision only applies to public works contracts awarded in an amount more than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) or public works contracts that require more than ten thousand pounds of steel products.

The cost of domestic aluminum, glass, or steel products may be unreasonable if the cost is more than twenty percent (20%) of the bid or offered price for foreign made aluminum, glass, or steel products. If the domestic aluminum, glass or steel products to be supplied or produced in a "substantial labor surplus area", as defined by the United States Department of Labor, the cost of domestic aluminum, glass, or steel products may be unreasonable if the cost is more than thirty percent (30%) of the bid or offered price for foreign made aluminum, glass, or steel products.

This preference shall be applied to an item of machinery or equipment, as indicated above, when the item is a single unit of equipment or machinery manufactured primarily of aluminum, glass or steel, is part of a public works contract and has the sole purpose or of being a permanent part of a single public works project. This provision does not apply to equipment or machinery purchased by a spending unit for use by that spending unit and not as part of a single public works project.

All bids and offers including domestic aluminum, glass or steel products that exceed bid or offer prices including foreign aluminum, glass or steel products after application of the preferences provided in this provision may be reduced to a price equal to or lower than the lowest bid or offer price for foreign aluminum, glass or steel products plus the applicable preference. If the reduced bid or offer prices are made in writing and supersede the prior bid or offer prices, all bids or offers, including the reduced bid or offer prices, will be reevaluated in accordance with this rule.

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SPECIFICATIONS

1. **PURPOSE AND SCOPE:** To solicit bids for a Forensic Accounting Firm to review a *single* vendor's invoices, purchase documents, inventory records and work order documentation as related to contract work performed for the West Virginia Division of Highways. The above-mentioned single vendor shall herein be referred to as "Engineering Firm."

2. **DEFINITIONS:** The terms listed below shall have the meanings assigned to them below. Additional definitions can be found in section 2 of the General Terms and Conditions.
 - 2.1 **"Contract Services"** means the application of forensic accounting processes and tools to review Engineering Firm's business documentation and records supporting contract electrical work performed statewide for the Division of Highways. "Contract Services" shall also include any performance requirement contained herein.

 - 2.2 **"Pricing Page"** means the pages, contained on the wvOASIS system or attached hereto as Exhibit A, upon which Vendor should list its proposed price for the Contract Services.

 - 2.3 **"Solicitation"** means the official notice of an opportunity to supply the State with goods or services that is published by the Purchasing Division.

 - 2.4 **"Financial Investigation"** means reviewing invoices, payments, contract documents, and equipment inventory documents in relation to state and federal laws to assess the likelihood that fraudulent activity has occurred.

 - 2.5 **"Economic Damage Analysis"** means measuring the economic loss (in U.S. Dollars) to Agency due to any lack of contract controls, contract term violations, unaccounted-for inventory, or fraudulent activity.

 - 2.6 **"Central Office"** means Building 5 of the West Virginia State Capitol Complex, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East, Charleston, WV 25305.

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3. QUALIFICATIONS: Vendor, or Vendor's staff if requirements are inherently limited to individuals rather than corporate entities, shall have the following minimum qualifications:

- 3.1. Vendor must demonstrate that it has sufficient qualifications, resources, and experience to provide the Contract Services under this Solicitation.
- 3.2. Vendor shall be licensed to do business in the State of West Virginia.
- 3.3. Vendor shall have a minimum of 5 years of experience performing forensic audit/accounting services.
- 3.4. Vendor shall have experience providing professional audit/accounting services to state and local governments.
- 3.5. Vendor shall have familiarity with the both the West Virginia and Federal Rules of Evidence and state purchasing laws.

4. MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS:

4.1 Mandatory Contract Services Requirements and Deliverables: Contract Services must meet or exceed the mandatory requirements listed below.

- 4.1.1 All Contract Services must be supervised and managed by a Certified Public Accountant (CPA), registered and in good standing with the West Virginia Board of Accountancy. Such CPA must likewise possess at least 5 years' experience performing forensic audit/accounting services.
- 4.1.2 Vendor shall perform an on-site inspection of Engineering Firm's premises to identify and catalog any Agency inventory in Engineering Firm's possession that was purchased by Agency under the audited contract.
- 4.1.3 Within 90 days of receipt of Agency's Notice to Proceed, Vendor will provide a final audit report.
 - 4.1.3.1 The audit report will contain Vendor's findings from its Financial Investigation.

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4.1.3.2 The audit report will contain Vendor's findings from its Economic Damage Analysis. Vendor shall specifically indicate any amounts that are recoverable by Agency due to overpayments or improper payments.

4.2 In the event that Vendor determines, according to its professional judgment, that there exists a reasonable ground to suspect that criminal activity (including fraud) has occurred, Vendor shall (1) immediately cease its work under this Agreement, (2) shall immediately take steps, where practicable, to preserve uncovered incriminating evidence, and (3) shall immediately inform Vendor's designated Agency contact of its suspicions. Vendor's work will be suspended until such time as Agency provides it with a Notice to Resume Work.

4.3 In the event that criminal conduct is uncovered or otherwise identified or suspected, Vendor shall, upon demand, provide its findings and all work papers to the United States Department of Transportation, Office of the Inspector General (OIG) and/or any other law enforcement or government agency asserting proper jurisdiction.

4.3.1 Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to cover any expert witness fees or expenses incurred by Vendor in its obedience to any lawful subpoena or court order not requested or initiated by Agency.

5. CONTRACT AWARD:

5.1 Contract Award: The Contract is intended to provide Agency with a purchase price for the Contract Services. The Contract shall be awarded to the Vendor that provides the Contract Services meeting the required specifications for the lowest overall total cost as shown on the Pricing Pages.

5.2 Pricing Page: Vendor should complete the Pricing Page by listing what its TOTAL FLAT FEE would be to completely perform the Contract Services described herein. Vendor should complete the Pricing Page in full, as failure to complete the Pricing Page in its entirety may result in Vendor's bid being disqualified.

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Vendor should type or electronically enter the information into the Pricing Pages through wvOASIS, if available, or as an electronic document. In most cases, the Vendor can request an electronic copy of the Pricing Pages for bid purposes by sending an email request to the following address: Angie.J.Moorman@wv.gov.

6. **PERFORMANCE:** Vendor and Agency shall agree upon a schedule for performance of Contract Services and Contract Services Deliverables, unless such a schedule is already included herein by Agency. In the event that this Contract is designated as an open-end contract, Vendor shall perform in accordance with the release orders that may be issued against this Contract.

7. **PAYMENT:** Agency shall pay a flat fee, as shown on the Pricing Pages, for all Contract Services performed and accepted under this Contract. Vendor shall accept payment in accordance with the payment procedures of the State of West Virginia. All payments are made in arrears. The total maximum payable under this contract, including any change orders, is Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000).

8. **TRAVEL:** Vendor shall be responsible for all mileage and travel costs, including travel time, associated with performance of this Contract. Any anticipated mileage or travel costs may be included in the flat fee or hourly rate listed on Vendor's bid, but such costs will not be paid by the Agency separately. Vendor may be expected to travel within a 50 mile radius of Agency's Central Office.

9. **FACILITIES ACCESS:** Anyone performing under this Contract will be subject to Agency's security protocol and procedures.
 - 9.1. Agency shall provide one work area for Vendor at Agency's Central Office. Agency will not provide any computers or telephones. Reasonable photocopying/scanning will be provided by Agency.

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10. VENDOR DEFAULT:

10.1. The following shall be considered a vendor default under this Contract.

10.1.1. Failure to perform Contract Services in accordance with the requirements contained herein.

10.1.2. Failure to comply with other specifications and requirements contained herein.

10.1.3. Failure to comply with any laws, rules, and ordinances applicable to the Contract Services provided under this Contract.

10.1.4. Failure to remedy deficient performance upon request.

10.2. The following remedies shall be available to Agency upon default.

10.2.1. Immediate cancellation of the Contract.

10.2.2. Immediate cancellation of one or more release orders issued under this Contract.

10.2.3. Any other remedies available in law or equity.

11. MISCELLANEOUS:

11.1. Contract Manager: During its performance of this Contract, Vendor must designate and maintain a primary contract manager responsible for overseeing Vendor's responsibilities under this Contract. The Contract manager must be available during normal business hours to address any customer service or other issues related to this Contract. Vendor should list its Contract manager and his or her contact information below.

Contract Manager: Chris Deweese, CPA, CGMA, Member

Telephone Number: 304-343-4126

Fax Number: 304-343-8008

Email Address: CDeweese@SuttleCPAs.com

INSTRUCTIONS TO VENDORS SUBMITTING BIDS
(Agency Delegated Procurements Only)

1. REVIEW DOCUMENTS THOROUGHLY: The attached documents contain a solicitation for bids. Please read these instructions and all documents attached in their entirety. These instructions provide critical information about requirements that if overlooked could lead to disqualification of a Vendor's bid. All bids must be submitted in accordance with the provisions contained in these instructions and the Solicitation. Failure to do so may result in disqualification of Vendor's bid.

2. MANDATORY TERMS: The Solicitation may contain mandatory provisions identified by the use of the words "must," "will," and "shall." Failure to comply with a mandatory term in the Solicitation will result in bid disqualification.

3. BID SUBMISSION: All bids must be submitted electronically through wvOASIS or signed and delivered by the Vendor to the Agency on or before the date and time of the bid opening. Any bid received by the Agency staff is considered to be in the possession of the Agency and will not be returned for any reason.

4. ADDENDUM ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: Changes or revisions to this Solicitation will be made by an official addendum issued by the Agency. Vendor should acknowledge receipt of all addenda issued with this Solicitation by completing an Addendum Acknowledgment Form, a copy of which is included herewith. Failure to acknowledge addenda may result in bid disqualification. The addendum acknowledgement should be submitted with the bid to expedite document processing.

5. BID FORMATTING: Vendor should type or electronically enter the information onto its bid to prevent errors in the evaluation. Failure to type or electronically enter the information may result in bid disqualification.

6. ALTERNATES: Any model, brand, or specification listed in this Solicitation establishes the acceptable level of quality only and is not intended to reflect a preference for, or in any way favor, a particular brand or vendor. Vendors may bid alternates to a listed model or brand provided that the alternate is at least equal to the model or brand and complies with the required specifications. The equality of any alternate being bid shall be determined by the State at its sole discretion. Any Vendor bidding an alternate model or brand should clearly identify the alternate items in its bid and should include manufacturer's specifications, industry literature, and/or any other relevant documentation demonstrating the equality of the alternate items. Failure to provide information for alternate items may be grounds for rejection of a Vendor's bid.

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10. PREFERENCE: Vendor Preference may only be granted upon written request and only in accordance with the West Virginia Code § 5A-3-37 and the West Virginia Code of State Rules. A Vendor Preference Certificate form has been attached hereto to allow Vendor to apply for the preference. Vendor's failure to submit the Vendor Preference Certificate form with its bid will result in denial of Vendor Preference. Vendor Preference does not apply to construction projects.

11. SMALL, WOMEN-OWNED, OR MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESSES: For any solicitations publicly advertised for bid, in accordance with West Virginia Code §5A-3-37(a)(7) and W. Va. CSR § 148-22-9, any non-resident vendor certified as a small, women-owned, or minority-owned business under W. Va. CSR § 148-22-9 shall be provided the same preference made available to any resident vendor. Any non-resident small, women-owned, or minority-owned business must identify itself as such in writing, must submit that writing to the Purchasing Division with its bid, and must be properly certified under W. Va. CSR § 148-22-9 prior to contract award to receive the preferences made available to resident vendors. Preference for a non-resident small, women-owned, or minority owned business shall be applied in accordance with W. Va. CSR § 148-22-9.

12. ELECTRONIC FILE ACCESS RESTRICTIONS: Vendor must ensure that its submission in wvOASIS can be accessed by the Agency staff immediately upon bid opening. The Agency will consider any file that cannot be immediately opened and/or viewed at the time of the bid opening (such as, encrypted files, password protected files, or incompatible files) to be blank or incomplete as context requires, and therefore unacceptable. A vendor will not be permitted to unencrypt files, remove password protections, or resubmit documents after bid opening if those documents are required with the bid.

13. NON-RESPONSIBLE: The Purchasing Division Director reserves the right to reject the bid of any vendor as Non-Responsible in accordance with W. Va. Code of State Rules § 148-1-5.3, when the Director determines that the vendor submitting the bid does not have the capability to fully perform, or lacks the integrity and reliability to assure good-faith performance.”

14. ACCEPTANCE/REJECTION: The State may accept or reject any bid in whole, or in part in accordance with W. Va. Code of State Rules § 148-1-4.5. and § 148-1-6.4.b.”

15. YOUR SUBMISSION IS A PUBLIC DOCUMENT: Vendor's entire response to the Solicitation and the resulting Contract are public documents. As public documents, they will be disclosed to the public following the bid/proposal opening or award of the contract, as required by the competitive bidding laws of West Virginia Code §§ 5A-3-1 et seq., 5-22-1 et seq., 5G-1-1 et seq. and the Freedom of Information Act in West Virginia Code §§ 29B-1-1 et seq.

DO NOT SUBMIT MATERIAL YOU CONSIDER TO BE CONFIDENTIAL, A TRADE SECRET, OR OTHERWISE NOT SUBJECT TO PUBLIC DISCLOSURE.

Submission of any bid, proposal, or other document to the Purchasing Division constitutes your explicit consent to the subsequent public disclosure of the bid, proposal, or document. The Purchasing Division will disclose any document labeled "confidential," "proprietary," "trade secret," "private," or labeled with any other claim against public disclosure of the documents, to include any "trade secrets" as defined by West Virginia Code § 47-22-1 et seq. All submissions are subject to public disclosure without notice.

**GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:
(Agency Delegated Procurements Only)**

1. CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT: Issuance of a Award Document signed by the Agency and approved as to form by the Attorney General's office, if required, constitutes acceptance of this Contract made by and between the State of West Virginia and the Vendor. Vendor's signature on its bid signifies Vendor's agreement to be bound by and accept the terms and conditions contained in this Contract.

2. DEFINITIONS: As used in this Solicitation/Contract, the following terms shall have the meanings attributed to them below. Additional definitions may be found in the specifications included with this Solicitation/Contract.

2.1. "Agency" or "Agencies" means the agency, board, commission, or other entity of the State of West Virginia that is identified on the first page of the Solicitation or any other public entity seeking to procure goods or services under this Contract.

2.2. "Bid" or "Proposal" means the vendors submitted response to this solicitation.

2.3. "Contract" means the binding agreement that is entered into between the State and the Vendor to provide the goods or services requested in the Solicitation.

2.4. "Director" means the Director of the West Virginia Department of Administration, Purchasing Division.

2.5. "Purchasing Division" means the West Virginia Department of Administration, Purchasing Division.

2.6. "Award Document" means the document signed by the Agency and the Purchasing Division, and approved as to form by the Attorney General, that identifies the Vendor as the contract holder.

2.7. "Solicitation" means the official notice of an opportunity to supply the State with goods or services.

2.8. "State" means the State of West Virginia and/or any of its agencies, commissions, boards, etc. as context requires.

2.9. "Vendor" or "Vendors" means any entity submitting a bid in response to the Solicitation, the entity that has been selected as the lowest responsible bidder, or the entity that has been awarded the Contract as context requires.

3. CONTRACT TERM; RENEWAL; EXTENSION: The term of this Contract shall be determined in accordance with the category that has been identified as applicable to this Contract below:

Term Contract

Initial Contract Term: This Contract becomes effective on _____ and extends for a period of _____ year(s).

Renewal Term: This Contract may be renewed upon the mutual written consent of the Agency, and the Vendor. Any request for renewal should be submitted to the Agency thirty (30) days prior to the expiration date of the initial contract term or appropriate renewal term. A Contract renewal shall be in accordance with the terms and conditions of the original contract. Renewal of this Contract is limited to _____ successive one (1) year periods or multiple renewal periods of less than one year, provided that the multiple renewal periods do not exceed _____ months in total. Automatic renewal of this Contract is prohibited.

Delivery Order Limitations: In the event that this contract permits delivery orders, a delivery order may only be issued during the time this Contract is in effect. Any delivery order issued within one year of the expiration of this Contract shall be effective for one year from the date the delivery order is issued. No delivery order may be extended beyond one year after this Contract has expired.

Fixed Period Contract: This Contract becomes effective upon Vendor's receipt of the notice to proceed and must be completed within _____ days.

Fixed Period Contract with Renewals: This Contract becomes effective upon Vendor's receipt of the notice to proceed and part of the Contract more fully described in the attached specifications must be completed within _____ days. Upon completion, the vendor agrees that maintenance, monitoring, or warranty services will be provided for _____ successive one year periods or multiple periods of less than one year provided that the multiple renewal periods do not exceed _____ months in total.

One Time Purchase: The term of this Contract shall run from the issuance of the Award Document until all of the goods contracted for have been delivered, but in no event will this Contract extend for more than one fiscal year.

Other: See attached.

4. NOTICE TO PROCEED: Vendor shall begin performance of this Contract immediately upon receiving notice to proceed unless otherwise instructed by the Agency. Unless otherwise specified, the fully executed Award Document will be considered notice to proceed.

5. QUANTITIES: The quantities required under this Contract shall be determined in accordance with the category that has been identified as applicable to this Contract below.

Open End Contract: Quantities listed in this Solicitation are approximations only, based on estimates supplied by the Agency. It is understood and agreed that the Contract shall cover the quantities actually ordered for delivery during the term of the Contract, whether more or less than the quantities shown.

Service: The scope of the service to be provided will be more clearly defined in the specifications included herewith.

Combined Service and Goods: The scope of the service and deliverable goods to be provided will be more clearly defined in the specifications included herewith.

One Time Purchase: This Contract is for the purchase of a set quantity of goods that are identified in the specifications included herewith. Once those items have been delivered, no additional goods may be procured under this Contract without an appropriate change order approved by the Vendor, Agency, Purchasing Division, and Attorney General's office.

6. PRICING: The pricing set forth herein is firm for the life of the Contract, unless specified elsewhere within this Solicitation/Contract by the State. A Vendor's inclusion of price adjustment provisions in its bid, without an express authorization from the State in the Solicitation to do so, may result in bid disqualification.

7. EMERGENCY PURCHASES: The Purchasing Division Director may authorize the Agency to purchase goods or services in the open market that Vendor would otherwise provide under this Contract if those goods or services are for immediate or expedited delivery in an emergency. Emergencies shall include, but are not limited to, delays in transportation or an unanticipated increase in the volume of work. An emergency purchase in the open market, approved by the Purchasing Division Director, shall not constitute a breach of this Contract and shall not entitle the Vendor to any form of compensation or damages. This provision does not excuse the State from fulfilling its obligations under a One Time Purchase contract.

8. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS: All of the items checked below must be provided to the Agency by the Vendor as specified below.

BID BOND: All Vendors shall furnish a bid bond in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total amount of the bid protecting the State of West Virginia. The bid bond must be submitted with the bid.

PERFORMANCE BOND: The apparent successful Vendor shall provide a performance bond in the amount of _____. The performance bond must be received by the Purchasing Division prior to Contract award. On construction contracts, the performance bond must be 100% of the Contract value.

LABOR/MATERIAL PAYMENT BOND: The apparent successful Vendor shall provide a labor/material payment bond in the amount of 100% of the Contract value. The labor/material payment bond must be delivered to the Purchasing Division prior to Contract award.

In lieu of the Bid Bond, Performance Bond, and Labor/Material Payment Bond, the Vendor may provide certified checks, cashier's checks, or irrevocable letters of credit. Any certified check, cashier's check, or irrevocable letter of credit provided in lieu of a bond must be of the same amount and delivered on the same schedule as the bond it replaces. A letter of credit submitted in lieu of a performance and labor/material payment bond will only be allowed for projects under \$100,000. Personal or business checks are not acceptable.

MAINTENANCE BOND: The apparent successful Vendor shall provide a two (2) year maintenance bond covering the roofing system. The maintenance bond must be issued and delivered to the Purchasing Division prior to Contract award.

INSURANCE: The apparent successful Vendor shall furnish proof of the following insurance prior to Contract award and shall list the state as a certificate holder:

Commercial General Liability Insurance: In the amount of _____ or more.

Builders Risk Insurance: In an amount equal to 100% of the amount of the Contract.

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The apparent successful Vendor shall also furnish proof of any additional insurance requirements contained in the specifications prior to Contract award regardless of whether or not that insurance requirement is listed above.

LICENSE(S) / CERTIFICATIONS / PERMITS: In addition to anything required under the Section entitled Licensing, of the General Terms and Conditions, the apparent successful Vendor shall furnish proof of the following licenses, certifications, and/or permits prior to Contract award, in a form acceptable to the Agency.

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The apparent successful Vendor shall also furnish proof of any additional licenses or certifications contained in the specifications prior to Contract award regardless of whether or not that requirement is listed above.

9. WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE: The apparent successful Vendor shall comply with laws relating to workers compensation, shall maintain workers' compensation insurance when required, and shall furnish proof of workers' compensation insurance upon request.

10. LIQUIDATED DAMAGES: Vendor shall pay liquidated damages in the amount of _____ for _____ . This clause shall in no way be considered exclusive and shall not limit the State or Agency's right to pursue any other available remedy.

11. ACCEPTANCE: Vendor's signature on its bid, or on the certification and signature page, constitutes an offer to the State that cannot be unilaterally withdrawn, signifies that the product or service proposed by vendor meets the mandatory requirements contained in the Solicitation for that product or service, unless otherwise indicated, and signifies acceptance of the terms and conditions contained in the Solicitation unless otherwise indicated.

12. FUNDING: This Contract shall continue for the term stated herein, contingent upon funds being appropriated by the Legislature or otherwise being made available. In the event funds are not appropriated or otherwise made available, this Contract becomes void and of no effect beginning on July 1 of the fiscal year for which funding has not been appropriated or otherwise made available.

13. PAYMENT: Payment in advance is prohibited under this Contract. Payment may only be made after the delivery and acceptance of goods or services. The Vendor shall submit invoices, in arrears.

14. TAXES: The Vendor shall pay any applicable sales, use, personal property or any other taxes arising out of this Contract and the transactions contemplated thereby. The State of West Virginia is exempt from federal and state taxes and will not pay or reimburse such taxes.

15. CANCELLATION: The State reserves the right to cancel this Contract immediately upon written notice to the vendor if the materials or workmanship supplied do not conform to the specifications contained in the Contract. The Purchasing Division Director may also cancel any purchase or Contract upon 30 days written notice to the Vendor in accordance with West Virginia Code of State Rules § 148-1-6.1.e.

16. TIME: Time is of the essence with regard to all matters of time and performance in this Contract.

17. APPLICABLE LAW: This Contract is governed by and interpreted under West Virginia law without giving effect to its choice of law principles. Any information provided in specification manuals, or any other source, verbal or written, which contradicts or violates the West Virginia Constitution, West Virginia Code or West Virginia Code of State Rules is void and of no effect.

18. COMPLIANCE: Vendor shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations and ordinances. By submitting a bid, Vendor acknowledges that it has reviewed, understands, and will comply with all applicable laws, regulations, and ordinances.

19. PREVAILING WAGE: Vendor shall be responsible for ensuring compliance with prevailing wage requirements and determining when prevailing wage requirements are applicable.

20. ARBITRATION: Any references made to arbitration contained in this Contract, Vendor's bid, or in any American Institute of Architects documents pertaining to this Contract are hereby deleted, void, and of no effect.

21. MODIFICATIONS: This writing is the parties' final expression of intent. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Contract to the contrary, no modification of this Contract shall be binding without mutual written consent of the Agency, and the Vendor.

22. WAIVER: The failure of either party to insist upon a strict performance of any of the terms or provision of this Contract, or to exercise any option, right, or remedy herein contained, shall not be construed as a waiver or a relinquishment for the future of such term, provision, option, right, or remedy, but the same shall continue in full force and effect. Any waiver must be expressly stated in writing and signed by the waiving party.

23. SUBSEQUENT FORMS: The terms and conditions contained in this Contract shall supersede any and all subsequent terms and conditions which may appear on any form documents submitted by Vendor to the Agency or Purchasing Division such as price lists, order forms, invoices, sales agreements, or maintenance agreements, and includes internet websites or other electronic documents. Acceptance or use of Vendor's forms does not constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions contained thereon.

24. ASSIGNMENT: Neither this Contract nor any monies due, or to become due hereunder, may be assigned by the Vendor without the express written consent of the Agency and any other government agency or office that may be required to approve such assignments.

25. WARRANTY: The Vendor expressly warrants that the goods and/or services covered by this Contract will: (a) conform to the specifications, drawings, samples, or other description furnished or specified by the Agency; (b) be merchantable and fit for the purpose intended; and (c) be free from defect in material and workmanship.

26. STATE EMPLOYEES: State employees are not permitted to utilize this Contract for personal use and the Vendor is prohibited from permitting or facilitating the same.

27. BANKRUPTCY: In the event the Vendor files for bankruptcy protection, the State of West Virginia may deem this Contract null and void, and terminate this Contract without notice.

28. PRIVACY, SECURITY, AND CONFIDENTIALITY: The Vendor agrees that it will not disclose to anyone, directly or indirectly, any such personally identifiable information or other confidential information gained from the Agency, unless the individual who is the subject of the information consents to the disclosure in writing or the disclosure is made pursuant to the Agency's policies, procedures, and rules. Vendor further agrees to comply with the Confidentiality Policies and Information Security Accountability Requirements, set forth in <http://www.state.wv.us/admin/purchase/privacy/default.html>.

29. YOUR SUBMISSION IS A PUBLIC DOCUMENT: Vendor's entire response to the Solicitation and the resulting Contract are public documents. As public documents, they will be disclosed to the public following the bid/proposal opening or award of the contract, as required by the competitive bidding laws of West Virginia Code §§ 5A-3-1 et seq., 5-22-1 et seq., and 5G-1-1 et seq. and the Freedom of Information Act West Virginia Code §§ 29B-1-1 et seq.

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Submission of any bid, proposal, or other document to the Purchasing Division constitutes your explicit consent to the subsequent public disclosure of the bid, proposal, or document. The Purchasing Division will disclose any document labeled "confidential," "proprietary," "trade secret," "private," or labeled with any other claim against public disclosure of the documents, to include any "trade secrets" as defined by West Virginia Code § 47-22-1 et seq. All submissions are subject to public disclosure without notice.

30. LICENSING: In accordance with West Virginia Code of State Rules § 148-1-6.1.e, Vendor must be licensed and in good standing in accordance with any and all state and local laws and requirements by any state or local agency of West Virginia, including, but not limited to, the West Virginia Secretary of State's Office, the West Virginia Tax Department, West Virginia Insurance Commission, or any other state agency or political subdivision. Upon request, the Vendor must provide all necessary releases to obtain information to enable the Agency to verify that the Vendor is licensed and in good standing with the above entities.

31. ANTITRUST: In submitting a bid to, signing a contract with, or accepting an Award Document from any agency of the State of West Virginia, the Vendor agrees to convey, sell, assign, or transfer to the State of West Virginia all rights, title, and interest in and to all causes of action it may now or hereafter acquire under the antitrust laws of the United States and the State of West Virginia for price fixing and/or unreasonable restraints of trade relating to the particular commodities or services purchased or acquired by the State of West Virginia. Such assignment shall be made and become effective at the time the purchasing agency tenders the initial payment to Vendor.

32. VENDOR CERTIFICATIONS: By signing its bid or entering into this Contract, Vendor certifies (1) that its bid or offer was made without prior understanding, agreement, or connection with any corporation, firm, limited liability company, partnership, person or entity submitting a bid or offer for the same material, supplies, equipment or services; (2) that its bid or offer is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud; (3) that this Contract is accepted or entered into without any prior understanding, agreement, or connection to any other entity that could be considered a violation of law; and (4) that it has reviewed this Solicitation in its entirety; understands the requirements, terms and conditions, and other information contained herein. Vendor's signature on its bid or offer also affirms that neither it nor its representatives have any interest, nor shall acquire any interest, direct or indirect, which would compromise the performance of its services hereunder. Any such interests shall be promptly presented in detail to the Agency. The individual signing this bid or offer on behalf of Vendor certifies that he or she is authorized by the Vendor to execute this bid or offer or any documents related thereto on Vendor's behalf; that he or she is authorized to bind the Vendor in a contractual relationship; and that, to the best of his or her knowledge, the Vendor has properly registered with any State agency that may require registration.

33. PURCHASING CARD ACCEPTANCE: The State of West Virginia currently utilizes a Purchasing Card program, administered under contract by a banking institution, to process payment for goods and services. The Vendor must accept the State of West Virginia's Purchasing Card for payment of all orders under this Contract unless the box below is checked.

Vendor is not required to accept the State of West Virginia's Purchasing Card as payment for all goods and services.

34. VENDOR RELATIONSHIP: The relationship of the Vendor to the State shall be that of an independent contractor and no principal-agent relationship or employer-employee relationship is contemplated or created by this Contract. The Vendor as an independent contractor is solely liable for the acts and omissions of its employees and agents. Vendor shall be responsible for selecting, supervising, and compensating any and all individuals employed pursuant to the terms of this Solicitation and resulting contract. Neither the Vendor, nor any employees or subcontractors of the Vendor, shall be deemed to be employees of the State for any purpose whatsoever. Vendor shall be exclusively responsible for payment of employees and contractors for all wages and salaries, taxes, withholding payments, penalties, fees, fringe benefits, professional liability insurance premiums, contributions to insurance and pension, or other deferred compensation plans, including but not limited to, Workers' Compensation and Social Security obligations, licensing fees, etc. and the filing of all necessary documents, forms, and returns pertinent to all of the foregoing. Vendor shall hold harmless the State, and shall provide the State and Agency with a defense against any and all claims including, but not limited to, the foregoing payments, withholdings, contributions, taxes, Social Security taxes, and employer income tax returns.

35. INDEMNIFICATION: The Vendor agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the State and the Agency, their officers, and employees from and against: (1) Any claims or losses for services rendered by any subcontractor, person, or firm performing or supplying services, materials, or supplies in connection with the performance of the Contract; (2) Any claims or

losses resulting to any person or entity injured or damaged by the Vendor, its officers, employees, or subcontractors by the publication, translation, reproduction, delivery, performance, use, or disposition of any data used under the Contract in a manner not authorized by the Contract, or by Federal or State statutes or regulations; and (3) Any failure of the Vendor, its officers, employees, or subcontractors to observe State and Federal laws including, but not limited to, labor and wage and hour laws.

36. PURCHASING AFFIDAVIT: In accordance with West Virginia Code § 5A-3-10a, all Vendors are required to sign, notarize, and submit the Purchasing Affidavit stating that neither the Vendor nor a related party owe a debt to the State in excess of \$1,000. The affidavit must be submitted prior to award, but should be submitted with the Vendor's bid. A copy of the Purchasing Affidavit is included herewith.

37. CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Vendor, its officers or members or employees, shall not presently have or acquire an interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict with or compromise the performance of its obligations hereunder. Vendor shall periodically inquire of its officers, members and employees to ensure that a conflict of interest does not arise. Any conflict of interest discovered shall be promptly presented in detail to the Agency.

38. REPORTS: Vendor shall provide the Agency and/or the Purchasing Division with the following reports identified by a checked box below:

Such reports as the Agency and/or the Purchasing Division may request. Requested reports may include, but are not limited to, quantities purchased, agencies utilizing the contract, total contract expenditures by agency, etc.

Quarterly reports detailing the total quantity of purchases in units and dollars, along with a listing of purchases by agency. Quarterly reports should be delivered to the Purchasing Division via email at purchasing.requisitions@wv.gov.

39. BACKGROUND CHECK: In accordance with W. Va. Code § 15-2D-3, the Director of the Division of Protective Services shall require any service provider whose employees are regularly employed on the grounds or in the buildings of the Capitol complex or who have access to sensitive or critical information to submit to a fingerprint-based state and federal background inquiry through the state repository. The service provider is responsible for any costs associated with the fingerprint-based state and federal background inquiry. After the contract for such services has been approved, but before any such employees are permitted to be on the grounds or in the buildings of the Capitol complex or have access to sensitive or critical information, the service provider shall submit a list of all persons who will be physically present and working at the Capitol complex to the Director of the Division of Protective Services for purposes of verifying compliance with this provision. The State reserves the right to prohibit a service provider's employees from accessing sensitive or critical information or to be present at the Capitol complex based upon results addressed from a criminal background check.

Service providers should contact the West Virginia Division of Protective Services by phone at (304) 558-9911 for more information.

40. PREFERENCE FOR USE OF DOMESTIC STEEL PRODUCTS: Except when authorized by the Director of the Purchasing Division pursuant to W. Va. Code § 5A-3-56, no contractor may use or supply steel products for a State Contract Project other than those steel products made in the United States. A contractor who uses steel products in violation of this section may be subject to civil penalties pursuant to W. Va. Code § 5A-3-56. As used in this section:

- a. "State Contract Project" means any erection or construction of, or any addition to, alteration of or other improvement to any building or structure, including, but not limited to, roads or highways, or the installation of any heating or cooling or ventilating plants or other equipment, or the supply of and materials for such projects, pursuant to a contract with the State of West Virginia for which bids were solicited on or after June 6, 2001.
- b. "Steel Products" means products rolled, formed, shaped, drawn, extruded, forged, cast, fabricated or otherwise similarly processed, or processed by a combination of two or more or such operations, from steel made by the open heath, basic oxygen, electric furnace, Bessemer or other steel making process. The Purchasing Division Director may, in writing, authorize the use of foreign steel products if:
- c. The cost for each contract item used does not exceed one tenth of one percent (.1%) of the total contract cost or two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00), whichever is greater.

For the purposes of this section, the cost is the value of the steel product as delivered to the project; or

- d. The Director of the Purchasing Division determines that specified steel materials are not produced in the United States in sufficient quantity or otherwise are not reasonably available to meet contract requirements.

41. PREFERENCE FOR USE OF DOMESTIC ALUMINUM, GLASS, AND STEEL: In Accordance with W. Va. Code § 5-19-1 et seq., and W. Va. CSR § 148-10-1 et seq., for every contract or subcontract, subject to the limitations contained herein, for the construction, reconstruction, alteration, repair, improvement or maintenance of public works or for the purchase of any item of machinery or equipment to be used at sites of public works, only domestic aluminum, glass or steel products shall be supplied unless the spending officer determines, in writing, after the receipt of offers or bids, (1) that the cost of domestic aluminum, glass or steel products is unreasonable or inconsistent with the public interest of the State of West Virginia, (2) that domestic aluminum, glass or steel products are not produced in sufficient quantities to meet the contract requirements, or (3) the available domestic aluminum, glass, or steel do not meet the contract specifications. This provision only applies to public works contracts awarded in an amount more than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) or public works contracts that require more than ten thousand pounds of steel products.

The cost of domestic aluminum, glass, or steel products may be unreasonable if the cost is more than twenty percent (20%) of the bid or offered price for foreign made aluminum, glass, or steel products. If the domestic aluminum, glass or steel products to be supplied or produced in a "substantial labor surplus area", as defined by the United States Department of Labor, the cost of

domestic aluminum, glass, or steel products may be unreasonable if the cost is more than thirty percent (30%) of the bid or offered price for foreign made aluminum, glass, or steel products. This preference shall be applied to an item of machinery or equipment, as indicated above, when the item is a single unit of equipment or machinery manufactured primarily of aluminum, glass or steel, is part of a public works contract and has the sole purpose or of being a permanent part of a single public works project. This provision does not apply to equipment or machinery purchased by a spending unit for use by that spending unit and not as part of a single public works project.

All bids and offers including domestic aluminum, glass or steel products that exceed bid or offer prices including foreign aluminum, glass or steel products after application of the preferences provided in this provision may be reduced to a price equal to or lower than the lowest bid or offer price for foreign aluminum, glass or steel products plus the applicable preference. If the reduced bid or offer prices are made in writing and supersede the prior bid or offer prices, all bids or offers, including the reduced bid or offer prices, will be reevaluated in accordance with this rule.

ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS (Construction Contracts Only)

1. CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE: West Virginia Code § 21-11-2 requires that all persons desiring to perform contracting work in this state be licensed. The West Virginia Contractors Licensing Board is empowered to issue the contractor's license. Applications for a contractor's license may be made by contacting the West Virginia Division of Labor. West Virginia Code § 21-11-11 requires any prospective Vendor to include the contractor's license number on its bid. Failure to include a contractor's license number on the bid shall result in Vendor's bid being disqualified. Vendors should include a contractor's license number in the space provided below.

Contractor's Name: _____

Contractor's License No. _____

The apparent successful Vendor must furnish a copy of its contractor's license prior to the issuance of a Award Document.

2. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE AFFIDAVIT: W. Va. Code § 21-1D-5 provides that any solicitation for a public improvement contract requires each Vendor that submits a bid for the work to submit at the same time an affidavit that the Vendor has a written plan for a drugfree workplace policy. To comply with this law, Vendor must either complete the enclosed drug-free workplace affidavit and submit the same with its bid or complete a similar affidavit that fulfills all of the requirements of the applicable code. Failure to submit the signed and notarized drug-free workplace affidavit or a similar affidavit that fully complies with the requirements of the applicable code, with the bid shall result in disqualification of Vendor's bid. Pursuant to W. Va. Code 21-1D-2(b) and (k), this provision does not apply to public improvement contracts the value of which is \$100,000 or less or temporary or emergency repairs.

2.1. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE POLICY: Pursuant to W. Va. Code § 21-1D-4, Vendor and its subcontractors must implement and maintain a written drug-free workplace policy that complies with said article. The awarding public authority shall cancel this contract if: (1) Vendor fails to implement and maintain a written drug-free workplace policy described in the preceding paragraph, (2) Vendor fails to provide information regarding implementation of its drug-free workplace policy at the request of the public authority; or (3) Vendor provides to the public authority false information regarding the contractor's drug-free workplace policy.

Pursuant to W. Va. Code 21-1D-2(b) and (k), this provision does not apply to public improvement contracts the value of which is \$100,000 or less or temporary or emergency repairs.

3. DRUG FREE WORKPLACE REPORT: Pursuant to W. Va. Code § 21-1D-7b, no less than once per year, or upon completion of the project, every contractor shall provide a certified report to the public authority which let the contract. For contracts over \$25,000, the public authority shall be the West Virginia Purchasing Division. For contracts of \$25,000 or less, the public authority shall be the agency issuing the contract. The report shall include:

(1) Information to show that the education and training service to the requirements of West Virginia Code § 21-1D-5 was provided;

Exhibit A

Pricing Sheet

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Item Number	Estimated Quantity	Unit of Measure	Description	Unit Price	Total
1	150 Invoices	Lump Sum	FORENSIC ACCOUNTING FIRM TO REVIEW A SINGLE VENDOR'S INVOICES, PURCHASE DOCUMENTS, INVENTORY RECORDS AND WORK ORDERS	\$23,500.00	\$23,500.00
				Grand Total	\$23,500.00

AGENCY SOLICITATION NUMBER – ARFQ DOT
DOT1600000009:

The Purpose of this addendum is to modify the solicitation identified as ("Agency Solicitation") to reflect the change(s) identified and described below.

Applicable Addendum Category:

- [X] Modify bid opening date and time
- [] Modify specification of product or service being sought
- [] Attachment of pre-bid sign-in sheet
- [] Correction of error
- [X] Other

Description of Modification to Solicitation:

To Add Excel Exhibit A Pricing Page, with Estimate Quantity

To Extend Question and Answer Period

From: 11/06/2015

To: 11/18/2015

To Extend Bids Opening

From: 11/13/2015

To: 11/24/2015 at 1:30

Additional Documentation: Documentation related to this Addendum (if any) has been included herewith as Attachment A and is specifically incorporated herein by reference.

Terms and Conditions:

1. All provision of the Agency Solicitation and other addenda not modified herein shall remain in full force and effect.
2. Vendor should acknowledge receipt of all addenda issued for this Agency Solicitation by completing an Addendum Acknowledgement, a copy of which is included herewith. Failure to acknowledge addenda may result in bid disqualification. The addendum acknowledgement should be submitted with the bid to expedite document processing.

COMMITMENT TO SERVE:

West Virginia Division of Highways



CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

WEST VIRGINIA DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS

FORENSIC ACCOUNTING SERVICES

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We are pleased to provide you with a proposal to perform forensic accounting services for the West Virginia Division of Highways (DOH). This package is designed to demonstrate that the Suttle & Stalnaker, PLLC (S&S) engagement team is best suited to assist DOH. Furthermore, it will provide you with a summary of the scope of services, our qualifications, and the price for the services.

Selecting the S&S team to serve DOH provides you with a number of important advantages:

- **Experience.** We are uniquely experienced and have the skills and resources in the government industry to meet your needs. S&S has made a commitment to the government industry and our staff receives a significant amount of training. In addition, we will manage the engagement efficiently and will provide DOH local access to their service provider. We have one of the largest governmental niches in the State of West Virginia and do a significant amount of work with government entities. You will have a significant amount of resources available that have first-hand knowledge of issues you may be faced with.
- **Service and Quality.** We are flexible and will listen to you and let you direct the project goals and services that you desire. We will give you the partner attention necessary to develop a client service plan to ensure that your deadlines are met. Chris Deweese will be the partner responsible for the engagement.
- **Track Record.** S&S has a proven track record of meeting clients' needs in a timely and effective manner. We currently serve some of the well-known government industry leaders in our market and are considered one of the premier service providers.
- **Commitment.** You will receive responsive, attentive service. DOH will be a key client of our Firm. As such, we will provide a team of partners, managers and staff that are familiar with the State of West Virginia, wvOASIS, and DOH accounting processes.

Should you have questions or comments please contact Chris Deweese at (304) 720-3107 or email cdeweese@suttlecpas.com. We look forward to the opportunity to discuss this proposal in person with you and senior management.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'CD' followed by a horizontal flourish.

Chris Deweese
Suttle & Stalnaker, PLLC

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Section 1 - Discussion of Services

FORENSIC ACCOUNTING SERVICES APPROACH

We understand that DOH is seeking forensic accounting services to review a single vendor's (Engineering Firm) invoices, purchase documents, inventory records and work order documentation as related to contract work performed. The services may include but are not limited to:

- The application of forensic accounting processes and tools to review the Engineering Firm's business documentation and records supporting contract electrical work performed statewide for DOH.
- Perform an on-site inspection of the Engineering Firm's premises to identify and catalog any DOH inventory in Engineering Firm's possession that was purchased by DOH under the audited contract.
- Perform a financial investigation by reviewing invoices, payments, contract documentation, and equipment inventory documents in relation to state and federal laws to assess the likelihood that fraudulent activity has occurred.
- Perform an economic damage analysis to measure the economic loss to DOH due to any lack of contract controls, contract term violations, unaccounted for inventory, and fraudulent activity.
- A report detailing the findings of the financial investigation and the economic damage analysis, including any amounts recoverable by DOH due to overpayments or improper payments.

Overview of our philosophy and approach to the engagement

We take pride in our approach to providing exceptional client service. We listen to our clients, assess their needs, and provide them with the highest quality service. Our approach to forensic accounting services will be flexible and designed to provide assistance specific to your needs.

We bring the significant experience we have gained from serving the State of West Virginia for over forty years as the independent auditors of various government entities. Our extensive experience in working with government agencies gives us insight into the importance of meeting established deadlines as well as a high level of understanding of the inter-workings of the State of West Virginia financial system. We have the ability to be flexible to meet your needs as issues arise. This allows us to appropriately focus our attention and efforts where needed.

It is our desire to dedicate the same partners and engagement team for the duration of our service to DOH. We believe this builds continuity and will allow us to more efficiently serve your organization. The individuals we select to serve on the engagement team have a demonstrated track record with clients in your industry, strong technical backgrounds, and outstanding leadership and communication skills.

Our approach is flexible and customizable

Our extensive experience in working with various government entities allows us to understand the significant accounting processes, internal controls, accounting systems, reconciliations, etc. critical to DOH. Our audit experience will also allow us to identify possible areas of concern.

Emphasis on open communication

One of our primary objectives is to provide an open line of communication throughout the engagement to ensure that services are provided on a timely basis in order to meet your needs. Our team is committed to facilitating timely communication and prompt issue resolution. We will provide the engagement team attention necessary to develop a client service plan to ensure your deadlines are met and to ensure the highest level of service and quality. Additionally, our local team will be readily accessible for in-person meetings, phone calls, and working sessions. We are available at all times for questions and consultations.

In order to control costs and maximize efficiency, we will utilize your staff and the data generated by them to the greatest practical and reasonable extent. We will be sensitive to interruptions of your staff, but will need and expect their cooperation. Reasonably prompt attention to our requests will ultimately benefit DOH through our ability to provide more timely and efficient service.

DESCRIPTION OF ENGAGEMENT PLAN

Your engagement will be staffed with a team experienced in working with government entities. We will work closely with you to determine your specific needs and tailor our approach to meet those needs. Our work plan includes three phases outlined as follows:

Phase I – Needs assessment and planning

This phase includes a high level of involvement by our engagement partners and managers and will include phone calls and on-site meetings with members of management and independent auditors to assess your needs. During this phase we will hold discussions with management to identify needs and put together an overall plan to address those needs. Our engagement approach is designed to first identify key deadlines and from there establish a performance timeline to ensure those deadlines are met.

The engagement plan will focus on the following:

- Identifying key deadlines
- Working with management to identify and confirm their expectations for the services to be provided
- Understanding the specific services desired
- Identifying and orienting the team members with DOH
- Establishing a timeline for overall performance that will meet deadlines

Phase II – Execution

Based on the knowledge and information obtained during the first phase of our approach, in the second phase we will execute the engagement plan that we have agreed to with management. Services that we may perform during the execution phase of the engagement include, but are not limited to:

- Review and analyze invoices, payments, contract documentation and equipment inventory documents maintained by DOH on the Engineering Firm.
- Review and analyze invoices, payment, contract documentation and equipment inventory documents concerning DOH maintained by the Engineering Firm.
- Compare documentation provided by DOH and Engineering Firm.
- Review documentation in relation to state and federal laws to assess the likelihood that fraudulent activity has occurred.

- Perform an on-site inspection of the Engineering Firm's premises to identify and catalog any DOH inventory in the Engineering Firm's possession that was purchased by DOH under the audited contract.
- Perform an economic damage analysis to measure the economic loss to DOH, if any, due to lack of contract controls, contract term violations, unaccounted for inventory, or fraudulent activity.

The execution portion of the engagement plan will be carried out on-site both at the DOH offices and at the Engineering Firm's location. We will have staff available to you on a consistent basis throughout the duration of the engagement.

Phase III – Conclusion and reporting

In this final phase of the engagement, we will provide a report detailing the findings of the activities outlined in phase II to management for approval. We will meet with management to go over the report and confirm that their expectations were met in terms of the services provided.

As previously discussed, our timeline development will start with this phase and work back to planning to ensure that deadlines are met.

Section 2 - Qualifications and Experience

FIRM QUALIFICATIONS

Suttle & Stalnaker, PLLC, Certified Public Accountants, has offices located in Charleston and Parkersburg, West Virginia. S&S was founded in 1973 and now has approximately 70 professionals, including 11 members (partners). S&S performs a full range of services including financial reporting consulting, SOX consulting and compliance, audit and attest services, tax and tax planning, merger and acquisition consulting, operational consulting, internal audit assistance, audit preparation consulting, business valuations, and outsourcing. S&S is one of the fastest growing CPA firms in West Virginia which is a primary result of our high quality services, commitment to clients, and competitive fees.



S&S is a member of PKF North America. PKF North America, a national and international association of independent certified public accounting firms, provides its members with continuing professional education, quality control, technical support, and marketing services. Every three years we undergo a peer review under guidelines issued by the Peer Review Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, which studies and evaluates our Firm's policies and procedures for maintaining quality in accounting and auditing work. See the Mandatory Requirements section of this proposal for our most recent peer review.

S&S and its key professional staff are properly licensed to practice in West Virginia. S&S does not have any adverse legal actions pending that may jeopardize S&S's long-term viability.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

S&S has a long history of serving the State of West Virginia and governmental entities, having served virtually every major division and department in some capacity. We have specialized in governmental entity auditing and accounting for several decades. The State of West Virginia and its departments, divisions, and component units are the cornerstone of our government practice.

We have performed a variety of services for a number of agencies within the State of West Virginia. Professional services include, but are not limited to:

- Financial audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*,
- Single audits in accordance with OMB Circular A-133,
- Agreed upon procedures for compliance with State purchasing policies and procedures,
- Forensic audit services involving vendor fraud and abuse
- Attestation engagements for Indirect Cost Proposals,
- Benchmarking analysis,
- Internal audit work,
- Consulting engagements,
- Special projects as requested.

Our engagements with the State of West Virginia have included auditing component units, divisions or programs, including assisting with the drafting of financial statements under managements' oversight with management assuming all responsibilities, to be incorporated into the State of West Virginia's Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports. We have completed special project engagements including contract audits, agreed upon procedures involving purchasing activities during department transitions, and examination of vendor billings when the agency suspected fraud. These engagements demonstrate our ability to meet your needs effectively and efficiently. The following is a listing of West Virginia State agencies served by S&S in the past five years.

- West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources
- West Virginia Department of Education
- West Virginia Department of Rehabilitation Services
- West Virginia Department of Transportation's Division of Highways
- West Virginia Development Office
- West Virginia Economic Development Authority
- West Virginia Lottery Commission
- West Virginia Parkways Authority
- West Virginia Racing Commission
- West Virginia Regional Jail Authority
- West Virginia Regional Technology Park
- West Virginia State Rail Authority
- West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education (including auditing six community and technical colleges consolidated under the Council)
- Fairmont State University

- West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine
- Bluefield State College
- Concord University

This preeminence in governmental auditing and accounting is not the result of casual experience acquired through an on-going accounting practice. Rather, it results from our commitment to the highest standards of service in the governmental sector. This experience will be used to assist you in reviewing the invoices, payments, contract documentation and equipment inventory documents of the Engineering Firm.

S&S has a strong reputation as business consultants to small, mid and large size companies and organizations, assisting in the analysis of business opportunities and threats, operations improvement, profit management, and design and installations of computer account and statistical systems. In addition we provide services such as financial reporting consulting, Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) treatment of certain transactions, research, component unit analysis, internal audit assistance, and audit preparation and consulting for companies and organizations that utilize other external auditors.

The services we provide are tailored to the specific needs and requests of management which provides for an efficient delivery of the final product.

TEAM QUALIFICATIONS

S&S brings you a team that combines in-depth experience and knowledge with a strong commitment to serve DOH. We provide an organizational structure that ensures ongoing and knowledgeable supervision by management already familiar with numerous industry related issues to ensure maximum efficiency. All professional staff assigned to your engagement have a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited four-year college or university with a major in accounting and all members and managers have at least 5 years of experience performing forensic audit and accounting services.

With over 40 years of experience, the team we have assembled is one of the strongest in the State of West Virginia. The following key engagement members will be available to serve you as requested.





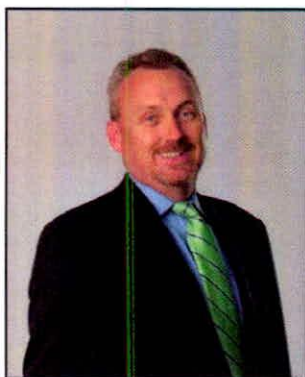
Chris Deweese, CPA, CGMA
Member

Chris is an audit and consulting member with Suttle & Stalnaker, PLLC. Chris will have overall responsibility for the performance of the engagement. Chris will work closely with management to coordinate and execute the engagement.

Chris graduated with a Bachelor's degree with a major in accounting from the University of Charleston. He is a certified public accountant having received certificate number 3961 from the State of West Virginia. He has also achieved the designation of Chartered Global Management Accountant.

Chris has over 20 years of experience in public accounting during which time he has specialized in serving for-profit, nonprofit, governmental and other for profit clients. His primary functions focus on audit and consulting engagements including significant experience in governmental entities.

Chris is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, West Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants, the Government Finance Officers Association, the Association of School Business Officials, and the Charleston Chapter of the West Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants. Chris is a current Board Member of the West Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants. In addition, he currently serves on the Accounting Procedures Committee of the Association of School Business Officials, the Special Review Committee of the Government Finance Officers Association for the GFOA Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting and is an associate member of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners. Chris is the 2004 recipient of the Young CPA of the Year Award from the West Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants. Chris is also a frequent speaker and serves on several nonprofit boards in the community.



Chris Lambert, CPA, CGMA
Member

Chris is an audit and consulting member with Suttle & Stalnaker, PLLC. Chris will have responsibility for engagement activities and quality control.

Chris has a Bachelor's degree with a major in accounting from Marshall University. Chris has over 22 years of public accounting experience. He previously was a Member of Pack, Lambert, and Burdette, PLLC until merging with Suttle & Stalnaker, PLLC in July 2008.

Chris has extensive consulting and audit experience. His client service experience includes wholesale, pension, nonprofit and governmental entities. He has experience in accounting systems, internal audit assistance, financial reporting consultation, audit preparation consulting, internal control systems, and operational improvement reviews.

He is a certified public accountant having received certificate number 3212 from the West Virginia Board of Accountancy. Chris is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, West Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants (WVSCPA), and the Charleston Chapter of the WVSCPA. He has achieved the designation of Chartered Global Management Accountant. His community service includes formerly serving as President of the Marshall University Quarterback Club, President of the WV Susan G. Komen Foundation, and Treasurer of the West Virginia Soccer Club.



Kelly Shafer, CPA
Senior Manager

Kelly graduated summa cum laude from West Virginia University with a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting and a Masters of Professional Accountancy. She is a certified public accountant in the State of West Virginia receiving certificate number 4745.

Kelly is a senior manager who works primarily in the audit and consulting areas of Suttle & Stalnaker, PLLC. Her responsibilities include, but are not limited to, overall coordination of audit strategies, managing and reviewing audit engagements, communication with clients during the course of the engagement, and completion and delivery of final audit reports.

Kelly has over 11 years of experience in public accounting practice during which time she has specialized in audits of governmental entities and consulting services. Kelly has worked on several audit engagements that are similar to the client being proposed on.

Kelly is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the West Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants, the Charleston Chapter of the West Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants, and serves on the Young CPA Project Committee of the West Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants. Kelly is the 2015 recipient of the Young CPA of the Year Award from the West Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants. She also serves on several local boards and is involved with various civic organizations as a member or volunteer.



Marie Long, CPA
Manager

Marie graduated magna cum laude from West Virginia State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration with major concentrations in accounting, finance, and management and a minor in economics. She is a certified public accountant having received certificate number 4616 from the State of West Virginia.

Marie is a manager who works primarily in the audit and consulting areas of Suttle & Stalnaker, PLLC. Her responsibilities include, but are not limited to, overall coordination of audit strategies, managing and reviewing audit engagements, communication with clients during the course of the engagement, and completion and delivery of final audit reports.

Marie has over 10 years of experience during which time she has specialized in audits of governmental entities and consulting services. Marie has worked on several engagements that are similar to the client being proposed on.

Marie is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the West Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants, the Charleston Chapter of the West Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants, and serves as the co-vice chair of the Recruiting and Career Opportunity Committee of the West Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants. She serves as a member of the Association of Governmental Accountants, the Accountability Chair and President-elect of the Charleston Chapter of the Association of Governmental Accountants, and a board member and treasurer of the West Virginia Children's Home Society. Marie is the 2014 recipient of the Young CPA of the Year Award from the West Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants.



Brandy Whittington, CPA, CITP, CGMA Manager

Brandy is a graduate of the University of Charleston with a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration with a major concentration in accounting. She is a certified public accountant having received certificate number 4397 from the State of West Virginia.

Brandy is an audit manager who works primarily in the audit and consulting areas of Suttle & Stalnaker, PLLC. Her responsibilities include, but are not limited to, management and training of audit staff, carrying out the audit plan, communication with clients during the course of the engagement, and completion of and delivery of final audit reports.

Brandy has over 17 years of experience in public accounting practice in which time she has specialized in governmental entities, nonprofits and other Single Audit engagements.

Brandy is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, West Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants, the Charleston Chapter of the West Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants, and serves on the Banking, Industry, Government Committee of the West Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants. She has also achieved the designation of Chartered Global Management Accountant and Certified Information Technology Professional.



Natalie Luppold, CPA, CITP, CISA Manager

Natalie graduated from Concord College with a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration and from West Virginia University with a Masters of Professional Accountancy and a graduate certificate in forensic accounting and fraud examination. She is a certified public accountant having received certificate number 5010 from the State of West Virginia.

Natalie is a manager who works primarily in the audit and accounting areas of Suttle & Stalnaker, PLLC. Her responsibilities include, but are not limited to, carrying out audit plans, communication with clients during the course of the fieldwork, and completion of final audit reports.

Natalie has over 9 years of experience in which time she has specialized in consulting services, IT specific engagements, and has worked on many engagements within the governmental sector.

Natalie is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, West Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants, the Charleston Chapter of the West Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants, and the AICPA Information Technology Section and serves as a member on the Work Life/Career Development Committee of the West Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants. Natalie has also served as the Treasurer for the WV Susan G. Komen Foundation. She has also achieved the designation of Certified Information Technology Professional and Certified Information Systems Auditor.



Ryan Mink, CPA
Manager

Ryan graduated from Lee University with Bachelors' degrees in accounting and business administration. He is a certified public accountant having received certificate number 4812 from the State of West Virginia.

Ryan is an audit manager of Suttle & Stalnaker, PLLC. His responsibilities include, but are not limited to, carrying out engagement plans, communication with clients during the course of the fieldwork, and completion of final reports.

Ryan has over 8 years of experience during which time he has worked on several audit engagements within the governmental sector.

Ryan is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, West Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants, the Charleston Chapter of the West Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants, and is the Chair of the Recruiting and Career Opportunity committee for the West Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants. Ryan is also the Treasurer of and soccer coach for the Coalfield Youth Soccer League in Chapmanville, WV.



Kristin Moody, CPA
Supervisor

Kristin graduated from West Virginia University with a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting. She is a Certified Public Accountant having received certificate number 4800 from the State of West Virginia.

Kristin is a supervisor who works primarily in the audit and accounting areas of Suttle & Stalnaker, PLLC. Her responsibilities include but are not limited to carrying out engagement plans and direct supervision of staff.

Kristin has approximately 7 years of experience during which time she has specialized in governmental, nonprofit, and other Single Audit engagements.

Kristin is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the West Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants and the Charleston Chapter of the West Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants. She is also a member of the Junior League of Charleston.



Rebecca Sigman, CPA
Senior

Rebecca graduated from The University of Charleston with a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting and business administration. She is a certified public accountant having received certificate number 5149 from the State of West Virginia.

Rebecca works primarily in the audit and accounting areas of Suttle & Stalnaker, PLLC. Her responsibilities include, but are not limited to, carrying out audit plans, communication with clients during the course of the fieldwork, and completion of detailed testing.

Rebecca has over 2 years of experience during which time she has worked on several governmental audit engagements.

Rebecca is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the West Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants, a member of the Young CPAs Committee of the West Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants, and the Charleston Chapter of the West Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants.



Eric Booker
Senior

Eric graduated from West Virginia University with a bachelor of science degree in accounting and a master of professional accountancy. He is eligible to sit for the Certified Public Accountants exam.

Eric works primarily in the audit and accounting areas of Suttle & Stalnaker, PLLC. His responsibilities include, but are not limited to, carrying out audit plans, communication with clients during the course of the fieldwork, and completion of detailed testing.

Eric has approximately 2 years of experience during which time he has worked on several governmental audit engagements.

Eric is a member of the West Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants, and the Charleston Chapter of the West Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants.

Section 3 – Mandatory Requirements

INDEPENDENCE AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

All professional personnel must be familiar with and adhere to the independence rules, regulations, interpretations, and rulings of the AICPA, the State of West Virginia Board of Accountancy, the West Virginia Society of CPAs, the United States General Accounting Office, State statutes, and regulatory agencies under which we practice. In this regard, any transaction, event, or circumstance that would impair the Firm's independence on review, audit, forecast, projection, or attestation engagements is prohibited.

S&S is independent of the State of West Virginia, and any other component units of the State of West Virginia as defined by auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, United States General Office. We have no conflicts of interest with respect to any other services that we provide to the State of West Virginia.

LICENSE TO PRACTICE IN WEST VIRGINIA

S&S and all assigned key professional staff are properly licensed by the West Virginia Board of Accountancy to practice in West Virginia. In addition, all assigned personnel have received adequate continuing professional education within the preceding two years to comply with AICPA and *Government Auditing Standards* (GAS), if applicable. Suttle & Stalnaker, PLLC is also a member in good standing with the AICPA, PCPS: the AICPA Alliance for CPA firms, and the West Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants. All members proposed to serve on this engagement are certified public accountant and members of the AICPA.

We meet all requirements imposed by the State of West Virginia and other local laws, rules and regulations, and are a registered resident vendor authorized to transact business with the State of West Virginia.

MEMBER EXPERIENCE

All members proposed to serve on this engagement have more than 5 years experience in forensic audit and accounting services.

PEER REVIEWS

S&S's most recent peer review of our system of quality control performed by an independent CPA Firm in accordance with standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants was completed in 2014. **We received a pass rating with no deficiencies identified.** In accordance with peer review standards, the peer reviews included a review of selected specific governmental engagements. A copy of the report is on the next page.



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SYSTEM REVIEW REPORT

To the Members of Suttle & Stalnaker, PLLC
and the National Peer Review Committee

We have reviewed the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of Suttle & Stalnaker, PLLC (the firm) applicable to engagements not subject to PCAOB permanent inspection in effect for the year ended May 31, 2014. Our peer review was conducted in accordance with the Standards for Performing and Reporting on Peer Reviews established by the Peer Review Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. As part of our peer review, we considered reviews by regulatory entities, if applicable, in determining the nature and extent of our procedures. The firm is responsible for designing a system of quality control and complying with it to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with applicable professional standards in all material respects. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the design of the system of quality control and the firm's compliance therewith based on our review. The nature, objectives, scope, limitations of, and the procedures performed in a System Review are described in the standards at www.aicpa.org/prsummary.

As required by the standards, engagements selected for review included engagements performed under *Government Auditing Standards* and audits of employee benefit plans.

In our opinion, the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of Suttle & Stalnaker, PLLC applicable to engagements not subject to PCAOB permanent inspection in effect for the year ended May 31, 2014, has been suitably designed and complied with to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with applicable professional standards in all material respects. Firms can receive a rating of *pass*, *pass with deficiency(ies)* or *fail*. Suttle & Stalnaker, PLLC has received a peer review rating of *pass*.

Kelley Galloway Smith Goolsby, PSC

Ashland, Kentucky
November 14, 2014

Pikeville, KY

Cold Spring, KY

Cincinnati, OH

Section 4 - Fee Proposal

FEE PROPOSAL

We generally base our fees on the time required at our regular rates for the services and personnel assigned. We will not charge you separately for mileage or travel costs. Our charges include other appropriate factors, including the difficulty of the assignment, the degree of skill required, time limitations imposed on us by others, the experience and ability of the personnel assigned, and the value of the services to the client. We will attempt to minimize our fees consistent with quality work. The extent to which we can do this will depend on your personnel offering us clerical and other assistance to prepare schedules, perform analyses, and provide source documents. Assuming adequate records, internal controls, and assistance from your personnel, our fee for the service will be \$23,500.

Our acceptance of this engagement is subject to our not having a conflict of interest in regards to the "Engineering Firm" vendor of this proposal.