



DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

State of Delaware

Invitation to Bid

Title: **ALUMINUM SIGN BLANKS**

Contract ID: **DOT1610-SIGN_BLANKS**

- Deadline to Respond -

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2016

2:00 P.M. Local Time

Bids shall be submitted to:



State of Delaware
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Administration Building
Contract Administration
800 Bay Road, Dover, DE 19901



QUESTIONS are to be submitted via e-mail to dot-ask@state.de.us.

Responses to Questions will be posted to this project at <http://www.bids.delaware.gov>.

ALL BIDDERS:

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The enclosed packet contains an "INVITATION TO BID". The invitation consists of the following documents:

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REQUIRED BID DOCUMENTS: *(MUST be completed and returned with your bid)*

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ATTACHMENT B – SUBCONTRACTOR INFORMATION FORM

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INFORMATIONAL DOCUMENTS and REQUIRED BID DOCUMENTS are made part of this solicitation and are contained within the ITB pdf file, or available for download at the following site: <http://bids.delaware.gov/>

In order for your bid to be considered, the REQUIRED BID DOCUMENTS shall be executed completely and correctly and received in a sealed envelope clearly displaying the contract number, by the date and time listed on the previous page.

I. DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL PROVISIONS

The attached Definitions and General Provisions apply to all contracts and are part of each invitation to bid. The requirement to furnish a bid bond and performance bond is applicable unless waived in the Special Provisions. Should the General Provisions conflict with the Special Provisions, the Special Provisions shall prevail. Bidders or their authorized representatives are required to fully acquaint themselves as to State procurement laws and regulations prior to submitting bid.

DEFINITIONS

Whenever the following terms are used, their intent and meaning shall be interpreted as follows:

STATE: The State of Delaware

AGENCY: Delaware Department of Transportation.

BIDDER OR VENDOR: Any individual, firm, or corporation formally submitting a proposal for the material or work contemplated, acting directly or through a duly authorized representative.

BIDDER'S DEPOSIT: The security designated in the proposal to be furnished by the bidder as a guaranty of good faith to enter into a contract with the Agency if the work to be performed or the material or equipment to be furnished is awarded to the bidder.

BID INVITATION: The "bid invitation" or "invitation to bid" is a packet of material sent to vendors and consists of General Provisions, Special Provisions, specifications, and enclosures.

BOND: The approved form of security furnished by the Vendors and its surety as a guaranty of good faith on the part of the Vendor to execute the work in accordance with the terms of the contract.

CONTRACT: The written agreement covering the furnishing and delivery of material or work to be performed.

CONTRACTOR: Any individual, firm, or corporation with whom a contract is made by the Agency.

DESIGNATED OFFICIAL: The agent authorized to act for the Agency.

GENERAL PROVISIONS: General Provisions are instructions pertaining to contracts in general. They contain, in summary, requirements of laws of the State, policies of the Agency, and instructions to vendors.

ITB: Invitation to Bid.

LOCAL TIME: Eastern Standard Time/Eastern Daylight Time

PROPOSAL: The offer of the bidder submitted on the approved form and setting forth the bidder's prices for performing the work or supplying the material or equipment described in the specifications.

SPECIAL PROVISIONS: Special Provisions are specific conditions or requirements peculiar to the contract under consideration and are supplemental to the General Provisions. Should the Special Provisions conflict with the General Provisions, the Special Provisions shall prevail.

SURETY: The corporate body which is bound with and for the contract, or which is liable, and which engages to be responsible for the contractor's payments of all debts pertaining to and for its acceptable performance of the work for which it has contracted.

SECTION I.A - GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. BID INVITATION

See "Definitions".

2. PROPOSAL FORMS

The invitation to bid shall contain pre-printed forms for use by the vendor in submitting its bid. The forms shall contain basic information such as description of the item and the estimated quantities and shall have blank spaces for use by the vendor for entering information such as unit bid price, total bid price, etc.

3. INTERPRETATION OF ESTIMATES

The attention of bidders is called to the fact that, unless stated otherwise, any quantities given in the proposal form are to be considered to be approximate only and are given as a basis for the comparison of bids. The Agency may increase or decrease the amount of any item as may be deemed necessary or expedient, during the period of the contract.

An increase or decrease in the quantity for any item is not sufficient ground for an increase or decrease in the unit price.

4. SILENCE OF SPECIFICATIONS

The apparent silence of the specifications as to any detail, or the apparent omission from it of detailed description concerning any point, shall be regarded as meaning that only the best commercial practice is to prevail and only material and workmanship of the first quality are to be used. Proof of specifications compliance will be the responsibility of the vendor.

5. EXAMINATION OF SPECIFICATIONS AND PROVISIONS

The bidder shall examine carefully the proposal and the contract forms for the material contemplated. The bidder shall investigate and satisfy itself as to the conditions to be encountered, quality and quantities of the material to be furnished, and the requirements of the Special Provisions and the contract. The submission of a proposal shall be conclusive evidence that the bidder has made examination of the aforementioned conditions.

6. PREPARATION OF PROPOSAL

- a. **The bidder's proposal shall be written in ink or typewritten** on the form provided.
- b. The proposal shall show a total bid price for each item bid and the total bid price of the proposal.

7. PRICES QUOTED

The prices quoted are those for which the material will be furnished F.O.B. Ordering Agency and include all charges that may be imposed during the period of the contract. **All prices must be quoted in U.S. Dollars.**

8. DISCOUNT

No qualifying letter or statements in or attached to the proposal, or separate discounts will be considered in determining the low bid except as may be otherwise herein noted. Cash or separate discounts should be computed and incorporated into unit bid price(s).

9. SAMPLES OR BROCHURES

Samples or brochures may be required by the agency for evaluation purposes. They shall be such as to permit the Agency to compare and determine if the item offered complies with the intent of the specifications.

10. PROPOSAL GUARANTY; BID BOND

Waived.

11. DELIVERY OF PROPOSALS

Proposals shall be delivered in sealed envelopes, and shall bear on the outside the name and address of the bidder as well as the designation of the contract. Proposals must be delivered to the address listed below. All bids must clearly display the bid number on the envelope.



All proposals will be accepted at the time and place set in the advertisement. Bidder bears the risk of delays in delivery. Proposals received after the time set for public opening will be returned unopened.

12. WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSALS

A bidder may withdraw its proposal unopened after it has been deposited, if such a request is made prior to the time set for the opening of the proposal.

13. PUBLIC OPENING OF PROPOSALS

The bids shall be publicly opened at the time and place specified by the Agency. Bidders or their authorized representatives are invited to be present.

14. PUBLIC INSPECTION OF PROPOSALS

If the bidder designates a portion of its bid as confidential, it shall isolate and identify in writing the confidential portions. The bidder shall include with this designation a statement that explains and supports the firm's claim that the bid items identified as confidential contain trade secrets or other proprietary data.

15. DISQUALIFICATION OF BIDDERS

Any one or more of the following causes may be considered as sufficient for the disqualification of a bidder and the rejection of its proposal or proposals:

- a. More than one proposal for the same contract from an individual, firm, or corporation under the same or different names.
- b. Evidence of collusion among bidders.
- c. Unsatisfactory performance record as evidenced by past experience.
- d. Any suspension or debarment of the parent company, subsidiary or individual involved with the vendor by federal, any state or any local governments within the last five (5) years.

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- e. If the unit prices are obviously unbalanced either in excess or below reasonable cost analysis values.
- f. If there are any unauthorized additions, interlineations, conditional or alternate bids or irregularities of any kind which may tend to make the proposal incomplete, indefinite, or ambiguous as to its meaning.
- g. Non-attendance of mandatory pre-bid meetings may be cause of disqualification.

16. ADDENDA TO THE INVITATION TO BID (ITB)

If it becomes necessary to revise any part of this ITB, revisions will be posted at <http://bids.delaware.gov/> . By submitting an offer to the State, vendors have acknowledged receipt, understanding and commitment to comply with all materials, revisions, and addenda related to the Invitation to Bid.

17. LOBBYING AND GRATUITIES

Lobbying or providing gratuities shall be strictly prohibited. Vendors found to be lobbying, providing gratuities to, or in any way attempting to influence a State of Delaware employee or agent of the State of Delaware concerning this ITB or the award of a contract resulting from this ITB shall have their proposal immediately rejected and shall be barred from further participation in this ITB. The selected vendor will warrant that no person or selling agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure a contract resulting from this ITB upon agreement or understanding for a commission, or a percentage, brokerage or contingent fee. For breach or violation of this warranty, the State of Delaware shall have the right to annul any contract resulting from this ITB without liability or at its discretion deduct from the contract price or otherwise recover the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee. All contact with State of Delaware employees, contractors or agents of the State of Delaware concerning this ITB shall be conducted in strict accordance with the manner, forum and conditions set forth in this ITB.

18. SOLICITATION OF STATE EMPLOYEES

Until contract award, vendors shall not, directly or indirectly, solicit any employee of the State of Delaware to leave the State of Delaware's employ in order to accept employment with the vendor, its affiliates, actual or prospective contractors, or any person acting in concert with vendor, without prior written approval of the State of Delaware's contracting officer. Solicitation of State of Delaware employees by a vendor may result in rejection of the vendor's proposal.

This paragraph does not prevent the employment by a vendor of a State of Delaware employee who has initiated contact with the vendor. However, State of Delaware employees may be legally prohibited from accepting employment with the contractor or subcontractor under certain circumstances. Vendors may not knowingly employ a person who cannot legally accept employment under state or federal law. If a vendor discovers that they have done so, they must terminate that employment immediately.

19. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS

The parties to the contract shall be independent contractors to one another, and nothing herein shall be deemed to cause this agreement to create an agency, partnership, joint venture or employment relationship between parties. Each party shall be responsible for compliance with all applicable workers compensation, unemployment, disability insurance, social security withholding and all other similar matters. Neither party shall be liable for any debts, accounts, obligations or other liability whatsoever of the other party or any other obligation of the other party to pay on the behalf of its employees or to withhold from any compensation paid to such employees any social benefits, workers compensation insurance premiums or any income or other similar taxes.

It may be at the State of Delaware's discretion as to the location of work for the contractual support personnel during the project period.

SECTION I.B - AWARD AND EXECUTION OF CONTRACT

1. CONSIDERATION OF BIDS

- a. After the proposals have been opened, the bids will be tabulated and the results will be made available to the public. Tabulations of the bids will be based on the correct summation of items at the unit price bid.
- b. The right is reserved to waive technicalities, to reject any or all bids, or any portion thereof, to advertise for new proposals, to proceed to do the work otherwise, or to abandon the work, if in the judgment of the Agency or its agent, the best interest of the State will be promoted thereby.

2. MATERIAL GUARANTY

Before any contract is awarded, the successful bidder may be required to furnish a complete statement of the origin, composition and manufacture of any or all of the material to be used in the contract together with such samples as may be requested for the purpose of testing.

3. CONTRACT AWARD

Within thirty days from the date of opening proposals, the contract will be awarded or the proposals rejected.

4. EXECUTION OF CONTRACT

The bidder to whom the award is made shall execute a formal contract and bond within twenty days after date of official notice of the award of the contract.

If the successful bidder fails to execute the required contract and bond, as aforesaid, within twenty days after the date of official notice of the award of the contract, its proposal guaranty shall immediately become forfeited as liquidated damages. Award will then be made to the next lowest qualified bidder of the work or re-advertised, as the Agency may decide.

5. REQUIREMENT OF CONTRACT BOND

Successful bidders shall furnish bond, unless bond(s) have been waived as noted in the Special Provisions, simultaneously with the execution of the formal contract, to the State of Delaware for the benefit of the Agency with surety in the amount of 100% of the total contract award or as otherwise provided in the Special Provisions. Said bonds shall be conditioned upon the faithful performance of the contract.

The bond forms shall be provided by the Agency and the surety shall be acceptable to the Agency.

6. WARRANTY

The successful bidder(s) shall be required to extend any policy guarantee usually offered to the general public, FEDERAL, STATE, COUNTY, or MUNICIPAL governments, on material in this contract against defective material, workmanship, and performance.

7. THE CONTRACT(S)

The contract(s) with the successful bidder(s) will be executed with the Department of Transportation.

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8. RETURN OF BIDDER'S DEPOSIT

The deposits shall be returned to the successful bidder upon the execution of the formal contract. The deposits of unsuccessful bidders shall be returned to them immediately upon the awarding of the contract or rejection of their bids. Bidders are made aware that Certified Checks submitted in lieu of Bond will be deposited, and unsuccessful bidders will receive payment of the value of the check from the state.

9. INFORMATION REQUIREMENT

The successful bidder's shall be required to advise the state's Government Support Services the gross amount of purchases made as a result of the contract.

10. CONTRACT EXTENSION

The State reserves the right to extend this contract on a month-to-month basis for a period of up to three months.

SECTION I.C – GENERAL AUTHORITY

1. AUTHORITY OF AGENCY

On all questions concerning the interpretation of specifications, the acceptability and quality of material furnished and/or work performed, the classification of material, the execution of the work, and the determination of payment due or to become due, the decision of the Agency shall be final and binding.

2. LAWS TO BE OBSERVED

The contractor is presumed to know and shall strictly comply with all National, State, or County laws, and City or Town ordinances and regulations in any manner affecting the conduct of the work. The contractor shall indemnify and save harmless the State of Delaware, the Agency, and all Officers, Agency and Servants thereof against any claim or liability arising from or based upon the violation of any such laws, ordinances, regulations, orders, or decrees whether by itself or by its employees.

3. PERMITS AND LICENSES

All necessary permits, licenses, insurance policies, etc. required by local, State or Federal laws, shall be provided by the contractor at its own expense.

4. PATENTED DEVICES, MATERIAL AND PROCESSES

- a. The contractor shall provide for the use of any patented design, device, material, or process to be used or furnished under this contract by suitable legal agreement with the patentee or owner, and shall file a copy of this agreement with the Agency.
- b. The contractor and the surety shall hold and save harmless the State of Delaware, the Agency, the Director, their Officers or Agents from any and all claims because of the use of such patented design, device, material, or process in connection with the work agreed to be performed under this contract.

5. EMERGENCY TERMINATION OF CONTRACT

- a. Due to restrictions which may be established by the United States Government on material, or work, a contract may be terminated by the cancellation of all or portions of the contract.
- b. In the event the contractor is unable to obtain the material required to complete the items of work included in the contract because of restrictions established by the United States Government and if, in the opinion of the Agency, it is impractical to substitute other available material, or the work cannot be completed within a reasonable time, the incomplete portions of the work may be cancelled, or the contract may be terminated.

6. TAX EXEMPTION

- a. Material covered by this proposal is exempt from all FEDERAL and STATE TAXES. Such taxes shall not be included in prices quoted.
- b. Any material which is to be incorporated in the work or any equipment required for the work contemplated in the proposal may be consigned to the Agency. If the shipping papers show clearly that any such material is so consigned, the shipment will be exempt from the tax on the transportation of property under provisions of Section 3475 (b) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended by Public Law 180 (78th Congress). All transportation charges shall be paid by the contractor. Each bidder shall take its exemption into account in calculating its bid for its work.

7. OR EQUAL (PRODUCTS BY NAME)

Specifications of products by name are intended to be descriptive of quality or workmanship, finish and performance. Desirable characteristics are not intended to be restrictive. Substitutions of products for those named will be considered provided the vendor certifies that the function, characteristics, performance and endurance qualities of the material offered is equal or superior to that specified. Final determination of equal status shall reside with the Agency.

8. BID EVALUATION AND AWARD

The Department of Transportation will award this contract to the lowest responsible bidder(s) which in their judgment best serves the interest of the State of Delaware in accordance with Delaware Code Title 29, Section 6923(k). Personnel with experience and technical background may be utilized by the Agency in making judgment. In case of error in price extension, the unit price(s) shall prevail.

9. INVOICING

After the awards are made, the agencies participating in the bid may forward their purchase orders to the successful bidder(s) in accordance with State Purchasing Procedures. The State will generate a payment voucher upon receipt of an invoice from the vendor.

10. SEVERABILITY

If any term or provision of this Agreement is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, illegal or otherwise unenforceable, the same shall not affect the other terms or provisions hereof or the whole of this Agreement, but such term or provision shall be deemed modified to the extent necessary in the court's opinion to render such term or provision enforceable, and the rights and obligations of the parties shall be construed and enforced accordingly, preserving to the fullest permissible extent the intent and agreements of the parties herein set forth.

SECTION I.D - EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

1. EQUALITY OF EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY ON PUBLIC WORKS

During the performance of any contract for public works financed in whole or in part by appropriation of the State of Delaware, the contractor agrees as follows:

- a. The contractor, as set forth in Title 19 Delaware Code Chapter 7 section 711, will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment with respect to compensation, terms, conditions or privileges of employment because of such individual's race, marital status, genetic information, color, age, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. The contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed and that employees are treated equally during employment without regard to their race, marital status, genetic information, color, age, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: advertising, lay-off or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training including apprenticeships. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, notices to be provided by the contracting agency setting forth the provisions of this non-discrimination clause.
- b. During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:
 1. The contractor, as set forth in Title 19 Delaware Code Chapter 7 section 711, will not discriminate against any individual with respect to compensation, terms, conditions or privileges of employment because of such individual's race, marital status, genetic information, color, age, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. The contractor will take positive steps to ensure that applicants are employed and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, marital status, genetic information, color, age, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment notices to be provided by the contracting agency setting forth this nondiscrimination clause.
 2. The contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, marital status, genetic information, color, age, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin."
- c. The term "contractor for public works" means construction, reconstruction, demolition, alteration, and/or repair work, maintenance work, and paid for in whole or in part out of the funds of a public body except work performed under a vocational rehabilitation program. The manufacture or furnishing of materials, articles, supplies or equipment is not a public work within the meaning of this subsection unless conducted in connection with and at the site of the public work.

II. SPECIAL PROVISIONS

1. CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

This contract will be issued to cover the requirements for the Delaware Department of Transportation.

2. AGENCY USE CONTRACT

Pursuant to 29 Del. C. §6904(e) respectively, if no state contract exists for a certain good or service, covered agencies may procure that certain good or service under another agency's contract so long as the arrangement is agreeable to all parties. Agencies, other than covered agencies, may also procure such goods or services under another agency's contract when the arrangement is agreeable to all parties.

3. CONTRACT TERM

Contract shall start on April 1, 2017 and will be valid for three (3) years. The contract may be extended for two (2) additional, one-year term(s), in writing, prior to the termination of the agreement.

4. PRICES

Prices are determined by bid price with PPI adjustments on a per order basis. All prices shall be quoted in U.S. Dollars.

5. PRICE ADJUSTMENT

The Vendor is not prohibited from offering price reductions, nor is the State prohibited from requesting price reductions, and the contract may be amended at any time upon agreement of both parties for such reductions.

ALUMINUM COST ADJUSTMENT:

Payments to the Vendor shall be adjusted to reflect increases or decreases in the cost of aluminum when ordered compared to the contract's Aluminum Base Price, as described below:

The Bureau of Labor Statistics, Producer Price Index-Commodities, Series Id: WPU10250105 not seasonally adjusted (PPI), will be used to determine the Aluminum cost adjustment. This cost adjustment percentage will be determined by the percent difference in this contract's Aluminum Base Price versus the latest available PPI price (first published) available on the website (<http://www.bls.gov/ppi/>) on the date of each of the Department's purchase orders. The Department is to print the screen showing the website pricing and keep with the purchase order.

Examples of Aluminum Cost Adjustment calculations:

Example 1

PPI Index at time of purchase order	142.5
Divided by contract base PPI Index	139.5
Equals	1.0215 (2.15% increase)
This means that the original bid price should be multiplied by 1.0215.	
Bid Price	1.33 per pound
Invoice price for this purchase order	1.36 per pound

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Example 2

PPI Index at time of purchase order	136.5
Divided by contract base PPI Index	139.5
Equals	0.9785 (2.15% decrease)
This means that the original bid price should be multiplied by 0.9785	
Bid Price	1.33 per pound
Invoice price for this purchase order	1.30 per pound

The Month and Year for the base PPI Index for this contract is DECEMBER 2016.

6. SHIPPING TERMS

F.O.B. destination; freight pre-paid and allowed.

7. QUANTITIES

The attention of bidders is called to the fact that, unless stated otherwise, the quantities given in the proposal are best estimates and are given as a basis for the comparison of bids. Quantities ordered may be increased or decreased by any eligible agency as deemed necessary during the period of the contract.

Prior contract utilization may be viewed at the following site, if available: <http://contracts.delaware.gov/>.

8. FUNDING OUT

The continuation of this contract is contingent upon funding appropriated by the legislature.

9. BID BOND REQUIREMENT

The Bid Bond requirement has been waived.

10. PERFORMANCE BOND REQUIREMENT

The Performance Bond requirement has been waived.

11. MANDATORY INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

As a part of the contract requirements, the contractor must obtain at its own cost and expense and keep in force and effect during the term of this contract, including all extensions, the minimum coverage limits specified below with a carrier satisfactory to the State. All contractors must carry the following coverage depending on the type of service or product being delivered.

a. Commercial General Liability - \$1,000,000.00 per person/\$3,000,000 per occurrence.

and

b. Medical/Professional Liability - \$1,000,000.00 per person/\$3,000,000 per occurrence.

and

c. Product Liability - \$1,000,000.00 per person/\$3,000,000 per occurrence.

and

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- d. Automotive Liability Insurance covering all automotive units used in the work with limits of not less than \$100,000 each person and \$300,000 each accident as to bodily injury and \$25,000 as to property damage to others.

and

- e. The vendor shall maintain such insurance as will protect against claims under Worker's Compensation Act and from any other claims for damages for personal injury, including death, which may arise from operations under this contract. The vendor is an independent contractor and is not an employee of the State of Delaware.

Before any work is done with the State, a Certificate of Insurance referencing the name and contract number stated herein, shall be filed with the State. The certificate holder is as follows:

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Send to Attention of:
Contract Administration
800 Bay Road, Dover, DE 19901

Note: The State of Delaware shall not be named as an additional insured.

Should any of the above described policies be cancelled before the expiration date thereof, notice will be delivered in accordance with the policy provisions.

12. BASIS OF AWARD

The Delaware Department of Transportation shall award this contract to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder(s) who best meets the terms and conditions of the bid. The award will be made on basis of price, product evaluation, and prior history of service and capability.

The Delaware Department of Transportation reserves the right to reject any or all bids in whole or in part, to make multiple awards, partial awards, award by types, item by item, or lump sum total, whichever may be most advantageous to the State of Delaware.

13. STATE OF DELAWARE BUSINESS LICENSE

Prior to receiving an award, the successful vendor shall either furnish proof of State of Delaware Business Licensure or initiate the process of application where required. An application may be requested in writing to: Division of Revenue, Carvel State Building, P.O. Box 8750, 820 N. French Street, Wilmington, DE 19899-8750 or by telephone to one of the following numbers: (302) 577-8201 - Public Service, (302) 577-8205 - Licensing Department.

Information regarding the award of this contract will be given to the Division of Revenue. Failure to comply with the State of Delaware licensing requirements may subject your organization to applicable fines and/or interest penalties.

14. HOLD HARMLESS

The successful bidder agrees that it shall indemnify and hold the State of Delaware and all its agencies harmless from and against any and all claims for injury, loss of life, or damage to or loss of use of property caused or alleged to be caused, by acts or omissions of the successful bidder, its employees, and invitees on or about the premises and which arise out of the successful bidder's performance, or failure to perform as specified in the Agreement.

15. OWNERSHIP OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

All copyright and patent rights to all papers, reports, forms, materials, creations, or inventions created or developed in the performance of this contract shall become the sole property of the State of Delaware. On request, the contractor shall promptly provide an acknowledgment or assignment in a tangible form satisfactory to the State to evidence the State's sole ownership of specifically identified intellectual property created or developed in the performance of the contract.

16. NON-PERFORMANCE

In the event the vendor does not fulfill its obligations under the terms and conditions of this contract, the ordering agency may purchase equivalent product on the open market. Any difference in cost between the contract prices herein and the price of open market product shall be the responsibility of the vendor. Under no circumstances shall monies be due the vendor in the event open market products can be obtained below contract cost. Any monies charged to the vendor may be deducted from an open invoice.

17. FORCE MAJEURE

Neither the vendor nor the ordering agency shall be held liable for non-performance under the terms and conditions of this contract due, but not limited to, government restriction, strike, flood, fire, or unforeseen catastrophe beyond either party's control. Each party shall notify the other in writing of any situation that may prevent performance under the terms and conditions of this contract.

18. CONTRACTOR NON-ENTITLEMENT

State of Delaware Contractors for Materiel and for Services shall not have legal entitlement to, nor seek business from another Contractors' Central Contract. Additionally, they shall not utilize other Central Contracts to fulfill the requirements of their respective contract as they are not a "Covered Agency" as defined by Title 29 Chapter 69 of the State Procurement Code.

19. MANDATORY USAGE REPORTING

One of the primary goals in administering this contract is to keep accurate records regarding its actual value/usage. This information is essential in order to update the contents of the contract and to establish proper bonding levels, if they are required. The integrity of future contracts revolves around our ability to convey accurate and realistic information to all interested parties.

A complete and accurate Usage Report (Sample Report 1) shall be furnished in an Excel format and submitted electronically, no later than the 15th (or next business day after the 15th day) of each month, detailing the purchasing of all items on this contract. The reports shall be submitted and sent as an attachment to vendorusage@state.de.us. Submitted reports shall contain accurate descriptions of the products, goods or services procured, purchasing agency information, including the six-digit department and organization code, quantities procured and prices paid. Any exception to this mandatory requirement or failure to submit complete reports, or in the format required, may result in corrective action, up to and including the possible cancellation of the award. Failure to provide the report with the minimum required information may also negate any contract extension clauses. Additionally, Vendors who are determined to be in default of this mandatory report requirement may have such conduct considered against them, in assessment of responsibility, in the evaluation of future proposals.

In accordance with Executive Order 44, the State of Delaware is committed to supporting its diverse business industry and population. The successful Vendor will be required to accurately report on the participation by Diversity Suppliers which includes: minority (MBE), woman (WBE), veteran owned business (VOBE), or service disabled veteran owned business (SDVOBE) under this awarded contract. The reported data elements shall include but not be limited to; name of state contract/project, the name of the Diversity Supplier,

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Diversity Supplier contact information (phone, email), type of product or service provided by the Diversity Supplier and any minority, women, veteran, or service disabled veteran certifications for the subcontractor (State OSD certification, Minority Supplier Development Council, Women's Business Enterprise Council, VetBiz.gov). The format used for Subcontracting 2nd Tier reporting is shown as Sample Report 2.

Accurate 2nd Tier reports shall be submitted to the Office of Supplier Diversity at vendorousage@state.de.us on the 15th (or next business day) of the month following each quarterly period. For consistency quarters shall be considered to end the last day of March, June, September and December of each calendar year. Contract spend during the covered periods shall result in a report even if the contract has expired by the report due date.

20. BUSINESS REFERENCES

In order to have your bid considered, please supply three (3) business references consisting of current or previous customers with your reply. Please include name, address, telephone number, and a contact person.

PLEASE DO NOT UTILIZE STATE OF DELAWARE PERSONNEL AS REFERENCES.

21. ORDERING PROCEDURE

Successful contractors are required to have either a local telephone number within the (302) area code, a toll free (800) number, or agree to accept collect calls. Each agency is responsible for placing their orders and may be accomplished by written purchase order, telephone, fax or computer on-line systems. The contractor or vendor must accept full payment by procurement (credit) card and/or conventional check and/or other electronic means at the State's option, without imposing any additional fees, costs or conditions.

22. BILLING

The successful vendor is required to "Bill as Shipped" to the respective ordering agency(s). Ordering agencies shall provide contract number, ship to and bill to address, contact name and phone number.

23. PAYMENT

The agencies or school districts involved will authorize and process for payment each invoice within thirty (30) days after the date of receipt of a correct invoice. The contractor or vendor must accept full payment by procurement (credit) card and/or conventional check and/or other electronic means at the State's option, without imposing any additional fees, costs or conditions.

24. PRODUCT SUBSTITUTION

All items delivered during the life of the contract shall be of the same type and manufacture as specified or accepted as part of the bid proposal unless specific approval is given by the Delaware Department of Transportation to do otherwise. However, awarded vendors are highly encouraged to offer any like substitute product (s); either generic or brand name, at any time during the subsequent contract term, especially if an opportunity for cost savings to the state exists. In such cases, the state may require the submission of written specifications and/or product samples for evaluation prior to any approvals being granted.

25. BID/CONTRACT EXECUTION

Both the non-collusion statement that is enclosed with this Invitation to Bid and the contract form delivered to the successful bidder for signature **shall** be executed by a representative who has the legal capacity to enter the organization into a formal contract with the State of Delaware, Department of Transportation. The State of Delaware requires completion of the Delaware Substitute Form W-9 to make payments to vendors. Successful completion of this form enables the creation of a State of Delaware vendor record. The Taxpayer ID (SSN or EIN) and Applicant (vendor) name are submitted to the Internal Revenue Service for "matching."

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If the Taxpayer ID and name do not match, the vendor record cannot be approved. It is the applicant's responsibility to select the appropriate 1099 Withholding Type and Class. If incorporated, a business is not subject to 1099 reporting unless the business is providing legal or medical services. Any questions about completing this form or specific comments about a form that you have submitted, please contact vendor services by phone at 302-672-5000.

26. VENDOR RESPONSIBILITY

The State will enter into a contract with the successful Vendor(s). The successful Vendor(s) shall be responsible for all products and services as required by this ITB whether or not the Vendor or its subcontractor provided final fulfillment of the order. Subcontractors, if any, shall be clearly identified in the Vendor's proposal by completing Attachment B, and are subject to State approval and acceptance.

27. PERSONNEL, EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES

- a. The Vendor represents that it has, or will secure at its own expense, all personnel required to perform the services required under this contract.
- b. All of the equipment and services required hereunder shall be provided by or performed by the Vendor or under its direct supervision, and all personnel, including subcontractors, engaged in the work shall be fully qualified and shall be authorized under State and local law to perform such services.
- c. None of the equipment and/or services covered by this contract shall be subcontracted without the prior written approval of the State. Only those subcontractors identified in Attachment B are considered approved upon award. Changes to those subcontractor(s) listed in Attachment B must be approved in writing by the State.

28. FAIR BACKGROUND CHECK PRACTICES

Pursuant to 29 Del. C. [§6909B](#) and effective November 4, 2014 the State does not consider the criminal record, criminal history, credit history or credit score of an applicant for state employment during the initial application process unless otherwise required by state and/or federal law. Vendors doing business with the State are encouraged to adopt fair background check practices. Vendors can refer to 19 Del. C. [§711\(g\)](#) for applicable established provisions.

29. LIFE CYCLE COSTING

If applicable, the specifications contained within this ITB have been developed through Life Cycle Cost Analysis that will allow the State to realize the lowest total cost of ownership and operation over the useful life of the equipment

30. ENVIRONMENTAL PROCUREMENT PRODUCTS

- a. Energy Star - If applicable, the Contractor must provide products that earn the ENERGY STAR rating and meet the ENERGY STAR specifications for energy efficiency in order to keep overall event costs to a minimum. The Contractor is encouraged to visit www.energystar.gov for complete product specifications and updated lists of qualifying products.
- b. Green Products – third party certification of green products accepted from GSS w/approved green certification shall be offered wherever available in addition to or as a substitute for non-green products.
- c. Contractors shall report all green items procured during the monthly reporting period using the Usage Report that will be provided to the awarded Vendor(s).

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- d. Environmental Procurement Policies of the State shall determine acceptable consideration and credit for environmentally preferred products and services in the performance of this award. The State Environmental Procurement Policies may be found:

<http://gss.omb.delaware.gov/contracting/documents/agencyboilers/espp.pdf>

31. TERMINATION OF INDIVIDUAL ORDERS OR PURCHASE ORDERS

The individual orders may be terminated as follows:

a. Termination for Cause: If, for any reasons, or through any cause, the Vendor fails to fulfill in timely and proper manner his obligations, or if the Vendor violates any of the covenants, agreements, or stipulations of this contract, the Agency shall have the right to terminate the P.O. by giving written notice to the Vendor of such termination and specifying the effective date thereof, at least five (5) days before the effective date of such termination. In that event, all finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, surveys, drawings, maps, models, photographs, and reports or other material prepared by the Vendor in the performance of the P.O. shall, at the option of the Agency, become its property, and the Vendor shall be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for any satisfactory work completed on such documents and other materials which is usable to the Agency.

b. Termination for Convenience: The Agency may terminate the P.O. at any time by giving written notice of such termination and specifying the effective date thereof, at least sixty (60) days before the effective date of such termination. In that event, all finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, surveys, drawings, models, photographs, reports, supplies, and other materials shall, at the option of the department, become its property and the Vendor shall be entitled to receive compensation for any satisfactory work completed on such documents and other materials which are usable to the Agency.

c. Termination for Non-Appropriations: In the event the General Assembly fails to appropriate the specific funds necessary to enter into or continue the contractual agreement, in whole or part, the agreement shall be terminated as to any obligation of the State requiring the expenditure of money for which no specific appropriation is available at the end of the last fiscal year for which no appropriation is available or upon the exhaustion of funds. This is not a termination for convenience and will not be converted to such.

32. TERMINATION OF CONTRACT

The contract resulting from this ITB may be terminated as follows by the Agency:

a. Termination for Cause: If, for any reasons, or through any cause, the Vendor fails to fulfill in timely and proper manner its obligations under this Contract, or if the Vendor violates any of the covenants, agreements, or stipulations of this Contract, the State shall thereupon have the right to terminate this contract by giving written notice to the Vendor of such termination and specifying the effective date thereof, at least thirty (30) days before the effective date of such termination. In that event, all finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, surveys, drawings, maps, models, photographs, and reports or other material prepared by the Vendor under this Contract shall, at the option of the State, become its property, and the Vendor shall be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for any satisfactory work completed on such documents and other materials which is usable to the State.

On receipt of the contract cancellation notice from the State, the Vendor shall have not less than five (5) days to provide a written response and may identify a method(s) to resolve the violation(s). A vendor response shall not effect or prevent the contract cancellation unless the State provides a written acceptance of the Vendor response. If the State does accept the Vendor's method and/or action plan to correct the identified deficiencies, the State will define the time by which the Vendor must fulfill its corrective obligations. Final retraction of the State's termination for cause will only occur after the Vendor successfully rectifies the original violation(s). At its discretion the State may reject in writing the Vendor's proposed action plan and proceed with the original contract cancellation timeline.

b. Termination for Convenience: The State may terminate this Contract at any time by giving written notice of such termination and specifying the effective date thereof, at least sixty (60) days before the effective date of such termination. In that event, all finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, surveys, drawings, models, photographs, reports, supplies, and other materials shall, at the option of the State, become its property and the Vendor shall be entitled to receive compensation for any satisfactory work completed on such documents and other materials, and which is usable to the State.

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33. CHANGES

Both parties may, from time to time, require changes in the services to be provided by the Vendor under the Scope of Work. Such changes, including any increase or decrease in the amount of the Vendor's compensation, which are mutually agreed upon by and between the Agency and the Vendor shall be incorporated in written amendments to the Purchase Order or contract.

34. AUDIT ACCESS TO RECORDS

The Vendor shall maintain books, records, documents, and other evidence pertaining to this Contract to the extent and in such detail as shall adequately reflect performance hereunder. The Vendor agrees to preserve and make available to the State, upon request, such records for a period of five (5) years from the date services were rendered by the Vendor. Records involving matters in litigation shall be retained for one (1) year following the termination of such litigation. The Vendor agrees to make such records available for inspection, audit, or reproduction to any official State representative in the performance of their duties under the Contract. Upon notice given to the Vendor, representatives of the State or other duly authorized State or Federal agency may inspect, monitor, and/or evaluate the cost and billing records or other material relative to this Contract. The cost of any Contract audit disallowances resulting from the examination of the Vendor's financial records will be borne by the Vendor. Reimbursement to the State for disallowances shall be drawn from the Vendor's own resources and not charged to Contract cost or cost pools indirectly charging Contract costs.

35. VENDOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE POINT OF CONTACT

The awarded vendor(s) shall provide the name(s), telephone, or cell phone number(s) of those individuals who can be contacted twenty four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week to meet a critical need for commodities or services when the Governor of the State of Delaware declares a state of emergency under the current Delaware Emergency Operations Plan. Failure to provide this information could render the bid as non-responsive.

36. SUBCONTRACTS

Subcontracting is permitted under this ITB and contract. However, every subcontractor shall be identified in the Proposal (Attachment B) and agreed to in writing by the State or as are specifically authorized in writing by the Agency during the performance of the contract. Any substitutions in or additions to such subcontractors, associates, or consultants will be subject to the prior written approval of the State. The Vendor(s) shall be responsible for compliance by the subcontractor with all terms, conditions and requirements of the ITB and with all local, State and Federal Laws. The Vendor shall be liable for any noncompliance by any subcontractor. Further, nothing contained herein or in any subcontractor agreement shall be construed as creating any contractual relationship between the subcontractor and the State.

If a company elects to be a subcontractor for another vendor, the subcontractor may not independently bid on this solicitation.

37. AGENCY'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The Agency shall:

- a. Examine and review in detail all letters, reports, drawings and other documents presented by the Vendor to the Agency and render to the Vendor in writing, findings and decisions pertaining thereto within a reasonable time so as not to delay the services of Vendor.
- b. Give prompt written notice to the Contractor whenever the Agency observes or otherwise becomes aware of any development that affects the scope or timing of the Contractor's services.
- c. When an ordering agency first experiences a relatively minor problem or difficulty with a vendor, the agency will contact the vendor directly and attempt to informally resolve the problem. This includes failure to perform by the date specified and any unacceptable difference(s) between the purchase order and the merchandise received. Ordering agencies should stress to vendors that they should expedite correction of the differences because failure to reply may result in an unfavorable rating in the execution of the awarded contract.
- d. The state has several remedies available to resolve non-performance issues with the contractor. The Agency should refer to the Contract Terms and Conditions to view these remedies. When a default occurs, the Agency should first review the contract to confirm that the issue is a part of the contract. If the issue is not covered by the contract, the state cannot expect the contractor to perform outside the agreement. If the issue is a part of the contract, the Agency or GSS - Contracting must then contact the contractor, discuss the reasons surrounding the default and establish a date when the contractor will resolve the non-performance issue.
- e. If there is a performance deficiency, a Corrective Action Report (CAR) may be used. Complete this form to report concerns with vendors or commodities. Be sure to furnish as much detail as possible. <http://gss.omb.delaware.gov/divisionwide/forms.shtml>.

38. CONFIDENTIALITY

All documents submitted as part of the vendor's proposal will be deemed confidential during the evaluation process. Vendor proposals will not be available for review by anyone other than the State of Delaware/Proposal Evaluation Committee or its designated agents. There shall be no disclosure of any vendor's information to a competing vendor prior to award of the contract.

The State of Delaware is a public agency as defined by state law, and as such, it is subject to the Delaware Freedom of Information Act, 29 *Del. C.* Ch. 100. Under the law, all the State of Delaware's records are public records (unless otherwise declared by law to be confidential) and are subject to inspection and copying by any person. Vendor(s) are advised that once a proposal is received by the State of Delaware and a decision on contract award is made, its contents will become public record and nothing contained in the proposal will be deemed to be confidential except proprietary information.

Vendor(s) shall not include any information in their proposal that is proprietary in nature or that they would not want to be released to the public. Proposals must contain sufficient information to be evaluated and a contract written without reference to any proprietary information. If a Vendor feels that they cannot submit their proposal without including proprietary information, they must adhere to the following procedure or their proposal may be deemed unresponsive and will not be recommended for selection. Vendor(s) must submit such information in a separate, sealed envelope labeled "Proprietary Information" with the ITB number. The envelope must contain Attachment H describing the documents in the envelope, representing in good faith that the information in each document is not "public record" as defined by 29 *Del. C.* § 10002, and briefly stating the reasons that each document meets the said definitions.

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Upon receipt of a proposal accompanied by such a separate, sealed envelope, the State of Delaware will open the envelope to determine whether the procedure described above has been followed. If the Vendor does not have any documents it declares confidential or proprietary, Attachment H should be completed by checking the appropriate box found at the top of the attachment.

39. NUMBER OF COPIES WITH MAILING OF PROPOSAL

To be considered, all proposals must be submitted in writing and respond to the items outlined in this ITB. The State reserves the right to reject any non-responsive or non-conforming proposals. Each proposal must be submitted with one (1) paper copy of the Bid Form. Paper copies must contain original signatures in all locations requiring signatures.

40. NO PRESS RELEASES OR PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

The State of Delaware reserves the right to pre-approve any news or broadcast advertising releases concerning this solicitation, the resulting contract, the work performed, or any reference to the State of Delaware with regard to any project or contract performance. Any such news or advertising releases pertaining to this solicitation or resulting contract shall require the prior express written permission of the State of Delaware.

The State will not prohibit or otherwise prevent the awarded vendor(s) from direct marketing to the State of Delaware agencies, departments, municipalities, and/or any other political subdivisions, however, the Vendor shall not use the State's seal or imply preference for the solution or goods provided.

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III. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

SCOPE

This contract provides for the preparation and delivery of Aluminum Sign Blanks to the Signs and Markings Section, of the Department of Transportation, 14 Sign Shop Road, Dover, DE 19901, as designated in this ITB request and as ordered by the Department of Transportation or an authorized representative.

By reference, the following specifications are incorporated herein:

The specifications entitled "Delaware Standard Specifications, for Road and Bridge Construction, August, 2001", hereinafter referred to as the Standard Specifications, Supplemental Specifications, the Special Provisions, notes on the Plans, this Bid Proposal, and any addenda thereto shall govern the work to be performed under this contract.

Supplemental Specifications to the August 2001 Standard Specifications

Effective as of the Advertisement Date of this Proposal
and included by Reference

The Supplemental Specifications can be viewed and printed from the Department's Website.

To access the Website;

- in your internet browser, enter: <http://www.deldot.gov>
- on the left side of the page under 'INFORMATION', Click; 'Publications'
- scroll down under 'MANUALS' and Click; "Standard Specifications 2001"

The full Website Link is:

http://www.deldot.gov/information/pubs_forms/manuals/standard_specifications/index.shtml

Printed copies of the Supplemental Specifications are available upon request. A printed copy of the above referenced Supplemental Specifications will be included in the final contract documents upon award.

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- 749640 - OCTAGON ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 30"
- 749641 - OCTAGON ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 36"
- 749642 - OCTAGON ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 48"
- 749643 - TRIANGLE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 36"
- 749644 - RECTANGLE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 24" X 30"
- 749645 - DIAMOND ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 30" X 30"
- 749646 - DIAMOND ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 36" X 36"
- 749647 - DIAMOND ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 48" X 48"
- 749648 - SQUARE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 24" X 24"
- 749650 - RECTANGLE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 36" X 48"
- 749761 - RECTANGLE (2 POST) ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 48" X 60"
- 749651 - RECTANGLE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 30" X 24"
- 749652 - RECTANGLE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 36" X 12"
- 749762 - RECTANGLE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 42" x 12"
- 749763 - RECTANGLE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 48" x 12"
- 749653 - RECTANGLE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 18" X 24"
- 749654 - RECTANGLE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 12" X 18"
- 749655 - CIRCLE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 36"
- 749656 - INTERSTATE SHIELD ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 24" X 24"
- 749657 - INTERSTATE SHIELD ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 36" X 36"
- 749764 - INTERSTATE SHIELD ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 48" X 48"
- 749765 - INTERSTATE SHIELD ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 30" X 24"
- 749658 - INTERSTATE SHIELD ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 45" X 36"
- 749766 - INTERSTATE SHIELD (2 POST) ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 60" X 48"
- 749659 - RECTANGLE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 30" X 16"
- 749660 - RECTANGLE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 36" X 16"
- 749661 - RECTANGLE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 24" X 18"
- 749662 - RECTANGLE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 48" X 9"
- 749663 - RECTANGLE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 42" X 9"
- 749664 - RECTANGLE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 36" X 9"
- 749665 - RECTANGLE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 30" X 9"
- 749666 - RECTANGLE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 24" X 9"
- 749667 - RECTANGLE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 18" X 9"
- 749668 - RECTANGLE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 48" X 24"
- 749669 - SQUARE RECTANGLE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 12" X 12"
- 749670 - RECTANGLE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 12" X 24"
- 749671 - RECTANGLE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 18" X 12"
- 749672 - DIAMOND ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 18" X 18"
- 749673 - RECTANGLE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 21" X 15"
- 749674 - SQUARE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 24" X 12"
- 749675 - RECTANGLE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 24" X 16"
- 749676 - RECTANGLE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 24" X 36"
- 749677 - RECTANGLE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 36" X 24"
- 749679 - ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 36" X 31.5"
- 749680 - ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 4" X 8"
- 749716 - TRIANGLE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 48"
- 749717 - TRIANGLE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 60"
- 749718 - CIRCLE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 48"
- 749767 - IRREGULAR PENTAGON (HOME PLATE) ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 36"
- 749719 - RECTANGLE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 30" x 18"
- 749720 - RECTANGLE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 36" x 18"
- 749721 - RECTANGLE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 30" x 12"
- 749722 - RECTANGLE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 36" x 30"
- 749723 - RECTANGLE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 48" x 8"
- 749724 - RECTANGLE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 42" x 8"

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749725 - RECTANGLE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 36" x 8"
749726 - RECTANGLE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 30" x 8"
749727 - RECTANGLE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 24" x 8"
749728 - RECTANGLE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 18" x 8"

GENERAL:

The aluminum blanks shall be used as backing for traffic signs using reflective sheeting. It shall be suitable for that purpose. To that end, each blank shall be:

- 1) Alloy 6061 T6 or Alloy 5052 H38.
- 2) Thermally flattened if Alloy 5052 H38.
- 3) In conformance with ASTM Specification B 209.
- 4) Free of burred edges, nicks and gouges.
- 5) Square and true to size.
- 6) 0.080 +/- 0.006 inches in thickness.
- 7) Chemically coated.

The manufacturer shall submit a certified mill analysis indicating conformance to ASTM Specifications B 209, and Alloy 5052 H38 or Alloy 6061-T6.

HOLES:

All blanks shall be punched in a standard sign pattern with holes measuring 7/16" in diameter. Diagrams depicting hole placement are available upon request.

CORNERS:

All blanks, except Stops (octagon) shall have standard corners that are rounded. Diagrams with corner radii are available upon request.

FINISH:

Each blank shall be treated with a chromate conversion coating applied in accordance with the coating manufacturer's instructions. The coating shall conform to ASTM B-921, non-hexavalent chromium conversion coatings on aluminum and aluminum alloys.

The coating must be tightly adherent to the metal, coherent within itself, and show no dusting of the coating surface.

The bidder must supply the brand name of the coating. The successful bidder must state and certify as to the coating weight on the metal supplied.

PACKAGING:

The gross weight of each unit shipped shall be less than 5,000 pounds. The crates shall be sturdy and strapped in such a way to allow unloading with a forklift. The aluminum in the crates shall be protected from getting wet in transit. Each crate shall be clearly labeled indicating quantities and dimensions of the aluminum contained in the crate.

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DELIVERY:

Delivery must be made within forty five (45) calendar days after receipt of a purchase order. An acknowledgment in writing and the approximate day of delivery must be submitted upon receipt of a purchase order.

Notification must be given at least one (1) day prior to the expected delivery date. Call should be made to the Sign Shop Supervisor, 14 Sign Shop Rd., Dover, DE 19901. Telephone: (302) 760-2581.

Should this notification not be given, the supplier is warned that there may be a lengthy unloading delay. Any and all expenses incurred because of this delay will be the responsibility of the supplier.

METHOD OF MEASUREMENT:

The quantity of aluminum sign blanks will be measured as the actual number of aluminum sign blanks supplied and delivered.

BASIS OF PAYMENT:

The quantity of aluminum sign blanks will be paid for at the Contract unit price per each. Price and payment shall be full compensation for furnishing and delivering all materials and all necessary incidentals to complete the work.

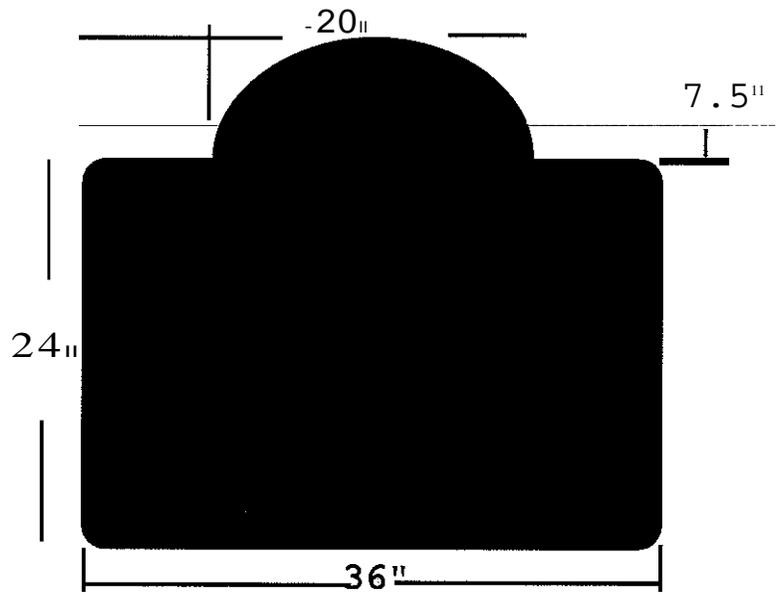
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NOTE:

Item Number 749679-Aluminum Sign 36" X 31.5" has specific dimensions, please see diagram on the following page.

Aluminum Sign Blanks

Dimensions for Item number 749679



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IV. BID QUOTATION REPLY SECTION

Please fill out the attached forms fully and completely and return with your bid in a sealed envelope clearly displaying the contract number, by the date and time bids will be opened.

Bids shall be submitted to:



State of Delaware
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Administration Building
Contract Administration
800 Bay Road, Dover, DE 19901



PUBLIC BID OPENINGS

The public bid opening insures the citizens of Delaware that contracts are being bid fairly on a competitive basis and comply with Delaware procurement laws. The agency conducting the opening is required by law to publicly open the bids at the time and place specified and the contract shall be awarded within thirty (30) days thereafter. The main purpose of the bid opening is to reveal the name(s) of the bidders(s), not to serve as a forum for determining the apparent low bidders. The disclosure of additional information, including prices, shall be at the discretion of the contracting agency until such time that the responsiveness of each bid has been determined.

After receipt of a fully executed contract(s), the Delaware public and all bidders are invited to make an appointment with the contracting officer in order to review pricing and other non-confidential information.

NOTE: ONLY THE BIDDER'S NAME MAY BE READ AT THE BID OPENING

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Informational Document- Sample Report 1.

STATE OF DELAWARE
MONTHLY USAGE REPORT

FOR ILLUSTRATION PURPOSES ONLY

State of Delaware									
Monthly Usage Report									
Supplier Name:				Insert Contract No.	Report Start Date:				
Contact Name:					Report End Date:				
Contact Phone:					Today's Date:				
Agency Name or School District	Division or Name of School	Budget Code	UNSPSC	Item Description	Contract Item Number	Unit of Measure	Qty	Contract Proposal Price/Rate	Total Spend
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SAMPLE

Note: A copy of the Usage Report will be sent by electronic mail to the Awarded Vendor. The report shall be submitted electronically in **EXCEL** and sent as an attachment to vendusage@state.de.us. It shall contain the six-digit department and organization code for each agency and school district.

Informational Document- 3.

State of Delaware

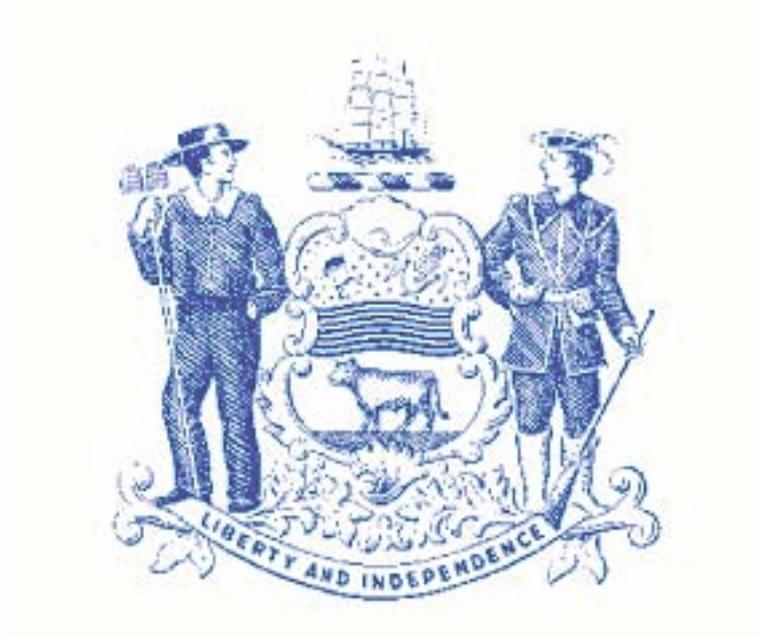
Office of Supplier Diversity Certification Application

The most recent application can be downloaded from the following site:

<http://gss.omb.delaware.gov/osd/certify.shtml>

Submission of a completed Office of Supplier Diversity (OSD) application is optional and does not influence the outcome of any award decision.

The minimum criteria for certification require the entity must be at least 51% owned and actively managed by a person or persons who are eligible: minorities, women, veterans, and/or service disabled veterans. Any one or all of these categories may apply to a 51% owner.



Complete application and mail, email or fax to:

Office of Supplier Diversity (OSD)
100 Enterprise Place, Suite 4
Dover, DE 19904-8202
Telephone: (302) 857-4554 Fax: (302) 677-7086
Email: osd@state.de.us
Web site: <http://gss.omb.delaware.gov/osd/index.shtml>

**THE OSD ADDRESS IS FOR OSD APPLICATIONS ONLY.
NO BID RESPONSE PACKAGES WILL BE ACCEPTED BY THE OSD.**

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NO BID REPLY FORM

To assist us in obtaining good competition on our Request for Bids, we ask that each firm that has received an invitation, but does not wish to bid, state their reason(s) below and return in a clearly marked envelope displaying the contract number. This information will not preclude receipt of future invitations unless you request removal from the Bidder's List by so indicating below, or do not return this form or bona fide bid.

Unfortunately, we must offer a "No Bid" at this time because:

- _____ 1. We do not wish to participate in the bid process.
- _____ 2. We do not wish to bid under the terms and conditions of the Request for Bid document. Our objections are:

- _____ 3. We do not feel we can be competitive.
- _____ 4. We cannot submit a Bid because of the marketing or franchising policies of the manufacturing company.
- _____ 5. We do not wish to sell to the State. Our objections are: _____

- _____ 6. We do not sell the items/services on which Bids are requested.
- _____ 7. Other: _____

FIRM NAME

SIGNATURE

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PROPOSAL REPLY REQUIREMENTS

The response should contain at a minimum the following information:

1. One (1) complete, signed and notarized copy of the non-collusion agreement (See Attachment A).
MUST HAVE ORIGINAL SIGNATURES AND NOTARY MARK
2. One (1) complete and signed copy of the Subcontractor Information Form (See Attachment B) for each subcontractor – only provide if applicable.
3. One (1) completed Business Reference form (See Attachment C) – please provide references other than State of Delaware contacts. Form must be included.
4. One (1) completed Confidential Information form (See Attachment D) – please check box if no information provided will be considered confidential or proprietary. Form must be included.
5. One (1) paper copy of the properly completed **Bid Forms** (See Attachments E1 – E6)
6. **NUMBER OF COPIES WITH MAILING OF PROPOSAL:**

To be considered, all proposals must be submitted in writing and respond to the items outlined in this ITB. The State reserves the right to reject any non-responsive or non-conforming proposals. Each proposal must be submitted with the above required forms and submittals. Paper copies must contain original signatures.

The items listed above provide the basis for evaluating each vendor's proposal. **Failure to provide all appropriate information may deem the submitting vendor as “non-responsive” and exclude the vendor from further consideration.** If an item listed above is not applicable to your company or proposal, please make note in your submission package.

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Attachment: A

NON-COLLUSION STATEMENT

This is to certify that the undersigned bidder has neither directly nor indirectly, entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with this bid submitted this date to the Department of Transportation.

It is agreed by the undersigned bidder that the signed delivery of this bid represents the bidder's acceptance of the terms and conditions of this solicitation including all specifications and special provisions.

NOTE: Signature of the authorized representative **MUST** be of an individual who legally may enter his/her organization into a formal contract with the State of Delaware, Department of Transportation.

	Corporation
	Partnership
	Individual

COMPANY NAME _____ (Check one)

NAME OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE _____

SIGNATURE _____ **TITLE** _____

COMPANY ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ FAX NUMBER _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

FEDERAL E.I. NUMBER _____ STATE OF DELAWARE LICENSE NUMBER _____

COMPANY CLASSIFICATIONS:	Certification type(s)	Circle all that apply
CERT. NO.: _____	Minority Business Enterprise (MBE)	Yes No
	Woman Business Enterprise (WBE)	Yes No
	Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)	Yes No
	Veteran Owned Business Enterprise (VOBE)	Yes No
	Service Disabled Veteran Owned Business Enterprise (SDVOBE)	Yes No

[The above table is for informational and statistical use only.]

PURCHASE ORDERS SHOULD BE SENT TO:
 (COMPANY NAME) _____

ADDRESS _____

CONTACT _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ FAX NUMBER _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

AFFIRMATION: Within the past five years, has your firm, any affiliate, any predecessor company or entity, owner, Director, officer, partner or proprietor been the subject of a Federal, State, Local government suspension or debarment?
 YES _____ NO _____ if yes, please explain _____

THIS PAGE SHALL BE SIGNED, NOTARIZED AND RETURNED FOR YOUR BID TO BE CONSIDERED

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME this _____ day of _____, 20 _____

Notary Public _____ My commission expires _____

City of _____ County of _____ State of _____

SUBCONTRACTOR INFORMATION FORM

PART I – STATEMENT BY PROPOSING VENDOR		
1. CONTRACT NO.	2. Proposing Vendor Name:	3. Mailing Address
4. SUBCONTRACTOR		
a. NAME	4c. Company OSD Classification: Certification Number: _____	
b. Mailing Address:	4d. Women Business Enterprise <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No 4e. Minority Business Enterprise <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No 4f. Disadvantaged Business Enterprise <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No 4g. Veteran Owned Business Enterprise <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No 4h. Service Disabled Veteran Owned Business Enterprise <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
5. DESCRIPTION OF WORK BY SUBCONTRACTOR		
6a. NAME OF PERSON SIGNING	7. BY (<i>Signature</i>)	8. DATE SIGNED
6b. TITLE OF PERSON SIGNING		
PART II – ACKNOWLEDGEMENT BY SUBCONTRACTOR		
9a. NAME OF PERSON SIGNING	10. BY (<i>Signature</i>)	11. DATE SIGNED
9b. TITLE OF PERSON SIGNING		

BUSINESS REFERENCES

List a minimum of three business references, including the following information:

- Business Name and Mailing address
- Contact Name and phone number
- Number of years doing business with
- Type of work performed

Please do not list any State Employee as a business reference. If you have held a State contract within the last 5 years, please list the contract.

1.	Contact Name & Title:	
	Business Name:	
	Address:	
	Email:	
	Phone # / Fax #:	
	Current Vendor (YES or NO):	
	Years Associated & Type of Work Performed:	

2.	Contact Name & Title:	
	Business Name:	
	Address:	
	Email:	
	Phone # / Fax #:	
	Current Vendor (YES or NO):	
	Years Associated & Type of Work Performed:	

3.	Contact Name & Title:	
	Business Name:	
	Address:	
	Email:	
	Phone # / Fax #:	
	Current Vendor (YES or NO):	
	Years Associated & Type of Work Performed:	

STATE OF DELAWARE PERSONNEL MAY NOT BE USED AS REFERENCES.

DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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Attachment: E-1

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CONTRACTOR : _____

LINE NO	ITEM DESCRIPTION	APPROX. QUANTITY AND UNITS	UNIT PRICE DOLLARS CTS	BID AMOUNT DOLLARS CTS

SECTION 0001 MATERIALS FOR SIGN MANUFACTURING				

0010	749640 OCTAGON ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 30"	3000.000 EACH		

0020	749641 OCTAGON ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 36"	5000.000 EACH		

0030	749642 OCTAGON ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 48"	2500.000 EACH		

0040	749643 TRIANGLE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 36"	1500.000 EACH		

0050	749644 RECTANGLE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 24" X 30"	2500.000 EACH		

0060	749645 DIAMOND ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 30" X 30"	2500.000 EACH		

0070	749646 DIAMOND ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 36" X 36"	1500.000 EACH		

0080	749647 DIAMOND ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 48" X 48"	500.000 EACH		

0090	749648 SQUARE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 24" X 24"	500.000 EACH		

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CONTRACTOR : _____

LINE NO	ITEM DESCRIPTION	APPROX. QUANTITY AND UNITS	UNIT PRICE		BID AMOUNT	
			DOLLARS	CTS	DOLLARS	CTS
0100	749650 RECTANGLE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 36" X 48"	100.000 EACH				
0110	749651 RECTANGLE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 30" X 24"	150.000 EACH				
0120	749652 RECTANGLE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 36" X 12"	500.000 EACH				
0130	749653 RECTANGLE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 18" X 24"	150.000 EACH				
0140	749654 RECTANGLE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 12" X 18"	1500.000 EACH				
0150	749655 CIRCLE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 36"	100.000 EACH				
0160	749656 INTERSTATE SHIELD ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 24" X 24"	100.000 EACH				
0170	749657 INTERSTATE SHIELD ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 36" X 36"	100.000 EACH				
0180	749658 INTERSTATE SHIELD ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 45" X 36"	100.000 EACH				
0190	749659 RECTANGLE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 30" X 16"	250.000 EACH				

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CONTRACTOR : _____

LINE NO	ITEM DESCRIPTION	APPROX. QUANTITY AND UNITS	UNIT PRICE		BID AMOUNT	
			DOLLARS	CTS	DOLLARS	CTS
0200	749660 RECTANGLE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 36" X 16"	250.000 EACH				
0210	749661 RECTANGLE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 24" X 18"	150.000 EACH				
0220	749662 RECTANGLE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 48" X 9"	2000.000 EACH				
0230	749663 RECTANGLE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 42" X 9"	2000.000 EACH				
0240	749664 RECTANGLE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 36" X 9"	2000.000 EACH				
0250	749665 RECTANGLE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 30" X 9"	2000.000 EACH				
0260	749666 RECTANGLE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 24" X 9"	2000.000 EACH				
0270	749667 RECTANGLE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 18" X 9"	2000.000 EACH				
0280	749668 RECTANGLE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 48" X 24"	500.000 EACH				
0290	749669 SQUARE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 12" X 12"	500.000 EACH				

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CONTRACTOR : _____

LINE NO	ITEM DESCRIPTION	APPROX. QUANTITY AND UNITS	UNIT PRICE		BID AMOUNT	
			DOLLARS	CTS	DOLLARS	CTS
0300	749670 RECTANGLE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 12" X 24"	500.000 EACH				
0310	749671 RECTANGLE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 18" X 12"	250.000 EACH				
0320	749672 DIAMOND ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 18" X 18"	1000.000 EACH				
0330	749673 RECTANGLE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 21" X 15"	500.000 EACH				
0340	749674 SQUARE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 24" X 12"	250.000 EACH				
0350	749675 RECTANGLE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 24" X 16"	500.000 EACH				
0360	749676 RECTANGLE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 24" X 36"	500.000 EACH				
0370	749677 RECTANGLE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 36" X 24"	1000.000 EACH				
0380	749679 ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 36" X 31.5"	500.000 EACH				
0390	749680 ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 4" X 8"	250.000 EACH				

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CONTRACTOR : _____

LINE NO	ITEM DESCRIPTION	APPROX. QUANTITY AND UNITS	UNIT PRICE		BID AMOUNT	
			DOLLARS	CTS	DOLLARS	CTS
0400	749716 TRIANGLE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 48"	2500.000 EACH				
0410	749717 TRIANGLE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 60"	250.000 EACH				
0420	749718 CIRCLE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 48"	100.000 EACH				
0430	749719 RECTANGLE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 30" X 18"	500.000 EACH				
0440	749720 RECTANGLE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 36" X 18"	500.000 EACH				
0450	749721 RECTANGLE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 30" X 12"	250.000 EACH				
0460	749722 RECTANGLE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 36" X 30"	250.000 EACH				
0470	749723 RECTANGLE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 48" X 8"	1000.000 EACH				
0480	749724 RECTANGLE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 42" X 8"	1000.000 EACH				
0490	749725 RECTANGLE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 36" X 8"	1000.000 EACH				

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CONTRACTOR : _____

LINE NO	ITEM DESCRIPTION	APPROX. QUANTITY AND UNITS	UNIT PRICE		BID AMOUNT	
			DOLLARS	CTS	DOLLARS	CTS
0500	749726 RECTANGLE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 30" X 8"	1000.000 EACH				
0510	749727 RECTANGLE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 24" X 8"	1000.000 EACH				
0520	749728 RECTANGLE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 18" X 8"	1000.000 EACH				
0530	749761 RECTANGLE (2 POST) ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 60" X 48"	100.000 EACH				
0540	749762 RECTANGLE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 42"X12"	500.000 EACH				
0550	749763 RECTANGLE ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 48"X12"	500.000 EACH				
0560	749764 INTERSTATE SHIELD ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 48" X 48"	100.000 EACH				
0570	749765 INTERSTATE SHIELD ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 30" X 24"	100.000 EACH				
0580	749766 INTERSTATE SHIELD (2 POST) ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 60" X 48"	100.000 EACH				
0590	749767 IRREGULAR PENTAGON (HOME PLATE) ALUMINUM SIGN BLANK, 36"	100.000 EACH				
	SECTION 0001 TOTAL					
	TOTAL BID					