

State of Delaware
MEAT, POULTRY, FISH, DAIRY

Invitation to Bid
Contract No. GSS13578-MEAT

November 16, 2012

- *Deadline to Respond* -
December 7, 2012
1:00 p.m. LOCAL TIME

STATE OF DELAWARE
Office of Management and Budget
Government Support Services

**CONTRACT NO. GSS13578-MEAT
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ALL BIDDERS:

The enclosed packet contains an "INVITATION TO BID" for Meat, Poultry, Fish, Dairy. The invitation consists of the following documents:

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In order for your bid to be considered, the bid quotation reply section shall be executed completely and correctly and returned in a sealed envelope clearly displaying the contract number, by December 7, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. LOCAL TIME.

Bids shall be submitted to:

**STATE OF DELAWARE
GOVERNMENT SUPPORT SERVICES
CONTRACTING SECTION
100 ENTERPRISE PLACE - SUITE 4
DOVER, DE 19904-8202**

Please review and follow the information and instructions contained in the general and special provisions and technical specifications sections of the invitation. Should you need additional information, please call 302-857-4553 or shelly.alioa@state.de.us.

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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.

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A. DEFINITIONS

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

STATE: The State of Delaware

AGENCY: State Agency as noted on cover sheet.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

B. 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**

a. The attention of bidders is called to the fact that, unless stated otherwise, the 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.

b. 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, containing original signatures in all locations requiring an offeror signature. The proposal must also include one CD or DVD media disk, containing the completed Appendix A Excel sheets, in Excel format. [Additional requirements can be found within this solicitation document.](#)

b. If items are listed with a zero quantity, bidder shall state unit price **ONLY** (intended for open end purchases where estimated requirements are not known). The proposal shall show a total bid price for each item bid and the total bid price of the proposal excluding zero quantity items.

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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.

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

- a. Each bidder shall submit with its proposal a guaranty in sum equal to at least 10% of the total value of its bid, according to Delaware Code Title 29, Section 6927(a).
- b. This bid bond shall be submitted in the form of good and sufficient bond drawn upon an insurance or bonding company authorized to do business in the State of Delaware, to the State of Delaware for the benefit of the Agency, or a certified check drawn on a reputable banking institution and made payable to the Agency in the requirement amount. If Agency bond form is not utilized, the substituted bond forms must conform to the minimum of conditions specified in the Agency bond form.

11. NUMBER OF COPIES WITH MAILING OF PROPOSAL

The State reserves the right to reject any non-responsive or non-conforming proposals. Each proposal must be submitted with one paper copy and one electronic copy on CD or DVD media disk. The paper copy shall be marked "Master Copy" and will contain original signatures in all locations requiring an offeror signature. The remaining copy does not require original signatures. CD or DVD media disk must also contain the completed Appendix A Excel sheets, in Excel format.

12. 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 forwarded by U.S. Mail shall be sent first class to the address listed below. Proposals forwarded by delivery service other than the U.S. Mail or hand delivered must be delivered to the address listed below. All bids must clearly display the bid number on the envelope.

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Government Support Services, Contracting Section
100 Enterprise Place – Suite 4
Dover, DE 19904-8202**

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.

13. 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.

14. 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.

15. 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.

16. 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. If the unit prices are obviously unbalanced either in excess or below reasonable cost analysis values.
- e. 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.
- f. Non-attendance of mandatory pre-bid meetings may be cause of disqualification.

C. 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.

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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**

- a. 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.
- b. 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**

- a. Successful bidders shall furnish bond, 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.
- b. 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 Office of Management and Budget, Government Support Services acting for all participating agencies.

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.

9. **INFORMATION REQUIREMENT**

The successful bidder's shall be required to advise the Office of Management and Budget, Government Support Services of 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.

11. **TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE**

Contracts shall remain in effect for the time period and quantity specified unless the contract is terminated by the State. The State may terminate the 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 termination.

12. **TERMINATION FOR CAUSE**

If, for any reasons, or through any cause, the Contractor fails to fulfill in timely and proper manner its obligations under this Contract, or if the Contractor 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 Contractor of such termination and specifying the effective date thereof, at least 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 Contractor under this Contract shall, at the option of the State, become its property, and the Contractor 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.

D. GENERAL PROVISIONS

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.

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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.

8. **BID EVALUATION AND AWARD**

The Office of Management and Budget, Government Support Services 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 Office of Management and Budget, Government Support Services 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 vendors.

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10. **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 will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, sex, age, 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, creed, color, sex, age, 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. 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, creed, color, sex, age, 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.

E. SPECIAL PROVISIONS

1. **CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS**

This contract will be issued to cover the Meat, Poultry, Fish & Dairy requirements for all State Agencies and shall be accessible to any School District, Political Subdivision, or Volunteer Fire Company.

2. **MANDATORY USE CONTRACT**

REF: Title 29, Chapter 6911(d) Delaware Code. Every state department and agency within the Executive Branch and Judicial Branch of the state government shall procure all material, equipment and nonprofessional services through the statewide contracts administered by Government Support Services, Office of Management and Budget. Delaware State University, Delaware Technical and Community College, the operations funded by Public School Districts, Delaware Transit Corporation, the Legislative Branch and the Board of Pension Trustees and their consultants are specifically exempted from the requirements of this subsection.

3. **CONTRACT PERIOD**

Each vendor's contract shall be valid for three months from January 1, 2013 through March 31, 2013. Each contract may be renewed for three (3) additional three (3) month periods through negotiation between the contractor and Government Support Services. Negotiation must be initiated no later than sixty (60) days prior to the termination of the current agreement.

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4. **PRICES**

Prices shall remain firm for the term of the contract. All pricing shall be in U.S. dollars.

5. **ITEM PRICING**

Bids will be accepted on the basis of two (2) decimal places only. Example: \$.49/lb. Any price submitted with three (3) or more decimal places will be rejected. **Item must be priced per bid (i.e. lb, case, or dozen).**

6. **MOST-FAVORED CUSTOMER**

The contractor shall not offer to others prices lower than those provided in the contract, or if lower prices are offered they must also apply to the subject contract.

7. **PRICE ADJUSTMENT**

If agreement is reached to extend this contract for the additional three (3) month option, Government Support Services shall have the option of offering a determined price adjustment and shall not exceed the current Philadelphia All Urban Consumers Price Index (CPI-U), U.S. City Average. If the CPI-U is used, any increase/decrease shall reflect the change during the previous published twelve (12) month period at the time of renegotiation.

8. **SHIPPING TERMS**

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

9. **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.

10. **FUNDING OUT**

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

11. **BID BOND REQUIREMENT**

Bid Bond Waived.

12. **PERFORMANCE BOND REQUIREMENT**

Performance Bond Waived

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13. **MANDATORY INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

a. Certificate of Insurance and/or copies of insurance policies for the following:

1. 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 Comprehensive General Liability and at least one of the other coverages depending on the type of service or product being delivered.

a. Comprehensive 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.

or

c. Miscellaneous Errors and Omissions - \$1,000,000.00 per person/\$3,000,000 per occurrence.

or

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

2. 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.

3. Forty-five (45) days written notice of cancellation or material change of any policies is required.

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

14. **BASIS OF AWARD**

Government Support Services 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.

Government Support Services 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.

15. **STATE OF DELAWARE BUSINESS LICENSE**

Prior to receiving an award, the successful vendor shall either furnish Government Support Services with 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.

16. **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.

17. **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.

18. **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.

19. **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.

20. **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.

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21. **EXCEPTIONS**

Vendors may elect to take minor exception to the specifications, terms and conditions of this RFP by completing Attachment 3. All exceptions must be listed on Attachment 3. Exceptions listed elsewhere in a Vendor's proposal will not be considered. Office of Management and Budget, Government Support Services will evaluate each exception according to the intent of the terms and conditions contained herein, but shall reject exceptions that do not conform to State bid law and/or create inequality in the treatment of Vendors. Exceptions shall be considered only if they are submitted with the proposal or before the date and time of the proposal opening. If the Vendor is taking no exceptions, respond accordingly on Attachment 3.

22. **REQUIRED REPORTING**

One of the primary goals in administering this contract is to keep accurate records regarding its actual value. 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 bidders.

A Monthly Usage Report (first report shown immediately following this section) shall be furnished on the 15th (or next business day after the 15th day) of each month by the successful Vendor **Electronically in Excel format** detailing the purchasing of all items on this contract. The Monthly Usage Reports shall be submitted electronically in EXCEL and sent as an attachment to vendorausage@state.de.us . It shall contain the six-digit department and organization code. Any exception to this mandatory requirement may result in 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 14 and 29 – Increasing Supplier Diversity Initiatives within State Government and Ensuring Representation of Veteran-Owned Businesses..., the State of Delaware is committed to supporting its diverse business industry and population. The successful Vendor will be required to report on the participation by a minority, woman, or veteran owned business (Diversity Supplier) 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, Diversity Supplier contact information (phone, email), type of product or service provided by the Diversity Supplier and any minority, women, or veteran certifications for the subcontractor (State OSD certification, Minority Supplier Development Council, Women's Business Enterprise Council). The format used for this Subcontracting 2nd Tier report is found below (and shown as the second report immediately following this section).

Subcontracting 2nd tier reports shall be submitted to the contracting Agency's OSD at vendorausage@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.

23. **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.

24. **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.

25. **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.

26. **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.

27. **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 Government Support Services 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.

28. **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, Government Support Services. The awarded vendor(s) will be required to complete the new W-9 Form by visiting the Division of Accounting's Website: <http://accounting.delaware.gov> .

29. **CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITY**

The State will enter into a contract with the successful contractor. The successful contractor shall be responsible for all products and services as required by this ITB. Subcontractors, if any, shall be clearly identified in the financial proposal.

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30. **PERSONNEL**

- a. The Contractor represents that they have, or will secure at their own expense, all personnel required to perform the services required under this contract.
- b. All of the services required hereunder shall be performed by the Contractor 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 work or services covered by this contract shall be subcontracted without the prior written approval of the State.

31. **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.

32. **ENERGY STAR PRODUCTS**

If applicable, the contractor **must** provide products that earn the ENERGY STAR rating and meet the ENERGY STAR specifications for energy efficiency. The offeror is encouraged to visit www.energystar.gov for complete product specifications and updated lists of qualifying products.

33. **TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE**

Contracts shall remain in effect for the time period and quantity specified unless the contract is terminated by the State. The State may terminate the 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 termination.

33. **TERMINATION FOR CAUSE**

If, for any reasons, or through any cause, the Contractor fails to fulfill in timely and proper manner its obligations under this Contract, or if the Contractor 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 Contractor of such termination and specifying the effective date thereof, at least 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 Contractor under this Contract shall, at the option of the State, become its property, and the Contractor 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.

34. **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.

35. 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.

36. ELECTRONIC CATALOG

The successful vendor(s) may be required to submit their items list in electronic format designated by the State.

Note: The State of Delaware is in the process of implementing a new financials system, which will require the use of:

- Electronic catalogs
- Commodity/classification code: United Nations Standard Products and Services Code (UNSPSC).
- A unique item ID for all items in our system

The state has made the determination to include the requirement in this contract for two reasons:

1. To find out what vendors can offer.
2. To give the agencies and school districts a level of comfort in using electronic catalogs.

F. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Food delivered under this contract is used to feed school children as well as residents in State hospitals and prisons. Due to this fact, delivery requirements included in this solicitation are of major importance. Vendors who are habitually unable to meet the requirements of this solicitation are subject to penalty and possible contract termination. Expired foods will not be accepted.

1. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- No service fees or additional cost will be invoiced to Contract Users by the supplier during the term of this agreement (except as described in this ITB or mutually agreed upon in writing).
- There will be no “small order”, “minimum order”, or “special order” charges or surcharges.
- There will be no return fees for inaccuracies or other errors on the part of the supplier.

2. SUBMISSION OF APPENDIX A

All bids submitted on the Appendix A must contain item brand name/packer, product code and pack size – failure to indicate the information may result in bid rejection.

Vendors may only bid on one brand name per line item; bidding on more than one brand per line item will result in rejection of the bid on that line item.

Only brand names specified for the items identified on the approved Meat Listing will be considered for those items. Brand names other than those specified will result in the rejection of the bid for that line item.

Delivered items will be checked for compliance with the bid specifications. Items found not to be in compliance with the bid specifications will be returned to the vendor.

The requirements for this contract, contained in Appendix A, have been broken down into three sections: Department of Correction (DOC) and Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS). [Ordering agencies may request additional items required during the term of the contract. Additionally requested items are to be noted on the monthly usage reports and are covered by the Terms & Conditions found in this solicitation.](#)

3. TIE BIDS

If two or more bidders submit identical bids, the decision of the Government Support Services to make award to one or more of such bidders shall be final. Government Support Services will award based on past performance and solicit information from using Agencies on performance of the tied vendors.

4. ERRORS

When an error is made in extending total prices, the unit bid price will govern. Carelessness in quoting prices or in preparation of bid otherwise will not relieve the bidder. Erasures in bids must be explained over signature of bidder.

5. TRADE NAME

Reference to a particular trade name, manufacturer's catalog, or model number is made for descriptive purposes to guide the bidder in interpreting the requirements of the State of Delaware. They should not be construed as excluding proposals on other types of materials, equipment, and supplies. However, the bidder, if awarded a contract, will be required to furnish the particular item referred to in the specifications or description unless a departure or substitution is clearly noted and described in the proposal.

6. APPLICABLE SPECIFICATION AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS

The following publications of the issues in effect on date of invitation to bid, form a part of this specification:

Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act and General Regulations for its enforcement and subsequent decision of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Any and all deviations shall be so stated on the returned bid. Unless so stated by the bidder, the State of Delaware shall assume that all requirements have been met and shall hold the bidder to each and every part of the specifications.

7. RESPONSIVENESS OF BIDDER

Quantities involved, time of delivery, purpose for which required, competency of bidder, vendor's ability to render satisfactory service, and past performance will be considered on determining responsibility.

8. CUSTOMER SERVICE

The Supplier(s) should provide each of the State and the Contract Users a single, local point of contact (and a backup) to handle questions or problems that may arise. At least one Customer Service Representative must be available during Supplier's operating hours. All service representatives must have on-line access to information to provide immediate response to inquiries concerning the status of orders (shipped or pending), delivery information, back-order information, State contract pricing, contracted product offerings/exclusions, contract compliance requirements, and general product information. Representatives should be available by phone, fax, or email (local or 800 number preferred).

9. BACK ORDER

It is the responsibility of the contractor to notify the ordering agency immediately upon notification that an item is on back order. The contractor shall state the reason for the back order and the date the agency can expect delivery. After receiving this information the agency reserves the right to cancel the back ordered items and purchase elsewhere, charging the increase in price and cost of handling, if any, to the contractor.

10. SUBSTITUTIONS

Substitutions of any products or quantity on any order are unacceptable unless the vendor has acquired written authorization from the designated buyer PRIOR to delivery. Unauthorized substitutions shall be subject to penalty; including contract termination.

11. NUTRITIONAL DATA SHEETS

The contractor must furnish nutritional data sheets for **all items** bid with your bid package. Nutritional data sheets are to be submitted electronically in PDF format on CD or DVD media disk. The electronic file shall contain one file for each section; and contain the data sheets in the same order as the bid. Failure to do so may result in your bid being deemed non-responsive. Nutritional data sheets must be labeled with Vendor Name, Section (DOC, DHSS, EDU), and Line Item #. Product # on Nutritional data sheets must match the product # entered into Appendix A.

12. RETURNS

Any materials delivered in poor condition, in excess of the amount authorized by the requisition form, unauthorized substitutions or not included on the requisition form or purchase order may, at the discretion of the Contract Users, be returned to the Supplier's warehouse at the Supplier's expense within 30 days. Return Authorizations (RA's) must be credited immediately once Supplier receives the returned goods. **If product was returned due to poor condition or unauthorized substitution the Supplier must make arrangement to have product delivered within 48 hours if requested by ordering Agency at no additional charge. No payments will be made for products that do not meet agreed upon pricing, quality, or other requirements to be specified in the ITB or the contract.**

13. PERFORMANCE

Late/No Deliveries – Due to locations ordering based on weekly menus there is not room for late or no deliveries. Those vendors not able to meet the 72 hour delivery timeframe will have their order/products cancelled and will be charged the difference between their bid and the open market purchase. If there is a delay anticipated vendors must notify the ordering agency and give the Agency the choice to accept delivery at a later date with a proposed delivery date or purchase open market. If Agency accepts the alternative delivery date and product is not received, Agency will automatically purchase product open market and back charge the contracted vendor any difference in cost. If Agency, is not contacted prior to delivery and given the choice to accept product at a later date or purchase open market, Agency will automatically purchase open market and back charge the contracted vendor any difference in cost. Three late deliveries to any agency will result in removal from the bidders list for a three (3) month period.

Inferior Merchandise – Those vendors delivering merchandise of inferior quality, delivering in other than the manner specified will have their merchandise refused. Vendors will be given 24 hours to deliver the proper merchandise as specified. Failure to deliver within 24 hours will result in the vendor being charged the difference between their bid and the open market purchase. Three deliveries of inferior merchandise will result in removal from the bidders list for a three (3) month period.

Quality of Merchandise – If quality of merchandise is questionable and the receiving agency and vendor cannot reach an agreement, a State of Delaware and/or a Federal Meat Inspector will be called in to inspect the merchandise. The decision of the Inspector will be final. Costs will be borne by the vendor.

Repetitive Infractions – Those vendors with 2 suspensions from the bidders list will automatically be removed from our bidders list.

14. PENALTIES

In the event that the vendor is found to be habitually non-compliant with the requirements of this solicitation/contract they will be subject to the following:

- Line item will be removed from vendor's award and offered to the next lowest, responsive bidder for the remaining contract term. (Any three (3) occurrences per line)
- Contract Termination.

15. DEVIATIONS TO SPECIFICATIONS

All deviations to specifications must be noted. Those vendors not noting deviations will be expected to deliver products as specified. Total order must be delivered on the specified dates; partial shipments will be considered cause for rejection of delivery of the item.

Any deviations found not noted on bidding documents may cause ordering Agency to purchase product open market and back charge the vendor any additional cost to the Agency.

16. DOC TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

a. USDA GRADE STAMP

All meat products with grade specified must have USDA Grade Stamp on item itself, i.e. Outside Round shall have a purple stamp reading "USDA Select."

b. DELIVERY TICKETS

All delivery tickets, including direct deliveries from the manufacturer or from your warehouse, must reference the FS requisition number, e.g. FS-302, located on the top right hand side of the Department of Correction (DOC) order sheet – failure to comply with this request may result in delayed payment of invoice.

c. SAMPLES

All samples submitted must have accompanying Manufacturer Product Specification Sheets inclusive of:

- Item name
- Brand name
- Product code
- Unit/pack size
- Ingredients
- Nutritional information including Sodium and Fat content

When required, samples must be furnished and approved by the Food Services Quality Control Administrator on or by the specified time, free of expense to the State and as specified by the Food Services Quality Control Administrator. All samples submitted are subject to mutilation as a result of tests by the Department. The Department, for comparison with deliveries, will retain award samples. Failure to submit sample when requested will result in disqualification or non-consideration of bid. [Samples delivered for testing and approval must be delivered in the original packaging/case pack.](#)

d. **DELIVERY LOCATIONS/HOURS OF ACCEPTANCE**

James T. Vaughn Correctional Center
Central Supply Warehouse
1181 Paddock Road
Smyrna, DE 19977
(302) 653-2862

Deliveries accepted between 6:30 AM and 1:30 PM, Monday through Friday. This location does not accept deliveries between 11:00 AM and 11:45 AM local time and on holidays.

e. **DELIVERIES**

Vendor will deliver as specified on order. **Failure to notify Michael Street, Warehouse Supervisor, Department of Correction, at (302) 653-2862, of late deliveries will result in the purchase being made on the open market and the difference being charged to the vendor.** Deliveries are to be made in a mechanically refrigerated truck. All containers must be identified as to content. Vendor's deliverymen must assist in unloading. **NOTE: DELIVERIES MUST BE WITHIN 48 HOURS OF REQUESTED DELIVERY DATE. VENDORS ARE REQUIRED TO CONTACT THE CENTRAL SUPPLY WAREHOUSE WHEN UNABLE TO DELIVER AS REQUESTED.**

f. **SHIPMENT**

No partial shipments accepted per line item.

g. **LABELING REQUIREMENTS**

1. All exterior packaging shall be labeled with:

- Product name
- Product/Item code
- Brand/Packer's name
- USDA inspection stamp
- Unit/pack size
- Pack date
- Ingredients
- Nutritional values including Sodium and Fat content
- Safe handling instructions, to include storage and shelf life
- Thawing instructions, if applicable
- Cooking instructions, if applicable

2. All interior packaging with multi-package units that require interior labeling per product specifications, shall be labeled with:

- Product name and package weight

3. All meat products with grade specified must have:

- USDA Grade Stamp on item itself, i.e. Gooseneck bottom Round shall have a purple stamp reading "USDA Select."

h. ORGANOLEPTIC REQUIREMENTS

All meats for purpose of this contract shall be free from rancidity; free of fruity, sulfide-like, cardboardy, tallowy, oily, oxidized, metallic, chlorine and other off or foreign odors; free of foreign materials (e.g., glass, metal, paper, rubber); must show no evidence of mishandling or deterioration; and must have bright color with no evidence of dehydration or freezing and thawing. Any product that does not comply with the organoleptic requirements will be rejected for use under this contract.

i. LITERATURE

Failure to attach or enclose cuts and/or descriptive literature when requested in bids may result in disqualification or non-consideration of such bids.

j. QUALIFYING BIDDERS

Prior to solicitation and or awarding of bid, DOC may require submission by bidder of complete financial statement and questionnaire describing bidder's financial ability and experience in performance of similar work.

k. DISQUALIFICATION

Awards will not be made to any person, firm or company in default of a contract with Government Support Services, or to any bidder having as its sales agent or representative or as a member of the firm, any individual previously in default or guilty of misrepresentation.

l. BILLING/PAYMENT OF INVOICES

The contractor must prepare and submit a *valid* invoice to DOC. **The invoice must include the DOC Requisition Number on shipping tickets and invoices.**

m. NEW GOODS, FRESH STOCK

All contracts, unless otherwise specifically stated shall produce new commodities, fresh stock, latest model, design, or pack.

n. INTERPRETATION

Deliveries must be made as directed by the DOC when not in conflict with bid or quotation. If no delivery instructions appear on an order it will be interpreted to mean prompt delivery required. The decision of the Purchasing Administrator as to reasonable compliance with delivery terms shall be final. Burden of proof of delay in receipt of commodities by purchaser shall rest with the contractor.

o. EXTENSION OF TIME

Any extension of time on delivery as specified must be in writing from the Purchasing Administrator of the DOC with such extension applicable on to the particular item or shipment affected.

p. **METHOD OF CONTAINERS**

Unless otherwise specified, goods shall be delivered in NSF approved commercial packages in standard commercial containers, so constructed as to insure acceptance by common or other carrier for safe transportation, at the lowest rate, to the point of delivery. Containers become the property of the Department unless otherwise definitely specified by Bidder.

q. **WEIGHT CHECKING**

Deliveries shall be subject to re-weighting over official sealed scales designated by the State. Payments shall be made on the basis of net weight of materials delivered. Normal shrinkage may be allowed to such instances where shrinkage is possible. Net weights only, exclusive of containers or wrapping, shall be paid for by DOC.

r. **INSPECTION AND TESTS**

Inspection of equipment, materials and supplies shall be made by or at the direction of the Department, or by the agency to which the goods are delivered, and any articles supplied that are defective or fails in any way to meet specifications or other requirements of the contract will be rejected. All laboratory tests required shall be made under the direction of the Purchasing Office. The decision of the DOC on acceptance shall be final.

s. **ONE TIME DELIVERIES**

The Department of Correction may from time to time have the availability to have one-time delivery of products. If this is available please indicate a different cost if applicable for one-time deliveries. This information should be completed on the Appendix A-Pricing Spreadsheet in column H.

17. DHSS TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

a. **DELIVERY**

Deliveries may be made Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. **Absolutely no deliveries will be accepted after 3:00 p.m.**

Deliveries are to be made within 72 hours of original order.

Deliveries are to be made in a refrigerated truck in accordance with State of Delaware Food Code requirements. (<http://www.dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dph/hsp/files/99fdcodechap3.txt>)

All cases must be identified as to content and purchase order number.

Vendor delivery men must assist in unloading.

Total poundage per item delivered must be within a five percent (5%) tolerance of the specified amount ordered.

b. **USE OF SUBCONTRACTOR FOR DELIVERIES**

Bidder must establish a permanent answering service for the purpose of receiving orders and reporting delivery shortages and problems.

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c. LIABILITY

The contractor will hold each Department facility or other participating state agency free of any damages resulting from consumption of products delivered under this contract, when such damages are attributed to foreign materials or other defects in products delivered by the contractor.

d. PURCHASE ORDERS

Purchase orders will be issued to the successful bidders within a responsible time after award of contract has been made. No deliveries hereunder shall be made until after receipt of formal State purchase order.

e. PACKING

Packing – All items shall be delivered in standard commercial containers so constructed as to insure acceptance by common or other carrier for safe transportation, at the lowest rate, to the point of delivery, or blanket wrapped trailer load lots.

f. PAYMENT OF INVOICES

Successful Bidders will invoice per instructions on purchase order.

All invoices shall be sent to – Delaware Health and Social Services, Accounts Payable Section, 1901 N. DuPont Highway , New Castle, Delaware 19720. Every Packing Slip, Delivery Ticket and Invoice must include:

- Purchase Order Number
- The name of the facility to which delivery was made.
- Title and quantity of each item.
- Net Price.
- Extended total of each item.
- Our Contract Number.

g. CASH DISCOUNT

Cash discounts for prompt payment of invoice shall be deducted and net prices only given in the bid. All bids must be on the unit as specified; as designated in the unit column, or they **will not** be considered.

h. BID INFORMATION

In connection with this bid the bidder must furnish the Brand Names of the item being offered. Failure to furnish the information requested will subject bid to disqualification.

i. LABELING

Legible commercial labeling will be acceptable, providing it conforms with the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act and General Regulations for its enforcement.

j. LABELING REQUIREMENTS

All exterior packaging shall be labeled with:

- Product name
- Product/Item code
- Brand/Packer's name
- USDA inspection stamp
- Unit/pack size
- Pack date
- Ingredients
- Nutritional values including Sodium and Fat content
- Safe handling instructions, to include storage and shelf life
- Thawing instructions if applicable
- Cooking instructions if applicable

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- Product name and package weight

All meat products with grade specified must have:

- USDA Grade Stamp on item itself, i.e. Gooseneck bottom Round shall have a purple stamp reading "USDA Select."

k. MENU AND RECIPE SUPPORT

Vendor will provide menu, recipe and nutrition data in both electronic and paper format. Recipes will be developed for 10, 50 and 100 servings. The nutrient analysis will be provided in an Excel spreadsheet format.

l. SHIP TO LOCATIONS

There will be no minimum orders for the following locations:

Delaware Psychiatric Center, 1901 N. DuPont Hwy, Main Building, New Castle, DE 19720

Delaware Hospital for the Chronically Ill, 100 Sunnyside Road, Smyrna, DE 19977

Emily P. Bissell Hospital, 3000 Newport Gap Pike, Wilmington, DE 19808

Governor Bacon Health Center, 1 Wilmington Ave, Delaware City, DE 19706

Stockley Center, 26351 Patriots Way, Georgetown, DE 19947

Ferris School, 959 Centre Road, Wilmington, DE 19805

18. PROPOSAL COMPLIANCE

A bidder's proposal shall contain the following minimum requirements:

- a. Original signed and notarized copy of the Non-Collusion Agreement (Attachment 2)
- b. Exceptions (Attachment 3)
- c. Three Business References (Attachment 4)
- d. Appendix A (completed per the included instructions) and saved on CD in Excel format.
- e. Nutritional Data Sheets (saved on CD per the included instructions).

All documentation must be submitted in accordance with the instructions contained within this solicitation document. Non-compliance with the submission requirements may result in your bid being deemed non-responsive.

DOC SECURITY REQUIREMENTS & PROCEDURES

1. REQUIREMENTS

The correctional facility has issued regulations to be observed by all contractors, their subcontractors (if any) and employees and other firms providing services for or otherwise assigned to or working on the project in order to minimize disruption to prison operations, maintain security and facilitate the construction process. While working inside the prison facilities on a regular or occasional basis, it must be clearly understood that prison security requirements will at all times take precedence over construction operations. The contractor shall comply with all such regulations and consider the regulations when preparing his/her bid.

2. WORKING AT A DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION FACILITY

- a. In order for the Department of Correction (DOC) to ensure security on the job site, the prime contractor shall submit a list of all proposed workers who will be working on the site to the DOC including name, social security number, age, sex, race and date of birth. This list shall include all sub-contractors (if any) and any vendors requiring access to the secure perimeter of the facility.
- b. Workmen will not be permitted on the campus without approval.
- c. All tools, equipment, supplies, etc., shall be removed from the compound building daily.
- d. A list of tools must be supplied with each truck. Inventory shall be taken by the contractor at the beginning and end of each workday. Correctional Officers reserve the right to inspect and inventory all toolboxes, workmen and trucks. Report all missing tools immediately. Leave all unnecessary tools at the shop.
- e. Trucks should be kept clean of debris. Trash within the vehicle increases the amount of time required to inspect the vehicles.
- f. Proper construction clothing is required. Short pants are not permitted.
- g. Contractors shall include, in their bid, a sufficient amount of time to enter and depart the facility in a given day. As an example of previous projects at a Department of Correction site, it takes between one half hour to one hour to enter or leave the facility.
- h. Contractor is advised that only limited movement will be permitted while inside the compound.
- i. Contractors are requested to notify the Director of Custody of Operations upon the termination of worker's services in order that the identification card on file can be pulled and rendered inactive.
- j. Completion of "A" Short Form is required for all employees (see page 35 for "A" Short Form).

3. CONTRABAND/TOOL CONTROL

- a. Title 11, Section 1256 of the Delaware Code specifies that "a person is guilty of promoting prison contraband when: (1) they knowingly and unlawfully introduces any contraband into detention facility, or (2) being a person confined in a detention facility, he knowingly and unlawfully makes, obtains, or possesses any contraband."

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- b. No one may introduce into or possess on the grounds of any institution of any of the following that are considered to be contraband except as noted:
1. Any intoxicating beverage.
 2. Any narcotic, hypnotic, barbiturate, hallucinogenic drug, central nervous stimulant, or drug except as authorized or approved by an institution affiliated physician.
 3. Any firearm or instrument customarily used or designed to be used as a dangerous weapon, or an explosive device, except as authorized or approved by an institution and/or Departmental Administration.
 4. Any instrument that may be used as an aid in attempting an escape.
 5. Hypodermic needle, syringe, or other article, instrument or substance specifically prohibited by the institution administration except as authorized.
 6. Any article of State property for the purpose of removing it from State property without authorization from administrative or supervisory personnel.
- c. In addition to above, no inmate may possess:
1. Tool, instrument or implement which could be used as a dangerous weapon except as are assigned by and used under the supervision of authorized personnel.
 2. Money.
- d. Private Contract Repair and Maintenance Workers: Private contracted or contract maintenance workers by, or under contract to perform services, maintenance repair or construction within the institution must complete an inventory listing of all tools, tool boxes and related equipment prior to admittance into the institution. A staff member as so assigned must escort tradesmen or other non-employee workers while in the institution. At entry control points, vehicles and personnel will be searched to include any tools or relating equipment. No tools will remain on the work sites upon departure. Activities must be performed as authorized with proper security and safety precautions.
- e. Classification of Tools: It is difficult to classify every specific tool. However, the classification tools can be determined according to the following categories.

Restricted tools are items that can be used by inmates either in effecting an escape or causing date or serious injury. The following tools are typical examples:

- a. Diamond-point drills
 - b. Ice picks
 - c. Hones and sharpening stock
 - d. Metal cutters, blades
 - e. Bolt cutters
 - f. Cleaners
 - g. Cutting torches
 - h. Electric drills, portable
 - i. Electric bench and portable grinders
 - j. Files
 - k. Gear pullers
 - l. Diamond point and regular hacksaw blades
- f. Lost or stolen tools must be reported to security of the Department of Correction.
- g. Broken saw blades must be removed from the property (not left or discarded on site).

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4. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- a. All tools will be accounted for by the worker and escorting officer upon completion of daily work.
- b. Workers, once entering controlled areas, are not permitted to wander from the work area. Should a worker need to go to another area, he/she will be escorted by an officer.
- c. Should work require more than one day to complete the job, permission to construct and use temporary storage facilities is solely at the discretion of prison authorities. The facility will not accept responsibility for any loss or damage to materials left on site. All tools and equipment should be removed daily.
- d. It is essential that construction operation and debris removal be conducted in a manner to assure that materials that may be used as weapons do not fall into the hands of inmates.
- e. Anything of unusual nature as loss of a key, identification cards, tools, piping, etc., shall be reported immediately to the escorting officer.
- f. In the event that construction requires the description of plumbing, electrical power, etc., the Director of Custody of Operations must receive at least twenty four (24) hours advance notice in order to preserve security and not to disrupt routine activities. When temporary shutdown of service is unavoidable, the work shall be completed at night during a time when the institution's routine will not be interfered.
- g. Workers will be denied access to controlled areas should they have relatives or close friends incarcerated in the facility.
- h. Workers shall be subjected to all rules and regulations and shall comply with the escorting officers' instruction accordingly.
- i. Inmates are not permitted to franchise with the public or contractors.

5. SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

- a. Materials shall be moved through the buildings using rubber tire vehicles which shall be properly controlled at all times to avoid damage to existing walls, floors, and ceiling surfaces, including doors and door and/or window frames.
- b. Water damage will not be tolerated and it is incumbent upon the contractor to take all steps necessary to keep the existing premises dry at all times.
- c. All welding and cutting shall be performed by qualified and certified welders. Certificates shall be on file with the Construction Manager prior to commencement of any welding.
- d. Existing streets, pavements, lawns, curbs and other finished surfaces disturbed or damaged by excavation or other construction activities shall be repaired and restored to their original conditions to the satisfaction of the Owner and local authorities.

6. SITE SECURITY

The following regulations must be observed by all persons having any association with the construction of this project (employees, subcontractors, workmen, service men, manufacturer's representative, etc.):

a. Photo Identification Card

1. Each trade subcontractor shall submit a list of workers who will be on site. The list will contain the following information on each employee:
 - a. Name;
 - b. Date of Birth;
 - c. Social Security Number; and
 - d. Address.
2. Each trade subcontractor will pick up the photo identification cards at the Main Gate (where they will be secured when not in use). He will transport the identification cards and issue the identification card upon arrival of the construction workers (after identifying the worker). The cards will be collected at the end of the day and returned to the Main Gate.

b. Assigning Men to the Site

Each trade subcontractor shall notify the Maintenance Superintendent twenty four (24) hours in advance, but not later than 12:00 Noon, on the previous work day before sending men to the project site so an officer can be assigned to accompany all his personnel.

c. Tools and Materials

No tools or materials shall be left unguarded at any time, and tools shall be removed from the working areas at the end of each working day or at anytime the workmen and assigned officer leave the area.

d. Prison Records

Where a workman or representative visiting the institution has a prison record, the trade subcontractor shall be responsible for obtaining the particulars concerning his record and notifying the institution at least seventy two (72) hours in advance of his visit. The institution will then notify the trade subcontractor and either provide or deny permission for that person to enter the institution. Any workman denied entrance to the institution must be replaced by the trade subcontractor or subcontractor at no additional cost.

e. Workmen Lunch Area/Searches

1. Workmen are expected to stay in their respective working areas during their lunch period unless leaving the grounds is permitted.
2. All workmen are expected to submit to a search of themselves, toolboxes, lunch containers, and vehicles at any time if the search is deemed necessary.

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f. Prohibited Items

The following items are prohibited from being brought onto the prison grounds and construction site:

1. Alcoholic beverages and drugs
2. Explosive and firearms
3. Tobacco products

g. Working Dress and Workmen

Workmen will maintain proper attire while working at the institution.

- h. It is forbidden to aid or abet the escape of any inmate, or to advise, connive or assist in any escape, or to conceal any inmate after escape, or withhold information pertaining thereto. Violation of this prohibition can result in prosecution and the law provides for punishment of fine and imprisonment.
- i. It is likewise strictly forbidden to bring into or take out of the prison either for pay, or for favor, for any inmate, any article, without the proper authorization from the Maintenance Superintendent.
- j. It is forbidden to roam at will throughout the prison. Workers are restricted to going directly to those places where the work is conducted and remaining away from all areas where they have no business to conduct.
- k. It is prohibited to socialize, exchange pleasantries, or conduct business with inmates in traffic areas hallways, center areas, etc. Affectionate or intimate behavior between official visitors and inmates is prohibited.
- l. All automobiles are to be parked in a location designated by the Maintenance Superintendent. Parked vehicles must always have the ignition and doors locked.
- m. No photographs may be taken without proper authorization. No public news releases may be given without similar authorization.
- n. Escorting of any person, not previously approved, onto the prison grounds or into the prison is prohibited.
- o. The offering and giving of any tips, gratuities, fees, etc. to any inmates or prison personnel are strictly prohibited.
- p. The use of indecent, abusive, or profane language is forbidden anywhere on the prison property.
- q. Civilian or other clothing should not be left carelessly in places where it may be acquired and worn by inmates.
- r. In the event an acquaintance, friend, or relative of contractor's employee should be an inmate of the institution at which work is being conducted, it is advisable that the contractor communicate this confidentially to the Maintenance Superintendent.

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s. Tools and Equipment Safety

1. Flammable Liquids: Maintain flammable liquid (e.g., gasoline, fuels, etc.) in secure containers at all times, in compliance with OSHA regulations.
2. Tools: Maintain tools and related equipment (e.g. sprinkler heads, hydrants, wires, cables, ducts, manholes, posts, poles, signals, alarm boxes, etc.) at all times.
3. Powder Actuated Tools: Comply with Owner's and Maintenance Superintendent direction for control of powder used and stored.

t. Construction Personnel Vehicle Parking

1. Parking spaces for privately owned vehicles operated by construction personnel may be limited.

The Maintenance Superintendent will assign areas within the prison site for parking. Sufficient space will be provided to park privately owned vehicles operated by construction personnel on site

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SECURITY CLEARANCE APPLICATION
BUREAU OF PRISONS
PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

NAME: _____
(LAST) (FIRST) (MIDDLE)

PLEASE LIST ALL OTHER NAMES YOU HAVE USED INCLUDING MAIDEN, NICKNAMES AND RELIGIOUS NAMES:

DOB: _____ PLACE OF BIRTH: _____ SSN#: _____

SEX: MALE / FEMALE RACE: _____ DRIVER'S LICENSE #: _____ State: _____

ADDRESS: _____ APT #: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: HOME: (____) _____ WORK: (____) _____

DO YOU HAVE A CRIMINAL CONVICTION AND/OR ARREST ANYWHERE, TO INLCUDE TRAFFIC TICKETS? NO/YES (IF YES, COMPLETE BELOW). HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ARRESTED ANYWHERE WHETHER CONVICTED/DISMISSED/NOLLE PROSSED OR PARDONED: NO /YES (IF YES, COMPLETE BELOW). IF YOU NEED MORE ROOM, PLEASE UTILIZE THE BACK OF THIS FORM.

COUNTRY : _____ DATE: _____

OFFENSE: _____ SENTENCE: _____

ARE YOU PRESENTLY UNDER DEPT. of CORRECTION SUPERVISION: NO/YES (IF YES, WHAT): _____

ARE YOU RELATED TO OR KNOW ANYONE INCARCERATED AT A DOC FACILITY: NO/ YES

IF YES, NAME OF INMATE AND YOUR RELATIONSHIP TO THEM: _____

REASON FOR CLEARANCE: _____ DATE OF ACTIVITY: _____ COMPANY/
ORGANIZATION _____

COMPANY/ORGANIZATION EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

PLEASE READ AND SIGN:

I understand that prison authorities will verify my criminal record information. I also understand that my application may be rejected for any reason.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

The following is the result of the DELJIS and NCIC records checks:

DELAWARE WANTS/WARRANTS _____ DELWARE CRIMINAL HISTORY _____

NCIC WANTS/WARRANTS _____ NCIC CRIMINAL HISTORY _____

DELJIS/NCIC
INVESTIGATOR _____ SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

APPROVED _____ APPROVAL EXPIRES ON: _____ IF DENIED, PLESE INDICATE REASON BELOW:

DENIED _____ (1) Dishonest/incomplete application; (2) Active pending warrants/capiases; (3) Felony convictions or incarceration for a felony in past five years; (4) Misdemeanor convictions or incarceration for misdemeanor in past two years; (5) DUI conviction past two years; (6) Trafficking/delivery and/or possession of controlled substance conviction past ten years; (7) Other (See Investigation for info).

Reviewer's Signature _____ Date _____

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BID QUOTATION REPLY SECTION

CONTRACT NO. GSS13578-MEAT

MEAT, POULTRY, FISH, DAIRY

Please fill out the attached forms fully and completely and return with your bid in a sealed envelope clearly displaying the contract number to Government Support Services by December 7, 2012, 1:00 p.m. LOCAL TIME at which time bids will be opened.

Bids shall be submitted to:

**STATE OF DELAWARE
GOVERNMENT SUPPORT SERVICES
CONTRACTING SECTION, GSS13578-MEAT
100 ENTERPRISE PLACE - SUITE 4
DOVER, DE 19904-8202**

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 WILL BE READ AT THE BID OPENING

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Attachment 1

NO PROPOSAL REPLY FORM

CONTRACT: GSS13578-MEAT

CONTRACT TITLE: Meat, Poultry, Fish, Dairy

To assist us in obtaining good competition on our Request for Proposals, we ask that each firm that has received a proposal, 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 Vendor's List by so indicating below, or do not return this form or bona fide proposal.

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

	1.	We do not wish to participate in the proposal process.
	2.	We do not wish to bid under the terms and conditions of the Request for Proposal document. Our objections are:
	3.	We do not feel we can be competitive.
	4.	We cannot submit a Proposal 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 Proposals are requested.
	7.	Other: _____

FIRM NAME		SIGNATURE

		We wish to remain on the Vendor's List for these goods or services.
		We wish to be deleted from the Vendor's List for these goods or services.

COMPANY NAME _____

CONTACT _____ PHONE NUMBER _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

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Attachment 2

CONTRACT NO.: GSS13578-MEAT
OPENING DATE: December 7, 2012

TITLE: Meat, Poultry, Fish, Dairy

NON-COLLUSION STATEMENT

This is to certify that the undersigned Vendor 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 proposal, **and further certifies that it is not a sub-contractor to another Vendor who also submitted a proposal as a primary Vendor in response to this solicitation** submitted this date to the State of Delaware, Office of Management and Budget, Government Support Services.

It is agreed by the undersigned Vendor that the signed delivery of this bid represents the Vendor's acceptance of the terms and conditions of this Request for Proposal 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, Office of Management and Budget, Government Support Services.

COMPANY NAME _____ (Check one)

NAME OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE _____
(Please type or print)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Corporation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Partnership
<input type="checkbox"/>	Individual

SIGNATURE _____ TITLE _____

COMPANY ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ FAX NUMBER _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

STATE OF DELAWARE
LICENSE NUMBER _____

FEDERAL E.I. NUMBER _____

COMPANY CLASSIFICATIONS: CERT. NO.	Women Business Enterprise (WBE)	YES	NO	Minority Business Enterprise (MBE)	YES	NO	Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)	YES	NO
		(circle one)			(circle one)			(circle one)	

[The above table is for information 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 WITH YOUR PROPOSAL TO BE CONSIDERED

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

Notary Public _____ My commission expires _____

City of _____ County of _____ State of _____

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ATTACHMENT 4

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PROPOSAL REPLY SECTION

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. Business Name/Mailing Address:
Contact Name/Phone Number:
Number of years doing business with :
Describe type of work performed:

2. Business Name/Mailing Address:
Contact Name/Phone Number:
Number of years doing business with :
Describe type of work performed:

3. Business Name/Mailing Address:
Contact Name/Phone Number:
Number of years doing business with :
Describe type of work performed:



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/docs/certapp_022510.pdf



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>