



State of Delaware
Scrap Tire Management Projects
Request for Proposal
Contract No. NAT17001-SCRAPTIRE

December 11, 2017

- Deadline to Respond -
January 9, 2018
3:00 PM (Local Time)

STATE OF DELAWARE
Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC)
Scrap Tire Management Program

CONTRACT NO. NAT17001-SCRAPTIRE

ALL VENDORS:

The enclosed packet contains a "REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL" for Scrap Tire Management Projects. The proposal consists of the following:

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In order for your proposal to be considered, the Proposal Reply Section shall be executed completely and correctly and returned in a sealed envelope **clearly displaying the contract number and vendor name** by **January 9, 2018 at 3:00 PM** (Local Time) to be considered.

Proposals must be mailed to:

DNREC – SHWMS
Scrap Tire Management Program
Attn: Tara Grazier
89 Kings Highway
Dover, DE 19901

Please review and follow the information and instructions contained in the General Provisions and this Request for Proposal (RFP). Should you need additional information, please call Tara Grazier at tara.grazier@state.de.us.

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I. INTRODUCTION

A. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Request for Proposal is to obtain sealed proposals to establish a pool of qualified vendors to complete scrap tire management projects. The scrap tire management projects may consist of removing and/or remediating scrap tire piles in any of the three counties or conducting events for residents to drop-off unwanted scrap tires. It is the goal of this Request for Proposal to identify a vendor(s) and execute contracts to scrap tire removal contractors. Once contracts are executed, DNREC will invite contractors to bid on specific scrap tire projects. Each scrap tire project will be awarded separately.

Terms utilized in this Request for Proposal are defined in Section VI.

1. COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSAL

It has been determined by DNREC, pursuant to **Delaware Code Title 29, Section 6924 (a)** that this solicitation be offered as a request for competitive sealed proposals because the use of competitive sealed bidding is not practical and/or not in the best interest of the State. The use of competitive sealed proposals is necessary to:

- Use a contract other than a fixed-price type; or
- Conduct oral or written discussions with vendors concerning technical and price aspects of their proposals; or
- Afford vendors an opportunity to revise their proposals through best and final offers; or
- Compare the different price, quality and contractual factors of the proposals submitted; or
- Award a contract in which price is not the determining factor.

2. CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

This contract will be issued to vendors providing services related to removal and remediation of scrap tire projects.

3. 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.

4. MULTIPLE SOURCE AWARD

The Agency reserves the right to award this contract to more than one vendor pursuant to 29 Del.C. [§6926](#). DNREC has determined that the best interest of the State of Delaware is served by selecting multiple vendors to identify a pool of qualified vendors to ensure competition when selecting a vendor for a specific scrap tire project. It is the intent of this RFP to identify and award contracts to a large pool of vendors that will then be able to bid on specific scrap tire projects as they arise.

Additionally, DNREC may award a specific scrap tire project to two or more vendors if the agency head makes the determination that such an award is in the best interest of the State of Delaware.

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5. POTENTIAL CONTRACT OVERLAP

Vendors shall be advised that the State, at its sole discretion, shall retain the right to solicit for goods and/or services as required by its agencies and as it serves the best interest of the State. As needs are identified, there may exist instances where contract deliverables, and/or goods or services to be solicited and subsequently awarded, overlap previous awards. The State reserves the right to reject any or all bids in whole or in part, to make partial awards, to award to multiple vendors during the same period, to award by types, on a zone-by-zone basis or on an item-by-item or lump sum basis item by item, or lump sum total, whichever may be most advantageous to the State of Delaware.

6. CONTRACT PERIOD

Each Vendor's contract shall be valid for a three (3) year period from February/March 2018 through February/March 2021. Each contract may be renewed for two (2) one (1) year periods through negotiation between the Vendor and DNREC. Negotiation may be initiated no later than ninety (90) days prior to the termination of the current agreement.

The State reserves the right to extend this contract on a month-to-month basis for a period of up to three (3) months after the term of the full contract has been completed.

B. KEY RFP DATES/MILESTONES

The following dates and milestones apply to this RFP and subsequent contract award. Vendors are advised that these dates and milestones are not absolute and may change due to unplanned events during the bid proposal and award process.

Activity	Due Date
RFP Availability to Vendors	December 11, 2017
Informational Meeting (Not Mandatory)	December 21, 2017 at 1:30 PM
Written Questions Due No Later Than (NLT)	December 27, 2017
Written Answers Due/Posted to Website NLT	January 2, 2018
Proposals Due NLT	January 9, 2018
Public Proposal Opening	January 10, 2018 at 8:30 AM
Contract Award	Will occur within 90 days of bid opening

C. INQUIRIES & QUESTIONS

We welcome your interest in working with us, and we will be pleased to answer any questions you may have in formulating your response to this Request for Proposal.

All questions with regard to the interpretation of this solicitation, drawings, or specifications, or any other aspect of this RFP must be received in writing by December 27, 2017. All questions will be answered in writing by January 2, 2018 and posted on <http://bids.delaware.gov/> website. All questions must make specific reference to the section(s) and page numbers from this RFP where applicable. Oral explanations or instructions will not be binding.

D. RFP DESIGNATED CONTACT

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All requests, questions, or other communications about this RFP shall be made in writing to the State of Delaware. Address all communications to the person listed below; communications made to other State of Delaware personnel or attempting to ask questions by phone or in person will not be allowed or recognized as valid and may disqualify the vendor. Vendors should rely only on written statements issued by the RFP designated contact.

Tara Grazier
DNREC – SHWMS
Scrap Tire Management Program
89 Kings Highway
Dover, DE 19901
Tara.grazier@state.de.us
(302)739-5060 (fax)

To ensure that written requests are received and answered in a timely manner, electronic mail (e-mail) or facsimile correspondence is acceptable, but other forms of delivery, such as postal and courier services can also be used.

E. CONTACT WITH STATE EMPLOYEE

Direct contact with State of Delaware employees other than the State of Delaware Designated Contact regarding this RFP is expressly prohibited without prior consent. Vendors directly contacting State of Delaware employees risk elimination of their proposal from further consideration. Exceptions exist only for organizations currently doing business in the State who require contact in the normal course of doing that business.

F. ADDITIONAL REQUESTS FOR PROPOSAL

At its discretion, DNREC may issue at any time a RFP to solicit additional qualified vendors. DNREC will take reasonable measures to ensure previously awarded vendors whose contracts will expire, such that they will need to respond to DNREC's next RFP in order to maintain a contract to be eligible to bid on scrap tire projects, are notified of the need to respond to DNREC's RFP.

II. SCOPE OF WORK

A. OVERVIEW

The vendor(s) shall provide all equipment, materials and labor to fulfill the State of Delaware's need for scrap tire management projects as described herein. The contract will require the vendor(s) to cooperate with the ordering agency to insure the State receives the most current state-of-the-art material and/or services.

Execution of a contract subsequent to this RFP does not entitle the vendor to an award of any minimum number of scrap tire projects or any scrap tire project. The contract entitles the vendor(s) to receive DNREC's Invitation to Bid on scrap tire projects as DNREC determines scrap tire projects are available.

B. BACKGROUND

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The Delaware legislature has identified that scrap tire piles have the potential to negatively impact human health and the environment. As such, DNREC is seeking qualified vendors to complete scrap tire projects, including removal of scrap tires from properties throughout the State, in order to mitigate those impacts.

C. STATEMENT OF NEEDS

The vendor(s) selected as a result of this Request for Proposal will become a pool of qualified vendors to bid on specific scrap tire management projects as they arise. Scrap tire management projects may consist of:

1. Removal and Remediation of Scrap Tire Piles

- a. Pile Sizes: Scrap tire piles can be large tire piles, medium tire piles, or small tire piles. The scrap tire piles vary and may include a mix of tire sizes including, for example, lawn tractor tires, motorcycle tires, passenger vehicle tires, light duty truck tires, heavy duty truck tires, semi-truck tires, and large agricultural tires.
- b. Site Locations: Scrap tire piles may be identified in all three counties of the State of Delaware: New Castle County, Kent County, or Sussex County.
- c. Site Conditions: Site conditions also vary in access, topography, and condition of the tires. DNREC recognizes the difficulty of removing scrap tires from sites in the summer due to insects and overgrown vegetation. Therefore, many scrap tire project activities can be completed in the fall, winter, and spring.

Scrap Tire Drop-Off Events: The Scrap Tire Management Program also offers scrap tire drop-off events to Delaware residents, which are single day events that may be held throughout the state several times per year. These events typically collect between 5 and 50 tons of scrap tires per event.

D. DETAILED REQUIREMENTS

The Scope of Work and Technical Requirements of this RFP are stated in Appendix A. Vendors must provide maximum pricing for the services identified in this RFP on the Excel Spreadsheet in Appendix B.

III. FORMAT FOR PROPOSAL

A. INTRODUCTION

This section prescribes the mandatory format for the presentation of a proposal in response to this RFP. Each Vendor must provide every component listed in the order shown in this RFP, using the format prescribed for each component. A proposal may be rejected if it is incomplete or conditional.

B. PROPOSAL RESPONSE

The Vendor's proposal shall be written in ink or typewritten, and any corrections or erasures **MUST** be initialed by vendor's representative completing the bid submission.

Vendors' proposal must respond to each and every requirement outlined in the RFP criteria in order to be considered responsive. Proposals must be clear and concise.

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C. NON-CONFORMING PROPOSALS

Non-conforming proposals will not be considered. Non-conforming proposals are defined as those that do not meet the requirements of this RFP. The determination of whether an RFP requirement is substantive or a mere formality shall reside solely within the State of Delaware.

D. CONCISE PROPOSALS

The State of Delaware discourages overly lengthy and costly proposals. It is the desire that proposals be prepared in a straightforward and concise manner. Unnecessarily elaborate brochures or other promotional materials beyond those sufficient to present a complete and effective proposal are not desired. The State of Delaware's interest is in the quality and responsiveness of the proposal.

E. COVER LETTER

Each proposal will have a cover letter on the letterhead of the company or organization submitting the proposal. The cover letter must briefly summarize the Vendor's ability to provide the services specified in the RFP. The cover letter shall be signed by a representative who has the legal capacity to enter the organization into a formal contract with DNREC.

F. DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES AND QUALIFICATIONS

Each proposal must contain a detailed description of how the Vendor will provide the goods and services outlined in this RFP. This part of the proposal may also include descriptions of any enhancements or additional services or qualifications the Vendor will provide that are not mentioned in this RFP.

G. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING OF TERMS

By submitting a bid, each Vendor shall be deemed to acknowledge that it has carefully read all sections of this RFP, including all forms, schedules and exhibits hereto, and has fully informed itself as to all existing conditions and limitations.

H. BID BOND

The Bid Bond requirement has been waived.

I. PERFORMANCE BOND

The Performance Bond requirement has been waived.

J. 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 RFP. The State reserves the right to reject any non-responsive or non-conforming proposals. Each proposal must be submitted with four (4) paper copies. One of the copies shall be marked "Master Copy" and will contain original signatures in all locations requiring a vendor signature. The remaining copies do not require original signatures.

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All properly sealed and marked proposals are to be sent to the State of Delaware and received no later than 3:00 PM (Local Time) on January 9, 2018. The Proposals may be delivered by Express Delivery (e.g., FedEx, UPS, etc.), US Mail, or by hand to:

**Tara Grazier
DNREC – SHWMS
Scrap Tire Management Program
89 Kings Highway
Dover, DE 19901**

Any proposal submitted by US Mail shall be sent by certified mail. Any proposal received after the date and time deadline referenced above shall not be considered and shall be returned unopened. The proposing vendor bears the risk of delays in delivery. The contents of any proposal shall not be disclosed as to be made available to competing entities during the negotiation process.

Upon receipt of vendor proposals, each vendor shall be presumed to be thoroughly familiar with all specifications and requirements of this RFP. The failure or omission to examine any form, instrument or document shall in no way relieve vendors from any obligation in respect to this RFP.

The State reserves the right to award the proposed contract to multiple Vendors if the Head of the Agency determines that such an award is in the best interest of the State.

K. PROPOSAL EXPIRATION DATE

Prices quoted in the proposal shall remain fixed and binding on the bidder. In the event the vendor is awarded a contract, the prices quoted in the proposal shall remain fixed and binding throughout the contract term, unless as amended as set forth in the contract.

L. WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSALS

A Vendor 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.

M. PROPOSAL MODIFICATIONS

Any changes, amendments or modifications to a submitted proposal requires that the original proposal be withdrawn, **prior** to the time set for the submission of the proposal, and a new proposal submitted **prior** to the deadline for submission of proposals.

Changes, amendments or modifications to proposals shall not be accepted or considered after the hour and date specified as the deadline for submission of proposals.

N. LATE PROPOSALS

Proposals received after the specified date and time will not be accepted or considered. To guard against premature opening, sealed proposals shall be submitted, plainly marked with the proposal title, vendor name, and time and date of the proposal opening. Evaluation of the proposals is expected to begin shortly after the proposal due date. To document compliance with the deadline, the proposal will be date and time stamped upon receipt.

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O. ADDENDA TO THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

If it becomes necessary to revise any part of this RFP, 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 Request for Proposal.

P. INCURRED EXPENSES

The State will not be responsible for any expenses incurred by the vendor in preparing and submitting a proposal.

Q. ECONOMY OF PREPARATION

Proposals should be prepared simply and economically, providing a straight-forward, concise description of the Vendor's offer to meet the requirements of the RFP.

R. DISCREPANCIES AND OMISSIONS

Vendor is fully responsible for the completeness and accuracy of their proposal, and for examining this RFP and all addenda. Failure to do so will be at the sole risk of vendor. Should vendor find discrepancies, omissions, unclear or ambiguous intent or meaning, or should any questions arise concerning this RFP, vendor shall notify the State of Delaware's Designated Contact, in writing, of such findings at least ten (10) days before the proposal opening. This will allow issuance of any necessary addenda. It will also help prevent the opening of a defective proposal and exposure of vendor's proposal upon which award could not be made. All unresolved issues should be addressed in the proposal.

Protests based on any omission or error, or on the content of the solicitation, will be disallowed if these faults have not been brought to the attention of the Designated Contact, in writing, no later than ten (10) calendar days prior to the time set for opening of the proposals.

S. EXCEPTIONS

Bidders may elect to take **minor exception** to the terms and conditions of this RFP by completing Attachment 3. Government Support Services shall evaluate each exception according to the intent of the terms and conditions contained herein, but Government Support Services must reject exceptions that do not conform to State bid law and/or create inequality in the treatment of bidders. Exceptions shall be considered only if they are submitted with the bid or before the date and time of the bid opening.

Exceptions must be submitted utilizing Attachment 3 to be considered. Exceptions listed elsewhere in the Vendor's proposal will not be considered. DNREC maintains sole discretion to reject any vendor exceptions that are submitted.

T. BUSINESS REFERENCES

Business references are to be provided via Attachment 5.

U. DOCUMENT(S) EXECUTION

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All vendors must complete and submit with its proposal the non-collusion statement that is enclosed with this Request for Proposal labeled as Attachment 2. The awarded vendor(s) will be presented with the contract form for signature and seal, if appropriate. Both of these documents shall be executed by a representative who has the legal capacity to enter the organization into a formal contract with DNREC.

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.” 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.

V. SUBCONTRACTS

Subcontracting is permitted under this RFP and contract. However, every subcontractor shall be identified in the Proposal using Attachment 6. Subcontractors must satisfy the same standards are required of the vendor under this RFP. All subcontractors must be approved by DNREC prior to work being performed.

In the event a vendor did not identify a subcontractor as part of its proposal, the vendor must identify the subcontractor in its scrap tire project bid submission and the subcontractor must be approved in writing by DNREC prior to the subcontractor performing any work.

W. CONFIDENTIALITY

Subject to applicable law or the order of a court of competent jurisdiction to the contrary, all documents submitted as part of the vendor’s proposal will be treated as confidential during the evaluation process. As such, vendor proposals will not be available for review by anyone other than the State of Delaware/Proposal Evaluation Team or its designated agents. There shall be no disclosure of any vendor’s information to a competing vendor prior to award of the contract unless such disclosure is required by law or by order of a court of competent jurisdiction.

The State of Delaware and its constituent agencies are required to comply with the State of Delaware Freedom of Information Act, [29 Del. C. § 10001, et seq. \(“FOIA”\).](#) FOIA requires that the State of Delaware’s records are public records (unless otherwise declared by FOIA or other law to be exempt from disclosure) and are subject to inspection and copying by any person upon a written request. Once a proposal is received by the State of Delaware and a decision on contract award is made, the content of selected and non-selected vendor proposals will likely become subject to FOIA’s public disclosure obligations.

The State of Delaware wishes to create a business-friendly environment and procurement process. As such, the State respects the vendor community’s desire to protect its intellectual property, trade secrets, and confidential business information (collectively referred to herein as “confidential business information”). Proposals must contain sufficient information to be evaluated. If a vendor feels that they cannot submit their proposal without including confidential business information, they must adhere to the following procedure or their proposal may be deemed unresponsive, may not be recommended for selection, and any applicable protection for the vendor’s confidential business information may be lost.

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In order to allow the State to assess its ability to protect a vendor's confidential business information, vendors will be permitted to designate appropriate portions of their proposal as confidential business information.

Vendor(s) may submit portions of a proposal considered to be confidential business information in a separate, sealed envelope labeled "Confidential Business Information" and include the specific RFP number. The envelope must contain a letter from the Vendor's legal counsel 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.

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. A vendor's allegation as to its confidential business information shall not be binding on the State. The State shall independently determine the validity of any vendor designation as set forth in this section. Any vendor submitting a proposal or using the procedures discussed herein expressly accepts the State's absolute right and duty to independently assess the legal and factual validity of any information designated as confidential business information. Accordingly, Vendor(s) assume the risk that confidential business information included within a proposal may enter the public domain.

X. PRICE NOT CONFIDENTIAL

Vendors shall be advised that as a publicly bid contract, no Vendor shall retain the right to declare their pricing confidential.

Y. ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 – No Proposal Reply Form
- Attachment 2 – Non-Collusion Statement
- Attachment 3 – Exceptions
- Attachment 4 – Confidentiality and Proprietary Information
- Attachment 5 – Business References
- Attachment 6 – Subcontractor Information Form
- Attachment 7 – Monthly Usage Report
- Attachment 8 – Subcontracting (2nd Tier Spend) Report
- Attachment 9 – Office of Supplier Diversity Certification Application
- Attachment 10 – Bid Bond Form
- Attachment 11 – Performance Bond Form
- Attachment 12 – Proposal Reply Requirements
- Appendix A – Scope of Work details
- Appendix B – Pricing Form(s) and Instructions

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IV. PROPOSAL EVALUATION PROCEDURES

A. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

1. STATE'S RIGHT TO REJECT PROPOSALS

DNREC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals in whole or in part, to make multiple awards, partial awards, award by types, item by item, or lump sum total, whichever is determined to be the most advantageous to the State of Delaware. Vendors submitting proposals may be afforded an opportunity for discussion. Vendors may be requested to provide a best and final offer during the negotiation process. Negotiations may be conducted with responsible Vendors who submit proposals found to be reasonably likely to be selected for award. The contents of any proposal shall not be disclosed so as to be available to competing vendors during the negotiation process.

2. STATE'S RIGHT TO CANCEL SOLICITATION

The State of Delaware reserves the right to cancel this solicitation at any time during the procurement process, for any reason or for no reason. The State of Delaware makes no commitments expressed or implied, that this process will result in a business transaction with any vendor.

This RFP does not constitute an offer by the State of Delaware. Vendor's participation in this process may result in the State of Delaware selecting your organization to engage in further discussions and negotiations toward execution of a contract. The commencement of such negotiations does not, however, signify a commitment by the State of Delaware to execute a contract nor to continue negotiations. The State of Delaware may terminate negotiations at any time and for any reason, or for no reason.

3. FORMAL CONTRACT AND/OR PURCHASE ORDER

No employee of the Contractor(s) is to begin any work prior to receipt of a State of Delaware Purchase Order signed by authorized representatives of the agency requesting service, properly processed through the State of Delaware Accounting Office. A purchase order, telephone call, email, fax, or State credit card shall serve as the authorization to proceed with work in accordance with the bid specifications and the special instructions, once it is received by the Contractor(s).

4. DELIVERY OF PROPOSALS

Proposals shall be delivered in sealed envelopes, and shall bear on the outside the name and address of the Vendor as well as the designation of the contract. Proposals forwarded by U.S. Mail shall be sent via certified mail to the address stated in this RFP. Proposals forwarded by delivery service other than the U.S. Mail or hand delivered must be delivered to the applicable addresses also stated in this RFP. All bids must clearly display the bid number on the envelope.

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All proposals will be accepted at the time and place set in the RFP. Vendor bears the risk of delays in delivery. Proposals received after the deadline to respond will be returned unopened.

5. PUBLIC OPENING OF PROPOSALS

The proposals shall be publicly opened at the time and place specified by the Agency. Vendors or their authorized representatives may be present.

Only the vendor's name and address will be read aloud during the bid opening process.

6. DISQUALIFICATION OF VENDORS

Any one or more of the following causes may be considered as sufficient for the disqualification of a vendor 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 vendors.
- c. Unsatisfactory performance record as evidenced by past experience with the State of Delaware or on a State of Delaware central contract.
- 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.
- 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.

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.

B. RESPONSIVENESS AND RESPONSIBILITY OF VENDOR

DNREC shall award this contract to the most responsible and responsive vendor(s) who best meets the terms and conditions of the proposal.

- 1. Rejection of individual proposals. -- A proposal may be rejected for 1 or more of the following reasons:
 - a. The person responding to the solicitation is determined to be nonresponsive or non-responsible;
 - b. It is unacceptable;
 - c. The proposed price is unreasonable; or
 - d. It is otherwise not advantageous to the State.

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2. Vendors whose proposals are rejected as non-responsive shall be notified in writing about the rejection.
3. Responsibility of vendors. -- It shall be determined whether a vendor is responsible before awarding a contract. Factors to be considered in determining if a vendor is responsible include:
 - a. The vendor's financial, physical, personnel or other resources, including subcontracts;
 - b. The vendor's record of performance and integrity;
 - c. Any record regarding any suspension or debarment;
 - d. Whether the vendor is qualified legally to contract with the State;
 - e. Whether the vendor supplied all necessary information concerning its responsibility; and
 - f. The vendor's environmental compliance history.
4. If a vendor is determined to be non-responsive, the vendor shall be informed in writing.
5. The State reserves the right to waive minor irregularities, or request additional information before determining the responsiveness of the Vendor. All Vendors will be afforded the same or similar opportunities, as necessary, and will be treated with equal regard before such determinations are finalized.

C. PROPOSAL EVALUATION COMMITTEE

The Proposal Evaluation Committee ("Committee") is comprised of representatives of the State of Delaware.

The Committee reserves the right to:

- Select for contract or for negotiations a proposal other than that with lowest costs.
- Reject any and all proposals or portions of proposals received in response to this RFP or to make no award or issue a new RFP.
- Waive or modify any information, irregularity, or inconsistency in proposals received.
- Request modification to proposals from any or all vendors during the contract review and negotiation.
- Negotiate any aspect of the proposal with any vendor and negotiate with more than one vendor at the same time.
- Select more than one vendor pursuant to 29 Del. C. §6926, as described earlier.

DNREC 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.

D. REQUIREMENTS OF THE VENDOR

The purpose of this section is to assist the Proposal Evaluation Committee to determine the ability of the organization to provide the materials and services described in the application. The proposal response should address all requirements identified Attachment 12 – Proposal Reply Requirements.

E. CRITERIA AND SCORING

The criteria that will be used to evaluate each submission is detailed below.

Procurement Evaluation Committee members will assign up to the maximum number of points listed for each of the criteria listed above, with one (1) being the lowest and five (5) being the highest. If the criteria is

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not addressed or included in the vendor's written response, a zero (0) will be assigned. If the vendor's submission receives a zero (0) in any category, the submission will be disqualified.

	EVALUATION CRITERIA	
		POINTS
1.	Whether exceptions, if any, are acceptable. If unacceptable, a "0" will be assigned, which will disqualify the submission.	0 - 5
2.	Copy of W-9	0 - 5
3.	Business license or affirmation that a business license will be obtained prior to awarding a contract.	0 - 5
4.	Resources of equipment to meet the requirements of scrap tire removal sites.	0 - 5
5.	Business/professional reference checks indicate excellent service and adherence to contractual terms.	0 - 5
6.	Stability and trustworthiness, history, and description of the organization	0 - 5
7.	Ability to safely handle water at site due to heavy rains during the work or standing water in trenches and pits	0 - 5
8.	Provided names of at least 3 lawful managers or end-users. Lawful managers and end-users are known and have the capability to manage scrap tires and/or produce a product that meet the end-users' specifications.	0 - 5
9.	Number and experience of principals, employees, and work crews for scrap tire management projects	0 - 5
10.	On-site and key support personnel have experience in making sound decision when faced with unexpected events at remote locations.	0 - 5
11.	Safety program includes: (a) a plan for emergency services, including for a potential tire fire or medical emergency; (b) a plan for site safety for workers and any unauthorized persons, and (c) a plan for compliance with OSHA regulations	0 - 5
12.	Financial capacity to meet the requirements of the scrap tire management projects – large tire piles, medium tire piles, small tire piles, drop-off events, or any combination thereof.	0 - 5
13.	Insurance requirements are met or written affirmation that requirements will be met prior to awarding a contract. (If incomplete, and after information was requested and not provided by the deadline, a "0" will be assigned, which will disqualify the submission.)	0 - 5
14.	Vendor included a price per ton for scrap tire projects for which it will not exceed during the contract term.	0 - 5
15.	Vendor has satisfactory environmental compliance history.	0 - 5
	TOTAL SCORE	75

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F. BEST AND FINAL OFFERS

Once the proposals have been evaluated and negotiations have been held with the vendor(s) determined to be likely to receive an award, the Procurement Evaluation Committee may issue a request for Best and Final Offers from the vendor(s).

G. REFERENCES

The Committee may contact any customer of the vendor, whether or not included in the vendor's reference list, and use such information in the evaluation process. Additionally, the State of Delaware may choose to visit existing installations of comparable systems, which may or may not include vendor personnel. If the vendor is involved in such site visits, the State of Delaware will pay travel costs only for State of Delaware personnel for these visits.

H. ORAL PRESENTATIONS

Selected vendors may be invited to make oral presentations to the Committee. The vendor representative(s) attending the oral presentation shall be technically qualified to respond to questions related to the proposed system and its components.

All of the vendor's costs associated with participation in oral discussions and system demonstrations conducted for the State of Delaware are the vendor's responsibility.

V. PREBID MEETING

A mandatory pre-bid meeting has not been established for this Request for Proposal. However, a non-mandatory informational meeting will be held on December 21, 2017 at 1:30 PM at:

DNREC Auditorium
Richardson & Robbins Building
89 Kings Highway
Dover, DE 19901

Please bring a copy of this RFP packet to the meeting.

Visitor parking is available behind the R&R Building and is accessible via Innovation Way behind the Post Office, which is off of Loockerman Street.

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VI. DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL PROVISIONS

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

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.

BID INVITATION: The "invitation to bid" or "Request for Proposal" 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.

DESIGNATED OFFICIAL: The agent authorized to act for an 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.

LOCAL TIME: Eastern Standard Time/Eastern Daylight Time

OPPORTUNITY BUY: A special offer from a supplier that is usually associated with a limited time to respond.

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

RFP: Request for Proposal.

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 Vendor's payments of all debts pertaining to and for its acceptable performance of the work for which he has contracted

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

VENDOR'S DEPOSIT: The security designated in the proposal to be furnished by the Vendor 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 it.

Terms specific to this RFP are included in Appendix A, Scope of Work.

B. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. INTERPRETATION OF ESTIMATES/QUANTITIES

- a. Unless stated otherwise, the quantities given in the RFP 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. Bidders shall recognize there are no guaranteed minimum contract quantities or values associated with this solicitation.
- b. An increase or decrease in the quantity for any item is not sufficient ground for an increase or decrease in the unit price.
- c. Vendor usage reports for previous awards, if applicable, may be found by accessing the applicable contract award page at: <http://contracts.delaware.gov/>. Past usage shall not be considered a guaranteed future volume.

2. 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.

3. EXAMINATION OF SPECIFICATIONS AND PROVISIONS

The Vendor shall examine carefully the proposal and the contract forms for the material contemplated. The Vendor shall investigate and satisfy itself as to the conditions to be encountered, quality and

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quantities of the material to be furnished, and the requirements of any Special Provisions in the RFP and the contract. The submission of a proposal shall be conclusive evidence that the Vendor has made examination of the aforementioned conditions.

4. PRICES QUOTED

Each vendor shall include a per-ton price quote for scrap tire management projects. The per-ton price shall account for all costs associated with the scrap tire management project, including mobilization, personnel, equipment, and transportation, and disposal. This per-ton price will represent the price that will not be exceeded when the vendor bids on specific projects when offered through an Invitation to Bid. Once a scrap tire project is identified by DNREC, an Invitation to Bid will be sent to each awarded vendor and a site visit will be held. Each awarded vendor will have the opportunity to respond to an Invitation to Bid. The response to the Invitation to Bid will allow the vendor to take into account site specific conditions, but the bid submitted as part of the Invitation to Bid process must be equal or less than the quote provided in response to this RFP.

5. PUBLIC INSPECTION OF PROPOSALS

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 during the evaluation process. There shall be no disclosure of any vendor's information to a competing vendor during the evaluation process.

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 are considered public record subject to Delaware's Freedom of Information Act.

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 believes 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 RFP number. The envelope must contain a letter from the Vendor's legal counsel 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(d), and briefly stating the reasons that each document meets the said definitions.

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.

6. LAWS TO BE OBSERVED

The vendor is presumed to know and shall strictly comply with all Federal, State, or County laws, and City or Town ordinances and regulations in any manner affecting the conduct of the work. The Vendor 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,

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ordinances, regulations, orders, or decrees whether by itself , by its employees, or by its subcontractor (s).

7. APPLICABLE LAW AND JURISDICTION

This bid, any resulting contract, and any and all litigation or other disputes arising therefrom, in connection with, or related hereto shall be governed by the applicable laws, regulations and rules of evidence of the State of Delaware. Bidder submits to personal jurisdiction in the State of Delaware. Any and all litigation or other disputes arising out of, in connection with, or relating to this bid, and any resulting contract, shall be brought exclusively in a court in the State of Delaware or the United States District Court of the District of Delaware as applicable.

8. 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.

9. PERMITS AND LICENSES

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

10. PATENTED DEVICES, MATERIAL AND PROCESSES

- a. The Vendor 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 Vendor 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.

11. 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 Vendor 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.

12. INVOICING

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After the awards are made, the agencies participating in the bid may forward their purchase orders ("P.O.") to the successful Vendor(s) in accordance with State Purchasing Procedures. The State will generate a payment voucher upon receipt of an acceptable invoice from the vendor. Invoices shall not be provided to DNREC more frequently than once monthly.

Invoices shall identify the name of the scrap tire project, a mailing address for payments, and must be accompanied by original weigh tickets from a certified scale documenting the date and tonnage contained in each load transported from the scrap tire project.

The Vendor shall not charge a late fee that exceeds more than one percent (1%) per month, not to exceed twelve percent (12%) per annum.

13. 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."

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- 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.

14. PRICES

Prices and/or rates shall remain fixed throughout term of the contract, unless amended as set forth in the contract.

The pricing policy that you choose to submit must address the following concerns:

- a. The structure must be clear, accountable and auditable.
- b. It must cover the full spectrum of services required.
- c. Costs and compensation must be consistent with the rates established or negotiated as a result of this RFP or P.O. issued based on this contract.

15. PRICE ADJUSTMENT

The Vendor is not prohibited from offering a price reduction on its services or material offered under the contract. The State is not prohibited from requesting a price reduction on those services or materials during the initial term or any subsequent options that the State may agree to exercise.

16. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS

The parties to any contract from this solicitation shall be independent contractors to one another, and nothing herein shall be deemed to cause the 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.

17. TEMPORARY PERSONNEL ARE NOT STATE EMPLOYEES UNLESS AND UNTIL THEY ARE DIRECTLY HIRED

Vendor agrees that any individual or group of temporary staff person(s) provided to the State of Delaware pursuant to this Solicitation shall remain the employee(s) of Vendor for all purposes including any required compliance with the Affordable Care Act by the Vendor. Vendor agrees that it shall not allege, argue, or take any position that individual temporary staff person(s) provided to the State pursuant to this Solicitation must be provided any benefits, including any healthcare benefits by the State of Delaware and Vendor agrees to assume the total and complete responsibility for the provision of any healthcare benefits required by the Affordable Care Act to aforesaid individual temporary staff person(s). In the event that the Internal Revenue Service, or any other third party governmental entity determines that the State of Delaware is a dual employer or the sole employer of any individual temporary staff person(s) provided to the State of Delaware pursuant to this Solicitation, Vendor agrees to hold harmless,

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indemnify, and defend the State to the maximum extent of any liability to the State arising out of such determinations.

Notwithstanding the content of the preceding paragraph, should the State of Delaware subsequently directly hire any individual temporary staff employee(s) provided pursuant to this Solicitation, the aforementioned obligations to hold harmless, indemnify, and defend the State of Delaware shall cease and terminate for the period following the date of hire. Nothing herein shall be deemed to terminate the Vendor's obligation to hold harmless, indemnify, and defend the State of Delaware for any liability that arises out of compliance with the ACA prior to the date of hire by the State of Delaware. Vendor will waive any separation fee provided an employee works for both the vendor and hiring agency, continuously, for a three (3) month period and is provided thirty (30) days written notice of intent to hire from the agency. Notice can be issued at second month if it is the State's intention to hire.

18. ACA SAFE HARBOR

The State and its utilizing agencies are not the employer of temporary or contracted staff. However, the State is concerned that it could be determined to be a Common-law Employer as defined by the Affordable Care Act ("ACA"). Therefore, the State seeks to utilize the "Common-law Employer Safe Harbor Exception" under the ACA to transfer health benefit insurance requirements to the staffing company. The Common-law Employer Safe Harbor Exception can be attained when the State and/or its agencies are charged and pay for an "Additional Fee" with respect to the employees electing to obtain health coverage from the Vendor.

The Common-law Employer Safe Harbor Exception under the ACA requires that an Additional Fee must be charged to those employees who obtain health coverage from the Vendor, but does not state the required amount of the fee. The State requires that all Vendors shall identify the Additional Fee to obtain health coverage from the Vendor and delineate the Additional Fee from all other charges and fees. The Vendor shall identify both the Additional Fee to be charged and the basis of how the fee is applied (i.e. per employee, per invoice, etc.). The State will consider the Additional Fee and prior to award reserves the right to negotiate any fees offered by the Vendor. Further, the Additional Fee shall be separately scored in the proposal to ensure that neither prices charged nor the Additional Fee charged will have a detrimental effect when selecting vendor(s) for award.

19. FUNDING OUT or NON-APPROPRIATION

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.

20. 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 scope of work being delivered.

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

and

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

and

c. 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 other,

and

d. 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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89 Kings Highway
Dover, DE 19933**

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.

21. STATE OF DELAWARE BUSINESS LICENSE

Prior to receiving an award, the successful Vendor shall either furnish the Agency 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 or by telephone to one of the following numbers: 302-577-8778. <http://revenue.delaware.gov/services/BusServices.shtml>

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.

22. INDEMNIFICATION

a. General Indemnification

By submitting a proposal, the proposing vendor agrees that in the event it is awarded a contract, it will indemnify and otherwise hold harmless the State of Delaware, its agents and employees from any and all liability, suits, actions, or claims, together with all costs, expenses for attorney's fees, arising out of the vendor's its agents and employees' performance work or services in connection with the contract.

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b. Proprietary Rights Indemnification

Vendor shall warrant that all elements of its solution, including all equipment, software, documentation, services and deliverables, do not and will not infringe upon or violate any patent, copyright, trade secret or other proprietary rights of any third party. In the event of any claim, suit or action by any third party against the State of Delaware, the State of Delaware shall promptly notify the vendor in writing and vendor shall defend such claim, suit or action at vendor's expense, and vendor shall indemnify the State of Delaware against any loss, cost, damage, expense or liability arising out of such claim, suit or action (including, without limitation, litigation costs, lost employee time, and counsel fees) whether or not such claim, suit or action is successful.

If any equipment, software, services (including methods) products or other intellectual property used or furnished by the vendor (collectively "Products") is or in vendor's reasonable judgment is likely to be, held to constitute an infringing product, vendor shall at its expense and option either:

1. Procure the right for the State of Delaware to continue using the Product(s);
2. Replace the product with a non-infringing equivalent that satisfies all the requirements of the contract; or
3. Modify the Product(s) to make it or them non-infringing, provided that the modification does not materially alter the functionality or efficacy of the product or cause the Product(s) or any part of the work to fail to conform to the requirements of the Contract, or only alters the Product(s) to a degree that the State of Delaware agrees to and accepts in writing.

23. NON-PERFORMANCE

In the event the Vendor does not fulfill its obligations under the terms and conditions of this contract, in addition to proceeding with termination of the contract, the ordering agency may terminate any individual orders in accordance with General Provisions, Item titled as "TERMINATION OF INDIVIDUAL PURCHASE ORDERS" below and purchase equivalent product on the open market. Regarding any such open market purchase, payment for any difference in cost or expense in excess of the contract prices for reasonably equivalent products or services herein shall be the responsibility of the Vendor and shall be submitted to the State no later than 30 days following the delivery of the State's invoice detailing the open market purchase. 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.

24. 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.

25. VENDOR NON-ENTITLEMENT

State of Delaware Vendors for Material and for Services shall not have legal entitlement to utilize any Central Contract held by the State of Delaware. The Vendors may not seek business from another Vendors' Central Contract for the purpose of preparing a bid or proposal to the State of Delaware. Additionally, they shall not utilize other Central Contracts to fulfill the requirements of their respective

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contract unless they are considered a “Covered Agency” as defined by Title 29 Chapter 69 of the State Procurement Code or otherwise permitted by law.

This is not a prohibition from any Vendor choosing to work with another Vendor who holds a State Central Contract for private business.

26. REQUIRED 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 (Attachment 7) 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 and/or services on this contract. The reports shall be completed in Excel format, using the template provided, and submitted as an attachment to tara.grazier@state.de.us, with a copy going to the contract officer identified as your point of contact. Submitted reports shall cover the full month (Report due by January 15th will cover the period of December 1 – 31.), contain accurate descriptions of the products, goods or services procured, purchasing agency information, quantities procured and prices paid. Reports are required monthly, including those with “no spend”. 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, 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 Attachment 8.

Accurate 2nd Tier reports shall be submitted to the contracting Agency’s Office of Supplier Diversity at vendorusage@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.

27. PURCHASE ORDERS

Agencies that are part of the First State Financial (FSF) system are required to identify the contract number NAT17001-SCRAPTIRE on all Purchase Orders (P.O.) and shall complete the same when entering P.O. information in the state’s financial reporting system.

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28. METHOD OF PAYMENT

- a. For each P.O. issued as part of this contract, the State will pay Vendor monthly, within thirty (30) days of receipt of the Vendor's billing, the amount which is legitimately earned by the Vendor, and supported by weigh tickets documenting proper management.

Final settlement for total payment to the Vendor will be made within thirty (30) days from the date of final written State acceptance of the work and services as agreed to in the P.O.

- b. The agencies or school districts using this award will authorize and process for payment each invoice within thirty (30) days after the date of receipt of a correct invoice. The State of Delaware intends to maximize the use of the P-Card for payment for goods and services provided under contract. Vendors shall not charge additional fees for acceptance of this payment method and shall incorporate any costs into their proposals. Additionally there shall be no minimum or maximum limits on any P-Card transaction under the contract. While it is the State's intention to utilize the P-card payment method the State reserves, at its discretion, the right to pay by ACH/ACI or check. Should a Vendor wish to provide a financial incentive to not process payment by P-Card in their proposal, they are to prepare their proposals to clearly outline any incentives for alternative payment methods the Vendor is willing to accept.

29. SCHEDULE FOR PERFORMANCE OF WORK

All work described in these specifications shall be completed with reasonable promptness. As used in this Section, the State of Delaware shall be the sole judge of the term "reasonable". If the Vendor does not begin the work in a reasonable amount of time, they will be notified that if they fail to initiate the work promptly, the contract may be terminated and the State will forthwith proceed to collect for nonperformance of work.

30. 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 RFP 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 6, and are subject the approval and acceptance of DNREC.

31. VENDOR- OWNED RENTAL EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES REMOVAL

The awarded Vendor shall remove all rental equipment and supplies from the event location (s) no later than an agreed to date once all contract obligations by the Vendor have been met.

32. ENVIRONMENTAL PROCUREMENT REQUIREMENTS

Energy Star - If applicable, the Vendor 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 Vendor is encouraged to visit www.energystar.gov for complete product specifications and updated lists of qualifying products.

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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.

Vendors shall report all green items procured during the monthly reporting period using the Usage Report that will be provided to the awarded Vendor(s).

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:

[Environmentally Preferred Purchasing Policy](#)

33. 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 6 are considered approved upon award. Changes to those subcontractor(s) listed in Attachment 6 must be approved in writing by the State.

34. FAIR BACKGROUND CHECK PRACTICES

Pursuant to 29 Del. C. [§6909B](#), 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.

35. VENDOR BACKGROUND CHECK REQUIREMENTS

Vendor(s) selected for an award that access state property or come in contact with vulnerable populations, including children and youth, shall be required to complete background checks on employees serving the State's on premises contracts. Unless otherwise directed, at a minimum, this shall include a check of the following registry:

- Delaware Sex Offender Central Registry at:
<https://sexoffender.dsp.delaware.gov/>

Individuals that are listed in the registry shall be prevented from direct contact in the service of an awarded state contract, but may provide support or off-site premises service for contract vendors. Should an individual be identified and the Vendor(s) believes their employee's service does not represent a conflict with this requirement, may apply for a waiver to the primary agency listed in the solicitation. The Agency's decision to allow or deny access to any individual identified on a registry database is final and at the Agency's sole discretion.

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By Agency request, the Vendor(s) shall provide a list of all employees serving an awarded contract, and certify adherence to the background check requirement. Individual(s) found in the central registry in violation of the terms stated, shall be immediately prevented from a return to state property in service of a contract award. A violation of this condition represents a violation of the contract terms and conditions, and may subject the Vendor to penalty, including contract cancellation for cause.

Individual contracts may require additional background checks and/or security clearance(s), depending on the nature of the services to be provided or locations accessed, but any other requirements shall be stated in the contract scope of work or be a matter of common law. The Vendor(s) shall be responsible for the background check requirements of any authorized Subcontractor providing service to the Agency's contract.

36. DRUG TESTING REQUIREMENTS FOR LARGE PUBLIC WORKS

Pursuant to 29 Del.C. [§6908\(a\)\(6\)](#), effective as of January 1, 2016, OMB has established regulations that require Contractors and Subcontractors to implement a program of mandatory drug testing for Employees who work on Large Public Works Contracts funded all or in part with public funds. The regulations establish the mechanism, standards and requirements of a Mandatory Drug Testing Program that will be incorporated by reference into all Large Public Works Contracts awarded pursuant to 29 Del.C. [§6962](#).

Final publication of the identified regulations can be found at the following:

[4104 Regulations for the Drug Testing of Contractor and Subcontractor Employees Working on Large Public Works Projects](#)

37. MINIMUM WAGE RATES

Work performed under this solicitation may fall under the [State of Delaware Minimum Wage Rates](#) or the Delaware Prevailing Wage rates. Prior to issuing a purchase order, the ordering agencies must obtain from the Department of Labor a determination if prevailing wage applies to the project and, if appropriate, what the applicable prevailing wage rates would be for the work to be performed. No work shall proceed without a determination by the Department of Labor. Request for prevailing wage certification can be found at: <http://dia.delawareworks.com/labor-law/prevailing-wage.php> .

38. PREVAILING WAGE

The prevailing wage law, 29 Del.C. [§6960](#), is enforced by the Department of Labor and states that the specifications for every contract or aggregate of contracts relating to a public works project in excess of \$500,000 for new construction (including painting and decorating) or \$45,000 for alteration, repair, renovation, rehabilitation, demolition or reconstruction (including painting and decorating of building or works) to which this State or any subdivision thereof is a party and for which the State appropriated any part of the funds and which requires or involves the employment of mechanics and/or laborers shall contain a provision stating the minimum wages to be paid various classes of laborers and mechanics which shall be based upon the wages that will be determined by the Delaware Department of Labor, Division of Industrial Affairs, to be prevailing in the county in which the work is to be performed.

39. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

At the option of, and in the manner prescribed by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), the

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parties shall attempt in good faith to resolve any dispute arising out of or relating to this Agreement promptly by negotiation between executives who have authority to settle the controversy and who are at a higher level of management than the persons with direct responsibility for administration of this Agreement. All offers, promises, conduct and statements, whether oral or written, made in the course of the negotiation by any of the parties, their agents, employees, experts and attorneys are confidential, privileged and inadmissible for any purpose, including impeachment, in arbitration or other proceeding involving the parties, provided evidence that is otherwise admissible or discoverable shall not be rendered inadmissible.

If the matter is not resolved by negotiation, as outlined above, or, alternatively, OMB elects to proceed directly to mediation, then the matter will proceed to mediation as set forth below. Any disputes, claims or controversies arising out of or relating to this Agreement shall be submitted to mediation by a mediator selected by OMB, and if the matter is not resolved through mediation, then it shall be submitted, in the sole discretion of OMB, to the Office of Management and Budget, Government Support Services Director, for final and binding arbitration. OMB reserves the right to proceed directly to arbitration or litigation without negotiation or mediation. Any such proceedings held pursuant to this provision shall be governed by Delaware law and venue shall be in Delaware. The parties shall maintain the confidential nature of the arbitration proceeding and the Award, including the Hearing, except as may be necessary to prepare for or conduct the arbitration hearing on the merits. Each party shall bear its own costs of mediation, arbitration or litigation, including attorneys' fees.

40. 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.

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41. TERMINATION OF CONTRACT

The contract awarded as a result of this RFP may be terminated as follows by DNREC.

- 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.
- 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.

42. 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.

43. INTEREST OF VENDOR

The vendor covenants that it presently has no interest and shall not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner or degree in providing products or performing services required under

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this contract. The vendor further covenants, that in the performance of this contract, no person having any such interest shall be employed.

44. PUBLICATION, REPRODUCTION AND USE OF MATERIAL

No material produced in whole or part under this contract shall be subject to copyright in the United States or in any other country. The State shall have unrestricted authority to publish, disclose, distribute and otherwise use, in whole or in part, any reports, data, or other materials prepared under this contract; provided, however, that the State agrees not to use any design or engineering plans prepared by the vendor for anything other than their intended purpose under this Contract. The Vendor shall have the right to publish any and all scientific findings. Appropriate acknowledgment and credit for the State's support shall be given in the publication.

45. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

The rights and obligations of each party to this agreement shall not be effective, and no party shall be bound by the terms of this agreement, unless and until a valid executed purchase order has been approved by the Secretary of Finance, and all procedures of the Department of Finance have been complied with. A separate purchase order shall be issued for every project or order.

46. ASSIGNMENT OF ANTITRUST CLAIMS

As consideration for the award and execution of this contract by the State, the Vendor hereby grants, conveys, sells, assigns, and transfers to the State of Delaware all of its right, title and interest in and to all known or unknown causes of action it presently has or may now or hereafter acquire under the antitrust laws of the United States and the State of Delaware, regarding the specific goods or services purchased or acquired for the State pursuant to this contract. Upon either the State's or the Vendor notice of the filing of or reasonable likelihood of filing of an action under the antitrust laws of the United States or the State of Delaware, the State and Vendor shall meet and confer about coordination of representation in such action.

47. TESTING AND INSPECTION

The State of Delaware reserves the right to conduct any test or inspection it may deem necessary to insure equipment, materials and services conform to contract requirements.

48. COVENANT AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES

The Vendor warrants that no person or selling agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this contract upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee, excepting bona fide employees. For breach or violation of this warranty, the State shall have the right to annul this contract without liability or in its discretion to deduct from the contract price or consideration, or otherwise recover, the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fees.

49. GRATUITIES

- a. If it is found, after notice and hearing, by the State that gratuities (in the form of entertainment, gifts, or otherwise) were offered or given by the Vendor or any agent of the State with a view toward securing a contract, or securing favorable treatment with respect to the awarding, amending, or the

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making of any determinations with respect to the performance of this contract, the State may, by written notice to the Vendor, terminate the right of the Vendor to proceed under this contract and/or may pursue such other rights and remedies provided by law or under this agreement; provided that the existence of the facts upon which the State makes such findings shall be in issue and may be reviewed in proceedings pursuant to the Remedies clause of this contract; and

- b. In the event this contract is terminated pursuant to subparagraph "a", the State shall be entitled (i) to pursue the same remedies against the Vendor, and (ii) to exemplary damages, as a penalty in addition to any other damages to which it may be entitled by law, in an amount which shall be not less than three, nor more than ten, times the costs incurred by the Vendor in providing any such gratuities to any such officer or employee. The amount of such exemplary damages shall be in the sole discretion of the State.

50. AFFIRMATION

The Vendor must affirm that within the past five (5) years the firm or any officer, controlling stockholder, partner, principal, or other person substantially involved in the contracting activities of the business is not currently suspended or debarred and is not a successor, subsidiary, or affiliate of a suspended or debarred business.

51. 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.

52. REMEDIES

Except as otherwise provided in this contract, all claims, counterclaims, disputes, and other matters in question between the State and the Vendor arising out of, or relating to, this contract, or a breach of it may be decided by arbitration if the parties mutually agree, or in a court of competent jurisdiction within the State of Delaware.

53. SUBCONTRACTS

Subcontracting is permitted under this RFP and contract. However, every subcontractor shall be identified in the Proposal (Attachment 6) 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.

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The vendor(s) shall be responsible for compliance by the subcontractor with all terms, conditions and requirements of the RFP 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.

54. 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.
[Corrective Action Report](#)

55. CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

The Definitions and General Provisions and any Special Instructions, Specifications, Request for Proposal, Proposal, Purchase Order, and Contract shall be a part of and constitute the entire Agreement entered into by the State of Delaware and any Vendor. In the event there is any discrepancy between any of these contract documents, the following order of documents governs so that the former prevails over the latter:

- Contract
- Request for Proposal
- Specifications or Scope of Work
- Definitions & General Provisions
- Proposal

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- Purchase Order
- Special Instruction

56. ASSIGNMENT

This contract shall not be assigned except by express prior written consent from the Agency.

57. NOTICE

Any notice to the State of Delaware required under the contract shall be sent by registered mail to:

**Tara Grazier
DNREC – SHWMS
Scrap Tire Management Program
89 Kings Highway
Dover, DE 19901**

58. 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 where there is a critical need for commodities or services when the Governor of the State of Delaware declares a state of emergency under the Delaware Emergency Operations Plan or in the event of a local emergency or disaster where a state governmental entity requires the services of the vendor. Failure to provide this information could render the proposal as non-responsive.

In the event of a serious emergency, pandemic or disaster outside the control of the State, the State may negotiate, as may be authorized by law, emergency performance from the Contractor to address the immediate needs of the State, even if not contemplated under the original Contract or procurement. Payments are subject to appropriation and other payment terms.

59. 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.

C. AWARD AND EXECUTION OF CONTRACT

1. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

The right is reserved to waive technicalities, to reject any or all bids, or any portion thereof, to seek 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. AWARD OF CONTRACT

Within ninety (90) days from the date of opening proposals, the contract will be awarded or the proposals rejected.

3. EXECUTION OF CONTRACT

The Vendor (s) to whom the award is made shall execute a formal contract within twenty (20) days after date of official notice of the award of the contract.

4. WARRANTY

The successful Vendor(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.

5. THE CONTRACT(S)

The contract(s) with the successful Vendor(s) will be executed with DNREC acting for all participating governmental entities.

6. INFORMATION REQUIREMENT

The successful vendor(s) shall be required to advise and provide DNREC of the gross costs associated with this contract.

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VII. PROPOSAL REPLY SECTION

NAT17001-SCRAPTIRE

Scrap Tire Management Projects

Please fill out the attached forms fully and completely and return with your proposal in a sealed envelope clearly displaying the contract number to the State of Delaware, DNREC by January 9, 2018 at 3:00 PM (Local Time) at which time bids will be opened.

NO MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING. However, a non-mandatory informational meeting will be held on December 21, 2017 at 1:30 PM at:

DNREC Auditorium
Richardson & Robbins Building
89 Kings Highway
Dover, DE 19901

Proposals must be sent or hand-delivered prior to the deadline to:

**Tara Grazier
DNREC – SHWMS
Scrap Tire Management Program
89 Kings Highway
Dover, DE 19901**

PUBLIC PROPOSAL OPENINGS

The public proposal opening insures the citizens of Delaware that contracts are being proposed fairly on a competitive basis and comply with Delaware procurement laws. The agency conducting the opening is required by law to publicly open the proposals at the time and place specified and the contract shall be awarded within ninety (90) days thereafter. The main purpose of the proposal opening is to reveal the name(s) of the Vendor(s), not to serve as a forum for determining the selected Vendors. The disclosure of additional information, including qualifications and prices, shall be at the discretion of the contracting agency until such time that the responsiveness of each proposal has been determined.

Proposals will be opened publicly on January 10, 2018 at 8:30 AM in the Division of Waste and Hazardous Substances Conference Room at 89 Kings Highway, Dover, DE 19901.

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

NOTE: ONLY THE VENDOR'S NAME AND ADDRESS WILL BE READ AT THE OPENING

ATTACHMENTS

The following attachments are required to be included in the final submission package.

NO PROPOSAL REPLY FORM

Contract No.: **NAT17001-SCRAPTIRE**

Contract Title: **Scrap Tire Management Projects**

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 believe 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.**

PLEASE FORWARD NO PROPOSAL REPLY FORM TO THE CONTRACT OFFICER IDENTIFIED.

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Attachment 2

CONTRACT NO.: NAT17001-SCRAPTIRE **TITLE:** Scrap Tire Management Projects
DEADLINE TO RESPOND: January 9, 2018 at 3:00 PM (local time)

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, DNREC.

It is agreed by the undersigned Vendor that the signed delivery of this bid represents, subject to any express exceptions set forth at Attachment 3, the Vendor'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, DNREC.

	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
	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 _____

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Attachment 5

Contract No.: **NAT17001-SCRAPTIRE**
Contract Title: **Scrap Tire Management Projects**

BUSINESS REFERENCES FORM

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 provide a separate list the contract(s).

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.

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Attachment 6

SUBCONTRACTOR INFORMATION FORM

PART I – STATEMENT BY PROPOSING VENDOR		
1. CONTRACT NO. NAT17001-SCRAPTIRE	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		

Use a separate form for each subcontractor

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Attachment 8

SAMPLE REPORT – FOR ILLUSTRATION PURPOSES ONLY

State of Delaware																			
Subcontracting (2nd tier) Quarterly Report																			
Prime Name:							Report Start Date:												
Contract Name/Number							Report End Date:												
Contact Name:							Today's Date:												
Contact Phone:							*Minimum Required			Requested detail									
Vend or Name *	Vend or TaxID *	Contra ct Name/ Numbe r*	Vendo r Conta ct Name *	Vendo r Conta ct Phone *	Repo rt Start Date*	Repo rt End Date*	Amount Paid to Subcontract or*	Work Performed by Subcontrac tor UNSPSC	M/WBE Certifyi ng Agency	Veteran/Serv ice Disabled Veteran Certifying Agency	2nd tier Suppli er Name	2nd tier Suppli er Addre ss	2nd tier Suppli er Phone Numbe r	2nd tier Suppli er email	Descripti on of Work Performe d	2nd tier Suppli er Tax Id	Dat e Pai d		

Note: A copy of the Usage Report will be sent by electronic mail to the Awarded Vendor

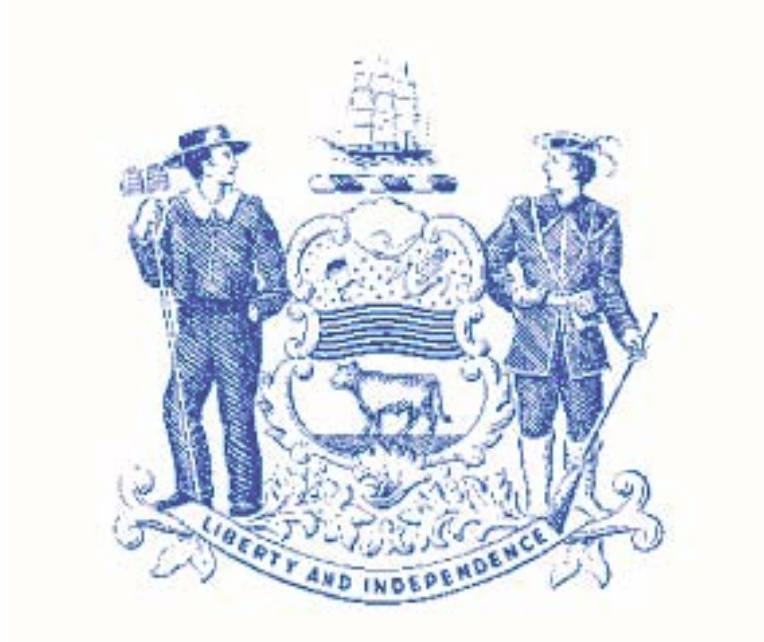
Completed reports shall be saved in an Excel format, and submitted to the following email address: Enter Agency Name Email

**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.
THE OSD WILL NOT ACCEPT ANY VENDOR BID RESPONSE PACKAGES.**

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Attachment 10

BOND HAS BEEN WAIVED – THIS ATTACHMENT IS NOT REQUIRED

PERFORMANCE BOND

Bond Number: _____

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that we, _____, as principal (“**Principal**”), and _____, a _____ corporation, legally authorized to do business in the State of Delaware, as surety (“**Surety**”), are held and firmly bound unto the _____ (“**Owner**”) (*insert State agency name*), in the amount of _____ (\$_____), to be paid to **Owner**, for which payment well and truly to be made, we do bind ourselves, our and each and every of our heirs, executors, administrations, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, for and in the whole, firmly by these presents.

Sealed with our seals and dated this _____ day of _____, 20__.

NOW THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH, that if **Principal**, who has been awarded by **Owner** that certain contract known as Contract No. _____ dated the _____ day of _____, 20__ (the “Contract”), which Contract is incorporated herein by reference, shall well and truly provide and furnish all materials, appliances and tools and perform all the work required under and pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Contract and the Contract Documents (as defined in the Contract) or any changes or modifications thereto made as therein provided, shall make good and reimburse **Owner** sufficient funds to pay the costs of completing the Contract that **Owner** may sustain by reason of any failure or default on the part of **Principal**, and shall also indemnify and save harmless **Owner** from all costs, damages and expenses arising out of or by reason of the performance of the Contract and for as long as provided by the Contract; then this obligation shall be void, otherwise to be and remain in full force and effect.

Surety, for value received, hereby stipulates and agrees, if requested to do so by **Owner**, to fully perform and complete the work to be performed under the Contract pursuant to the terms, conditions and covenants thereof, if for any cause **Principal** fails or neglects to so fully perform and complete such work.

Surety, for value received, for itself and its successors and assigns, hereby stipulates and agrees that the obligation of **Surety** and its bond shall be in no way impaired or affected by any extension of time, modification, omission, addition or change in or to the Contract or the work to be performed thereunder, or by any payment thereunder before the time required therein, or by any waiver of any provisions thereof, or by any assignment, subletting or other transfer thereof or of any work to be performed or any monies due or to become due thereunder; and **Surety** hereby waives notice of any and all such extensions, modifications, omissions, additions, changes, payments, waivers, assignments, subcontracts and transfers and hereby expressly stipulates and agrees that any and all things done and omitted to be done by and in relation to assignees, subcontractors, and other transferees shall have the same effect as to **Surety** as though done or omitted to be done by or in relation to **Principal**.

Surety hereby stipulates and agrees that no modifications, omissions or additions in or to the terms of the Contract shall in any way whatsoever affect the obligation of **Surety** and its bond.

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Any proceeding, legal or equitable, under this Bond may be brought in any court of competent jurisdiction in the State of Delaware. Notices to **Surety** or Contractor may be mailed or delivered to them at their respective addresses shown below.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, **Principal** and **Surety** have hereunto set their hand and seals, and such of them as are corporations have caused their corporate seal to be hereto affixed and these presents to be signed by their duly authorized officers, the day and year first above written.

PRINCIPAL

Name: _____

Witness or Attest: Address: _____

Name:

(Corporate Seal)

By: _____(SEAL)

Name:
Title:

SURETY

Name: _____

Witness or Attest: Address: _____

Name:

(Corporate Seal)

By: _____(SEAL)

Name:
Title:

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Attachment 11

Bid Bond

BOND HAS BEEN WAIVED – THIS ATTACHMENT IS NOT REQUIRED

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS That _____ of _____ of the County of _____ and State of _____ principal, and _____ of _____ of the County of _____ and the State of _____ as surety, legally authorized to do business in the State of Delaware, are held and firmly bound unto the State of Delaware in the sum of _____ Dollars or _____ per cent (not to exceed _____ Dollars) of amount bid on Contract No. _____ to be paid to said State of Delaware for the use and benefit of the _____ of said State, for which payment well

(hereinafter referred to as Agency)

and truly to be made, we do bind ourselves, our and each of our heirs, executors, administrators, and successors, jointly and severally for and in the whole, firmly by these presents.

NOW THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH That if the above bounden principal _____ who has submitted to said Agency of the State of Delaware, a certain proposal to enter into a certain contract to be known as Contract No. _____, for the furnishing of certain products and/or services within the said State of Delaware shall be awarded said Contract No. _____, and if said _____ shall well and truly enter into and execute said Contract No. _____ and furnish therewith such surety bond as may be required by the terms of said contract and approved by said Agency, said contract and said bond to be entered into within twenty days after the date of official notice of the award thereof in accordance with the terms of said proposal, then this obligation to be void or else to be and remain in full force and virtue.

Sealed with _____ seal and dated this _____ day of _____ in the year of our Lord two thousand and _____ (20____).

SEALED AND DELIVERED IN THE

Presence Of _____

Name of Bidder (Principal) (Seal)

Witness

_____ BY

_____ (Seal)

Corporate
Seal

Title

_____ BY

_____ (Seal)
Name of Surety

_____ (Seal)

Title

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Attachment 12

PROPOSAL REPLY REQUIREMENTS

The response should contain the following minimum information:

1. A brief Cover Letter including an Applicant's experience, if any, providing similar services.
2. Vendor shall provide a detailed description of services to be provided, and shall respond to the Scope of Work identified. Failure to adequately describe the extent of their abilities may affect how the state evaluates and scores the vendor proposal. The proposal should include:
 - a. Business name, physical address, mailing address (if different than physical address), telephone number, fax number, the name of the primary contact for this RFP, and the email address for the primary contact and/or main office.
 - b. The submission, if desired, may indicate the type of scrap tire projects – large tire pile, medium tire pile, small tire pile, drop-off events, or any combination thereof that the vendor would be able to perform. Note: The awarded vendor(s) will be invited to bid on all sites, but vendors may choose to bid or not bid without being eliminated from future notifications for specific scrap tire projects.
 - c. Identification of the principals who will be, or may be, involved in the scrap tire projects, their roles, and their experience.
 - d. Identification of the key support personnel and their titles that will be on-site during scrap tire projects and give an example(s) of how the identified support personnel have experience in making sound decisions when faced with unexpected events at remote locations.
 - e. Indication of whether the company and personnel have all necessary permits and licenses to operate the equipment required to perform the scrap tire project and transport tires, if necessary.
 - f. A copy of Delaware Substitute Form W-9.
 - g. A copy of the company's State of Delaware Business License or written affirmation that a business license will be obtained prior to awarding a contract.
 - h. A description of the history of the company and description of prior and current scrap tire projects or other similar projects that have been completed by the company.
 - i. A list of available equipment to perform the required services. Please list the type of equipment available and its use. The list should include, but is not limited to, equipment for:
 - i. Tire retrieval
 - ii. Tire processing
 - iii. Transporting whole scrap tires or shreds
 - iv. Loading whole scrap tires or shreds
 - v. Mobile office (if necessary for the size of the site)

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- vi. Generator¹
 - vii. Portable toilet(s)
 - viii. Watering or the use of other equipment acceptable to DNREC to control dust, if any, on access and residential roads.
 - ix. Equipment to handle water issues, such as heavy rain or water that is standing in trenches or pits.
 - x. Scales – specify whether you will be using the lawful manager or end user’s scale or if you will be using the vendor’s scale. If you will be using the vendor’s scale, please indicate the certifying state, date it was last certified, and the registration number.
 - xi. Provide at least three (3) references to include the company name, address, telephone number, and contact name for services the vendor has provided. Please also include the project name and location, dates of service, type(s) of services provided, monetary value of the services provided, and a description of your role in the project.
 - xii. Provide at least three (3) references to include the company name, address, telephone number, and contact name for at least two (2) scrap tire projects, or other similar activities described in the Scope of Work, completed in the last 12 months. You may list more than two projects if applicable and can use the same references from the item above, provided there are three (3) references in total.
- j. A description or copy of the safety program that will be in place at a scrap tire project that addresses, at a minimum, worksite compliance for OSHA, how site access will be addressed, medical emergencies, and response to potential scrap tire fires.
- k. A description of your knowledge, experiences, and ability to safely perform the scrap tire project, including when water is present on a site due to heavy rains and/or standing water in trenches or pits.
- l. List the name and location of at least three (3) companies or entities that are lawful managers or end-users for scrap tires that may be utilized to by your company during scrap tire projects. If applicable, please explain if you need to process the scrap tires prior to delivery to the lawful manager or end user.
- m. A demonstration of the vendor’s financial ability to perform the services described in this RFP, including the ability to fund the cost of lawful management prior to reimbursement by DNREC.
- n. Proof of insurance or affirmation stating that all insurance requirements addressed in the RFP will be obtained, with proof submitted prior to execution of a contract.
- o. A list of each company to be utilized as a subcontractor. Please also provide the information required in Sections 2, Paragraphs a, e, f, g, l, and n for each subcontractor identified.

Vendors are encouraged to review the Evaluation criteria to see how the proposals will be scored and verify that the response has sufficient documentation to support each scoring criteria identified.

3. One (1) complete, signed and notarized copy of the Non-Collusion Agreement (Attachment 2). **MUST HAVE ORIGINAL SIGNATURES AND NOTARY MARK** – Form must be included.

¹ The contractor must use ultra-low sulfur diesel (ULSD) fuels in the grinding equipment, generators, and ancillary equipment or have obtained an air permit from the State of Delaware, Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control.

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4. One (1) completed RFP Exception Form (Attachment 3) – please check box if no information – Form must be included.
5. One (1) completed Confidentiality Form (Attachment 4) – please check if no information is deemed confidential – Form must be included.
6. One (1) completed Business Reference Form (Attachment 5) – please provide references other than State of Delaware contacts – Form must be included.
7. One (1) complete and signed copy of the Subcontractor Information Form (Attachment 6) for each subcontractor – only provide if applicable.
8. One (1) complete OSD Application (see link on Attachment 9) – optional, only provide if applicable

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.

PROPOSAL REPLY REQUIREMENTS (CONT'D)

Vendors shall compile all documentation noted above, and all other documents as required in the Scope of Work, Appendix A, and shall provide in the following format(s):

1. Four (4) paper copies of the vendor proposal paperwork.

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Appendix A – STATEMENT OF WORK AND TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

I. Glossary – This section defines terms specific to this RFP.

Access Agreement	The Department will obtain permission from the property owner for access to the site. The agreement will detail the owner’s and Vendor’s responsibilities.
Access Roads	Those pathways created on the land to obtain access to and from the scrap tire project.
Bid	Once a contract has been executed with the awarded vendor(s), each vendor will have an opportunity to inspect and bid on each scrap tire project offered by DNREC. The bid must specify the per-ton price, when the vendor can begin the job, and how long the vendor estimates the scrap tire project will take. DNREC will then execute a Purchase Order authorizing work for the vendor with the winning bid.
Contract	The agreement for non-professional services executed between DNREC and the awarded vendor(s) who DNREC determines meets the necessary requirements of this RFP. This Contract memorializes the contractor’s selection as an awarded vendor and entitles the vendor to bid on scrap tire projects offered by DNREC. This Contract further specifies standard terms and conditions applicable to the vendor’s performance of scrap tire management services for DNREC.
DNREC	Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control
Drop-off Events	Events that have the potential to be held statewide several times per year to allow Delaware residents to drop-off up to 10 unwanted tires.
End-User	See “Lawful Manager or End-User.”
Large Tire Pile	250,000 or more scrap tires.
Lawful Manager or End-User	A facility where scrap tires are disposed or beneficially reused. Examples include a landfill that accepts scrap tires that are too degraded to shred, a landfill that utilizes shredded tires for use in cells or on roads, a facility that burns tires as an energy source, a facility that is permitted/approved to store tire shreds, or a facility that produces products out of shredded tires. It is the vendor’s responsibility to identify a lawful manager or end-user for the scrap tires as part of its site-specific bidding process and absorb the cost of the tipping fee or buyer’s purchase price.
Medium Tire Pile	50,000 to 250,000 scrap tires.
Remediate(d)	See “Removal.”
Removal or Remediate(d)	Removal of scrap tires from a specific site and total completion of the job, subject to DNREC approval.
Residential Roadway	Dirt, gravel or paved roadways that are graded and are for use by vehicles to travel to and from private residences.
Safety Barriers	Cones, fences, fluorescent tape, drums or other items that can be used to clearly mark the site and advise employees, DNREC personnel, and any persons to use caution in the area.
Scrap Tire Project or Scrap Tire Management Project	A specific instance, site, or job that DNREC determines requires scrap tire management services and which DNREC submits to the Approved Vendors List for bids to complete the project. A Scrap Tire Project may include Drop-off Events, and/or Removal or Remediation activities.

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SHWMS	Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Section.
Site	A specific area where scrap tires were disposed and need to be remediated. 7 Del. C. § 6040(4): "Scrap tire pile" means an accumulation of 100 or more scrap tires, whether or not they are lying one upon another, that: a) has been accumulated or located in the same general vicinity, or accumulated or located on a parcel of real property; and b) is not enclosed by a building.
Small Tire Pile	Less than 50,000 scrap tires.

II. Scope of Work

- a. DNREC intends to award contracts to multiple vendors that demonstrate the capability of performing scrap tire projects in accordance with this RFP. Once the contracts are executed, DNREC will solicit quotes on specific scrap tire projects as they arise. The following information relates to these scrap tire projects.
- b. Project and Site Information
 - i. Scrap tire projects will include the full removal of scrap tires from a designated area. The selected vendor will be required to remove all tires and properly manage those tires with a lawful manager or end-user.
 - ii. Scrap tire projects may be identified in any of the three counties of the State of Delaware: New Castle County, Kent County, or Sussex County. Scrap tire piles can be large tire piles, medium tire piles, or small tire piles. The scrap tire piles vary and may include a mix of tire sizes including, for example, lawn tractor tires, motorcycle tires, passenger vehicle tires, light duty truck tires, heavy duty truck tires, semi-truck tires, and large agricultural tires. Additionally, site conditions also vary in access, topography, and condition of the tires. DNREC recognizes the difficulty of removing scrap tires from sites in the summer due to insects and overgrown vegetation. Therefore, many scrap tire projects activities can be completed in the fall, winter, and spring.
 - iii. Scrap tire projects may also include scrap tire drop-off days. Drop-off days are single day events that may be held throughout the state several times per year. These events typically collect between 5 and 50 tons of scrap tires per event.
 - iv. The vendor is responsible for:
 - 1. Participating in the mandatory site tour associated with each scrap tire project in which the vendor is planning to bid.
 - 2. Contacting Miss Utility prior to completing any work at the scrap tire project site.
 - 3. Ensuring all necessary permits are obtained prior to completing any work at the scrap tire project site.
 - 4. Completing work on Monday through Friday from dawn to dusk. If the property owner is provided notice and agrees, the work day and work hours may be extended. However, local ordinances may apply and take precedence.
 - 5. Lawfully removing all scrap tires identified as being associated with the scrap tire project. The vendor shall take reasonable care to not damage trees, fences, or shrubbery in residential landscaped areas, if any, and must replace any damaged property with a similar replacement.

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The vendor will not need to remove wheel rims or any land clearing debris generated as a result of the scrap tire project.

6. Transporting the scrap tires to a lawful manager or end-user. The vendor must ensure that all transporters of scrap tires have a valid Delaware Solid Waste Transporter Permit to transport scrap tires in Delaware.
7. The cost of such management prior to reimbursement from DNREC.
8. Providing restroom facilities and electricity at the site of the scrap tire project, as necessary.
9. Controlling dust and keeping residential roads passable during the scrap tire project.
10. Returning residential roads to their pre-existing condition, as necessary, once the scrap tire project is complete.
11. Leveling heavily rutted land once the scrap tire project is complete.
12. Following prescribed methods of communication for: 1) written notices pertaining to site work and contract terms, especially change orders, and 2) communication with the property owner. DNREC, to the extent feasible, will expedite change orders (e.g., purchase order modifications) so that work is not unnecessarily halted or excessively delayed.
13. Providing weigh slips to DNREC to document the amount of tires removed and eligible for reimbursement.
14. Completing the project in the timeframe identified in the vendor's response to each Invitation to Bid associated with specific scrap tire projects.

c. Lawful Management or End-Use Requirements

- i. The scrap tires must be beneficially used as tire-derived fuel (TDF) or in a legitimate recycling or civil engineering application recognized by the Department. Civil engineering applications recognized by the Department include projects designed by a professional engineer where (1) scrap tires or scrap tire products are specified in the project design drawings or technical specifications; and (2) the successful bidder can demonstrate that the tires or tire products to be used will achieve the engineering specifications and performance requirements of the project. For the scope of this RFP, this also applies to out-of-state civil engineering applications. Additionally, if the scrap tires are processed by a recycling facility or other intermediary lawful manager, the final lawful end-use must be verifiable in accordance with this requirement.
- ii. The Department understands that arrangements for lawful management, use, or end-use are dependent on the integrity of the tires. Only tires that are in an excessively degraded condition will be authorized by the Department to be disposed of in a landfill. "Degraded" means very old, flattened, or burned or in any other condition where the tires cannot be used in a legitimate recycling or civil engineering application or used as tire derived fuel. Degraded tires deemed unsuitable for reuse must be placed into a separate container for inspection by the Department. Upon receipt of Department concurrence that the tires are not suitable for reuse, the degraded tires are to be transported to a lawful landfill for disposal as a solid waste.
- iii. The vendor is not required to use only one lawful manager or end-user, but each scrap tire project must contain only one per-ton price for the entire project.

d. Pricing

Each vendor shall submit, as part of its response to this RFP, a price-per-ton bid that encompasses all activities identified in the scope of work. The vendor shall submit two (2) price-per-ton bids: one for scrap tire projects in which the vendor is responsible for removal of scrap tire piles from a site and one for scrap tire drop-off days in which Delaware residents may drop off up to 10 tires at a designated location. The price-per-ton bids are the prices that the vendor will not exceed on any project during the

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term of the contract. The vendor will have an opportunity during the solicitation of quotes process to visit each scrap tire project site and submit a site-specific per-ton bid based on site conditions; however, the price-per-ton submitted as a result of the solicitation of quotes cannot exceed the price-per-ton bids submitted in response to this RFP.

Pricing is not being utilized as part of the evaluation criteria to select the awarded vendor(s). However, each vendor is required to submit a reasonable price-per-ton to be considered as part of this RFP. Failure to include a price-per-ton bid will disqualify the vendor.

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Appendix B – PRICING INFORMATION

Vendors shall provide a maximum price that will not be exceeded when it bids on the following types of projects:

1. Scrap Tire Removal/Remediation Projects

These are projects in which the vendor will complete all activities described in Appendix A, Section II.iv.

Maximum Per-Ton Price: \$_____ per ton

2. Scrap Tire Drop-Off Days

These are projects in which the vendor will provide services related Delaware residents dropping of a certain number of tires at a given location.

Maximum Flat-Fee for Staging Equipment and Personnel for Event \$_____

Maximum Per-Ton Price for Transportation and Management of Tires \$_____ per ton

Maximum Flat-Fee for Providing a Final Pick-Up of Tires Remaining, if necessary \$_____