



State of Delaware

DTCC Catering Services Request for Proposal

Contract No. DTCC23116-Catering

June 26, 2023

- Deadline to Respond -

July 28, 2023

9:00 AM (Local Time)

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Contract No.: **DTCC23116-CATERING**
Contract Title: **DTCC Catering Services**

ALL VENDORS:

The enclosed packet contains a "REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL" for DTCC Catering Services. 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 **July 28, 2023, at 9:00 AM** (Local Time) to be considered.

Proposals must be mailed or hand delivered to:

Delaware Technical Community College
Workforce Development
Attn: Dr. Rachel Anderson, Director of Workforce Development
300 North Orange St. Office #W255
Wilmington, DE 19801

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 contact Dr. Rachel Anderson at (302) 571-5301 or by email at rachel.anderson@dtcc.edu

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I. INTRODUCTION

A. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Request for Proposal is to obtain sealed proposals to provide non-exclusive and as-needed catering and other related food services for Delaware Technical and Community College (the "College") across its 4 campuses statewide. Those Campuses are located in Wilmington, Newark, Dover, and Georgetown. It is the goal of this Request for Proposal to identify a vendor(s) and execute a multi-year contract for said services.

1. COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSAL

It has been determined by Delaware Technical and Community College, pursuant to **Delaware Code Title 29, Chapter 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 College and/or 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

The Contract will be issued to purchase catering services on behalf of Delaware Technical and Community College. The College will base the contract on the template contained in Appendix C. The College reserves the right to use different templates, provisions, etc. in its sole discretion.

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 College reserves the right to award this contract to more than one vendor pursuant to 29 *Del. C.* [§ 6926](#).

5. POTENTIAL CONTRACT OVERLAP

Vendors shall be advised that the College, at its sole discretion, shall retain the right to solicit for goods and/or services as required and as it serves the best interest of the College or 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 College 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

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basis item by item, or lump sum total, whichever may be most advantageous to the College or the State of Delaware.

6. SUPPLEMENTAL SOLICITATION

The College reserves the right to advertise a supplemental solicitation during the term of the Agreement if deemed in the best interest of the College and/or the State of Delaware.

7. CONTRACT PERIOD

Each Vendor's contract shall be valid for a three (3) year contract term period. Each contract may be renewed for two (2), one (1) year periods through negotiation between the Vendor and the College. Negotiation may be initiated no later than ninety (90) days prior to the termination of the then-current contract term.

The College reserves the right to extend this contract on a month-to-month basis for a period of up to three 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	June 26, 2023 by COB
Mandatory Pre-bid Conference	N/A
Written Questions Due No Later Than (NLT)	July 10, 2023 by 3:00 p.m.
Written Answers Due/Posted to Website NLT	July 14, 2023 by COB
Proposals Due NLT	July 28, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.
Public Proposal Opening	July 28, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. – via Zoom link below
Proposal Evaluation/Presentations as required	TBD
Vendor Best & Final Discussions, as required	TBD
Contract Award	Will occur within 90 days of bid opening

The Public Proposal Opening will be held via electronic means. The public can participate via the Zoom platform or by dialing into the meeting. The information to participate is as follows:

Topic: RFP DTCC Catering

Time: Jul 28, 2023 09:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://dtcc.zoom.us/j/97915646928>

Meeting ID: 979 1564 6928

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+1 507 473 4847 US
+1 564 217 2000 US
+1 669 444 9171 US
+1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)
+1 689 278 1000 US
+1 719 359 4580 US
Meeting ID: 979 1564 6928
Find your local number: <https://dtcc.zoom.us/j/abD4stOQiX>

***** Only the vendor's names and addresses will be read aloud during the bid opening process.**

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 July 10, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. All questions will be answered in writing by July 14, 2023 at the close of business, 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. COLLEGE RFP DESIGNATED CONTACT

All requests, questions, or other communications about this RFP shall be made in writing to the College. Address all communications to the person listed below; communications made to other College or 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.

**Dr. Rachel Anderson, Director of Workforce Development
and Community Education
Delaware Technical and Community College
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Wilmington, DE 19801
rachel.anderson@dtcc.edu**

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

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E. CONTACT WITH COLLEGE OR STATE EMPLOYEES

Direct contact with College or State of Delaware employees other than the College RFP Designated Contact regarding this RFP is expressly prohibited without prior consent. Vendors directly contacting other 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.

II. SCOPE OF WORK

A. OVERVIEW

The Vendor(s) shall provide all equipment, materials and labor to supplement the College's need for catering and other food services as described herein. The contract will require the Vendor(s) to cooperate to ensure the College receives the most current state-of-the-art services.

B. BACKGROUND

Catering services are an integral part of the DTCC campus community as we hold student events, welcome external guests, and host summer-long programs for youth. The numerous campus-wide events can be both small and large and at different months throughout the year. Also, our program areas have varying catering needs. For example, our Youth Programs welcome high-school age students during the summer months and provides both breakfast and lunch for participation in on-campus activities daily.

C. STATEMENT OF NEEDS

The College has need for catering services campus wide for both small and large events, daily meals for student programs, and multiple external guest events annually. Catering services under this RFP may be for a variety of needs, which for any of the campuses could include: Small catering events (less than 50 attendees) and large catering events (50+ attendees). Small catering events include: executive level meetings, frequent luncheons, Black History Month event, Hispanic Heritage Month event, board meetings and small group meetings with high school-age students. Large events include: campus picnics (200+ attendees), Holiday Receptions (250+ attendees), a Veterans Day event (approx. 100 attendees) and other events added as needed.

Additionally, there is also a need for catering services during the summer months when youth programs like Upward Bound High School Programs host students for the summer. We seek a caterer to provide daily boxed or individual meals, both breakfast and lunch, for students in these programs during the summer months. Typically, these programs also host end of the year celebrations (100+ attendees), which is a formal affair with a sit-down dinner and dessert.

Lastly, some programs are funded by grant dollars and their funds will be limited. Therefore, we are seeking caterers who can provide flexible options to meet funding limitations.

A listing of the catering needs for the Wilmington Campus has been provided in Appendix A for use as an example of potential catering needs. Each campus will have varying needs for catering services depending on the amount of events, programs offered, existing food and catering vendors on the Campus (or lack thereof), etc. For example, the Owens Campus in Georgetown has an existing contract for cafeteria and non-exclusive catering services but additional catering services could be needed to

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supplement that agreement. The Terry Campus in Dover has a “preferred” caterer clause with their current food service vendor but that arrangement is not exclusive and is currently set to expire in 2024.

D. DETAILED REQUIREMENTS

The scope of work requirements of this RFP are stated in Appendix A. Vendors must provide pricing for the items listed in Appendix B, denoting what campus or campuses the Vendor is offering services for. Vendors may offer services to one, multiple, or all of the DTCC campuses.

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.

- Vendor's experience in the field and capacity to meet the College's needs.
- Food/catering service rates and charges.
- Costs of additional charges, if applicable.

B. PROPOSAL RESPONSE

The Request for Proposal may contain pre-printed forms for use by the vendor in submitting its proposal. The forms required by this solicitation shall be considered mandatory, prevailing documents.

When preprinted forms are used, the forms shall contain basic information such as description of the item and the estimated quantities and shall have blank spaces for use by the vendor for entering information such as unit bid price, total bid price, as applicable.

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

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

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.

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 College.

D. CONCISE PROPOSALS

The College 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

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beyond those sufficient to present a complete and effective proposal are not desired. The College'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 Delaware Technical and Community College.

F. TABLE OF CONTENTS

Each proposal must include a Table of Contents with page numbers for each of the required components of the proposal.

G. 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.

H. DISCOUNT

Vendors are invited to offer in their proposal value added discounts (i.e., speed to pay discounts for specific payment terms). Cash or separate discounts should be computed and incorporated into unit bid price(s).

I. MENUS OR BROCHURES

Menus or brochures may be required by the College for evaluation purposes. They shall be such as to permit the College to compare and determine if the items offered complies with the intent of the specifications and/or otherwise fulfills the needs of the College.

J. 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.

K. BID BOND REQUIREMENT

The Bid Bond requirement has been waived.

L. PERFORMANCE BOND REQUIREMENT

The Performance Bond requirement has been waived.

M. 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 College reserves the right to reject any non-responsive or non-conforming proposals. Each proposal must be submitted with 1 paper copy and 1 electronic copy on a USB media stick. The paper copy will

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contain original signatures in all locations requiring a vendor signature. The USB media stick must also contain the completed Appendix B Excel sheets, in Excel format.

All properly sealed and marked proposals are to be sent to the College and received no later than 9:00 AM (Local Time) on July 28, 2023. The Proposals may be delivered by Express Delivery (e.g., FedEx, UPS, etc.), US Mail, or by hand to:

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and Community Education
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Wilmington, DE 19801
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Any proposal submitted by US Mail shall be sent by either certified or registered 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 College reserves the right to award the proposed contract to multiple Vendors if the College President determines that such an award is in the best interest of the College and/or the State.

N. PROPOSAL EXPIRATION DATE

Prices quoted in the proposal shall remain fixed and binding on the bidder at least through December 31, 2023. The College reserves the right to ask for an extension of time if needed.

O. 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.

P. 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.

Q. 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

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the proposal due date. To document compliance with the deadline, the proposal will be date and time stamped upon receipt.

R. 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 College, vendors have acknowledged receipt, understanding and commitment to comply with all materials, revisions, and addenda related to the Request for Proposal.

S. INCURRED EXPENSES

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

T. 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.

U. 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 College'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.

V. EXCEPTIONS

Bidders may elect to take **minor exception** to the terms and conditions of this RFP by completing Attachment 3. The College shall evaluate each exception according to the intent of the terms and conditions contained herein but the College 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. The College maintains sole discretion to reject any vendor exceptions that are submitted.

W. BUSINESS REFERENCES

Provide at least three (3) business references consisting of current or previous customers of similar scope and value using Attachment 6. Include business name, mailing address, contact name and phone

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number, number of years doing business with, and type of work performed. Personal references cannot be considered.

X. DOCUMENT(S) EXECUTION

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 Delaware Technical and Community College.

The State of Delaware requires a new vendor to complete the registration process through the Delaware Supplier Portal at <http://esupplier.erp.delaware.gov>. Successful completion of this registration enables the creation of a State of Delaware supplier record. The Taxpayer ID (SSN or EIN) and Applicant (supplier) 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 registration or specific comments about the registration, please contact supplier maintenance by phone at 302-672-5000.

Y. SUBCONTRACTS

Subcontracting is permitted under this RFP and contract. However, every subcontractor shall be identified in the Proposal using Attachment 7.

Z. 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 College Proposal Evaluation Team or its designated agents. There shall be no disclosure of any vendor’s information until a fully executed contract is received 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 once a fully executed contracts is received, the content of all vendor proposals are subject to FOIA’s public disclosure obligations and exemptions.

The State of Delaware wishes to create a business-friendly environment and procurement process. As such, the College 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

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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.

In order to allow the College 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 College 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 College. The College 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 College'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.

AA. ATTACHMENTS

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IV. PROPOSAL EVALUATION PROCEDURES

A. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

1. COLLEGE'S RIGHT TO REJECT PROPOSALS

Delaware Technical Community College 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 College and/or 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. COLLEGE'S RIGHT TO CANCEL SOLICITATION

The College reserves the right to cancel this solicitation at any time during the procurement process, for any reason or for no reason. The College 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 College or the State of Delaware. Vendor's participation in this process may result in the College 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 College to execute a contract nor to continue negotiations. The College 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 Vendor(s) is to begin any work prior to receipt of a State of Delaware Purchase Order signed by authorized representatives of the College, 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 Vendor(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 first class 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 and any delivery costs for returned proposals. Proposals received after the time set for public opening will be returned unopened.

5. PUBLIC OPENING OF PROPOSALS

The proposals shall be publicly opened at the time and place specified by the College. Vendors or their authorized representatives are invited to be present.

The Public Proposal Opening will be held via electronic means on July 28, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. The public can participate via the Zoom platform or by dialing into the meeting. The information to participate is as follows:

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+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

+1 360 209 5623 US

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Find your local number: <https://dtcc.zoom.us/j/97915646928>

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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:

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- 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 College, 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.
- g. Non-attendance of mandatory pre-bid meetings shall be cause of disqualification.

1. AUTHORITY OF COLLEGE

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 College shall be final and binding.

2. OR EQUAL (PRODUCTS BY NAME)

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

B. RESPONSIVENESS AND RESPONSIBILITY OF VENDOR

Delaware Technical and Community College shall award this contract to the most responsible and responsive vendor 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 College and/or the State.
- 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:

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- 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 College;
 - e. Whether the vendor supplied all necessary information concerning its responsibility
4. If a vendor is determined to be non-responsible, the vendor shall be informed in writing.
 5. The College 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 College.

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.

Delaware Technical and Community College 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 College and/or 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 contain at a minimum the following information:

- Information requested in the Scope of Services, Appendix A, and Appendix B and
- Copy of State of Delaware Business License
 - Copy of current Certificate of Insurance

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E. CRITERIA AND SCORING

	EVALUATION CRITERIA	
		POINTS
1.	Quality of services	20
2.	Availability of services	20
3.	Competitive pricing	10
4.	Customer service	10
5.	Terms of partnership	20
6.	Menu options	20
7.		
	TOTAL SCORE	100

Procurement Evaluation Committee members will assign up to the maximum number of points listed for each of the criteria listed above. For items having quantitative answers, points will be proportionate to each proposal's response. Items with qualitative answers will receive the average of points assigned by Proposal Evaluation Committee members.

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 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 College may choose to visit existing facilities where Vendor provides similar services, at such times where the visits may or may not include vendor personnel. If the vendor is involved in such site visits, the College will pay travel costs only for College 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 College are the vendor's responsibility.

V. MANDATORY PREBID MEETING

A mandatory pre-bid meeting has not been established for this Request for Proposal.

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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, acting through Delaware Technical and Community College.

AGENCY: Delaware Technical and Community College (the "College" or "DTCC").

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.

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.

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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.

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 College 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.

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 services contemplated. The Vendor shall investigate and satisfy itself as to the conditions to be encountered, quality and quantities of the services 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

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

All vendors that maintain a core list of products under this contract shall maintain the appropriate negotiated prices on their core list. Vendors shall routinely offer to add to the core list materiel that has been identified as necessary. The Vendors are expected to routinely update any changes to the core list with the appropriate discounts listed.

Any adjustments to a core list must receive prior written approval from the College before a core list can be changed by the Vendor. Changes include but are not limited to the migration of items on and off the core list as well as any price adjustments from the original agreed upon pricing.

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 College

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Proposal Evaluation Committee or its designated agents. There shall be no disclosure of any vendor's information to a competing vendor prior to award of the contract.

The College 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 College'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 College and a decision on contract award is made, its contents will become public record and nothing contained in the proposal will be deemed to be confidential except proprietary information.

Vendor(s) shall not include any information in their proposal that is proprietary in nature or that they would not want to be released to the public. Proposals must contain sufficient information to be evaluated and a contract written without reference to any proprietary information. If a vendor feels that they cannot submit their proposal without including proprietary information, they must adhere to the following procedure or their proposal may be deemed unresponsive and will not be recommended for selection. Vendor(s) must submit such information in a separate, sealed envelope labeled "Proprietary Information" with the 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 College 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 College, and all Trustees, Officers, Employees, and Agents thereof against any claim or liability arising from or based upon the violation of any such laws, ordinances, regulations, orders, or decrees whether by itself, by its employees, or by its subcontractor(s).

7. APPLICABLE LAW AND JURISDICTION

This RFP, 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. Vendor 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 RFP, 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.

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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 College.
- b. The Vendor and the surety shall hold and save harmless the State of Delaware, the College, their Officers, Trustees, Employees, 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 College, 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. TAX EXEMPTION

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

13. INVOICING

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 College will generate a payment voucher upon receipt of an acceptable invoice from the vendor.

14. EQUALITY OF EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY ON PUBLIC WORKS – INTENTIONALLY REMOVED

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15. PRICES

Prices and/or rates shall remain firm for the initial 2023-2024 year term of the contract, with all proposals to provide a provision on how new rates/prices will be communicated to the College for upcoming years, unless further negotiations are deemed necessary by the College.

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.

16. COOPERATIVES

Vendors, who have been awarded similar contracts through a competitive bidding process with a cooperative, are welcome to submit the cooperative pricing for this solicitation.

17. PRICE ADJUSTMENT

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

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

18. SHIPPING TERMS

FOB Ordering Campus, freight prepaid.

19. ELECTRONIC CATALOG

At the discretion of the College, the successful vendor(s) may be required to submit their items list in an electronic format designated by the College.

By example, but not limited to, the following items may be required:

- Electronic menus,
- Electronic catalogs converted to a CSV format with contract specific pricing,
- Items designated by commodity/classification code: United Nations Standard Products and Services Code (UNSPSC), and/or
- A unique item ID for all items in your system and/or our award.

20. 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

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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.

21. TEMPORARY PERSONNEL ARE NOT COLLEGE OR STATE EMPLOYEES UNLESS AND UNTIL THEY ARE DIRECTLY HIRED

Vendor agrees that any individual or group of temporary staff person(s) provided to the College 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 College pursuant to this Solicitation must be provided any benefits, including any healthcare benefits by the College and/or 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 College and/or the State of Delaware is a dual employer or the sole employer of any individual temporary staff person(s) provided to the College pursuant to this Solicitation, Vendor agrees to hold harmless, indemnify, and defend the College and the State to the maximum extent of any liability arising out of such determinations.

Notwithstanding the content of the preceding paragraph, should the College subsequently directly hire any individual temporary staff employee(s) provided pursuant to this Solicitation, the aforementioned obligations to hold harmless, indemnify, and defend 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 for any liability that arises out of compliance with the ACA prior to the date of hire by the College or the State of Delaware. Vendor will waive any separation fee provided an employee works for both the vendor and College, continuously, for a three (3) month period and is provided thirty (30) days written notice of intent to hire from the College. Notice can be issued at second month if it is the College's or State's intention to hire.

22. ACA SAFE HARBOR

The State and its agencies are not the employer of temporary or contracted staff. However, the College is concerned that it could be determined to be a Common-law Employer as defined by the Affordable Care Act ("ACA"). Therefore, the College 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 College 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 College 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

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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.

23. 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 College 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.

24. MANDATORY INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

As a part of the contract requirements, the Vendor 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 College. All Vendors must carry the following coverage depending on the type of service or product being delivered.

- a. Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance in accordance with applicable law.
- b. Commercial General Liability - \$1,000,000 per occurrence/\$3,000,000 per aggregate.
- c. Automotive Liability Insurance covering all automotive units used in the work (including all units leased from and/or provided by the College to Vendor pursuant to this Agreement as well as all units used by Vendor, regardless of the identity of the registered owner, used by Vendor for completing the Work required by this Agreement to include but not limited to transporting Delaware clients or staff), providing coverage on a primary non-contributory basis with limits of not less than:
 1. \$1,000,000 combined single limit each accident, for bodily injury;
 2. \$250,000 for property damage to others;
 3. \$25,000 per person per accident Uninsured/Underinsured Motorists coverage;
 4. \$25,000 per person, \$300,000 per accident Personal Injury Protection (PIP) benefits as provided for in 21 *Del. C.* § 2118; and
 5. Comprehensive coverage for all leased vehicles, which shall cover the replacement cost of the vehicle in the event of collision, damage or other loss.

The successful Vendor must carry at least one of the following depending on the scope of work being performed.

- a. Medical/Professional Liability - \$1,000,000 per occurrence/\$3,000,000 per aggregate
- b. Miscellaneous Errors and Omissions - \$1,000,000 per occurrence/\$3,000,000 per aggregate
- c. Product Liability - \$1,000,000 per occurrence/\$3,000,000 aggregate

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

Before any work is done pursuant to this Agreement, the Certificate of Insurance and/or copies of the insurance policies, referencing the contract number stated herein, shall be filed with the College. The certificate holder is as follows:

Delaware Technical Community College
Contract No: DTCC23116-Catering
Workforce Development
Attn: Dr. Rachel Anderson, Workforce Development
300 N. Orange St., Office #W255
Wilmington DE, 19801

Nothing contained herein shall restrict or limit the Vendor's right to procure insurance coverage in amounts higher than those required by this Agreement. To the extent that the Vendor procures insurance coverage in amounts higher than the amounts required by this Agreement, all said additionally procured coverages will be applicable to any loss or claim and shall replace the insurance obligations contained herein.

To the extent that Vendor has complied with the terms of this Agreement and has procured insurance coverage for all vehicles Leased and/or operated by Vendor as part of this Agreement, the College's insurance and the State of Delaware's self-insured insurance program shall not provide any coverage whether coverage is sought as primary, co-primary, excess or umbrella insurer or coverage for any loss of any nature.

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

25. STATE OF DELAWARE BUSINESS LICENSE

Prior to receiving an award, the successful Vendor shall either furnish the College 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.

26. 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, the College, its Trustees, officers, 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 College and/or the State of Delaware, the College 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 College and 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 College 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 College agrees to and accepts in writing.

27. 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 College 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 College no later than 30 days following the delivery of the College'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.

28. FORCE MAJEURE

Neither the vendor nor the College shall be held liable for non-performance under the terms and conditions of this contract due, but not limited to, government restriction, epidemic or pandemic, quarantine, 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.

29. VENDOR NON-ENTITLEMENT

State of Delaware Vendors for Materiel 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 College. Additionally, they shall not utilize other Central Contracts to fulfill the requirements of their respective contract

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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.

30. OPPORTUNITY BUYS – INTENTIONALLY REMOVED

31. REQUIRED REPORTING – INTENTIONALLY REMOVED

32. ORDERING PROCEDURE

Successful vendors are required to have either a local telephone number within the (302) area code, a toll free (800) number, or agree to accept collect calls. Depending on the nature and scope of the event, the College shall be responsible for contacting the awarded vendor directly for all required resources. All consumables delivered by the Vendor and received by the College, become the property of the College. Orders may be accomplished by written purchase order, telephone, email, fax or computer on-line systems.

33. PURCHASE ORDERS

Agencies that are part of the First State Financial (FSF) system are required to identify the contract number DTCC23116 - CATERING on all Purchase Orders (P.O.) and shall complete the same when entering P.O. information in the state's financial reporting system.

34. BILLING

The Vendor is required to "Bill as Shipped" to the respective College campus(es). The College shall provide contract number, ship to and bill to address, contact name and phone number. 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.

Vendors will make every effort to achieve available discount opportunities under this contract. Vendors shall be required to report semi-annually opportunities to enhance the discounts achieved.

35. METHOD OF PAYMENT

- a. For each P.O. issued as part of this contract, the College 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 payroll data and an itemized accounting of reasonable reimbursable direct non-salary costs. A current progress report of the work shall accompany each billing.

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

- b. No premium time for overtime will be paid without prior written College authorization. Indirect overhead cost shall not be applied to the premium portion of the overtime.
- c. The College will authorize and process for payment each invoice within thirty (30) days after the date of receipt of a correct invoice. The College 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

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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 College's intention to utilize the P-card payment method the College 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.

36. PRODUCT SUBSTITUTION

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

If a substitution is granted by the College, the Vendor must update its core list and maintain said list in a timely manner.

37. SCHEDULE FOR PERFORMANCE OF WORK

All work described in these specifications shall be completed with reasonable promptness. As used in this Section, the College 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 College will forthwith proceed to collect for nonperformance of work.

38. VENDOR RESPONSIBILITY

The College 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 7, and are subject the approval and acceptance of the College.

39. 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.

Green Products – third party certification of green products accepted from the College 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).

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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 of Delaware Environmental Procurement Policies may be found:

[Environmentally Preferred Purchasing Policy](#)

40. 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 the 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 agreement shall be subcontracted without the prior written approval of the College. Only those subcontractors identified in Attachment 7 are considered approved upon award. Changes to those subcontractor(s) listed in Attachment 7 must be approved in writing by the College.

41. FAIR BACKGROUND CHECK PRACTICES

Pursuant to 29 *Del. C.* [§ 6909B](#), the College 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 College are encouraged to adopt fair background check practices. Vendors can refer to 19 *Del. C.* [§ 711\(g\)](#) for applicable established provisions.

42. VENDOR BACKGROUND CHECK REQUIREMENTS

Vendor(s) selected for an award that access College property or come in contact with vulnerable populations, including children and youth, shall be required to complete background checks on employees serving the College'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 College 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 College's decision to allow or deny access to any individual identified on a registry database is final and at the College's sole discretion.

By College 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.

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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 College's contract.

43. MINIMUM WAGE RATES

Work performed under this solicitation may fall under the [State of Delaware Minimum Wage Rates](http://dia.delawareworks.com/labor-law/prevaling-wage.php) 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/prevaling-wage.php>.

44. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

At the option of the parties, they 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, the parties elect 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 a mediator selected by the parties. If the matter is not resolved through mediation, it may be submitted for arbitration or litigation. The College 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 State of Delaware law, and jurisdiction and venue shall be in the State of Delaware. Each party shall bear its own costs of mediation, arbitration, or litigation, including attorneys' fees.

45. REMEDIES

Except as otherwise provided in this solicitation, including but not limited to Section 48 above, all claims, counterclaims, disputes, and other matters in question between the College and the Vendor arising out of, or relating to, this solicitation, 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.

46. 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

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stipulations of this contract, the College 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 College, 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 College.

- b. Termination for Convenience:** The College 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 College.
- 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 College 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.

47. TERMINATION OF CONTRACT

The contract awarded as a result of this RFP may be terminated as follows by Delaware Technical Community College.

- 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 College 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 College, 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 College.

On receipt of the contract cancellation notice from the College, 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 affect or prevent the contract cancellation unless the College provides a written acceptance of the vendor response. If the College does accept the Vendor's method and/or action plan to correct the identified deficiencies, the College will define the time by which the Vendor must fulfill its corrective obligations. Final retraction of the College's termination for cause will only occur after the Vendor successfully rectifies the original violation(s). At its discretion the College may reject in writing the Vendor's proposed action plan and proceed with the original contract cancellation timeline.

- b. Termination for Convenience:** The College 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

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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 College, 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 College.

- 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 College 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.

48. 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 College and the Vendor shall be incorporated in written amendments to the Purchase Order or contract.

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

50. 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 College 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 College 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 College's support shall be given in the publication.

51. 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.

52. ASSIGNMENT OF ANTITRUST CLAIMS

As consideration for the award and execution of this contract by the College, the Vendor hereby grants, conveys, sells, assigns, and transfers to the College 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 College pursuant to this contract. Upon either the College's or the Vendor notice of the

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filing of or reasonable likelihood of filing of an action under the antitrust laws of the United States or the State of Delaware, the College and Vendor shall meet and confer about coordination of representation in such action.

53. TESTING AND INSPECTION

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

54. 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 College 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.

55. GRATUITIES

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

56. 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.

57. 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 College, 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

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records available for inspection, audit, or reproduction to any official College representative in the performance of their duties under the Contract. Upon notice given to the Vendor, representatives of the College 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 College for disallowances shall be drawn from the Vendor's own resources and not charged to Contract cost or cost pools indirectly charging Contract costs.

61. IRS 1075 PUBLICATION (INTENTIONALLY REMOVED)

62. REMEDIES

Except as otherwise provided in this contract, all claims, counterclaims, disputes, and other matters in question between the College 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.

63. SUBCONTRACTS

Subcontracting is permitted under this RFP and contract. However, every subcontractor shall be identified in the Proposal (Attachment 7) and agreed to in writing by the College or as are specifically authorized in writing by the College 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 College.

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 College.

64. COLLEGE'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The College shall:

- a. Examine and review in detail all letters, reports, drawings and other documents presented by the Vendor to the College 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 College observes or otherwise becomes aware of any development that affects the scope or timing of the Vendor's services.
- c. When the College first experiences a relatively minor problem or difficulty with a vendor, the College 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.
- d. The College has several remedies available to resolve non-performance issues with the contractor. The College will refer to the Contract Terms and Conditions to view these remedies.
- e. If there is a performance deficiency, a Corrective Action Report (CAR) may be used. Complete

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this form to report concerns with vendors or commodities. Be sure to furnish as much detail as possible.

[Corrective Action Report](#)

65. 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 College 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
- Purchase Order
- Special Instruction

66. ASSIGNMENT

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

67. NOTICE

Any notice to the College required under the contract shall be sent by registered mail to:

**Dr. Rachel Anderson, Director of Workforce Development
and Community Education
Delaware Technical and Community College
Workforce Development
300 N. Orange St. Office #W255
Wilmington, DE 19801
rachel.anderson@dtcc.edu**

68. 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 of Delaware, the College may negotiate, as may be authorized by law, emergency performance from the Vendor to address the immediate needs of the College and/or the State of Delaware, even if not contemplated under the original Contract or procurement. Payments are subject to appropriation and other payment terms.

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69. NO PRESS RELEASES OR PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

The College 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 College or 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 College.

The College 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 College's seal or marks 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 College or its agent, the best interest of the College and/or the State will be promoted thereby.

2. MATERIAL GUARANTY

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

3. AWARD OF CONTRACT

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

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. THE CONTRACT(S)

The contract(s) with the successful Vendor(s) will be executed with Delaware Technical and Community College and based on the template in Appendix C. The College reserves the right to use another contract template or add additional provisions, forms, etc., in its sole discretion.

7. INFORMATION REQUIREMENT

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The successful Vendor(s) shall be required to advise and provide Delaware Technical and Community College of the gross costs associated with this contract.

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VII. PROPOSAL REPLY SECTION

DTCC23116- CATERING DTCC Catering Services

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, Delaware Technical Community College by July 28, 2023 at 9:00 AM (Local Time). The proposals will be opened publicly, via the Zoom online platform, at 9:30 a.m. (Local Time) on the same day. The information for attending the online Zoom opening is contained below.

NO MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING

Proposals must be mailed to:

**Dr. Rachel Anderson, Director of Workforce Development
and Community Education
Delaware Technical and Community College
Workforce Development
300 N. Orange St. office#W255
Wilmington, DE 19801
rachel.anderson@dtcc.edu**

PUBLIC PROPOSAL OPENINGS

The public proposal opening ensures the citizens of Delaware that contracts are being proposed fairly on a competitive basis and comply with Delaware procurement laws. The College 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 apparent low Vendors. The disclosure of additional information, including prices, shall be at the discretion of the contracting agency until such time that the responsiveness of each proposal has been determined.

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

*** The Public Proposal Opening will be held via electronic means. The public can participate via the Zoom platform or by dialing into the meeting. The information to participate is as follows:

Topic: RFP Catering
Time: Jul 28, 2023 09:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://dtcc.zoom.us/j/97915646928>

Meeting ID: 979 1564 6928
One tap mobile
+13017158592,,97915646928# US (Washington DC)
+13052241968,,97915646928# US

Dial by your location
+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

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+1 305 224 1968 US
+1 309 205 3325 US
+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
+1 646 931 3860 US
+1 929 436 2866 US (New York)
+1 253 205 0468 US
+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)
+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)
+1 360 209 5623 US
+1 386 347 5053 US
+1 507 473 4847 US
+1 564 217 2000 US
+1 669 444 9171 US
+1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)
+1 689 278 1000 US
+1 719 359 4580 US
Meeting ID: 979 1564 6928
Find your local number: <https://dtcc.zoom.us/j/abD4stOQjX>

****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.: **DTCC23116-CATERING** Contract Title: **DTCC Catering Services**

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

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

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

- _____ 3. We do not feel we can be competitive.
- _____ 4. We cannot submit a Proposal because of the marketing or franchising policies of the
manufacturing company.
- _____ 5. We do not wish to sell to the College. 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.: **DTCC23116-CATERING** Contract Title: **DTCC Catering Services**
DEADLINE TO RESPOND: July 28, 2023, at 9:00 AM (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, Delaware Technical and Community College.

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, Delaware Technical and Community College.

COMPANY NAME _____ (Check one)

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

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

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

PURCHASE ORDERS SHOULD BE SENT TO:

(COMPANY NAME) _____

ADDRESS _____

CONTACT _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ FAX NUMBER _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

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

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

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

Notary Public _____ My commission expires _____

City of _____ County of _____ State of _____

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Attachment 4

Contract No.: **DTCC23116-CATERING**
Contract Title: **DTCC Catering Services**

COMPANY PROFILE & CAPABILITIES FORM

Suppliers are required to provide a reply to each question listed below. Your replies will aid the evaluation committee as part of the overall qualitative evaluation criteria of this Request for Proposal. Your responses should contain sufficient information about your company, so evaluators have a clear understanding of your company's background and capabilities. Failure to respond to any of these questions may result in your proposal to be rejected as non-responsive.

1.	Describe your business – menus, target demographics, hospitality philosophy, etc.

2.	Describe your service support capability. Include scheduling software or mechanisms, mobile catering abilities, request response times, cancellation/rescheduling information/procedures, and conflict resolution procedures.

3.	Describe your background and experience in providing such services, your reputation, and references. Include the bios of any key staff that will be supervising the services.

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Contract Title: **DTCC Catering Services**

CONFIDENTIALITY FORM

☐ By checking this box, the Vendor acknowledges that they are not providing any information they declare to be confidential or proprietary for the purpose of production under 29 *Del. C. Ch. 100*, Delaware Freedom of Information Act.

Confidentiality and Proprietary Information

Note: Vendor may use additional pages as necessary, but the format shall be the same as provided above.

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Attachment 6

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Contract Title: **DTCC Catering Services**

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 College or State Employee as a business reference. If you have held a College or State contract within the last 5 years, please provide a separate list of 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:	

COLLEGE OR STATE OF DELAWARE PERSONNEL MAY NOT BE USED AS REFERENCES.



**The Office of Supplier Diversity (OSD) has moved to the
Division of Small Business (DSB)**

Supplier Diversity Applications can be found here:
<https://business.delaware.gov/osd/>

Completed Applications can be emailed to: OSD@Delaware.gov

For more information, please send an email to OSD:
OSD@Delaware.gov or call 302-577-8477

Self-Register to receive business development information here:
<https://business.delaware.gov/directory-of-certified-businesses/>

New Address for OSD:

Office of Supplier Diversity (OSD)
State of Delaware
Division of Small Business
820 N. French Street, 10th Floor
Wilmington, DE 19801

Telephone: 302-577-8477 Fax: 302-736-7915

Email: OSD@Delaware.gov

Web site: <https://business.delaware.gov/osd/>

Dover address for the Division of Small Business

Local applicants may drop off applications here:

Division of Small Business
99 Kings Highway
Dover, DE 19901
Phone: 302-739-4271

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

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Attachment 9

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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 College evaluates and scores the vendor proposal.

Include catalogs or links, if that is what is asked for.

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.
4. One (1) completed RFP Exception Form (Attachment 3) – please check box if no information – Form must be included.
5. One (1) completed Profile and Capabilities Form (Attachment 4)
6. One (1) completed Confidentiality Form (Attachment 5) – please check if no information is deemed confidential – Form must be included.
7. One (1) completed Business Reference Form (Attachment 6) – please provide references other than College or State of Delaware contacts – Form must be included.
8. One (1) complete and signed copy of the Subcontractor Information Form (Attachment 7) for each subcontractor – 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.

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. **One (1)** paper copy of the Vendor proposal paperwork.
2. **One (1)** electronic copy of the Vendor proposal saved to a USB media stick. Any copies of electronic price files shall be included on the same electronic media, but shall be saved separately.

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Appendix A – SCOPE OF WORK

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The schedule below is offered as an example of a some of the catering needs for the Wilmington Campus. It is subject to change year to year and the final approved schedule may differ from the one below. Each campus may have similar or varying needs depending on the year, the Campus programs offered, availability of on-campus providers, etc. For example/reference only.

October	Event Name	Estimated # Attendees/ Catering Type
10-15-23	Saturday Academy	Boxed Lunches for 30+ High School Students
10-22-23	College Tour for High School Students	To-go breakfast for 30+ High School Students
1-10-23	Hispanic Heritage Month	Buffet “small meals” Style for 100+
10-23-23	College Open House	Grab-n-go options for 500+
November	Event Name	Estimated # Attendees/ Catering Type
11-14-23	Board Meeting	Sit-down meal for 20+
11-19-23	Saturday Academy	Boxed Lunches for 30+ High School Students
December	Event Name	Estimated # Attendees/ Catering Type
12-3-23	Science Fair Preparation Event	Boxed Lunch for 50+
12-10-23	College Tour	To-go breakfast for 30+ High School Students
12-15-23	Holiday Celebration	Buffet Style for 250+
January	Event Name	Estimated # Attendees/ Catering Type
1-21-24	Saturday Academy	Boxed Lunches for 30+ High School Students
1-22-24	Executive Committee Meetings	Buffet Style for 12+ (2 times)
1-10-24	College Orientation	Grab-n-go snacks and drinks for 200+
February	Event Name	Estimated # Attendees/ Catering Type
2-11-24	Saturday Academy	Boxed Lunches for 30+ High School Students
2-14-24	Black History Month Celebration	Buffet “small meals” Style for 100+
March	Event Name	Estimated # Attendees/ Catering Type
3-4-24	Saturday Academy	Boxed Lunches for 30+ High School Students
3-4-24	Mardi Gras Fundraising Gala	Station with buffet style meals for 500+
3-20-24	Welcome for External Guests	Buffet Style Snack and Drinks for 6

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April	Event Name	Estimated # Attendees/ Catering Type
4-10-24	Career Conference & Expo	Boxed Lunches for 100+ High School Students
4-11-24/4-15/24	College Tours	To-go breakfast for 60+ High School Students
4-12-24	College Open House	Grab-n-go snacks and drinks for 200+
4-17-24	Board Meeting	Light Breakfast, Boxed Meals for Lunch and formal sit-down dinner for 20+
May	Event Name	Estimated # Attendees/ Catering Type
5-13-24	Senior Signing Day (Sat Academy)	Boxed Lunches for 40+ High School Students
5-15-24	Graduation Party	Ice cream and drinks for 200+
5-17-24	Employee Recognition Event	Light breakfast and lunch options for 800-1000 employees
June	Event Name	Estimated # Attendees/ Catering Type
20,21,22,26,27,28,29	Summer Academy for high school students	Daily Breakfast and Lunch for 120+
6-23-23	Friday Excursion 1 – Tour	To-go breakfast for 60+ High School Students
6-30-24	Friday Excursion 2	To-go breakfast for 60+ High School Students
6-30-24	Employee Picnic	BBQ lunch and Dessert for 250+
July	Event Name	Estimated # Attendees/ Catering Type
3,5,6,10,11,12,13,17,18,19,20,24,25,26,27	Summer Academy for high school students	Daily Breakfast and Lunch for 120+
7-7-24	Friday Excursion 3 - Tour	To-go breakfast for 60+ High School Students
7-14-24	Friday Excursion 4 - Tour	To-go breakfast for 60+ High School Students
7-21-24	Friday Excursion 5	To-go breakfast for 60+ High School Students
August	Event Name	Estimated # Attendees/ Catering Type
8-14-24	In-service for employees	Light breakfast and Lunch for 250+

The Catering Services needs of the College are not all shown on this schedule and those services will be provided on an “as needed” basis per the rates defined in Appendix B. Catering services under this RFP may be for a variety of needs, including: Small events, large events, end of the year celebrations and other ceremonies hosted by the College.

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Appendix B – PRICING FORMS

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The Vendor must provide pricing and related information as requested below to provide catering services in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Request for Proposal. The Vendor does not need to use this exact format as long as the pricing information sought is covered in its proposal, and is clear and concise. If the Vendor has a current pricing list/catering menu, it may attach those in lieu of this form if these areas are covered.

1.1 Catering Services: Provide firm, fixed prices as requested below. Also, please identify as part of your proposal the manner in which the actual cost will be calculated based on the requested pricing information.

	<u>Price per meal</u>
Under 50+ Meals:	\$_____
Over 50+ Meals:	\$_____
Price Per Person Buffet:	\$_____
Boxed Lunch Prices:	\$_____

1.2 Extra Costs: State the firm, fixed price, if required.

\$_____ ADD any extra costs

1.3 Minimum Charges: The Vendor must fully describe as part of the Vendor's proposal any minimum charges (hourly, daily, etc.) associated with the requested services.

Required minimum charges: _____

1.4 Minimum Notice: State the minimum notice required to guarantee personnel and equipment availability:

Required minimum notice (specify hours, days, etc.): _____

1.5 Additional Costs and/or Expenses: The Vendor must specifically identify as part of the Vendor's proposal any and all additional fees, costs, and/or expenses associated with providing the services specified herein. DTCC will neither pay nor be liable for any fees, costs, and/or expenses not specifically identified in the Vendor's proposal.

Total of all additional costs/fees: _____

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1.6 Campus Interest: Please mark which campuses the vendor is submitting a proposal for.

_____ Wilmington (George) Campus _____ Newark (Stanton) Campus _____ Dover (Terry) Campus
_____ Georgetown (Owens) Campus

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Appendix C – DTCC CONTRACT TEMPLATE

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_____SERVICE AGREEMENT

This _____ Services Agreement (“Agreement”) is entered into on this _____ of _____, by and between Delaware Technical and Community College (“DTCC”), an institution of higher education and state agency existing under the laws of the State of Delaware and _____ (“Vendor”). At times herein DTCC and Vendor may be referred to collectively as the “Parties”.

WHEREAS, DTCC desires to enter into an agreement with a reputable partner that is capable of _____ to the students, guests, invitees, and staff of DTCC (“Services”).

WHEREAS, Vendor has submitted a proposal (“Proposal”) to _____.

NOW THEREFORE, the Parties agree as follows:

1. Term. This Agreement shall commence on _____, and terminate _____ unless terminated earlier pursuant to this Agreement, or other provisions of this Agreement. DTCC shall have an option to extend this Agreement for _____ additional year on the same terms as provided herein which, if elected by DTCC, shall terminate on _____. DTCC shall notify Vendor of its intent to exercise its option to extend this Agreement by providing written notice to Vendor on or before _____.

2. Scope of Services.

- A. Vendor agrees to provide the Services in a good, professional manner. The Services shall include, but not are limited to, those obligations of Vendor specified in its Proposal.
- B. Vendor further agrees to perform such other duties as may be necessary or desirable, in DTCC’s reasonable judgment, to implement and maintain high quality.

3. Compensation.

- A. DTCC hereby agrees to pay Vendor _____ for the Services.
- B. Vendor may charge interest on an unpaid invoice at the rate: of 1% per month, the maximum allowable by Delaware law as a charge to State Agencies, commencing no earlier than 45 days after the date of the invoice.

4. Vendor Responsibility. Vendor agrees and shall be responsible for the following:

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- A. Vendor agrees that no supervisory employees (salaried employees that are essential to DTCC's core business) of DTCC will be solicited or hired by Vendor without specific written permission of DTCC during the term of this Agreement and one (1) year thereafter.
- B. Vendor agrees at all times to maintain all necessary personnel and payroll records for its employees, compute all wages and withhold applicable federal, state and local taxes and federal social security payments, remit employee withholdings to the proper governmental authority, make employer contributions for federal FICA and federal and state unemployment insurance payments, verify employment eligibility and identity of employees pursuant to the Immigration Reform and Control Act and comply with all federal, state and local laws, including but not limited to the provisions of any antidiscrimination act or statute and the Fair Labor Standards Act.

5. Independent Contractor. In the performance of this Agreement, Vendor shall be acting as an independent contractor and not as an agent or employee of DTCC. Vendor shall not subcontract nor permit anyone other than employees of Vendor to perform any of the services without the prior written consent of DTCC.

6. Government Approvals. Vendor shall obtain and pay for all necessary permits and licenses pertaining to the services and equipment and shall post such documents as required by law. Vendor agrees to comply with all federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules and regulations without additional cost or expense to DTCC. In addition, and in no way limiting the foregoing, Vendor will be responsible for obtaining and maintaining a State of Delaware Business License and local permit to operate under this agreement and for routine cleaning and housekeeping in the food preparation and service areas as required by the Food Code of the State of Delaware. Vendor will maintain high standards of sanitation in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. Vendor agrees to indemnify, hold harmless, and defend DTCC, its agents, employees, officers, and trustees, harmless from and against all liability, demands, claims, expenses, suits, losses, damages, causes of action, fines, and judgments (including attorneys' fees) resulting directly or indirectly from Vendor's non-compliance herewith.

7. Taxes. Vendor shall accept full and exclusive liability for the payment of any and all taxes, wages, contributions for unemployment insurance, retirement benefits, and life pensions, and annuities which may now or hereafter be imposed by the United States or any state, whether measured by the wages, salaries, or remuneration paid to persons employed by Vendor or otherwise in preparation of the Services. Vendor shall comply with all federal and state laws on such subjects and all rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, and shall maintain suitable forms, books, and records and save DTCC harmless from the payment of any and all such taxes and contributions, or penalties.

8. Personnel. Vendor agrees at all times to maintain an adequate staff of its own employees necessary for proper and efficient operation in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. Vendor's employees will adhere to DTCC's policies and regulations regarding personal behavior. All employees of Vendor shall be required to conspicuously display an identification badge issued by the Campus Office of Public Safety at all times while working on campus.

DTCC shall have the right to approve any person employed by Vendor to provide services under this Agreement and may require the remediation or removal of any such person employed by Vendor who fails to perform to DTCC's satisfaction or acts in a manner detrimental to the interests of DTCC, as deemed by DTCC

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in its sole discretion, and Vendor agrees to cooperate with DTCC in the event it undertakes an internal investigation into allegations of impropriety or threatening/concerning behavior regarding an employee of Vendor.

Vendor's employees assigned to perform services under this Agreement shall remain employees of Vendor and shall in no event be considered agents or employees of DTCC. Vendor agrees that its employees assigned to perform services under this Agreement will have and maintain appropriate credentials and certifications related to the services performed.

9. Indemnification. Notwithstanding any limitations contained in Exhibit "A", Vendor assumes full responsibility for acts, negligence, or omissions of all its employees, contractors, subcontractors, and agents on the project, for those of its subcontractors and their employees and for those of all other persons doing work under a contract with it or any other person, entity, or firm with which Vendor may deal.

Vendor will indemnify, release, hold harmless, and defend DTCC, its agents, employees, officers, and trustees, from and against all liability, demands, claims, expenses, suits, losses, damages, causes of action, fines, and judgments (including attorneys' fees) resulting from the acts or omissions of Vendor and Vendor's respective agents, employees, subcontractors or assigns arising out of or in connection with Vendor's performance or Vendor's failure to perform under this Agreement or in connection with any breach thereof by Vendor, unless caused by the gross negligence or willful misconduct of DTCC. Vendor shall give prompt written notice of any demand, claim or suit arising hereunder and permit DTCC, at its option, to defend against the same.

10. Non-Assignment. Neither party may assign or transfer this Agreement or any obligation hereunder without the prior written approval of the other party, except that, upon written notice, a party may assign or transfer to an entity acquiring all or substantially all of the assets of that party, whether by acquisition of assets or shares, or by merger or consolidation. Any assignment in violation of this paragraph 11 shall be void. Subject to the foregoing, this Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the successors and assigns of the parties.

11. Insurance. Vendor agrees to maintain general liability insurance in the amounts of at least one million (\$1,000,000) per occurrence and at least three million (\$3,000,000) in the aggregate covering the Services at all times during this Agreement. In addition, Vendor agrees at all times during this Agreement to maintain at least one the following lines of insurance in the amounts of at least one million (\$1,000,000) per occurrence and at least three million (\$3,000,000) in the aggregate: Medical or Professional liability; Miscellaneous Errors and Emissions; or Product Liability. The parties further acknowledge that failure to maintain such coverage or failure to maintain such coverage by Vendor in the minimum amounts set forth herein shall be a breach of this Agreement. Certificates of insurance shall be filed with DTCC before Vendor starts its performance hereunder. Certificates shall name DTCC an additional insured (except for worker's compensation insurance) and contain a provision that no cancellation or material change in the policies will become effective except upon thirty (30) days written notice to DTCC. If Vendor fails to maintain such insurance or deliver the certificates, DTCC may immediately terminate this Agreement.

12. Ownership of Work Product and Copyright. Vendor agrees any data, reports, documents (digital or hard copy), or other materials that are conceived, developed, written, or contributed by Vendor pursuant to this Agreement, either individually or in collaboration with others, shall belong to and be the sole property of DTCC and shall constitute works made for hire. Vendor warrants that any information, documents, materials, or data

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provided by it for use by DTCC pursuant to this Agreement shall not contain any proprietary material owned by any other party that is protected under the Copyright Act or any other similar law. Vendor shall be solely responsible for ensuring that any materials provided by Vendor pursuant to this Agreement satisfy this requirement. If Vendor fails in its obligations to protect DTCC's intellectual property, DTCC may immediately terminate this Agreement without waiving or relinquishing a right or remedy to seek damages from breach.

13. Confidentiality. Vendor agrees that all information communicated to Vendor by DTCC with respect to the Services, including any information gained by Vendor or its representatives by reason of association or employment with Vendor or its associates, is confidential. Vendor agrees that neither it nor any of its agents or employees shall disclose any confidential information to any other person unless specifically authorized in writing by DTCC to do so, except to the extent disclosure is required by subpoena or an order from a court of competent jurisdiction. Vendor shall use its best efforts to prevent inadvertent disclosure of any confidential information to any third party. Vendor agrees to indemnify, release, hold harmless, and defend DTCC its agents, employees, officers, and trustees, from and against all liability, demands, claims, expenses, suits, losses, damages' fees resulting from any use or disclosure of confidential information by Vendor or any person acquiring such information, directly or indirectly, from Vendor. If Vendor fails to maintain confidentiality, DTCC may immediately terminate this Agreement without waiving or relinquishing a right or remedy to seek damages from breach.

14. Advertising. Vendor agrees that it will not, in the course of the performance of this Agreement or thereafter, use DTCC's name in any advertising or promotional media as a customer or client of Vendor, without the prior written consent of DTCC.

15. Termination. This Agreement may be terminated as follows:

- A. For Cause: If, for any reason, or through any cause, the Vendor fails to fulfill in timely and proper manner its obligations under this Agreement, or if the Vendor violates any of the covenants, terms, warranties, or stipulations of this Agreement, DTCC shall thereupon have the right to terminate this Agreement by giving written notice to the Vendor of such termination and specifying the effective date thereof, at least twenty (20) days before the effective date of such termination. In that event, all supplies, equipment, finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, surveys, drawings, maps, models, photographs, and reports or other material prepared by the Vendor under this Agreement shall, at the option of DTCC, 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 DTCC.

On receipt of the agreement cancellation notice from DTCC, the Vendor shall have no less than five (5) days to provide a written response and may identify a method(s) to resolve the violation(s). Vendor's response shall not effect or prevent the contract cancellation unless DTCC provides a written acceptance of Vendor's response. If DTCC does accept the Vendor's method and/or action plan to correct the identified deficiencies, DTCC will define the time by which the Vendor must fulfill its corrective obligations. Final retraction of DTCC's termination for cause will only occur after the Vendor successfully rectifies the original violation(s). At its discretion DTCC may reject in writing the Vendor's proposed action plan and proceed with the original Agreement cancellation timeline.

B. Termination for Convenience: DTCC may terminate this Agreement at any time by giving written notice of such termination and specifying the effective date thereof, at least twenty (20) days before the effective date of such termination. In that event, all supplies, equipment, 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 DTCC.

18. Notices. All notices or other communications shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if sent by email or certified mail, return receipt requested, to the respective addresses herein designated, or to such other addresses as may be designated, in the manner provided for in this paragraph by either party:

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20. Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. Vendor shall not disclose or release any educational record or other information concerning a student to any person, group or entity other than DTCC without the student's prior written consent and shall otherwise comply with the provisions of the Family Educational Records Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, and DTCC's policies concerning student access to educational records and confidentiality of student records. Vendor shall defend, indemnify and hold DTCC harmless from all liability associated with Vendor's breach of this provision.
21. Choice of Law and Venue. This Agreement shall be deemed to be entered into and shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware. Vendor hereby consents to the personal jurisdiction of the Delaware Courts which shall have the exclusive jurisdiction of any disputes under this Agreement and appoints the Delaware Secretary of State as its agent for the service of process on its behalf.
22. Severability. If it is determined that any provision hereof is in conflict with the law, then such provision shall be given effect only to the extent permitted by law. Nevertheless, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.
23. Binding Effect. The terms, covenants, and conditions herein shall bind and insure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective heirs, distributees, executors, administrators, successors, and, except as otherwise provided herein, their assignees.
24. Force Majeure. Neither party shall be deemed in default hereunder, nor shall it hold the other party responsible for, any cessation, interruption or delay in the performance of its obligations hereunder (excluding payment obligations) due to earthquake, flood, fire, storm, natural disaster, act of God, war, terrorism, armed conflict, labor strike, lockout, boycott or other similar events beyond the reasonable control of such party, provided that the party relying upon this provision: (i) gives prompt written notice thereof, and (ii) takes all steps reasonably necessary to mitigate the effects of the force majeure event; provided further, that in the event a force majeure event extends for a period in excess of thirty (30) days in the aggregate, either party may immediately terminate this Agreement upon written notice.
25. Interpretation. In the event of any conflict between the terms of this Agreement and the Proposal, the terms of this Agreement shall govern and control.
26. Survival of Obligations. The covenants made by the Parties in this Agreement shall remain in effect following the termination or expiration of this Agreement.
27. Entire Agreement. This instrument and Exhibit A attached hereto contain the entire Agreement of the parties and may not be modified except in writing and signed by both parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties, through their acknowledged and duly authorized agents, hereto have set their hands and seals of this Agreement as of the date first written above.

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COMMUNITY COLLEGE

BY: _____

BY: _____

NAME: _____

NAME: _____

TITLE: President _____

TITLE: _____

DATE: _____

DATE: _____