



STATE OF DELAWARE  
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OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

# **State of Delaware**

## **Preventative Maintenance and Service – Chillers and HVAC**

### **Request for Proposal**

**Contract No. GSS25079-CHILL\_HVAC**

*Tuesday, June 24, 2025*

**- Deadline to Respond -  
Tuesday, August 5, 2025  
3:00 PM (Local Time)**

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**CONTRACT NO. GSS25079-CHILL\_HVAC**

ALL VENDORS:

The enclosed packet contains a "REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL" for Preventative Maintenance and Service – Chillers and HVAC. The proposal consists of the following:

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All appendices are made part of this solicitation and are available for download at the following site:

<https://bids.delaware.gov/>

In order for your proposal to be considered, the Proposal response must be submitted through the online bid submission portal [<https://gss.bonfirehub.com/>] by Tuesday, August 5, 2025, 3:00 p.m. (Local Time) to be considered. Submissions by other methods will not be accepted.

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 Rhonda Figueroa through the [online bid submission portal](#).

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## I. INTRODUCTION

### A. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Request for Proposal (RFP) is to solicit sealed proposals from qualified vendors to provide preventative maintenance and service for Chillers and HVAC systems.

This RFP seeks to establish a contract that ensures the reliability, efficiency, and longevity of these systems. Chillers, which are specialized cooling units designed to remove heat from liquids for circulation in large-scale applications, require precise maintenance to sustain optimal performance. HVAC systems, responsible for managing heating, ventilation, and air conditioning across various environments, demand comprehensive servicing to maintain indoor climate control. While Chillers contribute to the cooling function within certain HVAC configurations, they operate as distinct components requiring specialized attention.

By engaging a qualified vendor, this RFP aims to support the continued functionality of these critical systems, minimizing downtime, optimizing energy use, and preserving operational effectiveness.

This version keeps it structured while emphasizing why the maintenance of these systems is a priority. Let me know if you'd like any further refinements!

### 1. COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSAL

It has been determined by Director, Government Support Services, 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 State. The use of competitive sealed proposals is necessary to:

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

### 2. CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

This contract will be issued to cover the requirements for all State Agencies and shall be accessible to any School District, Political Subdivision, Municipality, Volunteer Fire Company or higher education entity receiving state funds. Furthermore, this contract shall be accessible to all other entities as identified by Del. Code, Chapter 69, Title 29 § 6910.

### 3. MANDATORY USE CONTRACT

**REF: Title 29, Chapter 6911(d) Delaware Code.** All Covered Agencies as defined in 29 Del. C. § 6902(6) shall procure all material, equipment and nonprofessional services through the statewide contracts administered by Government Support Services, Office of Management and Budget. Delaware State University, Delaware Technical and Community College, school districts, and the Legislative Branch are specifically exempted from the requirements of this subchapter. In addition, the Delaware Transit Corporation is exempt from the entire procurement chapter. Pursuant to 29 Del. C. § 6904(l) and

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(n) respectively, the Department of Elections and the Board of Pension Trustees have certain exemptions from the procurement chapter which may or may not apply to this Request for Proposals.

**4. COOPERATIVE USE OF AWARD**

As a publicly competed contract awarded in compliance with 29 DE Code Chapter 69, this contract is available for use by other states and/or governmental entities through a participating addendum. Interested parties should contact the State Contract Procurement Officer identified in the contract for instruction. Final approval for permitting participation in this contract resides with the Director of Government Support Services and in no way places any obligation upon the awarded vendor(s).

**5. MULTIPLE SOURCE AWARD**

The Agency reserves the right to award this contract to more than one vendor pursuant to 29 *Del.C.* § 6926. Government Support Services reserves the right to reject any or all bids in whole or in part, to make multiple awards, partial awards, award by types, item by item, or lump sum total, whichever may be most advantageous to the State of Delaware.

**6. POTENTIAL CONTRACT OVERLAP**

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

**7. SUPPLEMENTAL SOLICITATION**

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

**8. CONTRACT PERIOD**

Each Vendor's contract shall be valid for one (1) year period from November 1, 2025 through October 31, 2026. Each contract may be renewed for three (3) one (1) year periods through negotiation between the Vendor and Government Support Services. Negotiation may be initiated no later than ninety (90) days prior to the termination of the current agreement.

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

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Activity	Due Date
RFP Availability to Vendors	Tuesday, June 24, 2025, by 12:00 a.m.
Written Questions Due No Later Than (NLT)	Tuesday, July 8, 2025, by 4:00 p.m.
Written Answers Due/Posted to Website NLT	Tuesday, July 22, 2025, by 4:00 p.m.
Proposals Due NLT	Tuesday, August 5, 2025, by 3:00 p.m.
Public Proposal Opening	Tuesday, August 5, 2025, 3:00 p.m.
Contract Award	Will occur within 90 days of bid opening

## C. INQUIRIES & QUESTIONS

The State of Delaware will allow written requests for clarification of this solicitation. All questions with regard to the interpretation of this solicitation, drawings, or specifications, or any other aspect of this solicitation must be received through the [online bid submission portal](#) by Tuesday, July 8, 2025, by 4:00 p.m. (local time), referencing the section, page number, text of passage being questioned, and the question. All questions will be answered in writing by Tuesday, July 22, 2025, by 4:00 p.m., with responses posted on <https://bids.delaware.gov> and <https://gss.bonfirehub.com/>.

## D. RFP DESIGNATED CONTACT

All requests, questions, or other communications about this solicitation shall be made in writing through the [online bid submission portal](#). Address all communications to the person listed below; communications made to other State of Delaware personnel or attempting to ask questions by phone or in person will not be allowed or recognized as valid and may disqualify the vendor. Vendors should rely only on written statements issued by the solicitation designated contact, through an addendum posted on <https://mmp.delaware.gov/Bids/> and <https://gss.bonfirehub.com/>. The designated contact for this solicitation is:

**Rhonda Figueroa**

## E. CONTACT WITH STATE EMPLOYEE

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

# II. SCOPE OF WORK

## A. OVERVIEW

The Vendor(s) shall provide all equipment, materials and labor to supplement the State of Delaware's need for as described in this Request for Proposals. The contract will require the Vendor(s) to cooperate with the ordering agency to ensure the State receives the most current state-of-the-art material and/or services.

## B. STATEMENT OF NEEDS

To provide Preventative Maintenance and additional repair services on all equipment items listed in this document and Appendix D. Preventative Maintenance plus repair services shall be defined as:

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Providing necessary labor, materials, supplies, including refrigerant, supervision and subcontracted services that will allow for the successful bidder(s) to maintain all covered equipment in prime operating condition, consistent with manufacturer's service recommendations. This includes repairing any failure of any magnitude, using OEM procedures and guidelines, OEM parts, and OEM recommended oils, seals, gaskets, supplies, etc.

**C. DETAILED REQUIREMENTS**

The technical requirements of this RFP are stated in Appendix A Scope of Work and Technical Specifications

**III. FORMAT FOR PROPOSAL**

**A. INTRODUCTION**

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

**B. PROPOSAL RESPONSE**

The 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 State of Delaware.

**D. CONCISE PROPOSALS**

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

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**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 Government Support Services.

**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. SAMPLES OR BROCHURES**

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

**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. RESERVED**

**L. PERFORMANCE BOND REQUIREMENT**

The Performance Bond requirement has been waived.

**M. SUBMITTING A PROPOSAL RESPONSE**

Solicitation responses must be submitted through the online bid submission portal at: <https://gss.bonfirehub.com/>. Refer to Appendix C Online Bid Submission Portal Instructions for specific instructions.

**N. PROPOSAL EXPIRATION DATE**

Prices quoted in the proposal shall remain fixed and binding on the bidder at least through October 31, 2026. Delaware reserves the right to ask for an extension of time if needed.

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**O. WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSALS**

Vendors will have the ability to withdraw their submissions up to the Submission Deadline in the [online bid submission portal](#).

**P. PROPOSAL MODIFICATIONS**

Vendors will have the ability to modify their submissions up to the Submission Deadline in the [online bid submission portal](#).

**Q. LATE PROPOSALS**

Proposals submitted after the specified date and time will not be accepted by the online bid submission portal. Evaluation of the proposals is expected to begin shortly after the proposal due date. To document compliance with the deadline, the proposal will be date and time stamped upon receipt within the online bid submission portal.

**R. ADDENDA TO THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)**

If it becomes necessary to revise any part of this RFP, revisions will be posted at <https://bids.delaware.gov/> and <https://gss.bonfirehub.com/>. By submitting a solicitation response to the State, 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 State 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 State of Delaware's Designated Contact, in writing, of such findings at least ten (10) days before the proposal opening. This will allow issuance of any necessary addenda. It will also help prevent the opening of a defective proposal and exposure of vendor's proposal upon which award could not be made. All unresolved issues should be addressed in the proposal.

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



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**V. EXCEPTIONS**

Respondents may elect to take minor exception to the terms and conditions of this solicitation through the completion of the Exceptions form. Government Support Services shall evaluate each exception according to the intent of the terms and conditions contained herein, but Government Support Services must reject exceptions that do not conform to State Bid law and/or create inequality in the treatment of Bidders. Exceptions shall be considered only if they are submitted with the response or before the date and time of the Bid opening.

Exceptions must be submitted utilizing the provided form to be considered. Exceptions listed elsewhere in the Respondent's submission will not be considered. Government Support Services 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 the provided Business Reference Form. If subcontractors are identified, a minimum of three business references must also be provided for each subcontractor.

PLEASE DO NOT UTILIZE STATE OF DELAWARE PERSONNEL AS REFERENCES.

**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 Non-Collusion Statement. The awarded vendor(s) will be presented with the contract form for signature and seal, if appropriate. Both documents shall be executed by a representative who has the legal capacity to enter the organization into a formal contract with Government Support Services.

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 302-734-6827.

**Y. SUBCONTRACTS**

Subcontracting is permitted under this RFP and contract. However, every subcontractor shall be identified in the Proposal, through the completion of the Subcontractor Form.

**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 solicitation response (response) will be treated as confidential during

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the evaluation process. As such, vendor responses will not be available for review by anyone other than the State of Delaware 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 fully executed contracts are received, the contents of all vendor responses 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 State respects the vendor community's desire to protect its intellectual property, trade secrets, and confidential business information (collectively referred to herein as "confidential business information"). Responses must contain sufficient information to be evaluated. Through the [online bid submission portal](#), vendors will submit two copies of their solicitation response. One shall be marked original containing the full solicitation response. The second shall be marked redacted copy, redacting those items the vendor is looking to mark confidential.

The redacted copy must include the completed confidentiality form describing the items redacted, representing in good faith that the information is not "public record" as defined by 29 Del. C. § 10002, and briefly stating the reasons that each redaction meets the said definitions.

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

#### **AA. ATTACHMENTS**

Sample Reports 1 – Monthly Usage Report  
Sample Reports 2 – Subcontracting (2<sup>nd</sup> Tier Spend) Report  
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#### **IV. PROPOSAL EVALUATION PROCEDURES**

##### **A. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**

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**1. STATE'S RIGHT TO REJECT PROPOSALS**

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

**2. STATE'S RIGHT TO CANCEL SOLICITATION**

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

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

**3. FORMAL CONTRACT AND/OR PURCHASE ORDER**

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

**4. PUBLIC OPENING OF PROPOSALS**

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

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

**5. DISQUALIFICATION OF VENDORS**

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

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

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

**6. AUTHORITY OF AGENCY**

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

**7. OR EQUAL (PRODUCTS BY NAME)**

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

**8. RESPONSIVENESS AND RESPONSIBILITY OF VENDOR**

Government Support Services shall award this contract to the most responsible and responsive vendor who best meets the terms and conditions of the proposal.

- a. Rejection of individual proposals. – A proposal may be rejected for 1 or more of the following reasons:
  - 1) The person responding to the solicitation is determined to be nonresponsive or non-responsible;
  - 2) It is unacceptable;
  - 3) The proposed price is unreasonable; or
  - 4) It is otherwise not advantageous to the State.
- b. Vendors whose proposals are rejected as non-responsive shall be notified in writing about the rejection.
- c. 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:
  - 1) The vendor's financial, physical, personnel or other resources, including subcontracts;
  - 2) The vendor's record of performance and integrity;
  - 3) Any record regarding any suspension or debarment;
  - 4) Whether the vendor is qualified legally to contract with the State;
  - 5) Whether the vendor supplied all necessary information concerning its responsibility; and
- d. If a vendor is determined to be non-responsible, the vendor shall be informed in writing.
- e. The State reserves the right to waive minor irregularities or request additional information before determining the responsiveness of the Vendor. All Vendors will be afforded the same or similar

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opportunities, as necessary, and will be treated with equal regard before such determinations are finalized.

## **B. PROPOSAL EVALUATION COMMITTEE**

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

The Committee reserves the right to:

- Select for contract or for negotiations a proposal other than that with lowest costs.
- Reject any and all proposals or portions of proposals received in response to this RFP or to make no award or issue a new RFP.
- Waive or modify any information, irregularity, or inconsistency in proposals received.
- Request modification to proposals from any or all vendors during the contract review and negotiation.
- Negotiate any aspect of the proposal with any vendor and negotiate with more than one vendor at the same time.
- Select more than one vendor pursuant to 29 *Del. C.* § 6926. Such selection will be based on the following criteria: The communicated ability of any one vendor to meet the needs of the entire State representative of the best value to the State

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

## **C. 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:

- Brief history of the organizations, including accreditation status, if applicable.
- Applicant's experience, if any, providing similar services. At least three references are required.
- Brief history of the subcontractor of the organization, if applicable. At least three references of subcontractor, if applicable.
- Financial information (balance sheets and income statements) for the past three years.
- Experience of the Service Technicians.
- Describe the methodology/approach used for this project including details of required service and turnaround time.
- The bidder should take special care to address all items under criteria and scoring section below.

## **D. CRITERIA AND SCORING**

	<b>EVALUATION CRITERIA</b>	<b>POINTS</b>
1.	Vendor Qualification - The qualifications and previous experience with similar contracts of this size (include government as well as private sector contracts). The background, experience, resources, reputation, and years in business.	30
2.	Service & Support - The ability to meet delivery requirements within time frame specified, and the understanding of problems that may occur; and how you plan to meet them. This also includes the stability of workforce. Do you have adequate number of employees?	25

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3.	Compliance with Specifications - Followed instructions and thoroughness of RFP response.	20
4.	Pricing - Overall price competitiveness	15
5.	References	10
	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.

**E. 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).

**F. REFERENCES**

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

**G. ORAL PRESENTATIONS**

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

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

**V. RESERVED**

**VI. DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL PROVISIONS**

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

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

**STATE:** The State of Delaware

**AGENCY:** State Agency as noted on cover sheet.

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

**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'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 Agency may increase or decrease the amount of any item as may be deemed necessary or expedient, during the period of the contract. Bidders shall recognize there are no guaranteed minimum contract quantities or values associated with this solicitation.

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- b. An increase or decrease in the quantity for any item is not sufficient ground for an increase or decrease in the unit price.
- c. Prior contract utilization may be viewed on the Delaware Open Data Portal <https://data.delaware.gov/>. The Government and Finance data sets provide Central Contract Line Item Spend by Fiscal Year among several additional data products. Past usage shall not be considered a guaranteed future volume.

## 2. SILENCE OF SPECIFICATIONS

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

## 3. EXAMINATION OF SPECIFICATIONS AND PROVISIONS

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

## 4. PRICES QUOTED

The prices quoted are those for which the material will be furnished F.O.B. Ordering Agency and include all charges that may be imposed during the period of the contract. **All prices 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 State 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 State of Delaware/Proposal Evaluation Committee or its designated agents. There shall be no disclosure of any vendor's information to a competing vendor prior to award of the contract.

The State of Delaware is a public agency as defined by state law, and as such, it is subject to the Delaware Freedom of Information Act, 29 Del. C. Ch. 100. Under the law, all the State of Delaware's records are public records (unless otherwise declared by law to be confidential) and are subject to inspection and copying by any person. Vendor(s) are advised that once a proposal is received by the



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

Vendor(s) shall not include any information in their proposal that is proprietary in nature or that they would not want to be released to the public. Proposals must contain sufficient information to be evaluated and a contract written without reference to any proprietary information. Responses must contain sufficient information to be evaluated. Through the online bid submission portal, vendors will submit two copies of their solicitation response. One shall be marked original containing the full solicitation response. The second shall be marked redacted copy, redacting those items the vendor is looking to mark confidential.

The redacted copy must include the completed confidentiality form describing the items redacted, representing in good faith that the information is not "public record" as defined by 29 Del. C. § 10002, and briefly stating the reasons that each redaction meets the said definitions.

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

## **6. LAWS TO BE OBSERVED**

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

## **7. APPLICABLE LAW AND JURISDICTION**

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

## **8. SEVERABILITY**

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

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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 Agency.
- b. The Vendor and the surety shall hold and save harmless the State of Delaware, the Agency, the Director, their Officers or Agents from any and all claims because of the use of such patented design, device, material, or process in connection with the work agreed to be performed under this contract.

**11. EMERGENCY TERMINATION OF CONTRACT**

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

**12. TAX EXEMPTION**

- a. In accordance with the Internal Revenue Service regulations, the State of Delaware is generally exempt from federal excise tax for communications, certain fuels, sales by manufacturers and the tax on heavy trucks, trailers, and tractors. More detail is included in IRS Publication 510 Excise Taxes located at <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p510.pdf>. Per IRS regulations, all exemption certificates must be specific to the vendor and the type of excise tax. If an exemption certificate is requested by a vendor, the Division of Accounting will work with the agency and vendor to complete the appropriate certificate. Such taxes shall not be included in prices quoted.
- b. Any material which is to be incorporated in the work or any equipment required for the work contemplated in the proposal may be consigned to the Agency. If the shipping papers show clearly that any such material is so consigned, the shipment will be exempt from the tax on the transportation of property under provisions of Section 3475 (b) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended by Public Law 180 (78<sup>th</sup> 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 State will generate a payment voucher upon receipt of an acceptable invoice from the vendor.

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#### **14. EQUALITY OF EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY ON PUBLIC WORKS**

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

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

#### **15. PRICES**

Prices and/or rates shall remain firm for the initial term of the contract, unless further negotiations are deemed necessary by the State.

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

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- 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 State is not prohibited from requesting a price reduction on those services or materiel during the initial term or any subsequent options that the State may agree to exercise.

If agreement is reached to extend this contract beyond the initial contract term, Government Support Services shall have the option of offering a determined price adjustment that shall not exceed available wage rates as determined by the Department of Labor regarding prevailing wage as determined.

## **18. SHIPPING TERMS**

FOB Destination, freight prepaid.

## **19. ELECTRONIC CATALOG**

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

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

- Electronic catalogs,
- 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, 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.

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

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

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

**22. WORK PERFORMED IN A STATE BUILDING**

Awarded Vendor(s) who have any employees carrying out any work related to the awarded contract at a State facility shall have those employees comply with any health mandate or policy issued by the State related to a pandemic or other State of Emergency issued by any State authority during the term of the awarded contract, including those that apply directly to State employees.

**23. ACA SAFE HARBOR**

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

The Common-law Employer Safe Harbor Exception under the ACA requires that an Additional Fee must be charged to those employees who obtain health coverage from the Vendor but does not state the required amount of the fee. The State requires that all Vendors shall identify the Additional Fee to obtain health coverage from the Vendor and delineate the Additional Fee from all other charges and fees. The Vendor shall identify both the Additional Fee to be charged and the basis of how the fee is applied (i.e. per employee, per invoice, etc.). The State will consider the Additional Fee and prior to award reserves the right to negotiate any fees offered by the Vendor. Further, the Additional Fee shall be separately

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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.

#### **24. FUNDING OUT or NON-APPROPRIATION**

In the event the General Assembly fails to appropriate the specific funds necessary to enter into or continue the contractual agreement, in whole or part, the agreement shall be terminated as to any obligation of the State requiring the expenditure of money for which no specific appropriation is available at the end of the last fiscal year for which no appropriation is available or upon the exhaustion of funds.

#### **25. MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS**

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

- a. 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 State 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 State. The certificate holder is as follows:

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600A S. Bay Road  
Dover, DE 19901-4604

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 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.

In no event shall the State of Delaware be named as an additional insured on any policy required under this agreement.

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

## **26. STATE OF DELAWARE BUSINESS LICENSE**

Prior to receiving an award, the successful Vendor shall either furnish the Agency with proof of State of Delaware Business Licensure or initiate the process of application where required. An application may be requested in writing to: Division of Revenue, Carvel State Building, P.O. Box 8750, 820 N. French Street, Wilmington, DE 19899 or by telephone to one of the following numbers: 302-577-8778. <http://revenue.delaware.gov/services/BusServices.shtml>

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

## **27. INDEMNIFICATION**

### **a. General Indemnification**

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

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**b. Proprietary Rights Indemnification**

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

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

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

**28. NON-PERFORMANCE**

In the event the Vendor does not fulfill its obligations under the terms and conditions of this contract, in addition to proceeding with termination of the contract, the ordering agency may terminate any individual orders in accordance with General Provisions, Item 51 below and purchase equivalent product on the open market. Regarding any such open market purchase, payment for any difference in cost or expense in excess of the contract prices for reasonably equivalent products or services herein shall be the responsibility of the Vendor and shall be submitted to the State no later than 30 days following the delivery of the State's invoice detailing the open market purchase. Under no circumstances shall monies be due the Vendor in the event open market products can be obtained below contract cost. Any monies charged to the Vendor may be deducted from an open invoice.

**29. FORCE MAJEURE; APPLICABILITY**

Neither the Vendor nor the State shall be held liable for non-performance under the terms and conditions of this Agreement due, but not limited to:

- a. Acts of God; labor disturbances; accidents; failure of a governmental entity to issue a permit or approval required for performance when the Contractor has filed proper and timely application with the appropriate government entity; civil disorders; acts of aggression; changes in any law or regulation adopted or issued by a governmental entity after the date of this Agreement; a court order; explosions; failure of utilities; material shortages;
- b. Diseases, plagues, quarantine, epidemics or pandemics;
- c. Federal, state, or local work or travel restrictions to control, mitigate, or reduce transmission of diseases, plagues, epidemics, or pandemics; or



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- d. The State's need to occupy, utilize, or repurpose an active or prospective work area due to diseases, plagues, quarantine, epidemics, pandemics, work or travel restrictions, and the need to control, mitigate, or reduce transmission of diseases, plagues, epidemics, or pandemics.

Each party shall notify the other in writing of any situation that may prevent performance under the terms and conditions of this contract within 2 business days of the party's knowledge of significant non-performance risk.

### **30. 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 State of Delaware. Additionally, they shall not utilize other Central Contracts to fulfill the requirements of their respective contract unless they are considered a "Covered Agency" as defined by Title 29 Chapter 69 of the State Procurement Code or otherwise permitted by law.

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

### **31. OPPORTUNITY BUYS**

The Director for the State of Delaware, Office of Management and Budget, Government Support Services can waive use of a central contract pursuant to 29 *Del. C.* § 6911I. A process has been developed to permit any vendor the opportunity to submit an Opportunity Buy offer to the State for goods and/or services for consideration despite the existence of a central contract. See [Opportunity Buy Flowchart](#). The Director will afford any vendor on an existing central contract an opportunity to match or to beat the Opportunity Buy offer made by a non-contracted vendor prior to a waiver being granted.

### **32. I FOUND IT CHEAPER**

Director for the State of Delaware, Office of Management and Budget, Government Support Services can waive use of a central contract pursuant to 29 *Del. C.* § 6911(e). A process has been developed to permit any State employee or Vendor to identify a lower price for material and or services for consideration despite the existence of a central contract. See [I Found It Cheaper Flowchart](#). The Director will afford any Vendor on an existing central contact an opportunity to match or to beat the I Found It Cheaper suggestion and if not matched or beaten, approve the purchase via a waiver.

### **33. REQUIRED REPORTING**

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

A complete and accurate Usage Report (Sample Report - 1) shall be furnished in an Excel format and submitted electronically, no later than the 15th (or next business day after the 15th day) of each month, detailing the purchasing of all items and/or services on this contract. The reports shall be completed in Excel format, using the template provided, and submitted as an attachment to

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[vendorusage@delaware.gov](mailto:vendorusage@delaware.gov), with a copy going to the contract officer identified as your point of contact. Submitted reports shall cover the full month (Report due by January 15<sup>th</sup> will cover the period of December 1 – 31.), contain accurate descriptions of the products, goods or services procured, purchasing agency information, quantities procured, and prices paid. Reports required monthly, including those with “no spend”. Any exception to this mandatory requirement or failure to submit complete reports, or in the format required, may result in corrective action, up to and including the possible cancellation of the award. Failure to provide the report with the minimum required information may also negate any contract extension clauses. Additionally, Vendors who are determined to be in default of this mandatory report requirement may have such conduct considered against them, in assessment of responsibility, in the evaluation of future proposals.

In accordance with [Executive Order 49](#), the State of Delaware is committed to supporting its diverse business industry and population. The successful Vendor will be required to accurately report on the participation by Diversity Suppliers which includes minority (MBE), woman (WBE), veteran owned business (VOBE), or service-disabled veteran owned business (SDVOBE) under this awarded contract. The reported data elements shall include but not be limited to; name of state contract/project, the name of the Diversity Supplier, Diversity Supplier contact information (phone, email), type of product or service provided by the Diversity Supplier and any minority, women, veteran, or service-disabled veteran certifications for the subcontractor (State OSD certification, Minority Supplier Development Council, Women's Business Enterprise Council, VetBiz.gov). The format used for Subcontracting 2nd Tier reporting is shown as Sample Report - 2.

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

### **34. 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, each State agency or other governmental entity shall be responsible for contacting the awarded vendor directly for all required resources. All consumables delivered by the Vendor and received by a State agency or other governmental entity, become the property of that State agency or entity. Orders may be accomplished by written purchase order, telephone, email, fax or computer on-line systems.

### **35. PURCHASE ORDERS**

Agencies that are part of the First State Financial (FSF) system are required to identify the contract number GSS25079-CHILL\_HVAC on all Purchase Orders (P.O.) and shall complete the same when entering P.O. information in the state's financial reporting system.

### **36. BILLING**

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

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Agencies 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.

### **37. METHOD OF PAYMENT**

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

### **38. 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 Agency 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 state exists. In all cases, the state 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 state, the Vendor must update its core list and maintain said list in a timely manner.

### **39. SCHEDULE FOR PERFORMANCE OF WORK**

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

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**40. VENDOR RESPONSIBILITY**

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

**41. VENDOR - OWNED RENTAL EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES REMOVAL**

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

**42. ENVIRONMENTAL PROCUREMENT REQUIREMENTS**

- a. 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](http://www.energystar.gov) for complete product specifications and updated lists of qualifying products.
- b. Green Products – third party certification of green products accepted from GSS w/approved green certification shall be offered wherever available in addition to or as a substitute for non-green products.
- c. Vendors shall report all green items procured during the monthly reporting period using the Usage Report that will be provided to the awarded Vendor(s).

Environmental Procurement Policies of the State shall determine acceptable consideration and credit for environmentally preferred products and services in the performance of this award. The State Environmental Procurement Policies may be found: [Environmentally Preferred Purchasing Policy](#)

**43. PERSONNEL, EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES**

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

**44. FAIR BACKGROUND CHECK PRACTICES**

Pursuant to 29 Del. C. [§ 6909B](#), the State does not consider the criminal record, criminal history, credit history or credit score of an applicant for state employment during the initial application process unless

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otherwise required by state and/or federal law. Vendors doing business with the State are encouraged to adopt fair background check practices. Vendors can refer to 19 *Del. C.* [§ 711\(g\)](#) for applicable established provisions.

#### **45. VENDOR BACKGROUND CHECK REQUIREMENTS**

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

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

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

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

Individual agency requesting services may require additional background checks and/or security clearance(s), depending on the nature of the services to be provided, the location(s) being accessed, or as a matter of law. This includes, but may not be limited to, background checks that are compliant with 31 *Del. C.* §309 and/or 16 *Del. C.* § 1141 or other applicable laws. The agency requesting service is responsible for notifying the vendor of any special requirements at the time-of-service request, including the applicability of 31 *Del. C.* §309 and/or 16 *Del. C.* § 1141 or other statutory requirements. The Vendor(s) shall be responsible for the background check requirements of any authorized Subcontractor providing service to the Agency's contract. The Vendor(s) shall be responsible for all costs associated with background check requirements. The access to and the provision of services by the Vendor or its agents may be withheld until background checks are completed and deemed accepted by the Agency requesting services.

#### **46. DRUG TESTING REQUIREMENTS FOR LARGE PUBLIC WORKS**

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

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

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

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**47. RESERVED**

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**49. 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 Agency 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.

**50. 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 State of Delaware and the Contractor 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.

**51. TERMINATION OF INDIVIDUAL ORDERS OR PURCHASE ORDERS**

As a central contract, the contract resulting from this RFP shall include individual orders from state agencies and other entities authorized by law to procure from this contract. The individual orders may be terminated as follows:

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

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- b. Termination for Convenience:** The Agency may terminate the P.O. at any time by giving written notice of such termination and specifying the effective date thereof, at least sixty (60) days before the effective date of such termination. In that event, all finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, surveys, drawings, models, photographs, reports, supplies, and other materials shall, at the option of the department, become its property and the Vendor shall be entitled to receive compensation for any satisfactory work completed on such documents and other materials which are usable to the Agency.
- c. Termination for Non-Appropriations:** In the event the General Assembly fails to appropriate the specific funds necessary to enter into or continue the contractual agreement, in whole or part, the agreement shall be terminated as to any obligation of the State requiring the expenditure of money for which no specific appropriation is available at the end of the last fiscal year for which no appropriation is available or upon the exhaustion of funds. This is not a termination for convenience and will not be converted to such.

## 52. TERMINATION OF CONTRACT

As a central contract, the contract resulting from this RFP may be terminated as follows by Government Support Services.

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

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

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

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

**54. 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.

**55. PUBLICATION, REPRODUCTION AND USE OF MATERIAL**

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

**56. 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.

**57. ASSIGNMENT OF ANTITRUST CLAIMS**

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

**58. TESTING AND INSPECTION**

The State of Delaware reserves the right to conduct any test or inspection it may deem necessary to



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insure equipment, materials and services conform to contract requirements.

**59. COVENANT AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES**

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

**60. GRATUITIES**

- a. If it is found, after notice and hearing, by the State that gratuities (in the form of entertainment, gifts, or otherwise) were offered or given by the Vendor or any agent of the State with a view toward securing a contract, or securing favorable treatment with respect to the awarding, amending, or the making of any determinations with respect to the performance of this contract, the State may, by written notice to the Vendor, terminate the right of the Vendor to proceed under this contract and/or may pursue such other rights and remedies provided by law or under this agreement; provided that the existence of the facts upon which the State makes such findings shall be in issue and may be reviewed in proceedings pursuant to the Remedies clause of this contract; and
- b. In the event this contract is terminated pursuant to subparagraph "a", the State shall be entitled (i) to pursue the same remedies against the Vendor, and (ii) to exemplary damages, as a penalty in addition to any other damages to which it may be entitled by law, in an amount which shall be not less than three, nor more than ten, times the costs incurred by the Vendor in providing any such gratuities to any such officer or employee. The amount of such exemplary damages shall be in the sole discretion of the State.

**61. 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.

**62. AUDIT ACCESS TO RECORDS**

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

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**63. IRS 1075 Publication (If Applicable)**

**a. Performance**

In performance of this contract, the Contractor agrees to comply with and assume responsibility for compliance by officers or employees with the following requirements:

- (1) All work will be performed under the supervision of the contractor.
- (2) The contractor and contractor's officers or employees to be authorized access to FTI must meet background check requirements defined in IRS Publication 1075. The contractor will maintain a list of officers or employees authorized access to FTI. Such list will be provided to the agency and, upon request, to the IRS.
- (3) FTI in hardcopy or electronic format shall be used only for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this contract. FTI in any format shall be treated as confidential and shall not be divulged or made known in any manner to any person except as may be necessary in the performance of this contract. Inspection or disclosure of FTI to anyone other than the contractor or the contractor's officers or employees authorized is prohibited.
- (4) FTI will be accounted for upon receipt and properly stored before, during, and after processing. In addition, any related output and products require the same level of protection as required for the source material.
- (5) The contractor will certify that FTI processed during the performance of this contract will be completely purged from all physical and electronic data storage with no output to be retained by the contractor at the time the work is completed. If immediate purging of physical and electronic data storage is not possible, the contractor will certify that any FTI in physical or electronic storage will remain safeguarded to prevent unauthorized disclosures.
- (6) Any spoilage or any intermediate hard copy printout that may result during the processing of FTI will be given to the agency. When this is not possible, the contractor will be responsible for the destruction of the spoilage or any intermediate hard copy printouts and will provide the agency with a statement containing the date of destruction, description of material destroyed, and the destruction method.
- (7) All computer systems receiving, processing, storing, or transmitting FTI must meet the requirements in IRS Publication 1075. To meet functional and assurance requirements, the security features of the environment must provide for the managerial, operational, and technical controls. All security features must be available and activated to protect against unauthorized use of and access to FTI.
- (8) No work involving FTI furnished under this contract will be subcontracted without the prior written approval of the IRS.
- (9) Contractor will ensure that the terms of FTI safeguards described herein are included, without modification, in any approved subcontract for work involving FTI.
- (10) To the extent the terms, provisions, duties, requirements, and obligations of this contract apply to performing services with FTI, the contractor shall assume toward the subcontractor all obligations,

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duties and responsibilities that the agency under this contract assumes toward the contractor, and the subcontractor shall assume toward the contractor all the same obligations, duties and responsibilities which the contractor assumes toward the agency under this contract.

(11) In addition to the subcontractor's obligations and duties under an approved subcontract, the terms and conditions of this contract apply to the subcontractor, and the subcontractor is bound and obligated to the contractor hereunder by the same terms and conditions by which the contractor is bound and obligated to the agency under this contract.

(12) For purposes of this contract, the term "contractor" includes any officer or employee of the contractor with access to or who uses FTI, and the term "subcontractor" includes any officer or employee of the subcontractor with access to or who uses FTI.

(13) The agency will have the right to void the contract if the contractor fails to meet the terms of FTI safeguards described herein.

**b. Criminal/Civil Sanctions**

(1) Each officer or employee of a contractor to whom FTI is or may be disclosed shall be notified in writing that FTI disclosed to such officer or employee can be used only for a purpose and to the extent authorized herein, and that further disclosure of any FTI for a purpose not authorized herein constitutes a felony punishable upon conviction by a fine of as much as \$5,000 or imprisonment for as long as 5 years, or both, together with the costs of prosecution.

(2) Each officer or employee of a contractor to whom FTI is or may be accessible shall be notified in writing that FTI accessible to such officer or employee may be accessed only for a purpose and to the extent authorized herein, and that access/inspection of FTI without an official need-to-know for a purpose not authorized herein constitutes a criminal misdemeanor punishable upon conviction by a fine of as much as \$1,000 or imprisonment for as long as 1 year, or both, together with the costs of prosecution.

(3) Each officer or employee of a contractor to whom FTI is or may be disclosed shall be notified in writing that any such unauthorized access, inspection or disclosure of FTI may also result in an award of civil damages against the officer or employee in an amount equal to the sum of the greater of \$1,000 for each unauthorized access, inspection, or disclosure, or the sum of actual damages sustained as a result of such unauthorized access, inspection, or disclosure, plus in the case of a willful unauthorized access, inspection, or disclosure or an unauthorized access/inspection or disclosure which is the result of gross negligence, punitive damages, plus the cost of the action. These penalties are prescribed by IRC sections 7213, 7213A and 7431 and set forth at 26 CFR 301.6103(n)-1.

(3) Additionally, it is incumbent upon the contractor to inform its officers and employees of the penalties for improper disclosure imposed by the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a. Specifically, 5 U.S.C. 552a(i)(1), which is made applicable to contractors by 5 U.S.C. 552a(m)(1), provides that any officer or employee of a contractor, who by virtue of his/her employment or official position, has possession of or access to agency records which contain individually identifiable information, the disclosure of which is prohibited by the Privacy Act or regulations established thereunder, and who knowing that disclosure of the specific material is so prohibited, willfully discloses the material in any manner to any person or agency not entitled to receive it, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and fined not more than \$5,000.

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(4) Granting a contractor access to FTI must be preceded by certifying that each officer or employee understands the agency's security policy and procedures for safeguarding FTI. A contractor and each officer or employee must maintain their authorization to access FTI through annual recertification of their understanding of the agency's security policy and procedures for safeguarding FTI. The initial certification and recertifications must be documented and placed in the agency's files for review. As part of the certification and at least annually afterwards, a contractor and each officer or employee must be advised of the provisions of IRC sections 7213, 7213A, and 7431 (see Exhibit 4, Sanctions for Unauthorized Disclosure, and Exhibit 5, Civil Damages for Unauthorized Disclosure). The training on the agency's security policy and procedures provided before the initial certification and annually thereafter must also cover the incident response policy and procedure for reporting unauthorized disclosures and data breaches. (See Section 10) For the initial certification and the annual recertifications, the contractor and each officer or employee must sign, either with ink or electronic signature, a confidentiality statement certifying their understanding of the security requirements.

**c. Inspection**

The IRS and the Agency, with 24 hour notice, shall have the right to send its inspectors into the offices and plants of the contractor to inspect facilities and operations performing any work with FTI under this contract for compliance with requirements defined in IRS Publication 1075. The IRS' right of inspection shall include the use of manual and/or automated scanning tools to perform compliance and vulnerability assessments of information technology (IT) assets that access, store, process or transmit FTI. Based on the inspection, corrective actions may be required in cases where the contractor is found to be noncompliant with FTI safeguard requirements.

**64. REMEDIES**

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

**65. SUBCONTRACTS**

Subcontracting is permitted under this RFP and contract. However, every subcontractor or reseller shall be identified in the Proposal (Subcontractor Form) and agreed to in writing by the State or as are specifically authorized in writing by the Agency during the performance of the contract. Any substitutions in or additions to such subcontractors, associates, or consultants will be subject to the prior written approval of the State.

The Vendor(s) shall be responsible for compliance by the subcontractor with all terms, conditions and requirements of the RFP and with all local, State and Federal Laws. The Vendor shall be liable for any noncompliance by any subcontractor. Further, nothing contained herein or in any subcontractor agreement shall be construed as creating any contractual relationship between the subcontractor and the State.

**66. AGENCY'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Agency shall:

- a. Examine and review in detail all letters, reports, drawings and other documents presented by the

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Vendor to the Agency and render to the Vendor in writing, findings and decisions pertaining thereto within a reasonable time so as not to delay the services of Vendor.

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

## **67. CONTRACT DOCUMENTS**

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

- Contract
- Request for Proposal
- Specifications or Scope of Work
- Definitions & General Provisions
- Proposal
- Purchase Order
- Special Instruction

## **68. ASSIGNMENT**

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

## **69. NOTICE**

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

**State of Delaware**

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600A S. Bay Road  
Dover, DE 19901-4604**

**70. VENDOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE POINT OF CONTACT**

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

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

**71. NO PRESS RELEASES OR PUBLIC DISCLOSURE**

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

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

**C. AWARD AND EXECUTION OF CONTRACT**

**1. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS**

The right is reserved to waive technicalities, to reject any or all bids, or any portion thereof, to seek new proposals, to proceed to do the work otherwise, or to abandon the work, if in the judgment of the Agency or its agent, the best interest of the State will be promoted thereby.

**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.

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**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 Government Support Services acting for all participating governmental entities.

**7. INFORMATION REQUIREMENT**

The successful Vendor's shall be required to advise and provide Government Support Services of the gross costs associated with this contract.

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**VII. PUBLIC BID OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT**

**CONTRACT NO. GSS25079-CHILL\_HVAC**

**Preventative Maintenance and Repair – Chiller and HVAC**

For anyone who wishes to witness the Bid opening they may do so:

- **In-Person**  
Tuesday, August 5, 2025, 3:00 p.m.  
Government Support Services  
600A South Bay Road  
Dover, DE 19901
- **Virtual**  
Tuesday, August 5, 2025, 3:00 p.m.  
Virtual Meeting Link: [Bid Opening Link](#)  
Meeting Number: 298 400 706 633  
Password: ZG3sB2T2

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 agency conducting the opening is required by law to publicly open the proposals at the time and place specified and the contract shall be awarded within ninety (90) days thereafter. The main purpose of the proposal opening is to reveal the name(s) of the Vendor(s), not to serve as a forum for determining the 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 agency in order to review pricing and other non-confidential information.

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



## Sample Reports 1 – Usage Reporting

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Completed reports shall be saved in an Excel format, and submitted to the following email address: [vendorusage@delaware.gov](mailto:vendorusage@delaware.gov)

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Sample Reports 2 – Tier 2 Reporting

**SAMPLE REPORT – FOR ILLUSTRATION PURPOSES ONLY**

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

**Note:** A copy of the current 2<sup>nd</sup> Tier Usage Report will be sent by electronic mail to the Awarded Vendor

Completed reports shall be saved in an Excel format, and submitted to the following email address: [vendorusage@delaware.gov](mailto:vendorusage@delaware.gov)



**The Office of Supplier Diversity (OSD) has moved to the  
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Supplier Diversity Certification Applications can be found here:  
[Certifications - Division of Small Business - State of Delaware](#)

Completed Applications can be emailed to: [OSD@Delaware.gov](mailto:OSD@Delaware.gov)

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

[Subscribe](#) to the OSD Mailing List

**New address for OSD:**

Carvel State Building  
820 N. French Street, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Wilmington, DE 19801

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

Email: [OSD@Delaware.gov](mailto:OSD@Delaware.gov)

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

**Dover address:**

**(Local applicants may drop off applications here)**

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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**Appendix A – SCOPE OF WORK AND TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS**

**I. GENERAL INFORMATION**

**A. SCOPE OF WORK DETAILS**

1. This solicitation is for the maintenance and repair of centralized HVAC systems and chillers within commercial, institutional, and government facilities. Covered services include, but are not limited to:
  - a. Chillers (routine servicing, component repairs, refrigerant management, efficiency optimization).
  - b. Boilers (inspections, cleaning, pressure regulation, burner maintenance).
  - c. Cooling towers (water treatment, mechanical repairs, structural integrity assessments).
  - d. Air handling units (filter changes, airflow adjustments, motor and belt inspections).
  - e. Ductwork and ventilation (cleaning, sealing, damage remediation).
  - f. Climate control systems (thermostats, sensors, and building management software troubleshooting).
2. Excluded Equipment - The following items are outside the scope of this contract unless explicitly requested:
  - a. Window-mounted or portable air conditioning units.
  - b. Space heaters or localized heating devices not connected to the primary HVAC system.
  - c. Mini-split systems (unless specifically included in agency requirements).
3. Contractors must ensure that all maintenance services align with industry standards, efficiency guidelines, and applicable regulatory codes.
4. Vendor Qualifications - Qualified vendors must demonstrate proven expertise in HVAC and chiller maintenance and repair for large-scale systems.
5. Preventative Maintenance
  - a. The awarded contractor(s) shall provide all necessary labor, parts, materials, supplies, supervision, and subcontracted services required to perform scheduled preventive and predictive maintenance.
  - b. Maintenance tasks must be carried out in accordance with:
    - Equipment history and operating hours.
    - OEM requirements and industry best practices.
  - c. Travel time and expenses are the sole responsibility of the contractor and will not be reimbursed. Minimum guidelines for maintenance expectations are provided within the solicitation.

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**6. Repair Service**

- a. All repair pricing must be pre-approved by the requesting agency before work begins. Each awarded vendor must coordinate with agencies to obtain cost approvals, which may vary between entities. For example:
  - OMB may pre-authorize repairs up to \$500, while amounts exceeding this must be quoted and approved.
  - Agencies will provide their specific pre-approval thresholds upon vendor request.
- b. Before conducting any repair work, the contractor must notify the agency representative or area supervisor.
- c. Work Order Requirements:
  - A detailed site-specific work order must outline all materials and services performed.
  - The contractor and agency representative must sign the work order for final acceptance.
  - The work order number must be provided with the invoice.
- d. Replacement parts required for routine preventive maintenance (as specified by OEM guidelines) are the vendor's responsibility. If additional repairs are identified during a maintenance visit, the technician must:
  - Notify the agency contact and provide details of the issue.
  - Submit a pricing quote for agency approval before proceeding with repairs.

**7. Emergency Service**

- a. The awarded contractor(s) shall provide emergency maintenance and repair services on an as-needed basis.
  - All labor, travel costs, parts, and supplies are the contractor's responsibility. Compensation is limited to labor time spent on repairs and approved replacement parts.
  - Travel time and expenses are not reimbursable under this contract.
- b. Emergency Response Time:
  - Service shall be available 24/7.
  - The contractor must arrive on-site within four (4) hours of an emergency service request.
  - If the contractor cannot respond within this timeframe or if the issue requires immediate action, state employees may take necessary steps to address the emergency.

**B. GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS**

**1. Hours of Service**

- a. DOC Locations: All service, including emergency call-in service, shall be performed Monday through Friday, between 7:00 AM and 3:00 PM.
- b. All Other Locations: All service, including emergency call-in service, shall be performed Monday through Friday, between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM.

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- c. Emergency repairs conducted outside regular business hours will be billed at the hourly rates specified in Appendix E.
- d. Response Times:
  - Emergency Calls: On-site response must occur within four (4) hours of notification.
  - Non-Emergency Requests: On-site response must occur within twenty-four (24) hours of notification.

**2. Technical Services Engineering Backup**

- a. The awarded service provider shall employ qualified technical personnel available at no additional charge to provide analysis, diagnostics, and predictive assessments of complex electrical or mechanical maintenance issues.
- b. The names and locations of personnel assigned to these tasks shall be submitted with the bid proposal.

**3. Agreement Extras**

- a. If inspections identify repairs beyond the scope of this agreement, the contractor must submit a written proposal detailing labor, parts, materials, and related expenses for approval.
- b. Agencies retain the right to solicit competitive pricing from other vendors if deemed necessary.
- c. If outside parties perform modifications or repairs on covered systems, the service contractor may conduct an inspection before continuing maintenance coverage.
- d. The service contractor must notify the agency in writing if corrections are needed before resuming service agreement coverage.
- e. Prior Approval Requirement:
  - All repair work beyond preventive maintenance requires written approval from the ordering agency.
  - Invoices must include an itemized breakdown of labor hours and materials used.

**4. Parts Availability**

- a. The contractor shall maintain access to routine expendable parts, yearly replacement parts, and multi-year replacement components recommended by the original equipment manufacturer (OEM).
- b. The contractor may either stock parts locally or maintain access to immediate delivery for unscheduled service needs.
- c. Emergency parts must be available within 24 hours at no additional cost to minimize equipment downtime.

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**5. Combustible Material Handling**

- a.** All combustible materials must be handled and stored in strict compliance with NFPA, state, and local safety codes and regulations.
- b.** Flammable liquids and loose dry products used on-site must remain covered at all times.

**6. Waste Oil Disposal**

- a.** The awarded contractor shall be solely responsible for the proper disposal of waste oil removed from covered equipment.
- b.** Environmental Compliance:
  - All disposals must adhere to DNREC (Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control) and EPA regulations.
  - All required tracking reports and manifests must be maintained to verify proper disposal procedures.
- c.** Proposal Requirement:
  - Bidders must include a description of their waste oil disposal method within their solicitation response.

**7. Special Reports**

- a.** The contractor must maintain detailed maintenance records and submit written service reports upon completion of inspections and repairs.
- b.** If an issue is discovered that may lead to a major failure or shutdown, it must be immediately reported to the designated agency contact for corrective planning.
- c.** DOC Locations:
  - A copy of the service report must be provided to the Facility Superintendent and the Facilities Maintenance Manager prior to invoicing.

**8. Refrigerant Status Reports**

Each time refrigerant is added or removed from any HVAC or refrigeration unit, the contractor must complete a Refrigerant Status Report in compliance with EPA guidelines.

- a.** One copy must be provided to the agency contact.
- b.** One copy must remain on-site near the unit.
- c.** The contractor must retain a record at their company office.

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**9. Training**

- a. Upon agency request, the contractor shall provide formal or informal training free of charge to educate personnel on equipment operation and diagnostics.
- b. Training requests must be reasonable in scope.

**10. Equipment Updates & Technological Improvements, the contractor shall:**

- a. Stay informed of product updates and technological advancements that could enhance agency operations and maintenance programs.
- b. Notify the agency when relevant improvements become available.

**11. Warranty**

- a. The awarded contractor guarantees that all service and repairs under this agreement shall be performed in a professional and workmanlike manner.
- b. Workmanship Guarantee:
  - Claims of defective workmanship must be submitted in writing before the contract termination date.
  - The contractor must correct any deficiencies at no additional cost to the agency.
- c. Parts & Components Warranty:
  - All parts provided under this agreement are warranted for one year from installation or until the contract termination date, whichever is earlier.
  - If a defect is found, the contractor must repair or replace affected components unless damage resulted from misuse, chemical exposure, or abuse.
- d. Exclusive Remedy:
  - The contractor's sole obligation shall be repair, replacement, or service of defective items.
- e. Third-Party Parts:
  - Any third party-supplied parts used by the contractor carry the same guarantee the contractor receives from their supplier.
  - Additional requested parts or services shall be subject to the contractor's Conditions of Sale.

**12. Agency Responsibilities**

- a. To facilitate timely service and repairs, the Division of Facilities Management shall:
  - Provide site access and necessary building services (water, elevators, dock facilities, electricity, local phone service).
  - Maintain clear access to equipment areas.
  - Promptly report unusual operating conditions.



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- Allow scheduled equipment shutdowns as needed for maintenance.
- Provide adequate water treatment to prevent scale buildup in equipment.
- Supply routine log readings for equipment operation.
- Maintain a dedicated telephone line for remote monitoring services, if applicable.
- Comply with Appendix G - DOC Security Requirements for facilities under Department of Corrections oversight.

**13. HVAC Job Titles**

- a. HVAC Technician: Responsible for the installation, maintenance, and repair of heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems. Tasks include diagnosing issues, replacing components, and ensuring optimal airflow.
- b. HVAC Assistant: Supports technicians with tools, materials, and basic tasks such as equipment transport, filter changes, and minor repairs.
- c. Service Technician: Specializes in system troubleshooting, emergency repairs, and performance optimization for HVAC equipment. Often responsible for urgent service calls.
- d. Apprentice Technician: Entry-level role where individuals train under experienced professionals to gain expertise in HVAC system operations, repair techniques, and compliance standards.

**14. Chiller Job Titles**

- a. Chiller Technician: Focuses on the maintenance, repair, and operation of chiller systems. This includes refrigerant management, pressure and temperature adjustments, leak detection, and efficiency tuning.
- b. Chiller Engineer: A more advanced role responsible for system diagnostics, performance optimization, and troubleshooting complex chiller issues. Often involved in technical analysis to enhance equipment longevity.
- c. Chiller Mechanic: Specializes in mechanical repairs and servicing of chiller components, such as compressors, evaporators, condensers, and pumps. Works closely with engineers and technicians.
- d. Refrigeration Technician: Oversees the operation and maintenance of refrigeration systems, including chillers, ensuring compliance with temperature regulations and environmental standards.

**II. Chiller Maintenance and Repair**

**A. Equipment**

A complete list of chillers and associated equipment covered under this contract is provided in Appendix D – Pricing – Chiller Maintenance. The State reserves the right to add or remove locations as necessary.

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**1. Chiller Maintenance Program – Reciprocating Equipment**

- a. Autumn System Check – Conducted annually in the fall, including a comprehensive preventive maintenance inspection.
- Check the unit thoroughly for refrigerant leaks – customer witness.
  - Meg test compressor motor, record temperature – customer witness.
  - Check and tighten all electrical terminals and check contacts for wear. Clean with approved contact cleaner – customer witness.
  - Check oil level in compressor and add as required.
  - Tighten motor terminals and control panel terminals.
  - Check crankcase heater for proper operation.
  - Check oil sample for acid prior to oil change – customer witness.
  - Report any uncorrected deficiencies noted.
  - Brush and visually inspect all condenser tubes, using a nylon brush after removing heads.
- b. Seasonal Start-up – To be completed by April 15.
- Functionality test and calibrate safety and operating controls per manufacturer's specifications – customer witness.
  - Start unit. Check control and calibrate.
  - Check refrigerant and oil levels and add as required. Provide materials, including Freon.
  - Check operation and refrigerant pressures.
  - Make complete operating log and record readings.
  - Check starter operation, voltage, and current.
  - Check external interlocks, flow switch, and pumps.
  - Set up operating log with operator, instruct and advise troubleshooting techniques.
- c. Scheduled Preventative Maintenance – Three inspections will be conducted during the operating season within seven calendar days of June 30, July 30, and August 30, including the following services:
- Make complete operating log and record proper operating temperatures, pressures, voltages and amperages.
  - Check and adjust operating and safety controls.
  - Check operation of crankcase heater.
  - Check compressor oil level and add as required.
  - Check operation of control circuit.
  - Check operating log with operator, discuss operation of the machine generally.
  - Check water/air flow of evaporator and condenser.
  - Check super heat – customer witness.
  - Check operation of all motors, starters and cooling tower fans.
  - Report to operator any uncorrected deficiencies noted.
- d. Written Reports – A report will be provided to the agency following each inspection or emergency call.
- e. Note: The agency will furnish adequate water treatment for the condenser and chilled water loops through a qualified water treatment firm.

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**2. Chillers Maintenance Program – Centrifugal Equipment**

- a. Annual Winter Maintenance - A comprehensive preventive maintenance schedule will be conducted annually, including:
- Replacement of all oil filters and disassembled gaskets.
  - Inspection and cleaning of the purge system, including the purge compressor, oil separator, drum, and condensing coil. Purge oil will be replaced as required, and the purge drum will be disassembled for thorough cleaning.
  - Electrical component check for wear or pitting of contacts.
  - Meg testing of the compressor motor with recorded temperature readings (customer witness required).
  - Starter maintenance, including dash-pot oil level checks, overload manual trips, terminal tightening, and contact cleaning (customer witness required).
  - Inspection and tightening of motor terminals and control panel connections.
  - Oil system maintenance, including cleaning the strainer, replacing filters and gaskets, and tightening oil heater leads.
  - Vane positioner operation check.
  - Annual oil change.
  - Cooling system maintenance, including starter cooling system checks and cleaning.
  - Condenser tube inspection, brushing, and cleaning after head removal (customer witness required before cleaning).
  - Oil sample testing for acidity (customer witness required).
  - Leak testing, with a written report submitted to the agency.
- b. Seasonal Start-Up (To Be Completed by April 15)
- Start-up and calibration to maintain a chilled water setpoint above 40°F.
  - Operating log completion, recording all settings.
  - Refrigerant and oil level check, with adjustments as needed, including material provision (e.g., refrigerant).
  - Purge unit operational check.
  - Starter diagnostics, including voltage and current testing.
  - Operator training, including log setup and troubleshooting guidance.
- c. Scheduled Preventative Maintenance - Three seasonal inspections will be conducted within seven calendar days of June 30, July 30, and August 30, including:
- Operating log documentation, recording temperatures, pressures, voltages, and amperages.
  - Purge vacuum pump oil replacement, when required.
  - Purge system operational check.
  - Control circuit assessment.
  - Lubrication system review, including oil pump and pressure regulator.
  - Motor and starter function testing.
  - Review of customer's log with the operator to discuss machine operation.
  - Deficiency reporting for uncorrected issues.
  - Safety and operational control adjustments.
  - Oil heater functionality check.
  - Compressor oil level assessment, with replenishment as required.
  - Water flow checks for evaporator and condenser systems.

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- Superheat evaluation.
- Motor, starter, and cooling tower fan operations check.
- d. Analysis Services - Diagnostic tests will be performed based on equipment type and duty. Reports will include interpretation and recommendations.
  - Annual oil sampling and analysis for wear metals, acidity, and moisture. Analysis reports will be submitted to the agency contact.
- e. Written Reports - reports will be provided to the agency representative following each inspection or emergency call.
- f. Water Treatment - adequate water treatment for the condenser and chilled water loops will be provided by the agency through a qualified water treatment firm.

**3. Chiller Maintenance Program – Screw Equipment**

- a. Annual Winter Maintenance – Conducted annually, including a comprehensive preventive maintenance inspection.
  - Replace all oil filters and all disassembled gaskets.
  - Detailed inspection of purge system and thorough cleaning of purge compressor, purge oil separator, purge drum, and purge condensing coil. Change purge oil as required. Disassemble purge drum.
  - Check condition of contacts for wear, pitting, etc.
  - Meg compressor motor. Record temperature readings – customer witness.
  - Check dash-pot oil in main starter and change when necessary. Manually trip over-loads, tighten all starter terminals and inspect contacts for wear. Clean with approved contact cleaner – customer witness.
  - Tighten motor terminals and control panel terminal.
  - Clean oil strainer; replace filter and gasket.
  - Tighten oil heater leads.
  - Check operation of vane positioner.
  - Change oil on an annual schedule.
  - Check and clean starter cooling systems.
  - Brush and visually inspect all condenser tubes, using a nylon brush, after removing heads. (Customer witness – prior to cleaning.)
  - Check oil sample for acid – customer witness.
  - Leak Testing (written report to agency).
- b. Seasonal Start-up – To be completed by April 15.
  - Start machine. Check controls and calibrate to ensure minimum chilled water set point stays above 40F.
  - Complete operating log and record settings.
  - Check refrigerant and oil levels, adjust as necessary, provide materials, including refrigerant.
  - Check purge unit for proper operation.
  - Check starter operation, voltage and current.
  - Set up operating log with operator, instruct and advise troubleshooting techniques.

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- c. Scheduled Preventative Maintenance – Three inspections will be conducted during the operating season within seven calendar days of June 30, July 30, and August 30, including the following services:
- Change oil in purge vacuum pumps when required.
  - Check operation of purge system.
  - Check operation of control circuit.
  - Check operation of lubrication system including oil pump and oil pressure regulator.
  - Check operation of motor and starter.
  - Check customer's log with operator, discuss operation of the machine generally.
  - Report to operator any uncorrected deficiencies noted.
  - Check and adjust operating and safety controls.
  - Check operation of oil heater.
  - Check compressor oil level and add as required.
  - Check water flow of evaporator and condenser.
  - Check super heat.
  - Check operation of all motors, starters, and cooling tower fans.
- d. Analysis Services – Diagnostic tests will be performed based on equipment duty and type. Reports will include analysis, interpretation, and recommendations.
- Oil sample and analysis for wear metals, acid content and moisture. Samples to be taken one (1) time per year. Copies of analysis will be submitted to agency contact.
- e. Written Reports – A report will be provided to the agency following each inspection or emergency call.
- f. Note: The agency will furnish adequate water treatment for the condenser and chilled water loops through a qualified water treatment firm.

#### **4. Eddy Current Testing**

- a. Testing Schedule – Eddy Current testing will be performed every five (5) years, during a scheduled preventative maintenance visit.
- b. Standards – Testing must adhere to OEM standards.
- c. Pricing – Costs for Eddy Current testing will be listed as a separate line item for each identified piece of equipment/location.

#### **5. Cooling Tower Maintenance Program**

All cooling tower maintenance shall comply with OEM standards.

- a. Spring Start-Up – Completed before seasonal start-up services.
- Lock out tag out equipment
  - Drain tower sump
  - Pull strainers on condenser pumps and inspect
  - Pull and clean strainer in sump

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- Reinstall sump strainer before pressure washing
- Pressure wash tower with cleaner to kill any microbial or biological growth
- Pull drift eliminators and clean
- Lube all bearings
- Grease sliding motor base
- Inspect and change belts if necessary
- Inspect float switch
- Inspect sump heater
- Inspect temperature probe
- Inspect and clean electronic water level control
- Inspect and tighten all electrical connections including motor
- Fill tower back up
- Run condenser or spray pumps to inspect spray heads
- Replace or clean out spray heads as necessary
- Reinstall drift eliminators
- Turn on condenser or spray pumps and tower fan and check amperage on fan motor

b. Winterization – Scheduled by the agency as an optional service.

#### **6. Additional Equipment and Services**

Awarded vendors may be requested to provide pricing for additional maintenance or repairs related to chillers, cooling towers, and their systems. Approved pricing requests will be incorporated into the State Contract via an official addendum.

### **III. HVAC Maintenance and Repair**

#### **A. Preventative Maintenance Schedule**

##### **1. Monthly Maintenance**

- Inspect, clean, and replace air filters as necessary.
- Check system controls for proper operation.
- Lubricate all moving components to prevent excessive wear.
- Perform electrical system checks, including connection integrity and voltage levels, to minimize potential failures.

##### **2. Quarterly Maintenance**

- Conduct deep cleaning of coils to maintain efficiency.
- Inspect belts and pulleys for wear or misalignment.
- Test thermostat functionality to ensure accurate temperature control.
- Verify refrigerant levels and make necessary adjustments.
- Inspect ductwork for debris or leaks to optimize airflow and system performance.

##### **3. Annual Maintenance**

- Perform a comprehensive system inspection, including detailed cleaning of condensers and evaporators.
- Check and calibrate all system controls and sensors for accuracy.

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- Test safety controls and connection terminals to ensure secure and reliable operation.

## **2. Additional Equipment and Services**

Awarded vendors may be requested to provide pricing for additional HVAC-related maintenance or repairs. Approved pricing requests will be incorporated into the State Contract through an official addendum.

## **IV. Intent to Load Contract Award in State eMarketplace Solution**

Upon award, this contract will be loaded into the State's eMarketplace solution as a Request for Information contract.

As an **informational** contract, a contract profile will be developed by Government Support Services. This profile will enable end users to see search results that include these contracts. Additionally, these profiles will provide shoppers with details on how to place orders for the goods and services associated with the contract outside of eMarketplace.

The failure and/or inability to comply with the eMarketplace requirement(s) may subject the awarded vendor to corrective action, up to and possibly including termination of the contract.

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**Appendix B – REQUIRED VENDOR FORMS**

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**Appendix C – ONLINE BID SUBMISSION PORTAL INSTRUCTIONS**

Appendix C is a separate file found on [mymarketplace.delaware.gov](https://mymarketplace.delaware.gov) and <https://gss.bonfirehub.com/>. This appendix contains instructions on how to structure your solicitation response and the forms that are to be completed and submitted through the [online bid submission portal](#).

**Appendix D – PRICING – CHILLER MAINTENANCE (BT-26UY)**

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**Appendix E – PRICING – HVAC MAINTENANCE AND LABOR (BT-03DL)**

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**Appendix F – PRICING – LABOR RATES (BT-56KT)**

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**Appendix G - DOC SECURITY REQUIREMENTS**

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**Appendix H – CENTRAL CONTRACTS RELATED TO PUBLIC WORKS**

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**Appendix I – PREVAILING WAGE RATES**

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**QUESTIONNAIRE (Q-02GO)**

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