



National Association of State Procurement Officials

INTENT TO PARTICIPATE

**NASPO Cooperative Contracts for
MAILING EQUIPMENT**

Lead by the State of Arizona

By the State of

(hereinafter Participating State)

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I. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Agreement is to provide the members of the National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO) Cooperative with the opportunity to indicate their intent to participate in multi-state cooperative contracts for mailing equipment. These contracts are being lead by the State of Arizona. These contracts will combine the existing WSCA and NASPO contracts into a single, unified contract covering the entire range of mailing equipment and related products.

These contracts will be titled: WSCA/NASPO Mailing Equipment contracts.

II. SCOPE OF THE CONTRACT(S)

The Lead State is authorized by agreement of the participants to act as the procurement officer in developing multi-state cooperative contracts for mail equipment. The resulting contracts will be permissive contracts.

Administrative Fee

A NASPO administrative fee of one-half of one percent (0.5%) will be assessed centrally for purchases under the contract.

Participating State may have their administrative fee (if any) in the solicitation, if you provide documentation of your administrative fee and process for paying that fee.

Individual states may optionally add their administrative fee (if any) when the state executes its Participating Addendum.

III. TERM OF THE CONTRACT

The initial contract will be established for three (3) years from date of award, with renewal contract extension options for a total potential contract of five (5) years.

IV. SOLICITATION AND CONTRACT DEVELOPMENT/ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Solicitation and contract development shall be accomplished in compliance with the NASPO Agreement of Understanding, incorporated herein by reference.

Solicitation Publication Period

Bidders/offerors will be given over 30 days after publication to submit proposals.



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Solicitation Type and Evaluation Criteria

This RFP will be issued and evaluated in concert with the procurement laws and rules of the Lead State by a sourcing team composed of members from several states.

Award(s): The solicitation will permit multiple awards.

Additional Requested Information

State Specific Terms and Conditions: If the Participating State wishes to include any State specific terms and conditions with the release of this RFP, please attach those to this Intent to Participate. Vermont forms attached:

- Additional Terms and Conditions to the NASPO Terms and Conditions for Cooperative Procurements*
- Attachment D – Commodity Purchases Terms and Conditions*
- Certificate of Compliance*
- Offshore Outsourcing Questionnaire*
- Environmental Information Form*
- Towns and Schools Questionnaire*

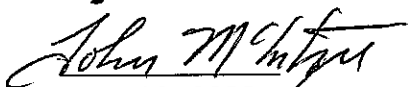
Annual Estimated Volume: Please indicate your estimated annual volume of potential purchase under this proposed contract. \$ 150,000.00

SIGNATURE

State of VERMONT

John McIntyre
Purchasing Agent

Signature


Feb. 23, 2011

State of Vermont
Additional Terms and Conditions to the NASPO Terms and Conditions and Required Forms
Cooperative Procurements

1. **Confidentiality:** The successful response will become part of the contract file and will become a matter of public record as will all other responses received. If the response includes material that is considered by the bidder to be proprietary and confidential under 1 VSA, Chapter 5, the bidder shall clearly designate the material as such, explaining why such material should be considered confidential. The bidder must identify each page or section of the response that it believes is proprietary and confidential with sufficient grounds to justify each exemption from release, including the prospective harm to the competitive position of the bidder if the identified material were to be released. Under no circumstances can the entire response or price information be marked confidential. Responses so marked may not be considered.
2. **Appropriations:** If this contract extends into more than one fiscal year of the State (July 1 to June 30), and if appropriations are insufficient to support this contract, the State may cancel at the end of the fiscal year, or otherwise upon the expiration of exiting appropriation authority.
3. **Independence, Liability:** The Contractor will act in an independent capacity and not as officers or employees of the State.

The Contractor shall defend the State and its officers and employees against all claims or suits arising in whole or in part from any act or omission of the Contractor or of any agent of the Contractor. The State shall notify the Contractor in the event of any such claim or suit, and the Contractor shall immediately retain counsel and otherwise provide a complete defense against the entire claim or suit.

After a final judgment or settlement the Contractor may request recoupment of specific defense costs and may file suit in Washington Superior Court requesting recoupment. The Contractor shall be entitled to recoup costs only upon a showing that such costs were entirely unrelated to the defense of any claim arising from an act or omission of the Contractor.

The Contractor shall indemnify the State and its officers and employees in the event that the State, its officers or employees become legally obligated to pay any damages or losses arising from any act or omission of the Contractor.

4. **Insurance:** Before commencing work on this contract the contractor must provide certificates of insurance to show that the following minimum coverages are in effect. It is the responsibility of the contractor to maintain current certificates of insurance on file with the state through the term of the contract.

Workers Compensation: With respect to all operations performed, the contractor shall carry workers' compensation insurance in accordance with the laws of the State of Vermont.

General Liability and Property Damage: With respect to all operations performed under the contract, the contractor shall carry general liability insurance having all major divisions of coverage including, but not limited to:

Premises - Operations
Products and Completed Operations
Personal Injury Liability
Contractual Liability

The policy shall be on an occurrence form and limits shall not be less than:

\$1,000,000 Per Occurrence
\$1,000,000 General Aggregate
\$1,000,000 Products/Completed Operations Aggregate
\$ 50,000 Fire/ Legal/Liability

Contractor shall name the State of Vermont and its officers and employees as additional insureds for liability arising out of this contract.

Automotive Liability: The contractor shall carry automotive liability insurance covering all motor vehicles, including hired and non-owned coverage, used in connection with the contract. Limits of coverage shall not be less than: \$1,000,000 combined single limit.

Contractor shall name the State of Vermont and its officers and employees as additional insureds for liability arising out of this contract.

No warranty is made that the coverages and limits listed herein are adequate to cover and protect the interests of the contractor for the contractor's operations. These are solely minimums that have been established to protect the interests of the State.

5. **Set Off:** The State may set off any sums which the Contractor owes the State against any sums due the Contractor under this contract; provided, however, that any set off of amounts due the State of Vermont as taxes shall be in accordance with the procedures more specifically provided hereinafter.
6. **No Gifts or Gratuities:** Contractor shall not give title, or possession of anything of substantial value (including property, currency, travel and/or education programs) to any officer or employee of the State during the term of this contract.
7. **Certification for apparel, footwear, and textiles (sweatshop prohibition):** Before commencing work on this contract, the contractor must provide certification from each supplier that meets the requirements of 29 V.S.A. §922(a) as well as a list of the names and addresses of each supplier, as required by 29 V.S.A. §922(b). Contractor certifies that if, at any time during the contract period, there are changes to the information in the certification or to the list of suppliers the contractor will promptly inform the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services of such changes.

State of Vermont
ATTACHMENT D: Commodity Purchases Terms and Conditions

1. **Statement of Rights:** The State of Vermont reserves the right to obtain clarification or additional information necessary to properly evaluate a proposal. Vendors may be asked to give a verbal presentation of their proposal after submission. Failure of vendor to respond to a request for additional information or clarification could result in rejection of that vendor's proposal. To secure a project that is deemed to be in the best interest of the State, the State reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids, in whole or in part, with or without cause, and to waive technicalities in submissions. The State also reserves the right to make purchases outside of the awarded contracts where it is deemed in the best interest of the State.
2. **Responses:** Responses must be submitted on, or in accordance with, forms or format requirements provided by the Office of Purchasing & Contracting. Prices and all other information entered on the quote, except signature of vendor, should be typed or printed for legibility. ALL SUBMISSIONS MUST BE SIGNED.
3. **Prices:** Unless otherwise stated, prices are net and no charge for packing, shipping, or for any other purpose will be allowed over and above the price quoted. Prices quoted for printing are to include printing, binding, wrapping, and packaging. All prices are delivered F.O.B. destination, unless otherwise stated.
4. **Taxes:** Most state purchases are not subject to federal or state sales or excise taxes and must be invoiced tax free. An exemption certificate will be furnished upon request covering taxable items. The contractor agrees to pay all Vermont taxes which may be due as a result of this order. If taxes are to be applied to the purchase it will be so noted in the response.
5. **Order of Precedence:** The order of precedence for documentation will be the State of Vermont Standard Contract Form and attachments, the bid document and any amendments, and the vendor's response and any amendments.
6. **Substitution:** Unless otherwise stated, vendors may offer substitutes to items identified by a manufacturer's number or brand. When offering a substitution, vendor must describe any differences and provide technical information that will assist in the evaluation. After an award is made, substitutions are not acceptable unless authorized in writing by the Office of Purchasing & Contracting.
7. **Specification Change:** Any changes or variations in the specifications must be received in writing from the Office of Purchasing & Contracting. Verbal instructions or written instructions from any other source are not to be considered.
8. **Method of Award:** Awards will be made under the provisions of 29 V.S.A. § 903. The State may award one or more contracts and reserves the right to make additional awards to other compliant bidders at any time during the first year of the contract if such award is deemed to be in the best interest of the State. All other considerations being equal, preference will be given to resident bidders of the State and/or to products raised or manufactured in the State.
9. **Default:** In case of default of the contractor, the State may procure the materials or supplies from other sources and hold the contractor responsible for any excess cost occasioned thereby, provided, that if public necessity requires the use of materials or supplies not conforming to the specifications they may be accepted and payment therefore shall be made at a proper reduction in price.
10. **Cancellation:** The State specifically reserves the right to cancel the contract or any portion thereof providing, in the opinion of its Commissioner of Buildings and General Services, the services or materials supplied by the contractor are not satisfactory or are not consistent with the terms of the contract.
11. **Delivery:** Responsibility for product delivery remains with the contractor until the product is properly delivered and signed for in accordance with the Office of Purchasing & Contracting terms and conditions. Shipments shall be securely and properly packed, according to accepted commercial practices, without extra charge for packing cases or other containers. Such containers will remain the property of the State unless otherwise stated. Delivered goods that do not conform to the specifications or are not in good condition upon receipt shall be replaced promptly by the contractor.
12. **Invoicing:** All invoices are to be rendered by the Contractor on the vendor's standard bill-head and forwarded directly to the institution or agency ordering materials or services.

13. **Non Collusion:** The State of Vermont is conscious of and concerned about collusion. It should therefore be understood by all that in signing bid and contract documents they agree that the prices quoted have been arrived at without collusion and that no prior information concerning these prices has been received from or given to a competitive company. If there is sufficient evidence to warrant investigation of the bid/contract process by the Office of the Attorney General, all bidders should understand that this paragraph might be used as a basis for litigation.
14. **Amendments:** No changes, modifications, or amendments in the terms and conditions of this contract shall be effective unless reduced to writing, numbered, and signed by the duly authorized representative of the State and Contractor.
15. **Confidentiality:** The successful response will become part of the contract file and will become a matter of public record as will all other responses received. If the response includes material that is considered by the bidder to be proprietary and confidential under 1 VSA, Chapter 5, the bidder shall clearly designate the material as such, explaining why such material should be considered confidential. The bidder must identify each page or section of the response that it believes is proprietary and confidential with sufficient grounds to justify each exemption from release, including the prospective harm to the competitive position of the bidder if the identified material were to be released. Under no circumstances can the entire response or price information be marked confidential. Responses so marked may not be considered.
16. **Certification for apparel, footwear, and textiles (sweatshop prohibition):** Before commencing work on this contract, the contractor must provide certification from each supplier that meets the requirements of 29 V.S.A. §922(a) as well as a list of the names and addresses of each supplier, as required by 29 V.S.A. §922(b). Contractor certifies that if, at any time during the contract period, there are changes to the information in the certification or to the list of suppliers the contractor will promptly inform the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services of such changes.

RFP:
DATE:

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

This form must be completed in its entirety and submitted as part of the response for the proposal to be considered valid.

TAXES: Pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 3113, bidder hereby certifies, under the pains and penalties of perjury, that the company/individual is in good standing with respect to, or in full compliance with a plan to pay, any and all taxes due to the State of Vermont as of the date this statement is made. A person is in good standing if no taxes are due, if the liability for any tax that may be due is on appeal, or if the person is in compliance with a payment plan approved by the Commissioner of Taxes.

INSURANCE: Bidder certifies that the company/individual is in compliance with, or is prepared to comply with, the insurance requirements as detailed in Section 7 of Attachment C: Standard State Contract Provisions. Certificates of insurance must be provided prior to issuance of a contract and/or purchase order. If the certificate(s) of insurance is/are not received by the Office of Purchasing & Contracting within five (5) days of notification of award, the State of Vermont reserves the right to select another vendor. Please reference the RFP and/or RFQ # when submitting the certificate of insurance.

CERTIFICATION FOR APPAREL, FOOTWEAR, AND TEXTILES (SWEATSHOP PROHIBITION): Bidder certifies that the company/individual is in compliance with the requirements as detailed in Section 16 of Attachment D: Commodity Purchases Terms and Conditions. The contractor must provide certification from each supplier that meets the requirements of 29 V.S.A. §922(a) as well as a list of the names and addresses of each supplier, as required by 29 V.S.A. §922(b). Contractor certifies that if, at any time during the contract period, there are changes to the information in the certification or to the list of supplier the contractor will promptly inform the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services of such changes. The state reserves the right to ask for additional information and / or certifications any time during the contract period. Failure of the vendor to comply with any provision of this certification will be considered a default of the vendor's contract obligations.

CONTRACT TERMS: The undersigned hereby acknowledges and agrees to State of Vermont additional Terms and Conditions to the NASPO Terms and Conditions and Required Forms for Cooperative Procurements, and Attachment D: Commodity Purchases Terms and Conditions.

TERMS OF SALE: The undersigned agrees to furnish the products or services listed at the prices quoted. The Terms of Sales are Net 30 days from receipt of service or invoice, whichever is later. Percentage discounts may be offered for prompt payments of invoices, however such discounts must be in effect for a period of 30 days or more in order to be considered in making awards.

FORM OF PAYMENT: Would you accept the Visa Purchasing Card as a form of payment? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Insurance Certificate(s): _____

Will provide upon notification of award _____

Delivery Offered: _____ days after notice of award

Terms of Sale: _____
(If Discount)

Quotation Valid for: _____ days

Date: _____

Name of Company: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

Fax Number: _____

Telephone: _____

E-Mail: _____

By: _____
Signature (Bid Not Valid Unless Signed)

Name: _____
(Type or Print)

All returned quotes and related documents must be identified with our request for quote number.

Offshore Outsourcing Questionnaire

Vendors must indicate whether or not any services are or will be performed in a country other than the United States. Indicate N/A if not applicable.

Services:

Proposed Service to be Outsourced	Bid Total	Offshore Dollars	Represents what % of total Contract Dollars	Outsourced Work Location (Country)	Subcontractor

If any or all of the services are or will be outsourced offshore, Vendors are required to provide a cost estimate of what the cost would be to provide the same services onshore and/or in Vermont.

Proposed Service to be Outsourced	Bid Total if provided Onshore	Bid Total if provided in Vermont	Cost Impact	Onshore Work Location	Subcontractor

Name of Bidder: _____

Signature of Bidder: _____

Date _____

ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION FORM
June 1, 2008

RECYCLED MATERIALS OR PRODUCTS:

All bidders are to complete the following information in reference to each item being quoted. Additional pages may be used if necessary.

ITEM #	BRAND/MANUFACTURER	% OF RECYCLED CONTENT	% POST CONSUMER CONTENT

MERCURY CONTENT CERTIFICATION:

The undersigned hereby certifies that none of the items quoted in this RFQ/RFP and any contract issued as a result contain mercury except as identified below. Bidders shall also specify the amount of mercury contained in any of the products listed below. Additional pages may be used if necessary.

ITEM	PART #	MERCURY CONTENT

Name of Bidder:

Signature of Bidder:

Date:

TOWNS AND SCHOOLS QUESTIONNAIRE

PROVISIONS FOR THE PURCHASE OF SUPPLIES, MATERIALS, AND EQUIPMENT FOR TOWNS, SCHOOLS, POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, AND INDEPENDENT COLLEGES¹ OF THE STATE OF VERMONT

The Office of Purchasing & Contracting keeps a current file of the contracts that are available to the political subdivisions and colleges. We are continually interested in expanding this file and would appreciate a positive response to the following questions:

1. Will you furnish these products and services to the political subdivisions of the State of Vermont at the same prices, terms and conditions as you quoted in this response? Yes _____ No _____

If no, kindly outline below the prices, terms, and conditions under which you will agree to supply these needs.

2. Will you furnish these products and services to the independent colleges of the State of Vermont at the same prices, terms and conditions as you quoted in this response? Yes _____ No _____

If no, kindly outline below the prices, terms, and conditions under which you will agree to supply these needs.

It should be noted that if you agree to extend these contract terms and prices to the political subdivisions or to independent colleges, all such items furnished will be billed directly to and paid for by the political subdivision or college and neither the State of Vermont, nor its Commissioner of Buildings and General Services, personally or officially, assumes any responsibility.

RESPONSE TITLE:

FIRM NAME:

DATE:

BY:

¹Independent Colleges are "any institution of higher education chartered in VT and accredited or holding a certificate of approval from the State Board of Education."