



COLORADO
Department of Public
Health & Environment

Request for Proposal (RFP)

Technical Specifications and Administrative Information

Laboratory Services Division

Laboratory Janitorial Services
RFP # 2021000068

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I. BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

A. Background

The Laboratory Services Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) serves as the safety and guard by providing critical services and specialized expertise to protect the health and environment for all of Colorado. The state laboratory provides critical testing to ensure the optimal health and welfare for the residents of Colorado.

B. Purpose

The purpose of this Request for Proposal (RFP) is to solicit responses for a Janitorial Service for the Laboratory Services Division state laboratory at 8100 Lowry Blvd, Denver, CO 80230.

Janitorial services are vital for a facility that performs testing and services such as the testing of water, newborn blood spot screening, rabies, bacteria and virus, emergency preparedness, evidential breath alcohol and food and milk. Maintaining a clean environment is critical to ensure that the laboratory is free from clutter and debris. This not only improves safety but can also prevent unwanted ingredients from sneaking into the substances and impacting the results of critical testing.

II. SOLICITATION SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES:

	Solicitation Activity	Time	Date
1.	Solicitation Published on Colorado VSS System www.colorado.gov/vss	N/A	9/29/2020
2.	Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting	10:00 AM MST	10/8/2020
3.	Prospective Offeror's written inquiry deadline. Submit all inquiries by email to Kristi Gamble @ kristi.gamble@state.co.us. (No Questions will be accepted after this Date/Time)	2:00 PM MST	10/12/2020
4.	Answers to written inquiries published on Colorado VSS at www.colorado.gov/vss	2:00 PM MST	10/19/2020
5.	Proposal submission deadline	2:00 PM MST	11/2/2020
6.	Evaluation Period		Week of 11/9/2020
7.	Oral Interviews (If required)	Estimated	Week of 11/23/2020
8.	Contract Effective Date		2/1/2021

III. PROPOSAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

A. INVITATION TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS:

All State solicitation notices are posted on the VSS system. Offerors who have an interest may submit a proposal in accordance with the terms of this solicitation. **Offeror must be registered with the State of Colorado's VSS web site www.colorado.gov/vss by the proposal submission due date and time.**

1. SCOPE

This solicitation contains instructions governing the proposal to be submitted and the material to be included therein, mandatory requirements which must be met to be eligible for consideration; and other requirements to be met by each proposal.

2. MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING

To ensure sufficient information is available to organizations preparing submittals, a mandatory pre-submittal walkthrough has been scheduled. The intent of this conference is to tour the site and to have CDPHE staff available to discuss the project. All bidders are required to have a representative at this meeting. There will be a mandatory sign-in and project description followed by a tour of the project site. Please email Kristi.gamble@state.co.us by 2:00 PM MST on October 7, 2020 to register for the meeting. The meeting will be held at:

Laboratory Services Division
8100 Lowry Blvd
Denver, Colorado 80230

Thursday, October 8, 2020 at 10:00am

B. SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS:

Proposals must be received on or before the due date and time as indicated in the Schedule of Activities. Late proposals will not be accepted.

1. It is the responsibility of the Offeror to ensure that its proposal is received by the CDPHE Purchasing and Contracts Unit at the location listed in these instructions on or before the due date and time. Offerors mailing their proposals must allow sufficient mail delivery time to ensure receipt of their proposals by the time specified. The proposal package shall be delivered or sent by mail to:

Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment
Purchasing and Contracts Unit
Mail Room (B1)
4300 Cherry Creek Drive South
Denver, CO. 80246-1530
Attention: Kristi Gamble, Purchasing Agent

2. Each submittal shall consist of:

- a. One (1) original (signed) of Attachment A
 - b. One (1) electronic version of the Proposal, on USB flash drive, readable in Word 2003 or newer.
3. Proposals must be submitted and sealed in an appropriate envelope or package. All submittals must be clearly marked on the outer envelope or packaging with the following information:
- a. Offeror's Name
 - b. Solicitation Number and Title
 - c. Proposal Submission Due Date and Time

C. INQUIRIES:

1. Offerors may make written inquiries via email to obtain clarification of requirements concerning this Solicitation. No inquiries will be accepted after the date and time indicated in the Schedule of Activities. Send all inquiries to:

Kristi Gamble
Purchasing Agent
Kristi.gamble@state.co.us

2. Clearly identify your inquiries with:
 - a. Solicitation # RFP 2021000068
 - b. Solicitation Title: Laboratory Janitorial Services
 - c. The section number and paragraph number to which the inquiry applies
3. Responses to Offeror inquiries will be published as a modification on the VSS system by close of business on the date indicated in the Schedule of Activities. Offerors are not to rely on any other statements that alter any specification or other term or condition of the solicitation.

D. PROJECT BUDGET, TIMELINE AND DISCRPTION OF SERVICES

1. Budget

Prices must be firm for the first year of the contract. With renewal for additional years, Contractor may seek a cost increase not to exceed 5% above the award price. Such request for increase must be received two (2) months prior to the end of each one-year period and must be accompanied with full justification supporting a price increase.

2. Project Timeline

The anticipated start date for the executed contract is February 1, 2021, with the contract time frame of February 2021 through January 2022. At the sole discretion of the State, and depending upon funding and Offeror performance, CDPHE may renew the agreement for up to four (4) additional one (1) year periods, not to exceed five (5) years total.

3. Description of Services

The work to be accomplished is custodial and other related services requested by CDPHE. The Offeror shall provide all labor, equipment, tools, supplies, chemicals, supervision, and other items or services necessary to do the work

defined in this RFP for CDPHE. It is essential that the facility be maintained in the highest order of cleanliness and neatness at all times.

The successful Offeror shall:

- a. Complete all janitorial services at the requested frequency listed on Exhibit D Janitorial Activities.
- b. Complete all janitorial services to required standards listed on Exhibit C Lab Cleaning Standards.
- c. Provide adequate personnel to perform all of the work required for this project.
 - i. Daily cleaning staff
 - ii. Floor specialist
 - iii. Area Manager/Supervisor
- d. Provide and submit task completion forms.

E. OFFEROR REQUIREMENTS

1. Experience and Qualifications

- a. To submit a proposal for this RFP the Offeror shall be able to successfully perform the work outlined in section 3 above and in Exhibit B, Draft Statement of Work.
- b. Offeror shall have a minimum of three (3) years' experience cleaning laboratories or health care facilities.
- c. Offeror shall have adequate personnel with the necessary training to perform all required duties.
- d. Offeror shall have a documented Quality Control Program for providing services in a laboratory or health care facility setting.
- e. Offeror shall have performed this service to organizations of similar size and scope within the past five (5) years.

2. Budget

The Offeror shall include all costs necessary to successfully complete the project. Use actual costs for each area, not estimates.

- a. Costs are tied to services that meet or exceed the requirements and expected outcomes. This may include the expertise, and relevant experience of the Offeror that will enhance the success of the project and provide minimal risk or need for State resources.
- b. Provide all pricing and costs related to the requirements and work being proposed. Provide the number of hours, hourly rate by level of staffing, tools, supplies and any other additional expenditures. The cost proposal must also include a budget narrative breaking out and explaining all costs to be considered under this offer.
- c. The proposal must state the total fixed-price, not to exceed fee for performance of or completion of services that will become part of a contract between the State and awarded vendor.

F. SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

Responses shall be submitted as specified in this section. Any confidential or proprietary information included in the Offerors proposal shall conform to the requirements listed in Administrative Section VI. A. 7. **NOTE: Proposals that fail to follow ALL of the requirements may not be considered.**

1. Page Formatting Instructions

Unnecessarily elaborate proposals are not desired.

- a. The Purchasing Unit desires and encourages that proposals be submitted on recycled paper, printed on both sides. While the appearance of proposals and professional presentation is important, the use of non-recyclable or non-recycled glossy paper is discouraged.
- b. All materials submitted shall become the property of CDPHE, and will not be returned unless the solicitation is cancelled prior to the submittal due date, in which case proposals will be returned unopened or opened only for identification purposes.

2. Required Documentation

All proposals must include the following:

a. RFP Signature Page/Confirmation of Offer Form (Attachment 1)

A completed and signed form must be submitted with the response. **MUST** be completed and signed in ink (preferably blue ink) by a person who is legally authorized to bind the Offeror to the proposal.

b. Executive Summary (5 pages max)

Offer shall submit an organizational overview that includes years in business, areas of expertise, (specifically Offeror's experience with the requirements listed above) number of years in business, and a brief overview of staff, including the total number of employees.

c. Experience and Qualifications (20 pages max)

1. Offeror shall submit evidence of 3 years' experience providing janitorial services.
2. Offeror shall detail experience performing janitorial duties in a laboratory environment and/or healthcare facility.
3. Offeror shall submit resumes for staff, including supervisors, who will be assigned to the project.
4. Offeror shall detail the Quality Control/Safety Program required by staff.
5. Offeror shall submit three (3) examples of successful projects within the past five (5) years that are of similar size and scope to this project.

d. Budget

Offeror shall complete Attachment 2 to detail proposed costs and submit this form with the proposal. This RFP will result in a "fixed-price" contract.

e. **References**

Provide three (3) references including current contact information and position in company, where the Offeror's experience can be confirmed. Include dates and a brief description of the services provided for each reference.

f. **Training and/or Certifications**

Provide proof that each individual working on site at the lab has completed the Offeror's Quality Control/Safety Training.

IV. EVALUATION AND AWARD

The technical aspects of proposals will be assessed based on the soundness of the Offeror's approach and the Offeror's understanding of the requirement. Past experience/qualifications will be assessed by considering the extent to which the qualifications, experience, and past performance are likely to foster successful, on-time performance. Technical and past experience assessments may include a judgment concerning the potential risk of unsuccessful or untimely performance, and the anticipated amount of State resources necessary to insure timely, successful performance. The State may use all information available regarding past performance as defined in C.R.S. §24-102-205 et.seq.

- A. **Resident Bidder Preference:** When a contract for commodities or services is to be awarded to a bidder, a resident bidder shall be allowed a preference against a nonresident bidder equal to the preference given or required by the state in which the nonresident bidder is a resident.

- B. **Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Businesses (SDVOSBs):** SDVOSBs, who are incorporated or organized in Colorado or maintain a place of business or have an office in Colorado and who are officially registered and verified as a SDVOSB by the Center for Veteran Enterprise within the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. (www.vip.vetbiz.gov), may receive a 5% preference on their bid. This preference applies only to the price, and the SDVOSBs must still meet all other qualifications required in the bid. SDVOSBs claiming this preference shall submit documentation of SDVOSB certification issued through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in their response to the solicitation. Bid submissions without this documentation will not be given a preference.

- C. **Award:** Awards will be made to a single Offeror. The award will be made to the Offeror whose proposal conforms to the RFP and is determined to be most responsive, responsible and advantageous to the State of Colorado. The proposal that results in the best value to the State of Colorado shall be recommended by the Evaluation Committee to the Procurement Office for contract award. CDPHE reserves the right to award to multiple vendors if determined to be in the best interests of the State.

D. Evaluation Factors:

The evaluation factors are:

1. Executive Summary:

The executive summary will be evaluated on how well the summary indicates the stability and strength, and overall experience of the staff and of the company.

2. Experience/Qualifications:

The experience and qualifications will be evaluated based on the breadth and depth of similar experience, and the qualifications and background of the personnel assigned to the project.

3. Cost:

The cost will be evaluated based on if the budget is reasonable and necessary for activities that contribute to and directly relate to the activities and if the budget pricing seems reasonable.

4. References:

References if contacted, will be used to verify projects, and may or may not be contacted.

5. Oral Presentation/Interviews:

At the conclusion of the evaluation of responses, CDPHE may conduct oral presentations and/or interviews with Offerors at the discretion of CDPHE. If it is decided by CDPHE to hold oral presentations/interviews, only those offerors ranked the highest after the initial proposal review will be invited. Offerors will be notified via email to schedule interviews.

Failure to provide any information requested in the RFP may result in the disqualification of the submittal. This responsibility is that of the Offeror.

V. ATTACHMENTS, EXHIBITS

A. Attachments

1. Attachment 1: Vendor Information-Confirmation of Offer Form.
Complete all sections.
2. Attachment 2: Cost sheet

B. EXHIBITS

1. Exhibit A State of Colorado Personal Services Contract Template
2. Exhibit B Draft Statement of Work
3. Exhibit C Lab Cleaning Standards
4. Exhibit D Janitorial Duties and Frequency

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

A. Solicitation

1. ISSUING OFFICE: This Request for Proposal (RFP) is issued by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), also referred to as the "State", Purchasing and Contracts Section for the benefit of the Prevention Services Division.
2. CONTACT: The CDPHE Purchasing agent listed in these instructions is the sole point of contact concerning this Solicitation. All communication must be done through the CDPHE Purchasing Department. Contact with any other CDPHE employee regarding this procurement may result in disqualification of Offeror proposal.
3. PURPOSE: This solicitation process may include reference checks, proposer interviews, and proposal clarification sessions. This solicitation provides prospective Offerors with sufficient information to enable them to prepare and submit proposals for consideration to satisfy the need for expert assistance in the completion of the goals of this solicitation.
4. NOTICES: Notices may include any modifications to administrative or performance requirements, answers to inquiries received, clarifications to requirements, and the announcement of the apparent winning Offeror(s). Offerors are responsible for monitoring the Colorado Vendor Self Services (VSS) for publication of modifications to this solicitation. **It is incumbent upon Offerors to carefully and regularly monitor VSS for any such notices.**
5. MODIFICATION OR WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSALS: Proposals may be modified or withdrawn by the Offeror prior to the established due date and time.
6. ADDENDUM OR SUPPLEMENT TO SOLICITATION: In the event that it becomes necessary to revise any part of this solicitation, a modification will be posted on the VSS system.
 - a. It shall be the **responsibility of the Offerors** to regularly monitor the VSS web site for any such postings.
 - b. Failure to retrieve such modifications, and include their provisions in your proposal, **may result in your proposal being disqualified.**
7. CONFIDENTIAL/PROPRIETARY INFORMATION: Any restrictions of the use or inspection of material contained within the proposal shall be clearly stated in the proposal itself. Requests for confidentiality shall be submitted by the Offeror in writing with the proposal.
 - a. Any materials requested to be treated as Confidential and/or Proprietary information are to be packaged separately and clearly identified.
 - b. Confidential/proprietary information must be readily identified, marked and separated from the rest of the proposal. **Co-mingling of confidential/ proprietary and other information is NOT acceptable.**

Neither a proposal in its entirety, nor proposal price information will be considered confidential and proprietary.

- c. Any information that will be included in any contract resulting from the solicitation cannot be considered confidential.
 - d. Such request must include justification for the request. The Offeror must state specifically what elements of the proposal are to be considered confidential/proprietary.
 - e. The Purchasing Unit shall determine the validity of any written request for confidentiality.
 - f. The written decision of the Purchasing Director will be sent to the Offeror.
 - g. If the parties do not agree as to the disclosure of data, the Purchasing Director shall inform the Offeror in writing what portions will be disclosed.
 - h. If denied, the proposer will have the opportunity to withdraw its entire proposal, or to remove the restrictions. (Ref §24-72-201 et seq., C.R.S., as amended, Public [open] Records)
8. SOLICITATION RESPONSE MATERIAL OWNERSHIP: The State of Colorado has the right to retain the original proposal and other solicitation response materials for our files. As such, the State of Colorado may retain or dispose of all copies as is lawfully deemed appropriate.
- a. Proposal materials may be reviewed by any person after the “Notice of Intent to Make an Award” has been issued, subject to the terms of §24-72-201 et seq., C.R.S., as amended, Public (open) Records.
 - b. The State of Colorado has the right to use any or all information/material presented in reply to the Solicitation, subject to limitations outlined in the Proprietary/Confidential Information clause.
 - c. Offeror expressly agrees that the State may use the materials for all lawful State purposes, including the right to reproduce copies of the material submitted for purposes of evaluation, and to make the information available to the public in accordance with the provisions of the Public Records Act.
9. PROPOSAL PRICES: Estimated proposal prices are not acceptable. Proposal prices should be best and final offer, unless otherwise stated in the solicitation. The proposal price will be considered in determining the apparent successful Offeror. Proposals shall be firm for a period of not less than one-hundred-twenty (120) calendar days.
10. ORAL PRESENTATIONS/SITE VISITS: Offerors may be asked to make oral presentations or to make their facilities available for a site inspection by the evaluation committee. Such presentations and/or site visits will be at the Offeror's expense.

B. ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION AND CERTIFICATIONS:

1. ACCEPTANCE OF SOLICITATION TERMS: A proposal submitted in response to this solicitation shall constitute a binding offer. The autographic signature of the Offeror or of a designee legally authorized to execute contractual obligations shall indicate acknowledgment of this condition.
 - a. A submission in response to this solicitation acknowledges acceptance by the Offeror of all terms and conditions, including compensation, and insurance requirements, as set forth herein.
 - b. An Offeror shall identify clearly and thoroughly any variations between the Offeror's proposal and the State's solicitation. Failure to do so shall be deemed a waiver of any rights to subsequently modify the terms of performance, except as outlined or specified in the solicitation.
 - c. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) is not required to accept nor agree to alternate or additional terms and conditions.
2. SOLICITATION CANCELLATION: The State reserves the right to cancel this solicitation at any time, without penalty.
3. REJECTION OF PROPOSALS: The State of Colorado reserves the right to reject any or all proposals received in response to this solicitation, to waive informalities and minor irregularities in proposals received, and to accept any portion of a proposal or all items proposed if deemed in the best interest of the State of Colorado.
4. ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSAL CONTENT: The contents of the proposal (including persons specified to implement the project) of the successful Offeror will become contractual obligations if acquisition action ensues. Failure of the successful Offeror to accept these obligations in a contract, purchase document, delivery order or similar acquisition instrument may result in cancellation of the award and such Offeror may be removed from future solicitations.
5. PROTESTED SOLICITATIONS AND AWARDS: Any actual or prospective Offeror or contractor who is aggrieved in connection with the solicitation or award of a contract may protest to the CDPHE Purchasing Director. The protest shall be submitted in writing within ten (10) business days after when such aggrieved person knows, or should have known, of the facts giving rise thereto. (Ref §24-109, 101 et. seq., C.R.S., as amended; §24-109, 201 et. seq., C.R.S. as amended; §R-24-109-101 through R-24-109-206, Colorado Procurement Rules)
6. AWARD OF CONTRACT: The award will be made to that Offeror whose proposal, conforming to the solicitation, has been determined to be most responsive and responsible to the State of Colorado, price and other factors considered.
 - a. A contract must be completed and signed by all parties.
 - b. In the event the parties are unable to enter into a contract; the State may elect to rescind the "Notice of Intent to Make an Award"

communication and make the award to the next most responsive and responsible Offeror.

7. STANDARD CONTRACT: The State of Colorado will incorporate standard State contract provisions (Special Provisions) into any contract resulting from this solicitation.
8. INSURANCE: Contractor shall obtain and maintain, and ensure that each Subcontractor shall obtain and maintain, insurance as specified in this section at all times during the term of this Contract. All insurance policies required by this Contract shall be issued by insurance companies as approved by the State.
 - a. Workers' Compensation

Workers' compensation insurance as required by state statute, and employers' liability insurance covering all Contractor or Subcontractor employees acting within the course and scope of their employment.
 - b. General Liability

Commercial general liability insurance covering premises operations, fire damage, independent contractors, products and completed operations, blanket contractual liability, personal injury, and advertising liability with minimum limits as follows:

 - i. \$1,000,000 each occurrence;
 - ii. \$1,000,000 general aggregate;
 - iii. \$1,000,000 products and completed operations aggregate; and
 - iv. \$50,000 any one fire.
 - c. Automobile Liability

Automobile liability insurance covering any auto (including owned, hired and non-owned autos) with a minimum limit of \$1,000,000 each accident combined single limit.
 - d. Additional Insured

The State shall be named as additional insured on all commercial general liability policies (leases and construction contracts require additional insured coverage for completed operations) required of Contractor and Subcontractors.
 - e. Primacy of Coverage

Coverage required of Contractor and each Subcontractor shall be primary over any insurance or self-insurance program carried by Contractor or the State.
 - f. Cancellation

The above insurance policies shall include provisions preventing cancellation or non-renewal, except for cancellation based on non-payment of premiums, without at least 30 days prior notice to

Contractor and Contractor shall forward such notice to the State in accordance with §14 within seven days of Contractor's receipt of such notice.

g. Subrogation Waiver

All insurance policies secured or maintained by Contractor or its Subcontractors in relation to this Contract shall include clauses stating that each carrier shall waive all rights of recovery under subrogation or otherwise against Contractor or the State, its agencies, institutions, organizations, officers, agents, employees, and volunteers.

h. Public Entities

If Contractor is a "public entity" within the meaning of the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act, §24-10-101, et seq., C.R.S. (the "GIA"), Contractor shall maintain, in lieu of the liability insurance requirements stated above, at all times during the term of this Contract such liability insurance, by commercial policy or self-insurance, as is necessary to meet its liabilities under the GIA. If a Subcontractor is a public entity within the meaning of the GIA, Contractor shall ensure that the Subcontractor maintain at all times during the terms of this Contract, in lieu of the liability insurance requirements stated above, such liability insurance, by commercial policy or self-insurance, as is necessary to meet the Subcontractor's obligations under the GIA.

i. Certificates

Contractor shall provide to the State certificates evidencing Contractor's insurance coverage required in this Contract within seven Business Days following the Effective Date. Contractor shall provide to the State certificates evidencing Subcontractor insurance coverage required under this Contract within seven Business Days following the Effective Date, except that, if Contractor's subcontract is not in effect as of the Effective Date, Contractor shall provide to the State certificates showing Subcontractor insurance coverage required under this Contract within seven Business Days following Contractor's execution of the subcontract. No later than 15 days before the expiration date of Contractor's or any Subcontractor's coverage, Contractor shall deliver to the State certificates of insurance evidencing renewals of coverage. At any other time during the term of this Contract, upon request by the State, Contractor shall, within seven Business Days following the request by the State, supply to the State evidence satisfactory to the State of compliance with the provisions of this section.

9. CONTRACT CANCELLATION: CDPHE reserves the right to cancel, for cause, convenience, or lack of fiscal funding, any contract resulting from this solicitation by providing timely notice to the contractor.
10. STATE OWNERSHIP OF CONTRACT PRODUCTS/SERVICES: All products/services produced in response to the contract resulting from this

solicitation will be the sole property of the State of Colorado, unless otherwise noted in the solicitation.

11. INCURRING COSTS: The State of Colorado is not liable for any cost incurred by Offerors prior to issuance of a legally executed contract or procurement document. No property interest of any nature shall occur until a contract is awarded and signed by all concerned parties.
12. NON-DISCRIMINATION: The Offeror shall comply with all applicable state and federal laws, rules and regulations involving non-discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, disability, sexual orientation, national origin, age or sex.
13. PARENT COMPANY: If an Offeror is owned or controlled by a parent company, the name, main office address, and parent company's tax identification number must be provided.
14. NEWS RELEASES: No news releases pertaining to this solicitation shall be made prior to execution of the contract without prior written approval of CDPHE.
15. CONFIDENTIAL STATE INFORMATION:
Offeror(s) acknowledge that:
 - a. They may come into contact with confidential information contained in the records or files of the State in connection with any resulting contract or in connection with the performance of its obligations under any resulting contract.
 - b. The awarded Offeror(s) shall keep such records and information confidential and shall comply with [specific statutory citations (if any) and,] all laws and regulations concerning the confidentiality of such records to the same extent as such laws and regulations apply to the State.
 - c. The awarded Offeror(s) shall notify its employees that they are subject to the confidentiality requirements as set forth above, and shall provide each employee with a written explanation of the confidentiality requirement before the employee is permitted access to confidential data.
 - d. Awarded Offeror(s) shall provide and maintain a secure environment that ensures confidentiality. The confidentiality of all information will be respected and no confidential information shall be distributed or sold to any third party nor used by awarded Offeror(s) or its assignees and/or subcontractors in any way except as authorized by this contract. Confidential information shall not be retained in any files or otherwise by awarded Offeror(s).
 - e. Disclosure of such information may be cause for legal action against the awarded Offeror(s). Defense of any such action shall be the sole

responsibility of the awarded Offeror(s). Unless directed otherwise, awarded Offeror(s) is required to keep all State information in a secure, confidential manner.

16. CERTIFICATION OF INDEPENDENT PRICE DETERMINATION:

a. By submission of this proposal, each Offeror certifies, and in the case of a joint proposal, each party thereto certifies as to its own organization, that in connection with this procurement:

- i. The prices in this proposal have been arrived at independently, without consultation, communication, or agreement for the purpose of restricting competition, as to any matter relating to such prices with any other Offeror or with any competitor;
- ii. Unless otherwise required by law, the prices which have been quoted in this proposal have not been knowingly disclosed by the Offeror and will not knowingly be disclosed by the Offeror prior to opening, directly or indirectly to any other Offeror or to any competitor; and
- iii. No attempt has been made or will be made by the Offeror to induce any other person or firm to submit or not submit a proposal for the purpose of restricting competition.

b. Each person signing the Vendor Information/Confirmation of Offer form of this proposal certifies that:

- i. He is the person in the Offeror's organization responsible within that organization for the decision as to the prices being offered herein and that he has not participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to (a.i.) through (a.iii), above; or
- ii. He is not the person in the Offeror's organization responsible within that organization for the decision as to the prices being offered herein but that he has been authorized in writing to act as agent for the persons responsible for such decision, in certifying that such persons have not participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to (a.i.) through (a.iii.), above, and as their agent does hereby so certify; and he has not participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to (a.i.) through (a.iii.), above.

c. A proposal will not be considered for award where (a.i.), (a.ii.), or (a.iii.) above have been deleted or modified. Where (b) above has been deleted or modified, the proposal will not be considered for award unless the Offeror furnishes with the proposal a signed statement which sets forth in detail the circumstances of the disclosure and the head of the agency (CDPHE) determines that such disclosure was not made for the purpose of restricting competition.

17. CONFLICT OF INTEREST: By submission of a response proposal, the Offeror agrees that at the time of contracting the proposer has no interest, direct or indirect, that would conflict in any manner or degree with the

performance of the required services. The Offeror shall guarantee that in the performance of the contract they shall not employ any person having any such known interest.

18. TAXES: CDPHE, as purchaser, is exempt from all federal excise taxes under Chapter 32 of the Internal Revenue Code (Registration No. 84-730123K) and from all state and local government use taxes (Ref. Colorado Revised Statutes Chapter 39-26.114(a)).
 - a. CDPHE's Colorado State and Local Sales Tax Exemption Number is 98-02565.
 - b. Offeror is hereby notified that when materials are purchased in certain political sub-divisions (for example in the City of Denver) the Offeror may be required to pay sales tax even though the ultimate product or service is provided to the State of Colorado. This sales tax will not be reimbursed by the State.
19. ASSIGNMENT AND DELEGATION: Except for assignment of antitrust claims, neither party to any resulting contract may assign or delegate any portion of the contract without the prior written consent of the other party.
20. AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS: Financial obligations of the State payable after the current fiscal year are contingent upon funds for that purpose being appropriated, budgeted, and otherwise made available. In the event funds are not appropriated, any resulting contract will become null and void, without penalty to the State of Colorado.
21. PERFORMANCE OUTSIDE THE STATE OF COLORADO AND/OR THE UNITED STATES:

The following language regarding performance outside the state of Colorado and/or the United States shall be included in all contracts resulting from this announcement.

[Not applicable if Contract Funds include any federal funds]

Following the Effective Date, Contractor shall provide written notice to the State, in accordance with the Notices and Representatives provision, within 20 days of the earlier to occur of Contractor's decision to perform, or its execution of an agreement with a Subcontractor to perform, Services outside the State of Colorado and/or the United States. Such notice shall specify the type of Services to be performed outside the State of Colorado and/or the United States and the reason why it is necessary or advantageous to perform such Services at such location or locations. All notices received by the State pursuant to this provision shall be posted on the Colorado Department of Personnel & Administration's website. Knowing failure by Contractor to provide notice to the State under this provision shall constitute a material breach of this Contract.