



State of Oklahoma
Office of State Finance
Information Services Division

Solicitation

1. Solicitation #: 4300000020 2. Solicitation Issue Date: 01/27/2012

3. Brief Description of Requirement:

The State Oklahoma of Office of State Finance ISD Procurement is currently accepting proposals on behalf of the State of Oklahoma Department of Libraries for a 45 library location license (s) for access via the internet to the following materials.

- Academic tutoring and career mentoring services that are targeted to students and job seekers of all ages. Materials may come from sources such as magazine articles, eBooks, online tutorials, practice testing for school and career, experts in their field, webinars, and current events.

4. Response Due Date¹: 03/22/2012 Time: 3 PM CST/CDT

5. Issued By and Return Sealed Bid To:

Personal, Common Carrier or U.S. Postal Delivery:

Office of State Finance

ISD Procurement Attn: Hurtisine Franklin

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6. Solicitation Type: RFP

7. Requesting Agency: Oklahoma Department of Libraries

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¹ Amendments to solicitation may change the Response Due Date



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A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

The following provisions shall apply where applicable to the solicitation.

A.1. Definitions

As used herein, the following terms shall have the following meaning unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

- A.1.1. "Acquisition" means items, products, materials, supplies, services and equipment a State agency acquires by purchase, lease purchase, lease with option to purchase, or rental pursuant to the Oklahoma Central Purchasing Act;
- A.1.2. "Addendum" means a written modification to a contract.
- A.1.3. "Alteration" means a modification an offeror makes to a solicitation response prior to the response due date.
- A.1.4. "Alternate or alternative offer" means an offer, which contains an intentional substantive variation to a basic provision, specification, term or condition of the solicitation.
- A.1.5. "Amendment" means a written change, addition, correction, or revision to a solicitation made by the state agency responsible for making the acquisition.
- A.1.6. "Bid" means an offer in the form of a bid, proposal or quote an offeror submits in response to a solicitation;
- A.1.7. "Bidder" means an individual or business entity that submits a bid or proposal in response to an invitation to bid or a request for proposal. When used in this Chapter, bidder is synonymous with a "supplier", "vendor", or "offeror" responding to a solicitation.
- A.1.8. "Business Entity" means any individual, business, partnership, joint venture, corporation, S-corporation, limited liability corporation, limited liability partnership, limited liability limited partnership, sole proprietorship, joint stock company, consortium, or other legal entity recognized by statute;
- A.1.9. "COTS" means Commercial off the Shelf.
- A.1.10. "Contract" means the final agreement under which the services and/or products shall be governed.
- A.1.11. "Contractor" means the Business Entity with whom the State enters into this contract.
- A.1.12. "Closing Date" is the date the RFP closes, also proposal opening date, and response due date;
- A.1.13. "Government Entities" means State Agencies, Boards, Commissions, Authorities, Oklahoma Counties, Cities, Schools, Hospitals, Regents of Higher Education, Colleges, Universities, Municipalities, or political subdivisions;
- A.1.14. "Offer" shall be synonymous with "bid", "proposal", "quote" or other similar term;
- A.1.15. "Offeror" shall be synonymous with "vendor", "bidder", or other similar term;
- A.1.16. "Procuring Agency" means the State of Oklahoma Agency initiating the procurement.
- A.1.17. "Request for Information or RFI" means a non-binding procurement practice used to obtain information, comments, and feedback from interested parties or potential suppliers prior to issuing a solicitation.
- A.1.18. "State" means the government of the State of Oklahoma, its employees and authorized representatives, including without limitation any department, agency, or other unit of the government of the State of Oklahoma. References to "State" in this document refer to the Office of State Finance.
- A.1.19. "State Agency" includes any office, officer, bureau, board, counsel, court, commission, institution, unit, division, body, or house of the executive or judicial branches of the State government, whether elected or appointed, excluding only political subdivisions of the State.
- A.1.20. "State CIO" is the State Chief Information Officer, as used herein the CIO has the same authority as the State Purchasing Director for all IT and Telecommunications purchasing and are used interchangeably.
- A.1.21. "Solicitation" means a request or invitation by the State Purchasing Director or a State agency for an offeror to submit a priced offer to sell acquisitions to the State. A solicitation may be an invitation to bid, request for proposal, or a request for quotation;

A.2. Offer Submission

- A.2.1. Submitted offers shall be in strict conformity with the instructions to offeror, and shall be submitted with a completed "Responding Bidder Information" DCS-FORM-CP-076, and any other forms completed as required by the solicitation.
- A.2.2. Offers shall be submitted to the State Agency identified in the front page of this solicitation, in a single envelope, package, or container and shall be sealed. The name and address of the offeror shall be inserted in the upper left corner of the single envelope, package, or container. SOLICITATION NUMBER AND SOLICITATION RESPONSE

DUE DATE AND TIME MUST APPEAR ON THE FACE OF THE SINGLE ENVELOPE, PACKAGE, OR CONTAINER.

- A.2.3. The required certification statement, "Certification for Competitive Bid and/or Contract (Non-Collusion Certification)", DCS-FORM-CP-004, must be made out in the name of the offeror and must be properly executed by an authorized person, with full knowledge and acceptance of all its provisions.
- A.2.4. All offers shall be legibly written or typed. Any corrections to offers shall be initialed. Penciled bids and penciled corrections shall NOT be accepted and shall be rejected as non-responsive.
- A.2.5. All offers submitted shall be subject to the Oklahoma Central Purchasing Act, the Central Purchasing Rules, the Information Services Act and other statutory regulations as applicable, these General Provisions, any Special Provisions, solicitation specifications, required certification statement, and all other terms and conditions listed or attached herein, all of which are made part of this solicitation.
- A.2.6. By submitting a proposal, contractor agrees not to make any claims for damages or have any rights to damages, because of any misunderstanding or misrepresentation of the specifications or because of any misinformation or lack of information.
- A.2.7. If a contractor fails to notify the State of an error, ambiguity, conflict, discrepancy, omission or other error in the SOLICITATION, known to the contractor, or an error that reasonably should have been known by the contractor, the contractor shall submit an proposal at its own risk; and if awarded the contract, the contractor shall not be entitled to additional compensation, relief, or time, by reason of the error or its later correction. If a contractor takes exception to any requirement or specification contained in the SOLICITATION, these exceptions must be clearly and prominently stated in their response.

A.3. Solicitation Amendments

- A.3.1. If an "Amendment of Solicitation", DCS-FORM-CP-011 (or other format as provided), is issued, then the offeror shall acknowledge receipt of any/all amendment(s) to solicitations by signing and returning the solicitation amendment(s). Amendment acknowledgement(s) may be submitted with the offer or may be forwarded separately. If forwarded separately, amendment acknowledgement(s) must contain the solicitation number and response due date and time on the front of the envelope. The State must receive the amendment acknowledgement(s) by the response due date and time specified for receipt of bids for the offer to be deemed responsive. Failure to acknowledge solicitation amendments may be grounds for rejection.
- A.3.2. No oral statement of any person shall modify or otherwise affect the terms, conditions, or specifications stated in the solicitation. All amendments to the solicitation shall be made in writing by the State.
- A.3.3. It is the contractor's responsibility to check the State's website frequently for any possible amendments that may be issued. The State is not responsible for the contractor's failure to download any amendment documents required to complete a solicitation.

A.4. Offer Change

If the offeror needs to change an offer prior to the solicitation response due date, a new offer shall be submitted to the State with the following statement "This offer supersedes the offer previously submitted" in a single envelope, package, or container and shall be sealed. The name and address of the offeror shall be inserted in the upper left corner of the single envelope, package, or container. SOLICITATION NUMBER AND SOLICITATION RESPONSE DUE DATE AND TIME MUST APPEAR ON THE FACE OF THE SINGLE ENVELOPE, PACKAGE, OR CONTAINER.

A.5. Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, And Other Responsibility Matters

By submitting an offer to this solicitation:

- A.5.1. The prospective primary participant and any subcontractor certifies to the best of their knowledge and belief, that they and their principals or participants:
 - A.5.1.1. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded by any Federal, State of Oklahoma or local department or agency;
 - A.5.1.2. Have not within a three-year period preceding this solicitation been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State or local) contract; or for violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
 - A.5.1.3. Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph A.5.1.2. of this certification; and
 - A.5.1.4. Have not within a three-year period preceding this solicitation had one or more public (Federal, State or local) contracts terminated for cause or default.

- A.5.2. Where the prospective primary participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to its offer.

A.6. Offer Public Opening

Sealed offers MAY BE OPENED UPON PUBLIC REQUEST, by the requesting agency identified in the front page of this solicitation, at the time and date specified in the solicitation as Response Due Date and Time.

A.7. Offers Subject To Public Disclosure

Unless otherwise specified in the Oklahoma Open Records Act, Central Purchasing Act, or other applicable law, documents and information an offeror submits as part of or in connection with an offer are public records and subject to disclosure. Offerors claiming any portion of their offer as proprietary or confidential must specifically identify what documents or portions of documents they consider confidential and identify applicable law supporting their claim of confidentiality. The State Chief Information Officer (CIO) shall make the final decision as to whether the documentation or information is confidential consistent with 74 O.S. §85.10.

A.8. Late Offer

Offers received by the State after the response due date and time shall be deemed non-responsive and shall NOT be considered for any resultant award.

A.9. Legal Contract

- A.9.1. Submitted offers are rendered as a legal offer and when accepted by the State, shall constitute a contract.
- A.9.2. The contract resulting from this solicitation shall consist of the following documents in order of preference: State of Oklahoma Statutes, contract award documents, including but not limited to the Purchase Order, Contract Modifications, required certification statement, and change orders; the solicitation including any amendments; and the successful offer to the extent that the offer does not conflict with the requirements of the contract award documents or solicitation or applicable law. In the event there is a conflict between any of the preceding documents, the contract award documents prevail over the solicitation, and both the contract award documents and the solicitation shall prevail over the successful offer.
- A.9.3. Any contract(s) awarded pursuant to the solicitation shall be legibly written or typed.

A.10. Pricing

- A.10.1. Offers shall remain firm for a minimum of one-twenty (120) days from the solicitation closing date.
- A.10.2. Offerors guarantee unit prices to be correct.
- A.10.3. In consistent with 74 O.S. §85.40, ALL travel expenses to be incurred by the contractor in performance of the contract shall be included in the total bid price/contract amount.
- A.10.4. All costs incurred by the offerors for proposal preparation and participation in this competitive procurement shall be the sole responsibility of the offerors. The State of Oklahoma shall not reimburse any offeror for any such costs.

A.11. Manufacturers' Name And Approved Equivalents

Unless otherwise specified in the solicitation, manufacturers' names, brand names, information, and/or catalog numbers listed in a specification are for information and not intended to limit competition. Offeror may offer any brand for which they are an authorized representative, which meets or exceeds the specification for any item(s). However, if offers are based on equivalent products, indicate on the offer form the manufacturer's name and number. Offeror shall submit sketches, descriptive literature, and/or complete specifications with their offer. Reference to literature submitted with a previous offer shall not satisfy this provision. The offeror shall also explain in detail the reason(s) why the proposed equivalent will meet the specifications and not be considered an exception thereto. Offers that do not comply with these requirements are subject to rejection.

A.12. Clarification of Solicitation

Clarification pertaining to the contents of this solicitation shall be directed in writing to the Contracting Officer specified in the solicitation.

A.13. Rejection of Offer

The State reserves the right to reject any offers that do not comply with the requirements and specifications of the solicitation. An offer may be rejected when the offeror imposes terms or conditions that would modify requirements of the solicitation or limit the offeror's liability to the State. Other possible reasons for rejection of offers are listed in OAC 580:16-7-32(h).

Attempts to impose unacceptable conditions on the State, or impose alternative terms not in the best interest of the State shall not be tolerated. Continued attempts to impose unacceptable conditions or terms on the State shall result in a determination of your non-responsiveness of your offer due to the lack of compliance with the terms and conditions of negotiation or the solicitation.

A.14. Award of Contract

- A.14.1. The State may award the contract to more than one offeror by awarding the contract(s) by item or groups of items, or may award the contract on an ALL OR NONE basis, whichever is deemed by the State to be in the best interest of the State of Oklahoma.
- A.14.2. Contract awards shall be made to the lowest and best offer(s) unless the solicitation specifies that best value criteria is being used.
- A.14.3. In order to receive an award or payments from the State of Oklahoma, vendor must be registered. The vendor registration process can be completed electronically through the DCS website at the following link: <https://www.ok.gov/dcs/vendors/index.php>.
- A.14.4. It is the preference of the State to award to a single vendor. However, the State reserves the right to award to multiple vendors when it has been determined to be in the best interest of the State.

A.15. Contract Modification

- A.15.1. The contract issued as a result of this solicitation is under the authority of the State personnel signing the Contract. The contract may be modified only through a written Contract Modification, signed by the State.
- A.15.2. Any change to the contract, including the addition of work or materials, the revision of payment terms, or the substitution of work or materials, directed by a person who is not specifically authorized by the Office of State Finance in writing, or made unilaterally by the contractor, is a breach of the contract. Unless otherwise specified by applicable law or rules, such changes, including unauthorized written Contract Modifications, shall be void and without effect, and the contractor shall not be entitled to any claim under a contract based on those changes. No oral statement of any person shall modify or otherwise affect the terms, conditions, or specifications stated in the resultant contract.

A.16. Delivery, Inspection and Acceptance

- A.16.1. Unless otherwise specified in the solicitation or awarding documents, all deliveries shall be F.O.B. Destination. The contractor shall prepay all packaging, handling, shipping and delivery charges and firm prices quoted in the offer shall include all such charges. All products and/or services to be delivered pursuant to the contract shall be subject to final inspection and acceptance by the State at destination. "Destination" shall mean delivered to the receiving dock or other point specified in the purchase order. The State assumes no responsibility for goods until accepted by the State at the receiving point in good condition. Title and risk of loss or damage to all items shall be the responsibility of the contractor until accepted by the receiving agency. The contractor shall be responsible for filing, processing, and collecting any and all damage claims accruing prior to acceptance.
- A.16.2. Contractor(s) shall be required to deliver products and services as offered on or before the required date. Deviations, substitutions, or changes in products and services shall not be made unless expressly authorized in writing by the State.

A.17. Invoicing and Payment

- A.17.1. Contractor shall be paid upon submission of an accurate and proper invoice(s), as defined by Title 62 O.S. §34.73, to the agency, at the prices stipulated on the contract. Failure to provide accurate invoices may result in delay of processing invoices for payment. Consistent with 74 O.S. §85.44B, invoices shall be paid in arrears after products have been delivered or services provided. Invoices shall contain the purchase order number, a description of the services provided, and the dates of those services.
- A.17.2. Interest on late payments made by the State of Oklahoma is governed by Title 62 O.S. §34.71 and 62 O.S. §34.72.

A.18. Tax Exemption

State agency acquisitions are exempt from sales taxes and federal excise taxes. Offerors shall not include these taxes in price quotes.

A.19. Audit and Records Clause

- A.19.1. As used in this clause, "records" includes books, documents, accounting procedures and practices, and other data, regardless of type and regardless of whether such items are in written form, in the form of computer data, or in any other form. In accepting any contract with the State, the successful contractor(s) agree any pertinent State or Federal agency shall have the right to examine and audit all records relevant to execution and performance of the contract.
- A.19.2. The contractor(s) is required to retain records relative to the contract for the duration of the contract and for a period of seven (7) years following completion and/or termination of the contract. If an audit, litigation, or other action involving such records is started before the end of the seven-year period, the records are required to be maintained for two (2) years from the date that all issues arising out of the action are resolved, or until the end of the seven (7) year retention period, whichever is later.

A.20. Non-Appropriation Clause

The terms of any contract and any Purchase Order issued for multiple years under the contract are contingent upon sufficient appropriations being made by the Legislature or other appropriate government entity. Notwithstanding any language to the contrary in the solicitation, purchase order, or any other contract document, the procuring agency may terminate its obligations under the contract if sufficient appropriations are not made by the Legislature or other appropriate governing entity to pay amounts due for multiple year agreements. The Requesting (procuring) Agency's decisions as to whether sufficient appropriations are available shall be accepted by the contractor and shall be final and binding.

A.21. Choice of Law

Any claims, disputes, or litigation relating to the solicitation, or the execution, interpretation, performance, or enforcement of the contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of Oklahoma.

A.22. Choice of Venue

Venue for any action, claim, dispute, or litigation relating in any way to the contract shall be in Oklahoma County, Oklahoma.

A.23. Termination for Cause

- A.23.1. The contractor may terminate the contract for default or other just cause with both a 30-day written request and upon written approval from the State. The State may terminate the contract for default or any other just cause upon a 30-day written notification to the contractor.
- A.23.2. The State may terminate the contract immediately, without a 30-day written notice to the contractor, when violations are found, when conditions preclude the 30-day notice, or when the State determines that, an administrative error occurred prior to contract performance.
- A.23.3. If the contract is terminated, the State shall be liable only for payment for products and/or services delivered and accepted.

A.24. Termination for Convenience

- A.24.1. The State may terminate the contract, in whole or in part, for convenience if the State Purchasing Director or the State CIO determines that termination is in the State's best interest. The State shall terminate the contract by delivering to the contractor a Notice of Termination for Convenience specifying the terms and effective date of contract termination. The contract termination date shall be a minimum of 60 days from the date the Notice of Termination for Convenience is issued by the State.
- A.24.2. If the contract is terminated, the State shall be liable only for products and/or services delivered and accepted, and for costs and expenses (exclusive of profit) reasonably incurred prior to the date upon which the Notice of Termination for Convenience was received by the contractor.

A.25. Insurance

The contractor shall maintain and provide proof to the State of the following insurance during the term of this agreement:

- a) Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance in accordance with applicable law.
- b) Commercial General Liability Insurance on a per occurrence basis with limits of liability not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and aggregate combined single limit, Personal Injury, Bodily Injury and Property Damage.
- c) Automobile Liability Insurance with limits of liability of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence combined single limit including Bodily Injury and Property Damage. Coverage shall include all owned vehicles, all non-owned vehicles, and all hired vehicles.
- d) Professional Errors and Omissions Insurance shall include Consultant's Computer Errors and Omissions Coverage with limits not less than \$1,000,000 per claim and in the aggregate.

A.26. Employment Relationship

The contract does not create an employment relationship. Individuals performing services required by this solicitation or a resulting contract are not employees of the State of Oklahoma or the procuring agency. The contractor's employees shall not be considered employees of the State of Oklahoma nor of the procuring agency for any purpose, and accordingly shall not be eligible for rights or benefits accruing to State employees.

A.27. Compliance with the Oklahoma Taxpayer and Citizen Protection Act Of 2007

By submitting an offer for services, the offeror certifies that they, and any proposed subcontractors, are in compliance with 25 O.S. §1313 and participate in the Status Verification System. The Status Verification System is defined in 25 O.S. §1312 and includes but is not limited to the free Employment Verification Program (E-Verify) available at www.dhs.gov/E-Verify.

A.28. Compliance with Applicable Laws

The products and services supplied under the contract shall comply with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws and the contractor shall maintain all applicable licenses and permit requirements.

A.29. Gratuities

The right of the contractor to perform under this contract may be terminated, by written notice, if the Contracting Officer determines that the contractor, or its agent or another representative offered or gave a gratuity (e.g., an entertainment or gift) to any State employee directly involved in this solicitation. Furthermore, a contractor convicted of such violation may also be suspended or debarred.

A.30. Preclusion from Resulting Contracts

Any contractor that has provided any consulting services or technical assistance that resulted in any specifications or concepts in this solicitation, either directly or indirectly, is precluded from the award of such contract and from securing a sub-contractor that has provided such services.

A.31. Mutual Responsibilities

The State and contractor agree that under this Agreement:

- A.31.1. Neither party grants the other the right to use any trademarks, trade names, or other designations in any promotion or publication without express written consent by the other party.
- A.31.2. This is a non-exclusive agreement and each party is free to enter into similar agreements with others.
- A.31.3. Each party grants the other only the licenses and rights specified. No other licenses or rights (including licenses or rights under patents) are granted.
- A.31.4. Where approval, acceptance, consent, or similar action by either party is required under this agreement, such action shall not be unreasonably delayed or withheld.

A.32. Background Checks and Verifications

At the sole discretion of the State, the contractor may be subject to user background checks. The contractor must submit the required background check information to the State in a timely manner. The State may not allow any access prior to completion of background verification.

A.33. Confidentiality

- A.33.1. Pursuant to Title 62 O. S. §34.12.(C). "The Office of State Finance and all agencies of the executive branch of the State shall not be required to disclose, directly or indirectly, any information of a State agency which is declared to be confidential or privileged by State or Federal statute or the disclosure of which is restricted by agreement with the United States or one of its agencies, nor disclose information technology system details that may permit the access to confidential information or any information affecting personal security, personal identity, or physical security of State assets."

If required for the performance of this contract, the above information may be given to the contractor after the contract is awarded in accordance with the requirements of this section.

- A.33.2. The contractor shall maintain strict physical security of all data and records entrusted to it. If certain functions are sub-contracted in accordance with the terms expressed herein, the contractor shall insure that the sub-contractor maintains strict physical security of all data and records transmitted to the sub-contractor.
- A.33.3. The contractor shall never turn data or records over to a third party unless specifically authorized to do so by the State's CIO, the State Agency Director, or in compliance with a valid court order.

A.34. Unauthorized Obligations

At no time during the performance of this contract shall the contractor have the authority to obligate the State or the agency for payment of any goods or services over and above the awarded contract. If the need arises for goods or services over and above the contract for this project, contractor shall cease the project and contact agency for approval prior to proceeding.

A.35. Electronic and Information Technology Accessibility

Pursuant to Title 74, Section 85.7d. and OAC 580:16-7-56 electronic and information technology procurements, solicitations, agreements, and contracts shall comply with applicable Oklahoma Information Technology Accessibility Standards issued by the Oklahoma Office of State Finance.

EIT Standards may be found at www.ok.gov/DCS/Central_Purchasing/index.html or http://www.ok.gov/OSF/documents/isd_itas.doc.

1) For Information Technology or Communications Products, Systems and Applications not requiring development and/or customization. The contractor shall provide a description of conformance with the applicable Oklahoma Information Technology Accessibility Standards for the proposed product, system, or application by means of either a Voluntary Product Accessibility Template (VPAT) or other comparable document, upon request.

The contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the State of Oklahoma and any Oklahoma Government entity purchasing the products, systems, or applications not requiring development and/or customized by the contractor from any claim arising out of the contractor's failure to comply with applicable Oklahoma Information Technology Accessibility Standards subsequent to providing

certification of compliance to such Standards.

2) For Information Technology or Communications Products, Systems or Applications requiring development and/or customization. The contractor shall provide a description of conformance with the applicable Oklahoma Information Technology Accessibility Standards for the proposed product, system, or application developed and/or customized by means of either a Voluntary Product Accessibility Template (VPAT) or other comparable document, upon request. Additional requirements and documentation may be required and compliance shall be necessary on the contractor's part. Such requirements shall be stated in documents such as State Bids, Request for Proposals, Contracts, Agreements, Purchase Orders, and Amendments.

The contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the State of Oklahoma and any Oklahoma Government entity purchasing the products, systems, or applications from the contractor, from any claim arising out of the contractor's failure to comply with applicable Oklahoma Information Technology Accessibility Standards subsequent to providing certification of compliance to such Standards. However, the contractor shall no longer have an obligation to indemnify the State for liability resulting from products, systems or applications developed and/or customized that are not in compliance with applicable Oklahoma Information Technology Accessibility Standards ("Standards") after the State has tested and confirmed that the product, system or application meets the accessibility requirements in the Standards.

A.36. Patents and Copyrights

If in the performance of this contract, contractor uses any Product covered by a third party's patent or copyright, it is mutually agreed and understood without exception that the contractor's contract prices shall include all royalties or costs charged by the third party arising from the use of such patent or copyright. If such royalties or costs are not covered in the contractor contract price, contractor's obligations are as outlined immediately below.

A.36.1. If a third party claims that a product the contractor provides to an Procuring Agency infringes that party's patent or copyright, the contractor shall defend the State against that claim at contractor's expense and pay all costs, damages, and attorney's fees that a court finally awards, provided the State: (i) promptly notifies the contractor in writing of the claim; and (ii) to the extent authorized by the Attorney General of the State Oklahoma, allows the contractor to control, and cooperates with the contractor in, the defense and any related settlement negotiations; provided however, that if the Attorney General of the State of Oklahoma does not authorize the contractor to have sole control of the defense and any related settlement negotiations, then to the extent allowed by Oklahoma law, contractor shall have no obligation to indemnify the State of Oklahoma under this Section.

If such a claim is made or appears likely to be made, the State agrees to permit contractor to enable the State to continue to use the Product, or to modify it, or replace it with one that is at least functionally equivalent. If the contractor determines that none of these alternatives is reasonably available, the State agrees to return the product to the contractor upon written request. Contractor shall then give the State a refund equal to the net book value for the product, provided the State has followed applicable accounting principles. Net book value is the original cost of the product amortized over three (3) years using the straight-line accounting method of depreciation.

A.36.2. Contractor has no obligation regarding any claim based on any of the following: (i) anything the State provides which is incorporated into a product; (ii) modification of a product by any party other than contractor, contractor's representative or contractor's sub-contractor, or any State employee acting at the contractor's direction, or a program's use in other than its Specified Operating Environment; (iii) the combination, operation, or use of a product with other products not provided by contractor as a system, or the combination, operation or use of a product with any product, data, or apparatus that contractor did not provide; or (iv) infringement by a non-contractor product alone, as opposed to its combination with products contractor provides to the State as a system.

A.37. Federal Terms and Conditions

The following terms apply if federal monies are used to fund this solicitation:

A.37.1. Equal Opportunity and Discrimination

The contractor certifies they are an Equal Opportunity Employer, a provider of services and/or assistance, and is in compliance with the 1964 Civil Rights Act, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended and Executive Orders 11246 and 11375. The provider assures compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-336), all amendments to, and all requirements imposed by the regulations issued pursuant to this act.

A.37.2. Lobbying

The contractor certifies compliance with the Anti-Lobbying law, Section 1352, Title 31 of the U.S. Code, and implemented at 45 CFR Part 93, for persons entering into a grant or cooperative agreement over \$100,000.00 as defined at 45 CFR 93, Section 93.105 and 93.110.

A.37.3. Drug-Free Workplace

The contractor certifies compliance in providing or continuing to provide a drug-free workplace in accordance with the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, and implemented at 45 CFR part 76, Subpart F, for grantees, as defined at 45 CFR Part 76, Sections 76.605 and 76.610.

A.37.4. Environmental Protection

If the payments pursuant to the contract are expected to exceed \$100,000.00, then the contractor must comply with all applicable Federal Laws such as Section 306 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 1857 (L)), Section 508 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1638), Executive Order 11738, and Environmental Protection Agency Regulations (40 C.F.R Part 15), which prohibit the use under nonexempt Federal contract, grant or loans of facilities included on the EPA List of Violating Facilities.

A.38. Assignment

Contractor's obligations under this contract may not be assigned or transferred to any other person, firm, or corporation without the prior written consent of the State.

A.39. Severability

If any provision for this contract shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the remaining provisions shall continue to be valid and enforceable. If a court finds that any provision of this contract is invalid or unenforceable, but that by limiting such provision it would become valid and enforceable, then such provision shall be deemed to be written, construed, and enforced as so limited.

A.40. Failure to Enforce

Failure by the State of Oklahoma at any time to enforce the provisions of the contract shall not be construed as a waiver of any such provisions. Such failure to enforce shall not affect the validity of the contract or any part thereof or the right of the State of Oklahoma to enforce any provisions at any time in accordance with its terms.

A.41. Licensed Software

- A.41.1. Under no circumstances shall the contractor be required to install or maintain software packages that it has reason to believe are not properly licensed.
- A.41.2. All software/software licensing previously installed by the agency remains the responsibility of the agency. Software used by the contractor in performance of this contract is the responsibility of the contractor.

A.42. Contract

The contract shall be for indefinite delivery and indefinite quantity for the products/services awarded.

A.43. Conflict of Interest

Contractor must disclose any contractual relationship or any other relevant contact with any State personnel, or other State contractors involved in the development of this solicitation that result in a contract. Any conflict of interest shall, at the sole discretion of State, be grounds for termination of project involvement; provided that such termination must be made within a reasonable time after disclosure of such relationships or contacts.

In addition to any requirements of law or through a professional code of ethics or conduct, the contractor and the contractor's employees performing services for the State are required to disclose any outside activities or interests that conflict or may conflict with the best interests of the State. Further, such employees shall not plan, prepare, or engage in any activity that conflicts or may conflict with the best interests of the State of Oklahoma during the period of this agreement without prior written approval of the State. Prompt disclosure is required under this paragraph if the activity or interest is related, directly or indirectly, to any person or entity currently under contract with or seeking to do business with the State, its employees, other third-party individuals, or entities holding contracts with the State.

A.44. Limitation of Liability

To the extent any limitation of liability is construed by a court of competent jurisdiction to be a limitation of liability in violation of Oklahoma law, such limitation of liability shall be void.

A.45. Media Ownership (Disk Drive and/or Memory Chip Ownership)

- A.45.1. In conjunction with the Oklahoma Computer Equipment Recovery Act and the Office of State Finance's Information Security, Policies, Procedures, and Guidelines – Media Sanitization Procedures for the Destruction or Disposal of all Electronic Storage Media: disk drives and memory cards purchased with or for use in leased equipment under this contract remain the property of the State of Oklahoma.
- A.45.2. Disk drives and memory cards purchased with or included in leased or purchased equipment under this contract shall remain the property of the State of Oklahoma; therefore, 'Keep Your Hard Drive' costs must be included in the offeror's proposed cost.
- A.45.3. Personal Identification Information may be retained within electronic media devices and components; therefore, the State shall not allow the release of electronic media either between State Agencies or for the resale of refurbished equipment that has been in use by State entities, by the contractor to the general public or other entities. Electronic Media Retention by the State entities for equipment whether purchased or leased shall also be applied to replacement devices and components the selected offeror's may supply during the downtime (repair) of equipment purchased or leased through this contract. If a device has to be removed from a location for repairs,

there shall be sufficient safeguards in place (such as a record of hard drive serial numbers) to protect the Personal Identification Information that may be stored within the hard drive/memory of the device.

A.45.4. The State of Oklahoma IT Security Policies may be found at:

<http://www.ok.gov/OSF/documents/InfoSecPPG.pdf>

A.46. Offshore Services

No offshore services are provided pursuant to this contract.

A.47. Failure To Provide

The contractor's repeated failure to provide defined services, without reasonable basis as determined by the sole discretion of the State of Oklahoma's chief Information Officer, shall constitute a material breach of the contractor's obligations, which may result in cancellation of the contract.

A.48. Agency Policies

The contractor's employees and/or sub-contractors must adhere to the agency policies pertaining to acceptable use of Internet and electronic mail, facility and data security, press releases, and public relations. It is up to the contractor to review and relay agency policies covering the above to the consulting staff.

A.49. Compliance With Technology Policies

The contractor agrees to adhere to the State of Oklahoma "Information Security Policy, Procedures, and Guidelines" available at:

www.ok.gov/OSF/documents/StateOfOklahomaInfoSecPPG_osf_12012008.pdf

A.50. Emerging Technologies

The State of Oklahoma reserves the right to modify the terms of this contract at any time to allow for technologies not identified elsewhere under this document. If there are repeated requests for an "emerging technology" and the State feels it is warranted to add such technologies, the State reserves the right to include such technology hereunder or to issue a formal modification or amendment to the contract.

A.51. Ownership Rights

- A.51.1. It is understood and agreed that the Software is being developed by the contractor for the sole and exclusive use of the State of Oklahoma. Moreover, except with regard to any deliverable based on contractor's reusable or pre-existing intellectual property ("Utilities"), the State of Oklahoma shall be deemed the sole and exclusive owner of all right, title, and interest therein, including all copyright and proprietary rights relating thereto.
- A.51.2. Except for any utilities, all work performed by the contractor of software and any supporting documentation therefore shall be considered as Works for Hire (as such are defined under the U.S. Copyright Laws) and, as such, shall be opened by and for the benefit of State of Oklahoma.

A.52. Right of Use

- A.52.1. The State has the right to use or not use the software, not including any utilities, and to use, reproduce, re-use, alter, modify, edit, or change the software as it sees fit and for any purpose. However, contractor shall bear no liability for any changes the State makes to such software.
- A.52.2. In the event that it should be determined that any of such software or supporting documentation does not qualify as a "Work Made for Hire", contractor irrevocably grants to the State an non-exclusive, irrevocable license to use such portion. With respect to any Utilities, the State shall have the right to perpetual, internal use of the Utilities included in the deliverable.
- A.52.3. Contractor shall assist the State and its Agents, upon request, in preparing U.S. and foreign copyright, trademark, and/or patent applications covering Software. Contractor shall sign any such applications, upon request, and deliver them to the State. The State of Oklahoma shall bear all expenses that it causes to be incurred in connection with such copyright, trademark, and/or patent protection.

A.53. Source Code Escrow – Reference Title 62 O.S. § 34.31

No State agency, as defined by Section 250.3 of Title 75 of the Oklahoma Statutes, nor the Purchasing Division of the Department of Central Services, unless otherwise provided by Federal law, shall enter into a contract for the acquisition of customized computer software developed or modified exclusively for the agency or the State, unless the contractor agrees to place into escrow with an independent third party the source code for the software and/or modifications.

- A.53.1. The contractor must agree to place the source code for the software and any upgrades supplied to an agency in escrow with a third party acceptable to the agency and to enter into a customary source code escrow agreement which includes a provision that entitles the agency to receive everything held in escrow upon the occurrence of any of the following:
 - a) A bona fide material default of the obligations of the contractor under the agreement with the agency;

- b) An assignment by the contractor for the benefit of its creditors;
- c) A failure by the contractor to pay, or an admission by the contractor of its inability to pay, its debts as they mature;
- d) The filing of a petition in bankruptcy by or against the contractor when such petition is not dismissed within sixty (60) days of the filing date;
- e) The appointment of a receiver, liquidator or trustee appointed for any substantial part of the contractor's property;
- f) The inability or unwillingness of the contractor to provide the maintenance and support services in accordance with the agreement with the agency; or
- g) The ceasing of a contractor of maintenance and support of the software.

The fees of any third-party escrow agent subject to this section shall be borne by the contractor.

A.53.2. As used in this section:

- a) "State agency" shall include all State agencies, whether subject to the Central Purchasing Act or not, except the Oklahoma Lottery Commission; and
- b) "Source code" means the programming instruction for a computer program in its original form, created by a programmer with a text editor or a visual programming tool and saved in a file.

A.54. Right to Renegotiate

Prior to exercising the State's right to cancel a contract, the State may renegotiate an existing contract with a contractor for the purpose of obtaining more favorable terms for the State, provided that the term of the contract is not modified.

A.55. Publicity

The award of this contract to contractor is not in any way an endorsement of contractor or contractor's services by the State and shall not be so construed by contractor in any advertising or publicity materials. Contractor agrees to submit to the State all advertising, sales promotion, and other publicity matters relating to this contract wherein the State's name is mentioned or language used from which the connection of the State's name therewith may, in the State's judgment, be inferred or implied. Contractor further agrees not to publish or use such advertising, sales promotion, or publicity matter without the prior written consent of the State. Nor shall contractor release any informational pamphlets, notices, press releases, research reports, or similar public notices concerning this project without obtaining the prior written approval of the State.

A.56. Mandatory and Non-Mandatory Terms

- A.56.1. Whenever the terms "shall", "must", "will", or "is required" are used in this RFP, the specification being referred to is a mandatory specification of this RFP. Failure to meet any mandatory specification may cause rejection of the Offeror's Proposal.
- A.56.2. Whenever the terms "can", "may", or "should" are used in this RFP, the specification being referred to is a desirable item and failure to provide any item so termed shall not be cause for rejection.

A.57. Special Provisions

Special Provisions apply with the same force and effect as these General Provisions. However, conflicts or inconsistencies shall be resolved in favor of the Special Provisions.

B. SPECIAL PROVISIONS

B.1. Glossary of Terms

B.1.1. Contractor – A vendor, offeror, or bidder that has been awarded a contract by the State.

B.2. Contract Term, Renewal and Extension Option

B.2.1. The initial contract period shall begin on the effective date and shall extend through One (1) Year unless renewed, extended, or terminated in accordance with applicable contract provisions. The contractor shall not commence work, commit funds, incur costs, or in any way act to obligate the State until so notified in writing of the approval of the contract. The authorized State representative is the only individual who can transmit that approval to the contractor.

B.2.2. Under Oklahoma law, the State may not contract for a period longer than one (1) year. By mutual consent of the parties hereto, it is intended that there shall be **one (1)** option to renew, each for the duration of one (1) year.

B.2.3. The State, at its sole option, may choose to exercise an extension for 90 days beyond the final renewal option period, at the contract compensation rate for the extended period. If this option is exercised, the State shall notify the contractor in writing prior to contract end date. The State, at its sole option, may choose to exercise subsequent 90 day extensions, by mutual consent and at the contract compensation rate, to facilitate the finalization of related terms and conditions of a new award or as needed for transition to new contractor.

B.2.4. Notification to exercise the option to renew the contract shall be set forth, in writing, by the State at least 30 days prior to the end of each contract period. The contract shall be contingent upon approval by the State. If a decision is made not to exercise an option period, notice shall be sent at least 30 days prior to the end of the current contract period.

B.3. Contractors and Sub-Contractors Obligations

B.3.1. The contractor may use sub-contractors in support of this contract; however, the contractor shall remain solely responsible for the performance of this contract.

B.3.2. All payments for products or services shall be made directly to the contractor. If sub-contractors are to be used, the sub-contractors shall be identified in the Proposal and shall include the nature of the services to be performed. The State reserves the right to approve any and all sub-contractors providing services under this contract.

B.3.3. All contractor and sub-contractor changes after award, including changes of the actual employees performing services on this contract, are subject to approval by the State. No payments shall be made to the contractor for services performed pursuant to this contract by unapproved employees of a sub-contractor.

B.3.4. Contractor's employees or agents, if any, who perform services for the State under this agreement shall also be bound by the provisions of this agreement. At the request of the State, contractor shall provide adequate evidence that such persons are their employees or agents. In accordance with the section on "Employment Relationship", the State shall not be responsible to contractor's employees for any employee benefit or any obligation relating to employment, including health insurance benefits, workers' compensation insurance, paid vacation, or any other employee benefit.

B.4. Commercial Off-The-Shelf (Cots) Software

In the event that provider specifies additional terms and conditions or clauses that conflict with this contract in an electronic license agreement notice, the additional terms and conditions or conflicting clauses shall not be binding on the State of Oklahoma, and the provisions of this contract shall prevail.

B.5. Agency Policies

B.5.1. The supplier will be responsible for payment of all copyrights for use of information in the database(s). Additional charges may not be passed on to the State of Oklahoma, the Oklahoma Department of Libraries, or individual Oklahoma libraries participating in the project.

B.5.2. No advertising of any kind may appear anywhere in the interface.

C. SOLICITATION SPECIFICATIONS

C.1. Overview

The State Oklahoma of Office of State Finance ISD Procurement is currently accepting proposals on behalf of the State of Oklahoma Department of Libraries for a 45 library location license (s) for access via the internet to the following materials.

- Academic tutoring and career mentoring services that are targeted to students and job seekers of all ages. Materials may come from sources such as magazine articles, eBooks, online tutorials, practice testing for school and career, experts in their field, webinars, and current events.

It is the intent of the Oklahoma Department of Libraries to provide internet access to the materials described to the state's 45 OkConnect libraries. These 45 libraries are participating in a 3.3 million American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) grant called OkConnect-Powering the Possibilities funded in part by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The scope of the grant addresses Oklahoma's core issues of poverty and broadband under-service and focuses on Education, Jobs and Poverty Alleviation, Health, and eGovernment services with the addition of 36 video conferencing centers, additional computers, and upgraded broadband service from 4.6Mbps to 100 Mbps.

The 45 OkConnect Libraries are Ada, Altus, Anadarko, Ardmore Public Library, Chickasaw Regional Library System – Ardmore, Atoka, Bartlesville, Cherokee, Claremore, Cleveland, Clinton, Duncan, Durant, El Reno, Enid, Eufaula, Fairview, Grandfield, Grove, Guthrie, Guymon, Guymon, Hollis, Lawton, Marietta, Miami, Muskogee, Okmulgee, Pawhuska, Ponca City, Prague, Pryor, Purcell, Sallisaw, Sapulpa, Shawnee, Stillwater, Sulphur, Tahlequah, Tishomingo, Wagoner, Walters, Watonga, Waurika, Westville, and Woodward. Please provide pricing on a total county population of 1,956,393 and total city population of 652,860.

C.2. Mandatory Requirements

Database(s) coverage is required for Multi-media materials and full-text articles and directories. The proposals must include **only** modules and features that are currently operational in multiple user sites.

- C.2.1. Offerors must describe how remote access to the product(s) occurs. The primary access to the database(s) will be through the Internet from a variety of personal computers in libraries and from member libraries' users accessing information from home or office. Individual participating institutions must be able to choose to access the database(s) using any of the following methods:
- IP authentication,
 - via a proxy server,
 - referring URLs,
 - or by password/login. Any password/login must be authenticated by the vendor.
- C.2.2. Offerors must indicate if a particular browser version or "no earlier than" version is required. Database(s) must be accessible with standard web browser software. Offerors must describe whether use of their database(s) requires the server or web browser to support any or all of the following:
- Frames,
 - Java applets,
 - JavaScript,
 - Proprietary drivers,
 - Flash
 - or special plug-ins.
- C.2.3. Offerors must indicate if any of the product(s) offered provide access from mobile devices such as PDAs, cell phones, Smartphone's, tablets, etc.
- C.2.4. Offerors must describe alternative interfaces compatible with text-based browsers and/or adaptive software.
- C.2.5. Offerors must indicate that the database(s) comply with NISO Standard Z39.50 for data exchange. Offerors must provide the version of Z39.50 compatibility and describe other protocol compatibilities, if applicable.
- C.2.6. Any multimedia included in the product must be accessible through standard applications. Offerors must indicate applications through which multimedia is accessible. Any applications necessary to use the media must be available at no cost to the users.

C.3. Training

Offerors must provide database(s) user training. Training **shall be** provided annually or when there is a major change to the database(s) user interface.

- C.3.1. Offerors will submit a maximum of 2 pages describing their training program
- C.3.2. Offerors must provide no less than six (6) regional trainings at locations throughout the state in the first year.
- C.3.3. Training manuals must be provided to the Oklahoma Department of Libraries and to all participating 45 libraries.
- C.3.4. Training manuals must be in hardcopy and electronic formats.
- C.3.5. Online help must be available for proposed products/ solution .

C.4. Printing

- C.4.1. The database(s) may allow for the limited downloading and/or printing of text from Windows, Apple and Linux operating systems for no additional fees.
- C.4.2. The interfaces to the database(s) must have the capability to mark records for viewing and/or printing.
- C.4.3. The interface may provide a print command that results in printing to a local or network printer.
- C.4.4. Offerors must identify any operating system platforms from which printing cannot be performed or conditions under which printing may not function.

C.5. Usage Reports

Usage reports must provide accurate statistics on database(s) used.

- C.5.1. Usage reports must be available on a monthly basis the Oklahoma Department of Libraries and each participating library.
- C.5.2. Reports must be available for the preceding month, no later than ten days after the close of that month.
- C.5.3. Offerors must submit a maximum of 2 pages describing their standard usage reports
- C.5.4. Offerors shall provide examples of standard usage reports.
- C.5.5. Offerors must indicate whether such usage reports are provided automatically via e-mail or obtained on request by use of a login/password protected, web-based application.

C.6. Maintenance and Support

Access to the database(s) must be available to simultaneous users twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, except for a maintenance window during off-peak periods. If the service is not 24/7, please indicate available times and number of simultaneous users.

- C.6.1. Offerors must specify the times of scheduled maintenance window(s), if any, during which service is unavailable. Please indicate frequency of database updates.
- C.6.2. Toll-free telephone technical support for participating libraries is preferably available from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (Central Time Zone), Monday through Friday. If this time frame is not possible, please provide available technical support time for Central Time Zone. Offerors must describe procedures governing calls to technical support.
- C.6.3. Offerors must provide system reports documenting downtimes or service unavailability for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011, including but not limited to supplier's server software or hardware problems and/or vendor Internet service downtime.
- C.6.4. Offerors must describe what system redundancy is in place to prevent periods of service unavailability.
- C.6.5. Offerors must describe their policy and methods of notifying customers of period of unavailability, other than regularly scheduled maintenance, and targeted time period for restoration of services.

C.7. Content Management

- C.7.1. Offerors must describe how individual OkConnect participants with existing product subscriptions/licenses are affected by their 45 library license proposal, including options for credits to the libraries.

- C.7.2. Offerors must describe product content, coverage, and format for all products offered.
- C.7.3. Offerors must describe how product changes are communicated to the participating institutions, including any additions or deletions of titles included in the database(s), as well as what procedures are in place, if any, to replace deleted titles with comparable subject matter.
- C.7.4. Any database(s) offered must be accessible through firewalls configured in common ways accepted by the computer security industry. Offeror must make offered products and databases available to an evaluation committee, as well as, appropriate technical and user manuals, if requested.
 - a) If special firewall configurations are required to make database(s) accessible, Offerors must provide configuration information in their RFP response.
 - b) Offerors must indicate if any product(s) offered use a non-standard port for accessing the database(s).
- C.7.5. Offerors must describe the features of any administrative modules and note how such modules are offered to and accessed by the participating institutions.
- C.7.6. Offerors must provide a list of major library management system vendors with which the proposed product(s) or database(s) will work (e.g., Biblionix, Ex Libris, SirsiDynix, Innovative Interfaces, Book Systems, The Library Corporation, Follett, and others).

D. EVALUATION

D.1. Evaluation and Award

- D.1.1. Offers shall be evaluated on the “best value” determination.
- D.1.2. The State reserves the right to request demonstrations and question clarifications from any or all-responding contractors.

D.2. Proposal Clarification Questions

The State reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to request clarifications of technical proposals or to conduct discussions for the purpose of clarification with any or all contractors. The purpose of any such discussions shall be to ensure full understanding of the proposal. If clarifications are made because of such discussion, the contractor(s) shall put such clarifications in writing.

D.3. Competitive Negotiations of Offers

The State of Oklahoma reserves the right to negotiate with one, selected, all or none of the vendors responding to this solicitation to obtain the best value for the State. Negotiations could entail discussions on products, services, pricing, contract terminology or any other issue that may mitigate the State’s risks. The State shall consider all issues negotiable and not artificially constrained by internal corporate policies. Negotiation may be with one or more vendors, for any and all items in the vendor’s offer.

Firms that contend that they lack flexibility because of their corporate policy on a particular negotiation item shall face a significant disadvantage and may not be considered. If such negotiations are conducted, the following conditions shall apply:

- D.3.1. Negotiations may be conducted in person, in writing, or by telephone.
- D.3.2. Negotiations shall only be conducted with potentially acceptable offers. The State reserves the right to limit negotiations to those offers that received the highest rankings during the initial evaluation phase.
- D.3.3. Terms, conditions, prices, methodology, or other features of proposed offers may be subject to negotiations and subsequent revision. As part of the negotiations, the offeror may be required to submit supporting financial, pricing, and other data in order to allow a detailed evaluation of the feasibility, reasonableness, and acceptability of the offer.
- D.3.4. The requirements of the Request for Proposal shall not be negotiable and shall remain unchanged unless the State determines that a change in such requirements is in the best interest of the State Of Oklahoma.
- D.3.5. BEST and FINAL – The State may request best and final offers if deemed necessary, and shall determine the scope and subject of any best and final request. However, the vendor should not expect an opportunity to strengthen its offer and should submit its best offer based on the terms and condition set forth in this solicitation.

D.4. Selection Criteria

- D.4.1. Technical Responses
- D.4.2. Schedule
- D.4.3. Attachment A
- D.4.4. VPAT
- D.4.5. Supplier Qualifications /References
- D.4.6. Cost

D.5. Evaluation Process

- D.5.1. Evaluation Process – Determination of Solicitation Responsiveness

A responsive offer is defined as an offer that meets all the general mandatory requirements as outlined below:

- Responding Bidder Information Sheet complete Form 076
- Certification for Competitive Bid and Contract (Non-Collusion Certification) Form 004
- Amendments, if issued, are acknowledged.

Meeting all requirements outlined above allows the offer to proceed in the evaluation process. Failure to meet all of the above may result in the proposal being disqualified from further evaluation.

Note: The following evaluation process is not presented in any sequence as any selection process may overlap the other in the evaluation.

- D.5.2. Evaluation Process - Evaluation of Offer

The technical section of the offer is evaluated based on the required submittals in Section E.

D.5.3. Evaluation Process - Evaluation of Cost

Cost comparisons are performed.

D.5.4. Evaluation Process – Demonstrations

If desired by the evaluation committee, the vendor may be required to provide product/services demonstrations.

D.5.5. Best Value Evaluation of Product/Services

D.5.5.1. Selection

The selection and award of contractor is based upon which contractor best meets the needs of the State.

The State reserves the right to negotiate with one or more contractors, at any point during the evaluation. The State may negotiate any and all content of the offer.

D.5.6. Contractors should be prepared to participate in oral presentations and demonstrations to define their submittal, to introduce their team, and to respond to any and all questions regarding their offer if requested by the State prior to award.

E. INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFEROR

E.1. Introduction

Prospective contractors are urged to read this solicitation carefully. Failure to do so shall be at the offeror's risk. Provisions, terms, and conditions may be stated or phrased differently than in previous solicitations. Irrespective of past interpretations, practices or customs, offers shall be evaluated and any resultant contract(s) shall be administered in accordance with the plain meaning of the contents hereof. The offeror is cautioned that the requirements of this solicitation can be altered only by written amendment approved by the State and that verbal communications from whatever source are of no effect. In no event shall the offeror's failure to read and understand any term or condition in this solicitation constitute grounds for a claim after contract award.

E.2. Preparation of Offer

- E.2.1. Any usage amounts specified are estimates only and are not guaranteed to be purchased.
- E.2.2. Information shall be entered on the form provided or a copy thereof.

E.3. Submission of Offer

- E.3.1. Completeness of offer(s): It is desirable that Offerors respond in a complete and concise manner. It is the Offerors sole responsibility to submit information in the offer as requested by the solicitation. Failure to submit required information may cause its offer to be rejected. However, unnecessary information should be excluded from the offer.
- E.3.2. Offers/Proposals should be paginated and include an original document, plus four 4 copies for a total of five (5) documents. The documents' front pages should indicate original or copy.
- E.3.3. Offers/Proposals should include a "machine readable" version, preferably in Microsoft WORD format, on CD or DVD, of offer/proposal

E.4. Proposals Are Subject to Oklahoma Open Records Act

- E.4.1. To the extent permitted by the Oklahoma Open Records Act, 51 O. S. (2001) § 24A.1-27, proposals submitted in response to the RFP will not be disclosed, except for purposes of evaluation, prior to approval by the CIO of the resulting contract. All material submitted becomes the property of the State of Oklahoma. Proposals will not be considered confidential after a contract is awarded.
- E.4.2. Proposals are subject to public disclosure in accordance with the Open Records Act. PROPOSALS MARKED, IN TOTAL, AS PROPRIETARY and/or CONFIDENTIAL SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED.
- E.4.3. If an Offeror believes particular information requested by the RFP for evaluation purposes is proprietary, the offeror shall submit that information separate and apart from its response and mark it Proprietary and Confidential. If ISD in its sole discretion agrees the information is proprietary, ISD will maintain the information as Confidential. If ISD does not acknowledge the information as proprietary, ISD will return or destroy the information with proper notice to the Offeror and the evaluation will be completed without consideration of the information marked Proprietary.

E.5. Explanation to Offeror

- E.5.1. Offerors who need clarification shall contact the contracting officer shown on the RFP. Oral explanations or instructions shall not be binding. Any information provided to any Offerors concerning this solicitation shall be provided promptly to all Offerors as an amendment, if that information is necessary in submitting an offer or if the lack of it would be prejudicial to other offeror.
- E.5.2. **Offerors who believe solicitation requirements or specifications are unnecessarily restrictive or limit competition may submit a request for administrative review, in writing, to the State.** To be considered, for an administrative review the request **must be received no later than 02/21/2012**. The State shall promptly respond in writing to each written review request, and where appropriate, issue all revisions, substitutions or clarifications through a written amendment to the solicitation. Requests for administrative review of technical or contractual requirements shall include the reason for the request, supported by information, and any proposed changes to the requirements.
- E.5.3. General Solicitation Questions – Offeror may submit general questions concerning the specifications of the solicitation. These questions shall be promptly answered in the form of an amendment and posted on the OSF website.
- E.5.4. When posing questions, every effort should be made to be concise and include section references, when possible.
- E.5.5. Offerors are advised that any questions received after **02/21/2012** shall not be answered. Submit all questions via e-mail to Hurtisine.Franklin@osf.ok.gov

E.6. P-Cards

The State of Oklahoma has issued P-Cards to most State agencies. The current P-Card contract holder utilizes VISA

If awarded a statewide contract will your company accept the State of Oklahoma approved purchase card:

Yes _____ No _____ (check one)

E.7. Accessibility and Compliance

508 Compliance, **which is part of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and requires electronic and information technology be accessible to goals of this law. Offerors must complete the attached VPAT- DCS Form # CP -053 (Web-Based Internet Information and Applications) *VPAT instructions are attached.***

E.8. Access to Products

Access to products must begin no later than **April 2012**. OkConnect participants must be automatically enrolled into any new subscription system required by the contractor.

- E.8.1. The enrollment period should begin prior to **April 2012** in order to provide service early in the academic year.
Vendor proposals must submit not more than a two (2) pages describing how the process of rolling over existing participants is to proceed.
- E.8.2. Vendors must submit not **more than a two (2) pages** describing the process proposed for new OkConnect participant registrations, including length of time between registration and access to the products.
- E.8.3. Vendor must submit not **more than a two (2) pages** describing the process for elimination of duplicate registrations for participating institutions.
- E.8.4. The vendor must ensure that the Oklahoma Department of Libraries receives all new participant information

E.9. Schedule

. Offerors shall provide a Schedule of proposed activities, services and guarantees. Schedule must be submitted in Excel format.

E.10. Pricing

Offerors must provide pricing for a 45 site license that provides unlimited usage and access to multi-media and full text materials for all member libraries of the OkConnect consortia. Offeror must submit the following:

- E.10.1. Pricing total for county population of 1,956,393
- E.10.2. Formula for how county pricing was determined
- E.10.3. Pricing for city population of 652,860
- E.10.4. Formula for how city pricing was determined

E.11. Additional Features- Attachment A

Offerors will use **Attachment A** to indicate if the items listed are available or unavailable and if there is a cost associated with the additional features. Additional points will be given for each available feature.

E.12. Deliverables

Note: Deliverables are to be in both hard copy and in a single machine-readable format, preferably in Microsoft Word format, on either CD or DVD.

- E.12.1. Completed "Responding Bidder Information" DCS/Purchasing Form 076
- E.12.2. Completed "Certification for Competitive Bid and Contract" DCS/Purchasing Form 004
- E.12.3. References – References provided must contain a contact person with full contact information (i.e., current employer, telephone number, mailing address, e-mail address, and fax number).
 - E.12.3.1.** Offerors shall submit references for at least three projects of similar scope to this RFP for which the are currently contracted
 - E.12.3.2.** Offeror shall submit references for at least one statewide licensed database(s) project.
The statewide license must have been in effect for at least twenty-four (24) months.
- E.12.4. Company Information – Vendor must provide detailed information on its company, including principals involved, number of employees, location, years in existence, a statement of financial stability, and any litigation or pending litigation for the past five years, or a statement indicating there is no litigation.

- E.12.5. Financial Status – Offerors should present information to demonstrate its financial status and performance, in the form of the last three years audited financial statements or the last three years of tax returns. A certified review may be accepted (clarification may be required) Note: This information must be submitted, at the latest, prior to award. If the contractor is a subsidiary of another entity, the last three years audited financial statements of three years tax returns for the parent company must also be submitted. The State reserves the right to withhold award to a contractor who is deemed financially weak. The State reserves the right to determine financial status at their sole discretion.

Clarification or additional documents may be requested. **FINANCIAL STABILITY DETERMINATION IS A MANDATORY DELIVERABLE**

- E.12.6. Response to Requirements as outlined in Section C and E
- E.12.7. VPAT & Accessibility Form –CP form # 053- Section E.7
- E.12.8. Schedule- Section E.9
- E.12.9. Attachment A-Section E.11
- E.12.10. Pricing

Any software licensing, maintenance, or service agreements the contractor requires, should they be the successful contractor, not submitted with contractor's offer shall not be considered after contract award. **MANDATORY DELIVERABLE**

Note: Deliverables are to be in both hard copy and in a single machine-readable format, preferably in Microsoft Word format, on either CD or DVD.

E.13. Notice of Award

A notice of award in the form of a PO or contract resulting from this solicitation shall be furnished to the successful contractor and shall result in a binding contract.

F. CHECKLIST

- Responding Supplier Information DCS/Purchasing – Form 076).
- Certification for Competitive Bid and Contract (DCS/Purchasing – Form 004).
- Supplier Contract Affidavit (DCS/Purchasing – Form 079).
- Supplier/Payee Form or W-8BEN (Paragraph A.14.4) as required.
- VPAT & Accessibility Form for Web-Base Internet Application (VPAT) CP-form #053-Section E.7
- Schedule –Section E.9
- Supplier Qualifications/References-Section E
- Company Information
- Statement of Financial Stability
- Attachment A

G. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- G.1.1. Request for Administrative Review of **Solicitation Requirements**–Section E.5.2 Request due by 02/21/2012
- G.1.2. General Solicitation Questions- Due by 02/21/2012.

H. PRICE AND COST

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