



STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

(Request For Bids/Proposals/Contracts)
Walworth County Purchasing Division
Rev. 08/15

1.0 **APPLICABILITY:** The terms and conditions set forth in this document apply to Requests for Writing Quotes (RFWQ), Proposals (RFP), Bids (RFB) and all other transactions whereby the County of Walworth acquires goods or services, or both.

1.1 **ENTIRE AGREEMENT:** These Standard Terms and Conditions shall apply to any contract, including any purchase order, awarded as a result of this request. Special requirements of a resulting contract may also apply. Said written contract with referenced parts and attachments shall constitute the entire agreement, and no other terms and conditions in any document, acceptance, or acknowledgment shall be effective or binding unless expressly agreed to in writing by the County. Unless otherwise stated in the agreement, these standard terms conditions supersede any other terms and/or conditions applicable to this agreement.

2.0 **SPECIFICATIONS:** The specifications herein are the minimum acceptable. When specific manufacturer and model numbers are used, they are to establish a design, type of construction, quality, functional capability or performance level, or any combination thereof, desired. When alternates are proposed, they must be identified by manufacturer, stock number, and such other information necessary to establish equivalency. Walworth County shall be the sole judge of equivalency. Vendors are cautioned to avoid proposing alternates to the specifications that may result in rejection of their bid.

3.0 **DEVIATIONS AND EXCEPTIONS:** Deviations and exceptions from terms, conditions, or specifications shall be described fully on the vendor's letterhead, signed, and attached to the bid. In the absence of such statement, the bid shall be accepted as in strict compliance with all terms, conditions, and specifications and vendor shall be held liable for injury resulting from any deviation.

4.0 **QUALITY:** Unless otherwise indicated in the request, all material shall be first quality. No pre-owned, obsolete, discontinued or defective materials may be used.

5.0 **QUANTITIES:** The quantities shown herein are based on estimated needs. The County reserves the right to increase or decrease quantities to meet actual needs.

6.0 **DELIVERY:** Deliveries shall be FOB destination freight prepaid and included unless otherwise specified. County will reject shipments sent C.O.D. or freight collect.

7.0 **PRICING:** Unit prices shown on the bid shall be the price per unit of sale as stated on the request or contract. For any given item, the quantity multiplied by the unit price shall establish the extended price, the unit price shall govern in the bid evaluation, permits, inspections, and all other contract administration activities.

7.1 Prices established in continuing agreements and term contracts may be lowered due to market conditions, but prices shall not be subject to increase for the term specified in the award. Vendor shall submit proposed increases to the contracting department thirty (30) calendar days before the proposed effective date of the price increase. Proposed increases shall be limited to fully documented cost increases to the vendor that are demonstrated to be industry wide. Price increases may not be granted unless they are expressed in bid documents and contracts or agreements.

7.2 Submission of a bid constitutes bidder's certification that no financial or personal relationship exists between the bidder and any county official or employee except as specially set forth in writing attached to and made a part of the bid. The successful bidder shall disclose any such relationship which develops during the term of the contract.

8.0 **ACCEPTANCE-REJECTION:** Walworth County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to waive any technicality in any bid submitted and to accept any part of a bid as deemed to be in the best interests of the County. Submission of a proposal or a bid constitutes the making of an offer to contract and gives the County an option valid for 90 days after the date of submission to the County. Walworth County reserves the right to perform background and reference checks on vendors providing goods and/or services to the county.

8.1 Bids **MUST** be dated and time stamped by the Walworth County Purchasing Division Office at W4097 County Road NN, Elkhorn, WI 53121, on or before the date and time that the bid is due. Bids deposited or time stamped in another office will be rejected. Actual receipt in the office of the purchasing division is necessary; timely deposit in the mail system is not sufficient. All Bids must be clearly labeled with bidder name, return address, bid title. **THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS POLICY.**

9.0 **METHOD OF AWARD:** Award shall be made to the lowest responsible responsive vendor conforming to specifications, terms, and conditions, or to the most advantageous bid submitted to the County on a quality versus price basis.

10.0 **ORDERING/ACCEPTANCE:** Written notice of award to a vendor in the form of a purchase order or other document, mailed or delivered to the address shown on the bid will be considered sufficient notice of acceptance of bid. A formal contract containing all provisions of the contract signed by both parties shall be used when required by the Walworth County Purchasing Division.

10.1 **SUBCONTRACTING:** Awarded vendor(s) will not be permitted to sublet, sell, transfer, assign or otherwise dispose of the contract of any portion therein, or its right, title, or interest in, to any person, vendor(s) or {type of organization}

without the written consent of Walworth County. No subcontract shall, under any circumstances, relieve the contractor of liability and obligation under this contract. The awarded contractor shall be fully responsible for the acts, errors, and omission of subcontractor(s).

11.0 PAYMENT TERMS AND INVOICING: Unless otherwise agreed, Walworth County will pay properly submitted vendor invoices within forty five (45) days of receipt of goods and services. Payment will not be made until goods or services are delivered, installed (if required), and accepted as specified. Invoices presented for payment must be submitted in accordance with instructions contained on the purchase order.

11.1 NO WAIVER OF DEFAULT: In no event shall the making of any payment or acceptance of any service or product required by this Agreement constitute or be construed as a waiver by County of any breach of the covenants of the Agreement or a waiver of any default of the successful vendor, and the making of any such payment or acceptance of any such service or product by County while any such default or breach shall exist shall in no way impair or prejudice the right of County with respect to recovery of damages or other remedy as a result of such breach or default.

12.0 TAXES: The County and its departments are exempt from payment of all federal tax and Wisconsin state and local taxes on its purchases except Wisconsin excise taxes as described below. The State of Wisconsin Department of Revenue has issued tax exempt number CES045129 to Walworth County.

12.1 The County is required to pay the Wisconsin excise or occupation tax on its purchase of beer, liquor, wine, cigarettes, tobacco products, motor vehicle fuel and general aviation fuel. The County is exempt from Wisconsin sales or use tax on these purchases. The County may be subject to other states' taxes on its purchases in that state depending on the laws of that state. Vendors performing construction activities are required to pay state use tax on the cost of materials.

13.0 GUARANTEED DELIVERY: Failure of the vendor to adhere to delivery schedules as specified or to promptly replace rejected materials shall render the vendor liable for all costs in excess of the contract price when alternate procurement is necessary. Excess costs shall include administrative costs.

14.0 APPLICABLE LAW AND VENUE: This contract shall be governed under the laws of the State of Wisconsin, and venue for any legal action between the parties shall be in Walworth County Circuit Court. The vendor shall at all times comply with and observe all federal and state laws, local laws, ordinances, and regulations which are in effect during the period of this contract and which in any manner affect the work or its conduct. The County also has the right to cancel this contract with any federally or state debarred contractor or a contractor that is presently identified on the list of parties excluded from federal procurement and non-procurement contracts.

15.0 ASSIGNMENT: No right or duty in whole or in part of the vendor under this contract may be assigned or delegated without the prior written consent of Walworth County.

16.0 NONDISCRIMINATION/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: During the term of this Agreement the vendor agrees, in accordance with sec. 111.321, Wis. Stats., and Sec. 15-31 of the Walworth County Code of Ordinances, not to discriminate against any person, whether an applicant or recipient of services, an employee or applicant for employment, on the basis of age, race, ethnicity, religion, color, gender, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, national origin, cultural differences, ancestry, physical appearance, arrest record or conviction record, military participation or membership in the national guard, state defense force or any other reserve component of the military forces of the United States, or political beliefs. The vendor shall provide a harassment-free work environment. These provisions shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, transfer, recruitment, advertising, layoff, termination, training, including apprenticeships, rates of pay or other forms of compensation. Failure to comply with these Terms and Conditions may result in the vendor being debarred, termination of the contract and/or withholding of payment.

17.0 PATENT, COPYRIGHT AND TRADEMARK INFRINGEMENT: The vendor guarantees goods sold to the County were manufactured or produced in accordance with applicable federal labor laws, and that the sale or use of the articles described herein do not infringe any patent, copyright or trademark. The vendor covenants that it will, at its own expense, defend every suit which shall be brought against the County (provided that such vendor is promptly notified of such suit, and all papers therein are delivered to it) for any alleged infringement of any patent, copyright or trademark by reason of the sale or use of such articles, and agrees that it will pay all costs, damages, and profits recoverable in any such suit.

18.0 SAFETY REQUIREMENTS: All materials, equipment, and supplies provided to the County must fully comply with all safety requirements as set forth by the Wisconsin Department of Commerce and all applicable OSHA Standards. Provider shall also comply with Walworth County's work/site rules. Vendor shall comply, train, and accept exclusive responsibility for each of their employee's while on Walworth County property.

18.1 MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET: If any item(s) on an order(s) resulting from this award(s) is a hazardous chemical, as defined under 29 CFR 1910.1200, must provide one (1) copy of the Material Safety Data Sheet for each item with the shipped container(s) and one (1) copy with the invoice(s).

19.0 WARRANTY: Unless specifically expressed otherwise in writing, goods and equipment purchased as a result of this request shall be warranted against defects by the vendor for one (1) year from date of receipt. An equipment manufacturer's standard warranty shall apply as a minimum and must be honored by the vendor.

20.0 INDEMNIFICATION & INSURANCE.

20.1. PROVIDER shall indemnify, hold harmless and defend COUNTY, its boards, commissions, agencies, officers, employees and representatives against any and all liability, loss (including, but not limited to, property damage, bodily injury and loss of life), damages, costs or expenses which COUNTY, its officers, employees, agencies, boards, commissions and representatives may sustain, incur or be

required to pay by reason of PROVIDER furnishing the services or goods required to be provided under this Agreement, provided, however, that the provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to liabilities, losses, charges, costs, or expenses caused by or resulting from the acts or omissions of COUNTY, its agencies, boards, commissions, officers, employees or representatives. The obligations of PROVIDER under this paragraph shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

20.2. In order to protect itself and COUNTY, its officers, boards, commissions, agencies, agents, volunteers, employees and representatives under the indemnity provisions of the subparagraph above, PROVIDER shall, at PROVIDER's own expense, obtain and at all times during the term of this Agreement keep in full force and effect the insurance coverages, limits, and endorsements listed below. When obtaining required insurance under this Agreement and otherwise, PROVIDER agrees to preserve COUNTY's subrogation rights in all such matters that may arise that are covered by PROVIDER's insurance. Neither these requirements nor the COUNTY's review or acceptance of PROVIDER's certificates of insurance is intended to limit or qualify the liabilities or obligations assumed by the PROVIDER under this Agreement. The County expressly reserves the right to require higher or lower insurance limits where County deems necessary.

20.2.1. Commercial General Liability.

PROVIDER agrees to maintain Commercial General Liability insurance at a limit of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence, \$1,000,000 if aggregate combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage liability. Coverage shall include, but not be limited to, Bodily Injury and Property Damage to Third Parties, Contractual Liability, Personal Injury and Advertising Injury Liability, Premises-Operations, products and completed operations, Independent PROVIDERs and Subcontractors, and Fire Legal Liability. The policy shall not exclude Explosion, Excavating, Collapse, and Underground Property Damage Liability Coverage to be changed to not less than \$2,000,000. The policy shall list WALWORTH COUNTY as an Additional Insured.

20.2.2. Commercial/Business Automobile Liability.

PROVIDER agrees to maintain Commercial/Business Automobile Liability insurance at a limit of not less than \$1,000,000 Each Occurrence. PROVIDER further agrees coverage shall include liability for Owned, Non-Owned & Hired automobiles. In the event PROVIDER does not own automobiles, PROVIDER agrees to maintain coverage for Hired & Non-Owned Auto Liability, which may be satisfied by way of endorsement to the Commercial General Liability policy or separate Business Auto Liability policy.

20.2.3. Environmental Impairment (Pollution) Liability

PROVIDER agrees to maintain Environmental Impairment (Pollution) Liability insurance at a limit of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence for bodily injury, property damage, and environmental cleanup costs caused by pollution conditions, both sudden and non-sudden. This requirement can be satisfied by either a separate environmental liability policy or through a modification to the Commercial General Liability policy. Asbestos involved agreements shall have liability insurance at a limit of not less than \$5,000,000. Evidence of either must be provided.

20.2.4. Workers' Compensation.

PROVIDER agrees to maintain Workers Compensation insurance at Wisconsin statutory limits.

20.2.5 Malpractice.

PROVIDER agrees to maintain a minimum limit of \$1,000,000 per injury and \$1,000,000 aggregate.

20.2.6. Umbrella or Excess Liability.

PROVIDER may satisfy the minimum liability limits required above for Commercial General Liability and Business Auto Liability under an Umbrella or Excess Liability policy. There is no minimum Per Occurrence limit of liability under the Umbrella or Excess Liability; however, the Annual Aggregate limit shall not be less than the highest "Each Occurrence" limit for the Commercial General Liability and Business Auto Liability. PROVIDER agrees to list WALWORTH COUNTY as an "Additional Insured" on its Umbrella or Excess Liability policy.

20.3. Upon execution of this Agreement, PROVIDER shall furnish COUNTY with a Certificate of Insurance listing WALWORTH COUNTY as an additional insured and, upon request, certified copies of the required insurance policies. If PROVIDER's insurance is underwritten on a Claims-Made basis, the Retroactive Date shall be prior to or coincide with the date of this Agreement, the Certificate of Insurance shall state that professional malpractice or errors and omissions coverage, if the services being provided are professional services coverage is Claims-Made and indicate the Retroactive Date, PROVIDER shall maintain coverage for the duration of this Agreement and for six (6) years following the completion of this Agreement. PROVIDER shall furnish COUNTY, annually on the policy renewal date, a Certificate of Insurance as evidence of coverage. It is further agreed that PROVIDER shall furnish the COUNTY with a 30-day notice of aggregate erosion, in advance of the Retroactive Date, cancellation, or renewal. It is also agreed that on Claims-Made policies, either PROVIDER or COUNTY may invoke the tail option on behalf of the other party and that the Extended Reporting Period premium shall be paid by PROVIDER. In the event any action, suit or other proceeding is brought against COUNTY upon any matter herein indemnified against, COUNTY shall give reasonable notice thereof to PROVIDER and shall cooperate with PROVIDER's attorneys in the defense of the action, suit or other proceeding. PROVIDER shall furnish evidence of adequate Worker's Compensation Insurance. In case of any sublet of work under this Agreement, PROVIDER shall furnish evidence that each and every subcontractor has in force and effect insurance policies providing coverage identical to that required of PROVIDER. In case of any sublet of work under this Agreement, PROVIDER shall furnish evidence that each and every subcontractor has in force and effect insurance policies providing coverage identical to that required of PROVIDER.

21.0 CANCELLATION: Walworth County reserves the right to terminate any contract in whole or part without penalty due to non-appropriation of funds or failure of vendor/contractor to comply with terms, conditions, performance, and specification of this contract.

22.0 PUBLIC RECORDS ACCESS: It is the intention of the County to maintain an open and public process in the solicitation, submission, review, and approval of procurement activities. Bid openings are public unless otherwise specified.

22.1 PROPRIETARY INFORMATION: Any restrictions on the use of data contained within a request must be clearly stated in the bid/proposal itself. Proprietary information submitted in response to a request will become the property of Walworth County. Walworth County will work with vendors to meet their confidentiality requirements, provide they are within reason. All vendors proprietary/confidential materials must have each document or item clearly marked as so. All proprietary information will be handled in accordance to the Wisconsin public records law. However, when accepted, it is the vendor's responsibility to defend the determination in the event of an appeal or litigation.

22.2 Any material submitted by the vendor in response to this request that the vendor considers confidential and proprietary information and which vendor believes qualifies as a trade secret, as provided in section 19.36(5), Wis. Stats., must be identified on a designation of Confidential and Proprietary Information form. Pricing will not be held confidential after award of contract.

22.3 Data contained in a bid, all documentation provided therein, and innovations developed as a result of the contracted commodities or services cannot be copyrighted or patented. All data, documentation, and innovations shall be the property of the County.

23.0 RECYCLED MATERIALS: Walworth County is required to purchase products incorporating recycled materials whenever technically and economically feasible. Vendors are encouraged to bid products with recycled content which meet specifications.

24.0 PROMOTIONAL ADVERTISING: Reference to or use of Walworth County, any of its departments or sub-units, or any county official or employee for commercial promotion is prohibited.

25.0 ANTITRUST ASSIGNMENT: The vendor and the County of Walworth recognize that in actual economic practice, overcharges resulting from antitrust violation are in fact usually borne by the Purchaser. Therefore, the successful vendor hereby assigns to the County of Walworth any and all claims for such overcharges as to goods, materials or services purchased in connection with this contract.

26.0 RECORDKEEPING AND RECORD RETENTION-PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS: The successful bidder on a public works contract shall comply with the State of Wisconsin prevailing wage scale and shall establish and maintain adequate payroll records for all labor utilized as well as records for expenditures relating to all subcontracts, materialmen and suppliers. All records must be kept in accordance with generally accepted accounting procedures. The County shall have the right to audit, review, examine, copy, and transcribe any such records or documents. The vendor will retain all documents applicable to the contract for a period of not less than five (5) years after final payment is made.

26.1 RECORDKEEPING AND RECORD RETENTION-COST REIMBURSEMENT CONTRACTS: Where payment to the vendor is based on the vendor's costs, vendor shall establish and maintain adequate records of all expenditures incurred under the contract. All records must be kept in accordance with generally accepted accounting procedures. The County contracting agency shall have the right to audit,

review, examine, copy, and transcribe any pertinent records or documents relating to any contract resulting from this bid/proposal held by the vendor. The vendor will retain all documents applicable to the contract for a period of not less than five (5) years after final payment is made.

27.0 COOPERATIVE USE OF CONTACT: It is intended that any other public agency (i.e., city, county, district, public agency, municipality or state agency) shall have the option to participate (A.K.A) "join" or "piggyback" in any award made as a result of this solicitation under the same terms and conditions. The County of Walworth shall incur no financial responsibility in connection with purchase orders or contracts made by the bidder with another public agency resulting from this solicitation. The public agency utilizing the original contract shall accept sole responsibility for placement of orders and applicable payments to the vendor. Should the bidder not wish for a contract resulting from this bid to be used by other public agencies, they have the option to decline at the time of request.

28.0 LICENSURE, CERTIFICATION, AND STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS: Vendor is responsible to comply with all statutory rules and regulations. All federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations governing the service described in the specification will apply and will be deemed incorporated into the agreement. These requirements shall be at the vendors' expense.

28.1 A portion, or all of this agreement, maybe be subject to Wisconsin or Federal Grant Funding. Vendor shall be responsible for ensuring compliance with all grant funding requirements. If any of the services performed under this agreement are subcontracted, the selected vendor shall ensure compliance by all subcontractors. Vendor shall comply with all reporting requirements of any grant as a result of solicitation.

28.2 Walworth County, Auditor of the State of Wisconsin or any duly authorized representatives will have full access to and the right to exam any site, pertinent books, documents, paper and records of any invoicing transaction related to this agreement, for a period of not less than (5) years after from the later of the expiration or termination of the agreement.

28.3 Walworth County promotes and encourages participation of small and disadvantaged businesses, women's business enterprises and minority businesses. Walworth County requires all vendors and subcontractors to promote the participations from these entities.

29.0 CONFIDENTIALITY OF PERSONAL HEALTH INFORMATION: HIPAA/HITECH laws apply.

30.0 FORCE MAJEURE: Neither party shall be in default by reason of any failure in performance of this Agreement in accordance with reasonable control and without fault or negligence on their part. Such causes may include, but are not restricted to, acts of nature or the public enemy, acts of the government in either it sovereign or contractual capacity, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, freight embargoes and unusually severe weather, but in every case the failure to perform such must be beyond the reasonable control and without the fault or negligence of the party.

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