

LINK 4 - RFP GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Acceptance Test Procedure: Benchmarks and other performance criteria, developed by the Owners or other sources of testing standards, for measuring the effectiveness of products or services and the means used for testing such performance.

Addendum: Addendums are instruments issued by the Owner prior to the date for receipt of offers which modify or interpret the specification document by addition, deletion, clarification or correction.

After Receipt of Order (ARO): After Receipt of Order - when the successful Consultant receives either an executed Contract or a notice to proceed on after a service contract has been executed by all parties.

Agencies: The City of Lincoln, Lancaster County and the City of Lincoln/Lancaster County Public Building Commission referred to as Owners in RFP Document.

Agent/Representative: A person authorized to act on behalf of another.

Amend: To alter or change by adding, subtracting, or substituting.

Amendment: A written correction or alteration to a contract document.

Appropriation: Legislative authorization to expend public funds for a specific purpose. Money set apart for a specific use.

Award: All purchases, leases, or contracts which are based on competitive proposals will be awarded according to the provisions in the RFP and associated documents in the Ebid system. The Owners reserve the right to reject any or all proposals, wholly or in part, or to award to multiple firms in whole or in part. The Owners reserve the right to waive any deviations or errors that are not material, do not invalidate the legitimacy of the proposal, and do not improve the firm's competitive position. All awards will be made in a manner deemed in the best interest of the Owners.

Best and Final Offer (BAFO): In a competitive RFP, the final offer submitted which contains the firm's most favorable terms for price.

Bidder: A firm who submits an offer in response to a written solicitation.

Business: Any corporation, partnership, individual, sole proprietorship, joint-stock company, joint venture or any other private legal entity.

Business Day: Any weekday, except Owner-recognized holidays.

Calendar Day: Every day shown on the calendar including Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

Cancellation: To call off or revoke a purchase order or contract without expectation of conducting or performing it at a later time.

Central Processing Unit (CPU): Any computer or computer system that is used by the Owner to store, process, or retrieve data or perform other functions using Operating Systems and applications software.

City/County E-bid System: The internet-based system used by the City of Lincoln and Lancaster County for soliciting bids, issuing requests for proposals and qualifications, providing access to contracts and communicating with bidders and proposers and for the electronic submission of proposals and bid responses.

Collusion: An agreement or cooperation between two or more persons or entities to accomplish a fraudulent, deceitful, or unlawful purpose.

Commodities: Any equipment, material, supply or goods; anything movable or tangible that is provided or sold.

Commodities Description: Detailed descriptions of the items to be purchased; may include information necessary to obtain the desired quality, type, color, size, shape, or special characteristics necessary to perform the work intended to produce the desired results.

Competition: The effort or action of two or more commercial interests to obtain the same business from third parties.

Confidential Information: Unless otherwise defined below, "Confidential Information" shall also mean proprietary trade secrets, academic and scientific research work which is in progress and unpublished, and other information which if released would give advantage to business competitors and serve no public purpose (see Neb. Rev. Stat. §84-712.05(3)). In accordance with Nebraska Attorney General Opinions 92068 and 97033, proof that information is proprietary requires identification of specific, named competitor(s) who would be advantaged by release of the information and the specific advantage the competitor(s) would receive.

Contract: An agreement between two or more parties creating obligations that are enforceable or otherwise recognizable at law; the writing that sets forth such an agreement.

Contract Administration: The management of the contract which includes and is not limited to; contract signing, contract amendments and any necessary legal actions.

Contract Award: Occurs upon execution of the City of Lincoln document titled "Contract Documents" by the proper authority.

Contract Management: The management of day to day activities at the agency which includes and is not limited to ensuring deliverables are received, specifications are met, handling meetings and making payments to the Consultant.

Contract Period: Language outlined in the contract documents that delineates the start and end dates of the contract performance period and may also include information regarding any optional renewals.

Consultant: A firm or company that possesses certain skills, experience, education and competency to perform the Consultant Services on behalf of the Owners.

Cooperative Purchasing: The combining of requirements of two or more political entities to obtain advantages of volume purchases, reduction in administrative expenses or other public benefits.

Copyright: A property right in an original work of authorship fixed in any tangible medium of expression, giving the holder the exclusive right to reproduce, adapt and distribute the work.

Customer Service: The process of ensuring customer satisfaction by providing assistance and advice on those products or services provided by the firm.

Default: The omission or failure to perform a contractual duty.

Department: A division of the City of Lincoln, Lancaster County, or City of Lincoln/Lancaster County Public Building Commission responsible for the entire procurement process from initiation to contract administration of the Purchase Order or Contract to be executed.

Deviation: Any proposed change(s) or alteration(s) to either the terms and conditions or deliverables

within the scope of the written solicitation or contract.

Evaluation: The process of examining an offer after opening to determine the firm's responsibility, responsiveness to requirements, and to ascertain other characteristics of the offer that relate to determination of the successful award.

Evaluation Committee: Committee(s) appointed by the requesting agency that advises and assists the procuring office in the evaluation of proposals (offers made in response to written solicitations).

Extension: Continuance of a contract for a specified duration upon the agreement of the parties beyond the original Contract Period. Not to be confused with "Renewal Period".

Fee: The agreed upon unit prices and total costs which is determined through negotiation and specifically listed in the executed contract.

Free on Board (F.O.B.) Destination: The delivery charges are included in the quoted price and prepaid by the firm. Firm is responsible for all claims associated with damages during delivery of product.

Firm: An individual or entity lawfully conducting business in the State of Nebraska, or licensed to do so, who seeks to provide goods or services under the terms of a written solicitation.

Foreign Corporation: A foreign corporation that was organized and chartered under the laws of another state, government, or country.

Installation Date: The date when the Contractor shall perform duties as outlined in the documents of the RFP, proposal and subsequent contract.

Interested Party: A person, acting in their personal capacity, or an entity entering into a contract or other agreement creating a legal interest therein.

Late Proposal: An offer received after the Opening Date and Time.

Licensed Software Documentation: The user manuals and any other materials in any form or medium customarily provided by the Contractor to the users of the Licensed Software which will provide the Owners with sufficient information to operate, diagnose, and maintain the Licensed Software properly, safely, and efficiently.

Mandatory/Must: Required, compulsory, or obligatory.

May: Discretionary, permitted; used to express possibility.

Module (see System): A collection of routines and data structures that perform a specific function of software.

Must: See Mandatory/ Must and Shall/Will/Must.

National Institute for Governmental Purchasing (NIGP): National Institute of Governmental Purchasing – Source used for assignment of universal commodity codes to goods and services.

Notice to Proceed: A written notice sent to the awarded firm stating that work may commence on a certain date, following the complete execution of the contract.

Opening Date and Time: Specified date and time for the public opening of received, labeled, and sealed formal proposals.

Outsourcing: The contracting out of a business process which an organization may have previously performed internally or has a new need for, to an independent organization from which the process is purchased back.

Owner: City of Lincoln, Lancaster County or City/County Public Building Commission as designated in RFP Document

Pre-Proposal Conference: A meeting scheduled for the purpose of clarifying a written solicitation and related expectations.

Product: Something that is distributed commercially for use or consumption and that is usually (1) tangible personal property, (2) the result of fabrication or processing, and (3) an item that has passed through a chain of commercial distribution before ultimate use or consumption.

Program Error: Code in Licensed Software which produces unintended results or actions, or which produces results or actions other than those described in the specifications. A program error includes, without limitation, any Critical Program Error.

Program Set: The group of programs and products, including the Licensed Software specified in the RFP, plus any additional programs and products licensed by the City of Lincoln/Lancaster County/Lancaster County Public Building Commission under the contract for use by the City of Lincoln/Lancaster County/Lancaster County Public Building Commission.

Project: The total scheme, program, or method worked out for the accomplishment of an objective, including all documentation, commodities and services to be provided under the contract.

Proposal: The offer submitted by a firm in a response to a written solicitation.

Proposer: Firm submitting a proposal to an RFP issued by the City/County Purchasing Department.

Proprietary Information: Proprietary information is defined as trade secrets, academic and scientific research work which is in progress and unpublished, and other information which if released would give advantage to business competitors and serve no public purpose (see Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-712.05(3)). In accordance with Attorney General Opinions 92068 and 97033, proof that information is proprietary requires identification of specific named competitor(s) advantaged by release of the information and the demonstrated advantage the named competitor(s) would gain by the release of information.

Public Proposal Opening: The process of unsealing written proposals and closing the RFP in the Ebid system at the time specified in the written solicitation.

Qualification-Based Selection: A procedure where firms are retained on the basis of qualifications, not considering price factors. The procuring department evaluates the qualifications submitted by the firms, ranks respondents and then negotiates with the most qualified respondent for a mutually agreeable contract.

Renewal Period: Optional contract periods subsequent to the original Contract Period for a specified duration with previously agreed to terms and conditions by all parties involved. Not to be confused with Extension.

Request for Proposal (RFP): A written solicitation for obtaining competitive offers utilizing a qualifications-based process.

Responsible Proposer: A Proposer who has the capability in all respects to perform fully and lawfully all requirements with integrity and reliability to assure good faith performance.

Responsive Proposer: A Proposer who has submitted an RFP response which conforms to all

requirements of the solicitation document.

Section - A single-sided, title page within the proposal response intended create separate sections for the submittals requested in Section IV. Such sections are to be properly identified, labeled within the RFP submission. It also may be referred to as a section divider.

Shall/Will/Must: An order/command; mandatory.

Should: Expected; suggested, but not necessarily mandatory.

Software License: Legal instrument with or without printed material that governs the use or redistribution of licensed software.

Sole Source – Commodity: When an item is available from only one source due to the unique nature of the requirement, its supplier, or market conditions.

Sole Source – Services: A service of such a unique nature that the firm selected is clearly and justifiably the only practical source to provide the service. Determination that the firm selected is justifiably the sole source is based on either the uniqueness of the service or sole availability at the location required.

Specifications: The detailed statement, especially of the measurements, quality, materials, and functional characteristics or other items to be provided under a contract.

Termination: Occurs when either party, pursuant to a power created by agreement or law, puts an end to the contract prior to the stated expiration date. All obligations which are still executory on both sides are discharged but any right based on prior breach or performance survives.

Third Party: Any person or entity, including but not limited to fiduciaries, shareholders, owners, officers, managers, employees, legally disinterested persons, and sub-contractors or agents and their employees. It shall not include any entity or person who is an interested party to the contract or agreement.

Trade Secret: Information, including, but not limited to, a drawing, formula, pattern, compilation, program, device, method, technique, code, or process that (a) derives independent economic value, actual or potential, from not being known to, and not being ascertainable by proper means by, other persons who can obtain economic value from its disclosure or use; and (b) is the subject of efforts that are reasonable under the circumstances to maintain its secrecy (see Neb. Rev. Stat. §87-502(4)).

Trademark: A word, phrase, logo, or other graphic symbol used by a manufacturer or firm to distinguish its product from those of others, registered with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Upgrade: Any change that improves or alters the basic function of a product or service.

Will: See Shall/Will/Must

Work Day: See Business Day.