



STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES
BID LIST REGISTRATION

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Item(s) of Bid	Child Care Services
Commodity Code	913-130
Date and Time Due	August 20, 2008, 2:30 PM EST

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Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles
 Neil Kirkman Building, Room B412, Mail Station 31
 2900 Apalachee Parkway
 Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0524

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Signed: _____ Date: _____

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SOLICITATION INTRODUCTION

The 10 Most Critical Things to Keep in Mind When Responding to a Solicitation for the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles

1. **Read the entire document.** Note critical items such as: mandatory requirements; bond(s) requirements (proposal, performance and/or damages) sample(s) required, supplies/services required; submittal dates; number of copies required for submittal; funding amount and source; contract requirements (i.e., contract performance security, insurance requirements, performance and/or reporting requirements, etc.).
2. **Note the Procurement Officer's name, address, phone numbers and e-mail address.** This is the only person you are allowed to communicate with regarding the Solicitation and is an excellent source of information for any questions you may have.
3. **Attend the pre-proposal conference.** (If applicable)
4. **Take advantage of the “question and answer” period.** Submit your questions to the Procurement Officer by the due date listed in the Calendar of Events and view the answers given in the formal “addenda” issued for the Solicitation. All addenda issued for a Solicitation are posted on the Vendor Bid System’s website (http://vbs.dms.state.fl.us/vbs/search.criteria_form) and will include all questions asked and answered concerning the Solicitation.
5. **Follow the format required in the Solicitation** when preparing your response. Provide point-by-point responses to the required sections in a clear and concise manner.
6. **Provide complete answers/descriptions.** Read and answer **all** questions and requirements. Don't assume the Department or evaluation committee will know what your company capabilities are or what items/services you can provide, even if you have previously contracted with the Department. The proposals are evaluated based solely on the information and materials provided in your response.
7. **Use the forms provided**, i.e., Bid List Registration page, Site Survey forms, Certification forms, Price Proposal forms (Section 10.0), Certificate of Drug Free Workplace (Attachment I), Savings / Discount / Price Reduction (Attachment II), etc.
8. **Check the Vendor Bid System website for Solicitation addenda.** Before submitting your response, check the Vendor Bid System website to see whether any addenda were issued for the Solicitation, some addenda require that you sign and return them with the bid.
9. **Review and read the Solicitation document again** to make sure that you have addressed all requirements. Your original response and the requested copies must be identical and be complete. The copies are provided to the evaluator/evaluation committee members and will be used to score your response.
10. **Submit your response on time.** Note all the dates and times listed in the Calendar of Events and within the document, and be sure to submit all required items on time. Late proposal responses are never accepted.

1.0 GENERAL CONDITIONS

1.1 STATE OF FLORIDA PUR 1000: Note: State of Florida PUR 1000, General Contract Conditions is hereby incorporated by reference to this solicitation and any ensuing contract. If conflicting terms between PUR 1000 and this solicitation should result, the terms and conditions contained within this solicitation shall control.

**State of Florida
PUR 1000
General Contract Conditions**

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1. Definitions. The definitions contained in s. 60A-1.001, F.A.C. shall apply to this agreement. The following additional terms are also defined:

(a) "Contract" means the legally enforceable agreement that results from a successful solicitation. The parties to the Contract will be the Customer and Contractor.

(b) "Customer" means the State agency or other entity identified in a contract as the party to receive commodities or contractual services pursuant to a contract or that orders commodities or contractual services via purchase order or other contractual instrument from the Contractor under the Contract. The "Customer" may also be the "Buyer" as defined in the PUR 1001 if it meets the definition of both terms.

(c) "Product" means any deliverable under the Contract, which may include commodities, services, technology or software.

(d) "Purchase order" means the form or format a Customer uses to make a purchase under the Contract (e.g., a formal written purchase order, electronic purchase order, procurement card, contract or other authorized means).

2. Purchase Orders. In contracts where commodities or services are ordered by the Customer via purchase order, Contractor shall not deliver or furnish products until a Customer transmits a purchase order. All purchase orders shall bear the Contract or solicitation number, shall be placed by the Customer directly with the Contractor, and shall be deemed to incorporate by reference the Contract and solicitation terms and conditions. Any discrepancy between the Contract terms and the terms stated on the Contractor's order form, confirmation, or acknowledgement shall be resolved in favor of terms most favorable to the Customer. A purchase order for services within the ambit of section 287.058(1) of the Florida Statutes shall be deemed to incorporate by reference the requirements of subparagraphs (a) through (f) thereof. Customers shall designate a contract manager and a contract administrator as required by subsections 287.057(15) and (16) of the Florida Statutes.

3. Product Version. Purchase orders shall be deemed to reference a manufacturer's most recently release model or version of the product at the time of the order, unless the Customer specifically requests in writing an earlier model or version and the contractor is willing to provide such model or version.

4. Price Changes Applicable only to Term Contracts. If this is a term contract for commodities or services, the following provisions apply.

(a) Quantity Discounts. Contractors are urged to offer additional discounts for one time delivery of large single orders. Customers should seek to negotiate additional price concessions on quantity purchases of any products offered under the Contract. State Customers shall document their files accordingly.

(b) Best Pricing Offer. During the Contract term, if the Customer becomes aware of better pricing offered by the Contractor for substantially the same or a smaller quantity of a product outside the Contract, but upon the same or similar terms of the Contract, then at the discretion of the Customer the price under the Contract shall be immediately reduced to the lower price.

(c) Sales Promotions. In addition to decreasing prices for the balance of the Contract term due to a change in market conditions, a Contractor may conduct sales promotions involving price reductions for a specified lesser period. A Contractor shall submit to the Contract Specialist documentation identifying the proposed (1) starting and ending dates of the promotion, (2) products involved, and (3) promotional prices compared to then-authorized prices. Promotional prices shall be available to all Customers. Upon approval, the Contractor shall provide conspicuous notice of the promotion.

(d) Trade-In. Customers may trade-in equipment when making purchases from the Contract. A trade-in shall be negotiated between the Customer and the Contractor. Customers are obligated to actively seek current fair market value when trading equipment, and to keep accurate records of the process. For State agencies, it may be necessary to provide documentation to the Department of Financial Services and to the agency property custodian pursuant to Chapter 273, F.S.

(e) Equitable Adjustment. The Customer may, in its sole discretion, make an equitable adjustment in the Contract terms or pricing if pricing or availability of supply is affected by extreme and unforeseen volatility in the marketplace, that is, by circumstances that satisfy all the following criteria: (1) the volatility is due to causes wholly beyond the Contractor's control, (2) the volatility affects the marketplace or industry, not just the particular Contract source of supply, (3) the effect on pricing or availability of supply is substantial, and (4) the volatility so affects the Contractor that continued performance of the Contract would result in a substantial loss.

5. Additional Quantities. For a period not exceeding ninety (90) days from the date of solicitation award, the Customer reserves the right to acquire additional quantities up to the amount shown on the solicitation but not to exceed the threshold for Category Two at the prices submitted in the response to the solicitation.

6. Packaging. Tangible product shall be securely and properly packed for shipment, storage, and stocking in appropriate, clearly labeled, shipping containers and according to accepted commercial practice, without extra charge for packing materials, cases, or other types of containers. All containers and packaging shall become and remain Customer's property.

7. Inspection at Contractor's Site. The Customer reserves the right to inspect, at any reasonable time with prior notice, the equipment or product or plant or other facilities of a Contractor to assess conformity with Contract requirements and to determine whether they are adequate and suitable for proper and effective Contract performance.

8. Safety Standards. All manufactured items and fabricated assemblies subject to operation under pressure, operation by connection to an electric source, or operation involving connection to a manufactured, natural, or LP gas source shall be constructed and approved in a manner acceptable to the appropriate State inspector. Acceptability customarily requires, at a minimum, identification marking of the appropriate safety standard organization, where such approvals of listings have been established for the type of device offered and furnished, for example: the American Society of Mechanical Engineers for pressure vessels; the Underwriters Laboratories and/or National Electrical Manufacturers' Association for electrically operated assemblies; and the American Gas Association for gas-operated assemblies. In addition, all items furnished shall meet all applicable requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Act and state and federal requirements relating to clean air and water pollution.

9. Americans with Disabilities Act. Contractors should identify any products that may be used or adapted for use by visually, hearing, or other physically impaired individuals.

10. Literature. Upon request, the Contractor shall furnish literature reasonably related to the product offered, for example, user manuals, price schedules, catalogs, descriptive brochures, etc.

11. Transportation and Delivery. Prices shall include all charges for packing, handling, freight, distribution, and inside delivery. Transportation of goods shall be FOB Destination to any point within thirty (30) days after the Customer places an Order. A Contractor, within five (5) days after receiving a purchase order, shall notify the Customer of any potential delivery delays. Evidence of inability or intentional delays shall be cause for Contract cancellation and Contractor suspension.

12. Installation. Where installation is required, Contractor shall be responsible for placing and installing the product in the required locations at no additional charge, unless otherwise designated on the Contract or purchase order. Contractor's authorized product and price list shall clearly and separately identify any additional installation charges. All materials used in the installation shall be of good quality and shall be free of defects that would diminish the appearance of the product or render it structurally or operationally unsound. Installation includes the furnishing of any equipment, rigging, and materials required to install or replace the product in the proper location. Contractor shall protect the site from damage and shall repair damages or injury caused during installation by Contractor or its employees or agents. If any alteration, dismantling, excavation, etc., is required to achieve installation, the Contractor shall promptly restore the structure or site to its original condition. Contractor shall perform installation work so as to cause the least inconvenience and interference with Customers and with proper consideration of others on site. Upon completion of the installation, the location and surrounding area of work shall be left clean and in a neat and unobstructed condition, with everything in satisfactory repair and order.

13. Risk of Loss. Matters of inspection and acceptance are addressed in s. 215.422, F.S. Until acceptance, risk of loss or damage shall remain with the Contractor. The Contractor shall be responsible for filing, processing, and collecting all damage claims. To assist the Contractor with damage claims, the Customer shall: record any evidence of visible damage on all copies of the delivering carrier's Bill of Lading; report damages to the carrier and the Contractor; and provide the Contractor with a copy of the carrier's Bill of Lading and damage inspection report. When a Customer rejects a product, Contractor shall remove it from the premises within ten days after notification or rejection. Upon rejection notification, the risk of loss of rejected or non-conforming product shall remain with the Contractor. Rejected product not removed by the Contractor within ten days shall be deemed abandoned by the Contractor, and the Customer shall have the right to dispose of it as its own property. Contractor shall reimburse the Customer for costs and expenses incurred in storing or effecting removal or disposition of rejected product.

14. Transaction Fee. The State of Florida has instituted MyFloridaMarketPlace, a statewide eProcurement System ("System"). Pursuant to section 287.057(23), Florida Statutes (2002), all payments shall be assessed a Transaction Fee of one percent (1.0%), which the Contractor shall pay to the State, unless exempt pursuant to 60A-1.032, F.A.C.

For payments within the State accounting system (FLAIR or its successor), the Transaction Fee shall, when possible, be automatically deducted from payments to the Contractor. If automatic deduction is not possible, the Contractor shall pay the Transaction Fee pursuant to Rule 60A-1.031(2), F.A.C. By submission of these reports and corresponding payments, Contractor certifies their correctness. All such reports and payments shall be subject to audit by the State or its designee.

Contractor shall receive a credit for any Transaction Fee paid by the Contractor for the purchase of any item(s) if such item(s) are returned to the Contractor through no fault, act, or omission of the Contractor. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Transaction Fee is non-refundable when an item is rejected or returned, or declined, due to the Contractor's failure to perform or comply with specifications or requirements of the agreement.

Failure to comply with these requirements shall constitute grounds for declaring the Contractor in default and recovering reprocurement costs from the Contractor in addition to all outstanding fees. **CONTRACTORS DELINQUENT IN PAYING TRANSACTION FEES MAY BE SUBJECT TO BEING REMOVED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT SERVICES' VENDOR LIST AS PROVIDED IN RULE 60A-1.006, F.A.C.**

15. Invoicing and Payment. Invoices shall contain the Contract number, purchase order number if applicable, and the appropriate vendor identification number. The State may require any other information from the Contractor that the State deems necessary to verify any purchase order placed under the Contract.

At the State's option, Contractors may be required to invoice electronically pursuant to guidelines of the Department of Management Services. Current guidelines require that Contractor supply electronic invoices in lieu of paper-based invoices for those transactions processed through the system. Electronic invoices shall be submitted to the Customer through the Ariba Supplier Network (ASN) in one of the following mechanisms – EDI 810, cXML, or web-based invoice entry within the ASN.

Payment shall be made in accordance with sections 215.422 and 287.0585 of the Florida Statutes, which govern time limits for payment of invoices. Invoices that must be returned to a Contractor due to preparation errors will result in a delay in payment. Contractors may call (850) 413-7269 Monday through Friday to inquire about the status of payments by State Agencies. The Customer is responsible for all payments under the Contract. A Customer's failure to pay, or delay in payment, shall not constitute a breach of the Contract and shall not relieve the Contractor of its obligations to the Department or to other Customers.

16. Taxes. The State does not pay Federal excise or sales taxes on direct purchases of tangible personal property. The State will not pay for any personal property taxes levied on the Contractor or for any taxes levied on employees' wages. Any exceptions to this paragraph shall be explicitly noted by the Customer in the special contract conditions section of the solicitation or in the Contract or purchase order.

17. Governmental Restrictions. If the Contractor believes that any governmental restrictions have been imposed that require alteration of the material, quality, workmanship or performance of the products offered under the Contract, the Contractor shall immediately notify the Customer in writing, indicating the specific restriction. The Customer reserves the right and the complete discretion to accept any such alteration or to cancel the Contract at no further expense to the Customer.

18. Lobbying and Integrity. Customers shall ensure compliance with Section 11.062, FS and Section 216.347, FS. The Contractor shall not, in connection with this or any other agreement with the State, directly or indirectly (1) offer, confer, or agree to confer any pecuniary benefit on anyone as consideration for any State officer or employee's decision, opinion, recommendation, vote, other exercise of discretion, or violation of a known legal duty, or (2) offer, give, or agree to give to anyone any gratuity for the benefit of, or at the direction or request of, any State officer or employee. For purposes of clause (2), "gratuity" means any payment of more than nominal monetary value in the form of cash, travel, entertainment, gifts, meals, lodging, loans, subscriptions, advances, deposits of money, services, employment, or contracts of any kind. Upon request of the Customer's Inspector General, or other authorized State official, the Contractor shall provide any type of information the Inspector General deems relevant to the Contractor's integrity or responsibility. Such information may include, but shall not be limited to, the Contractor's business or financial records, documents, or files of any type or form that refer to or relate to the Contract. The Contractor shall retain such records for the longer of (1) three years after the expiration of the Contract or (2) the period required by the General Records Schedules maintained by the Florida Department of State (available at: <http://dls.dos.state.fl.us/barm/genschedules/gensched.htm>). The Contractor agrees to reimburse the State for the reasonable costs of investigation incurred by the Inspector General or other authorized State official for investigations of the Contractor's compliance with the terms of this or any other agreement between the Contractor and the State which results in the suspension or debarment of the Contractor. Such costs shall include, but shall not be limited to: salaries of investigators, including overtime; travel and lodging expenses; and expert witness and documentary fees. The Contractor shall not be responsible for any costs of investigations that do not result in the Contractor's suspension or debarment.

19. Indemnification. The Contractor shall be fully liable for the actions of its agents, employees, partners, or subcontractors and shall fully indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the State and Customers, and their officers, agents, and employees, from suits, actions, damages, and costs of every name and description, including attorneys' fees, arising from or relating to personal injury and damage to real or personal tangible property alleged to be caused in whole or in part by Contractor, its agents, employees, partners, or subcontractors, provided, however, that the Contractor shall not indemnify for that portion of any loss or damages proximately caused by the negligent act or omission of the State or a Customer.

Further, the Contractor shall fully indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the State and Customers from any suits, actions, damages, and costs of every name and description, including attorneys' fees, arising from or relating to violation or infringement of a trademark, copyright, patent, trade secret or intellectual property right, provided, however, that the foregoing obligation shall not apply to a Customer's misuse or modification of Contractor's products or a Customer's operation or use of Contractor's products in a manner not contemplated by the Contract or the purchase order. If any product is the subject of an infringement suit, or in the Contractor's opinion is likely to become the subject of such a suit, the Contractor may at its sole expense procure for the Customer the right to continue using the product or to modify it to become non-infringing. If the Contractor is not reasonably able to modify or otherwise secure the Customer the right to continue using the product, the Contractor shall remove the product and refund the Customer the amounts paid in excess of a reasonable rental for past use. The customer shall not be liable for any royalties.

The Contractor's obligations under the preceding two paragraphs with respect to any legal action are contingent upon the State or Customer giving the Contractor (1) written notice of any action or threatened action, (2) the opportunity to take over and settle or defend any such action at Contractor's sole expense, and (3) assistance in defending the action at Contractor's sole expense. The Contractor shall not be liable for any cost, expense, or compromise incurred or made by the State or Customer in any legal action without the Contractor's prior written consent, which shall not be unreasonably withheld.

20. Limitation of Liability. For all claims against the Contractor under any contract or purchase order, and regardless of the basis on which the claim is made, the Contractor's liability under a contract or purchase order for direct damages shall be limited to the greater of \$100,000, the dollar amount of the contract or purchase order, or two times the charges rendered by the Contractor under the purchase order. This limitation shall not apply to claims arising under the Indemnity paragraph contain in this agreement.

Unless otherwise specifically enumerated in the Contract or in the purchase order, no party shall be liable to another for special, indirect, punitive, or consequential damages, including lost data or records (unless the contract or purchase order requires the Contractor to back-up data or records), even if the party has been advised that such damages are possible. No party shall be liable for lost profits, lost revenue, or lost institutional operating savings. The State and Customer may, in addition to other remedies available to them at law or equity and upon notice to the Contractor, retain such monies from amounts due Contractor as may be necessary to satisfy any claim for damages, penalties, costs and the like asserted by or against them. The State may set off any liability or other obligation of the Contractor or its affiliates to the State against any payments due the Contractor under any contract with the State.

21. Suspension of Work. The Customer may in its sole discretion suspend any or all activities under the Contract or purchase order, at any time, when in the best interests of the State to do so. The Customer shall provide the Contractor written notice outlining the particulars of suspension. Examples of the reason for suspension include, but are not limited to, budgetary constraints, declaration of emergency, or other such circumstances. After receiving a suspension notice, the Contractor shall comply with the notice and shall not accept any purchase orders. Within ninety days, or any longer period agreed to by the Contractor, the Customer shall either (1) issue a notice authorizing resumption of work, at which time activity shall resume, or (2) terminate the Contract or purchase order. Suspension of work shall not entitle the Contractor to any additional compensation.

22. Termination for Convenience. The Customer, by written notice to the Contractor, may terminate the Contract in whole or in part when the Customer determines in its sole discretion that it is in the State's interest to do so. The Contractor shall not furnish any product after it receives the notice of termination, except as necessary to complete the continued portion of the Contract, if any. The Contractor shall not be entitled to recover any cancellation charges or lost profits.

23. Termination for Cause. The Customer may terminate the Contract if the Contractor fails to (1) deliver the product within the time specified in the Contract or any extension, (2) maintain adequate progress, thus endangering performance of the Contract, (3) honor any term of the Contract, or (4) abide by any statutory, regulatory, or licensing requirement. Rule 60A-1.006(3), F.A.C., governs the procedure and consequences of default. The Contractor shall continue work on any work not terminated. Except for defaults of subcontractors at any tier, the Contractor shall not be liable for any excess costs if the failure to perform the Contract arises from events completely beyond the control, and without the fault or negligence, of the Contractor. If the failure to perform is caused by the default of a subcontractor at any tier, and if the cause of the default is completely beyond the control of both the Contractor and the subcontractor, and without the fault or negligence of either, the Contractor shall not be liable for any excess costs for failure to perform, unless the subcontracted products were obtainable from other sources in sufficient time for the Contractor to meet the required delivery schedule. If, after termination, it is determined that the Contractor was not in default, or that the default was excusable, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if the termination had been issued for the convenience of the Customer. The rights and remedies of the Customer in this clause are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under the Contract.

24. Force Majeure, Notice of Delay, and No Damages for Delay. The Contractor shall not be responsible for delay resulting from its failure to perform if neither the fault nor the negligence of the Contractor or its employees or agents contributed to the delay and the delay is due directly to acts of God, wars, acts of public enemies, strikes, fires, floods, or other similar cause wholly beyond the Contractor's control, or for any of the foregoing that affect subcontractors or suppliers if no alternate source of supply is available to the Contractor. In case of any delay the Contractor believes is excusable, the Contractor shall notify the Customer in writing of the delay or potential delay and describe the cause of the delay either (1) within ten (10) days after the cause that creates or will create the delay first arose, if the Contractor could reasonably foresee that a delay could occur as a result, or (2) if delay is not reasonably foreseeable, within five (5) days after the date the Contractor first had reason to believe that a delay could result. **THE FOREGOING SHALL CONSTITUTE THE CONTRACTOR'S SOLE REMEDY OR EXCUSE WITH RESPECT TO DELAY.** Providing notice in strict accordance with this paragraph is a condition precedent to such remedy. No claim for damages, other than for an extension of time, shall be asserted against the Customer. The Contractor shall not be entitled to an increase in the Contract price or payment of any kind from the Customer for direct, indirect, consequential, impact or other costs, expenses or damages, including but not limited to costs of acceleration or inefficiency, arising because of delay, disruption, interference, or hindrance from any cause whatsoever. If performance is suspended or delayed, in whole or in part, due to any of the causes described in this paragraph, after the causes have ceased to exist the Contractor shall perform at no increased cost, unless the Customer determines, in its sole discretion, that the delay will significantly impair the value of the Contract to the State or to Customers, in which case the Customer may (1) accept allocated performance or deliveries from the Contractor, provided that the Contractor grants preferential treatment to Customers with respect to products subjected to allocation, or (2) purchase from other sources (without recourse to and by the Contractor for the related costs and expenses) to replace all or part of the products that are the subject of the delay, which purchases may be deducted from the Contract quantity, or (3) terminate the Contract in whole or in part.

25. Changes. The Customer may unilaterally require, by written order, changes altering, adding to, or deducting from the Contract specifications, provided that such changes are within the general scope of the Contract. The Customer may make an equitable adjustment in the Contract price or delivery date if the change affects the cost or time of performance. Such equitable adjustments require the written consent of the Contractor, which shall not be unreasonably withheld. If unusual quantity requirements arise, the Customer may solicit separate bids to satisfy them.

26. Renewal. Upon mutual agreement, the Customer and the Contractor may renew the Contract, in whole or in part, for a period that may not exceed 3 years or the term of the contract, whichever period is longer. Any renewal shall specify the renewal price, as set forth in the solicitation response. The renewal must be in writing and signed by both parties, and is contingent upon satisfactory performance evaluations and subject to availability of funds.

27. Purchase Order Duration. Purchase orders issued pursuant to a state term or agency contract must be received by the Contractor no later than close of business on the last day of the contract's term to be considered timely. The Contractor is obliged to fill those orders in accordance with the contract's terms and conditions. Purchase orders received by the contractor after close of business on the last day of the state term or agency contract's term shall be considered void.

Purchase orders for a one-time delivery of commodities or performance of contractual services shall be valid through the performance by the Contractor, and all terms and conditions of the state term or agency contract shall apply to the single delivery/performance, and shall survive the termination of the Contract.

Contractors are required to accept purchase orders specifying delivery schedules exceeding the contracted schedule even when such extended delivery will occur after expiration of the state term or agency contract. For example, if a state term contract calls for delivery 30 days after receipt of order (ARO), and an order specifies delivery will occur both in excess of 30 days ARO and after expiration of the state term contract, the Contractor will accept the order. However, if the Contractor expressly and in writing notifies the ordering office within ten (10) calendar days of receipt of the purchase order that Contractor will not accept the extended delivery terms beyond the expiration of the state term contract, then the purchase order will either be amended in writing by the ordering entity within ten (10) calendar days of receipt of the contractor's notice to reflect the state term contract delivery schedule, or it shall be considered withdrawn.

The duration of purchase orders for recurring deliveries of commodities or performance of services shall not exceed the expiration of the state term or agency contract by more than twelve months. However, if an extended pricing plan offered in the state term or agency contract is selected by the ordering entity, the contract terms on pricing plans and renewals shall govern the maximum duration of purchase orders reflecting such pricing plans and renewals.

Timely purchase orders shall be valid through their specified term and performance by the Contractor, and all terms and conditions of the state term or agency contract shall apply to the recurring delivery/performance as provided herein, and shall survive the termination of the Contract.

Ordering offices shall not renew a purchase order issued pursuant to a state term or agency contract if the underlying contract expires prior to the effective date of the renewal.

28. Advertising. Subject to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, the Contractor shall not publicly disseminate any information concerning the Contract without prior written approval from the Customer, including, but not limited to mentioning the Contract in a press release or other promotional material, identifying the Customer or the State as a reference, or otherwise linking the Contractor's name and either a description of the Contract or the name of the State or the Customer in any material published, either in print or electronically, to any entity that is not a party to Contract, except potential or actual authorized distributors, dealers, resellers, or service representative.

29. Assignment. The Contractor shall not sell, assign or transfer any of its rights, duties or obligations under the Contract, or under any purchase order issued pursuant to the Contract, without the prior written consent of the Customer. In the event of any assignment, the Contractor remains secondarily liable for performance of the contract, unless the Customer expressly waives such secondary liability. The Customer may assign the Contract with prior written notice to Contractor of its intent to do so.

30. Antitrust Assignment. The Contractor and the State of Florida recognize that in actual economic practice, overcharges resulting from antitrust violations are in fact usually borne by the State of Florida. Therefore, the contractor hereby assigns to the State of Florida any and all claims for such overcharges as to goods, materials or services purchased in connection with the Contract.

31. Dispute Resolution. Any dispute concerning performance of the Contract shall be decided by the Customer's designated contract manager, who shall reduce the decision to writing and serve a copy on the Contractor. The decision shall be final and conclusive unless within twenty one (21) days from the date of receipt, the Contractor files with the Customer a petition for administrative hearing. The Customer's decision on the petition shall be final, subject to the Contractor's right to review pursuant to Chapter 120 of the Florida Statutes. Exhaustion of administrative remedies is an absolute condition precedent to the Contractor's ability to pursue any other form of dispute resolution; provided, however, that the parties may employ the alternative dispute resolution procedures outlined in Chapter 120.

Without limiting the foregoing, the exclusive venue of any legal or equitable action that arises out of or relates to the Contract shall be the appropriate state court in Leon County, Florida; in any such action, Florida law shall apply and the parties waive any right to jury trial.

32. Employees, Subcontractors, and Agents. All Contractor employees, subcontractors, or agents performing work under the Contract shall be properly trained technicians who meet or exceed any specified training qualifications. Upon request, Contractor shall furnish a copy of technical certification or other proof of qualification. All employees, subcontractors, or agents performing work under the Contract must comply with all security and administrative requirements of the Customer and shall comply with all controlling laws and regulations relevant to the services they are providing under the Contract. The State may conduct, and the Contractor shall cooperate in, a security background check or otherwise assess any employee, subcontractor, or agent furnished by the Contractor. The State may refuse access to, or require replacement of, any personnel for cause, including, but not limited to, technical or training qualifications, quality of work, change in security status, or non-compliance with a Customer's security or other requirements. Such approval shall not relieve the Contractor of its obligation to perform all work in compliance with the Contract. The State may reject and bar from any facility for cause any of the Contractor's employees, subcontractors, or agents.

33. Security and Confidentiality. The Contractor shall comply fully with all security procedures of the United States, State of Florida and Customer in performance of the Contract. The Contractor shall not divulge to third parties any confidential information obtained by the Contractor or its agents, distributors, resellers, subcontractors, officers or employees in the course of performing Contract work, including, but not limited to, security procedures, business operations information, or commercial proprietary information in the possession of the State or Customer. The Contractor shall not be required to keep confidential information or material that is publicly available through no fault of the Contractor, material that the Contractor developed independently without relying on the State's or Customer's confidential information, or material that is otherwise obtainable under State law as a public record. To insure confidentiality, the Contractor shall take appropriate steps as to its personnel, agents, and subcontractors. The warranties of this paragraph shall survive the Contract.

34. Contractor Employees, Subcontractors, and Other Agents. The Customer and the State shall take all actions necessary to ensure that Contractor's employees, subcontractors and other agents are not employees of the State of Florida. Such actions include, but are not limited to, ensuring that Contractor's employees, subcontractors, and other agents receive benefits and necessary insurance (health, workers' compensations, and unemployment) from an employer other than the State of Florida.

35. Insurance Requirements. During the Contract term, the Contractor at its sole expense shall provide commercial insurance of such a type and with such terms and limits as may be reasonably associated with the Contract. Providing and maintaining adequate insurance coverage is a material obligation of the Contractor. Upon request, the Contractor shall provide certificate of insurance. The limits of coverage under each policy maintained by the Contractor shall not be interpreted as limiting the Contractor's liability and obligations under the Contract. All insurance policies shall be through insurers authorized or eligible to write policies in Florida.

36. Warranty of Authority. Each person signing the Contract warrants that he or she is duly authorized to do so and to bind the respective party to the Contract.

37. Warranty of Ability to Perform. The Contractor warrants that, to the best of its knowledge, there is no pending or threatened action, proceeding, or investigation, or any other legal or financial condition, that would in any way prohibit, restrain, or diminish the Contractor's ability to satisfy its Contract obligations. The Contractor warrants that neither it nor any affiliate is currently on the convicted vendor list maintained pursuant to section 287.133 of the Florida Statutes, or on any similar list maintained by any other state or the federal government. The Contractor shall immediately notify the Customer in writing if its ability to perform is compromised in any manner during the term of the Contract.

38. Notices. All notices required under the Contract shall be delivered by certified mail, return receipt requested, by reputable air courier service, or by personal delivery to the agency designee identified in the original solicitation, or as otherwise identified by the Customer. Notices to the Contractor shall be delivered to the person who signs the Contract. Either designated recipient may notify the other, in writing, if someone else is designated to receive notice.

39. Leases and Installment Purchases. Prior approval of the Chief Financial Officer (as defined in Section 17.001, F.S.) is required for State agencies to enter into or to extend any lease or installment-purchase agreement in excess of the Category Two amount established by section 287.017 of the Florida Statutes.

40. Prison Rehabilitative Industries and Diversified Enterprises, Inc. (PRIDE). Section 946.515(2), F.S. requires the following statement to be included in the solicitation: "It is expressly understood and agreed that any articles which are the subject of, or required to carry out, the Contract shall be purchased from the corporation identified under Chapter 946 of the Florida Statutes (PRIDE) in the same manner and under the same procedures set forth in section 946.515(2) and (4) of the Florida Statutes; and for purposes of the Contract the person, firm, or other business entity carrying out the provisions of the Contract shall be deemed to be substituted for the agency insofar as dealings with such corporation are concerned." Additional information about PRIDE and the products it offers is available at <http://www.pridefl.com>.

41. Products Available from the Blind or Other Handicapped. Section 413.036(3), F.S. requires the following statement to be included in the solicitation: "It is expressly understood and agreed that any articles that are the subject of, or required to carry out, this contract shall be purchased from a nonprofit agency for the Blind or for the Severely Handicapped that is qualified pursuant to Chapter 413, Florida Statutes, in the same manner and under the same procedures set forth in section 413.036(1) and (2), Florida Statutes; and for purposes of this contract the person, firm, or other business entity carrying out the provisions of this contract shall be deemed to be substituted for the State agency insofar as dealings with such qualified nonprofit agency are concerned." Additional information about the designated nonprofit agency and the products it offers is available at <http://www.respectofflorida.org>.

42. Modification of Terms. The Contract contains all the terms and conditions agreed upon by the parties, which terms and conditions shall govern all transactions between the Customer and the Contractor. The Contract may only be modified or amended upon mutual written agreement of the Customer and the Contractor. No oral agreements or representations shall be valid or binding upon the Customer or the Contractor. No alteration or modification of the Contract terms, including substitution of product, shall be valid or binding against the Customer. The Contractor may not unilaterally modify the terms of the Contract by affixing additional terms to product upon delivery (e.g., attachment or inclusion of standard preprinted forms, product literature, "shrink wrap" terms accompanying or affixed to a product, whether written or electronic) or by incorporating such terms onto the Contractor's order or fiscal forms or other documents forwarded by the Contractor for payment. The Customer's acceptance of product or processing of documentation on forms furnished by the Contractor for approval or payment shall not constitute acceptance of the proposed modification to terms and conditions.

43. Cooperative Purchasing. Pursuant to their own governing laws, and subject to the agreement of the Contractor, other entities may be permitted to make purchases at the terms and conditions contained herein. Non-Customer purchases are independent of the agreement between Customer and Contractor, and Customer shall not be a party to any transaction between the Contractor and any other purchaser. State agencies wishing to make purchases from this agreement are required to follow the provisions of s. 287.042(16)(a), F.S. This statute requires the Department of Management Services to determine that the requestor's use of the contract is cost-effective and in the best interest of the State.

44. Waiver. The delay or failure by the Customer to exercise or enforce any of its rights under this Contract shall not constitute or be deemed a waiver of the Customer's right thereafter to enforce those rights, nor shall any single or partial exercise of any such right preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right.

45. Annual Appropriations. The State's performance and obligation to pay under this contract are contingent upon an annual appropriation by the Legislature.

46. Execution in Counterparts. The Contract may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which shall constitute but one and the same instrument.

47. Severability. If a court deems any provision of the Contract void or unenforceable, that provision shall be enforced only to the extent that it is not in violation of law or is not otherwise unenforceable and all other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

1.2 STATE OF FLORIDA PUR 1001: Note: State of Florida PUR 1001, General Instructions to Respondents, is hereby incorporated by reference to this solicitation and any ensuing contract. If conflicting terms between PUR 1001 and this solicitation should result, the terms and conditions contained within this solicitation shall control.

**State of Florida
PUR 1001
General Instructions to Respondents**

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1. Definitions. The definitions found in s. 60A-1.001, F.A.C. shall apply to this agreement. The following additional terms are also defined:

- (a) "Buyer" means the entity that has released the solicitation. The "Buyer" may also be the "Customer" as defined in the PUR 1000 if that entity meets the definition of both terms.
- (b) "Procurement Officer" means the Buyer's contracting personnel, as identified in the Introductory Materials.
- (c) "Respondent" means the entity that submits materials to the Buyer in accordance with these Instructions.
- (d) "Response" means the material submitted by the respondent in answering the solicitation.
- (e) "Timeline" means the list of critical dates and actions included in the Introductory Materials.

2. General Instructions. Potential respondents to the solicitation are encouraged to carefully review all the materials contained herein and prepare responses accordingly.

3. Electronic Submission of Responses. Respondents are required to submit responses electronically. For this purpose, all references herein to signatures, signing requirements, or other required acknowledgments hereby include electronic signature by means of clicking the "Submit Response" button (or other similar symbol or process) attached to or logically associated with the response created by the respondent within MyFloridaMarketPlace. The respondent agrees that the action of electronically submitting its response constitutes:

- an electronic signature on the response, generally,
- an electronic signature on any form or section specifically calling for a signature, and
- an affirmative agreement to any statement contained in the solicitation that requires a definite confirmation or acknowledgement.

4. Terms and Conditions. All responses are subject to the terms of the following sections of this solicitation, which, in case of conflict, shall have the order of precedence listed:

- Technical Specifications,
- Special Conditions and Instructions,
- Instructions to Respondents (PUR 1001),
- General Conditions (PUR 1000), and
- Introductory Materials.

The Buyer objects to and shall not consider any additional terms or conditions submitted by a respondent, including any appearing in documents attached as part of a respondent's response. In submitting its response, a respondent agrees that any additional terms or conditions, whether submitted intentionally or inadvertently, shall have no force or effect. Failure to comply with terms and conditions, including those specifying information that must be submitted with a response, shall be grounds for rejecting a response.

5. Questions. Respondents shall address all questions regarding this solicitation to the Procurement Officer. Questions must be submitted via the Q&A Board within MyFloridaMarketPlace and must be RECEIVED NO LATER THAN the time and date reflected on the Timeline. Questions shall be answered in accordance with the Timeline. All questions submitted shall be published and answered in a manner that all respondents will be able to view. Respondents shall not contact any other employee of the Buyer or the State for information with respect to this solicitation. Each respondent is responsible for monitoring the MyFloridaMarketPlace site for new or changing information. The Buyer shall not be bound by any verbal information or by any written information that is not contained within the solicitation documents or formally noticed and issued by the Buyer's contracting personnel. Questions to the Procurement Officer or to any Buyer personnel shall not constitute formal protest of the specifications or of the solicitation, a process addressed in paragraph 19 of these Instructions.

6. Conflict of Interest. This solicitation is subject to chapter 112 of the Florida Statutes. Respondents shall disclose with their response the name of any officer, director, employee or other agent who is also an employee of the State. Respondents shall also disclose the name of any State employee who owns, directly or indirectly, an interest of five percent (5%) or more in the respondent or its affiliates.

7. Convicted Vendors. A person or affiliate placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime is prohibited from doing any of the following for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list:

- submitting a bid on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity;
- submitting a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work;
- submitting bids on leases of real property to a public entity;
- being awarded or performing work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity; and
- transacting business with any public entity in excess of the Category Two threshold amount (\$25,000) provided in section 287.017 of the Florida Statutes.

8. Discriminatory Vendors. An entity or affiliate placed on the discriminatory vendor list pursuant to section 287.134 of the Florida Statutes may not:

- submit a bid on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity;
- submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work;
- submit bids on leases of real property to a public entity;
- be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, sub-contractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity; or
- transact business with any public entity.

9. Respondent's Representation and Authorization. In submitting a response, each respondent understands, represents, and acknowledges the following (if the respondent cannot so certify to any of following, the respondent shall submit with its response a written explanation of why it cannot do so).

- The respondent is not currently under suspension or debarment by the State or any other governmental authority.
- To the best of the knowledge of the person signing the response, the respondent, its affiliates, subsidiaries, directors, officers, and employees are not currently under investigation by any governmental authority and have not in the last ten (10) years been convicted or found liable for any act prohibited by law in any jurisdiction, involving conspiracy or collusion with respect to bidding on any public contract.
- Respondent currently has no delinquent obligations to the State, including a claim by the State for liquidated damages under any other contract.
- The submission is made in good faith and not pursuant to any agreement or discussion with, or inducement from, any firm or person to submit a complementary or other noncompetitive response.
- The prices and amounts have been arrived at independently and without consultation, communication, or agreement with any other respondent or potential respondent; neither the prices nor amounts, actual or approximate, have been disclosed to any respondent or potential respondent, and they will not be disclosed before the solicitation opening.
- The respondent has fully informed the Buyer in writing of all convictions of the firm, its affiliates (as defined in section 287.133(1)(a) of the Florida Statutes), and all directors, officers, and employees of the firm and its affiliates for violation of state or federal antitrust laws with respect to a public contract for violation of any state or federal law involving fraud, bribery, collusion, conspiracy or material misrepresentation with respect to a public contract. This includes disclosure of the names of current employees who were convicted of contract crimes while in the employ of another company.
- Neither the respondent nor any person associated with it in the capacity of owner, partner, director, officer, principal, investigator, project director, manager, auditor, or position involving the administration of federal funds:
 - Has within the preceding three years been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them or is presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged for: commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a federal, state, or local government transaction or public contract; 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; or
 - Has within a three-year period preceding this certification had one or more federal, state, or local government contracts terminated for cause or default.
- The product offered by the respondent will conform to the specifications without exception.
- The respondent has read and understands the Contract terms and conditions, and the submission is made in conformance with those terms and conditions.
- If an award is made to the respondent, the respondent agrees that it intends to be legally bound to the Contract that is formed with the State.
- The respondent has made a diligent inquiry of its employees and agents responsible for preparing, approving, or submitting the response, and has been advised by each of them that he or she has not participated in any communication, consultation, discussion, agreement, collusion, act or other conduct inconsistent with any of the statements and representations made in the response.
- The respondent shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Buyer and its employees against any cost, damage, or expense which may be incurred or be caused by any error in the respondent's preparation of its bid.
- All information provided by, and representations made by, the respondent are material and important and will be relied upon by the Buyer in awarding the Contract. Any misstatement shall be treated as fraudulent concealment from the Buyer of the true facts relating to submission of the bid. A misrepresentation shall be punishable under law, including, but not limited to, Chapter 817 of the Florida Statutes.

10. Manufacturer's Name and Approved Equivalents. Unless otherwise specified, any manufacturers' names, trade names, brand names, information or catalog numbers listed in a specification are descriptive, not restrictive. With the Buyer's prior approval, the Contractor may provide any product that meets or exceeds the applicable specifications. The Contractor shall demonstrate comparability, including appropriate catalog materials, literature, specifications, test data, etc. The Buyer shall determine in its sole discretion whether a product is acceptable as an equivalent.

11. Performance Qualifications. The Buyer reserves the right to investigate or inspect at any time whether the product, qualifications, or facilities offered by Respondent meet the Contract requirements. Respondent shall at all times during the Contract term remain responsive and responsible. In determining Respondent's responsibility as a vendor, the agency shall consider all information or evidence which is gathered or comes to the attention of the agency which demonstrates the Respondent's capability to fully satisfy the requirements of the solicitation and the contract.

Respondent must be prepared, if requested by the Buyer, to present evidence of experience, ability, and financial standing, as well as a statement as to plant, machinery, and capacity of the respondent for the production, distribution, and servicing of the product bid. If the Buyer determines that the conditions of the solicitation documents are not complied with, or that the product proposed to be furnished does not meet the specified requirements, or that the qualifications, financial standing, or facilities are not satisfactory, or that performance is untimely, the Buyer may reject the response or terminate the Contract. Respondent may be disqualified from receiving awards if respondent, or anyone in respondent's employment, has previously failed to perform satisfactorily in connection with public bidding or contracts. This paragraph shall not mean or imply that it is obligatory upon the Buyer to make an investigation either before or after award of the Contract, but should the Buyer elect to do so, respondent is not relieved from fulfilling all Contract requirements.

12. Public Opening. Responses shall be opened on the date and at the location indicated on the Timeline. Respondents may, but are not required to, attend. The Buyer may choose not to announce prices or release other materials pursuant to s. 119.071(1)(b), Florida Statutes. Any person requiring a special accommodation because of a disability should contact the Procurement Officer at least five (5) workdays prior to the solicitation opening. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Buyer by using the Florida Relay Service at (800) 955-8771 (TDD).

13. Electronic Posting of Notice of Intended Award. Based on the evaluation, on the date indicated on the Timeline the Buyer shall electronically post a notice of intended award at http://vbs.dms.state.fl.us/vbs/search.criteria_form. If the notice of award is delayed, in lieu of posting the notice of intended award the Buyer shall post a notice of the delay and a revised date for posting the notice of intended award. Any person who is adversely affected by the decision shall file with the Buyer a notice of protest within 72 hours after the electronic posting. The Buyer shall not provide tabulations or notices of award by telephone.

14. Firm Response. The Buyer may make an award within sixty (60) days after the date of the opening, during which period responses shall remain firm and shall not be withdrawn. If award is not made within sixty (60) days, the response shall remain firm until either the Buyer awards the Contract or the Buyer receives from the respondent written notice that the response is withdrawn. Any response that expresses a shorter duration may, in the Buyer's sole discretion, be accepted or rejected.

15. Clarifications/Revisions. Before award, the Buyer reserves the right to seek clarifications or request any information deemed necessary for proper evaluation of submissions from all respondents deemed eligible for Contract award. Failure to provide requested information may result in rejection of the response.

16. Minor Irregularities/Right to Reject. The Buyer reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids, or separable portions thereof, and to waive any minor irregularity, technicality, or omission if the Buyer determines that doing so will serve the State's best interests. The Buyer may reject any response not submitted in the manner specified by the solicitation documents.

17. Contract Formation. The Buyer shall issue a notice of award, if any, to successful respondent(s), however, no contract shall be formed between respondent and the Buyer until the Buyer signs the Contract. The Buyer shall not be liable for any costs incurred by a respondent in preparing or producing its response or for any work performed before the Contract is effective.

18. Contract Overlap. Respondents shall identify any products covered by this solicitation that they are currently authorized to furnish under any state term contract. By entering into the Contract, a Contractor authorizes the Buyer to eliminate duplication between agreements in the manner the Buyer deems to be in its best interest.

19. Public Records. Article 1, section 24, Florida Constitution, guarantees every person access to all public records, and Section 119.011, Florida Statutes, provides a broad definition of public record. As such, all responses to a competitive solicitation are public records unless exempt by law. Any respondent claiming that its response contains information that is exempt from the public records law shall clearly segregate and mark that information and provide the specific statutory citation for such exemption.

20. Protests. Any protest concerning this solicitation shall be made in accordance with sections 120.57(3) and 287.042(2) of the Florida Statutes and chapter 28-110 of the Florida Administrative Code. Questions to the Procurement Officer shall not constitute formal notice of a protest. It is the Buyer's intent to ensure that specifications are written to obtain the best value for the State and that specifications are written to ensure competitiveness, fairness, necessity and reasonableness in the solicitation process.

Section 120.57(3)(b), F.S. and Section 28-110.003, Fla. Admin. Code require that a notice of protest of the solicitation documents shall be made within seventy-two hours after the posting of the solicitation.

Section 120.57(3)(a), F.S. requires the following statement to be included in the solicitation: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in section 120.57(3), Florida Statutes, shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under Chapter 120, Florida Statutes."

Section 28-110.005, Fla. Admin. Code requires the following statement to be included in the solicitation: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Section 120.57(3), Florida Statutes, or failure to post the bond or other security required by law within the time allowed for filing a bond shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under Chapter 120, Florida Statutes."

21. Limitation on Vendor Contact with Agency During Solicitation Period. Respondents to this solicitation or persons acting on their behalf may not contact, between the release of the solicitation and the end of the 72-hour period following the agency posting the notice of intended award, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays, any employee or officer of the executive or legislative branch concerning any aspect of this solicitation, except in writing to the procurement officer or as provided in the solicitation documents. Violation of this provision may be grounds for rejecting a response.

2.0 PURPOSE AND GENERAL INFORMATION

2.1 PURPOSE: The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles requests that written proposals be submitted to obtain offers from qualified firms to provide child care services for preschool-aged children for State of Florida Employees at the Ina Thompson Child Care Center located at the Kirkman Building Annex, 2900 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee. The center has 2,685 sq. ft. of facility space and 4,500 sq. ft. fenced outside playground area with a licensed capacity of 99 children. Current enrollment is 68 children and the desired maximum enrollment is 88 children. The center has a fully-equipped food service kitchen and individual classroom areas for different age groups. The Department shall provide the physical space, maintenance and utilities of the center. Only State employees are eligible to enroll children in the center. The first enrollment priority is DHSMV employees, although all State employees working for other agencies are eligible. Currently Chappell Schools of Jacksonville, Florida operates the center and their term expires on October 31, 2008.

2.2 GLOSSARY: See attached PUR 1000, Paragraph 1, and PUR 1001, Paragraph 1 for further definitions.

Contractor: The proposer who is awarded a contract by the Department as a result of this solicitation.

Day: A Calendar day.

Department: Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles

Direct Order: A Direct Order is a purchase order issued via the eProcurement system. See attached PUR Form 1000, paragraph 2.

ITN: Invitation to Negotiate

Machine(s): Equipment, components and/or their features, model conversions, equipment elements and accessories submitted by the contractor in response to this solicitation.

Number of Verbs or Nouns: Throughout this solicitation, the singular may be read as the plural and the plural as the singular.

Proposer: Any firm or person who submits a proposal to the Department in response to this solicitation.

Proposal: All information and materials submitted by a proposer in response to this solicitation.

SQSO: Statement of Qualifications and Services Offered. This ITN includes a two-stage process of contractor selection (see Section 6).

State: State shall be synonymous with the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.

Subcontractor: Any person other than an employee of the contractor who performs any of the services listed in this solicitation for compensation paid by the contractor.

Vendor: Any firm or person who submits a proposal to the Department in response to this solicitation.

Center: The Ina Thompson Child Care Center located at the Kirkman Building Annex, 2900 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee.

Owner (Contractor): Pursuant to Rule 60L-38, Florida Administrative Code, the Contractor is the entity to which the contract will be awarded. The Contractor or Owner is the person licensed pursuant to section 402.302 (11), Florida Statutes. As used herein the terms contractor and owner are interchangeable.

Infants: Children between the age of six weeks and twelve months.

Toddlers: Children between the age of twelve months and twenty-four months.

Two Year Olds: Children between the ages of twenty-four months and three years.

Three Year Olds: Children between the ages of three and four years.

Four and Five Year Olds: Children between the ages of four and six years.

2.3 PROCUREMENT OFFICER: The Procurement Officer, acting on the behalf of the Department, is the sole point of contact outside of official conferences and meetings with the agency's team, with regard to all procurement matters relating to this solicitation, from the date of release of the solicitation until the Department's Notice of Intended Award or Decision is posted. All questions and requests for clarification outside the above referenced meetings are to be directed to:

Kevin Bailey, Purchasing Manager
Bureau of Purchasing and Contracts
Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles
Neil Kirkman Building
2900 Apalachee Parkway, Room B 412, Mail Station 31
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0524
Telephone: (850)617-3203
Fax: (850) 617-5115
Email: kevinbailey@flhsmv.gov

Florida Statute Section 287.057(26) requires that respondents to this solicitation or persons acting on their behalf may not contact, between the release of the solicitation and the end of the 72-hour period following the agency posting the notice of intended award, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays, any employee or officer of the executive or legislative branch concerning any aspect of this solicitation, except in writing to the procurement officer or as provided in the solicitation documents. Violation of this provision may be grounds for rejecting a response.

Any questions arising from this solicitation must be forwarded, in writing, to the Procurement Officer identified above. The Department's written response to those inquires will be posted on the Florida Vendor Bid System at http://vbs.dms.state.fl.us/vbs/search.criteria_form and on the Department's web site at http://www.flhsmv.gov/purchasing/html/bid_log.html under the above referenced solicitation number. It is the responsibility of all potential proposers to monitor this site for any changing information prior to submitting their proposal.

2.4 CONTRACT MANAGER: The Department's employee identified below is designated as Contract Manager and shall act on the Department's behalf for the ongoing administration of contractual matters after the Notice of Agency Decision has been posted, the contract is executed, and/or the direct order is issued.

Kristin Watkins, Contract Manager
Division of Administrative Services
Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles
Neil Kirkman Building
2900 Apalachee Parkway, Room D427, Mail Station 32
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0524
Telephone: (850) 617-3204
Fax: (850) 617-5211
Email: kristinwatkins@flhsmv.gov

2.5 MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS: The Department has established certain mandatory requirements which must be included as part of any proposal. The use of the terms "shall", "must", or "will" (except to indicate simple futurity) in this solicitation indicates a mandatory requirement or condition.

The words "should" or "may" in this solicitation indicate desirable attributes or conditions, but are permissive in nature. Deviation from, or omission of, such a desirable feature will not itself cause rejection of a proposal.

Exception: This is a negotiation process. The DHSMV reserves the right to accept alternative means of accomplishing mandatory requirements, with reasonable assurance of satisfactory results, without addendum to this ITN. Such alternative(s) should be clearly identified by the Respondent firm in its proposal. The evaluation criteria set forth herein, and their relative weights, are also subject to modification in the negotiation process.

2.6 NON – RESPONSIVE PROPOSALS, NON – RESPONSIBLE RESPONDENTS: Proposals which do not meet all requirements of this solicitation or which fail to provide all required information, documents, or materials will be rejected as non – responsive. Material requirements of the solicitation are those set forth as mandatory or without which an adequate analysis and comparison of proposals are impossible, or those which affect the competitiveness of proposals or the cost to the Department. Proposers whose proposals, past performance or current status do not reflect the capability, integrity or reliability to fully and in good faith perform the requirements of the Contract may be rejected as non – responsible. The Department reserves the right to determine which proposals meets the material requirements of the solicitation, and which proposers are responsible. See also Section 2.5, “Exception”.

Proposals containing terms and conditions conflicting with those contained in this solicitation shall be rejected.

Solicitations will be considered only from respondents who are regularly engaged in the subject service/products business, are financially responsible and who have the necessary equipment and personnel to provide the services and goods required by the solicitation.

Responsible or qualified proposer means a person or firm with the capability in all respects to perform fully the contract requirements and the integrity and reliability to assure good faith performance. Failure to provide information to determine responsibility in response to a condition of a proposal requiring information may be cause for such proposal to be rejected.

2.7 COSTS OF DEVELOPING AND SUBMITTING PROPOSAL, OWNERSHIP: Neither the Department nor the State is liable for any of the costs incurred by proposers in preparing and submitting a proposal. All proposals become the property of the Department upon receipt and will not be returned to the proposer once opened. The Department shall have the right to use any and all ideas or adaptations of ideas contained in any proposal received in response to this solicitation. Selection or rejection of the proposal will not affect this right.

2.8 AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE: A representative who is authorized to contractually bind the proposer shall sign the proposal and any addenda. Only written inquires from proposers, which are signed by persons authorized to contractually bind that company, will be recognized by the Department as duly authorized expressions on behalf of the proposer. See attached Form PUR 1001, paragraph 5.

2.9 ADDENDA: Any and all addenda to this solicitation will be issued in writing and posted on the Florida Vendor Bid System at: http://vbs.dms.state.fl.us/vbs/search.criteria_form , and on the Department’s web site at http://www.flhsmv.gov/purchasing/html/bid_log.html. Proposers may be required to acknowledge receipt of addenda in writing.

Any addenda or written answers supplied by the Department Procurement Officer to participating proposer’s written questions become part of this solicitation.

2.10 EMPLOYMENT OF UNAUTHORIZED ALIENS: The Department shall consider the employment by any proposer of unauthorized aliens a violation of the Immigration and Nationalization Act. Such violation shall be cause for unilateral cancellation of the contract.

2.11 DRUG FREE WORKPLACE PROGRAM: The proposer agrees to implement a drug free workplace program as defined in 287.087, Florida Statutes.

2.12 PUBLIC ACCESS TO DOCUMENTS: This contract may be unilaterally canceled by the Department for refusal by the proposer to allow public access to all documents, papers, letters, or other material made or received by the proposer in conjunction with this contract, unless the records are exempt from Section 24(A) of Article 1 of the State constitution and Section 119.07(1), Florida Statutes.

2.13 PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES: See attached Form PUR 1001, Paragraph 7.

2.14 DIVERSITY: This contract shall be interpreted with diversity in mind to unite Floridians behind a shared vision of opportunity and diversity in state contracting without discriminating against one racial group or another.

2.15 DISCRIMINATION: See attached Form PUR 1001, Paragraph 8.

2.16 TAXES: See attached Form PUR 1000, Paragraph 16. The Department shall have no responsibility for the payment of taxes which become payable by the contractor or its subcontractor in performance of the contract.

2.17 EXTRANEOUS TERMS AND CONDITIONS: See attached Form PUR 1000, and PUR 1001, Paragraph 4.

2.18 CANCELLATION: This contract shall be subject to cancellation by DHSMV should DHSMV determine that either one of the following events has occurred:

1. The contractor has failed to comply with the terms and conditions contained herein, or
2. The contract has become the subject of a cause of action or challenge in any State or Federal Court or administrative forum.

2.19 TERMINATION FOR CAUSE: The Department reserves the right to terminate the contract by providing written notice to the contractor(s) in accordance with the attached Form PUR 1000, Paragraph 23.

2.20 TERMINATION BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT: With the mutual agreement of both parties, the contract or any part of the contract may be terminated on an agreed date prior to the end of the contract period without penalty to either party.

2.21 TERMINATION IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE STATE: See Form PUR 1000, Paragraph 22.

2.22 CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES UPON TERMINATION: After receipt of notice of termination, and except as otherwise specified by the Department, the contractor(s) shall:

- a. Stop work under this contract on the date, and to the extent specified, in the notice.
- b. Place no further order(s) or subcontract(s) for materials, services, or facilities except as may be necessary for completion of such portion of the work under this contract that is not terminated.
- c. Complete performance of such part of the work as shall not have been terminated by the Department; and
- d. Take such action as may be necessary, or as the Department may specify, to protect and preserve any property related to this contract which is in the possession of the contractor(s) and in the Department has or may acquire an interest.

Upon the effective date of termination of the contract, the Contractor shall transfer, assign, and make available to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles all property and materials belonging to the Contractor, all rights and claims to any and all reservations, contracts and arrangements with subcontractors, or others, and shall make available to the Department all written information regarding the performance of the contract. No extra compensation will be paid to the Contractor for its services in connection with such transfer or assignment. The Department concurrently with such transfer or assignment shall assume the obligations of the Contractor if any, on all non-cancelable contracts with third parties.

Upon termination of the contract by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, the Contractor shall be deemed to have released and relinquished to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles any and all claims or rights it may otherwise have to common law or statutory copyright with respect to all or any part of material prepared or created by the Contractor in the course of its performance, except as otherwise provided in this solicitation.

2.23 DELIVERY: Not Applicable

2.24 CONTRACTUAL SUBMISSIONS: A proposer's final response to this solicitation shall be considered as the proposer's formal offer. There will be no separate contract other than the purchase order.

2.25 CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITY: The Department will consider the contractor to be the sole point of contact with regard to contractual matters. The contractor will assume sole responsibility for providing the commodities and services offered in its proposal whether or not the contractor is the supplier of said commodities and services or any component.

2.26 DISCUSSIONS: Prior to the Department determining whether proposals have been submitted in accordance with the requirements of this solicitation, any discussion by the proposer with an employee or authorized representative of the State involving cost information will result in rejection of said proposer's response.

No negotiations, decisions, or actions shall be initiated or executed by a proposer as a result of any discussion with any state employee. Only those communications which are in writing from the Bureau of Purchasing and Contracts may be considered as a duly authorized expression on behalf of the Department. Any inquiries from proposers shall be submitted in writing as required in Section 2.3 or in accordance with the attached PUR 1001, Paragraph 5.

2.27 NON-EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS: The right to provide the commodities and services, which will be granted under the contract shall not be exclusive. The Department reserves the right to contract for and purchase commodities and services from as many firms as it deems necessary without infringing upon or terminating the contract.

2.28 ASSIGNMENT OF THE CONTRACT: See attached Form PUR 1000, Paragraph 29. The contract is not assignable except with prior written approval of the Department.

2.29 BENEFIT: The contract is for the benefit of the Department and the contractor and not for the benefit of any third party or person.

2.30 INTENTIONS: It is the intent of the Department to acquire a complete working system. Any incidental items omitted from these specifications shall be provided as part of the proposer's price proposal in order to deliver a working system and be in compliance with the specifications and requirements of this solicitation.

2.31 MINOR BID EXCEPTIONS: This Department reserves the right to waive minor deviations or exceptions in proposals providing such actions are in the best interest of the State of Florida. Minor deviations/exceptions are defined as those that have no adverse effect upon the Department's interest and would not affect the outcome of the award by giving a proposer an advantage or benefit not enjoyed by other proposers.

2.32 SILENCE OF SPECIFICATIONS: The apparent silence of specifications set forth in the solicitation and contract to any details or the omission from it of a detailed description, concerning any point shall be regarded as meaning that only the best commercial practices are to prevail and that only materials and workmanship of first quality is to be used. All interpretations of this solicitation shall be made upon the basis of this statement.

2.33 SMALL BUSINESS PARTICIPATION: Florida is a state rich in its diversity. The Department of Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles is dedicated to fostering the continued development and economic growth of small and minority and women-owned businesses. Central to this is the participation of a diverse group of vendors doing business with the state.

To this end, it is vital that minority and women-owned business enterprises participate in the State's procurement process as both prime contractors and subcontractors under prime contracts. Small and minority and women-owned businesses are strongly encouraged to submit replies to this solicitation.

2.34 CONTRACT: The subsequent contract and/or purchase order issued by the Department to the successful proposer shall incorporate this solicitation, addenda(s), contract(s), and/or direct order(s) to this solicitation and the proposer's proposal.

2.35 DEFAULT: Failure of the contractor to perform according to the contract shall be cause for the contractor to be found in default. In the event of default, any and all reprourement costs, along with any other remedies provided in the solicitation, contract and/or by rule or law, may be charged against the contractor.

2.36 PRIDE: Prison Rehabilitative Industries and Diversified Enterprises, Inc. (PRIDE) The State supports and encourages the use of Florida Correctional work programs. See attached Form PUR 1000, Paragraph 40. Suppliers will use PRIDE commodities/services where applicable.

2.37 RESPECT: The State Supports and encourages the gainful employment of citizens with disabilities. See attached Form PUR 1000, Paragraph 41. Suppliers will use RESPECT commodities/services where applicable.

2.38 ADDITIONS/UPGRADES/DELETIONS: During the term of the contract resulting from this solicitation, the Department shall have the right to add/delete services/products upon mutual written agreement of both parties. If a contractor has newer technology the Department may exercise the right to upgrade to that technology by way of an amendment agreeable to both parties. Quantities in commodity purchases may be modified within the limits of the Category thresholds set in 287.017 F.S.

2.39 ECONOMY OF PRESENTATION: Each proposal shall be prepared simply and economically, providing a straightforward, concise delineation of the proposer's capabilities to satisfy the requirements of this solicitation. Fancy bindings, colored displays, and promotional material are not desired. Emphasis in each proposal must be on completeness and clarity of content. In order to expedite the evaluation of solicitations, it is essential that proposer's follow the format and instructions contained herein.

2.40 ACCESSIBILITY FOR DISABLED PERSONS: If special accommodations are needed, please advise the Bureau of Purchasing and Contracts at (850) 617-3203 no later than five working days prior to the event.

2.41 SPECIFICATION EXCEPTIONS, OMISSIONS, OR ERRORS: Specifications are based on the most current literature available. Proposers shall notify the Bureau of Purchasing and Contracts, Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, in writing, no less than ten (10) days prior to the bid opening, of any change, omission or error in the manufacturer's specifications which conflict with the solicitation specifications.

2.42 SITE RULES AND REGULATIONS: The proposer shall use its best efforts to assure that its employees and agents, while on any State, County or Agent premises, shall comply with the rules and regulations applicable to that site.

2.43 LIABILITY: The contractor shall hold harmless the Department from any and all liability in damages arising out of covenants and agreements, it being specifically understood that it is an independent contractor to furnish said service upon its own credit and it is not an employee, agent, servant or representative of the Department.

2.44 SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL: The proposal forms furnished must be submitted with your proposal. Forms to be filled out in pen and ink or typewritten with no alterations, changes or amendments made within. All forms to be signed and dated.

Submit your proposal in accordance with the Calendar of Events (Section 3.1) to: Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, Bureau of Purchasing and Contracts, Neil Kirkman Building, 2900 Apalachee Parkway, Room B412, Mail Station 31, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0524. Mark on the envelope/container in which your proposal is submitted: Proposal Title, Solicitation No. and time of proposal opening. Please note that an unlabeled proposal submission may be received late.

All proposers are advised to examine their response carefully. All prices and quantities shown on the final bid sheets submitted are firm and mistakes will be at the proposer's risk. Proposals received shall be evaluated by the Purchaser for compliance with the general and technical requirements contained herein.

Prices shall be net delivered to the location noted in this solicitation.

IMPORTANT: Mark on the envelope/container in which your bid is submitted: **Bid No. 004-09 to be filed (Date & Time in Calendar of Events, Section 3.1).**

2.45 PROPOSAL TENURE: All proposals are binding for one hundred eighty (180) days following the proposal opening date.

2.46 PROPOSER'S RESPONSIBILITY: All proposers are advised to examine their proposals carefully. Assure that the proposal is delivered at the proper time and place of the proposal opening. Proposals that for any reason are not so delivered will not be considered. Offers by telegram, telephone, email, or facsimile are not acceptable. It is the responsibility of the proposer to understand and comply with all terms and conditions of this solicitation, any contract resulting from the proposal, and all Purchase Orders to the proposer referencing this solicitation.

Any or all items delivered to the purchaser not meeting specifications or found to be defective will not be accepted, but returned to proposer at the proposer's expense for rebate or replacement. Since it is impossible for this Department to inspect all items on arrival, a reasonable opportunity must be allowed for inspection and returning of defective items to the proposer.

2.47 POSTING OF TABULATION: The Notice of Intended Award will be posted in accordance with the attached Form PUR 1001, Paragraphs 12 and 13.

2.48 RESPONSE CLARIFICATION: The Department reserves the right to contact any and all proposers for clarification of responses to this solicitation in accordance with the attached Form PUR 1001, Paragraph 15.

2.49 NOTICE OF SOLICITATION PROTEST BONDING REQUIREMENT: See the attached Form PUR 1001, Paragraph 20. Any person who files a formal written protest shall, at the time of filing the formal written protest, post a bond as set forth in Section 287.042(2) c, Florida Statutes.

2.50 LEGAL REQUIREMENTS: See attached Form PUR 1000, Paragraph 30. Applicable provisions of all Federal, State, County and local laws and administrative procedures, regulations, or rules shall govern the development, submittal and evaluation of all proposals received in response hereto and shall govern any and all claims and disputes which may arise between proposer's submitting a proposal hereto and the Department. Lack of knowledge of the law or applicable administrative procedures, regulations or rules by any proposer shall not constitute a cognizable defense against their effect.

2.51 APPLICABLE LAWS AND RULES: The contractor shall comply with all Federal and Florida State laws, regulations, and directives issued by any public health agency pertaining to the Workers Compensation Act and shall conduct said operation in a safe, efficient and sanitary manner. The contractor is responsible for complying with any applicable local, Florida, or national codes and/or ordinances. If applicable all necessary permits and licenses shall be the responsibility of the contractor.

2.52 SEVERABILITY: See attached Form PUR 1000, Paragraph 47.

2.53 FORCE MAJEURE: See attached Form PUR 1000, Paragraph 24.

2.54 MYFLORIDAMARKETPLACE TRANSACTION FEE: All payments shall be assessed a Transaction Fee of one percent (1.0%), which the contractor shall pay to the State. See attached Form PUR 1000, Paragraph 14.

2.55 REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR FLORIDA VENDORS: The State of Florida is implementing a new web-based procurement system called "MyFloridaMarketPlace". This system provides a user – friendly internet portal where vendors can register, receive information on upcoming bids, post information on products and services, and receive direct orders electronically.

The system will be implemented in a phased approach starting with state agencies. Subsequently, the system will be made available to public schools, universities, community colleges, and local governments.

Effective July 2003, vendors must be registered in the system in order to conduct business with the State. If you have not had the opportunity to register, please log on to the MyFloridaMarketPlace website to complete the registration process. To access online registration, log on to www.myflorida.com, and click on the 'MyFloridaMarketPlace / e-Pro' link under 'Hot Topic's'. Once on the 'MyFloridaMarketPlace' website, click on the 'Online Vendor Registration' link to begin registration. In order to register, you will need the following information:

- Company Name
- Tax ID type and number – Social Security Number (SSN) or Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN)
- Tax filing information – Including the business name on your 1099 tax form (where applicable)
- Location information:
 - A business name for each company location (if different from the company name)
 - A complete address for each location (including details for sending direct orders, payments, and bills to each location)
 - A contact person for each of your locations
- Commodity codes that describe the products and/or services your company provides. These codes can be found in MyFloridaMarketPlace.
- CMBE (Certified Minority Business Enterprises) information if you are certified minority business.
- If the firm is a current vendor to the State of Florida, re – registration will require a State – issued sequence number and PIN – available from the Department of Management Services by faxing a request on company letterhead to (850) 414-8331.

PLEASE READ THE INFORMATION CAREFULLY. Part of the Vendor Registration activity includes a section on terms and conditions in which a vendor accepts an agreement to pay a **1% fee on all agency purchases** effective July 1, 2003. This fee **does not apply** to existing contracts or those exempted by Rule 60A – 1.032 (See <http://www.myflorida.com/myflorida/business/laws/60a-1.pdf>). Vendors will also still need to sign up for electronic notification in bids via the Vendor Bid System (VBS). We look forward to working with you in MyFloridaMarketPlace. If you have any questions about the registration process, please contact the Vendor Help Desk at 1-866-FLA-ePro (352 –3776) or by e-mailing VendorHelp@myflorida.com.

3.0 SPECIAL CONDITIONS

3.1 CALENDAR OF EVENTS: The following time schedule will be strictly adhered to in all actions relative to this solicitation, unless modified by the Department by addendum to this solicitation.

July 28, 2008	Solicitation issued.
August 6, 2008	All questions and/or proposed changes to the solicitation must be submitted in writing to the issuing officer by 4:00 PM Eastern Time (may be submitted earlier.) See Section 2.26.
August 13, 2008	Responses to written inquires and proposed changes will be posted on the Florida Vendor Bid System at http://vbs.dms.state.fl.us/vbs/search.criteria_form .
August 20, 2008	Respondents' "Statements of Qualifications and Services Offered" are due. Responses must be received as specified in Section 2.44 of this solicitation, no later than 2:30 PM Eastern Time . Responses must be addressed to the Procurement Officer as specified in Section 2.3. All responses will be opened by Department employees starting at or after 2:30 PM Eastern Time at the Neil Kirkman Building, Room B409, 2900 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee. The public may attend the opening but may not review any proposals submitted until they become public records in accordance with Section 119.07, Florida Statutes. The names of respondents and the names of firms submitting "no proposal" responses will be read aloud.
August 28, 2008	There will be a public meeting of the evaluation committee for the purpose of evaluating Statements of Qualifications and Services Offered at 10:00 AM Eastern Time , in the auditorium of the Neil Kirkman Building, 2900 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee, FL.
August 28, 2008	Posting of one or more respondents selected for negotiations.
September 8-12, 2008	Negotiations will be scheduled in the Neil Kirkman Building, 2900 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee, Florida. Respondents may begin "setting-up" at 8:00 AM Eastern Time and Negotiations will begin at 10:00 AM Eastern Time
September 22, 2008	Best and Final Offers must be submitted in writing as specified in Section 2.44 of this solicitation, no later than 2:30 PM Eastern Time
September 29, 2008	There will be a public meeting of the evaluation committee for the purpose of evaluating final offers at 2:30 PM Eastern Time , in the Neil Kirkman Building, 2900 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee, FL.
September 29, 2008	Post notice of intended award.

Note: The Performance Bond is due within 14 calendar days of award.

3.2 TERM OF CONTRACT: Refer to attached Form PUR 1000, Paragraph 27. The contract shall be in effect upon completion of seventy-two (72) posting of Intent to Award. Term shall be from November 1, 2008 – October 31, 2013, with a five (5) year renewal option at Department discretion contingent upon satisfactory service, unless terminated earlier by the Department under the terms provided herein, subject to an annual appropriation by the State Legislature. If at any time the contract is canceled, terminated, or expires, and a contract is subsequently executed with a firm other than contractor, contractor has the affirmative obligation to assist in the smooth transition of contract services to the subsequent contractor. In the event this solicitation includes renewals, the requirements of Section 287.057, Florida Statutes, shall apply.

3.3 PERFORMANCE BOND: The successful proposer shall supply, no later than the date specified in the Calendar of Events (Section 3.1), a Performance Bond issued by an insurance company licensed by the Florida Department of Insurance, covering the faithful performance of this contract, in all terms and conditions thereof throughout the full term thereof, between the Department and the proposer and which will further indemnify and save harmless the Department from all costs and damages by reason of the proposer's default, breach or failure to satisfactorily complete any of the following items:

1. Payment to all entities, individuals, and the like furnishing labor or materials in connection with this contract.
2. Successful, full and satisfactory completion, including the dates specified between the Department and the proposer, of the installation, ongoing operation and performance, consumable supplies and maintenance herein concerned.

In the event of any breach on the part of the proposer, the surety and/or the Department shall have the right to take possession, custody, and control of any work site and/or installation and to complete and operate same forthwith, with any costs attributable thereto borne by the Customer or the surety. In the event of control and operation of any site(s) by the Department or surety, the Department shall incur no financial obligation to the contractor, and shall recover from the contractor or surety any costs of cover, i.e. additional costs, if any, incurred by the Department in operating any site(s) during the breach by the contractor.

The performance bond must be submitted annually, in the amount of the current years proposed price for maximum enrollment.

A Letter of Credit may be submitted in lieu of a performance bond only when issued by a financial institution organized under the laws of Florida. A Letter of Credit issued by an out of state bank will not be accepted.

3.4 PROPOSER'S INQUIRIES: The respondent shall examine this solicitation to determine if the Department's requirements are clearly stated. If there are any requirements which restrict competition, the respondent may request, in writing, to the Procurement Officer identified in Section 2.3 that the specifications be changed. The respondent who requests changes to the Department's specifications must identify and describe the respondent's difficulty in meeting the Department's specifications, must provide detailed justification for a change, and must provide recommended changes to the specifications. Questions concerning conditions and specifications of this solicitation, and/or requests for changes to the solicitation must be received in writing by the Issuing Officer no later than the date and time specified in the Calendar of Events (Section 3.1). A respondent's failure to request changes by the date described above, shall be considered to constitute respondent's acceptance of Department's specifications. The Department shall determine what changes to the solicitation shall be acceptable to the Department. If required, the Department shall issue an addendum reflecting the acceptable changes to this solicitation, which shall be posted on the State's Vendor Bid System at http://vbs.dms.state.fl.us/vbs/search.criteria_form in order that all respondents shall be given the opportunity of submitting proposals to the same specifications. Respondents submitting a proposal must submit by the Statement of Qualifications and Services Offered (SQSO) or best-and final-offer (BAFO) deadline, whichever follows any addendum, written acknowledgment of the addendum.

3.5 INDEPENDENT CAPACITY OF CONTRACTOR: The parties hereto agree that the proposer, its officers, agents and employees, in the performance of this Contract, shall act in the capacity of an independent contractor and not as an officer, employee or agent of the State. Proposer agrees to take such steps as may be necessary to ensure that each sub-contractor of proposer will be deemed to be an independent contractor and will not be considered or permitted to be an agent, servant, joint venturer, or partner of State. All persons furnished, used, retained, or hired or on behalf of proposer or such sub-contractor, and proposer shall be responsible for payment of any and all unemployment, social security, and other payroll taxes for such persons, including any related assessments or contributions required by law.

3.6 INVOICES: All invoices will be submitted in accordance with the attached Form PUR 1000, Paragraph 15. Invoices for services will reference a valid direct order number and be submitted to the Contract Manager specified in Section 2.4 of this solicitation. Invoices for commodities will reference a valid direct order number and be submitted to the Bureau of Accounting, DHSMV, Accounts Payable Section, Neil Kirkman Building, Room A414, MS-22 2900 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0514. (If applicable)

3.7 PROPOSALS OPENING: Bids will be opened in Room B409, Neil Kirkman Building, at the date and time shown in the Calendar of Events (Section 3.1 of the solicitation).

3.8 PROJECT PLANNING REQUIREMENTS: The Department requests that a project plan submitted as part of the contractor's proposal. Additionally, prior to the start of the task that produces it, the contractor will draft a detailed description and approach for each deliverable. The Department shall review the description and approach and shall request changes, if necessary, until it is satisfied that the deliverable will produce an outcome that meets requirements. For more information see Section 6.8.4.

3.9 STANDARD DELIVERABLE REVIEW REQUIREMENTS: Each contractor deliverable described in the project plan shall be reviewed by the Department and shall require formal approval from the Department prior to acceptance. The primary focus of the Department review will be to determine compliance with the agreed plan and content of the deliverable and with the terms of the contract. Each deliverable shall be complete within and of itself, and shall be consistent with any previous deliverables produced.

The Department reserves the right to require the contractor to revise deliverables previously approved or to reject current deliverables based on inconsistency among deliverables.

3.10 IMPLEMENTATION/START-UP DATES: Implementation/Start-Up dates may be changed by mutual consent of the contractor and the Department. Such mutual consent must be in writing, signed by the contractor and the Department.

3.11 NEGOTIATIONS: For the SQSO, the proposer is required to bring any necessary equipment to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, Neil Kirkman Building, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0560, during the week specified in the Calendar of Events. Specific date and time for each proposer's demonstration will be determined by the Department. Proposer will explain in detail their individual approach to Child Care Development. For instance, Proposer must explain the daily routine and program activities that will be used to educate and provide stimulation in a learning environment.

3.12 CONTRACTOR'S INSURANCE: See attached Form PUR 1000, Paragraph 35. The contractor shall not commence any work in connection with the contract until he has obtained all of the following types of insurance and such insurance has been approved by the purchaser, nor shall the contractor allow any subcontractor to commence work on a subcontract until all similar insurance required of the subcontractor has been so obtained and approved.

- A. WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE:** The contractor shall take out and maintain during the life of this agreement, Worker's Compensation Insurance for all of his employees connected with the work of this project and, in case any work is sublet, the contractor shall require the Subcontractor similarly to provide Worker's Compensation Insurance for all of the latter's employees unless such employees are covered by the protection afforded by the contractor. Such insurance shall comply fully with the Florida Worker's Compensation law. In case any class of employees engaged in hazardous work under this contract at the site of the project is not protected under the Workman's Compensation statute, the contractor shall provide, and cause each Subcontractor to provide, adequate insurance, satisfactory to the purchaser, for the protection of his employees not otherwise protected.

B. CONTRACTOR'S PUBLIC LIABILITY AND PROPERTY DAMAGE INSURANCE: Upon execution of the contract, the Contractor shall furnish DHSMV with written verification of comprehensive general liability insurance coverage of not less than \$1,000,000. Student accident/medical insurance coverage with no deductible shall also be maintained by the Contractor. The Contractor shall be responsible for maintaining the insurance with liability and coverage limits no less than previously referenced throughout the duration of the contract and for all periods during which the Contractor is responsible for the operation of the Center. The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles shall be named as an additional insured on each policy.

The Contractor shall be liable, and agrees to be liable for, and shall indemnify, defend, and hold the State harmless from all claims, suits, judgments or damages, including court costs and attorney's fees, arising out of negligence or omission by the Contractor, Director, and all staff or volunteers of the Center throughout the duration of the contract and for all periods during which the Contractor is responsible for the operation of the Center.

4.0 BACKGROUND & OBJECTIVE

4.1 BACKGROUND: The State Employee Child Care Program allows work-site centers to be located in state-owned space or in privately-owned buildings leased by the state. The Program is limited to preschool-aged children and must include infants and toddlers. Before or after school care for school-aged children is not included in the Program.

Only state employees are eligible to enroll their children in the centers, with the employees of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles having first priority for enrollment. The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles is authorized to provide the space, utilities, maintenance and replacement of state-owned equipment, but has no authority to subsidize operational costs for the child care service.

A private contractor is selected by competitive contract to operate the center. The contractor has primary responsibility for the day-to-day operation of the center. The Contractor must comply with all state and local standards for the licensure and operation of child care facilities, maintain adequate liability insurance coverage, and assume financial and legal responsibility for the operation of the center. The Contractor covers all costs of the child care service (staff, food, supplies, insurance, etc.) by charging the parents monthly fees which are payroll deducted from the employee's paycheck.

The State supplements the cost by providing the facility in order to make more convenient, higher quality and affordable child care available to state employees. Neither the Contractor/Center Director nor any personnel employed by the Contractor/Center Director shall be deemed to be employees of the State.

Current Enrollment at the Center is 68 children is as follows:

Infants	8
Toddlers	12
2-year-olds	20
3-year-olds	14
4-year-olds	14

4.2 OBJECTIVE: The objective of this contract is to partner with a responsible contractor for the quality operation of the Ina S. Thompson Child Care Center for children of State of Florida employees. The Department makes a significant financial and operational contribution in the form of facility maintenance, utilities, phone service, pest control, and in return expects the contractor to provide a high-quality child development program at economical rates. Due to the absence of overhead costs incurred by other centers in the area, this program should compete with the high-quality centers in Tallahassee while maintaining economical rates.

The focus of the Contractor must include safety, education and nurturing of all the children enrolled. Quality child care builds cognitive and social skills when provided in an atmosphere that responsibly and positively promotes self development.

5.0 CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

5.1 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS: The Contractor shall provide quality childcare for a maximum of 88 children. Enrollment shall consist of all three age groups, as defined in Section IV, C, with no one age group making up more than 75% of the Center enrollment at any given time. The contractor shall provide the 540 hour school-year Voluntary Pre-kindergarten Education Program to eligible four year olds at the center in accordance with the requirements of Section 1002.55, F.S. The contractor shall begin the process of obtaining Gold Seal Accreditation for the Center within one year of the effective date of the contract.

5.1.2 HOURS OF OPERATION: The center shall be based on the work schedules of the majority of parents using the center and shall cover the State's flexible work schedule from 6:45 A.M. until 5:45 P.M., Monday through Friday, excluding all official State holidays. The Center's annual calendar must coincide with the official calendar for state employees. The Center may be closed on days specified below as official paid holidays for all state employees.

Official State of Florida Holidays: New Year's Day, Martin L. King's Birthday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veterans' Day, Thanksgiving Day, Friday after Thanksgiving, Christmas Day.

5.1.3 QUALIFICATIONS: The Contractor must be at least 21 years of age and have at least five (5) years of experience in owning or operating a licensed child care facility. Additionally, all child care personnel, including the Center Director, employees, substitutes, and volunteers shall meet all personnel requirements, health requirements, and training requirements, as stated in Chapter 65C-22, F.A.C. In addition to meeting all requirements of F.A.C, the Center's Director and staff shall meet the following personnel qualifications:

- a) **Director:** The Director must be at least 21 years of age and have at least a bachelor's degree in early childhood education, child development, child psychology, elementary education, or related field as determined by the Department, and have the Director's Credential. In addition, the Director must have at least one year of administrative/supervisory experience in programs for young children, including program management, curriculum design and supervision of child care staff with evidence of strong leadership skills and the ability to form positive relationships with parents.
- b) **Supervisory/Lead Staff and Teachers:** Must be adults who have the direct responsibility for the care and education of children. There must be at least one staff member with a Child Development Associate (CDA) credential or equivalent for every 15 children enrolled at the center and a staff person with a CDA for every classroom in the center. All persons directly responsible for the care and supervision of children must be at least eighteen years of age with a high school diploma or equivalent and have the 40-hour training course developed by the Department of Children and Families and Department of Education.
- c) **Assistants and Aides:** Are persons who carry out program activities under the supervision of the teachers or lead staff. These staff members must be at least 18 years of age and have the 40-hour training course for childcare workers.

The Department reserves the right to review the qualifications of the Center's Director and staff upon request. Failure to retain a Director and staff who meet the age, training, health, supervision and other personnel requirements, and the qualifications enumerated in this RFP may constitute grounds for termination of the contract. The Department shall make the final determination of such qualifications in the event of a dispute.

5.2 MINIMUM STAFFING REQUIREMENTS: The minimum staffing requirements are:

1. One staff person for every **4** infants (under 12 months)
2. One staff person for every **5** toddlers (12 to 24 months)
3. One staff person of every group of **7** two-year olds (24 to 36 months)
4. One staff person for every group of **11** three year olds
5. One staff person for every group for **15** four and five year olds

There must be at least one supervisory or lead staff person for each age group of children. The Director must be on the premises the majority of the time the Center is open. In the absence of the Director there must be one adult at least 21 years of age in charge of the facility and on the premises at all times. How each group is to be staffed must be included with all Statement of Qualifications and Services submitted.

Note: During normal day care hours (refer to Section 5.1.2) the minimum staffing requirements apply. Proposals that do not meet these minimum staffing requirements will be found Non-Responsive.

5.3 PHYSICAL CARE REQUIREMENTS: The Contractor and Director of the Center will be responsible for providing quality physical care and developmental activities appropriate to the ages of the children enrolled in the Center; selecting and managing staff assigned to the Center; and managing the budget and operations of the Center, including but not limited to, janitorial service and daily maintenance.

- A. Compliance with Laws, Rules and Ordinances:** The Contractor shall comply with Chapter 65C-22, F.A.C.; Chapter 60L-38, F.A.C.; local ordinances; other applicable state or federal laws as amended from time to time and all requirements set forth in this RFP. The Contractor will be required to comply with the strictest of the standards established by law, including any rule or ordinance, or by this RFP.
- B. Facility and Equipment Maintenance:** It is incumbent upon the Contractor and Director to take reasonable care of the facility, all permanent fixtures within the Center, and any furniture and equipment provided by DHSMV. Reasonable care includes regular cleaning and janitorial services. If the space, fixtures, or equipment are negligently used, the Contractor shall be responsible for repairs or replacements. Such repairs or replacement shall be performed in a timely manner and to the satisfaction of DHSMV. The Contractor shall be responsible for maintaining an adequately and appropriately equipped center by providing age-appropriate toys, educational materials, program and consumable supplies.
- C. Financial Responsibilities and Record Keeping:** Except as provided in Section V., C, the Contractor shall be responsible for all costs of operating the Center including such expenses as salaries, liability insurance, food services, toys, educational materials, consumable and program supplies, licensure fees, fingerprint and background screening, office supplies, staff training, taxes, janitorial services, and any other expenses incurred in operating the program. The Contractor shall maintain books and records in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) relating to all costs of operating the Center. The Contractor shall maintain an inventory of all equipment and supplies provided by the State and shall submit inventory records to DHSMV no later than each June 30.

The Contractor is required to maintain financial and program data and shall file a quarterly balance sheet and income statement no later than October 31, January 31, April 30, and July 31 for the preceding calendar quarter and fiscal year to date. Such data shall include, but not be limited to, number of children served in each age group; comparison of monthly budget and expenditures; staffing patterns and staffing changes. Financial records shall sufficiently and properly reflect all expenditure of funds related to operation of the program. All records shall be subject to review or audit by DHSMV, and other personnel duly authorized by the State. The Contractor shall provide DHSMV with copies of all health, safety, fire or other inspections no later than seven (7) calendar days from receipt of same. In the event DHSMV's immediate action is necessary pursuant to the inspection, Contractor shall provide DHSMV with a copy of such inspection no later than one business day from conduct of the same. The Contractor shall allow public access to all documents, papers, letters or other material subject to the provisions of Chapter 119, F.S., and made or received by the Contractor in conjunction with this RFP and contract. It is expressly understood that upon the Contractor's refusal to comply with this provision, DHSMV shall have the right to terminate the contract.

D. Enrollment and Payment of Fees: The Contractor shall be responsible for only enrolling children of state employees in accordance with this solicitations pertaining to eligibility and procedures (refer to Section 2.1). Work-site centers established under section 110.151, F.S., are to be used exclusively by regular, full-time employees of the State of Florida. The State requires state employees to pay child care fees by payroll deduction. The state agencies that employ parents of children who are enrolled in the Center will make payroll deductions, and remit such sums to the Contractor in a timely manner.

No additional charges or assessments may be collected from the parents by the Contractor without the approval of DHSMV. Parents shall not be solicited for money beyond the fees, without the prior approval for the Contract Manager. Any changes in fee schedule not included in the proposed operating budget must be submitted to DHSMV for approval not less than 60 days prior to their effective date, and if approved, parents must be notified by the Contractor at least 60 days prior to the effective date of any fee schedule change.

E. Access/Written Materials: The Contractor shall ensure that parents, the public, and representatives of the State of Florida and DHSMV have reasonable access to the Center for purposes of visitation and observation during normal operating hours. DHSMV reserves the right to review all written and/or printed materials utilized in the operation of the Center and such material shall be subject to the approval of DHSMV. Any materials determined to be inappropriate by DHSMV shall be immediately removed from the Center.

5.4 HEALTH AND SAFETY: The Center must comply with all health, sanitation and safety requirements detailed in Chapter 65C-22, F.A.C. This includes maintaining compliance with general licensed capacity and room capacity, maintaining appropriate staff/child ratios, and adequate supervision of all children at all times. Policies and procedures for child health and safety must include, but are not limited to: communicable disease control; first aid; fire and other emergencies; administering medication; transporting children; reporting suspected child abuse/neglect; reporting unusual incidents; and a method for daily check-in/check-out of children. All indoor and outdoor areas, including furnishings, equipment and supplies shall remain clean, safe and free from hazards. The Director shall conduct regular maintenance and sanitary checks of the building, playground, toys, equipment and furnishings and immediately report problems to the Contract Manager. A detailed plan describing a plan for maintaining health and safety for the duration of the contract is to be provided with all Statement of Qualifications and Services submitted.

5.5 NUTRITION PLAN/FOOD SERVICE: Children enrolled in the Center must be provided meals and snacks of a quality and quantity that meet or exceed the current National Research Council's Recommended Dietary Allowances and the U.S. Dietary Guidelines for Americans. Meals may be prepared on site or the Contractor may contract for the delivery of meals with an appropriately licensed vendor. All food preparation requirements outlined in Chapter 65C-22, F.A.C., apply. Menus must be provided to parents on a weekly basis. The Director will work in cooperation with families and children that have special dietary preferences or needs to ensure respect for the family/child and appropriate nutrition. A sample menu and description of the approach to special nutritional needs for children is to be included with all Statement of Qualifications and Services submitted.

5.6 DAILY ROUTINE AND ACTIVITY PROGRAM: To the extent possible, the program should follow the criteria for high quality programs established by the National Academy of Early Childhood Programs (National Association for the Education of Young Children). This includes all areas of child development, stressed equally including cognitive, social, emotional, and physical development. Separate programs must be designed to accommodate various developmental levels.

The daily program must be based on a research-based, developmentally appropriate curriculum and provide activities which foster brain development, which must include, but is not limited to:

- A print-rich environment.
- The center shall be filled with objects of various colors, shapes, textures, and sizes to stimulate visual, tactile, auditory, and linguistic senses in the children and must include classical music and at least 30 minutes of reading to the children (all age groups) each day.
- Training for parents shall be provided, which is to include direct dialogue and interaction between teachers and parents demonstrating the urgency of brain development in the first year of a child's life.
- The daily program for infants and toddlers shall provide planned activity periods suitable to the ages and developmental levels of the children, with ample opportunities for exercise and activity outside their cribs.
- The daily program for children over two years of age shall be planned to provide meaningful experiences geared to the age and developmental level of the children and to meet the social, emotional, physical and intellectual needs of each child as well as those of the total group.
- The daily program for all age groups shall provide for both indoor and outdoor play, weather permitting.
- Regular informal and formal assessments shall be conducted in order to determine the needs of each child and inform practice. The results of these assessments will be regularly communicated with parents.
- The Director will cooperate with providers of services for children with disabilities, as needed.
- Each age group or class shall have the written plan of activities and the daily schedule posted in a place accessible to the parents. This written plan shall include varied activities which indicate quiet and active periods, indoor and outdoor play, as well as meals, snacks and nap periods.
- A written plan for the transition of children from one classroom to the next will be provided to teachers and parents.
- A written plan for discipline shall be provided to teachers and parents. This plan must focus on creating environments and expectations that nurture positive behavior and interactions, keeping children safe, and supporting active and thoughtful teaching of appropriate behavior when misbehavior occurs.

A description of your curriculum, sample lesson plans and daily schedules for each age group must be included with the Statement of Qualifications and Services submitted.

Note: Failure to submit this detail will deem your response Non-Responsive.

5.7 PARENT INVOLVEMENT/COMMUNICATION: The Center shall provide opportunities for parent involvement in the program and shall provide parents with all written information required in section 402.3125, F.S. Additionally, parents will be provided with a Parent Handbook outlining all Center rules and regulations; written child progress reports at least annually; and a Center newsletter distributed at least monthly. The Director is encouraged to establish a parent organization to promote and encourage parent involvement in the Center and to resolve parent concerns about the operation of the Center. The Director shall conduct an annual review and evaluation of the Center's programs and services. Such an evaluation shall include a survey of the parents and teachers. The results shall be provided to the Department. A description of your parent involvement plans or approach must be included with all Statement of Qualifications and Services submitted.

5.8 FLORIDA CHILD CARE SUBSIDY PROGRAM: Thirty to forty percent of families using the Ina Thompson Center participate in or are eligible for the State's Subsidized Child Care Program, which is administered by the Florida Department of Children and Families through the community child care coordinating agencies. The Contractor must make a good faith effort to continue or improve the availability of this subsidy for eligible state employee's children who are enrolled at the Center.

5.9 PERFORMANCE MONITORING: The Department's contract manager or designee(s) shall meet with the contractor on a regularly scheduled basis and conduct formal and informal observations on the operational status and all areas of concern at the center. The results of such observations shall be provided to the contractor.

5.10 PROGRAM START-UP: The Contractor is responsible for ensuring that services will begin no later than **November 1, 2008**. A transition plan, including activities and timelines, must be submitted with the proposal response or your proposal will be deemed Non-Responsive.

5.11 SECURITY: Contractor must provide a safe environment for children and have written plans for responding to emergencies, whether they be medical or weather-related. Respondent must briefly describe their general security philosophy, posture, and approach to ensure optimal security protection would be achieved for the center. As a part of the contract, the Department provides a keypad access door as well as video surveillance of each classroom. This video is available to the Director and to the Contract Manager.

5.12 ON-SITE SURVEY: Respondents may perform an on-site inspection/evaluation of premises prior to submitting proposals in order to be fully aware of the scope of the contract, assessing the current status of the child care center and defining current/future needs and how these needs will be met. For appointment to visit premises, Respondents are to contact the Purchasing Manager identified in Section 2.4.

5.13 CURRENT RATES: The current rates for the center are as follows:

Infants	\$509/month
Toddlers	\$482/month
2-year-olds	\$457/month
3-year-olds	\$457/month
4-year-olds	\$457/month
VPK wrap around	\$325/month

Respondents must provide a proposed fee scale for the entire ten (10) year contract period. Any proposed fee increases must be approved by the Department (Refer to Section 5.3(D)).

6.0 INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARING STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS AND SERVICES OFFERED

6.1 TWO STAGE PROCESS: This solicitation includes a two-stage process of contractor selection. In the first stage, each interested contractor is to submit a "Statement of Qualifications and Services Offered," (SQSO) by the date and time set forth in the Calendar of Events. Following the negotiation process, respondents will submit firm, final written offers (Best and Final Offers, or BAFO's) by the date and time set forth in the Calendar of Events.

6.2 LABELING: The face of the envelope or other container containing the SQSO shall be labeled as specified in Section 2.44 of this solicitation

6.3 COPIES OF PROPOSALS: Respondents shall deliver an original and five copies of the Statement of Qualifications and Services Offered, and a CD with an electronic copy (must be in Microsoft Word) to the Department as specified in the Calendar of Events (Section 3.1) of this solicitation.

6.4 DOCUMENT DELIVERY: It is the Respondent's responsibility to ensure that its SQSO is delivered by the proper time at the office identified in the Calendar of Events (Section 3.1) of this solicitation. SQSO's, which for any reason are not timely received, will not be considered. Late SQSO's will be declared non-responsive, and will not be scored. Unsealed and/or unsigned SQSO's by telegram, telephone, email, or facsimile transmission or other means are not acceptable, and will be declared non-responsive, and will not be scored.

6.5 INSPECTION OR EXAMINATION OF SQSO's: SQSO's are not public records subject to the provisions of Section 119.07(1), Florida Statutes until such time as the Department provides notice of a decision pursuant to Section 120.57(3)(a), Florida Statutes, or until 10 days after opening, whichever is earlier.

6.6 WITHDRAWAL OF SQSO: Withdrawal of SQSO's may be requested within 72 hours (excluding State holidays, Saturdays, and Sundays) after the opening time and date. Requests received in accordance with this provision may be granted by the Department upon proof of the impossibility to perform based upon an obvious error.

6.7 EXECUTION OF SQSO: Each SQSO must contain the company name and F.E.I.D. or social security number and the original signature of an authorized representative of the Respondent. Each SQSO must be typed. Each SQSO should be submitted with Respondent's name and page number on each page.

6.8 SQSO FORMAT: The objective of the SQSO is to demonstrate the proposing firm's ability to successfully deliver the commodities and services requested. In order to assist the Department in reviewing SQSO's, each SQSO shall be prepared utilizing the following format and headings:

6.8.1 TRANSMITTAL LETTER: Identify the SQSO as "SQSO to the State of Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, for the ***Child Care Services Solicitation***". Identify the firm, its address, telephone number and the name and title of the authorized representative submitting the SQSO. The letter must clearly indicate that the person signing the SQSO is authorized to bind the respondent. The letter must identify any and all joint proposing firms and/or subcontractors.

6.8.2 INVITATION TO NEGOTIATE, GENERAL CONDITIONS AND GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO RESPONDENTS, DMS FORMS 1000 and 1001, THE COVER SHEETS ISSUED WITH THIS INVITATION TO NEGOTIATE: These forms must be properly completed and signed by the authorized representative of the responding firm.

6.8.3 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: Include a description of the scope of services to be provided by the contractor. Include a statement describing how contractor resources and experience will support this project, including access to back-up staff if needed. The contractor shall clearly specify its competitive advantage and its proposed ability to meet the terms, conditions, and requirements as defined in this solicitation.

6.8.4 PROJECT ORGANIZATION AND PLAN: Provide the following information:

- a. Provide an organizational chart for the center. The chart shall identify all center employees by name and their responsibilities. This section shall also include a resume, not to exceed one page in length, of all professional staff assigned to the center. Resumes should include name, education, and related experience.
- b. Submit a detailed and specific work plan that provides all phases, milestones, activities, tasks, task duration, deliverables, and task dependencies. Any requirements for implementation for Department personnel shall be clearly stated in the project plan.

Note: It is imperative that all section to be scored with “points” or “pass/fail” have comprehensive detailed responses, in order for the evaluation committee members to score appropriately (Refer to Section 7.0 for the Statement of Qualifications and Services Offered (SQSO) and 9.0 for Best and Final Offers (BAFO)).

7.0 EVALUATION OF SQSO

7.1 STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS AND SERVICES OFFERED:

(Maximum 110 points)

The Department will appoint an Evaluation Committee. The committee shall complete the evaluation of all valid SQSO's, in accordance with the criteria set forth in this section. The SQSO's scoring 80 points or more will move to Negotiations and Best and Final Offer (BAFO) portion of this ITN. SQSO's scoring less than 80 points will not be considered further.

7.2 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: (0 points, pass/fail refer to Section 6.8.3)

7.3 PROJECT ORGANIZATION AND PLAN: (Maximum 10 points, refer to Section 6.8.4)

7.4 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS: (Maximum 15 points, refer to Section 5.1)

1. Hours of Operation (0 points, pass/fail)
2. Qualifications (10 points maximum)
3. Minimum Staffing Requirements (5 points maximum)

7.5 PHYSICAL CARE REQUIREMENTS: (Maximum 10 points, refer to Section 5.3)

7.6 NUTRITION PLAN/FOOD SAFETY: (Maximum 10 points, refer to Section 5.4)

7.7 HEALTH AND SAFETY: (0 points, pass/fail, refer to Section 5.5)

7.8 DAILY ROUTINE AND ACTIVITY PROGRAM: (Maximum 50 points, refer to Section 5.5)

7.9 PARENT INVOLVEMENT PLAN: (Maximum 5 points, refer to Section 5.7)

7.10 FLORIDA CHILD CARE SUBSIDY PROGRAM: (0 points, pass/fail, refer to Section 5.8)

7.11 PROGRAM START-UP: (0 points, pass/fail, refer to Section 5.10)

7.12 SECURITY: (10 points, refer to Section 5.11)

7.13 CRITERIA FOR SCORING SQSO SECTIONS:

Excellent response: 90 to 100% of the maximum score.
 Good response: 80 to 89% of the maximum score.
 Fair response: 70 to 79% of the maximum score.
 Poor response: 0 to 69% of the maximum score.

Rounding will be to the nearest tenth of a point.

In determining whether a response is excellent, good, fair or poor a reviewer may use a combination of an "absolute" approach and a "comparative" approach. Example: If two firms are competing on the basis of relevant experience, and one has 15 years experience while the other has 16, the reviewer may score both as excellent, with the same number of points, because 15 or 16 years is "absolutely" excellent. However, the reviewer might feel that 8 years versus 16 years represents a 90% "excellent" versus a 100% "excellent."

NOTE: In any "Pass/Fail" section a failing score will result in the proposal being non-responsive as per Section 2.6 of this solicitation.

8.0 INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARING BEST AND FINAL OFFER PROPOSALS

8.1 SUBMISSION: Respondents selected by the Evaluation Committee, to participate in negotiations, will submit complete initial technical and price proposals no later than the dates specified in the Calendar of Events. Following the negotiation process, respondents will submit firm, final written offers. Both the initial and final, firm written offers will follow this format. Respondents will use Microsoft Word to track changes made to original and subsequent technical proposals.

8.2 LABELING: The face of the envelope or other container containing the final offers shall be labeled as specified in Section 2.44 of this solicitation and shall be specified as either the Technical Proposal or the Price Proposal.

8.3 COPIES OF PROPOSALS: Respondents shall deliver an original and five copies, plus a CD with an electronic copy of both the technical proposal and the price proposal to the Department as specified in the Calendar of Events (Section 3.1) of this solicitation. Electronic technical proposal must be in Microsoft Word and the price proposal must be in Microsoft Excel.

8.4 DOCUMENT DELIVERY: It is the Respondent's responsibility to ensure that its proposal is delivered by the proper time at the office identified in the Calendar of Events (Section 3.1) of this proposal. Proposals, which for any reason are not timely received, will not be considered. Late proposals will be declared non-responsive, and will not be scored. Unsealed and/or unsigned proposals received by telegram, telephone, email, or facsimile transmission or other means are not acceptable, will be declared non-responsive, and will not be scored.

8.5 INSPECTION OR EXAMINATION OF PROPOSALS: Proposals are not public records subject to the provisions of Section 119.07(1), Florida Statutes until such time as the Department provides notice of a decision pursuant to Section 120.57(3) (a), or until 10 days after opening, whichever is earlier.

8.6 WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSAL: Withdrawal of proposals may be requested within 72 hours (excluding State holidays, Saturdays and Sundays) after the opening time and date. Requests received in accordance with this provision may be granted by the Department upon proof of the impossibility to perform based upon an obvious error.

8.7 EXECUTION OF PROPOSALS: Each proposal must contain the company name and F.E.I.D. or social security number and the original signature of an authorized representative of the Respondent. Each proposal must be typed. Each proposal should be submitted with Respondent's name and page number on each page.

8.8 PROPOSAL FORMAT: The objective of the proposal is to demonstrate the proposing firm's ability to successfully deliver the commodities and services requested. In order to assist the Department in reviewing proposals, each proposal shall be prepared utilizing the following format and headings.

8.8.1 TRANSMITTAL LETTER: Identify the proposal as "Proposal to the State of Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, for the ***Child Care Services Solicitation***". Identify the firm, its address, telephone number and the name and title of the authorized representative submitting the proposal. The letter must clearly indicate that the person signing the proposal is authorized to bind the respondent. The letter must identify any and all joint proposing firms and/or subcontractors. The letter must also identify any changes from the Statement of Qualifications and Services Offered.

8.8.2 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: Include a description of the scope of services to be provided by the contractor. Include a statement describing how contractor resources and experience will support this project, including access to back-up staff if needed. The contractor shall clearly specify its competitive advantage and its proposed ability to meet the terms, conditions, and requirements as defined in this solicitation.

8.8.3 PROJECT ORGANIZATION AND PLAN: Provide the following information:

- a. Provide an organizational chart for the center. The chart shall identify all center employees by name and their responsibilities. This section shall also include a resume, not to exceed one page in length, of all professional staff assigned to the center. Resumes should include name, education, and related experience
- b. Submit a detailed and specific work plan that provides all phases, milestones, activities, tasks, task duration, deliverables, and task dependencies. Any requirements for implementation for Department personnel shall be clearly stated in the project plan

8.8.4 PRICE PROPOSAL FORMAT: Each proposer shall submit a separately bound and sealed cost proposal. Prices quoted are to be inclusive of all costs, fees, expenses, services, etc. (Ex. cost(s) of formula, baby food, milk. Payment policy for family vacation, sick days, termination of enrollment and registration fees, etc.)

Proposals not including prices as requested (refer to Section 10.0), and services will not be considered.

9.0 EVALUATION OF BEST AND FINAL OFFER PROPOSALS

9.1 TECHNICAL PROPOSAL:

(maximum 160 points)

The Department will appoint an Evaluation Committee. The committee shall complete the evaluation of all valid proposals, in accordance with the criteria set forth in this section. Award will be to the highest scoring proposal, considering the technical proposal scoring and all costs for the ten (10) year contract period, evaluated as described in Section 9.19 of this solicitation.

9.2 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: (0 points, pass/fail refer to Section 6.8.3)

9.3 PROJECT ORGANIZATION AND PLAN: (Maximum 10 points, refer to Section 6.8.4)

9.4 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS: (Maximum 15 points, refer to Section 5.1)

1. Hours of Operation (0 points, pass/fail)
2. Qualifications (10 points maximum)
3. Minimum Staffing Requirements (5 points maximum)

9.5 PHYSICAL CARE REQUIREMENTS: (Maximum 10 points, refer to Section 5.3)

9.6 NUTRITION PLAN/FOOD SAFETY: (Maximum 10 points, refer to Section 5.4)

9.7 HEALTH AND SAFETY: (0 points, pass/fail, refer to Section 5.5)

9.8 DAILY ROUTINE AND ACTIVITY PROGRAM: (Maximum 50 points, refer to Section 5.5)

9.9 PARENT INVOLVEMENT PLAN: (5 points, refer to Section 5.7)

9.10 FLORIDA CHILD CARE SUBSIDY PROGRAM: (0 points, pass/fail, refer to Section 5.8)

9.11 PROGRAM START-UP: (0 points, pass/fail, refer to Section 5.10)

9.12 SECURITY: (10 points, pass/fail, refer to Section 5.11)

9.13 PRICE PROPOSAL: (maximum 50 points) Price will be evaluated by the present value methodology required by Section 287.0572, Florida Statutes, and Rule 60A-1.063, Florida Administrative Code, to determine the lowest cost proposal. The present value discount rate which will be used in the computations and evaluations is 5.49%. The lowest cost proposal will be awarded 50 points. Lowest total cost (LC) divided by proposal being considered (PC) times maximum points score (50) equals points awarded.

Formula: $LC/PC \times 50 = \text{Score}$.

No points are allocated to prices on the Supplemental Cost Sheet.

9.14 TIE PROPOSAL: In event of a tie between two or more proposers with the highest number of points, the proposer with the most points for the Daily Routine and Activity Program shall be awarded the contract. In the event that two or more proposers are still tied, the award will be made in accordance with Section 60A-1.011, Florida Administrative code (See Attachment I).

9.15 CRITERIA FOR AWARDING POINTS TO TECHNICAL PROPOSAL SECTIONS:

EXCELLENT RESPONSE: 90 TO 100% OF THE MAXIMUM SCORE.

GOOD RESPONSE: 80 TO 89% OF THE MAXIMUM SCORE.

FAIR RESPONSE: 70 TO 79% OF THE MAXIMUM SCORE.

POOR RESPONSE: 0 TO 69% OF THE MAXIMUM SCORE.

Rounding will be to the nearest tenth of a point.

NOTE: In any "Pass/Fail" section a failing score will result in the proposal being non-responsive.

10.0 PRICE PROPOSAL FORM

FEE SCHEDULE FORMAT

Proposed Fee Schedule: Basic Monthly Fee must include at least 9 hours of child care services each workday, and breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack.

PER CHILD FEES DURING INITIAL FIVE YEAR TERM OF CONTRACT

Age Group	Monthly Fee Year 1	Monthly Fee Year 2	Monthly Fee Year 3	Monthly Fee Year 4	Monthly Fee Year 5
Infant					
Toddler					
Two Year Olds					
Three Year Olds					
Four & Five Year Olds					
Total	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)

INITIAL FIVE YEAR TERM COSTS (A) + (B) + (C) + (D) + (E) = (F) _____

PER CHILD FEES DURING FIVE YEAR OPTIONAL RENEWAL PERIOD

Age Group	Monthly Fee Year 1	Monthly Fee Year 2	Monthly Fee Year 3	Monthly Fee Year 4	Monthly Fee Year 5
Infant					
Toddler					
Two Year Olds					
Three Year Olds					
Four & Five Year Olds					
Total	(G)	(H)	(I)	(J)	(K)

OPTIONAL FIVE YEAR RENEWAL COSTS (G) + (H) + (I) + (J) + (K) = (L) _____

GRAND TOTAL (F) + (L) = _____

Indicate percentage of discount for each additional child in the same family: _____ %.

(Additional child discounts will not be considered in evaluation except to break a tie).

RESPONDENT: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: _____

TITLE: _____

ATTACHMENT I

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY & MOTOR VEHICLES

SAVINGS/DISCOUNTS/PRICE REDUCTIONS

COMMODITY OR SERVICE: _____

Respondent: Please furnish the prices offered compared to prices that would be paid without this competitive solicitation, total savings and percent discount.

Non-discounted price each \$ _____ X quantity _____ = \$ _____ List Price.

Discounted price each \$ _____ X quantity _____ = \$ _____ Actual Price.

Additional comments or savings information:

Authorized Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

To be completed by DHSMV representative as applicable:

Requisition # _____ P O # _____ Division _____

Total award amount \$ _____

ATTACHMENT II
FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY & MOTOR VEHICLES
CHECKLIST

The 10 Most Critical Things to Keep in Mind When Responding to a Solicitation for the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles

1. _____ **Read the entire document.** Note critical items such as: mandatory requirements; bond(s) requirements (proposal, performance and/or damages) sample(s) required, supplies/services required; submittal dates; number of copies required for submittal; funding amount and source; contract requirements (i.e., contract performance security, insurance requirements, performance and/or reporting requirements, etc.).
2. _____ **Note the Procurement Officer's name, address, phone numbers and e-mail address.** This is the only person you are allowed to communicate with regarding the Solicitation and is an excellent source of information for any questions you may have.
3. _____ **Attend the pre-proposal conference.** (If applicable)
4. _____ **Take advantage of the “question and answer” period.** Submit your questions to the Procurement Officer by the due date listed in the Calendar of Events and view the answers given in the formal “addenda” issued for the Solicitation. All addenda issued for a Solicitation are posted on the Vendor Bid System’s website (http://vbs.dms.state.fl.us/vbs/search.criteria_form) and will include all questions asked and answered concerning the Solicitation.
5. _____ **Follow the format required in the Solicitation** when preparing your response. Provide point-by-point responses to the required sections in a clear and concise manner.
6. _____ **Provide complete answers/descriptions.** Read and answer **all** questions and requirements. Don’t assume the Department or evaluation committee will know what your company capabilities are or what items/services you can provide, even if you have previously contracted with the Department. The proposals are evaluated based solely on the information and materials provided in your response.
7. _____ **Use the forms provided**, i.e., Bid List Registration page, Site Survey forms, Certification forms, Price Proposal forms (Section 10.0), Certificate of Drug Free Workplace (Attachment I), Savings / Discount / Price Reduction (Attachment II), etc.
8. _____ **Check the Vendor Bid System website for Solicitation addenda.** Before submitting your response, check the Vendor Bid System website to see whether any addenda were issued for the Solicitation, some addenda require that you sign and return them with the bid.
9. _____ **Review and read the Solicitation document again** to make sure that you have addressed all requirements. Your original response and the requested copies must be identical and be complete. The copies are provided to the evaluator/evaluation committee members and will be used to score your response.
10. _____ **Submit your response on time.** Note all the dates and times listed in the Calendar of Events and within the document, and be sure to submit all required items on time. Late proposal responses are never accepted.

This checklist is provided for assistance only and should not be submitted with Offeror’s Response.