


Request for Bids	 Marshall University Office of Purchasing One John Marshall Drive Huntington, WV 25755-4100 Direct all inquiries regarding this order to: (304) 696-3056	Bid# MU24PAUDIT
Vendor:		For information call: Purchasing Contact: Leeann Lemon Phone: (304) 696-3056 Email: lemonl@marshall.edu & purchasing@marshall.edu
Sealed requests to bid for furnishing the supplies, equipment or services described below will be received by the Institution. TO RECEIVE CONSIDERATION FOR AWARD, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, THE BID WILL BE SUBMITTED ON THIS FORM AND UPLOADED INTO THE MU BONFIRE PORTAL ON OR BEFORE THE DATE AND TIME SHOWN FOR THE BID OPENING. When applicable, prices will be based on units specified; and Bidders will enter the delivery date or time for items contained herein. The Institution reserves the right to accept or reject bids on each item separately or as a whole, to reject any or all bids, to waive informalities or irregularities and to contract as the best interests of the Institution may require. BIDS ARE SUBJECT TO THE GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS SET FORTH HEREIN.		
DATE 03/25/2024	MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING: N/A	DEPARTMENT REQUISITION NO. MU24PAUDIT
BIDS OPEN: 04/16/2024 at 3:00 p.m., EST. Broadcast via Teams at link listed below.		BIDDER MUST ENTER DELIVERY DATE FOR EACH ITEM BID
Item #	Quantity	Description
		Marshall University, on behalf of the Board of Governors, invites sealed Bids to provide all Work, including but not limited to labor, material, equipment, supplies, and transportation for: <div style="text-align: center;"> Project Name: MU24PAUDIT Purchasing Performance Audit for Marshall University MARSHALL UNIVERSITY – HUNTINGTON, WV </div> Technical Question Deadline: April 4, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. EST send via email to at lemonl@marshall.edu . Bid Opening: April 16, 2024, at 3:00 p.m., EST, via Microsoft Teams at the following link: https://tinyurl.com/MU24PAUDIT
Total		

To the Office of Purchasing,
In compliance with the above, the undersigned offers and agrees, if this offer is accepted within _____ calendar days (30 calendar days unless a different period is inserted by the purchaser) from the bid open date, specified above, to furnish any or all items upon which prices are offered, at the price set opposite each item, delivered at the designated point(s), within the time specified.

Bidder guarantees shipment from _____ within _____ days
FOB _____ After receipt of order at address shown
Terms _____

BOG 43

Bidder's name Vendor _____
Signed By _____
Typed Name _____
Title _____
Email _____
Street Address _____
City/State/Zip _____
Date _____ Phone _____
Fein _____

INSTRUCTIONS TO VENDORS

1. REVIEW DOCUMENTS THOROUGHLY: Please read these instructions and all documents attached in their entirety. These instructions provide critical information about requirements that if overlooked, could lead to disqualification of a Vendor's bid. All bids must be submitted in accordance with the provisions contained in these instructions and the Solicitation. Failure to do so may result in disqualification of a Vendor's bid.

2. MANDATORY TERMS: The Solicitation may contain mandatory provisions identified by the use of the words "must," "will," and "shall" which identify a mandatory item or requirement. Failure to comply with a mandatory term in the Solicitation will result in bid disqualification.

3. PREBID MEETING: The item identified below shall apply to this Solicitation.

- ☐ A pre-bid meeting will not be held prior to bid opening.
- ☐ A **NON-MANDATORY** pre-bid meeting will be held at the following place and time:

- ☐ A **MANDATORY** pre-bid meeting will be held at the following place and time:

All Vendors submitting a written bid must attend the mandatory pre-bid meeting. Failure to attend the mandatory pre-bid meeting shall result in disqualification of the Vendor's bid. No person attending the pre-bid meeting may represent more than one (1) Vendor.

An attendance sheet provided at the pre-bid meeting shall serve as the official document attendance verification. The State will not accept any other form of proof or documentation to verify attendance. Any person attending the pre-bid meeting on behalf of a Vendor must list his or her name and the name of the Vendor he or she is representing.

Additionally, the person attending the pre-bid meeting should include the Vendor's e-mail address, phone number, and fax number on the attendance sheet. It is the Vendor's responsibility to locate the attendance sheet and provide the required information. **Failure to complete the attendance sheet as required may result in disqualification of Vendor's bid.**

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All Vendors should arrive prior to the starting time for the pre-bid. Vendors who arrive after the starting time but prior to the end of the pre-bid will be permitted to sign in, but are charged with knowing all matters discussed at the pre-bid meeting.

If possible, questions submitted at least five (5) business days prior to a scheduled pre-bid meeting will be discussed at the pre-bid meeting. Any discussions or answers to questions at the pre-bid meeting are preliminary in nature and are non-binding. Official and binding answers to questions will be published in a written addendum to the Solicitation prior to bid opening.

- 4. VENDOR QUESTION DEADLINE:** Vendors may submit questions relating to this Solicitation to the Marshall University Office of Purchasing as directed below. Questions must be submitted in writing. All questions must be submitted on or before the date listed below and to the address listed below to be considered. A written response will be published in a Solicitation addendum if a response is possible and appropriate. Non-written discussions, conversations, or questions and answers regarding this Solicitation are preliminary in nature and are nonbinding.

Submissions should include solicitation number in the subject line.

Question Submission Deadline (date and time):

Submit Questions to:

Old Main 125

One John Marshall Drive

Huntington, WV 25755

Fax: (304) 696-3333 (Vendors should not use this fax number for bid submission)

Email:

- 5. VERBAL COMMUNICATION:** Any verbal communication between the Vendor and any State personnel is not binding, including verbal communication at the mandatory pre-bid conference. Only information issued in writing and added to the Solicitation by an official written addendum by the Marshall University Office of Purchasing is binding.
- 6. BID SUBMISSION:** All bids must be submitted electronically through Bonfire™ or signed and delivered by the Vendor to the Marshall University Office of Purchasing at the address listed above on or before the date and time of the bid opening. Any bid received by the Office of Purchasing staff is in the possession of the Office of Purchasing and will not be returned for any reason. The Office of Purchasing will not accept bids, modification of bids, or addendum acknowledgment forms via e-mail. Acceptable delivery methods include electronic submission via Bonfire™, hand delivery, or delivery by courier.

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A bid that is not submitted electronically through Bonfire™ should contain the information listed below on the face of the envelope or the bid may be rejected by the University.

SEALED BID:

CONTACT:

SOLICITATION NAME:

SOLICITATION CLOSING DATE:

SOLICITATION CLOSING TIME:

- 7. BID OPENING:** Bids submitted in response to this Solicitation will be opened at the location identified below on the date and time listed below. Delivery of a bid after the bid opening date and time will result in bid disqualification. For purposes of this Solicitation, a bid is considered delivered when confirmation of delivery is provided by Bonfire™ (in the case of electronic submission), when the bid is delivered via mail or courier and time stamped by the official Marshall University Office of Purchasing's time clock or when the bid is delivered and is time stamped by the official Marshall University Office of Purchasing's time clock.

Bid Opening Date and Time:

Bid Opening Location: Marshall University Office of Purchasing
Old Main 125
One John Marshall Drive
Huntington, WV 25755

- 8. ADDENDUM ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:** Changes or revisions to this Solicitation will be made by an official addendum issued by the University. Vendor should acknowledge receipt of all addenda issued with this Solicitation by completing an Addendum Acknowledgment Form, a copy of which is included herewith. Failure to acknowledge addenda may result in bid disqualification. The addendum acknowledgement should be submitted with the bid to expedite document processing.
- 9. BID FORMATTING:** Vendor should type or electronically enter the information onto its written bid to prevent errors in the evaluation. Failure to type or electronically enter the information may result in bid disqualification.

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- 10. ALTERNATES:** Any model, brand, or specification listed in this Solicitation establishes the acceptable level of quality only and is not intended to reflect a preference for, or in any way favor, a particular brand or Vendor. Vendors may bid alternates to a listed model or brand provided that the alternate is at least equal to the model or brand and complies with the required specifications. The equality of any alternate being bid shall be determined by the University at its sole discretion. Any Vendor bidding an alternate model or brand should clearly identify the alternate items in its bid and should include manufacturer's specifications, industry literature, and/or any other relevant documentation demonstrating the equality of the alternate items. Failure to provide information for alternate items may be grounds for rejection of a Vendor's bid.
- 11. EXCEPTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS:** The Solicitation contains the specifications that shall form the basis of a contractual agreement. Vendor shall clearly mark any exceptions, clarifications, or other proposed modifications in its bid. Exceptions to, clarifications of, or modifications of a requirement or term and condition of the Solicitation may result in bid disqualification.
- 12. COMMUNICATION LIMITATIONS:** In accordance with Marshall University Board of Governors Policy No. FA-9 Purchasing Policy, communication with Marshall University or any of its employees regarding this Solicitation during the solicitation, bid, evaluation or award periods, except through the Marshall University Office of Purchasing, is strictly prohibited without prior Office of Purchasing approval for such communication.
- 13. REGISTRATION:** Prior to Contract award, the apparent successful Vendor must be properly registered with the West Virginia Purchasing Division and must have paid the registration fee, if applicable.
- 14. UNIT PRICE:** Unit prices shall prevail in cases of a discrepancy in the Vendor's bid.
- 15. PREFERENCE:** Vendor Preference may be requested in purchases of motor vehicles or construction and maintenance equipment and machinery used in highway and other infrastructure projects. Any request for preference must be submitted in writing with the bid, must specifically identify the preference requested with reference to the applicable subsection of West Virginia Code § 5A-3-37, and should include with the bid any information necessary to evaluate and confirm the applicability of the requested preference. A request form to help facilitate the request can be found at: <http://www.state.wv.us/admin/purchase/vrc/Venpref.pdf>. Please Note: Vendor Preference is not applicable to construction projects.
- 15A. RECIPROCAL PREFERENCE:** The State of West Virginia applies a reciprocal preference to all solicitations for commodities and printing in accordance with W. Va. Code § 5A-3-37(b). In effect, if reciprocal preference is requested by a West Virginia resident vendor, non-resident vendors receiving a preference in their home states, will see that same preference granted to West Virginia resident vendors bidding against them in West Virginia. A request form to help facilitate the request can be found at: <http://www.state.wv.us/admin/purchase/vrc/Venpref.pdf>.

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- 16. SMALL, WOMEN-OWNED, OR MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESSES:** For any solicitations publicly advertised for bid, in accordance with West Virginia Code §5A-3-37(a)(7) and W. Va. CSR § 148-22-9, any non-resident vendor certified as a small, women-owned, or minority-owned business under W. Va. CSR § 148-22-9 shall be provided the same preference made available to any resident vendor. Any non-resident small, women-owned, or minority-owned business must identify itself as such in writing, must submit that writing to the Purchasing Division with its bid, and must be properly certified under W. Va. CSR § 148-22-9 prior to contract award to receive the preferences made available to resident vendors. Preference for a non-resident small, women-owned, or minority owned business shall be applied in accordance with W. Va. CSR § 148-22-9.
- 17. WAIVER OF MINOR IRREGULARITIES:** The Chief Procurement Officer reserves the right to waive minor irregularities in bids or specifications in accordance with Marshall University Board of Governors Policy No. FA-9 Purchasing Policy.
- 18. ELECTRONIC FILE ACCESS RESTRICTIONS:** Vendor must ensure that its submission in Bonfire™ can be accessed and viewed by the University staff immediately upon bid opening. The University will consider any file that cannot be immediately access and viewed at the time of the bid opening (such as, encrypted files, password protected files, or incompatible files) to be blank or incomplete as context requires, and therefore unacceptable. A Vendor will not be permitted to unencrypt files, remove password protections, or resubmit documents after bid opening to make a file viewable if those documents are required with the bid. A Vendor may be required to provide document passwords or removed access restrictions to allow the University to print or electronically save documents provided that those documents are viewable by the University prior to obtaining the password or removing the access restriction.
- 19. NON-RESPONSIBLE:** The Chief Procurement Officer reserves the right to reject the bid of any Vendor as Non-Responsible in accordance with Marshall University Board of Governors Policy No. FA-9 Purchasing Policy, when the Chief Procurement Officer determines that the Vendor submitting the bid does not have the capability to fully perform or lacks the integrity and reliability to assure good-faith performance.
- 20. NON-RESPONSIVE:** The Chief Procurement Officer reserves the right to reject the bid of any Vendor as Non-Responsive in accordance with Marshall University Board of Governors Policy No. FA-9 Purchasing Policy, when the Chief Procurement Officer determines that the Vendor submitting the bid does not conform to the mandatory or essential requirements contained in the solicitation.
- 21. ACCEPTANCE/REJECTION:** The University may accept or reject any bid in whole, or in part in accordance with Marshall University Board of Governors Policy No. FA-9 Purchasing Policy.

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- 22. YOUR SUBMISSION IS A PUBLIC DOCUMENT:** Vendor's entire response to the Solicitation and the resulting Contract are public documents. As public documents, they will be disclosed to the public following the bid/proposal opening or award of the contract, as required by the competitive bidding laws of Marshall University Board of Governors Policy No. FA-9 Purchasing Policy, §5-22-1 et seq., §5G-1-1 et seq., and the West Virginia Freedom of Information Act in W. Va. Code § 29B-1-1 et seq.

DO NOT SUBMIT MATERIAL YOU CONSIDER TO BE CONFIDENTIAL, A TRADE SECRET (S), OR OTHERWISE NOT SUBJECT TO PUBLIC DISCLOSURE.

Submission of any bid, proposal, or other document to the Marshall University Office of Purchasing constitutes your explicit consent to the subsequent public disclosure of the bid, proposal, or document. The University may disclose any document labeled "confidential," "proprietary," "trade secret," "private," or labeled with any other claim against public disclosure of the documents, to include any "trade secrets" as defined by W. Va. Code § 47-22-1 et seq. and subject to W. Va. Code 29B-1-4(a) (1). All submissions are subject to public disclosure without notice.

- 23. PURCHASING AFFIDAVIT:** The University is prohibited from awarding a contract to any bidder that owes a debt to the State or political subdivision of the State. Vendors are required to sign, notarize, and submit the Purchasing Affidavit to the Marshall University Office of Purchasing affirming under oath that it is not in default on any monetary obligation owed to the State or a political subdivision of the State.

<http://www.state.wv.us/admin/purchase/vrc/pAffidavit.pdf>

- 24. INTERESTED PARTY DISCLOSURE:** West Virginia Code § 6D-1-4 requires that the vendor submit to the Marshall University Office of Purchasing a disclosure of interested parties to the contract for all contracts with an actual or estimated value of at least \$1 million. That disclosure must occur on the form prescribed and approved by the WV Ethics Commission prior to contract award. A copy of that form is included with this solicitation or can be obtained from the WV Ethics Commission. This requirement does not apply to publicly traded companies listed on a national or international stock exchange. A more detailed definition of interested parties can be obtained from the form referenced above.

http://www.state.wv.us/admin/purchase/VRC/Ethics_DisclosureInterestedParties_2018.pdf

- 25. WITH THE BID REQUIREMENTS:** In instances where these specifications require documentation or other information with the bid, and a vendor fails to provide it with the bid, the Chief Procurement Officer reserves the right to request those items after bid opening and prior to contract award pursuant to the authority to waive minor irregularities in bids or specifications under Marshall University Board of Governors Policy No. FA-9 Purchasing Policy. This authority does not apply to instances where state law mandates receipt with the bid.

MARSHALL UNIVERSITY

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT: Issuance of an Award Document constitutes acceptance of this contract (the Contract) made by and between Marshall University (University or Marshall) and the Vendor. Vendor's signature to the Contract signifies Vendor's agreement to be bound by and accept the terms and conditions contained in the Contract. Therefore, the parties agree that the following contractual terms and conditions are dominate over any competing terms made a part of the Contract. **IN THE EVENT OF ANY CONFLICT BETWEEN VENDOR'S FORM(S) AND THESE GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS, THESE GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS SHALL CONTROL**

2. DEFINITIONS: As used in this Solicitation/Contract, the following terms shall have the meanings attributed to them below. Additional definitions may be found in the specifications, if applicable, included with the Solicitation/Contract.

2.1 "Award Document" means the document that identifies the Vendor as the Contract holder when signed by the Vendor and Marshall University's Office of Purchasing and, when necessary, approved as to form by the Attorney General.

2.2 "Bid" or "Proposal" means the Vendor's verbal bid or written bid provided in response to a solicitation by the University.

2.3 "Board" means the Governing Board of Marshall University.

2.4 "Buyer" means an individual designated by a Chief Procurement Officer to perform designated purchasing and acquisition functions as authorized by the Chief Procurement Officer.

2.5 "Chief Procurement Officer" means the individual designated by the President of Marshall University to manage, oversee and direct the purchasing and acquisition of supplies, equipment, services, and printing for the University.

2.6 "Contract" means the binding agreement that is entered between the University and the Vendor to provide requested goods and/or services requested in the Solicitation.

2.7 "Governing Board" means the Marshall University Board of Governors as provided for in the West Virginia state code.

2.8 "Higher Education Institution" means an institution as defined by Sections 401(f), (g) and (h) of the federal Higher Education Facilities Act of 1963, as amended.

2.9 "Office of Purchasing" means the section within Marshall University headed by the Chief Procurement Officer and its personnel.

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2.10 "Purchasing Card" or "P-Card" means The State of West Virginia's Purchasing Card program, administered under contract by a banking institution, processes payment for goods and services through state designated credit cards.

2.11 "Responsible Bidder" and "Responsible Vendor" mean a person and/or vendor who have the capability in all respects to perform contract requirements, and the integrity and reliability which will assure good faith performance.

2.12 "Responsive Bidder" and "Responsive Vendor" mean a person and/or a vendor who has submitted a bid which conforms in all material respects to the invitation to bid.

2.13 "Solicitation" means the notice of an opportunity to supply the University with goods and services.

2.14 "State" means the State of West Virginia and/or any of its agencies, commissions, boards, departments or divisions as context requires.

2.15 "University" means Marshall University or Marshall.

2.16 "Vendor" or "Vendors" means any entity providing either a verbal or written bid in response to the solicitation, the entity that has been selected as the lowest responsible bidder, or the entity that has been awarded the Contract as context requires.

2.17 "Will", "Shall" and "Must" identifies a mandatory item or requirement that concludes the duty, obligation or requirement imposed is mandatory, as opposed to being directory or permissive.

3. CONTRACT TERM; RENEWAL; EXTENSION: The term of the Contract shall be determined in accordance with the category that has been identified as applicable to the Contract below:

Term Contract

Initial Contract Term: The Contract becomes effective on _____
_____ and extends for a period of _____ year(s).

Renewal Term: The Contract may be renewed upon the mutual written consent of the University and the Vendor. Any request for renewal should be submitted to the University thirty (30) days prior to the expiration date of the initial contract term or appropriate renewal term. A Contract renewal shall be in accordance with the terms and conditions of the original contract. Renewal of the Contract is limited to _____ successive one (1) year periods or multiple renewal periods of less than one year, provided that the multiple renewal periods do not exceed _____ months in total. Automatic renewal of the Contract is prohibited.

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Any language that seeks to automatically renew, modify, or extend the Contract beyond the initial term or automatically continue the Contract period from term to term is deleted. The Contract may be renewed or continued only upon mutual written agreement of the Parties.

Alternate Renewal Term – This contract may be renewed for _____ successive _____ year periods or shorter periods provided that they do not exceed the total number of months contained in all available renewals. Automatic renewal of this Contract is prohibited. Renewals must be approved by the Vendor and Agency.

Fixed Period Contract: The Contract becomes effective upon Vendor's receipt of the notice to proceed and must be completed by December 20, 2024.

Fixed Period Contract with Renewals: The Contract becomes effective upon Vendor's receipt of the notice to proceed and part of the Contract must be completed within _____ days. Upon completion, the Vendor agrees that maintenance, monitoring, or warranty services will be provided for _____ successive one-year periods or multiple periods of less than one year provided that the multiple renewal periods do not exceed _____ months in total.

One-Time Purchase: The term of the Contract shall run from the issuance of the Award Document until all the goods contracted for have been delivered, but in no event, will the Contract extend for more than one fiscal year.

Other:

4. NOTICE TO PROCEED: Vendor shall begin performance of the Contract immediately upon receiving notice to proceed unless otherwise instructed by the University. Unless otherwise specified, the fully executed Award Document will be considered notice to proceed.

5. QUANTITIES: The quantities required under the Contract shall be determined in accordance with the category that has been identified as applicable to the Contract below.

Open End Contract: Quantities stated in the solicitation are approximations only, based on estimates supplied by the University. It is understood and agreed that the Contract shall cover the quantities ordered for delivery during the term of the Contract, whether more or less than the quantities shown.

Service: The scope of the service to be provided will be more clearly defined in the specifications included herewith.

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Combined Service and Goods: The scope of the service and deliverable goods to be provided will be more clearly defined in the specifications included herewith.

One-Time Purchase: The Contract is for the purchase of a set quantity of goods that are identified in the specifications included herewith. Once those items have been delivered, no additional goods may be procured under the Contract without an appropriate change order approved by the Vendor, University, and/or when necessary, the Attorney General's office.

6. EMERGENCY PURCHASES: The Chief Procurement Officer may suspend the use of a university wide mandatory contract (the University's Office of Purchasing has created standard specifications that are establish University wide contracts for commonly used commodities and services that are needed on a repetitive basis), or the competitive bidding process to allow a Department to purchase goods or services in the open market if for immediate or expedited delivery in an emergency.

Emergencies shall include, but are not limited to, delays in transportation or an unanticipated increase in the volume of work, provided that a required University emergency purchase with another vendor does not cause a breach of contract.

7. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS: All the items checked below must be provided to the University by the Vendor as specified below.

BID BOND (Construction Only): Pursuant to the requirements contained in W. Va. Code § 5-22-1(c), All Vendors submitting a bid on a construction project shall furnish a valid bid bond in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total amount of the bid protecting the State of West Virginia. The bid bond must be submitted with the bid.

PERFORMANCE BOND: The apparent successful Vendor shall provide a performance bond in the amount of 100% of the contract. The performance bond must be received by the Marshall University Office of Purchasing Office prior to Contract award.

LABOR/MATERIAL PAYMENT BOND: The apparent successful Vendor shall provide a labor/material payment bond in the amount of 100% of the Contract value. The labor/material payment bond must be received by the Marshall University Office of Purchasing Office prior to Contract award.

MAINTENANCE BOND: The successful Vendor shall provide a two (2) year maintenance bond covering the roofing system. The maintenance bond must be issued and received by the Marshall University Office of Purchasing Office prior to Contract award.

LICENSE(S) / CERTIFICATIONS / PERMITS: In addition to anything required under the Section entitled Licensing, of the General Terms and Conditions, the Vendor shall furnish proof of the following licenses, certifications, and/or permits prior to Contract award, in a form acceptable to the University.

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INSERT ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS BELOW:

Certificate, permit, registration or authorization to perform audit, where applicable.

The apparent successful Vendor shall also furnish proof of any additional licenses or certifications prior to Contract award regardless whether that requirement is listed above.

8. INSURANCE: The Vendor shall furnish proof of the insurance identified by a checkmark below prior to Contract award. Subsequent to contract award, and prior to the insurance expiration date, Vendor shall provide the University with proof that the insurance mandated herein has been continued. Vendor must also provide with immediate notice of any changes in its insurance policies mandated herein, including but not limited to, policy cancelation, policy reduction, or change in insurers. The insurance coverages identified below must be maintained throughout the life of the contract. The Vendor shall also furnish proof of any additional insurance requirements prior to the Contract award regardless of whether that insurance requirement is listed in this section.

Any provisions requiring the University to maintain any type of insurance for either of its or the Vendors benefit is deleted.

Vendor must maintain:

Commercial General Liability Insurance in at least an amount of: _____ per occurrence and an aggregate of _____.

Automobile Liability Insurance in at least an amount of: _____ per occurrence and an aggregate of _____.

Professional/Malpractice/Errors and Omission Insurance in at least an amount of: _____ per occurrence and an aggregate of _____.

Commercial Crime and Third-Party Fidelity Insurance in an amount of: _____ per occurrence and an aggregate of _____.

Cyber Liability Insurance in an amount of: _____ per occurrence and an aggregate of _____. Coverage shall be sufficiently broad to respond to the duties and obligations as is undertaken by Vendor in performance of the Contract and shall include, but not limited to, claims involving infringement of intellectual property, including but not limited to infringement of copyright, trademark, trade dress, invasion of privacy violations, information theft, damage to or destruction of electronic information, release of private information, alteration of electronic information, extortion and network security. The policy shall provide coverage for breach response costs as well as regulatory fines and penalties as well as credit monitoring expenses with limits sufficient to respond to these obligations.

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Builders Risk Insurance in an amount equal to 100% of the amount of the Contract.
_____ per occurrence and an aggregate of _____.

9. WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE: The apparent successful Vendor shall comply with laws relating to workers compensation, shall maintain workers' compensation insurance when required, and shall furnish proof of workers' compensation insurance upon request.

10. LIQUIDATED DAMAGES: This clause shall in no way be considered exclusive and shall not limit the University's right to pursue any other available remedy. Vendor shall pay liquidated damages in the amount specified below or as described in the specifications:

_____ for _____

Liquidated Damages Contained in the Specifications

11. ACCEPTANCE: Vendor's signature on the certification and signature page, constitutes an offer to the University that cannot be unilaterally withdrawn, signifies that the product or service proposed by Vendor meets the mandatory requirements for that product or service, unless otherwise indicated, and signifies acceptance of the terms and conditions unless otherwise indicated.

12. STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS - Any clauses limiting the time in which the State may bring suit against the Vendor or any other third party are deleted.

13. PRICING/BEST PRICE GUARANTEE: The pricing set forth herein is firm for the life of the Contract, unless specified elsewhere within this Solicitation by the University. A Vendor's inclusion of price adjustment provisions in its bid, without an express authorization in the Solicitation to do so, may result in bid disqualification. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Vendor must extend any publicly advertised sale price to the University and invoice at the lower of the contract price or the publicly advertised sale price.

14. PAYMENT IN ARREARS: Payments for goods/services will be made in arrears only upon receipt of a proper invoice, detailing the goods/services provided or receipt of the goods/services, whichever is later. Notwithstanding the foregoing, payments for software licenses, subscriptions, or maintenance may be paid annually in advance.

15. PAYMENT METHODS: The Vendor must accept payment by electronic funds transfer or P-Card for payment of all orders under this Contract unless the box below is checked.

Vendor is not required to accept the State of West Virginia's P-Card or by electronic funds transfer as payment for all goods and services for the reason(s) stated below:

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16. ADDITIONAL FEES: Vendor is not permitted to charge additional fees or assess additional charges that were not either expressly included in the unit price or lump sum bid amount that Vendor is required by the solicitation to provide. Requesting such fees or charges be paid after the contract has been awarded may result in cancellation of the contract. Any references contained in the Contract, Vendor's bid, or in any American Institute of Architects documents obligating the University to pay to compensate Vendor, in whole or in part, for lost profit, pay a termination fee, pay liquidated damages if the Contract is terminated early, seeking to accelerate payments in the event of Contract termination, default, or non-funding, costs of collection, court costs, or attorney's fees, unless ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction is hereby deleted. Any language imposing and interest or charges due to late payment is deleted.

17. FEES OR COSTS: Any language obligating the State to pay costs of collection, court costs, or attorney's fees, unless ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction is deleted.

18. RISK SHIFTING: Any provision requiring the State to bear the costs of all or a majority of business/legal risks associated with this Contract, to indemnify the Vendor, or hold the Vendor or a third party harmless for any act or omission is hereby deleted.

19. LIMITING LIABILITY: Any language limiting the Vendor's liability for direct damages is deleted.

20. TAXES: The Vendor shall pay any applicable sales, use, personal property or other taxes arising out of the Contract and the transactions contemplated hereby. The University is exempt from federal and state taxes and will not pay or reimburse such taxes. The University will, upon request, provide a tax-exempt certificate to confirm its tax-exempt status.

21. FISCAL YEAR FUNDING: The Contract shall continue for the term stated herein, contingent upon funds being appropriated by the WV Legislature or otherwise being made available for this Contract. In the event funds are not appropriated or otherwise available, the Contract becomes of no effect and is null and void after June 30 of the current fiscal year. If that occurs, the University may notify the Vendor that an alternative source of funding has been obtained and thereby avoid the automatic termination. Non-appropriation or non-funding shall not be considered an event of default.

22. CANCELLATION/RIGHT TO TERMINATE: The University reserves the right to cancel/terminate the Contract immediately upon written notice to the Vendor if the materials or workmanship supplied do not conform to the specifications contained in the Contract. The University may also cancel any purchase or Contract upon thirty (30) days written notice to the Vendor. In the event of early cancellation, the University agrees to pay the Vendor only for all undisputed services rendered or goods received before the termination's effective date. All provisions are delete that seek to require the State to (1) compensate Vendor, in whole or in part, for loss profit, (2) pay a termination fee, or (3) pay liquidated damages if the Contract is terminated early.

In the event that a vendor fails to honor any contractual term or condition, the Chief Procurement Officer may cancel the contract and re-award the contract to the next lowest responsible and responsive bidder in accordance with the Marshall University Board of Governors Policy No. FA-9 Purchasing Policy, section 7.4.1

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Any language seeking to accelerate payments in the event of Contract termination, default or non-funding is hereby deleted.

23. RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL Any language seeking to give the Vendor a Right of First Refusal is hereby deleted.

24. DISPUTES – Any language binding the University to any arbitration or to the decision of any arbitration board, commission, panel, or other entity is deleted; as is any requirement to waive a jury trial.

Any language requiring or permitting disputes under this Contract to be resolved in the courts of any state other than the State of West Virginia is deleted. All legal actions for damages brought by Vendor against the University shall be brought in the West Virginia Legislative Claims Commission. Other causes of action must be brought in the West Virginia Court authorized by statute to exercise jurisdiction over it.

Any language requiring the State to agree to, or be subject to, any form of equitable relief not authorized by the Constitution or laws of State of West Virginia is deleted.

25. TIME: Time is of the essence with regard to all matters of time and performance in the Contract.

26. DELIVERY -All deliveries under the Contract will be FOB destination unless the State expressly and knowingly agrees otherwise. Any contrary delivery terms are hereby deleted.

27. APPLICABLE LAW: The Contract is governed by and interpreted under West Virginia law without giving effect to its choice of law principles. Any information provided in specification manuals, or any other source, verbal or written, which contradicts or violates the West Virginia Constitution, W. Va. Code or Marshall University Board of Governors Policy No. FA-9 Purchasing Policy is void and of no effect. Any language requiring the application of the law of any state other than the State of West Virginia in interpreting or enforcing the Contract is deleted. The Contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of West Virginia

28. COMPLIANCE WITH GOVERNING LAWS: Vendor shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations and ordinances. By submitting a bid, Vendor acknowledges that it has reviewed, understands, and will comply with all applicable laws, regulations, and ordinances. Vendor shall notify all subcontractors providing commodities or services related to this Contract that, as subcontractors, they too are required to comply with all applicable laws, regulations, and ordinances.

29. ARBITRATION: Any references made to arbitration contained in the Contract, Vendor's bid, or in any American Institute of Architects documents pertaining to the Contract are hereby deleted, void, and of no effect.

30. MODIFICATIONS: Notwithstanding anything contained in the Contract to the contrary, no modification of the Contract shall be binding without mutual written consent of the University, and the Vendor.

31. AMENDMENTS - The parties agree that all amendments, modifications, alterations or changes to the Contract shall be by mutual agreement, in writing, and signed by both parties. Any language to the contrary is deleted.

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32. NO WAIVER: The failure of either party to insist upon a strict performance of any of the terms or provision of the Contract, or to exercise any option, right, or remedy herein contained, shall not be construed as a waiver or a relinquishment for the future of such term, provision, option, right, or remedy, but the same shall continue in full force and effect. Any waiver must be expressly stated in writing and signed by the waiving party.

Any provisions requiring the University to waive any rights, claims or defenses is hereby deleted.

33. SUBSEQUENT FORMS: The terms and conditions contained in the Contract shall supersede any and all subsequent terms and conditions which may appear on any form documents submitted by Vendor to the University such as price lists, order forms, invoices, sales agreements, or maintenance agreements, and includes internet websites or other electronic documents. Acceptance or use of Vendor's forms does not constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions contained thereon.

34. ASSIGNMENT: Neither the Contract nor any monies due, or to become due hereunder, may be assigned by the Vendor without the express written consent of the University and any other government or office that may be required to approve such assignments.

The Vendor agrees not to assign the Contract to any person or entity without the State's prior written consent, which will not be unreasonably delayed or denied. The State reserves the right to assign this Contract to another State agency, board or commission upon thirty (30) days written notice to the Vendor. These restrictions do not apply to the payments made by the State. Any assignment will not become effective and binding upon the State until the State is notified of the assignment, and the State and Vendor execute a change order to the Contract.

35. WARRANTY: The Vendor expressly warrants that the goods and/or services covered by the Contract will: (a) conform to the specifications, drawings, samples, or other description furnished or specified by the University; (b) be merchantable and fit for the purpose intended; and (c) be free from defect in material and workmanship.

36. UNIVERSITY EMPLOYEES: University employees are not permitted to utilize the Contract for personal use and the Vendor is prohibited from permitting or facilitating the same.

37. PRIVACY, SECURITY, AND CONFIDENTIALITY: The Vendor agrees that it will not disclose to anyone, directly or indirectly, any such personally identifiable information or other confidential information gained from the University, unless the individual who is the subject of the information consents to the disclosure in writing or the disclosure is made pursuant to the University's policies, procedures, and rules.

Proposals are NOT to be marked as confidential or proprietary Any Provisions regarding confidential treatment or non-disclosure of the terms and conditions of the Contract are hereby deleted. State contracts are public records under the West Virginia Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") (W.Va. Code §29B-1-1, et. seq.) and public procurement laws. This Contract and other public records may be disclosed without notice to the vendor at the University's sole discretion. The University shall not be liable in any way for disclosure of any such records

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Any provisions regarding confidentiality of or non-disclosure related to contract performance are only effective to the extent they are consistent with FOIA and incorporated into the Contract through a separately approved and signed non-disclosure agreement.

38. YOUR SUBMISSION IS A PUBLIC DOCUMENT: Vendor's entire response to the Solicitation and the resulting Contract are public documents. As public documents, they will be disclosed to the public following the bid/proposal opening or award of the contract, as required by the competitive bidding laws of W. Va. Code §18B-5-4 and the Freedom of Information Act in W.Va. Code Chapter 29B.

DO NOT SUBMIT MATERIAL YOU CONSIDER TO BE CONFIDENTIAL, CONTAINING A TRADE SECRET(S), OR IS OTHERWISE NOT SUBJECT TO PUBLIC DISCLOSURE.

Submission of any bid, proposal, or other document to the Marshall University Office of Purchasing constitutes your explicit consent to the subsequent public disclosure of the bid, proposal, or document.

39. LICENSING: Vendor must be licensed and in good standing in accordance with any and all state and local laws and requirements by any state or local University of West Virginia, including, but not limited to, the West Virginia Secretary of State's Office, the West Virginia Tax Department, West Virginia Insurance Commission, or any other state University or political subdivision. Upon request, the Vendor must provide all necessary releases to obtain information to enable the University to verify that the Vendor is licensed and in good standing with the above entities.

40. ANTITRUST: In submitting a bid to, signing a contract with, or accepting an Award Document from Marshall University, the Vendor agrees to convey, sell, assign, or transfer to the University all rights, title, and interest in and to all causes of action it may now or hereafter acquire under the antitrust laws of the United States and the State of West Virginia for price fixing and/or unreasonable restraints of trade relating to the particular commodities or services purchased or acquired by Marshall University. Such assignment shall be made and become effective at the time the University tenders the initial payment to Vendor.

41. THIRD-PARTY SOFTWARE: If this Contract contemplates or requires the use of third-party software, the vendor represents that none of the mandatory click-through, unsigned, or web-linked terms and conditions presented or required before using such third-party software conflict with any term of this Addendum or that it has the authority to modify such third-party software's terms and conditions to be subordinate to this Addendum. The Vendor shall indemnify and defend the State against all claims resulting from an assertion that such third-party terms and conditions are not in accord with, or subordinate to, this Addendum.

42. RIGHT TO REPOSSESSION NOTICE: Any provision for repossession of equipment without notice is hereby deleted. However, the State does recognize a right of repossession with notice.

43. VENDOR CERTIFICATIONS: By signing its bid or entering into the Contract, Vendor certifies (1) that its bid or offer was made without prior understanding, agreement, or connection with any corporation, firm, limited liability company, partnership, person or entity submitting a bid or offer for the same material, supplies, equipment or services; (2) that its bid or offer is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud; (3) that the Contract is accepted or entered into without any prior understanding, agreement, or connection to any other entity

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that could be considered a violation of law; and (4) that it has reviewed the Contract in its entirety; understands the requirements, terms and conditions, and other information contained herein. Vendor's signature on its bid or offer also affirms that neither it nor its representatives have any interest, nor shall acquire any interest, direct or indirect, which would compromise the performance of its services hereunder. Any such interests shall be promptly presented in detail to the University. The individual signing this bid or offer on behalf of Vendor certifies that he or she is authorized by the Vendor to execute this bid or offer or any documents related thereto on Vendor's behalf; that he or she is authorized to bind the Vendor in a contractual relationship; and that, to the best of his or her knowledge, the Vendor has properly registered with the all State agencies as required.

44. VENDOR RELATIONSHIP: The relationship of the Vendor to the University shall be that of an independent contractor and no principal-agent relationship or employer-employee relationship is contemplated or created by the Contract. The Vendor as an independent contractor is solely liable for the acts and omissions of its employees and agents. Vendor shall be responsible for selecting, supervising, and compensating any and all individuals employed pursuant to the terms of this Solicitation and resulting contract. Neither the Vendor, nor any employees or subcontractors of the Vendor, shall be deemed to be employees of the University for any purpose whatsoever. Vendor shall be exclusively responsible for payment of employees and contractors for all wages and salaries, taxes, withholding payments, penalties, fees, fringe benefits, professional liability insurance premiums, contributions to insurance and pension, or other deferred compensation plans, including but not limited to, Workers' Compensation and Social Security obligations, licensing fees, etc. and the filing of all necessary documents, forms, and returns pertinent to all of the foregoing. Vendor shall hold harmless the State, and shall provide the State and University with a defense against any and all claims including, but not limited to, the foregoing payments, withholdings, contributions, taxes, Social Security taxes, and employer income tax returns.

45. INDEMNIFICATION: The Vendor agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the State and the University, their officers, and employees from and against: (1) Any claims or losses for services rendered by any subcontractor, person, or firm performing or supplying services, materials, or supplies in connection with the performance of the Contract; (2) Any claims or losses resulting to any person or entity injured or damaged by the Vendor, its officers, employees, or subcontractors by the publication, translation, reproduction, delivery, performance, use, or disposition of any data used under the Contract in a manner not authorized by the Contract, or by Federal or State statutes or regulations; and (3) Any failure of the Vendor, its officers, employees, or subcontractors to observe State and Federal laws including, but not limited to, labor and wage, and hour laws.

46. PURCHASING AFFIDAVIT: In accordance with West Virginia Code §18B-5-5 and §5A-3-18 the University is prohibited from awarding a contract to any bidder that owes a debt to the State or a political subdivision of the State, Vendors are required to sign, notarize, and submit the Purchasing Affidavit to the Marshall University Office of Purchasing affirming under oath that it is not in default on any monetary obligation owed to the state or a political subdivision of the state.

47. WEST VIRGINIA DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE CONFORMANCE AFFIDAVIT West Virginia Alcohol and Drug-Free Workplace Act requires public improvement contractors to have and implement a drug-free workplace policy that requires drug and alcohol testing. This act is applicable to any construction, reconstruction, improvement, enlargement, painting, decorating or repair of any public improvement let to contract for which the value of contract is over \$100,000. No public authority may award a public improvement contract which is to be let to bid to a contractor unless the terms of the contract require the

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contractor and its subcontractors to implement and maintain a written drug-free workplace policy and the contractor and its subcontractors provide a sworn statement in writing, under the penalties of perjury, that they maintain a valid drug-free workplace policy.

48. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTED PARTIES A state agency may not enter into a contract, or a series of related contracts, that has/have an actual or estimated value of \$1,000,000 or more until the business entity submits to the contracting state agency a Disclosure of Interested Parties to the applicable contract.

49. CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Vendor, its officers, members, or employees shall not presently have or acquire an interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict with or compromise the performance of its obligations hereunder. Vendor shall periodically inquire of its officers, members and employees to ensure that a conflict of interest does not arise. Any conflict of interest discovered shall be promptly presented in detail to the University.

50. MARSHALL UNIVERSITY'S INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES AND SUPPORT DEPARTMENT (IT) FEES: If a vendor requires services through the Marshall University's IT Department, they must reimburse the University at the IT Rate Schedule which is located at: <https://www.marshall.edu/it/rates/>.

51. PUBLICITY: Vendor shall not, in any way or in any form, publicize or advertise the fact that Vendor is supplying goods or services to the University without the express written consent of the Marshall University Communications Department. Requests should be sent to ucomm@marshall.edu.

52. UNIVERSITY MARKS: Vendor shall not, in any way or in any form use the University's trademarks or other intellectual property without the express written consent of the Marshall University Communications Department. Requests should be sent to ucomm@marshall.edu.

53. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY: The University will own all rights, title and interest in any and all intellectual property rights created in the performance or otherwise arising out of the agreement, and Vendor will execute any assignments of other documents necessary for the University to perfect such rights, provided that, for research collaboration pursuant to subcontracts under sponsored research agreements, intellectual property rights will be governed by the terms of the grant or contract to the University to the extent such intellectual property terms to apply to subcontractors.

54. FERPA: Vendor agrees to abide by the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 ("FERPA). To the extent that Vendor receives personally identifiable information from education records as defined in (FERPA), Vendor agrees to abide by the limitations on re-disclosure set forth in which states that the officers, employees and agents of a party that receives education record information from Marshall may use the information, but only for the purposes for which the disclosure was made.

55. REPORTS: Vendor shall provide the University with the following reports identified by a checked box below:

Such reports as the University may request. Requested reports may include, but are not limited to, quantities purchased, agencies utilizing the contract, total contract expenditures by University, etc.

Quarterly reports detailing the total quantity of purchases in units and dollars, along with a listing of purchases by University.

56. PREFERENCE FOR THE USE OF DOMESTIC STEEL PRODUCTS IN STATE CONTRACT PROJECTS: Pursuant to W.Va. Code §5A-3-56, (a)(1) Except when authorized pursuant to the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, no contractor may use or supply steel products for a state contract project other than those steel products made in the United States. A contractor who uses steel products in violation of this section may be subject to civil penalties pursuant to W.Va. Code §5A-3-56. As used in this section (2):

(A) "State contract project" means any erection or construction of, or any addition to, alteration of or other improvement to any building or structure, including, but not limited to, roads or highways, or the installation of any heating or cooling or ventilating plants or other equipment, or the supply of any materials for such projects, pursuant to a contract with the State of West Virginia for which bids were solicited on or after the effective date of this section on or after June 6, 2001.

(B) "Steel products" means products rolled, formed, shaped, drawn, extruded, forged, cast, fabricated or otherwise similarly processed, or processed by a combination of two or more of such operations, from steel made by the open hearth, basic oxygen, electric furnace, bessemer or other steel making process.

(b) Notwithstanding any provision of subsection (a) of this section to the contrary, the Director of the West Virginia Department of Administration, Purchasing Division ("Director of the Purchasing Division") may, in writing, authorize the use of foreign steel products if:

(1) The cost for each contract item used does not exceed one tenth of one percent of the total contract cost or \$2,500, whichever is greater. For the purposes of this section, the cost is the value of the steel product as delivered to the project; or

(2) The Director of the Purchasing Division determines that specified steel materials are not produced in the United States in sufficient quantity or otherwise are not reasonably available to meet contract requirements.

57. PREFERENCE FOR DOMESTIC ALUMINUM, GLASS AND STEEL PRODUCTS:

In Accordance with W. Va. Code § 5-19-1 et seq.,

(a) Every state spending unit, as defined in chapter five-a, shall require that every contract or subcontract for the construction, reconstruction, alteration, repair, improvement or maintenance of public works or for the purchase of any item of machinery or equipment to be used at sites of public works contain a provision that, if any aluminum, glass or steel products are to be supplied in the performance of the contract, or subcontract, only domestic aluminum, glass or steel products shall be supplied unless the spending officer, as defined in chapter five-a, determines, in writing, after the receipt of offers or bids, that the cost of domestic aluminum, glass or steel products is unreasonable or inconsistent with the public interest or that domestic aluminum, glass or steel products are not produced in sufficient quantities to meet the contract requirements: Provided,

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That this article applies to any public works contract awarded in an amount more than \$50,000, and with regard to steel only, this article applies to any public works contract awarded in an amount more than \$50,000 or requiring more than ten thousand pounds of steel products.

The cost of domestic aluminum, glass, or steel products may be unreasonable if the cost is more than twenty percent (20%) of the bid or offered price for foreign made aluminum, glass, or steel products. If the domestic aluminum, glass or steel products to be supplied or produced in a “substantial labor surplus area”, as defined by the United States Department of Labor, the cost of domestic aluminum, glass, or steel products may be unreasonable if the cost is more than thirty percent (30%) of the bid or offered price for foreign made aluminum, glass, or steel products.

This preference shall be applied to an item of machinery or equipment, as indicated above, when the item is a single unit of equipment or machinery manufactured primarily of aluminum, glass or steel, is part of a public works contract and has the sole purpose or of being a permanent part of a single public works project. This provision does not apply to equipment or machinery purchased by a spending unit for use by that spending unit and not as part of a single public works project.

All bids and offers including domestic aluminum, glass or steel products that exceed bid or offer prices including foreign aluminum, glass or steel products after application of the preferences provided in this provision may be reduced to a price equal to or lower than the lowest bid or offer price for foreign aluminum, glass or steel products plus the applicable preference. If the reduced bid or offer prices are made in writing and supersede the prior bid or offer prices, all bids or offers, including the reduced bid or offer prices, will be reevaluated in accordance with this rule.

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DESIGNATED CONTACT: Vendor appoints the individual identified in this Section as the Contract Administrator and the initial point of contact for matters relating to the Contract.

(Name, Title)

(Printed Name and Title)

(Address)

(Phone Number)

(Fax Number)

(Email Address)

CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE: By signing below, I certify that I have reviewed this Contract in its entirety; that I understand the requirements, terms and conditions, and other information contained herein; that the product or service proposed meets the mandatory requirements contained in the Contract for that product or service, unless otherwise stated herein; that the Vendor expressly accepts the terms and conditions contained in the Contract; **that Vendor understands and acknowledges that the terms and conditions contained in this contract take precedence over and any terms and conditions that Vendor seeks to be made a part of this contract (regardless of when the terms and conditions become effective) to the extent there is a conflict;** that I am authorized by the Vendor to execute and submit this Contract or any documents related thereto on Vendor's behalf; that I am authorized to bind the Vendor in a contractual relationship; and that to the best of my knowledge, the Vendor has/will properly register with the WV Purchasing Division and Marshall University.

(Company)

(Authorized Signature)

(Printed Name and Title of Authorized Representative)

(Date)

(Phone Number)

(Fax Number)

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ADDENDUM ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM
SOLICITATION NO.:
(If Applicable)

Instructions: Please acknowledge receipt of all addenda issued with this solicitation by completing this addendum acknowledgment form. Check the box next to each addendum received and sign below. Failure to acknowledge addenda may result in bid disqualification.

Acknowledgment: I hereby acknowledge receipt of the following addenda and have made the necessary revisions to my proposal, plans and/or specifications, etc.

Addendum Numbers Received:

(Check the box next to each addendum received)

<input type="checkbox"/> Addendum No. 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Addendum No. 6
<input type="checkbox"/> Addendum No. 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Addendum No. 7
<input type="checkbox"/> Addendum No. 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Addendum No. 8
<input type="checkbox"/> Addendum No. 4	<input type="checkbox"/> Addendum No. 9
<input type="checkbox"/> Addendum No. 5	<input type="checkbox"/> Addendum No. 10

I understand that failure to confirm the receipt of addenda may be cause for rejection of this bid. I further understand that any verbal representation made or assumed to be made during any oral discussion held between Vendor's representatives and any University personnel is not binding. Only the information issued in writing and added to the specifications by an official addendum is binding.

Company

Authorized Signature

Date

NOTE: This addendum acknowledgement should be submitted with the bid to expedite document processing.

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SECTION 4: PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

4.1 Background and Current Operating Environment

Founded in 1837, Marshall University is one of West Virginia's oldest public institutions of higher education. The university was named in honor of John Marshall, the fourth Chief Justice of the United States (1801-1835).

Marshall is designated as a Doctoral University – High Research Activity – R2 and offers more than 179 undergraduate, graduate, and professional degree programs in a broad range of fields. Enrollment for the 2023 fall semester was 11,269.

While Marshall's 100-acre main campus is in the heart of Huntington, the university also has campuses in South Charleston and Point Pleasant and offers courses at educational centers across the state. Marshall University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, and its Thundering Herd athletic teams compete in 17 NCAA Division I intercollegiate sports.

Marshall University is soliciting the services of a qualified firm to conduct a Purchasing Performance Audit for Fiscal Years 2021, 2022 and 2023. The Performance Audit is required in accordance with West Virginia Code Chapter 18b. Higher Education. §18b-5-4 (r), West Virginia Code Chapter 18b. Higher Education. §18b-5-4 (r)(1) and West Virginia Code Chapter 18b. Higher Education. §18b-5-4 (r)(2), respectively and noted below. It is the responsibility of the Firm to fully and completely review and comply with West Virginia Code Chapter 18b. Higher Education audit requirements.

§18b-5-4 (r): An independent performance audit of all purchasing functions and duties which are performed at any state institution of higher education shall be performed at least once in each three-year period. The Joint Committee on Government and Finance shall require a performance audit and the governing boards, council, and commission, as appropriate, are responsible for paying the cost of the audit from funds appropriated to the governing board, council or commission.

§18b-5-4 (r)(1): The governing board shall provide for independent performance audits of all purchasing functions and duties on its campus at least once in each three-year period.

§18b-5-4 (r)(2): Each audit shall be inclusive of the entire time period that has elapsed since the date of the preceding audit.

The awarded Firm must be willing and able to conduct an “independent performance audit of all purchasing functions and duties” pursuant to West Virginia Code §18B-5-3 through §18B-5-9.

The awarded Firm must be willing and able to conduct an “independent performance audit of all purchasing card (PCard) functions and duties” pursuant to West Virginia Code Sections 18B-5-4, West Virginia Code Section 12-3-10a and Title 148CSR7.

The Electronic link to the Governing Board purchasing policies and procedures can be found at: <https://www.marshall.edu/purchasing/files/MUBOG-FA-09-Purchasing-Policy-2021-06.pdf>

The Purchasing and PCard website links are as follows:

<https://www.marshall.edu/purchasing>
<https://www.marshall.edu/finance/purchasing-card/>

The most recent purchasing performance and compliance audit report will be provided to the successful bidder.

The University expects that the work and meetings be conducted remotely, to the extent possible. The University will provide electronic and on-site access to necessary files and reasonable space for the audit representatives. Space will be determined based on the number of onsite representatives.

The Firm will be given access to records and reasonable access to the staff for the purpose of interviews and the verification of items within the terms of the audits. It is expected that the Firm will organize the work in such a way as to minimize disruption of employees' work in the pursuit of their normal duties

4.2 Project Goals and Mandatory Requirements

The main objective is to provide a Performance Audit Report of Marshall University's Procurement and PCard Services to comply with all University policies, audit requirements and state statutes related to purchasing. The performance audit may entail a broad or narrow scope of work, apply a variety of methodologies, and involve various levels of analysis, research, or evaluation.

4.2.1. Goals and Objectives – The project goals and objectives are listed below.

Evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of Marshall University's Purchasing Processes to determine if there are ways of making them work better. Use the laws

and leading practices as criteria to evaluate and make recommendations and find opportunities for improvement.

4.2.1.1. Goals and Objectives 1: Qualifications and Experience

Firm should provide information and documentation regarding its qualifications and experience in providing services or solving problems like those requested in this RFB. Information and documentation should include, but is not limited to, copies of any staff certifications or degrees applicable to this project, descriptions of past projects completed (descriptions should include the location of the project, project manager name and contact information, type of project, and what the project goals and objectives where and how they were met.); and any other information the Firm deems relevant to the items identified as desirable or mandatory.

4.2.1.2. Goals and Objectives 2: Proposed Management Structure

Firm should describe in its submission how it meets the desirable qualification and experience requirements listed below.

- 4.2.1.2.1.** Identify proposed staffing plans and provide a statement of qualifications of individuals within the Audit Firm to be assigned direct responsibility for MU's engagement. Provide a complete listing of positions, including full-time and part-time positions, and an organizational chart.
- 4.2.1.2.2.** Describe the criteria for general hiring including screening, criminal background checks, or any other means of verification or employee information, or explain other means of ensuring the integrity and suitability of the Firm's employees.
- 4.2.1.2.3.** Describe training and development of both full-time and part-time personnel (i.e., students or temporary/contracted personnel) regarding the Firm's mission and goals or any other deemed general training. Describe the length of service with the firm and extent of training your firm provides its staff with highlights on Higher Education and Public Government Purchasing.

4.2.1.3 Goals and Objectives 3: Management Approach and Project Timelines

Firm should provide a detailed description of their proposed approach to the management of the project. Additionally, Firm should detail in the Firm's response proposed timelines and other factors pertaining to the RFB requirements. Estimate the level of partner time the firm intends to commit.

4.2.2. Mandatory Project Requirements

The following mandatory requirements relate to the goals and objectives and must be met by the Firm as a part of its submitted proposal. Firm should describe how it will comply with the mandatory requirements and include any areas where its proposed solution exceeds the mandatory requirement. Failure to comply with mandatory requirements will lead to disqualification. The mandatory project requirements are listed below.

4.2.2.1. Mandatory Requirement 1: Firm's Financial Capability

Firm must provide data to confirm their firm has the financial capability to perform.

4.2.2.1.1 Firm must submit a copy of the most recent audited comparative financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with general accepted accounting principles (GAAP). At a minimum, this information must include comparative income statement and balance sheet information for the three (3) most recent years for which audited financial statements have been completed.

4.2.2.2. Mandatory Requirement 2: Corporate Experience

4.2.2.2.1. Firm should have at least five (5) years of experience providing a wide range of performance audit services to state, local government, non-profit, or Higher Education entities, with a focus on Higher Education performance audit experience.

4.2.2.2.2. Firm should provide a summary listing of their previous projects like this RFB in size, scope and complexity. Firm should provide a description of their background and experience with Performance Audits like the University or

other business entities and how they would put that experience to use when providing services to Marshall University.

- 4.2.2.2.3. Firm must provide a current list of at least three (3) active contracted accounts (preferably Higher Education Clients) of comparable size, dollar volume in gross sales and number of transactions.
- 4.2.2.2.4. Provide references for prior projects. Each reference provided must include the name, address, fax number, e-mail address and telephone numbers of the main contact person on these accounts, information as to the contract and its duration.
- 4.2.2.2.5. Firm must provide a current list of Lost Accounts and reason for loss.

4.2.2.3. Mandatory Requirement 3: Assessment of Compliance and Procedures

- 4.2.2.3.1. The performance audits should entail objective and systematic examination of evidence to provide an independent assessment of the performance and management of procurement functions against objective criteria. Compliance with state law and the rules, policies, and procedures of the Marshall University Board of Governors as they apply to purchasing, receiving, supplies and equipment.
- 4.2.2.3.2. Determine whether the CPO has been properly designated as CPO and is performing the CPO's responsibilities, duties and remedies outlined in the Marshall University Board of Governors Policy, State Law and duly adopted Purchasing Manual. Determine if Buyer delegations have been made according to the Marshall University Board of Governors Policy, West Virginia Code and duly adopted Purchasing Handbook.
- 4.2.2.3.3. Determine whether professional procurement procedures are established and maintained within the University. Determine if the requirements of the Governing Board's Purchasing procedures manual, provisions of the Marshall University Board of Governor's Policy, State Law and duly adopted

Purchasing Handbook are being followed for purchases within adopted authority levels.

4.2.2.4. Mandatory Requirement 4: Best Business Practices and Improvements

- 4.2.2.4.1.** The performance audit will provide information to improve program operations and facilitate decision making by parties with responsibility to oversee or initiate corrective actions and improve public accountability.
- 4.2.2.4.2.** Identify whether “Best Business Practices” in procurement are employed at Marshall University. Identify factors inhibiting efficient and satisfactory performance and identify ways of making purchasing work better. Make recommendations that the audit firm believes would improve efficiency and accountability at the institution level and systemwide.

4.2.2.5. Mandatory Requirement 5: PCard Efficiencies and Compliance

- 4.2.2.5.1.** The performance audits shall encompass a wide variety of objectives, including assessing program effectiveness and results, economy and efficiency, internal control, compliance with legal or other requirements or other analysis. Identify internal controls that should be implemented at the university. Determine if the Purchasing Card Program is being managed by the University in conformance with West Virginia Code Section 12-3-10a and Title 148CSR7.

4.2.2.6. Mandatory Requirement 6: Reporting

- 4.2.2.6.1.** The work will be summarized in a report with findings, conclusions, and recommendations. A presentation to the Senior Vice President for Finance and Chief Financial Officer and possibly to the Marshall University Board of Governors may be requested. Final reports are sent to the State of West Virginia Executive Offices, as required. The Firm shall prepare a draft report based on the findings identified during fieldwork. The findings must be fully

documented in the firm's work papers. The firm must produce audit reports and other deliverables of exceptional high quality. The firm shall send a draft report to the Chief Procurement Officer for review and comment. The firm shall arrange an exit conference with the Chief Procurement Officer (CPO) and Senior Vice President for Finance and Chief Financial Officer. At the exit conference, the University will be requested to provide a written response to the draft report within a specified time. This response shall be communicated electronically and in hard copy. The firm, in conjunction with the procurement staff, will review the University's response to determine if a rebuttal is warranted.

- 4.2.2.6.2.** If a rebuttal is warranted, the firm shall prepare the rebuttal and include it after the University's response. The firm shall incorporate the University's response into the final report.
- 4.2.2.6.3.** The firm shall invoice the University when each deliverable has been accepted. Typical deliverables include the audit plan, the draft audit report and the final audit report.
- 4.2.2.6.4.** The firm shall provide a hard copy and an electronic copy of the final audit report.

SECTION 5: FIRM SUBMISSION

5.1. Economy of Preparation

5.1.1. Submissions should be prepared simply and economically providing a concise description of the items requested in Section 4. Emphasis should be placed on completeness and clarity of the content.

5.1.2. Incurring Cost

5.1.2.1. Neither the State nor any of its employees or officers will be held liable for any expenses incurred by any Firm responding to this RFB, including but not limited to preparation, delivery, or travel.

5.1.3. Submission Format

5.1.3.1. Firms should provide responses in the format listed below:

5.1.3.1.2. Title Page: State the RFB subject, number, Firm's name, business address, telephone number, fax

number, name of contact person, e-mail address, and Firm signature and date.

5.1.3.1.3. Table of Contents: Clearly identify the material by section and page number.

5.1.3.1.4. Response Reference: Firm’s response should clearly reference how the information provided applies to the RFB request. For example, listing the RFB number and restating the RFB request as a header in the submission would be considered a clear reference.

SECTION 6: AUDIT MILESTONES

6.1 Proposed Audit Milestones

NOTE: * dates are estimates and may be changed.

May 1, 2024*	Firm selection
May 3, 2024*	Kick-off and planning call
[TBD]	Additional audit milestones as determined in the planning call
September 1, 2024	Draft audit submitted for review
October 15, 2024	Final audit submitted
December 2024	If requested, present to individuals, Board of Governors or designated Committee(s) and/or others

SECTION 7: PAYMENT

7.1 Payment

7.1.1. Payment for services will be made based on deliverables and key milestones established in Section 6.

Request for Bids
MU24PAUDIT
Purchasing Performance Audit for Marshall University
Exhibit "A" Pricing Page

Bidder Information:

Company Name: _____

Company Representative: _____

Bidders must complete the Pricing Page as detailed in Section 4: Project Specifications.

This Pricing Page details the services that we intend to award as part of this bid solicitation. Insert pricing into the Bonfire portal Excel Sheet.

Item #	Item Name	Per Hour Rate	Estimated Hours	Unit Price
1	Interviews, Data Collection, Update	1		
2	Compliance Audit	1		
3	Performance Review	1		
4	Draft and Final Report	1		
Bid Total				

EXHIBIT B
STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
Purchasing Division
PURCHASING AFFIDAVIT

CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS: Under W. Va. Code § 5-22-1(i), the contracting public entity shall not award a construction contract to any bidder that is known to be in default on any monetary obligation owed to the state or a political subdivision of the state, including, but not limited to, obligations related to payroll taxes, property taxes, sales and use taxes, fire service fees, or other fines or fees.

ALL CONTRACTS: Under W. Va. Code §5A-3-10a, no contract or renewal of any contract may be awarded by the state or any of its political subdivisions to any vendor or prospective vendor when the vendor or prospective vendor or a related party to the vendor or prospective vendor is a debtor and: (1) the debt owed is an amount greater than one thousand dollars in the aggregate; or (2) the debtor is in employer default.

EXCEPTION: The prohibition listed above does not apply where a vendor has contested any tax administered pursuant to chapter eleven of the W. Va. Code, workers' compensation premium, permit fee or environmental fee or assessment and the matter has not become final or where the vendor has entered into a payment plan or agreement and the vendor is not in default of any of the provisions of such plan or agreement.

DEFINITIONS:

"Debt" means any assessment, premium, penalty, fine, tax or other amount of money owed to the state or any of its political subdivisions because of a judgment, fine, permit violation, license assessment, defaulted workers' compensation premium, penalty or other assessment presently delinquent or due and required to be paid to the state or any of its political subdivisions, including any interest or additional penalties accrued thereon.

"Employer default" means having an outstanding balance or liability to the old fund or to the uninsured employers' fund or being in policy default, as defined in W. Va. Code § 23-2c-2, failure to maintain mandatory workers' compensation coverage, or failure to fully meet its obligations as a workers' compensation self-insured employer. An employer is not in employer default if it has entered into a repayment agreement with the Insurance Commissioner and remains in compliance with the obligations under the repayment agreement.

"Related party" means a party, whether an individual, corporation, partnership, association, limited liability company or any other form or business association or other entity whatsoever, related to any vendor by blood, marriage, ownership or contract through which the party has a relationship of ownership or other interest with the vendor so that the party will actually or by effect receive or control a portion of the benefit, profit or other consideration from performance of a vendor contract with the party receiving an amount that meets or exceeds five percent of the total contract amount.

AFFIRMATION: By signing this form, the vendor's authorized signer affirms and acknowledges under penalty of law for false swearing (*W. Va. Code §61-5-3*) that: (1) for construction contracts, the vendor is not in default on any monetary obligation owed to the state or a political subdivision of the state, and (2) for all other contracts, that neither vendor nor any related party owe a debt as defined above and that neither vendor nor any related party are in employer default as defined above, unless the debt or employer default is permitted under the exception above.

WITNESS THE FOLLOWING SIGNATURE:

Vendor's Name: _____

Authorized Signature: _____ Date: _____

State of _____

County of _____, to-wit:

Taken, subscribed, and sworn to before me this ____ day of _____, 20____.

My Commission expires _____, 20____.

AFFIX SEAL HERE

NOTARY PUBLIC _____

Submission Instructions for Suppliers

Please follow these instructions to submit via our Public Portal.

1. Prepare your submission materials:

Requested Information

Name	Type	# Files	Requirement
Proposal	File Type: PDF (.pdf)	Multiple	Required

Requested Documents:

Please note the type and number of files allowed. The maximum upload file size is 1000 MB.

Please do not embed any documents within your uploaded files, as they will not be accessible or evaluated.

2. Upload your submission at:

<https://marshall.bonfirehub.com/opportunities/132828>

Your submission must be uploaded, submitted, and finalized prior to the Closing Time of **Apr 16, 2024 3:00 PM EDT**. We strongly recommend that you give yourself sufficient time and **at least ONE (1) day** before Closing Time to begin the uploading process and to finalize your submission.

Important Notes:

Each item of Requested Information will only be visible after the Closing Time.



Uploading large documents may take significant time, depending on the size of the file(s) and your Internet connection speed.

You will receive an email confirmation receipt with a unique confirmation number once you finalize your submission.

Minimum system requirements: Microsoft Edge, Google Chrome, or Mozilla Firefox. Javascript must be enabled. Browser cookies must be enabled.

Need Help?

Marshall University uses a Bonfire portal for accepting and evaluating proposals digitally. Please contact Bonfire at Support@GoBonfire.com for technical questions related to your submission. You can also visit their help forum at <https://vendorsupport.gobonfire.com/hc/en-us>