

STATE OF VERMONT  
PARTICIPATING ADDENDUM NO. 30726

Public Safety Communication Equipment  
WASHINGTON NASPO VALUEPOINT MASTER AGREEMENT # 06913

**Motorola Solutions**

1. **Parties.** This Participating Addendum is a contract between the **State of Vermont**, Department of Buildings and General Services, Office of Purchasing & Contracting (hereinafter "State" or "Vermont"), and **Motorola Solutions**, a for-profit corporation with principal place of business in Schaumburg, IL (hereinafter "Contractor"). It is the Contractor's responsibility to contact the Vermont Department of Taxes to determine if, by law, the Contractor is required to have a Vermont Department of Taxes Business Account Number.
2. **Subject Matter.** The subject matter of this Participating Addendum is the purchase of Motorola Radio Equipment and services, pursuant the Washington NASPO ValuePoint (formerly WSCA-NASPO) State Cooperative Contract Number 06913 for Public Safety Communication Equipment-Radios (hereinafter the "Master Agreement"), which is hereby incorporated by reference and shall apply to purchases made under this Participating Addendum.
3. **Contract Term.** The period of Contractor's performance shall begin on May 1, 2016 and end on June 30, 2018 with the option to renew for two years upon mutual agreement of both parties, unless terminated earlier in accordance with the terms of this Participating Addendum or the Master Agreement.
4. **Prior Approvals.** In accordance with current State law, bulletins, and interpretations, this Participating Addendum shall not be binding until it has been approved by the Vermont Attorney General's Office, the Secretary of Administration, and the State's Chief Information Officer.
5. **Agreement; Amendment.** This Participating Addendum and the Master Agreement (including all amendments and attachments thereto) represents the entire agreement between the parties. No changes, modifications, or amendments in the terms and conditions of this Participating Addendum shall be effective unless reduced to writing, numbered and signed by the duly authorized representative of the State and Contractor.
6. **Attachments.** This Participating Addendum consists the following attachments which are incorporated herein and shall apply to the purchase of any products or services made under this Participating Addendum:
  - Attachment A: General Provisions of Contract
  - Attachment B: Payment Provisions
  - Attachment C: "Standard State Provisions for Contracts and Grants" effective 9/01/15
  - Attachment D: Commodity Purchases Terms and Conditions
7. **Order of Precedence.** Any ambiguity, conflict or inconsistency between the provisions which constitute this agreement shall be resolved according to the following order of precedence:
  - 1) This Participating Addendum (including all Attachments, with Attachment D primary, then Attachment C,
  - 2) The NASPO ValuePoint (formerly WSCA-NASPO) State Cooperative Contract Number 06913
8. **Entire Agreement.** This Participating Addendum and the Master Agreement (including all amendments and attachments thereto) constitute the entire agreement between the parties concerning the subject matter of this Participating Addendum and replaces any prior oral or written communications between the parties, all of which

are excluded. There are no conditions, understandings, agreements, representations or warranties, expressed or implied, that are not specified herein. This Participating Addendum may be modified only by a written document executed by the parties hereto.

By signing below the Contractor agrees to offer the same products and/or services as on the Washington NASPO ValuePoint State Cooperative Contract Number 06913 for Public Safety Communication Equipment-Radios, at prices equal to or lower than the prices on that contract.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Participating Addendum as of the date of execution by both parties below.

The State of Vermont	Contractor: Motorola Solutions
By:	By:
Name:	Name:
Title:	Title:
Date:	Date:

**ATTACHMENT A: GENERAL PROVISIONS OF CONTRACT**

1. **Available Products & Services:** The following products and services listed in the Master Agreement are available for purchase under this Participating Addendum:
  - a. RADIOS
  - b. BASE STATIONS/REPEATERS: Single-Band tier I
  - c. BASE STATIONS/REPEATERS: Single-Band tier II
  - d. MOBILE RADIO ANTENNAS
  - e. SERVICES

2. **Participation:** This Participating Addendum may be used by all departments, offices, institutions, and other agencies of the State of Vermont and counties (hereinafter "State Purchasers") according to the process for ordering and other restrictions applicable to State Purchasers set forth herein.

Political subdivisions of the State of Vermont under 29 V.S.A. § 902(a) and any institution of higher education chartered in Vermont and accredited or holding a certificate of approval from the State Board of Education (hereinafter "Additional Purchasers") may participate in this contract at the same prices, terms and conditions. Further, items furnished to Additional Purchasers will be billed directly to and paid for by the Additional Purchaser. Neither the State of Vermont nor its Commissioner of Buildings and General Services, personally or officially, assumes any responsibility or liability for Additional Purchasers.

3. **Reporting:** Contractor shall submit quarterly reports electronically in the same format as set forth under the Master Agreement, detailing the purchasing of all items under this Participating Addendum. The reports shall be submitted and sent as an attachment to [SOV.ThePathForward@state.vt.us](mailto:SOV.ThePathForward@state.vt.us). Reports shall contain accurate descriptions of the products, goods or services procured, purchaser information, quantities procured and prices paid. This report shall include all sales under this Participating Addendum. Any exception to this mandatory requirement or failure to submit complete reports, or in the format required, may result in corrective action, up to and including termination for cause. Contractor's reporting shall state "no activity" for any month in which there is no activity during a quarterly reporting period.

Quarterly reports must be submitted in accordance with the following schedule:

Reporting Period	Report Due
January 1 - March 31	April 30
April 1 - June 30	July 31
July 1 - September 30	October 31
October 1 - December 31	January 31

4. **Primary Contacts:** The primary contact individuals for this this Participating Addendum are as follows (or their named successors):

Contractor

Name	Motorola Solutions, Scott Cruikshank
Address	11 Old Rowley Road, Newbury, MA 01951
Telephone	978/270-5505
Fax	847/761-4874
E-mail	scott.cruikshank@motorolasolutions.com

State of Vermont

Name	State of Vermont, Stephen Fazekas
Address	10 Baldwin Street, Montpelier, VT 05633-7501

Telephone	802/828-2210
Fax	802/828-2222
E-mail	Stephen.fazekas@vermont.gov

The Parties will keep and maintain current at all times a primary point of contact for administration of this Participating Addendum.

5. **Orders:** Any order placed by the State or an Additional Purchaser for a product or service available under this Participating Addendum (hereinafter "Purchase Order") shall be deemed to be a sale governed by the prices and other terms and conditions of this Participating Addendum, provided that the Master Agreement number and the Participating Addendum Number must appear on every Purchase Order placed under this Participating Addendum.

Purchase Orders may only be placed directly through Contractor or through a subcontractor of the Contractor that is both approved by Contractor and authorized by the State of Vermont (hereinafter "Reseller"). A Reseller shall not solicit or otherwise fulfill any Purchase Order unless the Reseller (i) is an approved Fulfillment Partner listed on Contractor dedicated (cooperative contract) website as an entity approved by Contractor, in accordance with Contractor's established qualifying criteria, to provide sales and service support to participants in the WSCA-NASPO Master Price Agreement on Contractor's behalf and (ii) has executed a separate agreement with the State that directly obligates Reseller to fulfill Purchase Orders in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this Participating Addendum and the Master Agreement.

Contractor may, in its sole discretion, add Fulfillment Partners at any time during the term of this Participating Addendum. Contractor may designate a minimum of two Fulfillment Partners and no set maximum number of Fulfillment Partners to provide sales and services support. Contractor, in its sole discretion, is not required to add, and may delete upon thirty (30) days written notice, any Fulfillment Partner who does not meet Contractor's established qualifying criteria, or where the addition of the entity would violate any state or federal law or regulation. Except as otherwise set forth in the Master Agreement, Contractor will not, directly or indirectly, restrict any Reseller's participation or ability to quote pricing for the State. Resellers shall not offer less favorable pricing discounts than the discounts established under the Master Agreement. However, a Reseller may offer any additional incremental discounts to the State or any Additional Purchaser, and such additional discounts, if offered, may be provided to the State or an Additional Purchaser in the discretion and at the sole legal obligation of the Reseller.

The Master Agreement number and the Participating Addendum Number must appear on every Purchase Order placed under this Participating Addendum.

- a. **Method of Ordering for State Purchasers:** For any and all purchases made by State Purchasers under this Participating Addendum, a Purchase Order shall be issued when purchases are made. Written Purchase Orders, including electronic orders, must be used to order items available under this Participating Addendum. Verbal orders shall not be accepted by Contractor or Contractor's Fulfillment Partners unless or until a confirming Purchase Order is issued.

This restriction is not applicable to Additional Purchasers.

- b. **No Lease Agreements:** State Purchasers are prohibited from leasing under this Participating Addendum. This restriction is not applicable to Additional Purchasers.

- c. **Delivery:** Liability for product delivery remains with the Contractor until the product is properly delivered and accepted in accordance with this Participating Addendum as outlined in the Master Agreement Section B) 28. Contractor shall ensure that shipments are securely and properly packed, according to accepted commercial practices, without extra charge for packing cases or other containers. Upon delivery, such containers will become the property of the State unless otherwise stated. Delivered goods that either do not conform to the specifications or are not in good condition upon receipt shall be replaced promptly by Contractor.

The State does not agree to reimburse Contractor for expenses except as may be specified in Attachment B to this Participating Agreement.

A Purchasing Entity shall determine whether all Products and Services delivered meet the Contractor's published specifications (a.k.a. "Specifications"). No payment shall be made for any Products or Services until the Purchasing Entity has accepted the Products or Services. The Purchasing Entity will make every effort to notify the Contractor within thirty (30) calendar days following delivery non-acceptance of a Product or Service. In the event that the Contractor has not been notified within 30 calendar days from delivery of Product or completion of Service, the Product and Services will be deemed accepted on the 31<sup>st</sup> day after delivery of Product or completion of Services. This clause shall not be applicable if accepting testing and corresponding terms have been mutually agreed by both parties in writing.

- d. **Quality:** All products provided by Contractor under this contract will be new and unused, unless otherwise stated. Factory seconds or remanufactured products will not be accepted unless specifically requested by the State. All products provided by Contractor must meet all federal, state, and local standards for quality and safety requirements. Products not meeting these standards will be deemed unacceptable and returned to Contractor for credit at no charge to the State.

6. **Modification to Software License Agreement.** The parties specifically agree that, for purposes of execution of the Software License Agreement contemplated under section 5.10 of the Master Agreement ("Licensor Documents"), such Licensor Documents are hereby modified and superseded as follows:

- a. Any requirement that the State defend or indemnify Licensor or otherwise be liable for the expenses or reimbursement, including attorneys' fees, collection costs or license verification costs of Licensor, is hereby deleted from the Licensor Document.
- b. Any requirement that the State agree to binding arbitration or otherwise waive the State's right to a jury trial is hereby deleted from Licensor Documents.
- c. Licensor agrees that any the Licensor Documents shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Vermont and that any action or proceeding brought by either the State or Licensor in connection with this Contract shall be brought and enforced in the Superior Court of the State of Vermont, Civil Division, Washington Unit.
- d. Nothing in the Licensor Documents shall constitute an implied or deemed waiver of the immunities, defenses, rights or actions arising out of State's sovereign status or under the Eleventh Amendment to the United States Constitution.
- e. Any provision which defines obligations of the State to maintain the confidentiality of Licensor shall be subject to the laws of the State of Vermont.
- f. Limitations or exclusions of liability shall not apply to State claims arising out of (i) Licensor's obligation to indemnify the State for infringement; (ii) personal injury or damage to real or personal property; or (iii) gross negligence, fraud or intentional misconduct. The parties acknowledge and agree that limits of liability shall not apply to third party claims arising from the acts or omissions of a party in the performance of this Agreement.
- g. In lieu of any requirement that that the State provide the Contractor with access to its facilities or system for the purpose of determining State compliance with the terms of the Licensor Documents, upon request and not more frequently than annually, the State will provide Contractor with a certified report concerning the State's use of any software licensed for State use pursuant this Contract.

This Participating Addendum and the Master Agreement shall in all cases take precedence over the Licensor Documents. Any ambiguity, conflict or inconsistency between the Licensor Documents and the terms of this Participating Addendum, or the Master Agreement, shall be resolved in accordance with this order of precedence.

Notwithstanding any other provision or other unilateral license terms which may be issued by Licensor after the dated date of this Agreement, and irrespective of whether any such provisions have been proposed prior to or after the issuance of an order for the products and services being purchased by the State, the components of which are licensed under the Licensor Documents, or the fact that such other agreement may be affixed to or accompany the products and services being purchased by the State, as applicable, upon delivery ("shrink wrap"), the terms and conditions set forth herein shall supersede and govern licensing and delivery of all products and services hereunder.

## ATTACHMENT B: PAYMENT PROVISIONS

1. **Payment Terms:** Net 30 from the date the State receives an error-free invoice with full and complete supporting documentation.
2. **F.O.B. Delivered:** All equipment pricing is to include F.O.B. delivery to the ordering facility. No request for extra delivery cost will be honored.
3. **Pricing:** Product offerings and complete details of product pricing applicable to this PA are set forth in section 3.0 of the Master Agreement # 06913 and the Pricing Document which is maintained on-line at <http://www.naspovaluepoint.org/#/contract-details/61/contractor/345>

Contractor discounts are off the entire U.S. Global Price Lists as set forth in the PSS Discount Schedule. The discounts provided will remain valid for the Contract Term and will be applied as a discount off Contractor's then-current baseline Price List.

The discounts provided are floor discounts (minimum guarantees). Additional volume pricing is available and individual transactions may qualify for additional, incremental discounts/firm fixed pricing or incentives provided by Contractor's Authorized Resellers at their sole discretion. NASPO ValuePoint, the Participating States and/or the Participating Entities may also actively solicit Contractor's Authorized Resellers for deeper discounts than the minimum contract pricing as set forth in the Product and Services Discount Schedule. In any event, final transactional pricing shall be determined by the Authorized Resellers and not by Contractor; provided, however, that the minimum discounts set forth on the Cost Schedule are met.

4. **Invoicing:** Invoices shall be submitted on the Contractor's standard billhead and forwarded directly to the institution or agency ordering materials or services and shall specify the address to which payments will be sent.
5. **Purchasing Card:** The State Purchasing Card may be used by State Purchasers for the payment of invoices. Use of the Purchasing Card requires all required documentation applicable to the purchase. The Purchasing Card is a payment mechanism, not a procurement approach and, therefore, does not relieve departments from adhering to all procurement laws, regulations, policies, procedures, and best practices. This includes but is not limited to the application of all sales and use tax laws, rules and policies as applicable to the purchase.

## ATTACHMENT C: STANDARD STATE PROVISIONS

### FOR CONTRACTS AND GRANTS

1. **Entire Agreement:** This Agreement, whether in the form of a Contract, State Funded Grant, or Federally Funded Grant, represents the entire agreement between the parties on the subject matter. All prior agreements, representations, statements, negotiations, and understandings shall have no effect.
2. **Applicable Law:** This Agreement will be governed by the laws of the State of Vermont.
3. **Definitions:** For purposes of this Attachment, "Party" shall mean the Contractor, Grantee or Subrecipient, with whom the State of Vermont is executing this Agreement and consistent with the form of the Agreement.
4. **Appropriations:** If this Agreement extends into more than one fiscal year of the State (July 1 to June 30), and if appropriations are insufficient to support this Agreement, the State may cancel at the end of the fiscal year, or otherwise upon the expiration of existing appropriation authority. In the case that this Agreement is a Grant that is funded in whole or in part by federal funds, and in the event federal funds become unavailable or reduced, the State may suspend or cancel this Grant immediately, and the State shall have no obligation to pay Subrecipient from State revenues.
5. **No Employee Benefits For Party:** The Party understands that the State will not provide any individual retirement benefits, group life insurance, group health and dental insurance, vacation or sick leave, workers compensation or other benefits or services available to State employees, nor will the state withhold any state or federal taxes except as required under applicable tax laws, which shall be determined in advance of execution of the Agreement. The Party understands that all tax returns required by the Internal Revenue Code and the State of Vermont, including but not limited to income, withholding, sales and use, and rooms and meals, must be filed by the Party, and information as to Agreement income will be provided by the State of Vermont to the Internal Revenue Service and the Vermont Department of Taxes.
6. **Independence, Liability:** The Party will act in an independent capacity and not as officers or employees of the State.

The Party shall defend the State and its officers and employees against all claims or suits arising in whole or in part from any act or omission of the Party or of any agent of the Party. The State shall notify the Party in the event of any such claim or suit, and the Party shall immediately retain counsel and otherwise provide a complete defense against the entire claim or suit.

After a final judgment or settlement the Party may request recoupment of specific defense costs and may file suit in Washington Superior Court requesting recoupment. The Party shall be entitled to recoup costs only upon a showing that such costs were entirely unrelated to the defense of any claim arising from an act or omission of the Party.

The Party shall indemnify the State and its officers and employees in the event that the State, its officers or employees become legally obligated to pay any damages or losses arising from any act or omission of the Party.

7. **Insurance:** Before commencing work on this Agreement the Party must provide certificates of insurance to show that the following minimum coverages are in effect. It is the responsibility of the Party to maintain current certificates of insurance on file with the state through the term of the Agreement. No warranty is made that the coverages and limits listed herein are adequate to cover and protect the interests of the Party for the Party's operations. These are solely minimums that have been established to protect the interests of the State.

Workers Compensation: With respect to all operations performed, the Party shall carry workers' compensation insurance in accordance with the laws of the State of Vermont.

General Liability and Property Damage: With respect to all operations performed under the contract, the Party shall carry general liability insurance having all major divisions of coverage including, but not limited to:

Premises - Operations

Products and Completed Operations

Personal Injury Liability

Contractual Liability

The policy shall be on an occurrence form and limits shall not be less than:

\$1,000,000 Per Occurrence

\$1,000,000 General Aggregate

\$1,000,000 Products/Completed Operations Aggregate

\$ 50,000 Fire/ Legal/Liability

Party shall name the State of Vermont and its officers and employees as additional insureds for liability arising out of this Agreement.

Automotive Liability: The Party shall carry automotive liability insurance covering all motor vehicles, including hired and non-owned coverage, used in connection with the Agreement. Limits of coverage shall not be less than: \$1,000,000 combined single limit.

Party shall name the State of Vermont and its officers and employees as additional insureds for liability arising out of this Agreement.

8. **Reliance by the State on Representations:** All payments by the State under this Agreement will be made in reliance upon the accuracy of all prior representations by the Party, including but not limited to bills, invoices, progress reports and other proofs of work.

9. **Requirement to Have a Single Audit:** In the case that this Agreement is a Grant that is funded in whole or in part by federal funds, the Subrecipient will complete the Subrecipient Annual Report annually within 45 days after its fiscal year end, informing the State of Vermont whether or not a Single Audit is required for the prior fiscal year. If a Single Audit is required, the Subrecipient will submit a copy of the audit report to the granting Party within 9 months. If a single audit is not required, only the Subrecipient Annual Report is required.

For fiscal years ending before December 25, 2015, a Single Audit is required if the subrecipient expends

\$500,000 or more in federal assistance during its fiscal year and must be conducted in accordance with OMB Circular A-133. For fiscal years ending on or after December 25, 2015, a Single Audit is required if the subrecipient expends \$750,000 or more in federal assistance during its fiscal year and must be conducted in accordance with 2 CFR Chapter I, Chapter II, Part 200, Subpart F. The Subrecipient Annual Report is required to be submitted within 45 days, whether or not a Single Audit is required.

- 10. Records Available for Audit:** The Party shall maintain all records pertaining to performance under this agreement. "Records" means any written or recorded information, regardless of physical form or characteristics, which is produced or acquired by the Party in the performance of this agreement. Records produced or acquired in a machine readable electronic format shall be maintained in that format. The records described shall be made available at reasonable times during the period of the Agreement and for three years thereafter or for any period required by law for inspection by any authorized representatives of the State or Federal Government. If any litigation, claim, or audit is started before the expiration of the three year period, the records shall be retained until all litigation, claims or audit findings involving the records have been resolved.
- 11. Fair Employment Practices and Americans with Disabilities Act:** Party agrees to comply with the requirement of Title 21V.S.A. Chapter 5, Subchapter 6, relating to fair employment practices, to the full extent applicable. Party shall also ensure, to the full extent required by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, that qualified individuals with disabilities receive equitable access to the services, programs, and activities provided by the Party under this Agreement. Party further agrees to include this provision in all subcontracts.
- 12. Set Off:** The State may set off any sums which the Party owes the State against any sums due the Party under this Agreement; provided, however, that any set off of amounts due the State of Vermont as taxes shall be in accordance with the procedures more specifically provided hereinafter.
- 13. Taxes Due to the State:**
  - a. Party understands and acknowledges responsibility, if applicable, for compliance with State tax laws, including income tax withholding for employees performing services within the State, payment of use tax on property used within the State, corporate and/or personal income tax on income earned within the State.
  - b. Party certifies under the pains and penalties of perjury that, as of the date the Agreement is signed, the Party is in good standing with respect to, or in full compliance with, a plan to pay any and all taxes due the State of Vermont.
  - c. Party understands that final payment under this Agreement may be withheld if the Commissioner of Taxes determines that the Party is not in good standing with respect to or in full compliance with a plan to pay any and all taxes due to the State of Vermont.
  - d. Party also understands the State may set off taxes (and related penalties, interest and fees) due to the State of Vermont, but only if the Party has failed to make an appeal within the time allowed by law, or an appeal has been taken and finally determined and the Party has no further legal recourse to contest the amounts due.
- 14. Child Support:** (Applicable if the Party is a natural person, not a corporation or partnership.) Party states that, as of the date the Agreement is signed, he/she:
  - a. is not under any obligation to pay child support; or

- b. is under such an obligation and is in good standing with respect to that obligation; or
- c. has agreed to a payment plan with the Vermont Office of Child Support Services and is in full compliance with that plan.

Party makes this statement with regard to support owed to any and all children residing in Vermont. In addition, if the Party is a resident of Vermont, Party makes this statement with regard to support owed to any and all children residing in any other state or territory of the United States.

- 15. Sub-Agreements:** Party shall not assign, subcontract or subgrant the performance of this Agreement or any portion thereof to any other Party without the prior written approval of the State. Party also agrees to include in all subcontract or subgrant agreements a tax certification in accordance with paragraph 13 above.
- 16. No Gifts or Gratuities:** Party shall not give title or possession of any thing of substantial value (including property, currency, travel and/or education programs) to any officer or employee of the State during the term of this Agreement.
- 17. Copies:** All written reports prepared under this Agreement will be printed using both sides of the paper.
- 18. Certification Regarding Debarment:** Party certifies under pains and penalties of perjury that, as of the date that this Agreement is signed, neither Party nor Party's principals (officers, directors, owners, or partners) are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or excluded from participation in federal programs, or programs supported in whole or in part by federal funds.
- Party further certifies under pains and penalties of perjury that, as of the date that this Agreement is signed, Party is not presently debarred, suspended, nor named on the State's debarment list at:  
<http://bgs.vermont.gov/purchasing/debarment>
- 19. Certification Regarding Use of State Funds:** In the case that Party is an employer and this Agreement is a State Funded Grant in excess of \$1,001, Party certifies that none of these State funds will be used to interfere with or restrain the exercise of Party's employee's rights with respect to unionization.
- 20. Internal Controls:** In the case that this Agreement is an award that is funded in whole or in part by Federal funds, in accordance with 2 CFR Part II, §200.303, the Party must establish and maintain effective internal control over the Federal award to provide reasonable assurance that the Party is managing the Federal award in compliance with Federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the award. These internal controls should be in compliance with guidance in "Standards for Internal Control in the Federal Government" issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and the "Internal Control Integrated Framework", issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO).
- 21. Mandatory Disclosures:** In the case that this Agreement is an award funded in whole or in part by Federal funds, in accordance with 2CFR Part II, §200.113, Party must disclose, in a timely manner, in writing to the State, all violations of Federal criminal law involving fraud, bribery, or gratuity violations potentially affecting the Federal award. Failure to make required disclosures may result in the imposition of sanctions which may include disallowance of costs incurred, withholding of payments, termination of the Agreement, suspension/debarment, etc.
- 22. Conflict of Interest:** Party must disclose in writing any potential conflict of interest in accordance with Uniform Guidance §200.112, Bulletin 5 Section X and Bulletin 3.5 Section IV.B.

(End of Standard Provisions)

**State of Vermont**  
**ATTACHMENT D: Commodity Purchases Terms and Conditions**

1. **Statement of Rights:** The State of Vermont reserves the right to obtain clarification or additional information necessary to properly evaluate a proposal. Vendors may be asked to give a verbal presentation of their proposal after submission. Failure of vendor to respond to a request for additional information or clarification could result in rejection of that vendor's proposal. To secure a project that is deemed to be in the best interest of the State, the State reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids, in whole or in part, with or without cause, and to waive technicalities in submissions. The State also reserves the right to make purchases outside of the awarded contracts where it is deemed in the best interest of the State.
2. **Responses:** Responses must be submitted on, or in accordance with, forms or format requirements provided by the Office of Purchasing & Contracting. Prices and all other information entered on the quote, except signature of vendor, should be typed or printed for legibility. ALL SUBMISSIONS MUST BE SIGNED.
3. **Prices:** Unless otherwise stated, prices are net and no charge for packing, shipping, or for any other purpose will be allowed over and above the price quoted. Prices quoted for printing are to include printing, binding, wrapping, and packaging. All prices are delivered F.O.B. destination, unless otherwise stated.
4. **Taxes:** Most state purchases are not subject to federal or state sales or excise taxes and must be invoiced tax free. An exemption certificate will be furnished upon request covering taxable items. The contractor agrees to pay all Vermont taxes which may be due as a result of this order. If taxes are to be applied to the purchase it will be so noted in the response.
5. **Order of Precedence:** The order of precedence for documentation will be the State of Vermont Standard Contract Form and attachments, the bid document and any amendments, and the vendor's response and any amendments.
6. **Substitution:** Unless otherwise stated, vendors may offer substitutes to items identified by a manufacturer's number or brand. When offering a substitution, vendor must describe any differences and provide technical information that will assist in the evaluation. After an award is made, substitutions are not acceptable unless authorized in writing by the Office of Purchasing & Contracting.
7. **Specification Change:** Any changes or variations in the specifications must be received in writing from the Office of Purchasing & Contracting. Verbal instructions or written instructions from any other source are not to be considered.
8. **Method of Award:** Awards will be made under the provisions of 29 V.S.A. § 903. The State may award one or more contracts and reserves the right to make additional awards to other compliant bidders at any time during the first year of the contract if such award is deemed to be in the best interest of the State. All other considerations being equal, preference will be given to resident bidders of the State and/or to products raised or manufactured in the State.
9. **Default:** In case of default of the contractor, the State may procure the materials or supplies from other sources and hold the contractor responsible for any excess cost occasioned thereby, provided, that if public necessity requires the use of materials or supplies not conforming to the specifications they may be accepted and payment therefore shall be made at a proper reduction in price.
10. **Cancellation:** The State specifically reserves the right to cancel the contract or any portion thereof providing, in the opinion of its Commissioner of Buildings and General Services, the services or materials supplied by the contractor are not satisfactory or are not consistent with the terms of the contract.
11. **Delivery:** Responsibility for product delivery remains with the contractor until the product is properly delivered and signed for in accordance with the Office of Purchasing & Contracting terms and conditions. Shipments shall be securely and properly packed, according to accepted commercial practices, without extra charge for packing cases or other containers. Such containers will remain the property of the State unless otherwise stated. Delivered goods that do not conform to the specifications or are not in good condition upon receipt shall be replaced promptly by the contractor.
12. **Invoicing:** All invoices are to be rendered by the Contractor on the vendor's standard bill-head and forwarded directly to the institution or agency ordering materials or services.

13. **Non Collusion:** The State of Vermont is conscious of and concerned about collusion. It should therefore be understood by all that in signing bid and contract documents they agree that the prices quoted have been arrived at without collusion and that no prior information concerning these prices has been received from or given to a competitive company. If there is sufficient evidence to warrant investigation of the bid/contract process by the Office of the Attorney General, all bidders should understand that this paragraph might be used as a basis for litigation. .
14. **Amendments:** No changes, modifications, or amendments in the terms and conditions of this contract shall be effective unless reduced to writing, numbered, and signed by the duly authorized representative of the State and Contractor.
15. **Confidentiality:** The successful response will become part of the contract file and will become a matter of public record as will all other responses received. If the response includes material that is considered by the bidder to be proprietary and confidential under 1 VSA, Chapter 5, the bidder shall clearly designate the material as such, explaining why such material should be considered confidential. The bidder must identify each page or section of the response that it believes is proprietary and confidential with sufficient grounds to justify each exemption from release, including the prospective harm to the competitive position of the bidder if the identified material were to be released. Under no circumstances can the entire response or price information be marked confidential. Responses so marked may not be considered.
16. **Certification for apparel, footwear, and textiles (sweatshop prohibition):** Before commencing work on this contract, the contractor must provide certification from each supplier that meets the requirements of 29 V.S.A. §922(a) as well as a list of the names and addresses of each supplier, as required by 29 V.S.A. §922(b). Contractor certifies that if, at any time during the contract period, there are changes to the information in the certification or to the list of suppliers the contractor will promptly inform the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services of such changes.