

# REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR EDUCATIONAL SCHOOL SUPPLIES

## Addendum #1

### EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER, REGION 10

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| Publication date            | 10/17/2019  |
| Product or service          | EDUCATIONAL SCHOOL SUPPLIES                                     |
| RFP #                       | EQ-101519-01  |
| Proposal due date           | 11/18/2019 by 2:00 PM Central Time                              |
| Proposal submittal location | Region 10 ESC<br>400 E Spring Valley Rd<br>Richardson, TX 75081 |
| Principle contract officer  | Ms. Sue Hayes<br>Chief Financial Officer                        |

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| Public opening location | Region 10 ESC<br>Dilliard Board Room<br>400 E Spring Valley Rd<br>Richardson, TX 75081 |
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This Addendum #1 amends the Request for Proposals (RFP) EQ-101519-01 for EDUCATIONAL SCHOOL SUPPLIES. To the extent that any discrepancy between the original RFP and this Addendum, this Addendum shall prevail.

This Addendum #1 is hereby issued to make the following changes:

1. Addition of Public Bid Opening Location
2. Addition of Attachment A Exceptions Form to Binder Tabs section
3. Correct a typo in the Binder Tabs section on pgs. 7-8 of the original RFP
4. Addition of Section 13.9 Boycott Certification and 13.10 Venue to Article 13 of the General Terms and Conditions
5. Correction of typo concerning term of contract on Signature Page
6. Addition of Question 9 to Appendix E Company Profile.
7. Deletion of Appendix I: Evaluation Questionnaire/Self-Checklist

The due date for submission of responses to the RFP will remain 11/18/2019 at 2:00 pm Central Time.

The amended RFP follows with changes highlighted. Please note the change to Appendix I, as the original Appendix I has been deleted.



## **LEAD AGENCY AGREEMENT**

The purpose of Region 10 ESC soliciting this Request for Proposal is to create a Lead Agency Agreement for EDUCATIONAL SCHOOL SUPPLIES for use by public agencies supported under this contract. Region 10 ESC, as the Lead Agency, as defined in Attachment A, has come together with the Equalis Group to make the resultant contract (also known as the “Lead Agency Agreement”) from this Request for Proposal available to other public agencies not only locally, but also nationally, including county, city, state, special district, local government, school district, private K-12 school, higher education institution, other government agency or non-profit organization (“Public Agencies”), for the public benefit through the Equalis Group’s cooperative purchasing program. Region 10 ESC will serve as the contracting agency for any other Public Agency that elects to access the resulting Lead Agency Agreement.

Access to the Lead Agency Agreement by any Public Agency must be preceded by its registration with Equalis Group as a Participating Public Agency in Equalis Group’s cooperative purchasing program. Attachment A contains additional information on Equalis Group and the cooperative purchasing program. Equalis Group provides marketing and administrative support for the awarded vendor (“Supplier”) that promotes the successful vendors’ products and services to the Participating Public Agencies nationwide.

Participating Public Agencies benefit from pricing based on aggregate spending and the convenience of a contract that has already been advertised and competitively awarded. The Supplier benefits from a contract that allows Participating Public Agencies to directly purchase goods and services without the Supplier’s need to respond to multiple competitive solicitations. As such, the Supplier must be able to accommodate a nationwide demand for services and to fulfill obligations as a nationwide Supplier and respond to the Equalis Group documents (Attachment A).

## OPEN RECORDS POLICY ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND ACCEPTANCE

**Be advised that all information and documents submitted will be subject to the Public Information Act requirements governed by Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code.**

Because contracts are awarded by a Texas governmental entity, all responses submitted are subject to release as public information after contracts are executed. If a Respondent believes that its response, or parts of its response, may be exempted from disclosure to the public, the Respondent must specify page-by-page and line-by-line the parts of the response, which it believes, are exempted from disclosure. In addition, the Respondent must specify which exception(s) are applicable and provide detailed reasons to substantiate the exception(s). Respondent must provide this information on the “Acknowledgement and Acceptance to Region 10 ESC’s Public Information Act Policy” form found on the next page of this solicitation. Any information that is unmarked will be considered public information and released, if requested under the Public Information Act.

The determination of whether information is confidential and not subject to disclosure is the duty of the Office of Attorney General (OAG). Region 10 ESC must provide the OAG with the information requested in order for the OAG to render an opinion. In such circumstances, Respondent will be notified in writing that the material has been requested and delivered to the OAG. Respondent will have an opportunity to make arguments to the OAG in writing regarding the exception(s) to the TPIA that permit the information to be withheld from public disclosure. Respondents are advised that such arguments to the OAG must be specific and well-reasoned--vague and general claims to confidentiality by the Respondent are generally not acceptable to the OAG. Once the OAG opinion is received by Region 10 ESC, Region 10 ESC must comply with the opinions of the OAG. Region 10 ESC assumes no responsibility for asserting legal arguments on behalf of any Respondent. Respondents are advised to consult with their legal counsel concerning disclosure issues resulting from this procurement process and to take precautions to safeguard trade secrets and other proprietary information.

After completion of award, these documents will be available for public inspection.

*Signature below certifies complete acceptance of Region 10 ESC's Open Records Policy, except as noted below (additional pages may be attached, if necessary).*

**Check one of the following responses to the Acknowledgment and Acceptance of Region 10 ESC's Open Records Policy below:**

- We acknowledge Region 10 ESC's Public Information Act policy and declare that no information submitted with this proposal, or any part of our proposal, is exempt from disclosure under the Public Information Act.

*(Note: All information believed to be a trade secret or proprietary must be listed below. It is further understood that failure to identify such information, in strict accordance with the instructions below, will result in that information being considered public information and released, if requested under the Public Information Act.)*

- We declare the following information to be a trade secret or proprietary and exempt from disclosure under the Public Information Act.

*(Note: Respondent must specify page-by-page and line-by-line the parts of the response, which it believes, are exempt. In addition, Respondent must specify which exception(s) are applicable and provide detailed reasons to substantiate the exception(s).*

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*Date*

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*Authorized Signature & Title*

## **A. INTRODUCTION**

### **I. Background on Region 10 Education Service Center**

Region 10 Education Service Center (“Region 10 ESC” herein “Lead Agency”) on behalf of itself and, potentially, all state, local governments, school districts, and higher education institutions in the United States of America, and other government agencies and non-profit organizations (herein “Public Agencies”) solicits proposals from qualified Respondents to enter into a Vendor Contract (“contract”) for the goods or services solicited in this invitation.

Contracts are approved and awarded by a single governmental entity, Region 10 ESC, and are only available for use and benefit of all entities complying with their respective state procurement laws and regulations (public and private schools, colleges and universities, cities, counties, non-profits, and all governmental entities).

### **II. What is the role of Equalis Group**

Equalis Group assists Region 10 ESC in helping other public agencies and non-profits reap the benefits of national leveraged pricing, with no cost to the participating member. Equalis Group leverages one of the largest pools of purchasing potential. This is accomplished by competitively soliciting proposals and awarding contracts for commonly purchased products and services.

### **III. Purpose of Region 10 ESC**

The mission of Region 10 is to be a trusted, student-focused partner that serves the learning community through responsive, innovative educational solutions. It is Region 10’s intent to:

- Provide governmental and public entities opportunities for greater efficiency and economy in procuring goods and services.
- Take advantage of state-of-the-art purchasing procedures to ensure the most competitive contracts.
- Provide competitive price and bulk purchasing for multiple government or public agencies that yields economic benefits unobtainable by the individual entity.
- Provide quick and efficient delivery of goods and services.
- Equalize purchasing power for smaller agencies that are unable to command the best contracts for themselves.
- Help in assisting customers with use of best business practices.

### **IV. Customer Service**

- Region 10 ESC is dedicated to making its contracts successful for both its members and its awarded vendors.
- Region 10 ESC is committed to providing its members and awarded vendors with high quality service.
- Region 10 ESC has dedicated staff available to answer questions, offer guidance and help in any way possible.

## B. SCOPE

It is the intention of Region 10 ESC to establish a contract with vendor(s) for Educational School Supplies. Awarded vendor(s) shall perform covered services under the terms of this agreement. Respondents shall provide pricing based on a discount from a manufacturer's price list or catalog, or fixed price, or a combination of both with indefinite quantities. Electronic Catalog and/or price lists must accompany the proposal. Include an electronic copy of the catalog from which discount, or fixed price, is calculated. Multiple percentage discount structure is also acceptable. Please specify where different percentage discounts apply. Additional pricing and/or discounts may be included.

Each service proposed is to be priced separately with all ineligible items identified. Services may be awarded to multiple vendors. Respondents may elect to limit their proposals to a single service within any category, or multiple services within any or all categories.

Region 10 ESC is seeking a service provider that has the depth, breadth and quality of resources necessary to complete all phases of this contract. In addition, Region 10 ESC also requests any value-add commodity or service that could be provided under this contract.

While this solicitation specifically covers Educational School Supplies, Respondents are encouraged to submit an offering on any and all products or services available that are necessary to fulfill the needs of the services being requested.

## C. KEY DEFINITIONS

**Days:** means calendar days.

**Lead agency:** means Region 10 in its capacity as the government entity advertising, soliciting, evaluating and awarding the contract.

**Procurement:** means buying, purchasing, renting, leasing or otherwise acquiring any materials, services or construction. Procurement also includes all functions that pertain to the obtaining of any material, service, or construction, including description of requirements, selection and solicitation of sources, preparation and award of contract and all phases of contract administration.

**Responsive Respondent:** means a person, company, firm, corporation, partnership or other organization who submits a proposal which conforms in all material respects to the invitation for bids or request for proposals.

**Solicitation:** means an invitation for bids, a request for technical offers, a request for proposals, a request for quotations or any other solicitation or request by which we invite a person to participate in a procurement.

**Specifications:** means any description of physical or functional characteristics, or of the nature of a material, service or construction of item. Specifications may include a description or any requirement for inspecting, testing or preparing a material, service or construction item for delivery.

**Vendor:** means any provider or seller of goods and/or services that has a contractual relationship with Equalis Group or Region 10 ESC.

## D. GENERAL TERMS AND INSTRUCTIONS TO RESPONDENTS

### SUBMISSION FORMAT AND COMMUNICATION

It is the responsibility of the vendor to make certain that the company submitting a proposal, along with appropriate contact information, is on file with Region 10 ESC for the purpose of receiving addenda.

- I. **Response Submission:** All submitted proposals must contain one (1) bound, signed original copy of the solicitation response, and two (2) electronic copies on USB flash drives. Vendor must also submit one (1) electronic proposal free of propriety information on a USB flash drive to be posted on Vendor information page if awarded a contract.

Responses must be sealed. Faxed or electronically transmitted responses will not be accepted. Sealed responses may be submitted on any or all items, unless stated otherwise. Proposal may be rejected for failure to comply with the requirements set forth in this invitation.

Region 10 ESC reserves the right to cancel solicitation, reject any or all proposals, to accept any proposal deemed most advantageous to the participants in Region 10 ESC and to waive any informality in the proposal process. Participating agency or entity also reserves the right to cancel solicitation and reject any or all proposals if it is advantageous to the school district.

Deviations from any terms, conditions and/or specifications must be conspicuously noted in writing by the Respondent and shall be included with the response. (See Appendix D).

- II. **Proposal Format:** The electronic narrative portion and the materials presented in response to this Request for Proposal should be submitted in the same order as requested.

Hard copy responses must be provided using 8.5 x 11 paper clearly identified with the name of the Respondent's company and the solicitation name and number on the outside front cover.

Include a copy of the entire RFP document that you are responding to, prior to your tabulated response. This means that all pages prior to the Appendixes must be included before Tab 1. Tabs should be used to separate the response into sections. The following items identified must be included behind the tabs listed below. Respondents failing to organize in the manner listed may be considered non-responsive and may not be evaluated.

#### Binder Tabs

Tab 1 – Entire Vendor Contract and Signature Form (Appendix A)

– General T&C Acceptance Form (Appendix D)

– Attachment A Exceptions Form (Attachment A, 1<sup>st</sup> Page)

Tab 2 – Questionnaire (Appendix E)

Tab 3 – Company Profile (Appendix F)

Tab 4 – Product / Services (Appendix B)

Tab 5 – Pricing (Appendix C)

Tab 6 – Value Add (Appendix G)

Tab 7 – Certificates (Appendix I)

Tab 8 – Supplementary Catalogs and Consumer Information (may be in a separate binder) (Appendix J)

Tab 9 – Required Documents

III. **Mailing of proposals:** All proposals and proposals submitted in response to the solicitation must be clearly identified as listed below with the solicitation number, title, name and address of the company responding. All packages must be clearly identified as listed below, sealed and delivered to the office no later than the submittal deadline assigned for this solicitation.

From \_\_\_\_\_  
Company \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Solicitation Name and Number \_\_\_\_\_ Due Date and Time \_\_\_\_\_

IV. **Time for receiving proposals:** Proposals received prior to the submittal deadline will be kept secure and unopened. No proposals received after the submittal time and deadline will be considered. Late proposals will be returned to sender unopened.

V. **Inquiries and/or discrepancies:** Questions regarding this solicitation must be submitted in writing to Ms. Sue Hayes at [bids@region10.org](mailto:bids@region10.org). All questions and answers will be posted to <https://www.region10.org/about-us/request-for-proposals-bids/>. Respondents are responsible for viewing the website to review all questions and answers prior to submitting proposals. Please note that oral communications concerning this RFP shall not be binding and shall in no way excuse the responsive Respondent of the obligations set forth in this invitation.

VI. **Restricted and Prohibited Communications with Region 10 ESC and Equalis Group:** During the period between the date Region 10 ESC issues this RFP and the selection of the vendor who is awarded a contract by Region 10 ESC, if any, Respondents shall restrict all contact with Region 10 ESC and Equalis Group, and direct all questions regarding this RFP, including questions regarding terms and conditions, only to the individual identified above in Section “Inquiries and/or Discrepancies” in the specified manner. **Do not contact members of the Board of Directors, other employees of Region 10 ESC, any of Region 10 ESC’s agents or administrators or Equalis Group employees. Contact with any of these prohibited individuals after issuance of this RFP and before selection is made, may result in disqualification of the Respondent.**

The communications prohibition shall terminate when the contract is recommended by the administration, considered by the Board of Directors at a noticed public meeting, and a contract has been awarded. In the event the Board of Directors refers the recommendation back to staff for reconsideration, the communications prohibition shall be re-imposed. Additionally, during the time period between the award by the Board of Directors and the execution of the contract, Respondents shall not engage in any prohibited communications as described in this section.

Prohibited communications include direct contact, discussion, or promotion of any Respondent’s response with any member of Region 10 ESC’s Board of Directors or employees except for communications with Region 10 ESC’s designated representative as set forth in this RFP and only in the course of inquiries, briefings, interviews, or presentations. This prohibition is intended to create a level playing field for all potential Respondents, to assure that decisions are made in public, and to protect the integrity of the RFP process. Except as provided in the above stated exceptions, the following communications regarding a particular invitation for bids, requests for proposal, requests for qualifications, or other solicitation are prohibited:



- Communications between a potential vendor, service provider, Respondent, offeror, lobbyist or consultant and any member of Region 10 ESC’s Board of Directors;
- Communications between any director and any member of a selection or evaluation committee; and
- Communications between any director and administrator or employee.
- The communications prohibition shall not apply to the following:
  - Communications with Region 10 ESC’s purchasing agent specifically named and authorized to conduct and receive such communications under this RFP or upon the request of Region 10 ESC, with Region 10 ESC’s legal counsel; and
  - Presentations made to the Board of Directors during any duly noticed public meeting at which the solicitation is under consideration and the Vendor has been invited to present to the Board.
- Nothing contained herein shall prohibit any person or entity from publicly addressing Region 10 ESC’s Board of Directors during any duly noticed public meeting, in accordance with applicable Board policies, on a matter other than this RFP, or in connection with a presentation requested by Region 10 ESC’s representatives.
- Communication with any employee of Equalis Group

VII. **Addenda:** if required, will be issued by Region 10 ESC to all those known to have received a complete set of Proposal documents. The vendor shall acknowledge on the Signature Form the number of addenda received.

VIII. **Calendar of events (subject to change):**

| <u>Event</u>                                | <u>Date:</u>                      |
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| Issue RFP                                   | 10/17/2019                        |
| Deadline for receipt of questions via email | 10/25/2019                        |
| Issue Addendum/a (if required)              | 11/01/2019                        |
| Proposal Due Date                           | 11/18/2019 (by 2:00 Central Time) |
| Approval from Region 10 ESC                 | 12/20/2019                        |
| Contract Effective Date                     | 01/01/2020                        |

**CONDITIONS OF SUBMITTING PROPOSALS**

IX. **Amendment of Proposal:** A proposal may be amended up to the time of opening by submitting a sealed letter to the location indicated on the front page of this solicitation.

X. **Withdrawal of proposals:** Withdrawal of proposals prior to the opening date will be permitted. Withdrawal of proposal will not be allowed for a period of 120 days following the opening. Pricing will remain firm for 120 days from submittal. However, consideration may be given in cases where Respondent advises that it made a clerical error that is substantially lower than it intended. In such case, Respondent must provide written notice of their desire to withdraw, along with supporting documents, within three (3) business days of receiving the acceptance letter. Any contracts entered into prior to Region 10 ESC receiving notice must be honored.

No Respondent should assume that their withdrawal request has been accepted unless, and until, they receive written acknowledgment and acceptance of their proposal withdrawal.

XI. **Clarifications:** Region 10 ESC may, by written request, ask a Respondent for additional information or clarification after review of the proposals received for the sole purpose of eliminating minor irregularities,

informalities, or apparent clerical mistakes in the proposal. Clarification does not give Respondent an opportunity to revise or modify its proposal, except to the extent that correction of apparent clerical mistakes results in a revision. Region 10 ESC will not assist Respondent in bringing its proposal up to the level of other proposals through discussions. Region 10 ESC will not indicate to Respondent a cost or price that it must meet to either obtain further consideration nor will it provide any information about other Respondents' proposals or prices.

XII. **Best and Final Offer:** Region 10 ESC, in its sole discretion, may request all Offerors in the competitive range to submit a Best and Final Offer. Offerors must submit their Best and Final Offers in writing. If an Offeror does not respond to the request for a Best and Final Offer, that Offeror's most recent prior offer will be considered to be its Best and Final Offer.

XIII. **Specifications:** When a solicitation contains a specification that states no substitutions, no deviation from this requirement will be permitted. Respondent must comply with the true intent of the specifications and drawings and not take advantage of any unintentional error or omission. In cases where no type and kind of product is specified, Region 10 ESC specifications have been developed to indicate minimal standards as to the usage, materials, and contents based on the needs of the members.

References to manufacturer's specifications (Design Guides), when used by Region 10 ESC, are to be considered informative to give the Respondent information as to the general style, type and kind requested. Responses proposing goods, materials or equipment regularly produced by a reputable manufacturer shall be evaluated by Region 10 ESC which will, in its sole discretion, determine whether such proposed goods, materials or equipment are substantially equivalent to the Design Guides, considering quality, workmanship, economy of operation, and suitability for the purpose intended. Respondents should include all documentation required to evaluate whether or not their proposed goods, materials or equipment are substantially equivalent to the Design Guides.

XIV. **Quality of Materials or Services:** Respondent shall state the brand name and number of the materials being provided. If none is indicated then it is understood that the Respondent is quoting on the exact brand name and number specified or mentioned in the solicitation.

However, unless specifically stated otherwise and in accordance with purchasing laws and regulations, comparable substitutions will be permitted in cases where the material is equal to that specified, considering quality, workmanship, economy of operation and suitability for the purpose intended.

XV. **Samples:** Upon request, samples shall be furnished to Region 10 ESC free of cost within seven (7) days after receiving notice of such request. By submitting the proposal Respondent certifies that all materials conform to all applicable requirements of this solicitation and of those required by law. Respondent agrees to bear the costs for laboratory testing, if results show that the sample does not comply with solicitation requirements. Submissions may be rejected for failing to submit samples as requested.

XVI. **Deviations and Exceptions:** Deviations or exceptions stipulated in response may result in disqualification. It is the intent of Region 10 ESC to award a manufacturer's complete line of products, when possible.

XVII. **Change Orders:** The awarded vendor shall follow the requirements of all specifications and drawings as closely as construction will permit. Should existing conditions or limitations require a major change or rearrangement, the change shall be allowed only upon issuance by Region 10 ESC of a written change order. Participating agency and awarded vendor shall establish a procedure for identifying and approving changes to the work. Procedure shall include provisions for field change orders. Change orders shall be properly documented in writing.

- XVIII. **Manufacturer's Representative:** Respondents submitting proposals as a manufacturer's representative shall be able to supplement offer with a letter from the manufacturer certifying that Respondent is an actual dealer for that manufacturer and that the Respondent is authorized to submit a proposal for that product, and which guarantees that if the Respondent should fail to satisfactorily fulfill any obligations established as a result of the award of contract, the manufacturer will either assume the Respondent's obligations or arrange for fulfillment through another competent dealer to complete the balance of the project.
- XIX. **Formation of Contract:** A response to this solicitation is an offer to contract with Region 10 ESC based upon the terms, conditions, scope of work, and specifications contained in this request. A solicitation does not become a contract until it is awarded by Region 10 ESC. A contract is formed when Region 10 ESC's board or designee signs the Vendor Contract Signature Form. The prospective vendor must submit a signed Vendor Signature Form with the response, thus eliminating the need for a formal signing process.
- XX. **Estimated Quantities:** Region 10 ESC anticipates that a substantial number of participating members will enter into contracts resulting from this solicitation; however, Region 10 ESC makes no guarantee or commitment of any kind concerning quantities or usage of contracts resulting from this solicitation. The annual volume for this contract is estimated to be within a range from \$35 million to \$70 million annually by year three (3) of the contract. This information is provided solely as an aid to contract vendors in preparing proposals only, and performance will be determined by other factors such as awarded supplier's competitiveness, and overall performance and support of the contract. The successful Vendor(s) discount and pricing schedule shall apply regardless of the volume of business under the contract.
- XXI. **Multiple Awards:** Membership includes a large number of potential entities which may utilize this contract throughout the nation. In order to assure that any ensuing contract(s) will allow Region 10 ESC to fulfill current and future needs, Region 10 ESC reserves the right to award contract(s) to multiple vendors. The decision to award multiple contracts, award only one contract, or to make no awards rests solely with Region 10 ESC.
- XXII. **Non-Exclusive:** Any contract resulting from this solicitation shall be awarded with the understanding and agreement that it is for the sole convenience and benefit of participating members. Region 10 ESC and participating entities reserve the right to obtain like goods and services from other sources.

## **AWARD PROCESS**

- XXIII. **Award or rejection of proposals:** In accordance with applicable laws, rules, and regulations for public purchasing, award(s) will be made to the responsive and responsible Respondent(s) whose proposal(s) is/are determined to be the lowest cost and most responsible to participating agencies, price and other factors considered. Region 10 ESC reserves the right to use a "Market Basket Survey" method, based on randomly selected criteria to determine the most responsible response. To qualify for evaluation, response must have been submitted on time, and satisfy all mandatory requirements identified in this document. Proposals that are materially non-responsive will be rejected and Region 10 ESC will provide notice of rejection to the Respondent.
- XXIV. **Evaluation Process:** In evaluating the responses the following predetermined criteria is considered:

### **Products/Pricing (40 Points)**

1. All products and services available
2. Pricing for all available products and services
3. Pricing for warranties on all products and services
4. Ability of Customers to verify that they received contract pricing
5. Payment methods

6. Other factors relevant to this section as submitted by the Respondent

**Performance Capability (30 Points)**

1. Ability to deliver products and services nationally
2. Response to emergency orders
3. Average Fill Rate
4. Average on time delivery rate
5. Shipping charges
6. Return and restocking policy and applicable fees
7. History of meeting the shipping and delivery timelines
8. Ability to meet service and warranty needs of members
9. Customer service/problem resolution
10. Invoicing process
11. Contract implementation/Customer transition
12. Financial condition of vendor
13. Website ease of use, availability, and capabilities related to ordering, returns and reporting
14. Respondent's safety record
15. Instructional materials
16. Other factors relevant to this section as submitted by the Respondent

**Qualification and Experience (20 Points)**

1. Respondent reputation in the marketplace
2. Reputation of products and services in the marketplace
3. Past relationship with Region 10 ESC and/or Region 10 ESC members
4. Experience and qualification of key employees
5. Location and number of sales persons who will work on this contract
6. Past experience working with the government sector
7. Exhibited understanding of cooperative purchasing
8. Past litigation, bankruptcy, reorganization, state investigations of entity or current officers and directors
9. Minimum of 3 customer references relating to the products and services within this RFP
10. Bonding capabilities (if applicable)
11. Certifications in the Industry
12. Company profile and capabilities
13. Other factors relevant to this section as submitted by the Respondent

**Value Add (10 Points)**

1. Marketing plan and capability
2. Sales force training
3. Other factors relevant to this section as submitted by the Respondent

XXV. **Competitive Range:** It may be necessary to establish a competitive range. Factors from the predetermined criteria will be used to make this determination. Responses not in the competitive range are unacceptable and do not receive further award consideration.

XXVI. **Evaluation:** A committee will review and evaluate all responses and make a recommendation for award of contract(s). The recommendation for contract awards will be based on the predetermined criteria factors outlined in this solicitation, where each factor is assigned a point value based on its importance. Recommendation for award of a contract will be presented to the Region 10 ESC board of directors for final approval.

XXVII. **Past Performance:** A vendor's performance and actions under previously awarded contracts regarding a vendor's actions under previously awarded contracts to schools, local, state, or federal agencies are relevant in determining whether or not the vendor is likely to provide quality goods and services to our members; including the administrative aspects of performance; the vendor's history of reasonable and cooperative behavior and commitment to customer satisfaction; and generally, the Respondent's businesslike concern for the interests of the customer.

XXVIII. **Taxes (State of AZ Respondents only):** All applicable taxes in the offer will be considered by the School District/public entity when determining the lowest proposal or evaluating proposals, except when a responsive Respondent which is otherwise reasonably susceptible for award is located outside of Arizona and is not subject to a transaction privilege or use tax of a political subdivision of this state. In that event, all applicable taxes which are the obligation of Respondents in state and out of state, shall be disregarded in the Contract Award. At all times, payment of taxes and the determination of applicable taxes and rates are the sole responsibility of the Contractor.

### **PROTEST OF NON-AWARD**

XXIX. **Protest Procedure:** Any protest of an award or proposed award must be filed in writing within ten (10) days from the date of the official award notification and must be received by 5:00 pm Central Time. No protest shall lie for a claim that the selected Vendor is not a responsible Respondent. Protests shall be filed with Ms. Sue Hayes at Region 10 ESC, 400 E Spring Valley Rd, Richardson, TX 75081. Protests shall follow Region 10 ESC complaint policy EF(LOCAL), a copy of which is available at <https://pol.tasb.org/Policy/Code/374?filter=EF>, and it must be on a form provided by Region 10 ESC, which will include the following:

1. Name, address and telephone number of protester
2. Original signature of protester or its representative
3. Identification of the solicitation by RFP number
4. Detailed statement of legal and factual grounds including copies of relevant documents; and the form of relief requested
5. Any protest review and action shall be considered final with no further formalities being considered.

### **NON-COLLUSION, EMPLOYMENT AND SERVICES**

XXX. **By signing the Offer and Acceptance form or other official contract form, the Respondent certifies that:**

1. It did not engage in collusion or other anti-competitive practices in connection with the preparation or submission of its offer; and
2. It does not discriminate against any employee, applicant for employment, or person to whom it provides services because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, or disability and that it complies with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and executive orders regarding employment.

### **LIMITATION OF LIABILITY**

XXXI. **Waiver:** BY SUBMITTING A PROPOSAL, OFFER EXPRESSLY AGREES TO WAIVE ANY CLAIM IT HAS OR MAY HAVE AGAINST BOTH EQUALIS GROUP AND REGION 10 EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER, ITS DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, OR AGENTS AND THE MEMBERS ARISING OUT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH (1) THE ADMINISTRATION, EVALUATION, RECOMMENDATION OF ANY PROPOSAL; (2) ANY REQUIREMENTS UNDER

THE SOLICITATION, PROPOSAL PACKAGE, OR RELATED DOCUMENTS; (3) THE REJECTION OF ANY PROPOSAL OR ANY PART OF ANY PROPOSAL; AND/OR (4) THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT, IF ANY.

XXXII. NEITHER REGION 10 ESC NOR EQUALIS GROUP SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE OR LIABLE FOR ANY COSTS INCURRED BY RESPONDENTS OR THE SELECTED VENDOR IN CONNECTION WITH RESPONDING TO THE RFP, PREPARING FOR ORAL PRESENTATIONS, PREPARING AND SUBMITTING A PROPOSAL, ENTERING OR NEGOTIATING THE TERMS OF A CONTRACT, OR ANY OTHER EXPENSES INCURRED BY A RESPONDENT. THE RESPONDENT OR SELECTED VENDOR IS WHOLLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY SUCH COSTS AND EXPENSES AND SHALL NOT BE REIMBURSED IN ANY MANNER BY REGION 10 ESC OR EQUALIS GROUP.

## Appendix A: VENDOR CONTRACT AND SIGNATURE FORM

*This Vendor Contract and Signature Form ("Contract") is made as of \_\_\_\_\_, by and between \_\_\_\_\_ ("Vendor") and Region 10 Education Service Center ("Region 10 ESC") for the purchase of EDUCATIONAL SCHOOL SUPPLIES ("the products and services").*

### RECITALS

WHEREAS, both parties agree and understand that the following pages will constitute the contract between the successful vendor(s) and Region 10 ESC, having its principal place of business at **Education Service Center, Region 10, 400 E Spring Valley Rd, Richardson, TX 75081**

WHEREAS, Vendor agrees to include, in writing, any required exceptions or deviations from these terms, conditions, and specifications; and it is further understood that if agreed to by Region 10 ESC, said exceptions or deviations will be incorporated into the final contract "Vendor Contract."

WHEREAS, this contract consists of the provisions set forth below, including provisions of all attachments referenced herein. In the event of a conflict between the provisions set forth below and those contained in any attachment, the provisions set forth below shall control.

WHEREAS, the Vendor Contract will provide that any state, county, special district, local government, school district, private K-12 school, technical or vocational school, higher education institution (including community colleges, colleges and universities, both public and private), other government agencies or non-profit organization may purchase products and services at prices indicated in the Vendor Contract upon registering and becoming a member with Region 10 ESC; and it being further understood that Region 10 ESC shall act as the Lead Agency with respect to all such purchase agreements.

WHEREAS, Equalis Group has the administrative and legal capacity to administer purchases on behalf of Region 10 ESC under the Vendor Contract with participating public agencies and entities, as permitted by applicable law.

### ARTICLE 1- GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1.1 Equalis Group shall be afforded all of the rights, privileges and indemnifications afforded to Region 10 ESC under the Vendor Contract, and such rights, privileges and indemnifications shall accrue and apply with equal effect to Equalis Group, including, without limitation, Vendor's obligation to provide insurance and other indemnifications to Lead Agency.

1.2 Awarded vendor shall perform all duties, responsibilities and obligations, set forth in this agreement, and required under the Vendor Contract.

1.3 Equalis Group shall perform its duties, responsibilities and obligations as administrator of purchases, set forth in this agreement, and required under the Vendor Contract.

1.4 **Customer Support:** The vendor shall provide timely and accurate technical advice and sales support to Region 10 ESC staff, Equalis Group staff and participating agencies. The vendor shall respond to such requests within one (1) working day after receipt of the request.

## **ARTICLE 2- ANTICIPATED TERM OF AGREEMENT**

2.1 **Term:** The term of the Contract shall commence upon award and shall remain in effect for a period of three (3) years, unless terminated, canceled or extended as otherwise provided herein. The Contractor agrees that Region 10 ESC shall have the right, at its sole option, to renew the Contract for two (2) additional one-year periods or portions thereof. In the event that Region 10 ESC exercises such rights, all terms, conditions and provisions of the original Contract shall remain the same and apply during the renewal period with the possible exception of price and minor scope additions and/or deletions.

2.2 **Automatic Renewal:** Renewal will take place automatically for one (1) year unless Region 10 ESC gives written notice to the awarded supplier at least ninety (90) days prior to the expiration.

## **ARTICLE 3- REPRESENTATIONS AND COVENANTS**

**Scope:** This contract is based on the need to provide the economic benefits of volume purchasing and reduction in administrative costs through cooperative purchasing to schools and other members.

**Compliance:** Cooperative Purchasing Agreements between Equalis Group and its Members have been established under state procurement law.

**Respondent's promise:** Respondent agrees all prices, terms, warranties, and benefits granted by Respondent to Members through this contract are comparable to or better than the equivalent terms offered by Respondent to any present customer meeting the same qualifications or requirements.

## **ARTICLE 4- FORMATION OF CONTRACT**

4.1. **Respondent contract documents:** Region 10 ESC will review proposed Respondent contract documents. Vendor's contract document shall not become part of Region 10 ESC's contract with vendor unless and until an authorized representative of Region 10 ESC reviews and approves it.

4.2. **Form of contract:** The form of contract for this solicitation shall be the Request for Proposal, the awarded proposal(s) to the lowest responsible Respondent(s), and properly issued and reviewed purchase orders referencing the requirements of the Request for Proposal. If a firm submitting a proposal requires Region 10 ESC and/or Member to sign an additional agreement, a copy of the proposed agreement must be included with the proposal.

4.3. **Entire Agreement (Parol evidence):** The contract, as specified above, represents the final written expression of agreement. All agreements are contained herein and no other agreements or representations that materially alter it are acceptable.



4.4. **Assignment of Contract:** No assignment of contract may be made without the prior written approval of Region 10 ESC. Purchase orders and payment can only be made to awarded vendor unless otherwise approved by Region 10 ESC. Awarded vendor is required to notify Region 10 ESC when any material change in operations is made that may adversely affect members (i.e. awarded vendor bankruptcy, change of ownership, merger, etc.).

4.5. **Contract Alterations:** No alterations to the terms of this contract shall be valid or binding unless authorized and signed with a “wet signature” by a Region 10 ESC staff member.

4.6. **Order of precedence:** In the event of a conflict in the provisions of the contract as accepted by Region 10 ESC, the following order of precedence shall prevail:

- Special terms and conditions
- General terms and conditions
- Specifications and scope of work
- Attachments and exhibits
- Documents referenced or included in the solicitation

4.8 **Supplemental Agreements:** The entity participating in the Region 10 ESC contract and awarded vendor may enter into a separate supplemental agreement to further define the level of service requirements over and above the minimum defined in this contract i.e. invoice requirements, ordering requirements, specialized delivery, etc. Any supplemental agreement developed as a result of this contract is exclusively between the participating entity and awarded vendor. Neither Region 10 ESC, Equalis Group, its agents, members and employees shall be made party to any claim for breach of such agreement.

## **ARTICLE 5- TERMINATION OF CONTRACT**

5.1. **Cancellation for non-performance or contractor deficiency:** Region 10 ESC may terminate any contract if Members have not used the contract, or if purchase volume is determined to be low volume in any 12-month period. Region 10 ESC reserves the right to cancel the whole or any part of this contract due to failure by contractor to carry out any obligation, term or condition of the contract. Region 10 ESC may issue a written deficiency notice to contractor for acting or failing to act in any of the following:

- i. Providing material that does not meet the specifications of the contract;
- ii. Providing work and/or material that was not awarded under the contract;
- iii. Failing to adequately perform the services set forth in the scope of work and specifications;
- iv. Failing to complete required work or furnish required materials within a reasonable amount of time;
- v. Failing to make progress in performance of the contract and/or giving Region 10 ESC reason to believe that contractor will not or cannot perform the requirements of the contract; and/or
- vi. Performing work or providing services under the contract prior to receiving a Region 10 ESC reviewed purchase order for such work.

Upon receipt of a written deficiency notice, contractor shall have ten (10) days to provide a satisfactory response to Region 10 ESC. Failure to adequately address all issues of concern may result in contract

cancellation. Upon cancellation under this paragraph, all goods, materials, work, documents, data and reports prepared by contractor under the contract shall become the property of the Member on demand.

5.2 **Termination for cause:** If, for any reason, the Vendor fails to fulfill its obligation in a timely manner, or if the vendor violates any of the covenants, agreements, or stipulations of this contract, Region 10 ESC reserves the right to terminate the contract immediately and pursue all other applicable remedies afforded by law. Such termination shall be effective by delivery of notice, to the vendor, specifying the effective date of termination. In such event, all documents, data, studies, surveys, drawings, maps, models and reports prepared by vendor for this solicitation may become the property of the participating agency or entity. If such event does occur then vendor will be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for the satisfactory work completed on such documents.

5.3 **Delivery/Service failures:** Failure to deliver goods or services within the time specified or within a reasonable time period as interpreted by the purchasing agent, or failure to make replacements or corrections of rejected articles/services when so requested shall constitute grounds for the contract to be terminated. In the event that the participating agency or entity must purchase in an open market, contractor agrees to reimburse the participating agency or entity, within a reasonable time period, for all expenses incurred.

5.4 **Force Majeure:** If by reason of Force Majeure, either party hereto shall be rendered unable wholly or in part to carry out its obligations under this Agreement then such party shall give notice and full particulars of Force Majeure in writing to the other party within a reasonable time after occurrence of the event or cause relied upon, and the obligation of the party giving such notice, so far as it is affected by such Force Majeure, shall be suspended during the continuance of the inability then claimed, except as hereinafter provided, but for no longer period, and such party shall endeavor to remove or overcome such inability with all reasonable dispatch.

The term Force Majeure as employed herein, shall mean acts of God, strikes, lockouts, or other industrial disturbances, act of public enemy, orders of any kind of government of the United States or the State of Texas or any civil or military authority; insurrections; riots; epidemics; landslides; lighting; earthquake; fires; hurricanes; storms; floods; washouts; droughts; arrests; restraint of government and people; civil disturbances; explosions, breakage or accidents to machinery, pipelines or canals, or other causes not reasonably within the control of the party claiming such inability. It is understood and agreed that the settlement of strikes and lockouts shall be entirely within the discretion of the party having the difficulty, and that the above requirement that any Force Majeure shall be remedied with all reasonable dispatch shall not require the settlement of strikes and lockouts by acceding to the demands of the opposing party or parties when such settlement is unfavorable in the judgment of the party having the difficulty

5.5 **Standard Cancellation:** Either party may cancel this contract in whole or in part by providing written notice. The cancellation will take effect 90 business days after the other party receives the notice of cancellation. After the 90th business day all work will cease following completion of final purchase order. Region 10 ESC reserves the right to request additional items not already on contract at any time.

## **ARTICLE 6- LICENSES**

6.1 **Duty to keep current license:** Vendor shall maintain in current status all federal, state and local licenses, bonds and permits required for the operation of the business conducted by vendor. Vendor shall

remain fully informed of and in compliance with all ordinances and regulations pertaining to the lawful provision of services under the contract. Region 10 ESC reserves the right to stop work and/or cancel the contract of any vendor whose license(s) expire, lapse, are suspended or terminated.

6.2 **Suspension or Debarment:** Respondent shall provide a letter in the proposal notifying Region 10 ESC of any debarment, suspension or other lawful action taken against them by any federal, state, or local government within the last five (5) years that precludes Respondent or its employees from participating in any public procurement activity. The letter shall state the duration of the suspension or action taken, the relevant circumstances and the name of the agency imposing the suspension. Failure to supply or disclose this information may be grounds for cancellation of contract.

6.3 **Survival Clause:** All applicable software license agreements, warranties or service agreements that were entered into between Vendor and Customer/participating member under the terms and conditions of the Contract shall survive the expiration or termination of the Contract. All Purchase Orders issued and accepted by Order Fulfiller shall survive expiration or termination of the Contract.

## **ARTICLE 7- DELIVERY PROVISIONS**

7.1 **Delivery:** Vendor shall deliver said materials purchased on this contract to the participating member issuing a Purchase Order. Conforming product shall be shipped within 7 days of receipt of Purchase Order. If delivery is not or cannot be made within this time period the vendor must receive authorization from the purchasing agency for the delayed delivery. At this point the participating entity may cancel the order if estimated shipping time is not acceptable.

7.2 **Inspection & Acceptance:** If defective or incorrect material is delivered, purchasing agency may make the determination to return the material to the vendor at no cost to the purchasing agency. The vendor agrees to pay all shipping costs for the return shipment. Vendor shall be responsible for arranging the return of the defective or incorrect material.

7.3 **Responsibility for supplies tendered:** Vendor shall be responsible for the materials or supplies covered by this contract until they are delivered to the designated delivery point.

7.4 **Shipping Instructions:** Unless otherwise specified, each case, crate, barrel, package, etc, delivered under this contract must be plainly labeled, securely tagged, stating Vendor's name, purchase order number, quantity contained therein, and delivery address as indicated in the order. Deliveries must be made within the hours of 8:00 am – 4:00 pm. Deliveries at any other time (including Saturdays, Sundays and holidays) will not be accepted unless arrangements have been made in advance with the receiver at the delivery point. Vendor understands that it is their responsibility to ensure compliance with the delivery instructions outlined in this agreement.

7.5 **Additional charges:** Unless bought on F.O.B. "shipping point" and Vendor prepays transportation, no delivery charges shall be added to invoices except when express delivery is authorized and substituted on orders for the method specified in the contract. In such cases, the difference between freight or mail and express charges may be added to the invoice.

7.6 **Buyer's delays:** Region 10 ESC will not be responsible for any late fees due the prime contractor by the participating member. The prime contractor will negotiate with the participating agency for the recovery of damages related to expenses incurred by the vendor for a delay for which the Region 10 ESC member is responsible, which is unreasonable, and which was not within the contemplation of the parties to the contract between the two parties.

## **ARTICLE 8- BILLING AND REPORTING**

8.1 **Payments:** The participating entity using the contract will make payments directly to the awarded vendor.

Payment shall be made after satisfactory performance, in accordance with all provisions thereof, and upon receipt of a properly completed invoice.

8.3 **Progress payments:** Progress payments may be made by the participating agency to the contractor on the basis of a duly certified and approved estimate of the work performed during the preceding month, if both parties agree to such a payment schedule. All progress payments must be invoiced to the participating member. It is the responsibility of the member to review and approve any estimates of work completed. If the member issues a written statement to the Respondent that the estimate of work is not approved and certified, the member may withhold an amount from the progress payment that the member reasonably expects to incur in correcting the deficiency set forth in the written finding, as permitted by applicable State law. In such cases, the Respondent agrees to hold member harmless for any deficiency payment.

The prime contractor must agree to pay any subcontractors or material vendors within seven (7) days of their receipt of the progress payment, unless otherwise agreed on in writing between the parties involved. The contractor shall pay Equalis Group progress payments in accordance with this paragraph.

At the time all bonds are in place, the prime contractor and the participating member will agree upon a schedule of payments based on identifiable milestones. Acceptance of final payment is a waiver of all claims except unsettled claims previously made in writing.

8.4 **Tax Exempt Status:** Since this is a national contract, knowing the tax laws in each state is the sole responsibility of the Vendor.

8.5 **Performance and Payment Bonds** (in applicable states): Upon execution of a contract between participating agency and prime contractor, performance and payment bonds shall be provided to the member as required by pertinent state law. The prime contractor agrees to notify the participating member in writing of this requirement before accepting any work orders. If the prime contractor fails to deliver any required performance or payment bonds, the contract with Region 10 ESC may be terminated. The contractor may be asked to supply copies of performance and payment bonds to Region 10 ESC for administrative purposes.

An irrevocable payment bond in an amount equal to 100% of the price specified in the contract between the prime contractor and the participating member shall be executed by a surety company authorized to do business in the state of the member or in the ruling jurisdiction of the member. This bond will protect all persons supplying labor and material to the prime contractor for the performance of the work provided in the contract. Such bonds are taxable at the contractor's tax rate. An irrevocable performance bond in an amount equal to 100% of the price specified in the contract between the participating member and the

prime contractor shall be executed by a surety company authorized to do business in the state of the member or the ruling jurisdiction of the member.

8.6 **Retention:** When fifty (50) percent of the work is completed, one half of the amount retained shall be paid to the prime contractor if the prime contractor requests payment and if the participating member is satisfied with the progress of the work. After the work is fifty (50) percent completed, no more than five percent of the amount of any subsequent progress payments shall be retained, unless the governing board of the participating member determines satisfactory progress is not being made, at which point ten percent retention shall be reinstated.

Ten (10) percent of all contract payments shall be retained by the participating member as insurance of proper performance of the prime contractor. Participating member shall deposit retained amounts into an interest-bearing account, if required by applicable law governing the participating member. Interest earned on the retained amounts shall be paid to the prime contractor upon completion of the project, or as otherwise required by applicable governing the participating member. Prime contractor agrees to identify the amount to be retained on invoices to participating member for each progress payment.

If the participating member and the prime contractor agree to a substitute security, the prime contractor must provide participating member with a signed and acknowledged waiver of any right or power of the obligor to set off any claim against the member.

8.7 **Reporting:** Vendor shall electronically provide Equalis Group with a detailed line item monthly report showing the dollar volume of all member product sales under the contract for the previous month. Reports shall be sent via e-mail to Equalis Group offices at [reporting@equalisgroup.org](mailto:reporting@equalisgroup.org). Reports are due on the **fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>)** day after the close of the previous month. It is the responsibility of the awarded vendor to collect and compile all sales under the contract from participating members and submit one (1) report. The report shall include at least the following information as listed in this section:

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| <b>Member Data</b>      | Equalis Member ID  |
|                         | Vendor Customer Number                                   |
|                         | Customer Name  |
|                         | Customer Street Address                                  |
|                         | Customer City  |
|                         | Customer Zip Code  |
|                         | Customer State   |
| <b>Distributor Data</b> | Distributor Name   |
|                         | Distributor ID   |
|                         | Distributor Street Address                               |
|                         | Distributor City   |
|                         | Distributor Zip Code                                     |
|                         | Distributor State  |
| <b>Product Data</b>     | Product Category level 1                                 |
|                         | Product Category level 2 (Where available or applicable) |
|                         | Product Category level 3 (Where available or applicable) |
|                         | Distributor Product Number                               |
|                         | Manufacturer Product Number                              |
|                         | Product Description                                      |

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|                   | Product Brand Name                                     |
|                   | Product packaging Unit of Measure level 1              |
|                   | Product packaging Unit of Measure level 2              |
|                   | Product packaging Unit of Measure level 3              |
| <b>Spend Data</b> | Purchase Unit of Measure                               |
|                   | Purchase Quantity                                      |
|                   | Distributor Landed Cost Total \$ (without deviations)  |
|                   | Distributor Landed Cost Total \$ (with mfr deviations) |
|                   | Customer Purchase Total \$                             |
|                   | Admin Fee %  |
|                   | Admin Fee \$   |

## ARTICLE 9- PRICING

9.1 **Market competitive guarantee:** Vendor agrees to provide market competitive pricing, based on the value offered upon award, to Region 10 ESC and its participating public agencies throughout the duration of the contract.

9.2 **Price increase:** Should it become necessary or proper during the term of this contract to make any change in design or any alterations that will increase expense, Region 10 ESC must be notified immediately. Price increases must be approved by Lead Agency and no payment for additional materials or services, beyond the amount stipulated in the contract, shall be paid without prior approval. All price increases must be supported by manufacture documentation, or a formal cost justification letter.

Vendor must honor previous prices for thirty (30) days after approval and written notification from Region 10 ESC if requested.

It is Vendor's responsibility to keep all pricing up to date and on file with Region 10 ESC. All price changes must be provided to Region 10 ESC, using the same format as was accepted in the original contract.

9.3 **Additional Charges:** All deliveries shall be freight prepaid, F.O.B. destination and shall be included in all pricing offered unless otherwise clearly stated in writing.

9.4 **Price reduction and adjustment:** Price reduction may be offered at any time during contract and shall become effective upon notice of acceptance from Region 10 ESC. Special, time-limited reductions are permissible under the following conditions: 1) reduction is available to all Members equally; 2) reduction is for a specific time period, normally not less than thirty (30) days; 3) original price is not exceeded after the time-limit; and 4) Region 10 ESC has approved the new prices prior to any offer of the prices to a Member. Vendor shall offer Region 10 ESC any published price reduction during the contract period.

9.5 **Prevailing Wage:** It shall be the responsibility of the Vendor to comply, when applicable, with the prevailing wage legislation in effect in the jurisdiction of the purchaser (Region 10 ESC or its Participating Members). It shall further be the responsibility of the Vendor to monitor the prevailing wage rates as

established by the appropriate Department of Labor for any increase in rates during the term of this contract and adjust wage rates accordingly.

**9.6 Administrative Fees:** The Vendor agrees to pay administrative fees to Equalis Group based on the terms set in Attachment A. All pricing submitted to Region 10 ESC shall include the administrative fee to be remitted to Equalis Group by the awarded vendor.

## **ARTICLE 10- PRICING AUDIT**

**10.1 Audit rights:** Vendor shall, at Vendor's sole expense, maintain appropriate due diligence of all purchases made by Region 10 ESC and any participating entity that accesses this Agreement. Equalis Group and Region 10 ESC each reserve the right to audit the accounting for a period of three (3) years from the time such purchases are made. This audit right shall survive termination of this Agreement for a period of one (1) year from the effective date of termination. In the State of New Jersey, this audit right shall survive termination of this Agreement for a period of five (5) years from the date of final payment. Such records shall be made available to the New Jersey Office of the State Comptroller upon request. Region 10 ESC shall have the authority to conduct random audits of Vendor's pricing that is offered to eligible entities at Region 10 ESC's sole cost and expense. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that Region 10 ESC is made aware of any pricing being offered to eligible agencies that is materially inconsistent with the pricing under this agreement, Region 10 ESC shall have the ability to conduct an extensive audit of Vendor's pricing at Vendor's sole cost and expense. Region 10 ESC may conduct the audit internally or may engage a third-party auditing firm. In the event of an audit, the requested materials shall be provided in the format and at the location designated by Region 10 ESC or Equalis Group.

## **ARTICLE 11- PROPOSER PRODUCT LINE REQUIREMENTS**

**11.1 Current products:** Proposals shall be for materials and equipment in current production and marketed to the general public and education/government agencies at the time the proposal is submitted.

**11.2 Discontinued products:** If a product or model is discontinued by the manufacturer, Vendor may substitute a new product or model if the replacement product meets or exceeds the specifications and performance of the discontinued model and if the discount is the same or greater than the discontinued model.

**11.3 New products/Services:** New products and/or services that meet the scope of work may be added to the contract. Pricing shall be equivalent to the percentage discount for other products. Vendor may replace or add product lines to an existing contract if the line is replacing or supplementing products on contract, is equal or superior to the original products offered, is discounted in a similar or to a greater degree, and if the products meet the requirements of the solicitation. No products and/or services may be added to avoid competitive procurement requirements. Region 10 ESC may require additions to be submitted with documentation from Participating Members demonstrating an interest in, or a potential requirement for, the new product or service. Region 10 ESC may reject any additions without cause.

11.4 **Options:** Optional equipment for products under contract may be added to the contract at the time they become available under the following conditions: 1) the option is priced at a discount similar to other options; 2) the option is an enhancement to the unit that improves performance or reliability.

11.5 **Product line:** Vendors with a published catalog may submit the entire catalog. Region 10 ESC reserves the right to select products within the catalog for award without having to award all contents. Region 10 ESC may reject any addition of equipment options without cause.

11.6 **Warranty conditions:** All supplies, equipment and services shall include manufacturer's minimum standard warranty and one (1) year labor warranty unless otherwise agreed to in writing.

11.7 **Buy American requirement:** (for New Jersey and all other applicable States) Vendors may only use unmanufactured construction material mined or produced in the United States, as required by the Buy American Act. Where trade agreements apply, to the extent permitted by applicable law, then unmanufactured construction material mined or produced in a designated country may also be used. Vendors are required to check state specific requirements to ensure compliance with this requirement.

## **ARTICLE 12- SITE REQUIREMENTS**

12.1 **Cleanup:** Vendor shall clean up and remove all debris and rubbish resulting from their work as required or directed by Member. Upon completion of the work, the premises shall be left in good repair and an orderly, neat, clean and unobstructed condition conducive to the Member's business purpose.

12.2 **Site Preparation:** Vendor shall not begin a project for which Participating Member has not prepared the site, unless Vendor does the preparation work at no cost, or until Participating Member includes the cost of site preparation in a purchase order to the contractor. Site preparation includes, but is not limited to moving furniture, moving equipment or obstructions to the work area, installation of wiring for networks or any other necessary pre-installation requirements.

12.3 **Registered sex offender restrictions:** For work to be performed at schools, Vendor agrees that no employee or employee of a subcontractor who has been adjudicated to be a registered sex offender will perform work at any time when students are or are reasonably expected to be present. Vendor agrees that a violation of this condition shall be considered a material breach and may result in the cancellation of the purchase order at the Participating Member's discretion. Vendor must identify any additional costs associated with compliance of this term. If no costs are specified, compliance with this term will be provided at no additional charge. Vendor is also responsible for ensuring that their employees or contractors who have direct contact with students are properly fingerprinted and background checked in accordance with local state law, if applicable.

12.4 **Safety measures:** Vendor shall take all reasonable precautions for the safety of employees on the worksite, and shall erect and properly maintain all necessary safeguards for protection of workers and the public. Vendor shall post warning signs against all hazards created by its operation and work in progress. Proper precautions shall be taken pursuant to state law and standard practices to protect workers, general public and existing structures from injury or damage.

12.5 **Smoking/Tobacco:** Persons working under the contract shall adhere to local tobacco and smoking (including e-cigarettes/vaping) policies. Smoking will only be permitted in posted areas or off premises.



12.6 **Stored materials:** Upon prior written agreement between the vendor and Member, payment may be made for materials not incorporated in the work but delivered and suitably stored at the site or some other location, for installation at a later date. An inventory of the stored materials must be provided to Participating Member with the application for payment seeking compensation for stored materials. Such materials must be stored and protected in a secure location, and be insured for their full value by the vendor against loss and damage. Vendor agrees to provide proof of coverage and/or addition of Participating Member as an additional insured upon Participating Member's request. Additionally, if stored offsite, the materials must also be clearly identified as property of buying Participating Member and be separated from other materials. Participating Member must be allowed reasonable opportunity to inspect and take inventory of stored materials, on or offsite, as necessary.

Until final acceptance by the Participating Member, it shall be the Vendor's responsibility to protect all materials and equipment. Vendor warrants and guarantees that title for all work, materials and equipment shall pass to the Member upon final acceptance.

12.7 **Maintenance Facilities and Support:** It is preferred that each contractor should have maintenance facilities and a support system available for servicing and repair of product and/or equipment. If a third party is to be used to provide maintenance and support to the participating member, Respondent must notify Region 10 ESC of that third party information. All technicians, applicators, installers shall be fully certified, trained and licensed to perform said duties.

## **ARTICLE 13- MISCELENOUS**

13.1 **Funding Out Clause:** Any/all contracts exceeding one (1) year shall include a standard "funding out" clause. A contract for the acquisition, including lease, of real or personal property is a commitment of the entity's current revenue only, provided the contract contains either or both of the following provisions:

"Retains to the entity the continuing right to terminate the contract at the expiration of each budget period during the term of the contract and is conditioned on a best efforts attempt by the entity to obtain appropriate funds for payment of the contract in the subsequent fiscal year."

13.2 **Disclosures:** Vendor affirms that he/she has not given, offered to give, nor intends to give at any time hereafter any economic opportunity, future employment, gift, loan, gratuity, special discount, trip, favor or service to a public servant in connection with this contract.

Vendor has a continuing duty to disclose a complete description of any and all relationships that might be considered a conflict of interest in doing business with participants in Equalis Group.

Vendor affirms that, to the best of his/her knowledge, the offer was arrived at independently, and was submitted without collusion with anyone to obtain information or gain any favoritism that would in any way limit competition or give an unfair advantage over other vendors in the award of this contract.

13.3 **Indemnity:** Vendor shall protect, indemnify, and hold harmless both Region 10 ESC and Equalis Group and its participants, administrators, employees and agents against all claims, damages, losses and expenses arising out of or resulting from the actions of Vendor, Vendor employees or Vendor subcontractors in the preparation of the solicitation and the later execution of the contract, including any supplemental

agreements with members. Any litigation involving either Region 10 ESC or Equalis Group, its administrators and employees and agents shall be in a court of competent jurisdiction in Dallas County, Texas. Texas law shall apply to any such suit, without giving effect to its choice of laws provisions. Any litigation involving Equalis Group participating members shall be in the jurisdiction of the participating agency.

13.4 **Franchise Tax:** Vendor hereby certifies that he/she is not currently delinquent in the payment of any required franchise taxes, and shall remain current on any such franchise taxes throughout the term of this contract.

13.5 **Marketing:** Vendor agrees to allow Region 10 ESC and Equalis Group to use their name and logo within website, marketing materials and advertisement. Any use of the Region 10 ESC or Equalis Group name and logo or any form of publicity, inclusive of press releases, regarding this contract by Vendor must have prior approval from Region 10 ESC.

13.6 **Insurance:** Unless otherwise modified elsewhere in this document, prior to commencing services under this contract for a participating member, contractor shall procure, provide and maintain during the life of this agreement comprehensive public liability insurance to include course of construction insurance and automobile liability, providing limits of not less than \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence. The insurance form will be an "all risk" type of policy with standard exclusions. Coverage will include temporary structures, scaffolding, temporary office trailers, materials, and equipment. Contractor shall pay for the deductibles required by the insurance provided under this agreement.

Certificates of insurance shall be delivered to the participant prior to commencement of work. The insurance company shall be licensed to do business and write the appropriate lines of insurance in the applicable state in which work is being conducted. Vendor shall give the participating entity a minimum of ten (10) days notice prior to any modifications or cancellation of policies. Vendor shall require all subcontractors performing any work to maintain coverage as specified.

Prior to commencing any work under this contract, any subcontractor shall also procure, provide, and maintain, at its own expense until final acceptance of the work performed, insurance coverage in a form acceptable to the prime contractor. All subcontractors shall provide worker's compensation insurance which waives all subrogation rights against the prime contractor and member.

13.7 **Subcontracts/Sub Contractors:** If Vendor serves as prime contractor, it shall not enter into any subcontract subject to this solicitation without prior approval from Region 10 ESC. Any/all subcontractors shall abide by the terms and conditions of this contract and the solicitation.

No subcontract relationships shall be entered into with a party not licensed to do business in the jurisdiction in which the work will be performed. Contractor must use subcontractors openly, include such arrangements in the proposal, and certify upon request that such use complies with the rules associated with the procurement codes and statutes in the state in which the contractor is conducting business.

Contractor agrees to pay subcontractors in a timely manner. Failure to pay subcontractors for work faithfully performed and properly invoiced may result in suspension or termination of this contract. Prior to participating member's release of final retained amounts, Contractor shall produce verified statements from all subcontractors and material suppliers that those entities have been paid in full amounts due and owing to them.

13.8 **Legal Obligations:** It is the Respondent's responsibility to be aware of and comply with all local, state, and federal laws governing the sale of products/services identified in this RFP and any awarded contract and shall comply with all while fulfilling the RFP. Applicable laws and regulation must be followed even if not specifically identified herein.

13.9 **Boycott Certification:** Respondents hereby certify that during the term of any Agreement, it does not boycott Israel and will not boycott Israel. "Boycott" means refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations specifically with Israel, or with a person or entity doing business in Israel or in an Israeli-controlled territory, but does not include an action made for ordinary business purposes.

13.10 **Venue:** All parties agree that venue for any litigation arising from this contract shall lie in Richardson, Dallas County, Texas, and that the laws of the State of Texas shall govern the rights of the parties and the validity and interpretation of any purchase order, contract, or service agreement that shall arise from and include this proposal request.

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**CONTRACT SIGNATURE FORM**

The undersigned hereby proposes and agrees to furnish goods and/or services in strict compliance with the terms, specifications and conditions at the prices proposed within response unless noted in writing. The undersigned further certifies that he/she is an officer of the company and has authority to negotiate and bind the company named below and has not prepared this proposal in collusion with any other Respondent and that the contents of this proposal as to prices, terms or conditions of said proposal have not been communicated by the undersigned nor by any employee or agent to any person engaged in this type of business prior to the official opening of this proposal.

Prices are guaranteed: **120 days**

Company name

Address

City/State/Zip

Telephone No.

Fax No.

Email address

Printed name

Position with company

Authorized signature

**Acknowledgement of Addendum #1 :** \_\_\_\_\_

**Term of contract** \_\_\_\_\_ **to** \_\_\_\_\_

Unless otherwise stated, all contracts are for a period of **three (3)** years with an option to renew annually for an additional **two (2)** years if agreed to by Region 10 ESC. Vendor shall honor all administrative fees for any sales made based on the contract whether renewed or not.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Region 10 ESC Authorized Agent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

**Equalis Group Contract Number** \_\_\_\_\_

## **Appendix B: PRODUCT / SERVICES SPECIFICATIONS**

### **Products and Services Covered:**

It is the intention of Region 10 ESC to establish a contract with Respondent(s) for a complete and comprehensive line of Educational School Supplies. Respondent(s) are encouraged to propose their complete catalog, products and services including but not limited to the following categories:

- Overall school supplies shall include, but not be limited to
  - School supply consumables
  - Writing instruments
  - Arts and Craft Supplies
  - Classroom resources
- Educational Supplies shall include, but not be limited to
  - School equipment
  - Physical education supplies
  - Educational technology
  - Lesson plans and curriculums
  - Special needs supplies
  - Audio-Visual Technology
  - Math supplies
  - Science supplies and equipment
  - Educational consumables
  - Early Childhood
  - Games & Puzzles

Other complimentary products and services not part of the primary scope but will be considered include but are not limited to the following:

- School and classroom Safety and Security training, supplies, and services
- Bus and Crosswalk Safety and Security training, supplies, and services
- On-site and online Professional Development Services, including webinars
- Supplemental Curriculum programs, resources, products, services and suppliers
- School and early childhood furniture
- IT peripherals

## Appendix C: PRICING

### Core Price List – Attachment B (Core Price list)

- Respondents are encouraged to include all high-volume products/services within the scope of this RFP they deem are necessary to show a complete core price list
- Respondents should complete as many products/lines in attachment b as they service, and responses must contain the following: *(if applicable)*
  - Vendor/Distributor Product Number
  - Manufacturer Product Number
  - Product Description
  - Manufacturer Name
  - Product Brand Name (if different than the manufacturer name)
  - Purchase unit of measure (UOM)
  - Unit List Price (this is the suggested List Price which must be verifiable)
  - Discount from the list price (Equalis Group Discount)
  - Final Price (Net price to Equalis Group participating public agencies)
- Additional rebates, discount off list or other price value will be considered
- Products/lines completed will be used to establish the extent of a manufacturer's product lines, services, warranties, etc. that are available from a particular Respondent and the pricing per item.
- Services such as installation, delivery, tech support, training, and other services must be priced or listed as free in order to be offered on the contract. Unlisted services will not be accepted.  
***For the electronic copy, please submit price lists and/or catalogs in excel or delimited format only.***

### General Pricing

- In addition to the prices offered in Attachment B (core price list), respondents shall provide a calculation for pricing on all other products under the scope of this RFP.
- The calculation should be based on a discount from a verifiable price list or catalog and multiple percentage discounts are acceptable if, where different percentage discounts apply, different percentages are specified.
- Additional pricing and/or discounts may be included.

### Not to Exceed Pricing

- Region 10 ESC requests pricing be submitted as not to exceed for any participating entity.
- Unlike fixed pricing the awarded vendor can adjust submitted pricing lower if needed but, cannot exceed original pricing submitted for solicitation.
- Vendor must allow for lower pricing to be available for similar product and service purchases.

**Appendix D: GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS ACCEPTANCE FORM**

*Signature on the Vendor Contract Signature form certifies complete acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions in this solicitation, except as noted below (additional pages may be attached, if necessary).*

**Check one of the following responses to the General Terms and Conditions:**

We take no exceptions/deviations to the general terms and conditions

*(Note: If none are listed below, it is understood that no exceptions/deviations are taken.)*

We take the following exceptions/deviations to the general terms and conditions. All exceptions/deviations must be clearly explained. Reference the corresponding general terms and conditions that you are taking exceptions/deviations to. Clearly state if you are adding additions terms and conditions to the general terms and conditions. Provide details on your exceptions/deviations below:

*(Note: Unacceptable exceptions shall remove your proposal from consideration for award. Region 10 ESC shall be the sole judge on the acceptance of exceptions/deviations and the decision shall be final.)*

## Appendix E: QUESTIONNAIRE

Please provide responses to the following questions that address your company's operations, organization, structure and processes for providing products and services.

### 1. States Covered

Respondent must indicate any and all states where products and services can be offered.

**Please indicate the price co-efficient for each state if it varies.**

**50 States & District of Columbia** (Selecting this box is equal to checking all boxes below)

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alabama              | <input type="checkbox"/> Montana        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alaska               | <input type="checkbox"/> Nebraska       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arizona              | <input type="checkbox"/> Nevada         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arkansas             | <input type="checkbox"/> New Hampshire  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> California           | <input type="checkbox"/> New Jersey     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Colorado             | <input type="checkbox"/> New Mexico     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Connecticut          | <input type="checkbox"/> New York       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Delaware             | <input type="checkbox"/> North Carolina |
| <input type="checkbox"/> District of Columbia | <input type="checkbox"/> North Dakota   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Florida              | <input type="checkbox"/> Ohio           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Georgia              | <input type="checkbox"/> Oklahoma       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hawaii               | <input type="checkbox"/> Oregon         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Idaho                | <input type="checkbox"/> Pennsylvania   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Illinois             | <input type="checkbox"/> Rhode Island   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Indiana              | <input type="checkbox"/> South Carolina |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Iowa                 | <input type="checkbox"/> South Dakota   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kansas               | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennessee      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kentucky             | <input type="checkbox"/> Texas          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Louisiana            | <input type="checkbox"/> Utah           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Maine                | <input type="checkbox"/> Vermont        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Maryland             | <input type="checkbox"/> Virginia       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Massachusetts        | <input type="checkbox"/> Washington     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Michigan             | <input type="checkbox"/> West Virginia  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Minnesota            | <input type="checkbox"/> Wisconsin      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mississippi          | <input type="checkbox"/> Wyoming        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Missouri             |   |

**All U.S. Territories & Outlying Areas** (Selecting this box is equal to checking all boxes below)

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Samoa                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Marina Islands |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Federated States of Micronesia | <input type="checkbox"/> Puerto Rico             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Guam                           | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Virgin Islands     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Midway Islands                 |  |



**2. Diversity Programs**

- Do you currently have a diversity program or any diversity partners that you do business with? Yes No
- If the answer is yes, do you plan to offer your program or partnership through Equalis Group Yes No

*(If the answer is yes, attach a statement detailing the structure of your program, along with a list of your diversity alliances and a copy of their certifications.)*

- Will the products accessible through your diversity program or partnership be offered to Equalis Group members at the same pricing offered by your company? Yes No

*(If answer is no, attach a statement detailing how pricing for participants would be calculated.)*

**3. Diverse Vendor Certification Participation**

It is the policy of some entities participating in Equalis Group to involve minority and women business enterprises (M/WBE), small and/or disadvantaged business enterprises, disable veterans business enterprises, historically utilized businesses (HUB) and other diversity recognized businesses in the purchase of goods and services. Respondents shall indicate below whether or not they hold certification in any of the classified areas and include proof of such certification with their response.

**a. Minority Women Business Enterprise**

Respondent certifies that this firm is an MWBE Yes No

List certifying agency: \_\_\_\_\_

**b. Small Business Enterprise (SBE) or Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)**

Respondent certifies that this firm is a SBE or DBE Yes No

List certifying agency: \_\_\_\_\_

**c. Disabled Veterans Business Enterprise (DVBE)**

Respondent certifies that this firm is a DVBE Yes No

List certifying agency: \_\_\_\_\_

**d. Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUB)**

Respondent certifies that this firm is a HUB Yes No

List certifying agency: \_\_\_\_\_

**e. Historically Underutilized Business Zone Enterprise (HUBZone)**

Respondent certifies that this firm is a HUBZone Yes No

List certifying agency: \_\_\_\_\_

**f. Other**

Respondent certifies that this firm is a recognized diversity Yes No

certificate holder

List certifying agency: \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Residency**

Responding Company's principal place of business is in the city of \_\_\_\_\_ State of \_\_\_\_.

**5. Felony Conviction Notice**

Please check applicable box:

- A publicly held corporation; therefore, this reporting requirement is not applicable.
- Is not owned or operated by anyone who has been convicted of a felony.
- Is owned or operated by the following individual(s) who has/have been convicted of a felony.

\*If the 3<sup>rd</sup> box is checked a detailed explanation of the names and convictions must be attached.

**6. Processing Information**

Company contact for:

Contract Management

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing & Reporting/Accounts Payable

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Marketing

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**7. Distribution Channel: Which best describes your company's position in the distribution channel:**

- Manufacturer direct
- Certified education/government reseller
- Authorized distributor
- Manufacturer marketing through reseller
- Value-added reseller
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**8. Pricing Information**

- In addition to the current typical unit pricing furnished herein, the Vendor agrees to offer all future product introductions at prices that are proportionate to Contract Pricing.  Yes  No  
*(If answer is no, attach a statement detailing how pricing for participants would be calculated.)*
- Pricing submitted includes the required administrative fee.  Yes  No  
*(Fee calculated based on invoice price to customer)*
- Additional discounts for purchase of a guaranteed quantity?  Yes  No

**9. Cooperative/Group Purchasing Experience**

List all cooperative and/or government group purchasing organizations of which your company is currently a member below.

| Cooperative/GPO Name | Contract Number | Expiration Date |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| _____                | _____           | _____           |
| _____                | _____           | _____           |
| _____                | _____           | _____           |
| _____                | _____           | _____           |
| _____                | _____           | _____           |
| _____                | _____           | _____           |
| _____                | _____           | _____           |

## Appendix F: COMPANY PROFILE

Please provide the following:

### General Profile

1. Company's official registered name.
2. Brief history of your company, including the year it was established.
3. Company's Dun & Bradstreet (D&B) number.
4. Corporate office location.
5. List the total number of sales persons employed by your organization within the United States, broken down by market.
6. List the number and location of offices, or service centers for all states being proposed in solicitation. Additionally, list the names of key contacts at each location with title, address, phone and e-mail address.
7. Please provide contact information for the person(s) who will be responsible for the following areas, including resumes:
  - a. Sales
  - b. Sales Support
  - c. Marketing
  - d. Financial Reporting
  - e. Executive Support
8. Define your standard terms of payment.
9. Who is your competition in the marketplace?
10. Overall annual sales for last three (3) years;
11. Overall public sector sales, excluding Federal Government, for last three (3) years;
12. What is your strategy to increase market share?
13. What differentiates your company from competitors?
14. Describe the capabilities and functionality of your firm's on-line catalog/ordering website.
15. Describe your company's Customer Service Department (hours of operation, number of service centers, etc.).
16. Provide information regarding whether your firm, either presently or in the past, has been involved in any litigation, bankruptcy, or reorganization.

## Marketing/Sales

17. Detail how your organization plans to market this contract within the first 90 days of the award date. This should include, but not be limited to:
  - a. A co-branded press release within first 30 days
  - b. Announcement of award through any applicable social media sites
  - c. Direct mail campaigns
  - d. Co-branded collateral pieces
  - e. Advertisement of contract in regional or national publications
  - f. Participation in trade shows
  - g. Dedicated Equalis Group and Region 10 ESC internet web-based homepage with:
    - i. Equalis Group and Region 10 ESC Logo
    - ii. Link to Equalis Group and Region 10 ESC website
    - iii. Summary of contract and services offered
    - iv. Due Diligence Documents including; copy of solicitation, copy of contract and any amendments, marketing materials
18. Describe how your company will demonstrate the benefits of this contract to eligible entities if awarded.
19. Explain how your company plans to market this agreement to existing government customers.
20. Provide a detailed 90-day plan describing how the contract will be implemented within your firm.
21. Describe how you intend on train your national sales force on the Region 10 ESC agreement.
22. Acknowledge that your organization agrees to provide its company logo(s) to Region 10 ESC and agrees to provide permission for reproduction of such logo in marketing communications and promotions.
23. Provide the revenue that your organization anticipates each year for the first three (3) years of this agreement.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ in year one

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ in year two

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ in year three

## Administration

24. Describe your company's implementation and success with existing cooperative purchasing programs, if any, and provide the cooperative's name(s), contact person(s) and contact information as reference(s).
25. Describe the capacity of your company to report monthly sales through this agreement.
26. Describe the capacity of your company to provide management reports, i.e. consolidated billing by location, time and attendance reports, etc. for each eligible agency.

27. Please provide any suggested improvements and alternatives for doing business with your company that will make this arrangement more cost effective for your company and Participating Public Agencies.

### **Green Initiatives**

We are committed to helping to build a cleaner future! As our purchasing network, we want to make sure we minimize our impact on the Earth's climate. So we are taking every step we can to implement innovative and responsible environmental practices throughout Region 10 ESC to [reduce our carbon footprint](#), reduce waste, promote energy conservation, ensure [efficient computing](#), and much more. We would like vendors to partner with us in this enterprise. To that effort, we ask Respondents to provide their company's environmental policy and/or green initiative.

28. Please provide your company's environmental policy and/or green initiative.

### **Vendor Certifications (if applicable)**

29. Provide a copy of all current licenses, registrations and certifications issued by federal, state and local agencies, and any other licenses, registrations or certifications from any other governmental entity with jurisdiction, allowing Respondent to perform the covered services including, but not limited to licenses, registrations or certifications. M/WBE, HUB, DVBE, small and disadvantaged business certifications and other diverse business certifications, as well as manufacturer certifications for sales and service must be included if applicable.

### **References**

30. Provide a minimum of three (3) customer references for product and/or services of similar scope dating within the past 3 years. Please try to provide an equal number of references for K12, Higher Education and City/County entities. Provide the following information for each reference:

Entity Name  
Contact Name and Title  
City and State  
Phone Number  
Years Serviced  
Description of Services  
Annual Volume

**Appendix G: VALUE ADD**

Please include any additional products and/or services not included in the scope of the solicitation that you think will enhance and/or add value to this contract participating agencies.

## **Appendix H: ADDITIONAL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**

- DOC #1 Clean Air and Water Act
- DOC #2 Debarment Notice
- DOC #3 Lobbying Certification
- DOC #4 Contractors Requirements
- DOC #5 Antitrust Certification Statement
- DOC #6 Implementation of House Bill 1295
- DOC #7 Boycott Certification
- DOC #8 Terrorist State Certification
- DOC #9 Resident Certification

### **FOR VENDORS INTENDING TO DO BUSINESS IN ARIZONA:**

- DOC #10 Arizona Contractor Requirements

### **FOR VENDORS INTENDING TO DO BUSINESS IN NEW JERSEY:**

- DOC #11 Ownership Disclosure Form
- DOC #12 Non-Collusion Affidavit
- DOC #13 Affirmative Action Affidavit
- DOC #14 Political Contribution Disclosure Form
- DOC #15 Stockholder Disclosure Form

New Jersey vendors are also required to comply with the following New Jersey statutes when applicable:

- All anti-discrimination laws, including those contained in N.J.S.A. 10:2-1 through N.J.S.A. 10:2-14, N.J.S.A. 10:5-1, and N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 through 10:5-38.
- Compliance with Prevailing Wage Act, N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.26, for all contracts within the contemplation of the Act.
- Compliance with Public Works Contractor Registration Act, N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.26
- Bid and Performance Security, as required by the applicable municipal or state statutes.



**DOC #1 CLEAN AIR AND WATER ACT**

I, the Vendor, am in compliance with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act of 1970, as Amended (42 U.S. C. 1857 (h), Section 508 of the Clean Water Act, as amended (33 U.S.C. 1368), Executive Order 117389 and Environmental Protection Agency Regulation, 40 CFR Part 15 as required under OMB Circular A-102, Attachment O, Paragraph 14 (1) regarding reporting violations to the grantor agency and to the United States Environment Protection Agency Assistant Administrator for the Enforcement.

Potential Vendor: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Authorized Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**DOC #2 DEBARMENT NOTICE**

I, the Vendor, certify that my company has not been debarred, suspended or otherwise ineligible for participation in Federal Assistance programs under Executive Order 12549, "Debarment and Suspension", as described in the Federal Register and Rules and Regulations.

Potential Vendor: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Authorized Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**DOC #3 LOBBYING CERTIFICATION**

Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction and is imposed by Section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his/her knowledge and belief, that:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of a Federal contract, the making of a Federal grant, the making of a Federal loan, the entering into a cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of a Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," in accordance with its instructions.
3. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all covered sub-awards exceeding \$100,000 in Federal funds at all appropriate tiers and that all sub-recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Respondent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## **DOC #4 CONTRACTOR CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

### **Contractor's Employment Eligibility**

By entering the contract, Contractor warrants compliance with the Federal Immigration and Nationality Act (FINA), and all other federal and state immigration laws and regulations. The Contractor further warrants that it is in compliance with the various state statutes of the states it will operate this contract in.

Participating Government Entities including School Districts may request verification of compliance from any Contractor or subcontractor performing work under this Contract. These Entities reserve the right to confirm compliance in accordance with applicable laws.

Should the Participating Entities suspect or find that the Contractor or any of its subcontractors are not in compliance, they may pursue any and all remedies allowed by law, including, but not limited to: suspension of work, termination of the Contract for default, and suspension and/or debarment of the Contractor. All costs necessary to verify compliance are the responsibility of the Contractor.

The Respondent complies and maintains compliance with the appropriate statutes which requires compliance with federal immigration laws by State employers, State contractors and State subcontractors in accordance with the E-Verify Employee Eligibility Verification Program.

Contractor shall comply with governing board policy of the Region 10 ESC Participating entities in which work is being performed.

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### **Fingerprint & Criminal Background Checks**

If required to provide services on school district property at least five (5) times during a month, contractor shall submit a full set of fingerprints to the school district if requested of each person or employee who may provide such service. Alternately, the school district may fingerprint those persons or employees. An exception to this requirement may be made as authorized in Governing Board policy. The district shall conduct a fingerprint check in accordance with the appropriate state and federal laws of all contractors, subcontractors or vendors and their employees for which fingerprints are submitted to the district. Contractor, subcontractors, vendors and their employees shall not provide services on school district properties until authorized by the District.

The Respondent shall comply with fingerprinting requirements in accordance with appropriate statutes in the state in which the work is being performed unless otherwise exempted.

Contractor shall comply with governing board policy in the school district or Participating Entity in which work is being performed.

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### **Business Operations in Sudan, Iran**

In accordance with A.R.S. 35-391 and A.R.S. 35-393, the Contractor hereby certifies that the contractor does not have scrutinized business operations in Sudan and/or Iran.

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Signature of Respondent

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Date

**DOC #5 ANTITRUST CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS**

**(Tex. Government Code § 2155.005)**

I affirm under penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of Texas that:

- (1) I am duly authorized to execute this contract on my own behalf or on behalf of the company, corporation, firm, partnership or individual (Company) listed below;
- (2) In connection with this proposal, neither I nor any representative of the Company has violated any provision of the Texas Free Enterprise and Antitrust Act, Tex. Bus. & Comm. Code Chapter 15;
- (3) In connection with this proposal, neither I nor any representative of the Company has violated any federal antitrust law; and
- (4) Neither I nor any representative of the Company has directly or indirectly communicated any of the contents of this proposal to a competitor of the Company or any other company, corporation, firm, partnership or individual engaged in the same line of business as the Company.

**VENDOR** \_\_\_\_\_

**RESPONDANT**

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Position with Company

**PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_

**AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL**

**FAX** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Position with Company

## **DOC #6 IMPLEMENTATION OF HOUSE BILL 1295**

### **Certificate of Interested Parties (Form 1295):**

In 2015, the Texas Legislature adopted House Bill 1295, which added section 2252.908 of the Government Code. The law states that a governmental entity or state agency may not enter into certain contracts with a business entity unless the business entity submits a disclosure of interested parties to the governmental entity or state agency at the time the business entity submits the signed contract to the governmental entity or state agency. The law applies only to a contract of a governmental entity or state agency that either (1) requires an action or vote by the governing body of the entity or agency before the contract may be signed or (2) has a value of at least \$1 million. The disclosure requirement applies to a contract entered into on or after January 1, 2016.

The Texas Ethics Commission was required to adopt rules necessary to implement that law, prescribe the disclosure of interested parties form, and post a copy of the form on the commission's website. The commission adopted the Certificate of Interested Parties form (Form 1295) on October 5, 2015. The commission also adopted new rules (Chapter 46) on November 30, 2015, to implement the law. The commission does not have any additional authority to enforce or interpret House Bill 1295.

### **Filing Process:**

Starting on January 1, 2016, the commission will make available on its website a new filing application that must be used to file Form 1295. A business entity must use the application to enter the required information on Form 1295 and print a copy of the completed form, which will include a certification of filing that will contain a unique certification number. An authorized agent of the business entity must sign the printed copy of the form and have the form notarized. The completed Form 1295 with the certification of filing must be filed with the governmental body or state agency with which the business entity is entering into the contract.

The governmental entity or state agency must notify the commission, using the commission's filing application, of the receipt of the filed Form 1295 with the certification of filing not later than the 30th day after the date the contract binds all parties to the contract. The commission will post the completed Form 1295 to its website within seven business days after receiving notice from the governmental entity or state agency.

Information regarding how to use the filing application will be available on this site starting on January 1, 2016.

[https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf\\_info\\_form1295.htm](https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf_info_form1295.htm)

**DOC #7 BOYCOTT CERTIFICATION**

Respondents must certify that during the term of any Agreement, it does not boycott Israel and will not boycott Israel. "Boycott" means refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations specifically with Israel, or with a person or entity doing business in Israel or in an Israeli-controlled territory, but does not include an action made for ordinary business purposes.

**DOC #8 TERRORIST STATE CERTIFICATION**

In accordance with Texas Government Code, Chapter 2252, Subchapter F, REGION 10 ESC is prohibited from entering into a contract with a company that is identified on a list prepared and maintained by the Texas Comptroller or the State Pension Review Board under Texas Government Code Sections 806.051, 807.051, or 2252.153. By execution of any agreement, the respondent certifies to REGION 10 ESC that it is not a listed company under any of those Texas Government Code provisions. Responders must voluntarily and knowingly acknowledge and agree that any agreement shall be null and void should facts arise leading the REGION 10 ESC to believe that the respondent was a listed company at the time of this procurement.

**DOC #9 RESIDENT CERTIFICATION:**

This Certification Section must be completed and submitted before a proposal can be awarded to your company. This information may be placed in an envelope labeled "Proprietary" and is not subject to public view. In order for a proposal to be considered, the following information must be provided. Failure to complete may result in rejection of the proposal:

As defined by Texas House Bill 602, a "nonresident Bidder" means a Bidder whose principal place of business is not in Texas, but excludes a contractor whose ultimate parent company or majority owner has its principal place of business in Texas.

Texas or Non-Texas Resident

- I certify that my company is a "**resident Bidder**"
- I certify that my company qualifies as a "**nonresident Bidder**"

If you qualify as a "nonresident Bidder," you must furnish the following information:

What is your resident state? (The state your principal place of business is located.)

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|              |         |
|--------------|---------|
| Company Name | Address |
|--------------|---------|

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|      |       |     |
|------|-------|-----|
| City | State | Zip |
|------|-------|-----|

**AZ Compliance with Federal and state requirements:** Contractor agrees when working on any federally assisted projects with more than \$2,000.00 in labor costs, to comply with all federal and state requirements, as well as Equal Opportunity Employment requirements and all other federal and state laws, statutes, etc. Contractor agrees to post wage rates at the work site and submit a copy of their payroll to the member for their files. Contractor must retain records for three years to allow the federal grantor agency access to these records, upon demand. Contractor also agrees to comply with the Arizona Executive Order 75-5, as amended by Executive Order 99-4.

When working on contracts funded with Federal Grant monies, contractor additionally agrees to comply with the administrative requirements for grants, and cooperative agreements to state, local and federally recognized Indian Tribal Governments.

**AZ Compliance with workforce requirements:** Pursuant to ARS 41-4401, Contractor and subcontractor(s) warrant their compliance with all federal and state immigration laws and regulations that relate to their employees, and compliance with ARS 23-214 subsection A, which states, "...every employer, after hiring an employee, shall verify the employment eligibility of the employee through the E-Verify program" Region 10 ESC reserves the right to cancel or suspend the use of any contract for violations of immigration laws and regulations. Region 10 ESC and its members reserve the right to inspect the papers of any contractor or subcontract employee who works under this contract to ensure compliance with the warranty above.

**AZ Contractor Employee Work Eligibility:** By entering into this contract, contractor agrees and warrants compliance with A.R.S. 41-4401, A.R.S. 23-214, the Federal Immigration and Nationality Act (FINA), and all other Federal immigration laws and regulations. Region 10 ESC and/or Region 10 ESC members may request verification of compliance from any contractor or sub contractor performing work under this contract. Region 10 ESC and Region 10 ESC members reserve the right to confirm compliance. In the event that Region 10 ESC or Region 10 ESC members suspect or find that any contractor or subcontractor is not in compliance, Region 10 ESC may pursue any and all remedies allowed by law, including but not limited to suspension of work, termination of contract, suspension and/or debarment of the contractor. All cost associated with any legal action will be the responsibility of the contractor.

**AZ Non-Compliance:** All federally assisted contracts to members that exceed \$10,000.00 may be terminated by the federal grantee for noncompliance by contractor. In projects that are not federally funded, Respondent must agree to meet any federal, state or local requirements as necessary. In addition, if compliance with the federal regulations increases the contract costs beyond the agreed on costs in this solicitation, the additional costs may only apply to the portion of the work paid by the federal grantee.

**Registered Sex Offender Restrictions (Arizona):** For work to be performed at an Arizona school, contractor agrees that no employee or employee of a subcontractor who has been adjudicated to be a registered sex offender will perform work at any time when students are present, or reasonably expected to be present. Contractor agrees that a violation of this condition shall be considered a material breach and may result in the cancellation of the purchase order at the Region 10 ESC member's discretion. Contractor must identify any additional costs associated with compliance to this term. If no costs are specified, compliance with this term will be provided at no additional charge.



**Offshore Performance of Work Prohibited:** Due to security and identity protection concerns, direct services under this contract shall be performed within the borders of the United States.

**Terrorism Country Divestments:** In accordance with A.R.S. 35-392, Region 10 ESC and Region 10 ESC members are prohibited from purchasing from a company that is in violation of the Export Administration Act. By entering into the contract, contractor warrants compliance with the Export Administration Act.

The undersigned hereby accepts and agrees to comply with all statutory compliance and notice requirements listed in this document.

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Signature of Respondent

Date

**DOC #11 OWNERSHIP DISCLOSURE FORM (N.J.S. 52:25-24.2)**

Pursuant to the requirements of P.L. 1999, Chapter 440 effective April 17, 2000 (Local Public Contracts Law), the Respondent shall complete the form attached to these specifications listing the persons owning 10 percent (10%) or more of the firm presenting the proposal.

**Company Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State, Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Complete as appropriate:**

I \_\_\_\_\_, certify that I am the sole owner of \_\_\_\_\_, that there are no partners and the business is not incorporated, and the provisions of N.J.S. 52:25-24.2 do not apply.

**OR:**

I \_\_\_\_\_, a partner in \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby certify that the following is a list of all individual partners who own a 10% or greater interest therein. I further certify that if one (1) or more of the partners is itself a corporation or partnership, there is also set forth the names and addresses of the stockholders holding 10% or more of that corporation's stock or the individual partners owning 10% or greater interest in that partnership.

**OR:**

I \_\_\_\_\_, an authorized representative of \_\_\_\_\_, a corporation, do hereby certify that the following is a list of the names and addresses of all stockholders in the corporation who own 10% or more of its stock of any class. I further certify that if one (1) or more of such stockholders is itself a corporation or partnership, that there is also set forth the names and addresses of the stockholders holding 10% or more of the corporation's stock or the individual partners owning a 10% or greater interest in that partnership.

**(Note: If there are no partners or stockholders owning 10% or more interest, indicate none.)**

| <b>Name</b> | <b>Address</b> | <b>Interest</b> |
|-------------|----------------|-----------------|
| _____       | _____          | _____           |
| _____       | _____          | _____           |
| _____       | _____          | _____           |

I further certify that the statements and information contained herein, are complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Authorized Signature and Title**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

**DOC #12 NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT**

**Company Name:**

**Street:**

**City, State, Zip Code:**

*State of New Jersey*

County of \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
Name City

in the County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_ of  
full age, being duly sworn according to law on my oath depose and say that:

I am the \_\_\_\_\_ of the firm of \_\_\_\_\_  
Title Company Name

*the Respondent making the Proposal for the goods, services or public work specified under the Harrison Township Board of Education attached proposal, and that I executed the said proposal with full authority to do so; that said Respondent has not directly or indirectly entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free, competitive bidding in connection with the above proposal, and that all statements contained in said bid proposal and in this affidavit are true and correct, and made with full knowledge that the Harrison Township Board of Education relies upon the truth of the statements contained in said bid proposal and in the statements contained in this affidavit in awarding the contract for the said goods, services or public work.*

*I further warrant that no person or selling agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure such contract upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee, except bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial or selling agencies maintained by*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signature & Title

Subscribed and sworn before me

this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public of New Jersey  
My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

SEAL

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

**Bid Proposal Certification:**

Indicate below your compliance with New Jersey Affirmative Action regulations. Your proposal will be accepted even if you are not in compliance at this time. No contract and/or purchase order may be issued, however, until all Affirmative Action requirements are met.

**Required Affirmative Action Evidence:**

Procurement, Professional & Service Contracts (Exhibit A)

Vendors must submit with proposal:

- 1. A photo copy of their Federal Letter of Affirmative Action Plan Approval \_\_\_\_\_  
OR
- 2. A photo copy of their Certificate of Employee Information Report \_\_\_\_\_  
OR
- 3. A complete Affirmative Action Employee Information Report (AA302) \_\_\_\_\_

**Public Work – Over \$50,000 Total Project Cost:**

A. No approved Federal or New Jersey Affirmative Action Plan. We will complete Report Form AA201-A upon receipt from the Harrison Township Board of Education \_\_\_\_\_

B. Approved Federal or New Jersey Plan – certificate enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

I further certify that the statements and information contained herein, are complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Authorized Signature and Title**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

**P.L. 1995, c. 127 (N.J.A.C. 17:27)**

**MANDATORY AFFIRMATIVE ACTION LANGUAGE**

**PROCUREMENT, PROFESSIONAL AND SERVICE CONTRACTS**

During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, sex, affectional or sexual orientation. The contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that such applicants are recruited

and employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, sex, affectional or sexual orientation. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the Public Agency Compliance Officer setting forth provisions of this non-discrimination clause.

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable will, in all solicitations or advertisement for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, sex, affectional or sexual orientation.

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice, to be provided by the agency contracting officer advising the labor union or workers' representative of the contractor's commitments under this act and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, agrees to comply with any regulations promulgated by the Treasurer pursuant to P.L. 1975, c. 127, as amended and supplemented from time to time and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The contractor or subcontractor agrees to attempt in good faith to employ minority and female workers trade consistent with the applicable county employment goal prescribed by N.J.A.C. 17:27-5.2 promulgated by the Treasurer pursuant to P.L. 1975, C.127, as amended and supplemented from time to time or in accordance with a binding determination of the applicable county employment goals determined by the Affirmative Action Office pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:27-5.2 promulgated by the Treasurer pursuant to P.L. 1975, C.127, as amended and supplemented from time to time.

The contractor or subcontractor agrees to inform in writing appropriate recruitment agencies in the area, including employment agencies, placement bureaus, colleges, universities, labor unions, that it does not discriminate on the basis of age, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, sex, affectional or sexual orientation, and that it will discontinue the use of any recruitment agency which engages in direct or indirect discriminatory practices.

The contractor or subcontractor agrees to revise any of its testing procedures, if necessary, to assure that all personnel testing conforms with the principles of job-related testing, as established by the statutes and court decisions of the state of New Jersey and as established by applicable Federal law and applicable Federal court decisions.

The contractor or subcontractor agrees to review all procedures relating to transfer, upgrading, downgrading and lay-off to ensure that all such actions are taken without regard to age, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, sex, affectional or sexual orientation, and conform with the applicable employment goals, consistent with the statutes and court decisions of the State of New Jersey, and applicable Federal law and applicable Federal court decisions.

The contractor and its subcontractors shall furnish such reports or other documents to the Affirmative Action Office as may be requested by the office from time to time in order to carry out the purposes of these regulations, and public agencies shall furnish such information as may be requested by the Affirmative Action Office for conducting a compliance investigation pursuant to Subchapter 10 of the Administrative Code (NJAC 17:27).

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Signature of Procurement Agent

**Public Agency Instructions**

This page provides guidance to public agencies entering into contracts with business entities that are required to file Political Contribution Disclosure forms with the agency. **It is not intended to be provided to contractors.** What follows are instructions on the use of form local units can provide to contractors that are required to disclose political contributions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26 (P.L. 2005, c. 271, s.2).

Additional information on the process is available in Local Finance Notice 2006-1

([www.nj.gov/dca/lgs/lfnslfnmenu.shtml](http://www.nj.gov/dca/lgs/lfnslfnmenu.shtml)).

1. The disclosure is required for all contracts in excess of \$17,500 that are **not awarded** pursuant to a “fair and open” process (N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7).
2. Due to the potential length of some contractor submissions, the public agency should consider allowing data to be submitted in electronic form (i.e., spreadsheet, pdf file, etc.). Submissions must be kept with the contract documents or in an appropriate computer file and be available for public access. **The form is worded to accept this alternate submission.** The text should be amended if electronic submission will not be allowed.
3. The submission must be **received from the contractor and** on file at least 10 days prior to award of the contract. Resolutions of award should reflect that the disclosure has been received and is on file.
4. The contractor must disclose contributions made to candidate and party committees covering a wide range of public agencies, including all public agencies that have elected officials in the county of the public agency, state legislative positions, and various state entities. The Division of Local Government Services recommends that contractors be provided a list of the affected agencies. This will assist contractors in determining the campaign and political committees of the officials and candidates affected by the disclosure.
  - a) The Division has prepared model disclosure forms for each county. They can be downloaded from the “County PCD Forms” link on the Pay-to-Play web site at [www.nj.gov/dca/lgs/p2p](http://www.nj.gov/dca/lgs/p2p). They will be updated from time-to-time as necessary.
  - b) A public agency using these forms **should edit them to properly reflect the correct legislative district(s)**. As the forms are county-based, **they list all legislative districts** in each county. **Districts that do not represent the public agency should be removed from the lists.**
  - c) Some contractors may find it easier to provide a single list that covers all contributions, regardless of the county. These submissions are appropriate and should be accepted.
  - d) The form may be used “as-is”, subject to edits as described herein.
  - e) The “Contractor Instructions” sheet is intended to be provided with the form. It is recommended that the Instructions and the form be printed on the same piece of paper. The form notes that the Instructions are printed on the back of the form; where that is not the case, the text should be edited accordingly.
  - f) The form is a Word document and can be edited to meet local needs, and posted for download on web sites, used as an e-mail attachment, or provided as a printed document.
5. It is recommended that the contractor also complete a “Stockholder Disclosure Certification.” This will assist the local unit in its obligation to ensure that contractor did not make any prohibited contributions to the committees listed on the Business Entity Disclosure Certification in the 12 months prior to the contract. (See Local Finance Notice 2006-7 for additional information on this obligation) A sample Certification form is part of this package and the instruction to complete it is included in the Contractor Instructions. **NOTE: This section is not applicable to Boards of Education.**

## C. 271 POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION DISCLOSURE FORM

### Contractor Instructions

Business entities (contractors) receiving contracts from a public agency that are NOT awarded pursuant to a “fair and open” process (defined at N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7) are subject to the provisions of P.L. 2005, c. 271, s.2 (N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26). This law provides that 10 days prior to the award of such a contract, the contractor shall disclose contributions to:

- any State, county, or municipal committee of a political party
- any legislative leadership committee\*
- any continuing political committee (a.k.a., political action committee)
- any candidate committee of a candidate for, or holder of, an elective office:
  - of the public entity awarding the contract
  - of that county in which that public entity is located
  - of another public entity within that county
  - or of a legislative district in which that public entity is located or, when the public entity is a county, of any legislative district which includes all or part of the county. The disclosure must list reportable contributions to any of the committees that exceed \$300 per election cycle that were made during the 12 months prior to award of the contract. See N.J.S.A. 19:44A-8 and 19:44A-16 for more details on reportable contributions.

N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26 itemizes the parties from whom contributions must be disclosed when a business entity is not a natural person. This includes the following:

- individuals with an “interest” ownership or control of more than 10% of the profits or assets of a business entity or 10% of the stock in the case of a business entity that is a corporation for profit
- all principals, partners, officers, or directors of the business entity or their spouses
- any subsidiaries directly or indirectly controlled by the business entity
- IRS Code Section 527 New Jersey based organizations, directly or indirectly controlled by the business entity and filing as continuing political committees, (PACs). When the business entity is a natural person, “a contribution by that person’s spouse or child, residing therewith, shall be deemed to be a contribution by the business entity.” [N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26(b)] The contributor must be listed on the disclosure. Any business entity that fails to comply with the disclosure provisions shall be subject to a fine imposed by ELEC in an amount to be determined by the Commission which may be based upon the amount that the business entity failed to report. The enclosed list of agencies is provided to assist the contractor in identifying those public agencies whose elected official and/or candidate campaign committees are affected by the disclosure requirement. It is the contractor’s responsibility to identify the specific committees to which contributions may have been made and need to be disclosed. The disclosed information may exceed the minimum requirement. The enclosed form, a content-consistent facsimile, or an electronic data file containing the required details (along with a signed cover sheet) may be used as the contractor’s submission and is disclosable to the public under the Open Public Records Act. The contractor must also complete the attached Stockholder Disclosure Certification. This will assist the agency in meeting its obligations under the law.

**NOTE: This section does not apply to Board of Education contracts.**







**List of Agencies with Elected Officials Required for Political Contribution Disclosure**

**N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26**

**County Name:**

State: Governor, and Legislative Leadership Committees

Legislative District #s:

State Senator and two members of the General Assembly per district.

County:

Freeholders

County Clerk

Sheriff

{County Executive}

Surrogate

Municipalities (Mayor and members of governing body, regardless of title):

**USERS SHOULD CREATE THEIR OWN FORM, OR DOWNLOAD FROM [WWW.NJ.GOV/DCA/LGS/P2P](http://WWW.NJ.GOV/DCA/LGS/P2P) A COUNTY-BASED, CUSTOMIZABLE FORM.**

**DOC #15 STOCKHOLDER DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATION**

**Name of Business:**

I certify that the list below contains the names and home addresses of all stockholders holding 10% or more of the issued and outstanding stock of the undersigned.

**OR**

I certify that no one stockholder owns 10% or more of the issued and outstanding stock of the undersigned.

**Check the box that represents the type of business organization:**

Partnership

Limited Partnership

Limited Liability Partnership

Corporation

Limited Liability Corporation

Subchapter S Corporation

Sole Proprietorship

**Sign and notarize the form below, and, if necessary, complete the stockholder list below.**

Stockholders:

|  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| Name:  | Name:                                 |
| Home Address:  | Home Address:                         |
| Name:  | Name:                                 |
| Home Address:  | Home Address:                         |
| Name:  | Name:                                 |
| Home Address:  | Home Address:                         |
| Subscribed and sworn before me this ____ day of _____, 2 ____. | _____ (Affiant)                       |
| (Notary Public)  | _____ (Print name & title of affiant) |
| My Commission expires:   | (Corporate Seal)                      |

**Appendix I: CERTIFICATES**

Please list and include copies of any certificates you hold that would show value for your response.



**Appendix K: STATE NOTICE**

Pursuant to certain state notice provisions, including but not limited to Oregon Revised Statutes Chapter 279A.220, the following public agencies and political subdivisions of the referenced public agencies are eligible to register with Equalis Group and access the Vendor Contract award made pursuant to this solicitation, and hereby given notice of the foregoing Request for Proposal for purposes of complying with the procedural requirements of said statutes:

Nationwide:

| STATE                | STATE              | STATE                  | STATE                   | STATE                  |
|----------------------|--------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| State of Alabama     | State of Hawaii    | State of Massachusetts | State of New Mexico     | State of South Dakota  |
| State of Alaska      | State of Idaho     | State of Michigan      | State of New York       | State of Tennessee     |
| State of Arizona     | State of Illinois  | State of Minnesota     | State of North Carolina | State of Texas         |
| State of Arkansas    | State of Indiana   | State of Mississippi   | State of North Dakota   | State of Utah          |
| State of California  | State of Iowa      | State of Missouri      | State of Ohio           | State of Vermont       |
| State of Colorado    | State of Kansas    | State of Montana       | State of Oklahoma       | State of Virginia      |
| State of Connecticut | State of Kentucky  | State of Nebraska      | State of Oregon         | State of Washington    |
| State of Delaware    | State of Louisiana | State of Nevada        | State of Pennsylvania   | State of West Virginia |
| State of Florida     | State of Maine     | State of New Hampshire | State of Rhode Island   | State of Wisconsin     |
| State of Georgia     | State of Maryland  | State of New Jersey    | State of South Carolina | State of Wyoming       |
| District of Columbia |                    |                        |                         |                        |

Lists of political subdivisions and local governments in the above referenced states/districts may be found at [http://www.usa.gov/Agencies/State\\_and\\_Territories.shtml](http://www.usa.gov/Agencies/State_and_Territories.shtml) and <https://www.usa.gov/local-governments>.

Certain Public Agencies and Political Subdivisions:

**CITIES, TOWNS, VILLAGES AND BOROUGHES**

**INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:**

BAKER CITY GOLF COURSE, OR  
 CITY OF ADAIR VILLAGE, OR  
 CITY OF ASHLAND, OR  
 CITY OF AUMSVILLE, OR  
 CITY OF AURORA, OR  
 CITY OF BAKER, OR  
 CITY OF BATON ROUGE, LA  
 CITY OF BEAVERTON, OR  
 CITY OF BEND, OR  
 CITY OF BOARDMAN, OR  
 CITY OF BONANAZA, OR

CITY OF BOSSIER CITY, LA  
 CITY OF BROOKINGS, OR  
 CITY OF BURNS, OR  
 CITY OF CANBY, OR  
 CITY OF CANYONVILLE, OR  
 CITY OF CLATSKANIE, OR  
 CITY OF COBURG, OR  
 CITY OF CONDON, OR  
 CITY OF COQUILLE, OR  
 CITY OF CORVALLI, OR  
 CITY OF CORVALLIS PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT, OR  
 CITY OF COTTAGE GROVE, OR

CITY OF DONALD, OR  
CITY OF EUGENE, OR  
CITY OF FOREST GROVE, OR  
CITY OF GOLD HILL, OR  
CITY OF GRANTS PASS, OR  
CITY OF GRESHAM, OR  
CITY OF HILLSBORO, OR  
CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, OR  
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU, HI  
CITY OF KENNER, LA  
CITY OF LA GRANDE, OR  
CITY OF LAFAYETTE, LA  
CITY OF LAKE CHARLES, OR  
CITY OF LEBANON, OR  
CITY OF MCMINNVILLE, OR  
CITY OF MEDFORD, OR  
CITY OF METAIRIE, LA  
CITY OF MILL CITY, OR  
CITY OF MILWAUKIE, OR  
CITY OF MONROE, LA  
CITY OF MOSIER, OR  
CITY OF NEW ORLEANS, LA  
CITY OF NORTH PLAINS, OR  
CITY OF OREGON CITY, OR  
CITY OF PILOT ROCK, OR  
CITY OF PORTLAND, OR  
CITY OF POWERS, OR  
CITY OF PRINEVILLE, OR  
CITY OF REDMOND, OR  
CITY OF REEDSPORT, OR  
CITY OF RIDDLE, OR  
CITY OF ROGUE RIVER, OR  
CITY OF ROSEBURG, OR  
CITY OF SALEM, OR  
CITY OF SANDY, OR  
CITY OF SCAPPOOSE, OR  
CITY OF SHADY COVE, OR  
CITY OF SHERWOOD, OR  
CITY OF SHREVEPORT, LA  
CITY OF SILVERTON, OR  
CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, OR  
CITY OF ST. HELENS, OR  
CITY OF ST. PAUL, OR  
CITY OF SULPHUR, LA  
CITY OF TIGARD, OR  
CITY OF TROUTDALE, OR  
CITY OF TUALATIN, OR  
CITY OF WALKER, LA  
CITY OF WARRENTON, OR  
CITY OF WEST LINN, OR  
CITY OF WILSONVILLE, OR  
CITY OF WINSTON, OR  
CITY OF WOODBURN, OR  
LEAGUE OF OREGON CITIES

THE CITY OF HAPPY VALLEY OREGON  
ALPINE, UT  
ALTA, UT  
ALTAMONT, UT  
ALTON, UT  
AMALGA, UT  
AMERICAN FORK CITY, UT  
ANNABELLA, UT  
ANTIMONY, UT  
APPLE VALLEY, UT  
AURORA, UT  
BALLARD, UT  
BEAR RIVER CITY, UT  
BEAVER, UT  
BICKNELL, UT  
BIG WATER, UT  
BLANDING, UT  
BLUFFDALE, UT  
BOULDER, UT  
CITY OF BOUNTIFUL, UT  
BRIAN HEAD, UT  
BRIGHAM CITY CORPORATION, UT  
BRYCE CANYON CITY, UT  
CANNONVILLE, UT  
CASTLE DALE, UT  
CASTLE VALLEY, UT  
CITY OF CEDAR CITY, UT  
CEDAR FORT, UT  
CITY OF CEDAR HILLS, UT  
CENTERFIELD, UT  
CENTERVILLE CITY CORPORATION, UT  
CENTRAL VALLEY, UT  
CHARLESTON, UT  
CIRCLEVILLE, UT  
CLARKSTON, UT  
CLAWSON, UT  
CLEARFIELD, UT  
CLEVELAND, UT  
CLINTON CITY CORPORATION, UT  
COALVILLE, UT  
CORINNE, UT  
CORNISH, UT  
COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS, UT  
DANIEL, UT  
DELTA, UT  
DEWEYVILLE, UT  
DRAPER CITY, UT  
DUCHESNE, UT  
EAGLE MOUNTAIN, UT  
EAST CARBON, UT  
ELK RIDGE, UT  
ELMO, UT  
ELSINORE, UT  
ELWOOD, UT



EMERY, UT  
ENOCH, UT  
ENTERPRISE, UT  
EPHRAIM, UT  
ESCALANTE, UT  
EUREKA, UT  
FAIRFIELD, UT  
FAIRVIEW, UT  
FARMINGTON, UT  
FARR WEST, UT  
FAYETTE, UT  
FERRON, UT  
FIELDING, UT  
FILLMORE, UT  
FOUNTAIN GREEN, UT  
FRANCIS, UT  
FRUIT HEIGHTS, UT  
GARDEN CITY, UT  
GARLAND, UT  
GENOLA, UT  
GLENDALE, UT  
GLENWOOD, UT  
GOSHEN, UT  
GRANTSVILLE, UT  
GREEN RIVER, UT  
GUNNISON, UT  
HANKSVILLE, UT  
HARRISVILLE, UT  
HATCH, UT  
HEBER CITY CORPORATION, UT  
HELPER, UT  
HENEFER, UT  
HENRIEVILLE, UT  
HERRIMAN, UT  
HIDEOUT, UT  
HIGHLAND, UT  
HILDALE, UT  
HINCKLEY, UT  
HOLDEN, UT  
HOLLADAY, UT  
HONEYVILLE, UT  
HOOPER, UT  
HOWELL, UT  
HUNTINGTON, UT  
HUNTSVILLE, UT  
CITY OF HURRICANE, UT  
HYDE PARK, UT  
HYRUM, UT  
INDEPENDENCE, UT  
IVINS, UT  
JOSEPH, UT  
JUNCTION, UT  
KAMAS, UT  
KANAB, UT

KANARRAVILLE, UT  
KANOSH, UT  
KAYSVILLE, UT  
KINGSTON, UT  
KOOSHAREM, UT  
LAKETOWN, UT  
LA VERKIN, UT  
LAYTON, UT  
LEAMINGTON, UT  
LEEDS, UT  
LEHI CITY CORPORATION, UT  
LEVAN, UT  
LEWISTON, UT  
LINDON, UT  
LOA, UT  
LOGAN CITY, UT  
LYMAN, UT  
LYNNDYL, UT  
MANILA, UT  
MANTI, UT  
MANTUA, UT  
MAPLETON, UT  
MARRIOTT-SLATERVILLE, UT  
MARYSVALE, UT  
MAYFIELD, UT  
MEADOW, UT  
MENDON, UT  
MIDVALE CITY INC., UT  
MIDWAY, UT  
MILFORD, UT  
MILLVILLE, UT  
MINERSVILLE, UT  
MOAB, UT  
MONA, UT  
MONROE, UT  
CITY OF MONTICELLO, UT  
MORGAN, UT  
MORONI, UT  
MOUNT PLEASANT, UT  
MURRAY CITY CORPORATION, UT  
MYTON, UT  
NAPLES, UT  
NEPHI, UT  
NEW HARMONY, UT  
NEWTON, UT  
NIBLEY, UT  
NORTH LOGAN, UT  
NORTH OGDEN, UT  
NORTH SALT LAKE CITY, UT  
OAK CITY, UT  
OAKLEY, UT  
OGDEN CITY CORPORATION, UT  
OPHIR, UT  
ORANGEVILLE, UT

ORDERVILLE, UT  
OREM, UT  
PANGUITCH, UT  
PARADISE, UT  
PARAGONAH, UT  
PARK CITY, UT  
PAROWAN, UT  
PAYSON, UT  
PERRY, UT  
PLAIN CITY, UT  
PLEASANT GROVE CITY, UT  
PLEASANT VIEW, UT  
PLYMOUTH, UT  
PORTAGE, UT  
PRICE, UT  
PROVIDENCE, UT  
PROVO, UT  
RANDOLPH, UT  
REDMOND, UT  
RICHFIELD, UT  
RICHMOND, UT  
RIVERDALE, UT  
RIVER HEIGHTS, UT  
RIVERTON CITY, UT  
ROCKVILLE, UT  
ROCKY RIDGE, UT  
ROOSEVELT CITY CORPORATION, UT  
ROY, UT  
RUSH VALLEY, UT  
CITY OF ST. GEORGE, UT  
SALEM, UT  
SALINA, UT  
SALT LAKE CITY CORPORATION, UT  
SANDY, UT  
SANTA CLARA, UT  
SANTAQUIN, UT  
SARATOGA SPRINGS, UT  
SCIPIO, UT  
SCOFIELD, UT  
SIGURD, UT  
SMITHFIELD, UT  
SNOWVILLE, UT  
CITY OF SOUTH JORDAN, UT  
SOUTH OGDEN, UT  
CITY OF SOUTH SALT LAKE, UT  
SOUTH WEBER, UT  
SPANISH FORK, UT  
SPRING CITY, UT  
SPRINGDALE, UT  
SPRINGVILLE, UT  
STERLING, UT  
STOCKTON, UT  
SUNNYSIDE, UT  
SUNSET CITY CORP, UT

SYRACUSE, UT  
TABIONA, UT  
CITY OF TAYLORSVILLE, UT  
TOOELE CITY CORPORATION, UT  
TOQUERVILLE, UT  
TORREY, UT  
TREMONTON CITY, UT  
TRENTON, UT  
TROPIC, UT  
UINTAH, UT  
VERNAL CITY, UT  
VERNON, UT  
VINEYARD, UT  
VIRGIN, UT  
WALES, UT  
WALLSBURG, UT  
WASHINGTON CITY, UT  
WASHINGTON TERRACE, UT  
WELLINGTON, UT  
WELLSVILLE, UT  
WENDOVER, UT  
WEST BOUNTIFUL, UT  
WEST HAVEN, UT  
WEST JORDAN, UT  
WEST POINT, UT  
WEST VALLEY CITY, UT  
WILLARD, UT  
WOODLAND HILLS, UT  
WOODRUFF, UT  
WOODS CROSS, UT

**COUNTIES AND PARISHES INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:**

ASCENSION PARISH, LA  
ASCENSION PARISH, LA, CLEAR OF COURT  
CADDO PARISH, LA  
CALCASIEU PARISH, LA  
CALCASIEU PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE, LA  
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU, HI  
CLACKAMAS COUNTY, OR  
CLACKAMAS COUNTY DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION, OR  
CLATSOP COUNTY, OR  
COLUMBIA COUNTY, OR  
COOS COUNTY, OR  
COOS COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT, OR  
COUNTY OF HAWAII, OR  
CROOK COUNTY, OR  
CROOK COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT, OR  
CURRY COUNTY, OR  
DESCHUTES COUNTY, OR  
DOUGLAS COUNTY, OR  
EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH, LA  
GILLIAM COUNTY, OR  
GRANT COUNTY, OR

HARNEY COUNTY, OR  
HARNEY COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE, OR  
HAWAII COUNTY, HI  
HOOD RIVER COUNTY, OR  
JACKSON COUNTY, OR  
JEFFERSON COUNTY, OR  
JEFFERSON PARISH, LA  
JOSEPHINE COUNTY GOVERNMENT, OR  
LAFAYETTE CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT, LA  
LAFAYETTE PARISH, LA  
LAFAYETTE PARISH CONVENTION & VISITORS  
COMMISSION  
LAFOURCHE PARISH, LA  
KAUAI COUNTY, HI  
KLAMATH COUNTY, OR  
LAKE COUNTY, OR  
LANE COUNTY, OR  
LINCOLN COUNTY, OR  
LINN COUNTY, OR  
LIVINGSTON PARISH, LA  
MALHEUR COUNTY, OR  
MAUI COUNTY, HI  
MARION COUNTY, SALEM, OR  
MORROW COUNTY, OR  
MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OR  
MULTNOMAH COUNTY BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY  
SERVICES, OR  
MULTNOMAH COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE, OR  
MULTNOMAH LAW LIBRARY, OR  
ORLEANS PARISH, LA  
PLAQUEMINES PARISH, LA  
POLK COUNTY, OR  
RAPIDES PARISH, LA  
SAINT CHARLES PARISH, LA  
SAINT CHARLES PARISH PUBLIC SCHOOLS, LA  
SAINT LANDRY PARISH, LA  
SAINT TAMMANY PARISH, LA  
SHERMAN COUNTY, OR  
TERREBONNE PARISH, LA  
TILLAMOOK COUNTY, OR  
TILLAMOOK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, OR  
TILLAMOOK COUNTY GENERAL HOSPITAL, OR  
UMATILLA COUNTY, OR  
UNION COUNTY, OR  
WALLOWA COUNTY, OR  
WASCO COUNTY, OR  
WASHINGTON COUNTY, OR  
WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH, LA  
WHEELER COUNTY, OR  
YAMHILL COUNTY, OR  
COUNTY OF BOX ELDER, UT  
COUNTY OF CACHE, UT  
COUNTY OF RICH, UT  
COUNTY OF WEBER, UT

COUNTY OF MORGAN, UT  
COUNTY OF DAVIS, UT  
COUNTY OF SUMMIT, UT  
COUNTY OF DAGGETT, UT  
COUNTY OF SALT LAKE, UT  
COUNTY OF TOOELE, UT  
COUNTY OF UTAH, UT  
COUNTY OF WASATCH, UT  
COUNTY OF DUCHESNE, UT  
COUNTY OF UINTAH, UT  
COUNTY OF CARBON, UT  
COUNTY OF SANPETE, UT  
COUNTY OF JUAB, UT  
COUNTY OF MILLARD, UT  
COUNTY OF SEVIER, UT  
COUNTY OF EMERY, UT  
COUNTY OF GRAND, UT  
COUNTY OF BEVER, UT  
COUNTY OF PIUTE, UT  
COUNTY OF WAYNE, UT  
COUNTY OF SAN JUAN, UT  
COUNTY OF GARFIELD, UT  
COUNTY OF KANE, UT  
COUNTY OF IRON, UT  
COUNTY OF WASHINGTON, UT

**OTHER AGENCIES INCLUDING ASSOCIATIONS,  
BOARDS, DISTRICTS, COMMISSIONS, COUNCILS,  
PUBLIC CORPORATIONS, PUBLIC DEVELOPMENT  
AUTHORITIES, RESERVATIONS AND UTILITIES  
INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:**

BANKS FIRE DISTRICT, OR  
BATON ROUGE WATER COMPANY  
BEND METRO PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT  
BIENVILLE PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 6, LA  
BOARDMAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT  
CENTRAL CITY ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY CORP, LA  
CENTRAL OREGON INTERGOVERNMENTAL COUNCIL  
CITY OF BOGALUSA SCHOOL BOARD, LA  
CLACKAMAS RIVER WATER  
CLATSKANIE PEOPLE'S UTILITY DISTRICT  
CLEAN WATER SERVICES  
CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE UMATILLA INDIAN  
RESERVATION  
COOS FOREST PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION  
CHEHALEM PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT  
DAVID CROCKETT STEAM FIRE COMPANY #1, LA  
EUGENE WATER AND ELECTRIC BOARD  
HONOLULU INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT  
HOODLAND FIRE DISTRICT #74  
HOUSING AUTHORITY OF PORTLAND  
ILLINOIS VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT  
LAFAYETTE AIRPORT COMMISSION, LA

LAFOURCHE PARISH HEALTH UNIT – DHH-OPH REGION

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LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, LA  
LOUISIANA WATER WORKS  
MEDFORD WATER COMMISSION  
MELHEUR COUNTY JAIL, OR  
METRO REGIONAL GOVERNMENT  
METRO REGIONAL PARKS  
METROPOLITAN EXPOSITION RECREATION  
COMMISSION  
METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT (METRO)  
MULTNOMAH EDUCATION SERVICE DISTRICT  
NEW ORLEANS REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, LA  
NORTHEAST OREGON HOUSING AUTHORITY, OR  
PORT OF BRANDON, OR  
PORT OF MORGAN CITY, LA  
PORTLAND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, OR  
PORTLAND FIRE AND RESCUE  
PORTLAND HOUSING CENTER, OR  
OREGON COAST COMMUNITY ACTION  
OREGON HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES  
OREGON LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION  
ROGUE VALLEY SEWER, OR  
SAINT LANDRY PARISH TOURIST COMMISSION  
SAINT MARY PARISH REC DISTRICT 2  
SAINT MARY PARISH REC DISTRICT 3  
SAINT TAMMANY FIRE DISTRICT 4, LA  
SALEM MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT  
SEWERAGE AND WATER BOARD OF NEW ORLEANS, LA  
SOUTH LAFOURCHE LEVEE DISTRICT, LA  
TRI-COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION  
DISTRICT OF OREGON  
TUALATIN HILLS PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT  
TUALATIN VALLEY FIRE & RESCUE  
TUALATIN VALLEY WATER DISTRICT  
WILLAMALANE PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT  
WILLAMETTE HUMANE SOCIETY

**K-12 INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:**

ACADIA PARISH SCHOOL BOARD  
BEAVERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BEND-LA PINE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOGALUSA HIGH SCHOOL, LA  
BOSSIER PARISH SCHOOL BOARD  
BROOKING HARBOR SCHOOL DISTRICT  
CADDO PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
CALCASIEU PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
CANBY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
CANYONVILLE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY  
CASCADE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
CASCADES ACADEMY OF CENTRAL OREGON  
CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

CENTRAL POINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.6  
CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 13J  
COOS BAY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.9  
CORVALLIS SCHOOL DISTRICT 509J  
COUNTY OF YAMHILL SCHOOL DISTRICT 29  
CULVER SCHOOL DISTRICT  
DALLAS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.2  
DAVID DOUGLAS SCHOOL DISTRICT  
DAYTON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.8  
DE LA SALLE N CATHOLIC HS  
DESCHUTES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.6  
DOUGLAS EDUCATIONAL DISTRICT SERVICE  
DUFUR SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.29  
EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ESTACADA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.10B  
FOREST GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
GEORGE MIDDLE SCHOOL  
GLADSTONE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
GRANTS PASS SCHOOL DISTRICT 7  
GREATER ALBANY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT  
GRESHAM BARLOW JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
HEAD START OF LANE COUNTY  
HIGH DESERT EDUCATION SERVICE DISTRICT  
HILLSBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT  
HOOD RIVER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
JACKSON CO SCHOOL DIST NO.9  
JEFFERSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 509-J  
JEFFERSON PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
JEFFERSON SCHOOL DISTRICT  
JUNCTION CITY SCHOOLS, OR  
KLAMATH COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
KLAMATH FALLS CITY SCHOOLS  
LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
LAKE OSWEGO SCHOOL DISTRICT 7J  
LANE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 4J  
LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
LINN CO. SCHOOL DIST. 95C  
LIVINGSTON PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
LOST RIVER JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL  
LOWELL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.71  
MARION COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MARION COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 103  
MARIST HIGH SCHOOL, OR  
MCMINNVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT NOAO  
MEDFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT 549C  
MITCH CHARTER SCHOOL  
MONROE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.1J  
MORROW COUNTY SCHOOL DIST, OR  
MULTNOMAH EDUCATION SERVICE DISTRICT  
MULTISENSORY LEARNING ACADEMY  
MYRTLE PINT SCHOOL DISTRICT 41  
NEAH-KAH-NIE DISTRICT NO.56  
NEWBERG PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
NESTUCCA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.101

NOBEL LEARNING COMMUNITIES  
NORTH BEND SCHOOL DISTRICT 13  
NORTH CLACKAMAS SCHOOL DISTRICT  
NORTH DOUGLAS SCHOOL DISTRICT  
NORTH WASCO CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT 21  
NORTHWEST REGIONAL EDUCATION SERVICE DISTRICT  
ONTARIO MIDDLE SCHOOL  
OREGON TRAIL SCHOOL DISTRICT NOA6  
ORLEANS PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
PHOENIX-TALENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NOA  
PLEASANT HILL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
PORTLAND JEWISH ACADEMY  
PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
RAPIDES PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REDMOND SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REYNOLDS SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ROGUE RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ROSEBURG PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
SCAPPOOSE SCHOOL DISTRICT 1J  
SAINT TAMMANY PARISH SCHOOL BOARD, LA  
SEASIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT 10  
SHERWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT 88J  
SILVER FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT 4J  
SOUTH LANE SCHOOL DISTRICT 45J3  
SOUTHERN OREGON EDUCATION SERVICE DISTRICT  
SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
SUTHERLIN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SWEET HOME SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.55  
TERREBONNE PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
THE CATLIN GABEL SCHOOL  
TIGARD-TUALATIN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
UMATILLA MORROW ESD  
WEST LINN WILSONVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
WILLAMETTE EDUCATION SERVICE DISTRICT  
WOODBURN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
YONCALLA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ACADEMY FOR MATH ENGINEERING & SCIENCE  
(AMES), UT  
ALIANZA ACADEMY, UT  
ALPINE DISTRICT, UT  
AMERICAN LEADERSHIP ACADEMY, UT  
AMERICAN PREPARATORY ACADEMY, UT  
BAER CANYON HIGH SCHOOL FOR SPORTS & MEDICAL  
SCIENCES, UT  
BEAR RIVER CHARTER SCHOOL, UT  
BEAVER SCHOOL DISTRICT, UT  
BEEHIVE SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY ACADEMY (BSTA),  
UT  
BOX ELDER SCHOOL DISTRICT, UT  
CBA CENTER, UT  
CACHE SCHOOL DISTRICT, UT  
CANYON RIM ACADEMY, UT  
CANYONS DISTRICT, UT  
CARBON SCHOOL DISTRICT, UT

CHANNING HALL, UT  
CHARTER SCHOOL LEWIS ACADEMY, UT  
CITY ACADEMY, UT  
DAGGETT SCHOOL DISTRICT, UT  
DAVINCI ACADEMY, UT  
DAVIS DISTRICT, UT  
DUAL IMMERSION ACADEMY, UT  
DUCHESNE SCHOOL DISTRICT, UT  
EARLY LIGHT ACADEMY AT DAYBREAK, UT  
EAST HOLLYWOOD HIGH, UT  
EDITH BOWEN LABORATORY SCHOOL, UT  
EMERSON ALCOTT ACADEMY, UT  
EMERY SCHOOL DISTRICT, UT  
ENTHEOS ACADEMY, UT  
EXCELSIOR ACADEMY, UT  
FAST FORWARD HIGH, UT  
FREEDOM ACADEMY, UT  
GARFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT, UT  
GATEWAY PREPARATORY ACADEMY, UT  
GEORGE WASHINGTON ACADEMY, UT  
GOOD FOUNDATION ACADEMY, UT  
GRAND SCHOOL DISTRICT, UT  
GRANITE DISTRICT, UT  
GUADALUPE SCHOOL, UT  
HAWTHORN ACADEMY, UT  
INTECH COLLEGIATE HIGH SCHOOL, UT  
IRON SCHOOL DISTRICT, UT  
ITINERIS EARLY COLLEGE HIGH, UT  
JOHN HANCOCK CHARTER SCHOOL, UT  
JORDAN DISTRICT, UT  
JUAB SCHOOL DISTRICT, UT  
KANE SCHOOL DISTRICT, UT  
KARL G MAESER PREPARATORY ACADEMY, UT  
LAKEVIEW ACADEMY, UT  
LEGACY PREPARATORY ACADEMY, UT  
LIBERTY ACADEMY, UT  
LINCOLN ACADEMY, UT  
LOGAN SCHOOL DISTRICT, UT  
MARIA MONTESSORI ACADEMY, UT  
MERIT COLLEGE PREPARATORY ACADEMY, UT  
MILLARD SCHOOL DISTRICT, UT  
MOAB CHARTER SCHOOL, UT  
MONTICELLO ACADEMY, UT  
MORGAN SCHOOL DISTRICT, UT  
MOUNTAINVILLE ACADEMY, UT  
MURRAY SCHOOL DISTRICT, UT  
NAVIGATOR POINTE ACADEMY, UT  
NEBO SCHOOL DISTRICT, UT  
NO UT ACAD FOR MATH ENGINEERING & SCIENCE  
(NUAMES), UT  
NOAH WEBSTER ACADEMY, UT  
NORTH DAVIS PREPARATORY ACADEMY, UT  
NORTH SANPETE SCHOOL DISTRICT, UT  
NORTH STAR ACADEMY, UT

NORTH SUMMIT SCHOOL DISTRICT, UT  
ODYSSEY CHARTER SCHOOL, UT  
OGDEN PREPARATORY ACADEMY, UT  
OGDEN SCHOOL DISTRICT, UT  
OPEN CLASSROOM, UT  
OPEN HIGH SCHOOL OF UTAH, UT  
OQUIRRH MOUNTAIN CHARTER SCHOOL, UT  
PARADIGM HIGH SCHOOL, UT  
PARK CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, UT  
PINNACLE CANYON ACADEMY, UT  
PIUTE SCHOOL DISTRICT, UT  
PROVIDENCE HALL, UT  
PROVO SCHOOL DISTRICT, UT  
QUAIL RUN PRIMARY SCHOOL, UT  
QUEST ACADEMY, UT  
RANCHES ACADEMY, UT  
REAGAN ACADEMY, UT  
RENAISSANCE ACADEMY, UT  
RICH SCHOOL DISTRICT, UT  
ROCKWELL CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL, UT  
SALT LAKE ARTS ACADEMY, UT  
SALT LAKE CENTER FOR SCIENCE EDUCATION, UT  
SALT LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT, UT  
SALT LAKE SCHOOL FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, UT  
SAN JUAN SCHOOL DISTRICT, UT  
SEVIER SCHOOL DISTRICT, UT  
SOLDIER HOLLOW CHARTER SCHOOL, UT  
SOUTH SANPETE SCHOOL DISTRICT, UT  
SOUTH SUMMIT SCHOOL DISTRICT, UT  
SPECTRUM ACADEMY, UT  
SUCCESS ACADEMY, UT  
SUCCESS SCHOOL, UT  
SUMMIT ACADEMY, UT  
SUMMIT ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL, UT  
SYRACUSE ARTS ACADEMY, UT  
THOMAS EDISON - NORTH, UT  
TIMPANOGOS ACADEMY, UT  
TINTIC SCHOOL DISTRICT, UT  
TOOELE SCHOOL DISTRICT, UT  
TUACAHN HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS,  
UT  
UINTAH RIVER HIGH, UT  
UINTAH SCHOOL DISTRICT, UT  
UTAH CONNECTIONS ACADEMY, UT  
UTAH COUNTY ACADEMY OF SCIENCE, UT  
UTAH ELECTRONIC HIGH SCHOOL, UT  
UTAH SCHOOLS FOR DEAF & BLIND, UT  
UTAH STATE OFFICE OF EDUCATION, UT  
UTAH VIRTUAL ACADEMY, UT  
VENTURE ACADEMY, UT  
VISTA AT ENTRADA SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS  
AND TECHNOLOGY, UT  
WALDEN SCHOOL OF LIBERAL ARTS, UT  
WASATCH PEAK ACADEMY, UT

WASATCH SCHOOL DISTRICT, UT  
WASHINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT, UT  
WAYNE SCHOOL DISTRICT, UT  
WEBER SCHOOL DISTRICT, UT  
WEILENMANN SCHOOL OF DISCOVERY, UT

#### **HIGHER EDUCATION**

ARGOSY UNIVERSITY  
BATON ROUGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE, LA  
BIRTHINGWAY COLLEGE OF MIDWIFERY  
BLUE MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY - HAWAII  
CENTRAL OREGON COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
CENTENARY COLLEGE OF LOUISIANA  
CHEMEKETA COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
CLACKAMAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
COLLEGE OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS  
COLUMBIA GORGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY  
GEORGE FOX UNIVERSITY  
KLAMATH COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
LANE COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
LEWIS AND CLARK COLLEGE  
LINFIELD COLLEGE  
LINN-BENTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
LOUISIANA COLLEGE, LA  
LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY  
LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SERVICES  
MARYLHURST UNIVERSITY  
MT. HOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
MULTNOMAH BIBLE COLLEGE  
NATIONAL COLLEGE OF NATURAL MEDICINE  
NORTHWEST CHRISTIAN COLLEGE  
OREGON HEALTH AND SCIENCE UNIVERSITY  
OREGON INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY  
OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY  
OREGON UNIVERSITY SYSTEM  
PACIFIC UNIVERSITY  
PIONEER PACIFIC COLLEGE  
PORTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY  
REED COLLEGE  
RESEARCH CORPORATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF  
HAWAII  
ROGUE COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA UNIVERSITY  
SOUTHERN OREGON UNIVERSITY (OREGON  
UNIVERSITY SYSTEM)  
SOUTHWESTERN OREGON COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
TULANE UNIVERSITY  
TILLAMOOK BAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
UMPQUA COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII BOARD OF REGENTS

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII-HONOLULU COMMUNITY  
COLLEGE  
UNIVERSITY OF OREGON-GRADUATE SCHOOL  
UNIVERSITY OF PORTLAND  
UNIVERSITY OF NEW ORLEANS  
WESTERN OREGON UNIVERSITY  
WESTERN STATES CHIROPRACTIC COLLEGE  
WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY  
XAVIER UNIVERSITY  
UTAH SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION, UT  
UNIVERSITY OF UTAH, UT  
UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY, UT  
WEBER STATE UNIVERSITY, UT  
SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY, UT  
SNOW COLLEGE, UT  
DIXIE STATE COLLEGE, UT  
COLLEGE OF EASTERN UTAH, UT  
UTAH VALLEY UNIVERSITY, UT  
SALT LAKE COMMUNITY COLLEGE, UT  
UTAH COLLEGE OF APPLIED TECHNOLOGY, UT

**STATE AGENCIES**

ADMIN. SERVICES OFFICE  
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS  
HAWAII CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY  
HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION  
OFFICE OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS  
OFFICE OF THE STATE TREASURER  
OREGON BOARD OF ARCHITECTS  
OREGON CHILD DEVELOPMENT COALITION  
OREGON DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
OREGON DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY  
OREGON DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION  
OREGON DEPT. OF EDUCATION  
OREGON LOTTERY  
OREGON OFFICE OF ENERGY  
OREGON STATE BOARD OF NURSING  
OREGON STATE DEPT OF CORRECTIONS  
OREGON STATE POLICE  
OREGON TOURISM COMMISSION  
OREGON TRAVEL INFORMATION COUNCIL  
SANTIAM CANYON COMMUNICATION CENTER  
SEIU LOCAL 503, OPEU  
SOH- JUDICIARY CONTRACTS AND PURCH  
STATE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, STATE OF HAWAII  
STATE OF HAWAII  
STATE OF HAWAII, DEPT. OF EDUCATION  
STATE OF LOUISIANA  
STATE OF LOUISIANA DEPT. OF EDUCATION  
STATE OF LOUISIANA, 26<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
ATTORNEY  
STATE OF UTAH

## **ATTACHMENTS**

ATTACHMENT A: Equalis Group Exhibits  
ATTACHMENT B: National Core List